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1957/58

TARI

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



PATROL REPORT

District of.....Southern Highlands..... Report No. 1 of 1957/58.....TARI...

Patrol Conducted by.....R. M. Claridge, Patrol Officer.....

Area Patrolled.....TARI to LAKE KAPIAGU and return.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....Three.....

Natives.....135.....

Duration—From 17/7/1958 to 14/8/1958...

Number of Days.....29.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....No.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services July...../1957...

Medical July...../1957...

Map Reference...See sketch map attached.....

Objects of Patrol...Esc. Lt. Gibbs, Sepik Airways party to Lake KAPIAGU to

.....salvage Nonesman Aircraft VH-BNE.....

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

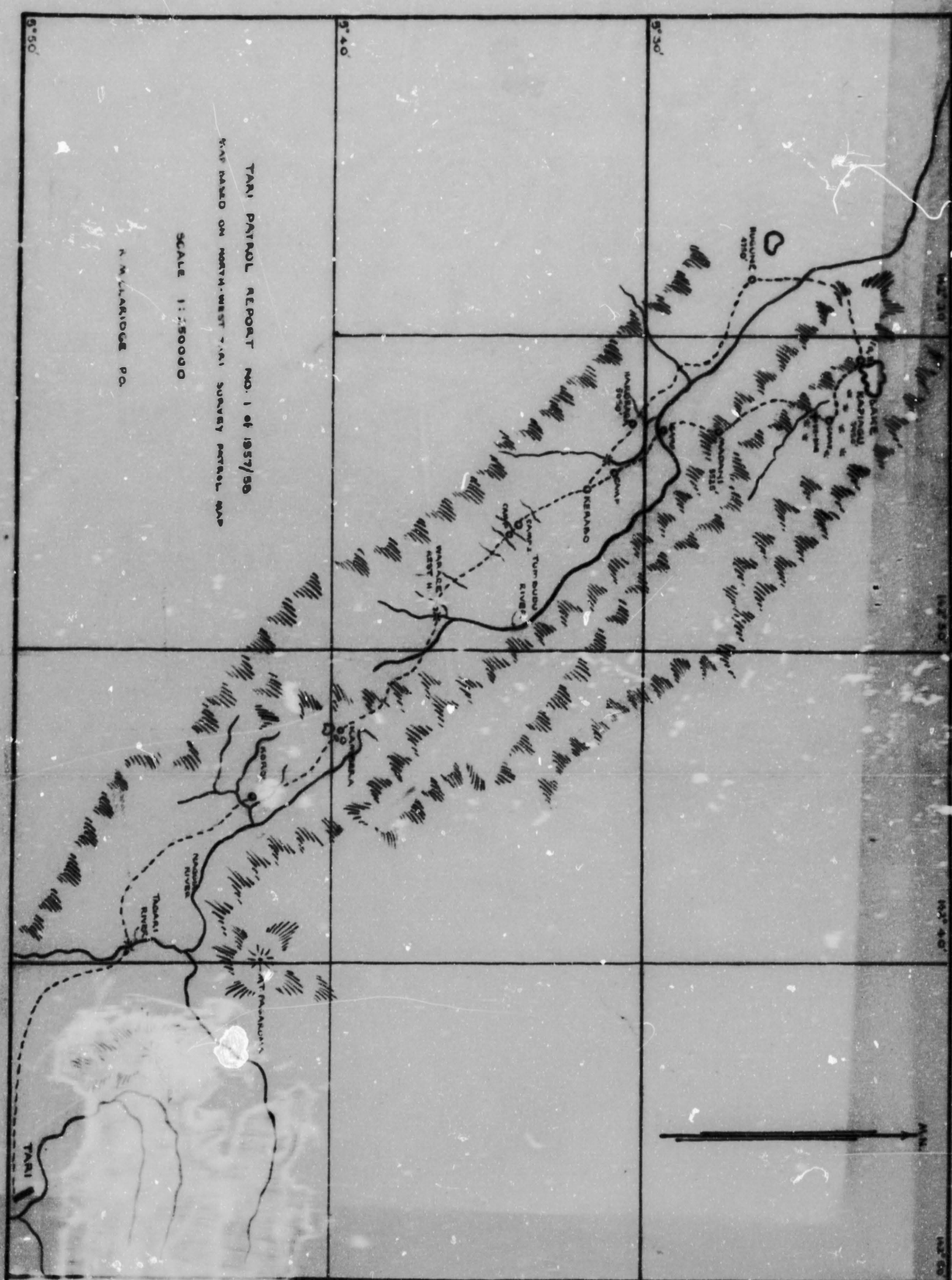
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Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....

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MA.30-18-66

10th September, 1957

District Officer,
MAURITIUS

PATROL REPORT NO. 1 - 1957/58 - TARI

Receipt of the above-mentioned Patrol Report is acknowledged.

The Report calls for but little comment, other than concerning Mr. Claridge's capacity for organisation and handling of natives displayed at its best.

It is noted that anti-malarial precautions were observed by all personnel.

The work done by Mr. Browne, Cadet Patrol Officer, I am sure, greatly assisted in facilitating the transport of the aircraft.

A. A. R.
PC (A.A. Roberts)
Director

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA
RRC/vhg.



26/18/46 ✓
DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR
Southern Highlands District,
BENDI.

In Reply Please Quote No 30/1 - 227.

3rd September, 1957.

Assistant District Officer,
T.A.L.


P/B. Tari 1 - 1957/58
Mr. R.M. Claridge.

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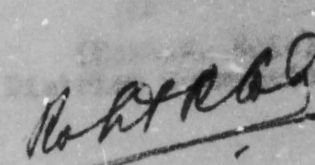
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PORT MORESBY.


(Robert R. Cole)
District Commissioner.

Report, map and camping claim herewith.

I understand Mr. Gibbs is well satisfied with the Salvage.


(Robert R. Cole)
District Commissioner.

BRC/vh2.

Southern Highlands District,
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

File 30/1
Sub-District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
TARI.

16th August, 1957.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

PATROL REPORT No. 1 of 1957/58. TARI. SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

AREA PATROLLED : KOROBA to KAPIAGU and return

PATROL CONDUCTED BY : R.M. Claridge, Patrol Officer.

PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY : 1. (1) Mr. A. Euzzi GSA Engineer
(2) Mr. N. Robertson GSA
(3) Mr. L. Nolen GSA
2. 11 Members of the R.P. & N.G.C.
3. 1 N.M.O.
4. Average of 120 carriers.
(32 HURIS
62 HAGENS
26 DUNAS)

DURATION OF PATROL : WEDNESDAY, 17th JULY to
WEDNESDAY, 14th AUGUST, 1957 :-
29 days.

LAST PATROL TO AREA : Commonwealth Film Unit accom-
panied by Mr. J.P. Sinclair,
A/ADO, during JULY, 1957.

OBJECTS OF PATROL : Escort three (3) European mem-
bers of a Gibbes Sepik Airways
party to Lake KAPIAGU to
salvage Norseman A/C VH/BNE.

MAP REFERENCE : See sketch map attached.

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INTRODUCTION.

This patrol was mounted to escort a Gibbes Sepik Airways Salvage team to the uncontrolled area of Lake KAPIAGU. The patrol party consisted of four Europeans and an average of 135 natives and was in the field from 17th July, 1957 to 14th August, 1957 - 29 days. During this time the patrol moved to the crashed Norseman VH-BNE in the KAPIAGU area, completely dismantled the aircraft and then carried the fuselage, wings and main accessories back to TARI.

Sixty-two imported HAGEN carriers were employed to supplement local volunteers. Local assistance in the DUNA country was scarce, but progressively improved as we approached KOROBA on the return trip. Not only did the aircraft have to be carried approximately 70 miles from KAPIAGU to TARI, but a 15' track had to be cleared for approximately 40 miles through the rugged bush country before reaching the made road. All sections were successfully carried to TARI with only damage done to the wooden members of the wings.

The three Europeans being escorted were MESSRS. A. BUZZI, Engineer, N. ROBERTSON, Carpenter, and L. NOLEN, GSA. Every effort was made to assist these men to fulfil Company instructions re the aircraft.

Full Rations for the party were supplied by airdrops, two of which were received at KAPIAGU, 1 at KERABO and one at KOROBA. Our general movements were controlled by the supply of native rations.

A portable wireless transceiver was made available by the Commonwealth Film Unit patrol, but unfortunately no Station was contacted with it. Reception was only fair at schedule times and evidently we were not getting our transmission out at all.

Mr. J.P. Sinclair, A/ADC KOROBA, assisted with the last stage of the patrol from the KOROBA area to TARI.

DIARY.

Wednesday, 17th July, 1957

Left TARI with the balance of the HAGEN carriers, who arrived yesterday, and proceeded to KOROBA arriving there at 1500 hours. Rearranged cargo into loads so that the patrol could move off to-morrow. Issued ammunition to the police detachment, and gave patrol instructions to all members.

Thursday, 18th July.

Patrol left KOROBA at 0745 hours. Followed a well-defined track up into the range behind the Station. Passed several lakes which had swelled over the track in places after the recent heavy rains. Finally reached a garden clearing overlooking the TUMBUDU valley at 1350 hours. Rested here until 1430 hours, then gradually descended along the face of the range towards the west. Reached a rough rope bridge over the TUMBUDU River at 1530 hours, then climbed up for 5 minutes to the WARARE Rest House and made camp. A wet and miserable journey along muddy tracks and quite often in heavy rain.

Very few natives visited the camp. Rice and meat issued. Instructed the S/Major re the posting of guards every night for the rest of our trip. Re-adjusted several loads found to be too cumbersome for this type of country.

Friday, 19th July.

Left WARARE at 0750hrs and, keeping to the southern side of the TUMBUDU Valley, moved westwards over broken scrub country. Made camp in a small garden clearing at 1230hrs. It took over two hours to erect the camp.

Purchased one bag of karkau and two small pigs. Full issue of rice made.

Saturday, 20th July.

Broke camp at 0745 hours and continued down the TUMBUDU valley. At 1000 hours patrol rested at A/ADO Sinclair's old base camp at KERABO. Moved on at 1030 hrs. through scattered bush. Very few natives seen, but those met did offer to assist the cargo boys. Crossed several small creeks and camped at 1500 hours at another site used a few weeks ago by the Film Unit.

A small amount of native food bought and another two small pigs for a tomahawk each. Quite a few natives women seen here. Heavy rain throughout the night.

Sunday, 21st July.

Left camp at HARUWARAGA at 0800 hours. Proceeded directly to HUGUNA Camp Site, arriving there at 1400 hours.

Three carriers treated for boils. Instructed NMO MEGERA to supervise construction of latrines at every camp as I was not satisfied with efforts at the last camp.

A wet and miserable afternoon. Only a dozen natives with practically no food. Rice and meat issued.

Monday, 22nd July.

Left HUGUNA at 0800 hours, and climbed steadily through rain forest for 15 minutes before following a spur down to the TUMBUDU River. Crossed over a rough sapling bridge at 0915 hours, then climbed steeply out of the River gorge to a garden clearing and rested at 1000 hours. Continued at 1045 hours and crossed a low range and then descended to Lake KAPIAGU at 1200 hours.

Erected tents for carriers and two of the Europeans. Rest house was repaired and also used. Contacted the local headman PUMI who had been instructed by Mr. Sinclair, to guard all the airdrop rations. Checked all supplies in the new store and found we had enough native rations for 10 days, but no European food. Paid a tomahawk to PUMI as arranged.

Tested the transceiver on the District Schedule at 1615 hours, but was unsuccessful in getting out - reception fair.

Rice, meat, tobacco and matches issued. Malarial suppressives again issued to all personnel.

Tuesday, 23rd July.

Remained in camp. Repacked the stores for carrying to A/C BNE. Sent an NCO and two constables to inspect BNE and to examine the track to it and locate a camp site. Two natives were found to be still guarding the plane as instructed by Mr. Sinclair.

Rain during the afternoon. About 1 bag of KauKau purchased with salt and paint, and two pigs for a tomahawk each. Told the natives not to bother with native foods as I knew the film Unit had been here for two weeks and they would have used up any local surplus.

Treated Cpl. YAGI for a boil or similar infection on the scrotum.

S/Major KARO states that he passed along the northern side of the Lake during the prewar HAGEN - SEPIK Patrol.

Wednesday, 24th July.

Taking one week's rations, the patrol moved to a new camp site about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the crashed A/C. Commenced building the camp on an old garden site but even here the tent poles were easily driven up to 10' into the soft ground - and we were forced to anchor all the tent and bed poles with horizontal timbers tied across at ground level.

Messrs. Buzzi and Robertson spent the afternoon inspecting BNE whilst myself and Nolen commenced making a corduroy track through the swamp to the aircraft.

About 30-100 natives visited the camp. Two bags kaukau purchased. Aircraft guards paid as directed by Mr. Sinclair, who was acting on Gibbes instructions.

Tried to contact MENDI and TARI on wireless but unsuccessful.

Thursday, 26th July.

Remained in Camp. Messrs Buzzi and Robertson worked on the A/C. The engine was completely full of mud and it had to be washed down. It was found that the Cylinder exhaust valve rocker arm casting had broken on No. 2 Cylinder - this was the cause of the crash.

The aircraft wireless was re-installed in BNE and a new battery hooked up in an endeavour to get wireless contact but once again we were not successful. I sent the S/Major and 50 carriers to commence cutting a track along a new route to the TUMBUDU in case it was found necessary to carry the plane out to TARI.

Once again tried the portable wireless but reached the conclusion that conditions were unsatisfactory or that there was a fault in the set. Only enough rations for another 4 days (not counting a reserve held for the return trip to KOROBA) and I advised the GSA party of this. After a day's work on BNE many other faults were found including bent propeller blades, cracked carburettor, broken tail plane, bent and fractured engine mounting. This, together with the lack of a suitable airstrip site, lack of assured rations and no radio contact decided in favour of dismantling the A/C and carrying it out.

Some food bought with salt and girigiri. Heavy rain late afternoon and night.

Friday, 26th July.

Commenced stripping A/C. Sent line of carriers back to KAPIAGU to bring up the remainder of our stores and they returned at 1515 hours. The balance of labour continued cutting the track up over the range towards the TUMBUDU.

A little more food purchased and one small pig.

Saturday, 27th July.

Continued dismantling A/C. Carried some small parts to the top of the range and selected a camp site overlooking the TUMBUDU valley. Completed clearing the track between site and A/C. About 2 miles of this is through knee-deep swamp.

Carriers now complaining of locality - water, mud and continuous rain. Quite a few men out with boils -

Saturday, 27th July, continued.

they were all given injections. I think the continuous rice diet is disagreeing with many of them.

Heavy rain during afternoon.

Sunday, 28th July.

Commenced cutting A/C fuselage and removing control cables. Cut the nose section and the main superstructure away.

Airdrop of 20 bags received at 1140 hours. Everything landed in the swamp - cannot say if everything recovered.

Carried one wing and some rice supplies to the next staging camp. This took 80 men from 1000 hours to 1600 hours for the 3 mile trip. All returned at 1800 hours very wet and tired.

Monday, 29th July.

Cut remaining section of A/C and packed all small pieces such as cables, nuts, bolts, screws and engine parts ready for our departure tomorrow. Carriers very unsettled with prospects ahead. They now have to be persuaded every inch of the way.

To-day we carried the second wing and the nose section to the top camp. This again took all day (9am-6pm). Will move the main camp from the swamp to the top of the range to-morrow - anything to get the carriers and ourselves out of the perpetual mud.

Another drop at 1230 hours - 21 lots of cargo received. Two bags of kaukau and one bag sugar completely u/s.

Heavy rain during late afternoon. Practically no assistance from the local people.

Tuesday, 30th July.

Broke camp at 0930 hours. Moved off with 120 carriers with rations and supplies from last 2 drops and A/C parts. Arrived at MADANI camp site at crest of main divide at 1230 hours, but the last of the carriers did not arrive until 1330 hours. The track now very muddy and slippery after the last 3 days ferrying. Still have another 2 days work to bring everything up from the swamp.

Fourteen DUNAS were taken on today for the trip back to KORCEA. Tested the radio again today but no luck with it. Will report our movements per runner tomorrow.

Wednesday, 31st July.

Returned to aircraft to bring up remaining parts. The main superstructure proved too much for 70 carriers. In 8 hours we only covered about a mile through the swamp with it. It took another hour to cross medium sized river. The carriers camped in some native huts tonight to save them walking up and down the range again. I returned to camp and sent down rations with the S/Major.

No native food in. Some carriers and police continued cutting the track down to the TUMEUDU.

Wednesday, 31st July, continued.

No rain fell to-day. This is the first dry spell in two weeks.

Thursday, 1st August

Remained in camp. All carriers went down the ridge to assist with the heavy section. Mr. Buzzi also went down to try to remove the wheels and arms from main structure. Strangely enough they fell out when the bolts were removed - evidently the bashing it received yesterday loosened them. At the end of the day the entire aircraft, disassembled, was at the new camp. Also sent 80 carriers with loads of small parts ahead to the TUMBUDU with local men.

No food purchased. All carriers now getting $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. rice with meat per day. Twelve carriers out with various ailments also one policeman down with dysentery.

Marked two policemen to go ahead to KERABO base camp to await an expected airdrop.

Friday, 2nd August.

Two policemen left for KERABO at 0600 hours. Sent two wings and 2 parts of fuselage on to our new camp on the TUMBUDU River about 5 miles away. Carriers returned during a heavy electrical storm at 1730 hours.

Rice, meat, sugar, tea and salt issued.

Saturday, 3rd August.

Broke camp at 0810 hours and with full load of rations, moved camp to the TUMBUDU site. Track extremely rugged for the first mile. Arrived at the River at 1100 hours, and erected temporary shelter for the carriers.

No native food available here. Rice and meat issued

Sunday, 4th August.

Remained in camp. Sent advance party ahead to clear the track and bridge the TUMBUDU. The HAGEN carriers returned to our old camp to collect balance of aircraft and they arrived back with it at 1400 hours. Another 80 man-loads sent ahead for 2 hours with balance of carriers and natives.

Received some bread and medical supplies through from KERABO at 1600 hours. Evidently the airdrop was done to-day. Also received 48 tomahawks from GSA - this should quicken the road clearing.

Light rain fell during the night.

Monday, 5th August.

Broke camp at 0745 hours and with all our rations and stores plus two aircraft wings we set out to make camp half way to KERABO. Found the track in poor condition so went ahead with the light cargo, made camp, and returned to clear the road to allow the wings to pass. All in camp by 1600 hours. A dozen carriers made a start in clearing the road to KERABO. Natives carried one of the large sections through to-day.

and nRice and meat issued. Heavy rain during afternoon ight.

Tuesday, 6th August.

Moved camp to KERABO. I followed fuselage section and one wing through the bush and arrived at the base camp at 1340 hours. The natives again carried a big section in today. All aircraft parts except one wing and nose section now up with us. Every time that a piece arrives in camp I try to get local men to carry it on when they go home. The local assistance is showing a marked improvement.

Wednesday, 7th August.

Remained KERABO. Carriers resting. One native dispute heard and settled. Nose section of A/C arrived in with locals carrying at 12 noon. One wing still to come in. Our KAPIAGU carriers said they would bring it in if natives would help them - this was agreed to and the wing arrived at 1700 hours. During the afternoon the other parts were taken along the track for a couple of hours by our carriers.

Local headman given a present of one tomahawk and his line given girigiri in return for their assistance yesterday and today. Sent word ahead to have the road cleared.

Very little kaukau available here.

Thursday, 8th August.

Departed KERABO with all our supplies and the one wing remaining here. A few locals called on to assist. Picked up other A/C parts about 3 miles out of camp - these were dumped here yesterday by our carriers. Natives had cleared a good road through a patch of forest and when I reached them at 1100 hours they picked up the biggest section, weight approx. 500 lbs., and whooped along the track with it. Left our old camp at ~~WANDOLE~~ behind at 1400 hours and finally made camp in the bush at 1430 hours.

Carriers sent back for main sections of fuselage that locals were unable to handle. Everything in camp bar the main section by 1750 hours.

Natives well paid for carrying to-day. Rice and meat issued.

Friday, 9th August.

Broke camp at 0830 hours. Sent rations and small aircraft parts ahead with other Europeans while I followed with the two wings. After two hours I went ahead to see if a track had been cut through some thick forest. I found about 50 natives working here, and they had the nose section with them. After clearing the track I went on to WARARE Rest House, arriving there at 1350 hours. The two wings arrived at 1650 hours - they are now badly battered, but the main spars are still intact.

Five policemen and 25 new carriers arrived ex KOROEA with a note and some European food at 1600 hours. Sent about 80 carriers back to sleep at yesterday's camp so that they can get back early tomorrow with three fuselage sections.

Saturday, 10th August.

Remained WARARE. Spent morning constructing a log bridge 8 feet wide over the TUMBUDU River. At 1200 hours the policemen and carriers went ahead to clear a track for tomorrow's staging. Only 2 miles cleared to-day. This the roughest travelling encountered on the whole trip. The native track had to be by-passed in places to dodge sharp limestone outcrops.

Mr. Nolen and 5 police went through to KOROBA to survey the best route. They met Mr. R. Browne C.P.O. who was camped mid-way. He had cleared about 4 miles of track from the KOROBA end

.. Four bags of supplies were dropped by Norseman at 1200 hours.

Prepared all the light cargo ready to move off tomorrow. Rice and meat issued. Quite a lot of KARUKA nuts available now.

Sunday, 11th August.

Left WARARE with all carriers at 0900 hours. About an hour later we had to stop and clear the road. Sent Messrs. Buzzi and Robertson and all rations on to Mr. Browne's camp with police escort while I cut and gradually brought two pieces of fuselage up. All cargo in camp by 1630 hours and carriers returned to WARARE with S/Major to bring up more cargo tomorrow.

Only about 1 mile of road remains to be cleared. Mr. Browne had done very well. In 3 days he had made a 15' road through about 8 miles of rugged, forested limestone country.

Quite a large amount of food purchased here. The camp was in a clearing called KAMBERA and on the outward trip there were numerous small lakes but now only empty craters could be seen.

Monday, 12th August.

Sent four police and all the KOROBA carriers with A/C parts through to KOROBA with instructions for them to return first thing tomorrow. Three sick HAGENS also sent on for Hospital treatment.

S/Major KARO arrived in camp at 1540 hours with all the cargo we had left at WARARE. The general feeling of the carriers now very much improved - they can see another day's hard work will see the last of the bush country and warm quarters at KOROBA.

Tuesday, 13th August.

With our 120 carriers and 65 from KOROBA and dozens of natives we managed to get everything down to KOROBA by 1400 hours to-day.

Issued tobacco, matches and meat to every carrier. Called on local people to assist in getting the aircraft to the TAGARI River bridge tomorrow.

Wednesday, 14th August.

Patrol party moved out of KOROBA at 0700 hours with all equipment and aircraft. Natives joined in and carried all along the made road. We now found it hard to keep up with the singing carriers.

The Landrover and tractor arrived out from TARI at 1500 hours. While the Europeans and some aircraft parts went to TARI the carriers and police remained overnight at the TAGARI camp. Arrived at TARI at 1700 hours.

Thursday, 15th August.

All carriers and police in with A/C parts at 1245 hours.

END OF DIARY.

GENERAL REMARKS:

This was a special patrol organised solely to escort a Gibbes Sepik Airways Salvage Party to the Lake Kapiagu area. The party followed the normal patrol route to the lake but located a shorter route on the return journey. The new track saved at least three days carrying - about one days walk.

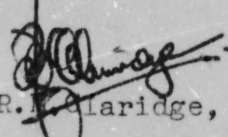
As stated in the diary, the aircraft VH-BNE was dismantled and carried out to TARI via KOROBA. When this patrol arrived at KAPIAGU, the aircraft had already been righted by Mr. J.P. Sinclair and the wireless equipment removed. The native guards posted on the aircraft were amply rewarded as arranged by Mr. Sinclair. Generally speaking, we had no difficulty in completely fulfilling G.S.A. instructions re the salvage of B.N.E.

It was impossible to recruit the required number of carriers at TARI so 62 men from the HAGEN area were flown in for the job. Thirty two TARI men finally agreed to venture to the KAPIAGU area and another 26 DUNA natives were recruited for the return trip. The universal dislike of the DUNA country was again noticeable on this trip. On several occasions I thought the TARI carriers would abscond and find their own way home. However, with the use of air-drops we were able to maintain the issue of full rations to all personnel. This, together with several round-table conferences and the good counsel of S/Major KARO, kept our party intact. At first the carriers were horrified at the thought of carrying the Norseman out to TARI but when they saw it being dismantled and the fuselage cut, their spirits greatly improved.

The sickness rate amongst patrol members was fairly high but fortunately not serious. The most prevalent ailment was boils. This was probably due to the exclusively rice diet (very little kaukau available) temporary living quarters and the generally, unhealthy damp and muddy conditions encountered throughout the patrol. Other complaints were cuts and scratches from pitpit and limestone, coughs and a few malaria cases. A medical orderly accompanied the patrol, and although inexperienced he was very helpful. All injections were given by myself whilst general treatments were supervised by one of the European members of the party. Malarial preventatives were issued regularly to all personnel.

Food supplies were adequate at all times. The patrol was supplied by Norseman Air-drops - 2 at Kapiagu, 1 at Kerabo and 1 at Koroba. The small amount of kaukau purchased from the local people served as an additional item over and above the full issue of rice and meat. On the outward journey, pigs were rather plentiful and were purchased mainly with tomahawks - steel is exceptionally short in the DUNA country.

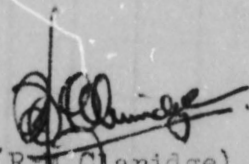
Travelling along the TUMBUDU Valley is generally good but the two crossings over the main range in and out of KROBA and KAPIAGU were very bad. Continual rain throughout the patrol made all the tracks muddy and slippery. On the return trip, a 15 foot track had to be cleared over the entire route as far as Koroba. Local Headmen assisted with this work: more so as we approached KOROBA. Mr. C.P.O. Browne and a line of carriers cleared about eight miles of track from the Koroba end. This assistance cut several days off our travelling time. The aircraft was carried from Kapiagu to TARI in seventeen days and I have reported to GSA that the carriers deserve exceptional pay for a job well done.


R. Laridge, P.O.

"APPENDIX A"

REPORT ON MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL PAPUAN AND NEW GUINEA CONSTABULARY
ACCOMPANYING THE PATROL

Reg.No.	S/Maj. KARO	: An excellent NCO with firm command over his men. An asset on this patrol. Conduct and bearing beyond reproach.
Reg.No.3555	Cpl. YAGI	: A very solid and loyal man; always on the job. Conduct excellent.
Reg.No.	L/Cpl. AIYE	: An average man. Helpful in controlling the carriers from his own area (Hagen). Conduct good.
Reg.No.1856	" TAMUTAI	: Once again reliable and capable. A good man. Conduct good.
Reg.No.3861	" ILA	: A steady worker and can be trusted with any task. Lacks the experience of the above NCO's, but is improving with every patrol.
Reg.No.7447	Const. HANDARI	: A good reliable patrol policeman. Conduct and bearing good. A safe man to work detached from the main patrol.
Reg.No.7800	" HERO	: A young experienced bush man. Very good on this patrol. Conduct good.
Reg.No.	" KERA	: A willing man but lacking initiative. KERA had to be reprimanded on one occasion for petty breach of discipline. His conduct improved towards the end of the patrol.
Reg.No.8130	" BATAWI	: Another reliable man in the bush. He is well liked by the carriers and he is only too willing to hop in and help when the going is rough. Conduct good.
Reg.No.8226	" KANO	: A quiet but efficient man. He worked well on this patrol. His demeanor and conduct is always good.
Reg.No.8520	" NENZIPA	: Consistently dull. Cannot be relied upon on his own. Was rather trying on this patrol when working with his own people from Mt.Hagen.


(R. L. Claridge)
Patrol Officer.

c.c. 240

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. TARI 3 of 57/58

Patrol Conducted by Gerald R. Jensen-Muir, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled North of TARI Sta. TAGARI Basin-PULJERO Area

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans ---

Natives 38

Duration—From 29/4/1958 to 8/5/1958

Number of Days Ten

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services ---/---/19---

Medical ---/---/19---

Map Reference Sketch Map compiled on patrol

Objects of Patrol Obtain Court Witnesses, Apprehend escapees,
General Administration

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Two Copies

Forwarded, please.

14/ 7/1958

D. W. H. Bennett
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....

Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund £.....

TARI - S.H.D.

Patrol Report No. 3 of 1957/58

G.P. Jensen-Nielsen, P.O.

21.5.1958

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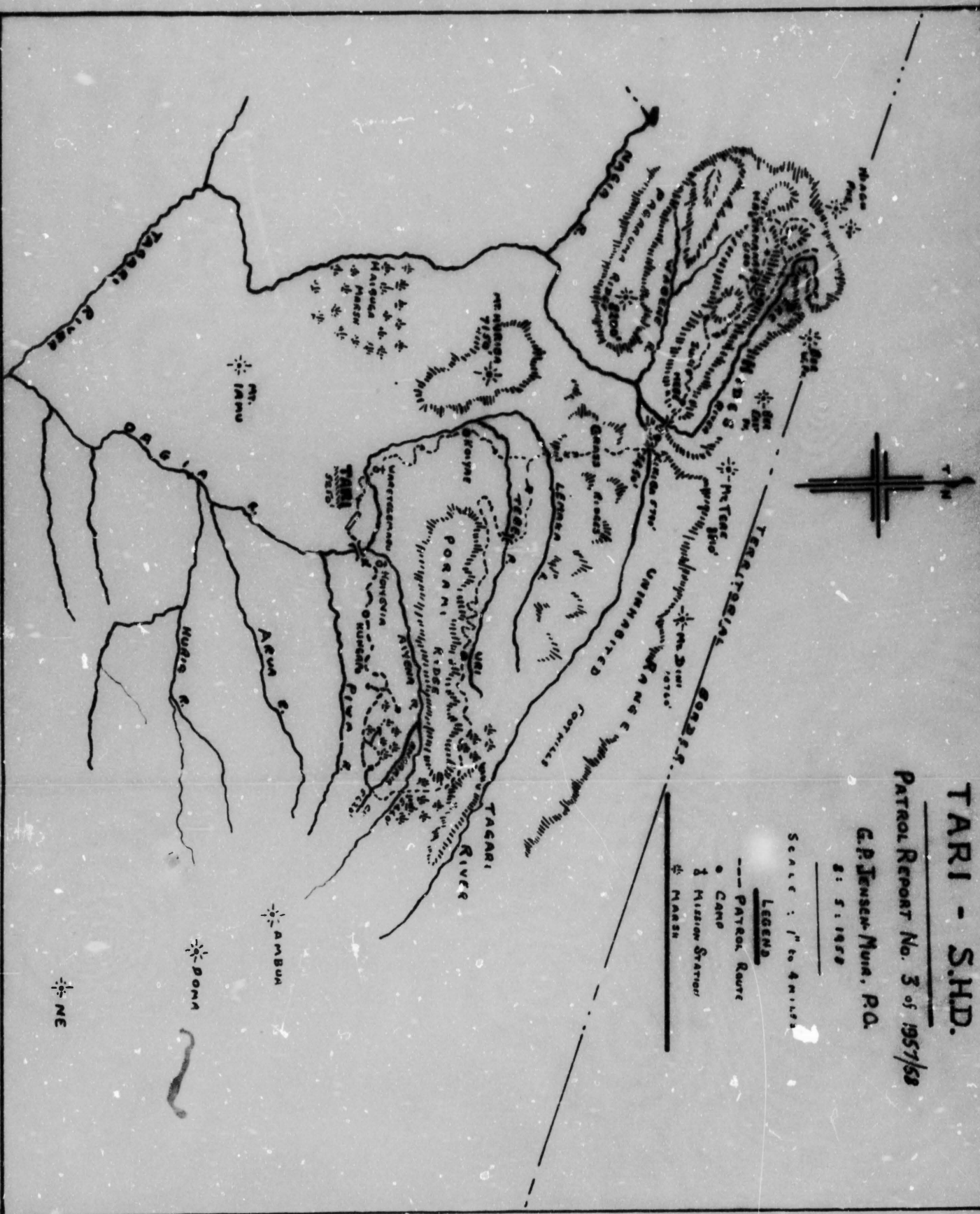
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--- Patrol Route

o Camp

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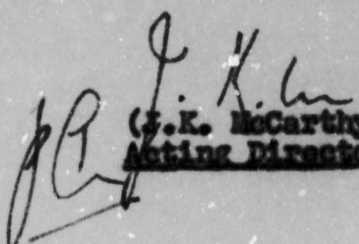
23rd July, 1958.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

PATROL REPORT NO. 3 - 1957-58 - TARI.

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks. The contents of the Report are adequately covered by your remarks and those of the Assistant District Officer, Tari.

Mr. Jenson-Muir is to be congratulated on his persistence and keen interest in the detailed administration of this group. The attitude of the people is first-class.


(J.K. McCarthy)
Acting Director.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

DCB:DJL



In Reply
Please Quote

No. 30/1-38

District Headquarters,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

14th. July, 1958.

The Assistant District Officer,
Tari Sub-District,
TARI.

TARI PATROL REPORT No. 3. 1957/58.

Thank you for your covering comments on the
above mentioned report.

Paragraphs 3 and 4 are particularly interest-
ing.

Although of 10 days duration only, the patrol
was obviously hard and was carried out efficiently and
vigorously, despite rainy conditions.

The friendly reaction from the Puijere people
is excellent. Please ensure that the next patrol to the
area is in fact carried out well with the next three months.

I presume that the Native Courts held by the
people (referred to at the foot of Page 4) are those solely
concerned with Native Customs and that criminal offences
are being heard only by a legally appointed Magistrate.

Please instruct Mr. Jensen-Muir not to use
abbreviations at all in patrol reports.

No claim for camping allowance was received
with the report.

Please adopt the practice whereby the Patrol
Officer attaches to the front of the report a copy of the
patrol instructions actually written and signed by your-
self.

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D. Clifton-Bassett.
Acting District Commissioner.

The Director,
Department Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Patrol Report No. 3 Tari Sub-District is forwarded herewith.

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D. Clifton-Bassett
Acting District Commissioner.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA.

File No:- 30/1-117
Sub-District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
TARI.

9th July, 1958.

The District Commissioner,
MENDI.

TARI PATROL REPORT No. 3 of 1957/58.

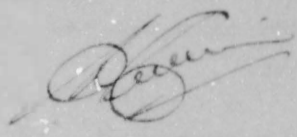
Enclosed please find Report of a Patrol conducted by Mr. G. P. Jensen-Muir, Patrol Officer, to the northernmost limits of the HURI Basin, which is still a "Restricted Area".

The duration of the Patrol was limited by the sitting of the Supreme Court at TARI which Mr. Jensen-Muir was required to attend as a witness.

The escapees mentioned have since been recaptured and the majority of the participants in the hostilities at PAI (Page 5), have since been dealt with in the Court for Native Matters. The people from WADWA have returned to their home territory and the wanted men have already been tried before the Supreme Court.

I am happy to be able to report that the people from the PUIJERO area are now being very co-operative and the vehicle road into their Territory is going ahead at a rapid speed.

The area will be visited by a more leisurely Patrol within the next three months.


(W. W. CRELLIN)
Assistant District Officer.

Territory of Papua and New Guinea

Sub-District Office,
TARI,

Southern Highlands.

11th May, 1958.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

TARI SUB - DISTRICT

PATROL REPORT NO. 3 of 1957/58

Conducted by

Gerald P. Jensen-Muir, Patrol Officer.

Accompanied by

7 members R.P. & N.G.C.

1 interpreter

25-30 carriers.

Duration

29th April, 1958 to 8th May, 1958

inclusive, a total of ten days.

Area Patrolled

North and East of Tari; PUIJERO,
KOMIA, WAUWA Patriclan Areas, & northern
slopes PORAMI RIDGE.

Last Patrols to Area

Native Affairs PUIJERO

PORAMI

24.3.56

KOMIA/WAUWA

22.3.58

Medical KOMIA/WAUWA only 22.3.58

Objects of Patrol

i. Collect witnesses on recognizance for
Supreme Court.

ii. Apprehend escaped prisoner MORILIA of
PUIJERO.

iii. General Native Administration.

iv. Apprehend other escapees, both of
PUIJERO & WAUWA Clans.

Map Reference

Sketch Map compiled on patrol, prismatic
compass triangulation, with some data
from previous patrol sketch maps.

Introduction

The principal objectives of this patrol were to obtain court witnesses and escaped defendants required for the approaching sittings of the Supreme Court at TARI. The majority of these people were to be found in the PUIJERO area and areas adjacent thereto. The PUIJERO area was first visited during last February by the writer accompanied by Mr. G. Hogg, P.O., to investigate reports of heavy tribal fighting. This previous visit was of very short duration, and was intended to stop further fighting, which it has done to date.

Additional instructions from the Assistant District Officer, TARI, were received during the patrol to return via the WAUWA area (Object iv) in an attempt to apprehend other prisoners, who had recently escaped.

All witnesses required were obtained. As the Supreme Court was expected to sit at TARI on or about the 9th instant, and the writer was a witness in several cases, the patrol was forced to return before it could successfully complete its objective of apprehending escapees. Several parties from TARI had been through the WAUWA area, and the wanted men had migrated to the WAGE Valley before this patrol arrived.

Opportunity was taken during this patrol to hear and settle the many native complaints and courts, which have been recorded at TARI. Many unlisted complaints were also settled amicably.

DIARY 1958

Tuesday, 29th April.

0800 Carriers departed TARI.

Received patrol instructions, self dept.

1415. Proceeded per Land Rover to KOIYAE,
Heavy rain 1500. Camped.

Wednesday, 30th.

0715 departed KOIYAE, proceeded in
northerly direction, crossing HABAROKO Ck
0805, TEBI River 0815. LEMAKA River 0930,
TAGARI River 1140, ERE River 1300. Last two
rivers crossed by bridges, guarded by
PUIJERO natives to prevent destruction
by recalcitrants. Crossed marsh, commenced
climbing foothills 'Hides' Range.1403 arrived HEBE (Iema group), pitched
camp. Discussions with locals, several
minor disputes settled amicably. Rain 1600.
Road traversed by patrol today cut and
cleaned to width of 12 foot by PUIJEROs
and other groups. People extremely friendly
Ample food available.

Thursday, 1st May.

0730 Settling native disputes.

0900 departed HEBE, 0935 arrived JUNI (PUIJERO)
centre of lower PUIJERO area. Camped.
Discussions with Group leaders and others.
Several disputes settled amicably. Heavy
rain from 1400.

Friday, 2nd May

Remained JUNI, temporary 'court' house
erected, commenced hearing native
complaints, both listed and unlisted.
Tentative inquiries made re whereabouts
escapees. Witnesses for Supreme Court
cases obtained. Firearm demonstration given.
Result information obtained departed
camp 2215, search of escapees houses.
Returned camp 0110. No success.

Saturday, 3rd May.

Discussions with PUIJEROs re administration
aims and policy. Congratulated natives
upon their carrying out so well request
made my last visit to clean roads.
1030 left JUNI, climbed central spur
dividing WABENE and ERE Rivers, followed
spur NE towards head of range (this following
information given by locals re present
whereabouts murderer escapees). Camped
1526 during rain squall. Searched nearby
houses for escapees. Altitude 6,100 foot.

Sunday, 4th May.

DIARY1958

Sunday, 4th May.

Continuing search of surrounding terrain. Afternoon spent in general administration with local natives. Several minor disputes settled.

Monday, 5th May.

0700 search of headwater area of WABENE and ERE Rivers. Escapees spotted departing for PARU area (KOROKA) across head of PAGARUMA divide. They eluded party in heavy bush and rain.

Tuesday, 6th May.

Due commitments Supreme Court, compelled leave chase and return to station. Broke camp. 0720 departed HAIJAMAKARO retraced route to JUNI, thence to HEBE, arriving ERE River 1207 (altitude 5460'). Climbed spur dividing TAGARI & ERE Rivers, Pitched camp in rain 1250 (alt. 5790'), at KIKIBA (AGANA territory).

Wednesday, 7th.

Information received from A.D.O. re gaol outbreak, and instructions to proceed to TARI via WAUWA area. Departed KIKIBA 0720, crossed TAGARI 0750 (altitude 5450'), proceeded S.E. ly. through uninhabited area. Arrived LEMAKA River 0915 altitude 5600'. Broke bush (pitpit) to join another road for one hour. Joined this arriving TEBI River 1115. Native bridge unsafe, commenced repairs. Heavy rain. Commenced following TEBI upstream, and then meandered all round northern slopes of PORAMI Range (due incompetent interpreter) through countless native gardens. Few locals seen. Several carriers and a constable injured in falls. Going extremely heavy, terrain rugged and juvenile. Arrived URI 1520 Camped. Few natives about, little food brought in. Group leader reports majority male natives absent fighting at PAI. Broke camp 0515, departed URI in drizzling rain, crossed PORAMI Ridge at HARURI 0740. Arrived KOREI group at POURIPOURI 0810. 0916 crossed AIYENA River (5440'); 1007 ANGARIA Creek (Trib. of AIYENA) 5620'. Proceeded through WAUWA territory. Interviewed WAUWA group leader, searched gardens, houses, etc. for escapees. Information received (and from observations) majority of WAUWAs at present in WAGE valley.

Thursday, 8th.

peaceful venue for the settlement of their disputes, such as

Diary (cont'd)

Thursday, 8th May, 1958.

Proceeded through ditches and marsh to HUNGAPO Rest house, arriving 1320. R.H. in dilapidated condition, requested locals to repair or replace. Returned TARI 1530, carriers 1700.

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NATIVE AFFAIRS

Although the principal objectives of this patrol were to obtain escapees and court witnesses, some time was spent, in accordance with instructions, on the general aspects of native administration.

Native complaints and disputes were settled as and when they arose. These included many complaints listed at TARI station for patrol action.

All groups passed through received the patrol in an extremely friendly manner, and most appeared anxious to have their disputes settled in an amicable fashion.

The following groups or patriclans were passed through en route to the PUIJERO:- HARONGARI, AIYAKO, HAMBURA, AGANA, TOMA, IEEMA, MAI'UNI, on the return to TARI via the WAUWA Patriclan - MATABA, TONDA, AMBURU, KOREI, WAIWA, MAGABC.

Upon arrival in the PUIJERO area I considered it necessary, to further both the specific aims of the patrol and general administration, to spend some time in a central area consolidating contact and establishing permanent friendly relationships. This was considered necessary as the previous visit (February, 1958) had been of a pure police action type. The people were friendly and assisted the patrol in many ways, e.g. ample food was provided, the camp was thronged at all times with visitors, roads used or likely to be used by the patrol were cut and cleaned to an average width of ten feet, new cane suspension bridges had been erected across the TAGARI and ERE Rivers, and these were guarded to prevent a re-occurrence of the bridge cutting experienced during my previous visit.

This consolidation bore dividends as the people being of great assistance in the patrol's attempts to capture escapees wanted for approaching sittings of the Supreme Court, and despite the fact that the patrol had come to recapture, some of the men friendly relationships being maintained throughout, the people realising that this was only one facet of the new force in their lives.

Although this was only the second time the PUIJERO has been visited, the people were quite prepared to have their disputes settled by the writer. A temporary 'court house' was erected at JUNI, and the idea conveyed to the people, that this building should be used by them during their many native courts, and that the area on which it was built was to be the peaceful venue for the settlement of their disputes, both by

Administration officers and by themselves.

The PUIJERO people freely gave information as to the whereabouts of the wanted escapees. These alleged murderers, however, had guards mounted, and despite several night excursions they managed to elude the patrol. They were pursued into the extremely rugged headwater area of the ERE and WABENE Rivers. The thick bush, constant rain and precipitous terrain were of great assistance to the escapees. They eventually crossed the main range into the KOROBA Sub-District (PARU Valley). Due to other commitments the patrol was forced to abandon the chase and return to TARI. THE A.D.O. KOROBA was informed of their presence at PARU. On the return to TARI few natives were seen in the TEBE-URI-AIYENA area. The patrol was informed that the majority of men had departed to join in hostilities taking place at PAI (ARUA River area).

Few people were seen in the WAUWA clan grounds, apparently a search party from TARI had been in the area several days previously looking for escapees. Information was received that the majority of the persons required had departed for the WAGE Valley.

Anthropology (PUIJERO)

These people are the most powerful group in the northern section of the TAGARI Basin, and are feared and respected by their neighbours.

The group structure may best be described as a patriclan with strong bi-lateral features.

There are at present two major divisions within the PUIJERO Group - MORNEI and JUNI, both of which may be regarded as parent patriclans, since other units of the society acknowledge derivation from one of these two. There are nine other units (sub-clans and embryo clans) These are:-

- | <u>MORNEI</u> | <u>JUNI</u> |
|---------------|-------------|
| 1. Mobe | 5. Torenei |
| 2. Muna | 6. Toiba |
| 3. WAIJU | 7. Watatogo |
| 4. Angarabe | 8. Hego |
| | 9. Haiyowi |

Whilst there may be some considerations for the classification of the PUIJERO as a tribe, there are no restrictions placed on internal fighting, nor is this frowned upon, and there appears to be little incentive for negotiation and settlement of internal disputes. It seems no greater wrong to kill a PUIJERO man than a man from any other group.

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Anthropology

Customs of dress, etc., appear similar in all respects to those of the HURI people of other parts of the TAGARI Basin.

Each sub-clan, clan, would appear to possess a headman, a non-hereditary position, that appears to be attained in the usual manner, i.e. by wealth and/or fighting prowess. Their authority appears limited, but, no doubt, they can make their influence felt.

Agriculture

In the populated areas sufficient food was purchased for patrol requirements. The staple food is sweet potatoe (Kaukau called 'hina' in the local language).

Well-prepared gardens were seen throughout the middle and lower reaches of the ERE River (PUIJERO, principally MORNELI clan), and in the vicinity of JUNI on the northern slopes of the PORAMI Ridge. The people are homesteaders.

Some composting is carried out by these people with grass leaves and other vegetable matter.

Commercial Cropping Prospects

Prospects are poor. The majority of arable land is required for subsistence cropping. The introduction of permanent tree crops with the present population would only lead to over-cultivation, and consequent soil deterioration.

In addition the area is riddled with a weevil spp. 'Pantorytes'. The host of this weevil is a tree of the secondary re-growth variety, but experience in the Northern District has shown that upon the introduction of cacao or coffee, this pest abandons its host in favour of the more succulent tree.

Other varieties of cash crops are ruled out of consideration at present due to lack of a local market and transport costs.

Health

The majority of people seen appeared healthy. There was, however, the usual crop of minor septic sores. Several large T.U.s. were also seen. H.M.O.Gr.1 GIWA accompanied the patrol and treated all cases.

The period of consolidation spent at JUNI introduced medical treatment to the PUIJERO people. A large number availed themselves of the treatment provided by this capable medical orderly.

As with other groups of the HURI people domestic hygiene is extremely poor. There are no latrines, rubbish pits, and pigs are often accommodated within their owner's residence.

In addition the usual HURI custom of burial of humans in open boxes some six foot off the ground is followed. The resultant myriad of flies can probably be held responsible for the large incidence of dysentery amongst these people.

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ROADS & BRIDGES (includes Notes on Terrain).

The outward route travelled by the patrol had been cleared to an average width of ten feet by the various groups. The present vehicular road ends several miles past WARETHOMMANU (U.F.M. Station). There would be little difficulty in continuing this road as far as the junction of the TAGARI and ERE Rivers. Two small rivers would have to be crossed en route - these are the TEBE and LEMAKA. Neither offers any difficulties, both are narrow and their banks are high and suitable for abutments. The terrain from the LEMAKA to the TAGARI consists of undulating ridges covered with grass and pitpit. From the LEMAKA River to the centre of this grass ridge area is uninhabited, although claimed by groups living around its perimeter.

The TAGARI River at the point crossed by the Patrol is approximately ninety feet wide, the ERE is about the same size.

Once across the ERE and TAGARI Rivers the country becomes marshy, then progressively more and more rugged, terminating in juvenile limestone outcrops. Native tracks in the area are perilous and illformed. Construction of a road through this latter area would be extremely difficult. The WARENE Valley would appear to offer more possibilities for the construction of a road through to the PARU Valley and MAGIA River areas (KOROKA Sub-District).

Due to the willingness exhibited by the HAMURA, IEMA, TARIBU and PUISERO clans in clearing a wide road for this patrol (as was requested of visitors to the station) these clans could be induced without difficulty into the construction of a vehicular road to their areas.

As mentioned in Native Affairs these people also constructed new cane bridges over the TAGARI and ERE Rivers specially for the Patrol. They then mounted guards on them to prevent a re-occurrence of the bridge cutting experienced during the first visit to the area during February of this year.

Of the Patrol's return route from the north-eastern slopes of the PORANI Ridge to the Rest House at KANGAPO, native paths offer the only roadway and these traverse countless marshes. This portion of the route traversed by the patrol is not suitable for a vehicular road. A survey of the area may find a more suitable route.

CONCLUSION:

Although the patrol was unsuccessful in apprehending escapees, all witnesses required came forward readily and the patrol partly consolidated the initial visit to the PUIJERO area.

A further patrol at an early date through this area to consolidate further the present friendly feelings and to survey and mark a road route to the junction of the TAGART and KEE Rivers is recommended.

Cl. L. Jensen, Jr.

R.P. & N.G.C.Report on Members Accompanying Patrol No. 3 of 57/58

No. 3861 , ILA, Lance Corporal: Good N.C.O., maintains control over other members & carriers. Sound bush knowledge.

No. 7447 , HANDARI, Constable: Excellent bush worker, very sound & reliable. Recommended for promotion.

No. 7172 , MENGRE, Constable: Efficient and reliable.

No. 8759 , KOKOTA, Constable: Improving, becoming less of a loud mouth, and more reliable.

No. 2325 , VAIDA, Constable: Quiet & efficient worker.

No. 9541 , AWIW, Constable: Inclined to be overbearing with carriers & local people.

No. 8226 , KANO, Constable: Not overburdened with brains or initiative, nevertheless reliable.

(G.P. Jensen-Muir)

Patrol Officer, C. OF R.P.C.

D. N. A.Report on Interpreter Accompanying Patrol

TONGORA, Interpreter Grade 1. This man speaks fluent Wabag and Huri, but he has little, if any ability, to translate these tongues into pidgin English. He knows no Police Motu. Everything he interprets is given a personal bias, and it requires much patience to extract from him the statements of others. He has so little comprehension of pidgin that 'A' shooting 'B' comes out as 'B' shooting 'A'. What other twists are given is not known, but the writer on occasions was compelled to use a Police Constable, who speaks fluent Huri, to obtain exact and accurate *translations* of statements from other people.

G.P. Jensen-Muir
(G.P. Jensen-Muir) Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. 2 of 1957/58. TARI.

Patrol Conducted by R. A. Hiatt, C.P.O.

Area Patrolled Haibuga Marsh Area.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Dr. D. Russell.

Natives 1 Interpreter
5 R.P. & N.G.C.

Duration—From 12/11/1957 to 26/11/1957 1 N.M.O. 2 Carriers.

Number of Days 13.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Sept., 1956.

Medical March/1956.

Map Reference See Sketch Map attached to Tari P/R 3 of 1956/57.

Objects of Patrol (1) Survey of Hansen's Disease
(2) Work on Road to Rest House & from Tari to Sawmill.
(3) Initial Census.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....

Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund £.....

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22nd January, 1958.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

PATROL REPORT NO.2 - 1957/58 : TARI.

Receipt of the above-mentioned Patrol Report is
acknowledged with thanks.

The officers should not be discouraged by the reluctance of the people to present themselves for medical examinations. After all, these people have not been in contact with Europeans for a great period.

It is gratifying to note that the people are now prepared to present themselves for an initial census.

Mr. Hiatt has done a good job.

J.K. McCarthy
(J.K. McCarthy)
Acting Director.

20th January, 1958.

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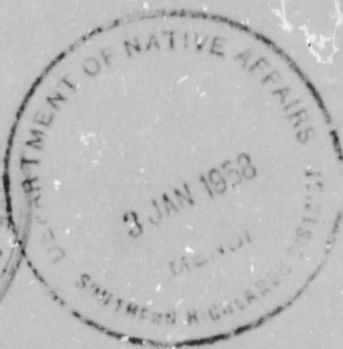
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Sub-District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
T A R I.

31st December, 1957.

The District Commissioner,
M E N D I.

TARI PATROL REPORT NO. 2 of 1957/58.

I had instructed Mr. Hiatt to carry out an initial Census in conjunction with the Hansens Survey. As the primary purpose of the patrol was the medical aspect, and this was being hampered, I was obliged to instruct Mr. Hiatt to discontinue the Census. //

This is Mr. Hiatt's first Patrol and he did a very good job in the roadwork he carried out on the Patrol.

MINUTE to:-

Assistant District Officer,
T A R I.

(W. W. CRELLIN)

Assistant District Officer.

Will you have Mr. Hiatt submit a camping allowance claim, for submission with Patrol Report to Headquarters.

H.B.

T.A.A.

will you have Mr. Hiatt submit (H.W. WEST) Camping Allowance
Acting DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.
claim for submission with Patrol Report to Headquarters

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7th January, 1958.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

File: 30/1
Sub-District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
T A R I.

10th December, 1957.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
M E N D I.

PATROL REPORT No.2 of 1957/58 TARI SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS.

AREA PATROLLED : Area bordering the HAIBUGA Marsh
PATROL CONDUCTED BY : R.A. HIATT, C.P.O.
PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY : Dr. RUSSELL
5 members of R.P. & N.G.C.
1 N.M.O., 1 Interpreter, 2 Carriers.
OBJECT OF PATROL: : (1) Survey of Hansens Disease
(2) Supervise construction of New Road to TANI
Rest House and road from TANI Aid Post to
Pit Saw.
(3) Initial Census.
DURATION OF PATROL : From 12th November to 26th November total
15 days.
MAP REFERENCE : See Sketch Map attached.
LAST PATROL TO AREA : Mr. R. CLARIDGE, P.C., September, 1956
TARI No.3 of 1956/57.

INTRODUCTION.

The following report covers mainly the duties involved while accompanying Dr. RUSSELL as he surveyed the natives for symptoms of Hansens Disease.

Such time was spent in organising the medical examination of the various groups, which comprise the large TANI group, that it became impossible to carry out a satisfactory initial census. The initial census was also hampered by the natives suspicious attitude and their numerous frustrating tribal customs, some of which are described in P/R No.3/56-57 under "Native Census".

When time allowed, marking out and construction of new road to TANI Rest House was carried out.

D I A R Y

November, 12th Tuesday.

Departed TARI by Landrover at 1500 hours, arrived TANI Aid Post at 1530 hours. Departed Aid Post at 1535 hours and arrived TANI Rest House at 1615 hours.

Rest House and Police quarters in reasonable condition

Made arrangements for HIWA Sub-group to gather in morning.

November 13th Wednesday.

Began census and medical examination at 745 hours. Had difficulty in persuading females to approach census table for examination. Only after all men (except the person being questioned & examined) had been ordered to stand back did the females come closer. Disappointing attendance by HIWA group, seventy five people examined all told.

November, 14th Thursday.

Discovered at 630 hours that few of a sub-group of the HIWA'S had turned up. With 4 Police and interpreter; went into the area of this sub-group, the HIDAJIES, to investigate. After intense enquiries discovered that these people were very suspicious & wary of Police due to recent fighting with the IUMU group.

Made enquiries regarding the marking of a road from the TANI rest house to link up with TARI - KOROBA road. Received spontaneous disapproval at the suggestion from the HIWAS.

November, 15th Friday.

Again no attendance. Made enquiries with V.C. HUNINI, his explanation being that the TANI group were attending a sing sing close to the TAGARI bridge. Suggested to Doctor RUSSELL That we wait for their return that afternoon along the main road.

In this way ninety people were examined.

November, 16th Saturday.

With Dr. RUSSELL, Police & Interpreter, departed rest house at 800 hours for TAGARI rest house, arrived at 1200 hours. Met Patrol Officer Mr. Neil Grant who was working on improvements to TARI - KOROBA road. Mr. Grant confirmed the fact that most of TANI group were attending a sing sing.

Mr. Grant arranged a gathering of the MONIMA, ARAWA and TOBANI groups on Monday, he has been working amongst these people for 120 days & he is highly respected by them.

On discussion with Dr. RUSSELL it was decided that the Hansen Disease survey was being hampered by the initial census. On receiving confirmation by Mr. Crellin, Assistant District Officer TARI the initial census on this patrol was discontinued.

November, 17th Sunday.

Sent Interpreter ahead to IUMU area to send word out for this group to gather at 600 hours. With Doctor RUSSELL, 3 Police, arrived at 730 hrs to find that 30 IUMU had gathered. Set off with 2 Police & Interpreter to make enquiries regards this poor attendance. My predetermined answer was found to be correct, these people were also suspicious of the Police due recent fighting with the HIWAS. After two hours walking managed to bring back 40 people for medical examination.

November, 18th Monday.

Departed camp at 800 hours with Dr. RUSSELL four Police and Interpreter. Arrived 1030 hours at prearranged point where Mr. Grant had gathered a large number of MONIMA, ARAWA and TOBANI. The total number examined by Dr. RUSSELL came to 520.

On returning to Rest House 1500 hours we came across 44 Women of the TOBANI group, this is a sub-group of the TANI group. Dr. RUSSELL examined these people.

November, 19th Tuesday.

Sent Interpreter and V.C. HUNINI into area of sub-group TOMBIARI of the TANI group at 600 hours to arrange a gathering of these people. On our arrival at prearranged place we discovered a poor attendance. With three Police and Interpreter set off into area to investigate. According to V.C. HUNINI there isn't a boss boy of this group, so I nominated one TOMIARI native as boss boy for the day. Consequently 72 people were examined from this group.

Made arrangements with boss boy of another sub-group, the SELABUS, to gather next day.

November, 20th Wednesday

Departed Rest House at 800 hours for the SELABU group area which is on the SW Fringe of the marsh. After 2 hours walking over rough hilly country arrived at prearranged place to find a good gathering of SELABU, Dr. RUSSELL examined 160 people.

Arrived back at Rest House at 1600 hours.

November, 21st Thursday

Departed Rest House 745 hours for TANI Aid Post where I had instructed V.C. Hunini to organise a gathering of the HEWAGO and EGAGO sub-groups of the TANI group. 90 people were examined arrived back Rest House at 1400 hours.

At 1500 hours Mr. Crellin, Assistant District Officer, and Mr. Goble A.M.O. paid us a visit. Mr. Crellin instructed V.C. HUNINI to arrange a gathering of the HIDAJIE sub-group next day for the second time.

November, 22nd Friday.

For the second time the HIDAJIE failed to appear. Dr. RUSSELL examined 148 people from the EGAGO and HIWAGO sub-groups who had failed to gather previously.

After the medical examination had been completed at 1000 hours I walked through to the main road from the Rest House with headmen from the TANI and HIWA groups. They were surprisingly agreeable to the road I marked out.

Met Mr. Lumsden, Roadmaster at 1500 hours at the TANI Aid Post. At 1530 hours we departed with two Police to walk through to the Pit Saw on the S.D.A. road. Mr. Lumsden pointed out where he had marked the road which will link the S.D.A. road up with the TARI - KOROBA road, arrived at Pit Saws at 1630 hours. Mr. Lumsden departed TARI, Arrived back Rest House at 1800 hours.

November, 23rd Saturday.

Departed Rest House 800 hours to TANI Aid Post. Arranged with V.C. HUNINI to organise the TANI to commence work on the new road linking the KOROBA - TARI road to the S.D.A. road, at 1000 hours 40 TANI had already commenced work. On returning back to Rest House at 1400 hours approximately 120 HIWA were working on the Rest House road.

November, 24th Sunday.

As it was obvious that the people we were likely to examine, for the time being, had turned up already, Dr. RUSSELL decided to return to TARI and continue his survey there with local groups.

I stayed on to get road work well under way. Dr. RUSSELL departed at 800 hours with 2 Police for TARI. Inspected what progress had been made on Pit Saw road starting from the TANI Aid Post. 200 yards had been cleared and partly straightened. 60 TANI working on this section.

Inspected Rest House road at 1300 hours. 50 TANI have 50 yards cleared and rooted out a number of large trees at the main road end.

80 HIWAS had cleared 300 yards road at Rest House end.

November, 25th Monday.

Departed Rest House at 800 hours to inspect roads. At Rest House end, 400 yards road had been completed with gutters.

At main road end 150 yards, guttering had been completed. On Pit Saw road 100 TANI now working and 600 yards cleared.

November, 26th Tuesday.

Departed Rest House at 800 hours for TARI. Arrived TARI at 1130 hours.

END OF DIARY.

MEDICAL

The final number of natives examined by Dr. RUSSELL on this patrol came to 1250. Out of the this number .. 8 ... cases were found with symptoms of non-infectious Hansen's Disease. All the area which forms the fringe around the HAIBUGA Marsh was visited for examination of the people. The Marsh is approximately 5 miles long and 2 miles in width. As the time of this patrol happened to be in a very dry spell travelling through the Marsh was reasonably good.

CENSUS

The initial census was discontinued due to the hampering effects it had on the success of the Medical examination. At first the people were extremely suspicious and evasive towards the census but at the end of the patrol, V.C. HUNINI approached me to say that his people were now most willing to have a initial census made.

ROADS

Progress on the two new roads is now well under way. The head man of HIWA has promised that the TANI Rest House road will be completed in one month and that they will then lend their hand to the TANI who are working well on the Pit Saw Road.

V.C. HUNINI of the TANI group can be commended for ~~this~~ his co-operation with this patrol.

" APPENDIX " A "

REPORT ON MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL PAPUAN AND NEW GUINEA CONSTABULARY
ACCOMPANYING THE PATROL

Reg. No. 1856	L/Cpl., TAMUTAI	: Most reliable and consistent, conduct excellent.
Reg. No. 7447	Const. HANDARI	: Outstanding policeman on this patrol. He is well liked by the people of this patrol area. Fairly fluent with "HULI" Conduct very good.
Reg. No. 8705	Const. KAUBA	: A quiet and efficient man on this patrol. Conduct good.
Reg. No. 9171	Const. NARAKAI	: A very efficient and willing man. Conduct excellent.
Reg. No. 9541	Const. AWIN	: Failed to impress. Conduct good.

R. A. Hiatt

(R. A. Hiatt)

Cadet Patrol Officer.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....Southern Highlands..... Report No. 4 of 1957/58.
Patrol Conducted by.....R. A. Hiatt.....C.P.O.
Area Patrolled.....South East of Tari. Basin.....
Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....B. Goble B.M.A.
Natives.....1 Interpreter
3 B.P. & N.G.C.
2 N.M.C.
Duration—From.....6./3./1958.....to.....22./3./1958.....
Number of Days.....16 Days
Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....Yes
Last Patrol to Area by—District Services.....June 1957:
Medical March...../...../1956:
Map Reference.....See Sketch Map attached
Objects of Patrol.....Initial Census

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

20/5/58

H. W. Ward
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ... £.....
Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....
Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund

NA.30-18-84

24th June, 1953.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

Patrol Report No. 4, 1952/53 - Part 1

Thank you for your comments contained in your
30/1-1019 of 13th June, 1953.

I concur in the action taken in diverting the
energy of the HURI people to road building.

J. K. McCarthy
(J.K. McCarthy)
A/Director.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

HWW:DJL.

In Reply
Please Quote

No. 20/1-1019

District Headquarters,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

13th. June, 1958.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT No. 4. 1957/58 - TARI.

Your memorandum 30-18-84 of the 2nd. June,
1958, refers :-

I visited Tari on Wednesday and Thursday
of this week, and discussed the above Report with the
Assistant District Officer, Tari.

Since my last four day visit to Tari, at
the end of April, when I instructed the Assistant District
Officer that Native Affairs Field activity in the Tari
Basin was to be vigorously intensified, a pronounced im-
provement in the native situation in the near vicinity
of Tari, is apparent and the Huri warriors have had their
surplus energies diverted from group bickering, to the
construction of motor roads, designed initially, to enable
Native Affairs Officers to maintain regular and constant
contact with the people.

The instance referred to by Mr. Hiatt,
was a brawl between two natives from different groups,
which developed into a riot, in which a native was in-
jured and subsequently died. Two male natives were con-
victed of murder in the Supreme Court, and twenty-seven
imprisoned for riotous behaviour.

H. W. West

H. W. WEST
Acting District Commissioner.

*Notes
C. 23/6*

TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA.

30-18-84.

2nd June, 1958.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

Patrol Report No. 4. 1957/58 - Tari.

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol
Report is acknowledged with thanks.

Mr. Hiatt appears to have carried out
his duties in a satisfactory manner.

I take it you are satisfied the area is
sufficiently quiet for Mr. Hiatt a Cadet Patrol
Officer, to patrol.

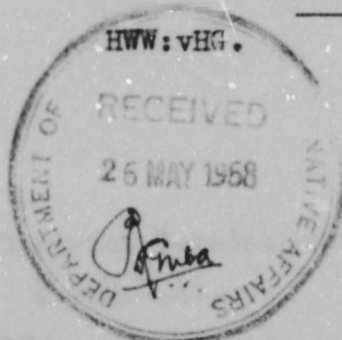
It is noted on page 4 of the Report "the
main problem on this patrol was to re-assure the
people that our intentions were purely to carry out
a census. As two or three of the census groups had
been involved in recent tribal fighting, they were
naturally anxious to learn the intention of this
patrol". Have you any comment, please?

J. K. McCarthy
(J. K. McCarthy)
Acting Director.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



30/18/84 ✓

In Reply
Please Quote

No. 30/1 - 926.

District Headquarters,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

21st May, 1958.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

TARI PATROL REPORT NO.4 OF 1957/58
R.A. HIATT - C.P.O.

A copy of the above report is attached for
your records.

The report has been discussed at Tari with the
Assistant District Officer, Mr. Crellin, and Mr. Hiatt
and no matters arising from the patrol require attention
at your headquarters.

H. W. West

(H.W. WEST)

ACTING DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA.

File No: 30/1-982.
Sub-District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
T A R I.

The District Commissioner,
M E N D I.

TARI PATROL REPORT NO. 4 OF 1957-58.

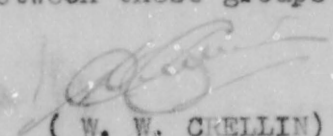
Enclosed please find report on the above
Patrol conducted by Mr. R. A. Hiatt, C.P.O.

The Patrol was instructed to do an initial
Census in the north-east to south-east sector of the
Tari Basin. Mr. Hiatt was able to record 1,545 names
in 20 groups. This is quite a good response for an
area in which no Census had previously been taken.
I was obliged to recall Mr. Hiatt before he was able
to record every group in the area to enable him to
complete two Projects in his pre-A.S.O.P.A. studies.
Long hours on patrol had made it impossible for Mr.
Hiatt to keep abreast of his studies.

Mr. Hiatt patrolled with the approval of
the District Commissioner and he was never more than
a couple of hours by vehicle from the Station.

Mr. Hiatt's report is devoted to the Census
work. Notes on anthropology, agriculture and the like,
have been omitted on instructions from me because these
have been covered in previous reports.

The native disturbances mentioned on Page 4
involved the WOUA, TABAJE and KUMIA Lines. The distur-
bances originated in late May 1957, (See Tari Patrol
Report No. 7 of 1956-57). There has been one Patrol
of 14 days and several field excursions sent out to
apprehend the men involved. Since the disturbances
there have been a number of men imprisoned for riotous
behaviour, and there are four men awaiting trial before
the Supreme Court on charges of murder. There has
been no active fighting between these groups for the
past six months.


(W. W. CRELLIN)
Assistant District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA.

File No: 30/-

Sub-District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
TARI.

1st April, 1958.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

PATROL REPORT No. 4 of 1957/58 - TARI - SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS.

AREA PATROLLED: South Eastern of Tari Basin.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: R. HIATT, C.P.O.

PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY: B. GOBLE, B.N.A.

1 Interpreter

3 R.P. & N.S.C.

2 N.M.O.

DURATION OF PATROL: Thursday 6th March to Saturday 22nd
March, 1958.
16 days.

LAST PATROL TO AREA: TARI Patrol No. 7 of 1956/57.
June, 1957 - Mr. R. M. Claridge, P.O.

OBJECTS OF PATROL: Initial Census.

MAP REFERENCE: See Map attached.

INTRODUCTION:

Considering that this was the first time such a patrol of this kind had been in the area, an encouraging degree of response was attained. The combination of both initial census and medical survey worked smoothly. Mr. Goble interviewed and examined the people and then directed them over to the census table. Early in each day the people were suspicious and wary of the census, but after its purpose had been explained to them, they lost a certain amount of this suspicion. At the end of the day's census the majority had made themselves at home. A number of men and youths attached themselves to the patrol and helped to break down this wariness as we moved on.

There was one unexpected factor that was responsible for a proportion of each group being absent at the time of this patrol. From enquiries before the patrol it had been reported that the "Koroka" nut season had finished. Unfortunately there were still

a number of people who had gone on "Koroka" nut expeditions to the base of the mountains. Apart from this factor a reasonable number of people were recorded.

DIARY.

MARCH 6th - THURSDAY.

Departed Station at 1700 hours by vehicle -- arrived NAKIA Aid Post at 1715 hrs.

As police had departed for the Aid Post earlier in the day, the camp was set up by the time we arrived.

Guard posted at 1800 hrs.

MARCH 7th - FRIDAY.

At ~~830~~ 900 hrs. a number of PI people appeared - checked these with last year's initial census. As we were informed that the majority of people in our immediate planned route were absent due to "KOROKA" nut expeditions, it was decided to move to HANGAPO.

Broke camp at 1415 hrs arrived HANGAPO at 1545 hrs.

MARCH 8th - SATURDAY.

At 830 hrs people were making an appearance.

Finished census at 1630 hrs. Good response.

MARCH 9th - SUNDAY.

A reasonable number of TABAIJEA had arrived by 815 hrs. A small number of PANGUBI, MADIANI and OUDAE present.

Finished at 1535 hrs.

MARCH 10th - MONDAY.

Small gathering at 900 hrs. Completed recording at 1400 hrs. As the attendance was rapidly falling decided to move camp tomorrow.

MARCH 11th - TUESDAY.

At 830 hrs no sign of more PANGUBI - Broke camp at 900 hrs after waiting for carriers.

Arrived IDUPU at 1115 hrs. Made camp and sent word out for surrounding MAGABO to gather - good attendance 150 MAGABO recorded by 1800 hrs.

MARCH 12th - WEDNESDAY.

Small number of MAGABO arrived at 915 hrs - recorded these few and broke camp at 940 hrs.

Arrived at TIGIBARU at 1040 hrs and made camp.

Heavy rain after making camp. Small number of TEGE and EDEBE people arrived at 1315 hrs.

MARCH 13th - THURSDAY.

At 830 hrs a number of WAUWA had gathered. Two complete sub-groups of the WAUWA were recorded. A third line of the WAUWA line ^{live} over the HIDES range in the WAGE valley. A close resemblance to the WABAGAS was noted amongst the few present.

Completed recording at 1700 hrs.

MARCH 14th - FRIDAY.

Waited until 845 hrs for more YEGE to arrive - no response. Broke camp at 915 hrs.

Arrived at PIWABA at 1115 hrs. Recorded a small number of TABAJEA at 1430 hrs.

MARCH 15th - SATURDAY.

Mr. Goble departed for TARI at 730 hrs for general inspection of hospital, also a visit to a European patient. At 930 small number of OUNDI were recorded.

MARCH 16th - SUNDAY.

As the majority of TABAJEA had temporarily migrated from this area because of recent tribal fighting it was decided to move on. Sent runner to TARI to inform Mr. Goble of this.

Broke camp at 900 hrs - arrived at WALIPODAWE at 1000 hrs. Received word from Mr. Goble that he was coming from TARI by vehicle. Walked back to road.

Mr. Goble will not be continuing with this patrol because of a badly infected leg resulting from a large splinter received on Friday's walk.

MARCH 17th - MONDAY.

At 830 a good gathering of NOMANDA had arrived.

Completed at 1600 hrs - Recorded 152.

MARCH 18th - TUESDAY.

The majority of NOMANDA had been recorded and as no more had gathered by 830, departed for next group 90 minutes walk from this point.

By 1400 hours the majority of KUNGUA in this area had gathered.

Completed recording 1800 hrs - 128 names entered.

MARCH 19th - WEDNESDAY.

As the KUNGUA V.C. informed me that the remaining KUNGUA were on "KOROKA" nut expeditions, I decided to move to the next group.

Broke camp at 810 hrs.

Arrived at camp site on the ARUA River at 1030 hrs. As there was no sign of a gathering, I visited a number of houses and enquired. Only women, children and old men were found. The

Women informed me that all the men were in the surrounding bush and had told the women not to gather for the census. I gathered together a fair number of these women and children, took them back to camp, explained the reason for the census and entered their names. I then told them their sons and husbands must come up tomorrow.

MARCH 20th - THURSDAY.

Very good attendance from the KANGUA and PIBI.
Completed recording at 1640 hours.

MARCH 21st - FRIDAY.

Broke camp at 800 hrs for PAI area. After 1 hour walking made camp near the TEEB River - this point being in the midst of PAI Territory.

At 1100 hrs a number of PAI had gathered.
Completed at 1610 hrs.

MARCH 22nd - SATURDAY.

Broke camp at 800 hrs. - arrived TARI 950 and reported to the A.D.C.

CENSUS.

The main problem on this patrol was to reassure the people that our intentions were purely to carry out a census. As two or three of the censused groups had been involved in recent tribal fighting, they were naturally anxious to learn the intention of this patrol. As soon as we had made camp two or three men would inspect the camp and then wander off. After an hour or so the women, children and a number of men would begin to gather.

The fact that we only had 3 police and the presence of the E.M.A. obviously broke down their suspicion. On a few occasions groups of people from areas we had previously visited caught up to us requesting that their names be entered in the census book. These people had returned from the "KOROKA" nut expedition.

Although none of the groups was completely censused I am sure that a follow up patrol in the near future will have little difficulty in recording the names of the people we missed.

The total number of people recorded on this patrol was 1545, composed of:- male children - 327; female children - 334; adult males - 424; adult females - 460. Of those recorded only 53% were actually sighted. The proportion of the population not recorded cannot be assessed at present.

MEDICAL.

The general health of the people contacted was good and the children particularly well nourished.

"APPENDIX A"

REPORT on members of the ROYAL PAPUAN & NEW GUINEA CONSTABULARY
accompanying the PATROL.

Reg. No. 1269 - CPL. AKURU: A most reliable N.C.O. on this patrol. Conduct excellent.

Reg. No. 8130 CONST. BATAWI: Although an individualist this man proved reliable. Conduct good.

Reg. No. 7689 CONST. UBUA: A quiet and competent worker. Conduct good.

R. A. Hiatt

(R. A. HIATT).
Cadet Patrol Officer.

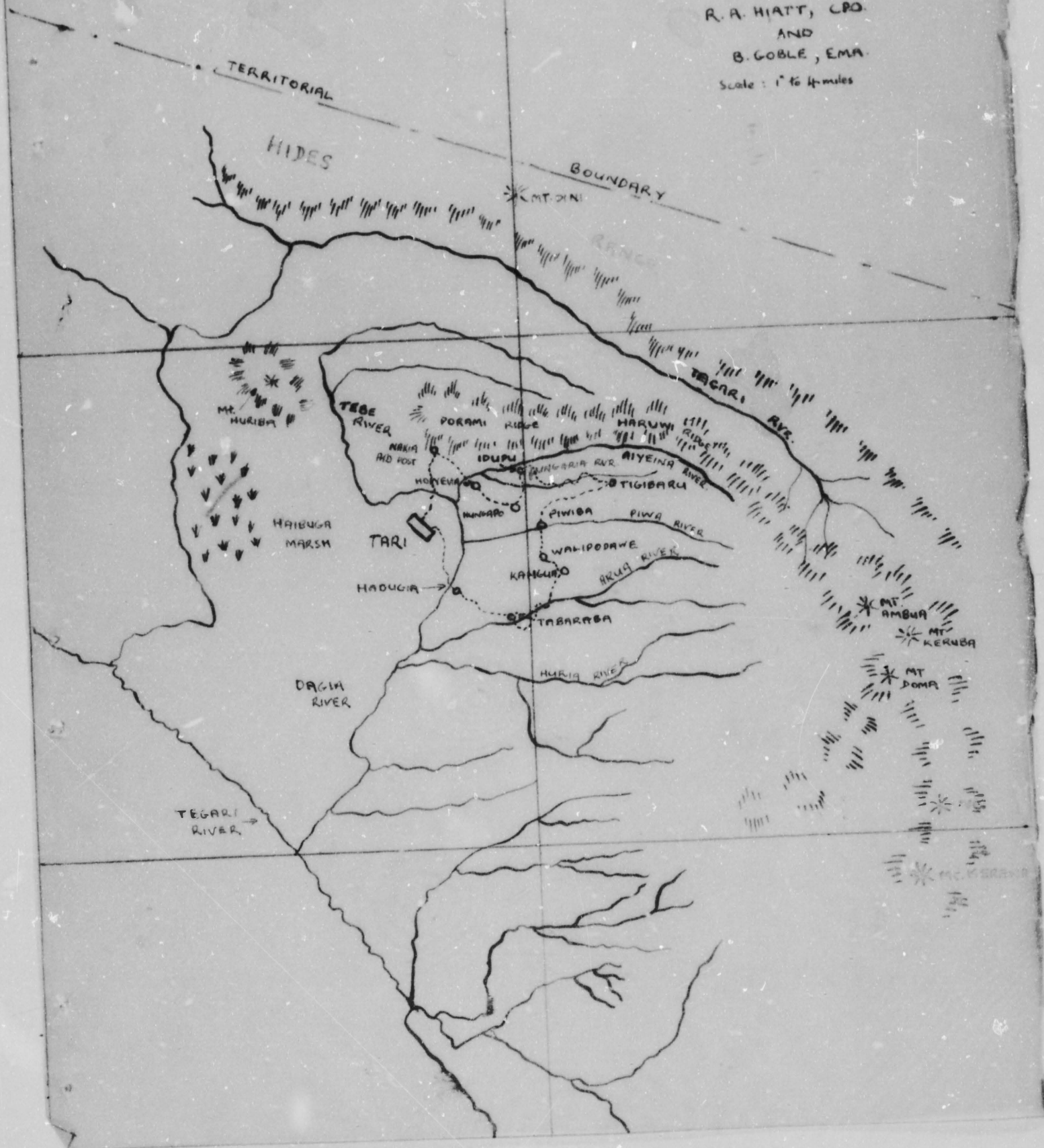
TARI - SHD

Patrol Report No.

R. A. HIATT, CPO
AND

B. GOBLE, EMA

Scale: 1" to 4 miles



Village Population Register

Area Patrolled.....South East

Year.... 1958.

Year.....		DEATHS														MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE				STUDENTS				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES			Average Size of Family
VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	Births		0-1 Month		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13		Females in Child Birth	In		Out		Inside District		Outside District		Govt.		Mission		Males		Females		Pregnant	Number of Child Bearing age	
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PI (HATA)	7/3/58	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	30	2	37	2	37	3.4	
KAVE	6/3/58																										4	28	3	23	-	15	3.5		
TOMBE	8/3/58																			2	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	21	1	23	-	13	4.0		
MAGADO (MADANI)	9/3/58																									1	9	23	10	40	3	38	3.3		
MAGADO	11/3/58																										7	47	6	47	1	33	3.5		
PANGUBI	9/3/58																										3	14	4	15	-	13	3.4		
OUDA	9/3/58																										2	4	1	4	-	3	3.6		
TABAI JEA	10/3/58																										1	27	6	23	3	16	3.1		
EDERE	12/3/58																										4	10	7	10	-	7	4.0		
TEGE	12/3/58																										4	16	3	19	-	9	4.0		
TAUVA	13/3/58																										4	16	3	19	-	9	4.0		
HARG	13/3/58																										1	19	3	17	-	13	3.4		
OUNDI	15/3/58																										5	6	1	10	-	5	4.0		
NOMANDA	17/3/58																										2	22	11	37	-	17	3.4		
DOMBIALA	20/3/58																										1	8	4	10	-	7	3.0		
KANGUA	18/3/58																										3	27	5	38	-	26	3.4		
TALONDA	18/3/58																			1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	11	-	11	3.4		
TIGERI	19/3/58																										1	2	2	4	-	2	4.0		
MIBI	19/3/58																										2	8	1	15	-	8	3.0		
PAI	21/3/58																									4	-	10	-	19	-	10	4.0		
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. No. 5 of 1957/58.

Patrol Conducted by P. A. HIAST, G.P.O.

Area Patrolled SOUTHERN SECTION OF HURI BASIN

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 8

Duration—From 2/6/1958 to 5/7/1958

Number of Days 29

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services APRIL/1956

Medical NIL / 1956

Map Reference SEE SKETCH MAP ATTACHED.

Objects of Patrol 1. SUPERVISE EXTENSION OF TARI-MENDI ROAD FROM EXISTING ROADHEAD - 2. CENSUS GROUPS WITHIN THIS AREA OF ROAD EXTENSION AND ATTEND TO OTHER NATIVE MATTERS BROUGHT TO NOTICE.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

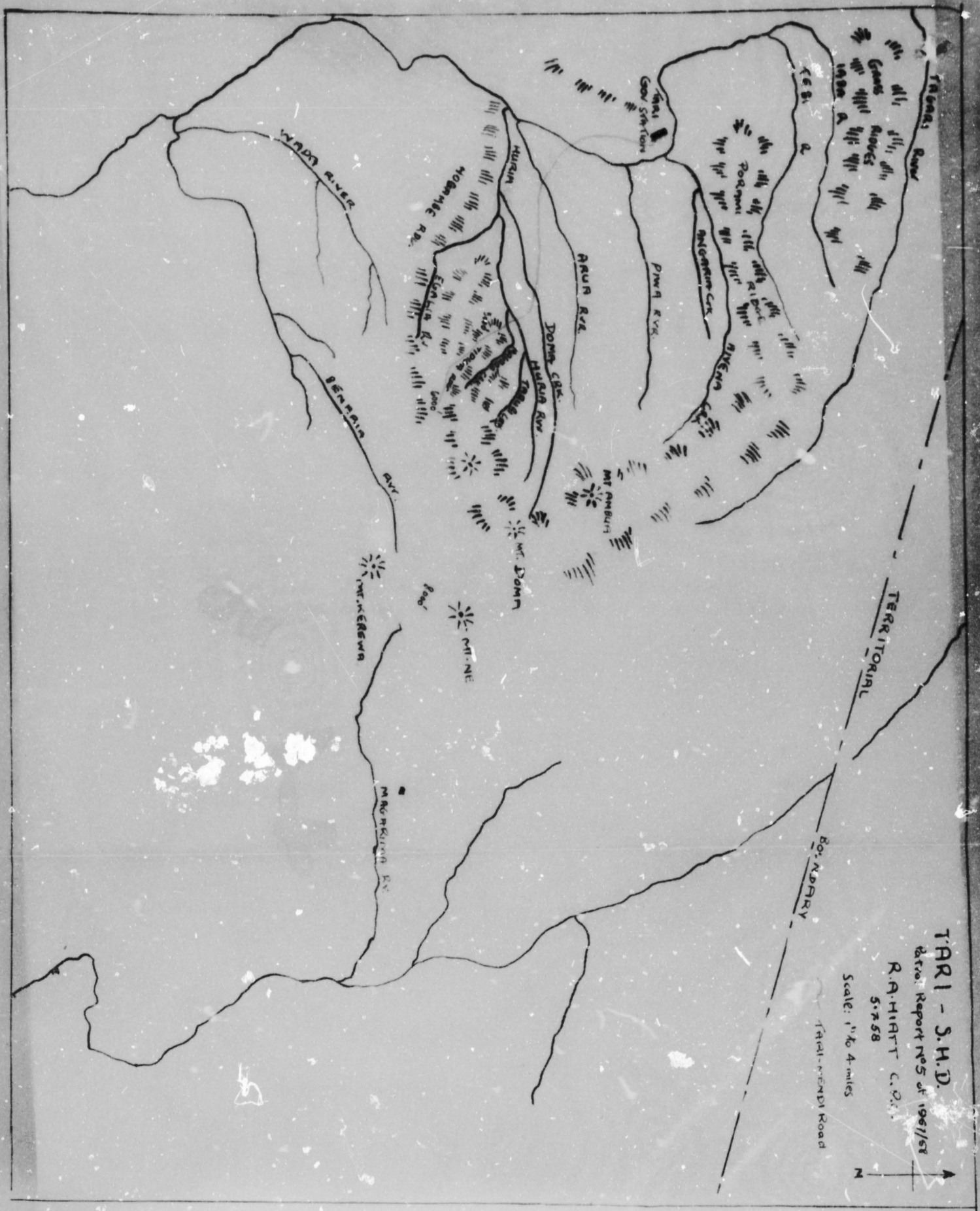
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J. Clifton Smith
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....

Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund £.....



TARI - S.H.D.

Revised Report NOS of 1961/58

R.A. HART C.O.

5.7.58

Scale: 1" = 4 miles

TRAIL-HEAD ROAD



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

CJL/LS.

In Reply
Please Quote

CLO. NI-4-101

Crown Law Office.
Port Moresby.

Memorandum for -

22nd October, 1958.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

ROADS.

I refer to your file NA.30-13-96 which is returned herewith.

2. The District Commissioner, Mendi is quite correct in saying that Regulation 118 of the Native Regulations 1939 of the Territory of Papua does provide for compulsory road construction and maintenance.

3. However, if memory serves me right, there was an administrative instruction given limiting the use of compulsion in road building, but one is not available to me.

(G.J. LYNCH).
Acting Secretary for Law.

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30-13-96

27th October, 1958.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
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ROADS.

Further to my MA.30-18-96 of the 22nd October, 1958, the Secretary for Law has commented as follows:-

"The District Commissioner, Mendi is quite correct in saying that Regulation 118 of the Native Regulations 1939 of the Territory of Papua does provide for compulsory road construction and maintenance".

However, you must ensure that common-sense in the invoking of the provisions is exercised.

(A.A. Roberts)
Director.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

The Secretary for Law.

NA

MINUTE

File No. 30-18-96

Govt. Print.—1237/3.58.—5,000.

SUBJECT

Roads.

Your attention is invited to the three marked folios. *Information* would be appreciated please.

A. A. Roberts
(A.A. Roberts.)
Director.

22nd October, 1958.

30-18-96

22nd October, 1958.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

re: Roads.

Your No. 30/1-381 of the 9th October,
1958 refers.

The matter has been passed to the
Secretary for Law for his comment. I shall advise
you further.

(A.A.Roberts.)
Director.

In regard to Patrol Report No. 5. Mr. Hiatt was instructing the people in the roads they were to construct on their own land.

As I have already indicated there may well be amendments to this Section of the Ordinance of which I am unaware. I therefore seek clarification from you and I would also be pleased if you would forward a copy of this memorandum to the Executive Officer (District Services) so that he can be assured that any mistake on my part is a genuine one. As I think you will have seen, I am most meticulous in commenting on Patrol Reports and endeavour to correct all mistakes and omissions locally before the report reaches you.

.....*D. Clifton-Bassett*.....
D. Clifton-Bassett.
Acting District Commissioner.

Copy on 24/10/54



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

"DCB:DJL."

*In Reply
Please Quote*

No. 30/1-381.



District Headquarters,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

9th. October, 1958.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
Konedobu,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT No. 5 1957/58.

Your 30-18-96 of the 23rd. September, 1958

refers:

I very much appreciate the comments from the Executive Officer (District Services) of the Department of the Administrator, but wish to raise one question in regard to the obligations of the people to build roads. The Executive Officer's comments have thrown great doubt on a matter which hitherto I have thought I was sure about in connection with the Native Regulations Ordinance of Papua. I refer specifically to Regulation 118, Sub-Sections (1), (2), (3). I would appreciate your urgent advice as to whether or not amendments have been made to this Regulation. There is no notation of any amendments to this Regulation in this Office, nor can I recall any.

Section 118 (1) reads - "It is good for the people that roads should be made and kept clean and the Magistrate will tell the people of each village what roads they are to make and keep clear of weeds". My interpretation of this Section has always been that it sets out two obligations:-

- (1) The words "what roads they are to make". Prescribe what roads will actually be constructed.
- (2) The words "and keep clear of weeds". Prescribe what roads will be maintained.

This reasoning is further substantiated by Sub-section (2) which reads "every road must, where the features of the country permit, be not less than 1½ fathoms in width. The Village Constable will show each man how much work he has to do on the roads. If any native does not do the work on the roads, that he has been ordered to do by the Magistrate or Village Constable, he shall on conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding 5/- or in default of payment to imprisonment for any term not exceeding 14 days, or to imprisonment in the first instance for any period not exceeding 14 days".

In this Sub-section, it seems that there is a definite legal obligation on the part of the people to construct roads when ordered by the Magistrate or Village Constable.

Sub-section (3) reads - "each village shall make and keep clean the roads on its own lands only. If the people of a village make and keep clean a road on land not belonging to them the Government will pay them for the work they did".

30-18-96

23rd September, 1958.

The District Officer,
Southern Highlands District,
MNDL.

Patrol Report No.5. 1957/58.

The following comment from the Executive Officer (District Services) of the Department of the Administrator, is set out for your information please :

"Mr. Hiatt has done a creditable job and his report is a good one. However, I have some criticism to offer - and in fact the report invites it.

Road building must be voluntary and given with the free will of the people. I know of no legal means whereby the people can be compelled to work on roads. The diary entry of 10th June, 1958 states that "action would be taken" if there was not a better attendance (of presumably workmen). There are other references to this in the Report.

As to the people not parading for census I agree that the officer showed patience but I would point out that the Census laws only apply if the reason is Census-recording. A case at Raluana several years ago plainly showed this.

I agree that primitive people should carry out road work as a task that will benefit them but you will appreciate that any force is out of the question. You might care to bring this to the attention of the Patrol Officer, Southern Highlands District. "

p R. A. R.
(A.A. Roberts.)
Director.

30/5/96

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"APPENDIX A".

REPORT ON MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL PAPUAN AND NEW GUINEA CONSTABULARY
ACCOMPANYING THE PATROL.

Reg. No. 1269 CPL. AKURU:

Again this N.C.O. proved
reliable and competent
Conduct - excellent.

Reg. No. 1856 - L/Cpl. MUTAI:

A reliable and capable N.C.O.
Conduct very good.

Reg. No. 2325 - CONST. VAYDA:

A quiet worker and can be
thoroughly relied upon.
Conduct very good.

Reg. No. 7447 - CONST. HANDARI:

This man has an impressive
technique when handling natives.
He is popular amongst the people
of this area and he carries out
his work most efficiently.
Conduct very good.

Handwritten signature
(R. A. HIATT)

Cadet Patrol Officer.



In Reply Please Quote No.

10. Sept 58.

Director of Native Affairs.

Port Moresby.

Attached Patrol Report: NO 5. 1957-58. Mr. R.A. Hunt CPO
Southern Highlands District.

1. Mr. Hunt has done a creditable job and his report is a good one. However I have some criticisms to offer - and in fact the report invites it.
Road building must be voluntary and given with the free will of the people. I know of no legal means whereby the people can be compelled to work on roads. The diary entry of 10th June 1958 states that "action would be taken" if there was not a better attendance (of presumably workmen). There are other references to this in the reports.
2. As to the people not attending for census I agree that the officer showed patience but I would have said that the Census laws only apply if the reason is Census-recording. A case at Rabaul some several years ago plainly showed this.
3. I agree that primitive people should carry out road work as a task that will benefit them but you will appreciate that any force is out of the question. You might care to bring this to the attention of the Southern Highlands District.

J. K. Williams

EO (OS).

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The Assistant Administrator.....

MINUTE

File No. NA 30-15-96

Govt. Print.-275/9.57.

SUBJECT

Patrol Report No.5. 1957/58 - Tari.

Your attention is invited to page 8 of the Report.

Mr. Hiatt Cadet Patrol Officer, working under supervision, is encouraging people to build roads by explaining to them the benefits thereof; thereafter demonstrating to them road usage by bringing patients by vehicle to the Tari Hospital for treatment.

The improvement in the attitude of the people mentioned is most creditable.

Passed to you for your information please.

A.A. Roberts

(A.A.Roberts.)
Director.

8th September, 1958.

EO. (ds)

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The Records Clerk.

MINUTE

Govt. Print.—275/0.57.

File No. NA 20-18-96.

SUBJECT

Anthropological Section.

Patrol Report No. 5. 1957/58 - Tari.

Please pass to Mr. Julius [unclear] his
return from leave : Anthropology - Page 9.

(T.G. Mitchison.)

Chief of Division, Govt. & Research.

8th September, 1958.

R/s 1/3/59

30-18-96

8th September, 1958.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

Patrol Report No.5. 1957/58 - Tari.

Receipt of the above-mentioned
Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

Mr. Crelling in his memorandum
to you has made a first class brief appreciation
of the situation.

It is gratifying to note that the
people along the Huria River gained confidence
during the patrol.

It might be advisable at this
stage to record the clan-tribal boundaries; such
records will be invaluable in the future.

Mr. Hiatt handled the situation
recorded on June 28th -30th very well.

I am particularly gratified with
the remarks contained at page 8 of the report under
the heading 'Native Affairs'.

Mr. Hiatt showed good judgment in
the handling of the situation when the people
refused to appear for the Census.

I am extremely gratified in the
contents of this report. Mr. Hiatt has displayed
powers of observation, good judgment and application
together with a capacity for satisfactory recording.

ppr A.A.R.
(A.A. Roberts.)
Director.

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Department of the Administrator,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

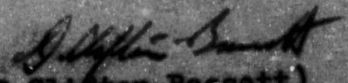
27th August, 1958.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT No. 5 - 1957/58 - TARI.

My 31 - 18C of 15th August, 1958, refers.

Census figures on the Village Population Register
are enclosed herewith.


(D. Clifton-Barrett)
Acting District Commissioner.

DCB:vHG.

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Department of the Administrator,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

27th August, 1958.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
FORT MOSESBY.

PATROL REPORT No.5 - 1957/58 - TARI.

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D. Clifton-Bassett
(D.Clifton-Bassett)
Acting District Commissioner.

30/10/96 ✓

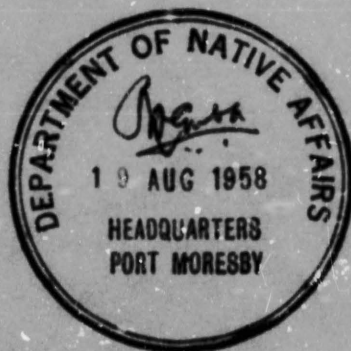


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District Headquarters,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

15th. August, 1958.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
Konedobu,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT No. 5. 1957/58 - TARI.

The attached patrol report is
forwarded herewith, together with copy of my comments
to the Assistant District Officer, Tari.

D. Clinton-Bassett
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D. Clinton-Bassett.
Acting District Commissioner.

Encl.



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In Reply
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No. 31/1-179

District Headquarters,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

14th. August, 1958.

The Assistant District Officer,
TARI.

PATROL REPORT NO. 5 1957/58. TARI.

The above mentioned report is acknowledged.

Reference Diary entry 28th. June, 1958. It is a good idea, particularly for a Cadet Patrol Officer, to quote the Regulation under which an arrest is made for any offence of this nature. The Director can then be well satisfied that arrests are within the Law. Also please ensure that Junior Officers are well instructed in, and able to cope with instances such as this, because they can so easily turn into ugly scenes in these areas which after all, are still very primitive.

I fully agree with you that Mr. Hiatt acted sensibly in being tolerant over the poor census on account of the good response to road work.

Mr. Hiatt has done commendable work, carried out the patrol in an able manner and is obviously developing into a capable Officer.

The claim for camping allowance is returned herewith. A recheck will disclose the number of camping nights to be 26, not 27. Please ensure that this type of routine job is 100% correct before submission to me as it saves a great deal of time if done properly in the first instance. Please see Circular Instruction No. 272 of the 16th. May, 1958. and in particular Para. 6.

Please have census figures compiled on the Village Population Register Forms as required by Para. 18 of Circular Instruction 267 of the 24th. March, 1958. The idea is that the forms can be filed as each census division is rechecked and with a separate file for each census division quick comparisons of census can be made. All this is clearly indicated in that particular Circular and I would be pleased if you would ensure that all Officers under your control abide by the Department of Native Affairs instructions to the letter. In no other way can uniformity of Administrative systems be achieved.

Agree

J. K. K.

D. Clifton-Bassett
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D. Clifton-Bassett.
Acting District Commissioner.

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File No: 30/1-139

Sub-District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
TARI.

31st July, 1958.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

TARI PATROL REPORT NO. 5 - 1957/58.


Enclosed please find in triplicate, Patrol Report No. 5 of 1957/58 conducted by Mr. R. A. Hiatt, C.F.O.

Mr. Hiatt has made a very appreciable effort in advancing the roadhead towards Mendi. I visited the Patrol on a number of occasions and at its conclusion $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of well graded, well formed and well drained road had been almost completed.

The trouble in which the Toma, Hadi and Neni groups were involved has been investigated. The ring-leaders have scattered and hidden and will be sought at a later date.

The tribal fight at Nomanda, (See Diary 25th June), has been investigated and charges laid.

The Census was not very successful. The area is one in which the people can appreciate the advantage of a road to the Station, but not of having their names recorded. As they all co-operated so well on the road-work, I think Mr. Hiatt took the correct view in being fairly lenient about their non-attendance at Census.


(W. W. CRELLIN)

Assistant District Officer.

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File No: 30/4- 055.

Sub-District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
TARI.

28th May, 1958.

Mr. R. A. Hiatt,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
TARI.

TARI PATROL NO: 5 of 1957-58.


Please prepare to commence a Patrol on the
1st June, to the Southern section of the HUKI Basin.

The objects of the Patrol are:

- (1). Peg a new section of the Mendi Road from the
existing roadhead to the top of the Gap and
supervise commencement of work on this section.
No gradient to exceed 7%. The width of the
road to be no less than 20ft. ✓
- (2). Census all groups within the area in which you
are working. ✓
- (3). Attend to any other native matters brought to
your notice and send the parties in any Court
cases to the Station for adjudication. ✓

Your Police Detachment will consist of Corporal
AKURU and three Constables.

The duration of the Patrol will be approximately
three weeks during which time I will visit you as circumstances
permit, to give any guidance or advice you may need. ✓


(W. W. CRELLIN)

Assistant District Officer.

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Sub-District Office,
Southern Highlands District,
TARI.

8th July, 1958.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

PATROL REPORT NO. 5 of 1957/58 - TARI - SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS.

AREA PATROLLED: Southern Section of TARI BASIN.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: R. A. HIATT, C.P.O.

PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY: 1 Interpreter
4 R.P. & N.G.C.
1 N.M.C.
2 Labourers.

DURATION OF PATROL: Monday 2nd June to Saturday 5th July, 1958.
29 days.

LAST PATROL TO AREA: MENDI Patrol No.10 of 1955/56
April 1956 - MR. N. J. GRANT, P.O.

OBJECTS OF PATROL: (1) Supervise extension of TARI-MENDI road
from existing roadhead.
(2) Census groups within this area of road
extension.

INTRODUCTION:

The first object of this Patrol was to peg and supervise the construction of a road to the HURIA River, the distance between these two points, over the proposed route, being approximately 1½ miles. The greater part of the patrol was spent gathering labour from the surrounding area and organising the various clans to construct allocated sections. As time became available during this period, a 2½ mile section from the HURIA River in the direction of the GAP was marked. The object to census those groups within the area was left to the later stages of the patrol when these people would have become adjusted to regular work at regular times.

At the earlier stages of the patrol, the people living on the banks of the HURIA were found to be distrustful and on a number of occasions they were seen to run from their gardens and ascend a ridge on the other side of the HURIA. After they had been informed of our peaceful intentions the men began appearing for work on the road and women brought food to the camp.

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The line marked by the HURIA River from the DOMA Peak to the point where the TARI-MENDI road will cross the HURIA, (a distance of some 3 miles), appears to be a natural boundary line dividing the densely populated TARI Basin from the sparsely populated ridges ascending to the DOMA Peaks and Mount KERUWA. It can be said from this, that when the MENDI-TARI road is extended to the HURIA, it will have reached the southern extremity of the densely populated TARI Basin. This winding 9 mile roadway from TARI penetrates through a thickly populated area and it is an important starting mark from which branch roads will be constructed. With the construction of similar branch roads from other established arterial roads, a vital road network will have been developed. Such a network will do much to hasten the political, economic and social development of the TARI Basin having an estimated population of 15,000 people.

DIARY:

MONDAY, June 2nd, 1958.

Departed TARI per Landrover at 1600 hours and went to the end of the MENDI road. Camp had been constructed on the banks of the TOMA Creek by the police party sent out earlier in the day.

The work done on this section of the road by the HADANI group has been spasmodic and at present is at a standstill. Sent word out for surrounding groups to gather in the morning.

TUESDAY, 3rd June, 1958.

At 0730 hours departed camp to inspect proposed route of road which at this stage passes through a 600 yards section of pit-pit, 150 yards section of garden and 200 yards section of thick bush. Several natives began clearing section of pit-pit at 0830 hours. Instructed several ~~lads~~ to build up lower bank of TOMA Creek which is some ten feet below the opposite bank. This built up section will be composed of river stones.

Returned to camp at 1200 hours and departed at 1245 hours into surrounding garden area to impress on the people why they must gather to work on their section of the new road.

Returned camp 1615 hours.

WEDNESDAY, 4th June, 1958.

At 0800 hours 30 HADANIS and LEWA had gathered and commenced clearing the marked pilot road through pit-pit.

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WEDNESDAY, 4th June, 1958 (continued).

At 930 hours 100 men were working well. Police and self worked on bridge over TOMA Creek.

At days end 200 yards pit-pit cleared - 150 yards prepared for construction of drains.

THURSDAY, 5th June, 1958.

Heavy rain continued until 1130 hours, few natives showed up for work. Forty natives appeared and completed a further 30 yards of clearing.

At 1430 hours walked along intended route which passes through a semi-swamp area for approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. The problem created by this lengthy strip will not be great as this area slopes gently down to the HURIA River and affords means for easy drainage.

FRIDAY, 6th June, 1958.

Well over 100 HADANIS and LEWA working well clearing pit-pit. Although there was light rain throughout the day 350 yards of road was cleared of pit-pit. At first sight the clearing of pit-pit appears an easy task but, the removal of pit-pit stumps requires laborious work.

SATURDAY, 7th June, 1958.

At 0730 hours moved camp to a garden area approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile farther along the proposed route.

At 0900 hours departed camp with 3 police to select suitable route to HURIA river. Found a much better route than the one suggested earlier. The sections of swamp area are few and the route for this $\frac{1}{2}$ mile section varies less than 10 degrees.

SUNDAY, 8th June, 1958.

All natives were absent due to MOGA (death payment) being negotiated on the banks of the HURIA River. One man of the HADI group had been killed in a recent fight in the restricted area involving TOMA, HADIS and NENE groups. Visited this MOGA at 1100 hours, signs from the TOMA group had arrived. The MOGA was eventually finalised at 1300 hours.

MONDAY, 9th June, 1958.

A good attendance of 120 men working today. Many of these were seen at the MOGA yesterday. Cleared a 200^{yd} section through thick bush.

TUESDAY, 10th June, 1958.

Drop in attendance to 80. With two police went to HADAPI area to investigate the reason for this poor attendance. Warned a large group at ceremonial ground that action would be taken if there wasn't an improvement in the attendance tomorrow.

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WEDNESDAY, 11th June, 1958.

Departed camp at 0745 hours to inspect progress on road clearing. 86 TOMA and MABIENI working well clearing kunai and pit-pit. Located better crossing of HURIA River and an improved approach to the TIDIGA ridge. Departed road 1230 hours for LEWA area which had been visited Tuesday, 3rd June. Made thorough search of this area but only a number of women and children seen - the men are supposedly at work on the road.

THURSDAY, 12th June, 1958.

Inspected HADANI section of road - 60 HADANI working satisfactorily. Just prior to my arrival a fight had taken place between two men working on this section concerning an old MOGA. As I was on my way to meet Mr. JENSEN-MUIR I suggested that the two accompany me to have the dispute settled in a more peaceful manner. Mr. JENSEN-MUIR arrived at roadhead at 1115 hours on his weekly road inspection and C.M.M. circuit, departed 1430 hrs.

Steady progress being made by 92 TOMA and LEWA.

FRIDAY, 13th June, 1958.

At 0800 hours went into HADANI garden area. Number of men seen, four of these were arrested for not working on road. Returned to camp at 1320 hours. At 1445 hours inspected section of road leading to HUKIA, 102 TOMA3 and HAPIS working well. Returned camp at 1630 hours.

SATURDAY, 14th June, 1958.

Natives absent - taking part in TEGA-PAIU in the PIANGO area. The TEGA-PAIU is an initiation ceremony lasting usually 4 to 5 days. During afternoon Mr. JENSEN-MUIR and self visited this ceremony in an attempt to find any natives who have not been working on the road. The majority seen have been co-operating - the remainder were told to appear Monday. Returned to Station.

SUNDAY, 15th June, 1958.

Remained Station.

MONDAY, 16th June, 1958. (QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY).

Remained Station.

TUESDAY, 17th June, 1958.

Arrived at camp 900 hrs.

Inspected road progress. The 1 1/2 mile section to the HURIA completed. Will commence the various clans constructing guttering and road tomorrow. Attendance dropped to 120.

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WEDNESDAY, 18th June, 1958.

Good attendance this morning - 190 all told. Five different lines working well on different sections of the road.

Heavy rain curtailed work at 1515 hours.

THURSDAY, 19th June, 1958.

Pegged 230 yards road for HADANIS, LEWA and TOMA. 100 yards guttering and road completed.

Work abandoned at 1450 hrs. due heavy rain.

FRIDAY, 20th June, 1958.

Departed 0800 hours to peg and inspect road. At 1,000 hours accompanied by REV. FR. B. TOMAGWILI, went to TIDIGA ridge on the far side of the HURIA, to select site for trig station. Found suitable site at 5,500 feet.

On return inspected road progress - a further 105 yards completed.

SATURDAY, 21st June, 1958.

At 0800 hours departed camp to find suitable route further on from the point already reached. The TIDIGA ridge appears very favourable. I will discuss this in more detail under ROADS and BRIDGES.

Viewed off in northerly direction to investigate the density of population at the base of DOMA Peak. A number of HARO and MALUA seen and were instructed to appear Monday for work. Returned camp 1615 hours. Departed Landrover for Station at 1700 hours.

SUNDAY, 22nd June, 1958.

Remained Station.

MONDAY, 23rd June, 1958.

Returned camp by Landrover at 900 hours.

Inspected roadwork - 208 men working well. Issued a further 40 shovels. Selected 15 HADANI men to accompany me to other side HURIA River to extend pilot road on TIDIGA Ridge. Heavy rain in afternoon.

TUESDAY, 24th June, 1958.

Corporal AKURA with help of two native labourers and natives commenced construction of rest house on the banks of the HURIA River. With remaining police, continued extension to pilot road, on the further side of HURIA River.

All work abandoned at 1500 hours due to heavy rain.

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WEDNESDAY, 25th June, 1958.

Attempted census HADANI group - these people refused on the grounds that some time ago the NOMANDA group were censused and told that in time of difficulties the Administration will offer assistance to settle disputes. Since then, a tribal fight took place involving the NOMANDA people in which they said some people were killed before the Administration could intervene and settle the dispute.

200 men progressing well - further work done on an extension pilot road.

THURSDAY, 26th June, 1958.

Much better response from LOME group - 94 people entered in census book. 32 HALINDA also responded.

Inspected road work - notable drop in HADANI attendance.

Mr. Jensen-Muir arrived 1415 hours on weekly road inspection and C.N.M. circuit. Advised Mr. Jensen-Muir of HADANI refusal to be censused. HADANI headman told that action will be taken if there is no co-operation in next few days.

FRIDAY, 27th June, 1958.

Left camp at 0745 to inspect road attendance - slight drop in all lines, especially HADIS.

Pegged a further 150 yards for the TOMA group - this group is now working through swamp section and at most of the time the men are standing in water and mud up to their knees.

During the afternoon HADANI headman again refused to be censused. This headman (PIBE) has been most unco-operative and on a number of occasions countermanded instructions concerning roadwork.

SATURDAY, 28th June, 1958.

Headman of the LEWA group (TAI-I) complained that the abovementioned HADANI headman PIBE had threatened to attack a sub-group of the LEWA group should they appear to work on the road again. On further enquiries it was revealed that this particular sub-group TAGABO were not working on the road and according to TAI-I they were frightened of this threat, especially as they had to pass through HADANI area to work on the road. This hostility originated from an old fight in which TAGABO were on the opposing side to the HADANI.

Approached the HADANI headman to enquire if they had condescended to be censused, again a negative answer. Decided to arrest PIBE, the headman, on this offence. Apart from being a general troublemaker, this man has been insolent and is unpopular amongst surrounding groups. While escorting PIBE to TARI Station a large group of HADANI caught up and surrounded the party and demanded that they be arrested with their headman. But, after

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I talked to them the group broke up and returned peacefully to their houses - the escort party continued to TARI without any further incident.

SUNDAY, 29th June, 1958.

Remained at Station.

MONDAY, 30th June, 1958.

Arrived at camp by Landrover at 0745 hours to find an increase in the HADANI attendance. Over 60 men now working well and the threatened Sub-Group, TAGABC were back at work.

Left immediately with all police to make a sweep inspection of the HADI and LEWA areas. Surprised an armed party of LEWA men - caught and arrested three of them. These three men had not been seen working on the road for the past four weeks.

Returned to camp at 1500 hours.

TUESDAY, 1st July, 1958.

A further 200 yard section pegged on the HADANI section. An impressive attendance by the HADI people showed the results of yesterday's visit to their area. 320 workers progressing very well.

WEDNESDAY, 2nd July, 1958.

Enquired into ownership of land on the banks of the HURIA River which appears suitable for proposed Rural Bias School.

Same attendance as yesterday.

THURSDAY, 3rd July, 1958.

Majority of 1½ mile section to HURIA River pegged. Took compass bearings of 2½ mile marked section on the TIDIGA Ridge and also height readings.

Rained heavily in afternoon. Arrived back at camp at 1630 hours.

FRIDAY, 4th July, 1958.

Inspected progress on road and rest house. The rest house is nearing completion.

Just over 250 men working on road.

SATURDAY, 5th July, 1958.

Took bearings and roughly measured the distance of the road between the HURIA River and TOMA Creek.

Received instructions from the Assistant District Officer to return to Station and leave 2 police to carry on road supervision.

Departed TOMA Creek at 1230 hours by tractor. Arrived Station at 1430 hours.

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NATIVE AFFAIRS.

At the first visit to the TOMA area, the people were found to be distrustful and many ran away at the approach of our small party. Those few who remained explained that they thought our party was on a police action patrol investigating the recent tribal fight involving the TOMA, HADI and NENE groups. After assuring them that this was not so, the group became a most co-operative one on the road construction, especially when the settlement of MOGA payments was achieved. In the first week of the patrol. The disputants have been brought before a MM. Nevertheless, this TOMA Group and other surrounding groups were opposed to a census of this area. The LOME group that did respond and were recorded would be 10% of the estimated population in this area. Intensive arrests for this offence were avoided because it was obvious that such action would interfere with roadwork.

"The building of this TARI-MENDI road is the first major works project in this section of the TARI basin and it involved the labour of a large portion of the local manpower. At first, these people were disinclined to offer their help. This attitude was very marked amongst the HADANI people. The benefits that this project would offer them were explained and slowly but surely, they responded and the co-operation by some groups was very pleasing. It was heartening to see some boys suffering from deep-seated ulcers travel by vehicle to TARI for treatment, and to hear many young boys ask for a Government school to be built in the area, and also to see many people walking into TARI by the established road to bring a dispute for settlement by senior officers."

A labour problem to be overcome amongst all people of this area is their ignorance of regular working hours and days. They obviously wonder: "will this work ever cease so that we can return to our gardens etc.,". Being unaccustomed to regular working periods, it was difficult for the majority of people to adjust themselves to a "westernised" working week. Nevertheless, at the later stages of the patrol, it was pleasing to hear a number of headmen casually remark on Saturday mornings: "See you Monday".

The construction of a resthouse on the banks of the HURIA River is nearing completion. This will be at an advantageous point for further road extension work.

ROADS & BRIDGES.

Of the $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile section between the TOMA Creek and HURIA River, at least 1 mile of road has been completed and if the work carries on at the same pace, the remainder should be completed within three weeks. For the main part this $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile section seldom varies from the two compass bearings 90 degrees and 145 degrees.

As the work of building bridges requires the energies of a policeman and a handful of natives, the writer concentrated all available labour on actual road construction as this required

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the bulk of manpower.

With the exception of the TOMA Creek the remaining 12 bridges to be constructed are over narrow drainage ditches averaging 12 feet deep by 5 feet wide.

A pilot road has been marked on the further side of the HURIA and extends for approximately 2 miles along the TIDIGA Ridge, (see sketch map). This TIDIGA Ridge appears a favourable approach to the Gap. This section marked extends in an E.S.E. direction at an average gradient of 5%. The type of growth on this ridge consists mainly of pit-pit and occasional brush. From here the road will continue through a heavily timbered pass and ascend to the Gap which is a saddle between the KEWEWA and DOMA mountains at a little over 8,000 feet.

AGRICULTURE.

At the request of Mr. Trellin, A.D.O, the availability of land for the establishment of a Rural Bias School was investigated. A large block of land approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile by $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, which is not being cultivated appears favourable. The type of growth consists mainly of pit-pit and kunai with patches of swamp throughout. The area slopes gently down to the HURIA River and this slope affords means for easy drainage. The land is owned by the HADI and PARUGARI people and is used only for pig grazing.

HEALTH AND MEDICAL.

Although the general health of the people in this area appears to be fair, there were numerous people with skin ulcers. A number of serious cases were sent into the TARI hospital to receive attention. Some of these cases returned during the patrol and proudly exhibited the impressive results of skin grafts received at the Station. From then on there was a noticeable increase in the number of people requesting to be sent into the Station to receive similar medical treatment.

The establishment of a Medical Aid Post on this road was requested by the people.

ANTHROPOLOGY.

In the HURI society there appear to be undertakers whom one might refer to as "professional morticians". When a person dies the deceased is placed on an enclosed and roofed platform some 15 feet from the ground. In this, the body remains and decomposes for approximately 10 weeks. At this period, about 4 or 5 "professional morticians" are hired by close relatives of the deceased. These hired men are often members of another clan. The undertakers prepare a burial platform similar to the abovementioned one, but it is only supported by poles at a height of 5 to 6 feet. The edges of this enclosed platform are painted intricately with a uniform design that is rather striking. The black, white and red paints, moistened

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to a paste consistency are contained on a slab of bark which is held on the left hand, as an artist might hold his palette. With a crude cane brush in his right hand the HURI "artist" dabs and strokes away at his work. On completion of this new platform, two of the undertakers sever the six poles supporting the old platform and lower the decomposed body to the ground. The body is then transferred to the newly constructed platform.

The usual fee payable to these "professional" men appears to be:

- (1). The legs of a pig for the construction of the burial platform, and
- (2) A pig or gold lipped shell for the transfer of the body to this burial platform.

From other enquiries there appear to be professional men who manufacture various artefacts such as bows, arrows and axes, etc. With the above finding, there seems to exist in the HURI society, a number of occupations in which particular people specialise. #

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"APPENDIX A".

REPORT ON MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL PAPUAN AND NEW GUINEA CONSTABULARY
ACCOMPANYING THE PATROL.

Reg. No. 1269 CPL. AKURU:

Again this N.C.O. proved
reliable and competent
Conduct - excellent.

Reg. No. 1856 - L/Cpl. TAMUTAI:

A reliable and capable N.C.O.
Conduct very good

Reg. No. 2325 - CONST. VAIDA:

A quiet worker and can be
thoroughly relied upon.
Conduct very good.

Reg. No. 7447 - CONST. HANDARI:

This man has an impressive
technique when handling natives.
He is popular amongst the people
of this area and he carries out
his work most efficiently.
Conduct very good.

R. A. Hiatt
(R. A. HIATT)

Gadet Patrol Officer.

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