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SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT PATROL REPORT

1969-1970

MARGARIMA NIPA

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. MARGARIMA no. 1 - 69/70
 Patrol Conducted by M.J. EDGAR Assistant District Officer.
 Area Patrolled Part of MARGARIMA C/D.
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans nil
 Natives Interpreter HAPEI + 3 members of R.P. & N.G. Const.
 Duration—From 6/7/1969 to 9/7/1969
 Number of Days 4 days
 Did Medical Assistant accompany? no
 Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 9/1968
 Medical 19
 Map Reference
 Objects of Patrol Murder Investigation

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please

6, 3, 1970

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

GFL:SK

Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.....Papua.

67-15-42

23rd March, 1970.

District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MEKFI.

PATROL NO. MARGARIMA 1/69-70.

Your reference 67-3-13 of 2/3/70.

2. I acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of Special Report by Mr. H. J. Edgar, Assistant District Officer, of part Margarima Census Division.
3. The investigation appears to have been handled quite competently.
4. This patrol was completed in July, 1969, and I am unable to understand why there was such a long delay in the submission of the report.

(T. W. Ellis)
Secretary
Department of the Administrator.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-15-42.

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No.

Department of the Administrator,

District Office,
MEIDI,
Southern Highlands District.

2nd. March, 1970.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

MARGARIMA PATROL No. 1 of 1969/70.

I have sent you the original and two copies of this report compiled by Mr.M.J.Edgar, Assistant District Officer. Also attached is his Assistant District Commissioner's covering memorandum.

2. The object of this short patrol was to investigate a reported murder. Mr.Edgar's report is satisfactory and he appears to have carried out his investigation competently.

3. Of interest was Mr.Edgar's difficulty in recruiting carriers to remove the body of the dead women. This is a backward area and the people's belief in the spirits of the dead is quite ingrained.

(Signature)
(D.J.Clancy)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Please advise that in future all reports are submitted within 7 days of completion of patrol. Please return Mr. Edgar at his home address to submit patrol reports.

REGISTERED MAIL

67-1-6

ALPA. Southern Highlands.

24th November, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Department of the Administrator,
NSWRI.

Subject:- Margarima Patrol Report No. 1 - 69/70 - M. J. Edgar,
A.D.C.

Attached please find three copies with maps of the above mentioned report. No camping allowance claim was attached to the report. The Officer-in-Charge, Margarima, will be advised that he is to contact Mr. Edgar, to have his claim submitted.

The report is straight forward and apart from the delayed submission, no comments are required. The report was received at Nips on 7th November, 1969. For a four day patrol covering 4 1/2 pages the delay is inexcusable.

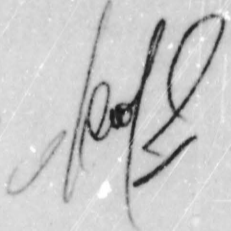


F.L. Leibfried.
a/Assistant District Commissioner.

cc. O.I.C., Margarima.

Please ensure that in future, all reports are submitted within 7 days of completion of patrol. Please contact Mr. Edgar at his leave address to submit patrol claims.

F.L.



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PATROL REPORT

MARGARIMA PATROL No 1 of 1969 / 1970

Report No 1 of 1969 / 70
Sub - District Nipa
District Southern Highlands District
Type of Patrol **KESMIKI** Special - Murder Investigation
Patrol Conducted by M.J. EDGAR, A.D.O.
Area Patrolled Margarima Census Division (Part Only)
Council Margarima Local Government Council Area
Census Divisions Margarima
Personnel Accompanying
Const First Class 1143 DEMAK
Constable 1861 POPORA
Constable 2437 ALLEN
Interpreter HAPEI
Duration of Patrol 6th July, 1969 to 9th July, 1969
No of Days 4 (3 nights)
Last D.D.A. Patrol to the Area September, 1968 (Annual Census)
Date As above Duration 15 days
Object of Patrol To investigate the alleged murder of a woman called AMEIA WAIAMO of PANDUAGE No 1 (Taranda)

PATROL REPORTMARGARIMA PATROL No 1 1969 / 1970INTRODUCTION

The Rest House known as PANDUAGA No 1 is also known as TAGANDA and lies at the northern extremity of the MARGARIMA Patrol Post Area, and is some six hours walk from the station in good weather conditions however, the Rest House can be reached in a shorter time (approximately four hours) from the MARGARIMA - KANDEP Road.

PATROL DIARYSunday 6th July, 1969

1000 received a report of an alleged murder at Panduaga No 1 by
 APIA HAIYEWI
 1400 departed Margarima per tractor for YENAGARI accompanied by
 3 members of R.P.&.N.G.C. and a part time interpreter HAPEI
 1600 arrived at YENAGARI and slept there over night.

Monday, 7th July, 1969

XIENY 0730 departed YENAGARI for PANDUAGA No 1 via KARIAKA and
 PANDUAGA No 2.
 0930 arrived ARIAKA and then proceeded to PANDUAGA No 2
 1200 arrived at PANDUAGA No 2 and decided to remain there for the
 remainder of the day because of injuries to my leg.
 1300 began to question people from PANDUAGA No 1 who could throw
 some light on the alleged murder and in particular interviewed
 a small male child LASI YALA son of the deceased and took a
 statement from him. The United Church Medical Assistant was
 also interviewed.
 Over night at PANDUAGA No 2

Tuesday, 8th July, 1969

0730 proceeded on to PANDUAGA No 1 about an hour distant and then
 to AIUNGA Hamlet, the scene of the alleged murder.
 A large crowd had gathered and several people were eventually
 interviewed.
 The recently buried body of the female AMEIA WALMO was recovered
 and carried to YENAGARI after as much as possible of the
 occurrence had been ascertained.

Tuesday, 8th July, 1969 (Continued)

1400 - 1615 en route to ARIAKA and decided to remain there overnight due to appalling weather conditions.
Over night at ARIAKA.

Wednesday, 9th July, 1969

0730 departed ARIAKA for YENAGARI arriving there at 0930 and returned to the station with the body upon a post mortem examination is to be held.
1130 Patrol stood down.

END OF DIARY

REPORT

RECEPTION OF PATROL

As is usual in this area the patrol was accepted in a friendly manner and porters were in good supply, supplies of firewood were freely available and offers of food were made to the patrol.

Only when it came to removing the body of the deceased female AMEIA WAINHO was some initial difficulty experienced in recruiting carriers. They were afraid that the spirit of the deceased would return and haunt the people if they removed the body. After it had been explained at some length that it was necessary for the body to be examined by a doctor to ascertain the cause of death sufficient men were recruited.

INVESTIGATION OF THE ALLEGED MURDER

On Sunday, 6th July, 1969 between about 1000 and ~~130~~ 1030 a man named APIA HAIYEWI came to my house and after obtaining the services of an interpreter it was ascertained that a woman had died mysteriously and suddenly at PANDUAGA No 1. It was suspected that she had been murdered on the night of Friday 4th July, 1969 by her husband YALA MANEI.

A patrol was hurriedly mounted and upon arrival at PANDUAGA No 2 the son of the deceased was interviewed. It transpired that he was an eye witness to the occurrence and because of his tender years (about seven) a formal statement was taken from him.

INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED MURDER CONTINUED

One Frank Lobe, a British Solomon Islander and Medical Assistant for the United Church, was also interviewed at PANDUAGA No 2 as he was the first person of any medical training to examine the body shortly after death had been reported.

It was also learned that the suspect YALA MANEI had proceeded to KANDEP with some haste on Saturday, 5th July, 1969 and this man did not become available for questioning until Friday, 11th, July.

LASI YALA, the first son of the deceased stated that on the Friday evening his father had returned home and had told him and a younger brother LOI a story about the NIPA Corrective Institution and after this had had an argument with his wife over the non-preparation of his evening meal. YALA then returned to his own house and the woman AMEIA and her two sons retired to bed.

A short time later YALA returned to his wife's house and removed the two children to the front room and another altercation between the husband and wife started. LASI claims he saw his mother's feet thrashing about wildly and just before they became still claims that his mother said that her husband had killed her and that he and LOI should go to ARIAKA to stay with her relatives. In the ~~morning~~ morning YALA called out that his wife had died and when spectators and mourners came to the house he told them that she had fallen upon a sharp wooden fence stake the previous evening and died.

The following witnesses were also questioned at some length.

ELAI / ~~YAE~~ YEA - Was the first man into the house on the Saturday morning and demonstrated how the body was lying. He also helped remove the body from the house with one MIABE - POKAIYA.

LIPEI PENGEI removed part of the fence upon ~~with~~ which the woman is alleged to have fallen and tried to insert it into the visible wounds on the throat but came to the conclusion that the woman had not fallen upon the stake. This was later confirmed by the autopsy conducted by Dr. C. Mills.

APIA HAIYWEI the reporter of the incident removed a quantity of earth and what appeared to be human blood and excreta from the deceased's house near where her body was lying.

Five women, the first arrivals at the scene were of little help. The names of these women are DEKEMI, TEMEGO, KAMEI, ORGOLI, and MONGEI. They claim that they started wailing at the sight of the body and took no notice of later proceedings.

A thorough search of the two houses at AIUNGA Hamlet was instituted to try to discover any weapon but none was found. A similar search was made of the area around the hamlet, with a similar result.

Measurements and sketches of the scene were made and recorded. The exhibits removed from the scene were a piece of KAEI tree about 6 feet long which had been sharpened but the point removed, a broken shell necklaces thought to have been worn by the woman immediately prior to her death, a blood stained sleeping mat, and several short roughly shaped boards.

YALA MANEI when he was brought to MARGARIMA from KANDEP maintained that his wife had met with an unfortunate accident and that when he had told people how his wife died he was threatened with death by KEIWALI TOMABEI of ARIAKA, cousin of the deceased. He claims that he went to KANDEP for protection rather than MARGARIMA because he feared ambush on the MARGARIMA Road.

Only when confronted with the post mortem report did YALA change his story and stated that he struck his wife across the throat because of alleged adultery.

In view of the doctors findings and YALA's conflicting story the husband was charged with wilful murder.

The woman died as the result of something having been held across her throat just above her "adams apple" thus asphyxiating her.

SITUATION REPORT

On the 28th April, 1969 a death of a woman was reported from PANDUAGA No 2 but a post mortem examination of this body ~~showed~~ showed that the woman had not died by violence but rather the result of a sudden illness. The people were not thoroughly convinced of this but eventually accepted the doctors findings.

In the case of the death of AMEIA WAIMAMO the people had firmer grounds for suspecting foul play and even at the time of the investigation demanded that compensation be paid to the deceased relatives. This compensation is referred to in Pidgin as "moga". It was rumoured that if compensation was not paid that YALA would be killed. It was emphasised that the law must be upheld and that YALA would have to stand his ~~trial~~ trial and under no circumstances would a pay back killing be tolerated nor would the perpetrator of such an act be dealt with lightly. 9

Generally speaking the people are quite law-abiding but like many other highland groups are very volatile and have a propensity for physical

violence

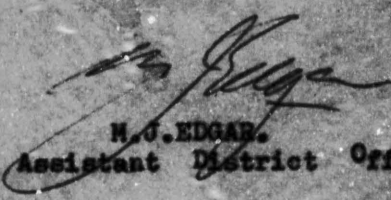
Even though YALA may receive a heavy sentence he will still be responsible, in the eyes of the people, to pay compensation for his wife's murder.

Some members of this group are affiliated with people from the BIAKO (KANDEP) Census Unit where a policeman was murdered in 1966 and prior to 1967 the people of PANDUAGA No 1 (TAJANDA) were part of the KANDEP Patrol Post Area.

In all other respects the native situation and attitudes are quite normal in the area.

It is the author's opinion that one or two observers be taken to WENDI to watch the Court proceedings.

For your information, please.


H. J. EDGAR,
Assistant District Officer.

MARGARIMA C.D.

MARGARIMA PANCH.
No. 1069/70.

WAGE C.D.

Panduaga •
No-1

Panduaga •
No-2

• Lulu
(Wiranda)

• Tandaka

Anakas

TO KANBER

Yonagari

Ugu

TO TARI

Nambias

Tabala •

Anaba Dal
(Nange)

Piba •

• Laru

MARGARIMA
Kema

Anaba No-2
(Humana)

• Pus

Kamban •

• Sambala

Kapanda •

Wanya
(Pasar)

TO KIRA

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... Margarima Patrol No. 3 of 1969/70.

Subdistrict..... Nipa.

District..... Southern Highlands District.

Type of Patrol..... Special (Road maintenance).

Patrol Conducted by..... W. Hera (Patrol Officer).

Area Patrolled } Margarima Census Division (Part only).
(Council and/or } Margarima Local Govt. Council area.
Census Division/s.) } Margarima.

Personnel Accompanying Patrol Interpreter- Mogera/Kibura.
..... R.P.N.G.C. - Nil.

Duration of Patrol—from 28 / 7 / 69 To 1 / 8 / 69

No. of Days..... 5 days (4 nights)

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area : Margarima Patrol No 1 of 1969/70

Date..... 6/7/69 to 9/7/69 Duration..... 4 days

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)..... To repair Margarima/Nipa road of the section
between Paera and Mabera rest-houses.

Total Population of Area Patrolled.....

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

/ /19

.....
District Commissioner.

67-15-23
Division of District Administration,
Konoctou.

15th January, 1970.

District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
N.I.P.A.

PATROL NO. SARAWAKIA 3/69-70

Your reference 67-3-13 of 30th December, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. V. Hara, P.M. Officer, to part HAWAIIAN Census Division.

I am in agreement with your covering comments.

Mr. Hara has a sympathetic attitude towards the local people.

Mr. Hara will be expected to give attention to his duties.

(T.V. ELIIS)

Secretary

Department of the Administrator

c.c. Mr. V. Hara,
Sub-District Office,
N.I.P.A.,
Southern Highlands District.

Whilst political education is a continuing process, it is becoming a more specialised task and you are still expected to participate fully in its extension at every opportunity.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67.18.25.

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Department of the Administrator,
Southern Highlands
District,

MENDI

30th December, 1969.



The Secretary,
Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU

MARGARINA PATROL NO. 3 OF 1969/70

I have attached two copies of the above mentioned Patrol Report submitted by Mr. W. Hera, Patrol Officer. Also attached are copies of Patrol Instructions by the Officer-In-Charge, Margarina. I have not received a covering memorandum from the Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa.

The aim of this special Patrol would appear to have been achieved although it is doubtful if much improvement can be expected to this road over a period of four days.

Mr. Hera will be advised to pay closer attention to his grammar.

E. J. Clancy

(E. J. Clancy)

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Patrol Post,
MARGARINA,
Via MENDI
Southern Highlands District.

File 67 - 1 - 2

25 July, 1969

W. Hera,
Trainee Patrol Officer,
MARGARINA

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS

MAINTENANCE NIPA - MARGARINA ROAD

Please prepare to depart POISERA (WENJA) on the Nipa - Margarina Road on MONDAY , 28th July, 1969 to supervise the road maintenance of that section of the road between POISERA Rest House and MABERA Rest house.

Please take the Census Registers from these two places and conduct a roll call and advise me of any absentees.

A vehicle will be sent to pick you up on Friday afternoon.

On Monday, 4th August, 1969 proceed to MABERA (PUL) and supervise the road maintenance between MABERA and WOIYA.

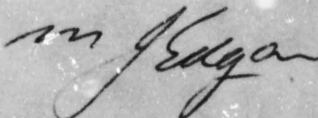
Take with you the Census Registers for MABERA and WOIYA.

The people on this section of road have been rather lack of recent weeks in the road maintenance of their section of roads and it is important to keep this road open and in good repair.

There is some possibility that I may be proceeding to MINJ early in August and in that case you are to remain on the station.

If you have any difficulties of any sort or require anything please send me a note with a runner.

For your information and action, please.



M. J. EDGAR.
Officer In Charge.

MARGARIMA PATROL No. 3 OF 1969/70
(PART MARGARIMA CENSUS DIVISION)

REPORT NUMBER: Margarima Patrol No. 3 of 1969/70. (Part)

SUB-DISTRICT: Nipa.

DISTRICT: Southern Highlands District.

TYPE OF PATROL: Special (Road Maintenance).

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: W. Hera (Patrol Officer).

AREA PATROLLED: Margarima Census Division (Part only).

COUNCIL: Margarima Local Government Council area.

CENSUS DIVISIONS: Margarima.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL: Interpreter - Mogeru Kibura.
R.P.N.G.C. - Nil.

PERIOD OF PATROL: 28/7/69 to 1/8/69.

NUMBER OF DAYS: 5 days.

LAST D.D. PATROL TO AREA: Margarima No. 1 of 1969/70.

DATE: 6/7/69 to 1/8/69. (23 nights)

OBJECTS OF PATROL: To supervise the road maintenance on the Margarima/Nipa road of the section between Peisora and Mabea rest-houses.

MAP REFERENCE: Sketch Map attached.

Work started at 0800 hrs. The number of workers was as previous days.

Work progressed well today. Lunch at 1200 hrs.

Started again at 1300 hrs. A fair amount of work was done today.

Finished the day at 1800 hrs.

Slept at Mabea.

Friday (1/8)

Work started at 0800 hrs. By the end of the day, the Patrol repaired about 200 yards of road. Finished work at 1300 hrs. and returned to the station by truck.

The Patrol stood down.

The Patrol did not return on 2/8/69 as instructed (see Patrol Instructions, paragraph 10). The Patrol was at the station for Miss W.R.B. As a consequence, Patrol was cancelled.

28/7/69

PATROL DIARY.

Monday (28/7)

Preparation for Patrol. (See Patrol Instructions--Ref. 67-1-2)
The Patrol left Station at 1300 hrs. for Posera (Wenja) along the Nipa/Margarima road.
Arriving at 1345 hrs. Rest of the afternoon I organised and instructed the Wenja people of the roadwork, and despatched them to work.
Finished work at 1700 hrs.
Slept at Posera.

Tuesday(29/7)

At 0730 hrs. Roll call. All worked by 0800 hrs. Lunch break at 1200 hrs. Resumed at 1300 hrs.
Main task was directed towards surfacing. Progress of the work was rather slow due to the weather. Despite this, work progressed well.
Finished the day at 1600 hrs.
Slept at Posera.

Wednesday (30/7)

Roll call was maintained to check attendance. All started work by 0800 hrs.
Up to today, people worked towards Mabara along the road towards Nipa.
Lunch at 1200 hrs.
Resumed work at 1300 hrs. By the end of the day, about 200 yards of road was repaired.
Day ended at 1600 hrs.
Slept at Posera.

Thursday (31/7)

Work today started at 0800 hrs. The number of workforce was as previous days.
Work progressed well today. Lunch at 1200 hrs.
Started again at 1300 hrs. A fair amount of work was done today.
Finished the day at 1600 hrs.
Slept at Posera.

Friday (1/8)

Work started at 0800 hrs. By the end of the day, the Patrol repaired about 300 yards of road. Finished work at 1530 hrs. and returned to the station by track.
The Patrol stood down.

N.B. The Patrol did not return on 4/8/69 as instructed (See Patrol Instructions) because of the fact that the O.I.C. left Station for Minj, W.H.D. As a consequence Patrol was cancelled.

END OF DIARY .

MARGARIMA PATROL No3 OF 1969/70

ROAD MAINTENANCE

(PART MARGARIMA CENSUS DIVISION)

INTRODUCTION:

The main task for this patrol was to repair Margarima/Nipa road of the section between Pesera and Mabera rest-houses.

Originally, this ^{section} of the motor road was unstoned and often nuisance to traffic, especially during wet seasons.

It is quite valid to comment that the villagers residing along this road did some roadwork on their own before, but because of lack of supervision, participation towards the work was just voluntary. This leads to the fact that the people were hardly obedient to Local Government Councillors.

As pointed out in the 'Patrol instructions' that the people on this ~~xxx~~ section of road have been rather lack of recent weeks in the road maintenance of their section of roads. As a consequence, a Special Road Patrol to the area was considered necessary.

The Patrol location is illustrated or shown on the attached sketch patrol map of the area.

LABOR FORCE:

During the first week of the Patrol from 28/7/69 to 1/8/69, the patrol worked with the people from Wenja (Pesera) and repaired their side of the motor road.

The labourers recruited were a mixture of males and females, but naturally there were more males than females. Regarding the females, only some young ones participated throughout the entire patrol. They all obtained food from their homes and attend work every morning.

Roll-call was maintained each morning to check daily attendance. But people responded quite well.

The author noted that people were co-operative and obedient with instructions in this patrol. In addition, work hastened when influential native leaders, such as Councillors and Committees, helped in supervision of work-force, and this was really appreciated by the author because everything went as organised and the patrol eventually brought the road into ~~xxxxxxx~~ trafficable condition.

ROAD WORK:

The Patrol commenced work from Pesera rest-house towards Mabera rest-house at the Nipa side of the road.

Work was slow and difficult as one can imagine because it was done by man-power only. In addition, stones and gravel were transported from a quarry about some 600 yards away from the actual work-site, and these were transported from string bags and barks of trees.

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One other factor was that tools were inadequate or in actual fact nil and this created more problem. In spite of this, labourers worked laboriously with whatever there was available to work with.

The main effort was directed towards surfacing of road-surface with gravel and better drainage system for decent rid off of water during rainy periods.

The average rate of work done per day was about some 600 yards a day and I think this is a good acceleration for such work done by human-machine. At times work was interrupted by weather variations, but nevertheless achievement was great and impressive. An estimated 300 yards of vehicular road was repaired by end of the week for them.

The writer is sympathetic because people were seen working energetically and laboriously, and the scene was quite picturesque ~~and interesting~~ ~~but laborious on the road~~. But it is pity that there was no other alternative means of assistance was readily available for them. Here the writer is forced to suggest that in the long run of the Territory's development, more modern development methods be considered for places such as this to keep current rate of development done by the natives of the area.

Until such assistance is made available people will carry on as they are with bit of reward from cash. No cash payment was effected, but this did not discourage them.

NATIVE ATTITUDE:

The villagers were enthusiastic and keen with the assumption that they comprehended the benefits and advantages of this access road in their area.

No disturbances and everyone cooperated, worked gaily side by side with common or same intentions.

LAW AND ORDER:

It was pleasing to see people seeking justice from Admin. personnel, in that a few discrepancies were brought to my attention.

Such opportunity was taken to foster political knowledge amongst the people and encourage national unity in the process.

Apart from this there was no striking incidents and the patrol was a splendid one.

RECOMMENDATION AND CONCLUSION:

I think the Patrol has achieved its goal due to the fact that it brought the road into trafficable condition for almost six to all weather condition.

The author wishes to recommend that a future such patrols be allocated for even better and much improved roads in the Margarima area.

-- THE END --



Ref:

Patrol Post,
MARGARIMA, via Mendi,
Southern Highlands District.

17th November, 1969.


The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
NIPA.

MARGARIMA PATROL No. 3 OF 1969/70

Please find four copies of Margarima Patrol No. 3 of 1969/70 which was conducted in Part Margarima Census Division (refer to attached Patrol sketch map of the area for patrol location) for you and forwarding.

Contingency is attached to claim for Camping Allowance.

For your information and action, please.


(W. Hara)
Patrol Officer.

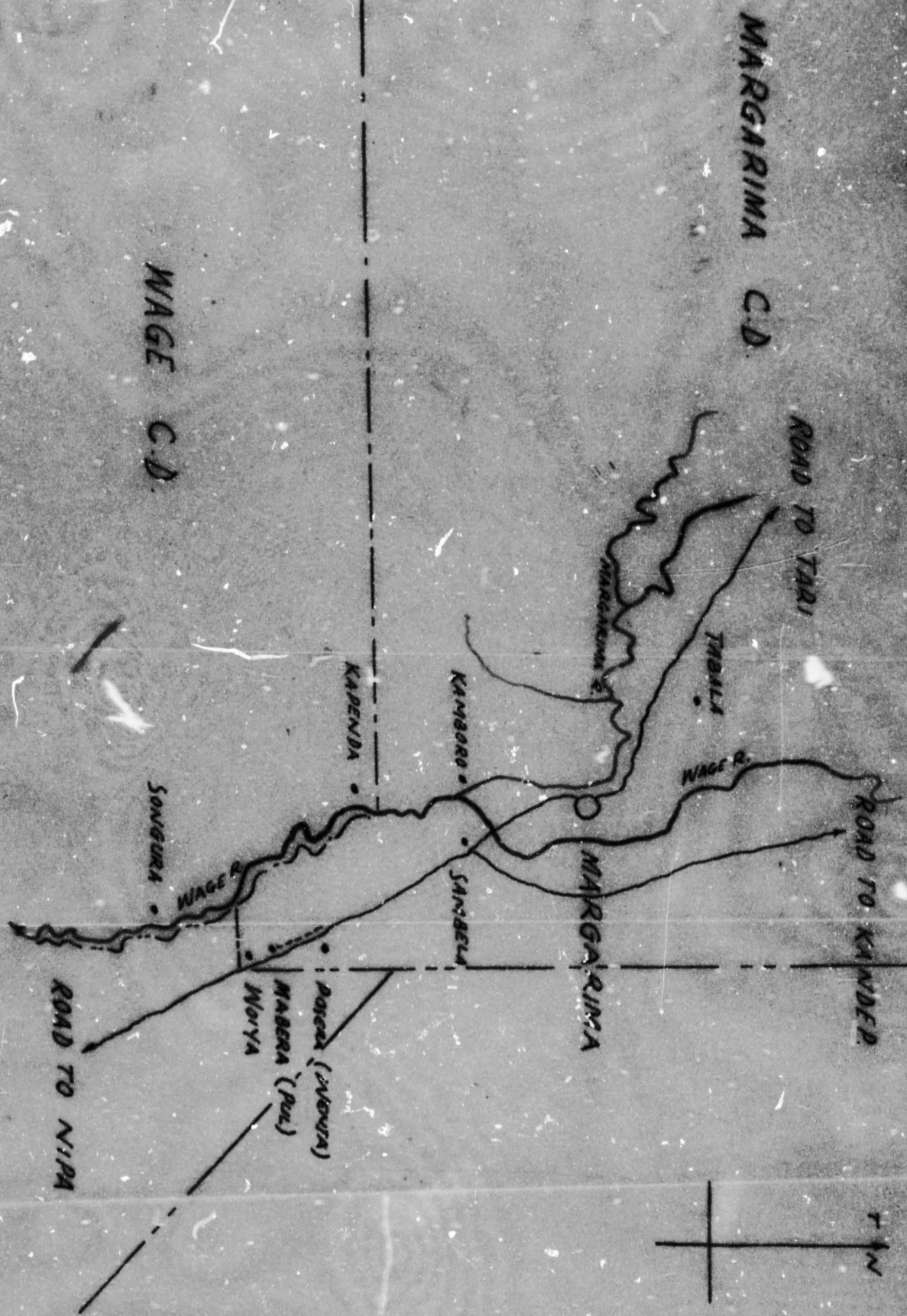
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MARGARIMA PATROL No. 3 1969-70

ROAD MAINTENANCE

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... MARGARIMA No.6 of 1969-70

Subdistrict..... NIPA

District..... SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

Type of Patrol..... SPECIAL PURPOSES

Patrol Conducted by..... S.R.PEARSON A.P.O.

Area Patrolled } PART OF MARGARIMA CENSUS DIVISION
(Council and/or } (MARGARIMA-DOMA PEAKS ROAD)
Census Division/s.) }

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

Mr. D. KENNEDY A.P.O.

1980 Const. WAINGE

Duration of Patrol—from 16/12/69 To 18/12/69

No. of Days..... THREE DAYS (TWO NIGHTS)

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area :..... No.5 OF 1969-70

Date..... 3/12/69 Duration..... 33 days

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)..... To make a detailed inspection of thirteen miles of road, being part of the Margarimaa to Tari Road.

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... 832

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner.

67-15-55

Division of District Administration,

KONEROBU, PAFUA.

8th April, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
HEUDI.

PATROL NO. MARGARINA 6/69-70

Your reference 67-3-13 of 2nd April, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks, receipt of Special Report by Mr. S. R. Pearson, Assistant Patrol Officer of part MARGARINA Census Division.

This short patrol appears to have been quite effective.

The delay in the submission of this brief report is excessive.

(T. F. KELIS)

Secretary,

Department of the Administrator

c.c.

Mr. S. R. Pearson,
Patrol Post,
MARGARINA, Southern Highlands District.

Whilst political education is a continuing process it is becoming a more specialised task, and you are still expected to participate fully in its extension at every opportunity.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of the Administrator,
Division of District
Administration,
Southern Highlands Dist.
MENDI.

2nd April, 1970.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

MARGARIMA PATROL NO 6 of 1969/70.

I have attached two copies of the above mentioned Patrol Report submitted by Mr. S.R. Pearson, Assistant Patrol Officer, together with covering comments from the Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa.

The Assistant District Commissioner's comments adequately cover this report.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D.J. Clancy".

(D.J. CLANCY)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

C.C.
Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
NIPA.

Officer-in-Charge,
Patrol Post,
MARGARIMA.

Mr. S.R. Pearson,
Assistant Patrol Officer,
MARGARIMA.

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MARA. Southern Highlands.

19th March, 1970.

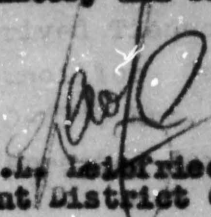
The District Commissioner,
Department of the Administrator,
MARA.

Subject:- Margarina Patrol Report No. 6 - 69/70 - Mr. S. Pearson.
A.F.O..

Attached please find three (3) copies of the above mentioned report.

This was a short patrol for Mr. Pearson, to familiarize himself with the major project being carried out in the Margarina area, the Margarina - Dona Peak Road.

The report is self-explanatory and requires no further comments.


F. L. Leifried,
Assistant District Commissioner.

O.I.C., Margarina.

In future, could you please ensure that the names of villages appearing in your report and on the map, are names that appear in the Village Directory e.g. TIANGO does not appear in the Directory in which case give the name of the village and in brackets after it the hamlet in question - ARUBA No.1 (Tiango).

Although this was a short road patrol, I noticed that you did have discussions with villagers re the prospecting activities and other points, but no mention of any political education. Please ensure that when you have discussions with villagers that time be set aside for political educ. even if it is only for 15 to 30 minutes. Topics to be explained to the people include the B. of A. and its members, the way laws are made, independance, national unity, L.G.C., voting, taxes and the Public Service. You may only have time to discuss one topic but at least it has made the villagers a little more aware than what they were prior to your visit.

F.L.


INTRODUCTION

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The specific objective of this short patrol, was to walk a thirteen mile section of road, that being constructed by the people of Margarima, which is part of the Margarima-Doma Peaks-Tari Road. The intention was to assess what work required to be done and to plan a scheme of priorities to deal with the work. With knowledge gained, from this inspection patrol, it is intended to commence an intensive road building campaign in January, and for this reason Mr.D.Kennedy, A.P.O., was taken on the patrol to give him an insight into the problems involved.

An Area Study will be carried out, by the author of this Report, in January 1970, at which time the socio-economic aspects of Margarima C/D will be covered.

DIARY

16th. December. 0730 hrs. to 0930 hrs. Attended to various Station duties. 0930hrs. Left Margarima Station by Toyota. Disembarked after one and a half miles and commenced walking towards Tiengo. Inspected and advised on roadwork being done by lines from Panduaga Nos. 1&2. Continued along, examining the road and looking for deposits of rock. Arrived Tiengo at 1450 hrs. Held discussions with Councillor, Committee members and village leaders. 1600-1715 hrs. Heard three disputes. Three persons arrested for riotous behaviour.

Slept at Tiengo.

17th. December. 0800 hrs. Left Tiengo on foot and walked to the edge of the Ibararra Plains (Approx six miles) . Made a study of work to be done on this section. Returned to Tiengo by 1515 hrs..Had lunch and then heard three disputes (pig payments). Finished by 1740 hrs. Evening attended to some correspondence.

Slept at Tiengo.

18th. December. 0745 hrs...1100 hrs. Several discussions with villagers and Aid Post Orderly. Commenced writing report. 11.15 hrs. Started out from Tiengo, on foot. Arrived Station at 1500 hrs. Patrol stood down. Continued Station duties.

* END OF DIARY *

MARGARIMA - DOMA PEAKS ROAD

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The road under discussion is being constructed as a self-help project, through the Council, with financial assistance from the Rural Development Fund.

For ease of reference, the road could be divided into two sections:-

1. Margarima - Tiengo. (Approx eight miles)
2. Tiengo - a point about five miles distant, at the head of the Dibiribi River Valley.

Section 1. has been open to light vehicular traffic for in excess of one year. The road is useable except in wet conditions, however, much work remains to be done before it will be able to cope with any volume of traffic.

None of this section has been surfaced and it will be of first priority to stone several hill sections and to stabilise several miles of road edges. It will also be necessary to reshape several sections, after consolidation and to place a number of culverts in addition to drainage works. "Armco Culverting" has been requested for the entire road length.

Section 2 starts at Tiengo, which is the last centre of population before reaching Tigibi, Tari Sub-District, which is some twenty-two miles distant. From Tiengo the road climbs gently up the Dibiribi River Valley and then swings into the Ibarra Plains.

A review of this sections shows that two bridges (80 ft. over the Margarima River at Tiengo, and 60ft. over the Dibiribi) require completion, this mainly being decking. A further bridge of about forty feet is required towards the end of the section, and three minor spans through the marsh sections. Two of the latter could be completed with "Armco Culverting".

There remains a strip of two hundred yards to be bench-cut at the extreme end of the section, this will then join the work done by the Taris.

Apart from this a length of approximately two thousand yards will require building up above the level of the marshland. At present it is unable to drain satisfactorily .

Sections of re-shaping, draining and culverting, together with stoning will complete this four to five mile section. However, it should be possible to allow light traffic, during dry weather, on to this section after the remaking of the two thousand yards mentioned above.

SURFACING : STONING

A search was made for large deposits of stone and gravel to be used for surfacing. Isolated deposits were found in both sections, with possibilities of quarrying in Section 1. It may be necessary to use split timber, in the form of corduroy, to give a firm base in some of the marshland areas.

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Summary

Using Tiengo as a base, it will be possible to intensify road building activities on both sections, resulting in significant improvements by the end of this financial year.

PROSPECTING AUTHORITY : APPLICATIONS

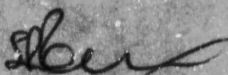
The opportunity was taken to follow-up the publicity talks being given by Mr.F.Liebfried, A.D.C., on Margarima Patrol No. 5. This patrol engaged in talks with the Councillor and village leaders regarding the application by Kennecott and C.R.A. The people to whom I spoke, gave no doubt as to their understanding of what is implied by the applications, and to their willingness to accept prospecting activities and possible future mining activities.

LAW AND JUSTICE

A total of six disputes, involving pig payments, were heard by this patrol, and three persons were arrested for riotous behaviour. A respect for Administration law was evident.

CONCLUSION

This patrol was of short duration and had a specific objective. It is considered that this objective was achieved and as a result ~~it~~ marked development on the Margarima - Doma Peaks Road will become evident within the New Year.


S.R. Pearson
A.P.O.



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Department of the Administrator,
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Margarima Patrol Post,
Nipa Sub-district,
Southern Highlands District.

28th May, 1970.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Nipa Sub-district,
Southern Highlands District.

Margarima Patrol No. 8 of 1969/70.

Margarima and Wage Census Divisions.

This patrol was mounted for the following reasons.

1. As I have just arrived at Margarima and as Mr. S. Pearson, Assistant Patrol Officer has proven himself quite capable of running the station, I decided to use the time before he goes on leave in July, to familiarize myself with the area. I decided that the best way to do this was to do a patrol of the entire area, spending at least one day at each rest house and more if it seemed necessary.
2. A second reason was that there has not been a patrol to work on the roads in Margarima for nearly a year. All roads are in poor condition and required concentrated work. The people working also required supervision and direction. Therefore the patrol worked with every group situated on any of the main roads.
3. A further consideration was that an investigation of the pyrethrum crop was needed. There seemed to be much dissatisfaction with pyrethrum and the soil in which it was grown. There was also doubt about just how much pyrethrum was being grown in the area. In order to discover just what the situation is, a Farmer Trainee accompanied the patrol and inspected and

counted the gardens at each rest house.

4. The fourth purpose of the patrol was to conduct Political Education discussions at all centres and to attempt to gauge the reaction to these discussions.

5. Therefore, though the patrol took longer than I originally intended, it carried out valuable and necessary work and allowed me to gain a very full knowledge of the work required and the people in the area.

PATROLE DIARY.

Sunday. 5th April 1970.

Departed station 1240 hrs and walked to Keme. Instructions given for work to-morrow
Slept Keme.

Monday. 6th April 1970.

People assembled 0900 hrs. Political Education discussions and talks given. Remainder of day spent replacing small bridge with culvert.
Slept Keme.

Tuesday. 7th April 1970.

Day spent walking along section of road and giving instructions where necessary.
Slept Keme.

Wednesday. 8th April 1970.

Brief talks with villagers then departed Keme 0950 hrs for Iaru. Till 1400 hrs spent repairing Rest House and surrounding area. Political Education Discussions held and list of road workers taken. Two local courts heard.
Slept Iaru.

Thursday. 9th April 1970.

Day spent working on section of road near rest house. Road surface and drains repaired. Small landslide cleared.
Slept Iaru.

Friday. 10th April 1970.

Day spent working with entire group cutting back corner from narrow section of road.
Slept Iaru

Saturday. 11th April 1970.

Departed Iaru 1010 hrs and walked to Ienagari. Carriers paid, camp set up and talk sent out for people to assemble Monday. Slept Ienagari.

Sunday. 12th April 1970.

Sunday spent Ienagari. Discussions in afternoon. Slept Ienagari.

Monday. 13th April 1970.

Ienagari group gathered for political education discussions held and list of road workers taken. Afternoon supervised roadwork and heard local courts and disputes. Slept Ienagari.

Tuesday. 14th April 1970.

Day spent working on Ienagari road section. Local courts in afternoon. Slept Ienagari.

Wednesday. 15th April 1970.

Work begun on road 0300 hrs. Travelled to station by car. Some work done in office. Returned Ienagari 1800 hrs. Disputes heard until 1900 hrs. Slept Ienagari.

Thursday. 16th April 1970.

Day spent on road work at Ienagari. Talks with people in afternoon. O.I.C. Kandep visited for talks in afternoon. Slept Ienagari.

Friday. 17th April 1970.

Departed Ienagari 0900 hrs and arrived Biako in the Kandep area 1100 hrs. Talks with people about movement into Margarima area. Slept Biako.

Saturday. 18th April 1970.

Morning picked up by Kandep car and drove to Kandep for radio conversation with D.C. Mendi. Afternoon returned Biako and made arrangements to move to Tundaka on Monday. Slept Biako.

Sunday. 19th April 1970.

Observed Biako. Slept Biako.

Monday. 20th April 1970.

Departed Biako 0900 hrs. and walked to Tundaka arriving 1200 hrs.
 Work list taken and Political Education Discussions held
 Slept Tundaka.

Tuesday. 21st April 1970.

Departed Tundaka 1000 hrs after talks with people. Arrived Liuliu 1200 hrs.
 Work list taken and Political Education discussions held. Inspected Aid-
 Post and heard local courts and disputes in afternoon.
 Slept Liuliu.

Wednesday. 22nd April 1970.

Departed Liuliu 0900 hrs and arrived Panduaka 1 1200 hrs. Work list taken
 and Political Education discussions held. Local Courts and disputes in
 afternoon.
 Slept Panduaka 1.

Thursday. 23rd April 1970.

Departed Panduaka 1 and arrived Panduaka 2 at 1100 hrs. Work list taken
 and Political Education discussions held. Visited new school buildings at
 United Church mission. Heard local courts and disputes in afternoon.
 Slept Panduaka 2.

Friday. 24th April 1970.

Departed Panduaka 2 and arrived Ariaka 1130 hrs. Work list taken and
 Political Education discussions held. Local courts and disputes heard in
 afternoon.
 Slept Ariaka.

Saturday. 25th April 1970.

Departed Ariaka for Ugu arriving 1330 hrs. Rain prevented work. Local
 courts and disputes heard in afternoon.
 Slept Ugu.

Sunday. 26th April 1970.

Observed Ugu.
 Slept Ugu.

Monday 27th April 1970.

Work list taken and Political Education discussions held until 1140 hrs.
 Walked to Tabala. Political Education discussions held in afternoon.
 Local courts and disputes heard in afternoon. Slept Tabala.

Tuesday. 28th April 1970.

Departed Tabala 0930 hrs after talks with Councillors. Travelled to station to carry out minor office duties while patrol moved to Tiengo. Travelled by car to Tiengo arriving 1410 hrs. Rain prevented talks.

Slept ~~Tiengo~~. ARUBA 1.

Wednesday. 29th April 1970.

Political Education discussions held in early morning and people sent to work. Roadwork inspected towards Tari. Disputes and local courts held in afternoon.

Slept ~~Tiengo~~. ARUBA 1.

Thursday. 30th April 1970.

Departed Tiengo 0900 hrs. and walked along road to Nigeria. Work list taken but work halted by heavy rain. Two disputes heard and talks held with Councillor.

Slept Nigeria.

Friday. 1st May 1970.

Walked to Aruba 2 and held Political Education discussions. Work list taken and courts heard.

Slept Aruba 2.

Saturday. 2nd May 1970.

Walked to station and spent day doing office work and hearing local courts. Returned Aruba 2 in afternoon.

Slept Aruba 2.

Sunday. 3rd May 1970.

Observed

Slept Aruba 2.

Monday. 4th May 1970.

Walked to Kabenda arriving 1320 hrs. Political Education discussions held and work list taken.

Slept Kabenda.

Tuesday. 5th May 1970.

Walked to Songura arriving 1130 hrs. Political Education discussions held and work list taken. Local courts heard in afternoon.

Slept Songura.

Wednesday. 6th May 1970.

Walked to Ombal arriving 1130 hrs. Political Education discussions held and work list taken. Local Courts heard.

Slept Ombal.

Thursday. 7th May 1970.

Walked to Henep arriving 1030 hrs. Political Education discussions and walk list taken. Local courts heard in afternoon. Slept Henep.

Friday. 8th May 1970.

Walked to Sebiba arriving 1015 hrs. Political Education discussions and work list taken. Local courts and disputes heard.

Saturday. 9th May 1970.

Walked to Woia arriving 1210 hrs. Political Education discussions and work list taken in afternoon. Local courts heard. Slept Woia.

Sunday. 10th May 1970.

Observed.

Slept Woia.

Monday. 11th May 1970.

Day spent working with group on Margarima - Nipa road.

Slept Woia.

Tuesday. 12th May 1970.

Morning spent marking new road from Margarima - Nipa road to the Wage river. Afternoon inspected work being done by Woia group.

Slept Woia.

Wednesday. 13th May 1970.

Patrol moved to Maberera arriving 0930 hrs. Day spent working with group on road.

Slept Maberera.

Thursday. 14th May 1970.

Political Education discussions held in morning and work list taken. Worked on road for remainder of day. Local courts heard in afternoon.

Slept Maberera.

Friday. 15th May 1970.

Work on road until early afternoon. Afternoon moved to Poisera.

Slept Poisera.

Saturday. 16th May 1970.

Political Education discussions and work list taken. Local courts and

- disputes heard in afternoon. Slept Poisera.
- Sunday. 17th May 1970.
Observed. Slept Poisera.
- Monday. 18th May 1970.
Day spent working on Poisera road section. Slept Poisera.
- Tuesday. 19th May 1970.
Moved to Sambala. Political Education discussions held and work list taken. Afternoon worked on road section near Wage River. Slept Sambala.
- Wednesday. 20th May 1970.
Church opening at Capuchin Mission. People allowed day off to attend. Self spent day on station doing paper work. Slept Sambala.
- Thursday. 21st May 1970.
Day spent working on road. Local courts in afternoon. Slept Sambala.
- Friday. 22nd May 1970.
Day spent working on road. Courts and disputes heard in afternoon. Slept Sambala.
- Saturday. 23rd May 1970.
Patrol moved to Margarima station and patrol stood down.

END OF DIARY.

POLITICAL:Political Situation.

4. The situation in the Margarima area is slowly improving. A feeling of isolation which has previously led to stagnation and a lack of enterprise in the people, is now being replaced by an awareness that they will have to participate in the development which is occurring in theirs and other areas.

5. It would of course be untrue to say that they all wish to work solidly to improve their lot. There is however a minority who are willing to work and they can usually induce most of the others to work. This is the same as in most area; apathy and dis-interest being the predominant attitudes. The main difference in this area is that the people are more closely tied to their past than any others that I have seen. They seem to have only a minimal interest in the processes of the Administration and are interested ~~only~~ in development only when it promises immediate reward. At present they accept the Administration as the source of money, the instigator of work and the dispenser of justice. They are willing to follow directions to work and are quick to bring people forward for trial following breaches of the peace.

6. Continued, slow development, the completion of the Tari road and the growth of the Council will all help to widen the knowledge and perhaps improve their attitude.

Political Education:

7. At all rest houses the people were spoken to about Independence and self-government and what each entailed. These subjects were discussed only briefly however and the main emphasis was placed on Local Government procedures and the work of Councillors. These are subjects of more immediate interest to the people of this area. They are also subjects which will form a basis for future talks. Once this basis has been established, future patrols will give talks on the House of Assembly, the

work of Members of the House, National Unity and similar subjects.

8. At the beginning of the patrol I based my talks on a Pidgin circular which deals with the above subjects as well as the Public Service and its functions. I found however that all but the matters dealing directly with the Local Government Council and the Councillors, was either incomprehensible or of no interest to the people. Thereafter I dealt only with the subjects which they could understand and found that more attention was being given.

9. The talks usually prompted statements on the peoples desire that independence come not too soon, and that everyone was willing to work for the development of their area. However not one question was asked concerning any of the topics discussed. This probably means that while they were interested enough to express an opinion about those matters they were not interested enough to wish to know more. Another possibility is that their understanding of the matters discussed is so little that they are unable to ask questions.

10. Only when prompted or asked directly if they had understood a certain point did anyone admit that they did not understand. Even Councillors showed ignorance of what one would hope was basic knowledge. When asked to explain the work of the Council, one Councillor said that he would tell me afterwards and that he could not discuss such matters in front of everybody. This apparent belief that Council matters were secret was found at three rest houses.

11. In attempting to gauge the level of political awareness I would say that the people are aware that Independence is a matter being discussed and that it affects them. They know that subjects such as National Unity, the House of Assembly, Local Government Councils and other, are subjects which concern the government and perhaps, indirectly, them. But, though they know that the subjects exist and that the institutions such as the House of Assembly and the Administration exist, they have virtually no knowledge of the ~~the~~ details of the subjects. They do not know how the institutions work or their purpose.

12. This is because, in part, of their lack of economic and social development and their lack of direct contact with other areas. They also have no radios and have never before experienced any kind of educational program. They do not have the background to enable them to understand more than their immediate local situation. Even given that their political education will be intensified from now on, it will still be many years before they will possess sufficient knowledge to give reasoned, intelligent statements on their situation.

Local Government Council:

13. The only contact with the Local Government Council during the patrol was through its Councillors. There are thirty in the Margarima Council and they serve 9,915 people. The patrol worked with a number of these Councillors on their roads and found that except for about three, all were ignored by their groups in nearly all matters. With the patrol present to back them up they gave great displays of authority and efficiency but even then few people paid much attention to them.

14. This attitude is evident too, in the number of small disputes which are brought to patrols or to the station. Matters which the Councillors and the headmen should be able to settle are brought to the 'kiap' because the others are not respected and their judgements suspect.

15. Obviously this is not a situation which will encourage the development of the Local Government Council or the interest of the people in the work of the Council. There is no easy solution to the problem. It will have to be solved by the people themselves as they learn more of what is expected of them and their area. It is hoped that the next elections see many changes in the Councillors, and that a resultant change will be seen in the attitude of the people.

Margarima - Kandep Border:

16. The people of several of the villages in the Kandep area near the border with Margarima, have for many years claimed that they wish to be Administered by Margarima. This is because they are Huris and are related to the people of Margarima. The remainder of the Kandep people are Engas' with whom the Huris' have no ties. Though there have been letters written on this subject since about 1966, no successful effort has been made to ascertain the truth of the situation or to solve it.

17. In order that some solution might be found, the patrol visited Biako in the Kandep area and was supposed to meet with the District Commissioners from Mendi and Mt.Hagen, at Kandep. Unfortunately the meeting was post-poned. Talks were held instead with the people in the border area and with the O.I.C. Kandep. The talks with the people were limited because only a few appeared. This could only be because they were not interested as I had sent word ahead about a week before, informing all the villages in the area that I wished to hear their views on the subject.

18. The talks with the O.I.C. Kandep revealed that last year the people had been informed that in view of the fact that many wished to come into the Margarima area, they could, at the census then being conducted, signify their wish to emigrate to Margarima. Those who did so would have their names removed from the Kandep census books and written down on a list that would be sent to Margarima. Those leaving Kandep would then have to census in the Margarima area during the next census in that area.

19. A portion of the people in each village then signified their wish to leave the Kandep area. The people were also informed that in order to end the confusion ~~being~~ caused by the question of moving into Margarima or staying in Kandep, no requests other than those heard in the course of census would be acknowledged, and that no discussion about further mass migration would be heard.

20. All the people were informed of this and agreed to it before any names were taken.

21. Though probably lacking the full democratic process, this may prove to be the answer to the problem. As previously stated, when the patrol visited the area only a few people appeared to discuss the problem. The remainder apparently are satisfied with things as they now stand.

22. In any case, no further attempts should be made to settle things until enough time has elapsed to allow an evaluation of the success of this move. If it proves that there is still wide spread dissatisfaction in the area then the only way to settle it will probably be to change the border. I think that this would be more difficult than could be justified. There are Huris living almost to Kandep station in parts. Also, because of the land rights system of the Huris, no positioning of the border would prevent continued population moves backwards and forwards between different garden areas.

23. Most of the complaints heard during the patrol came from people already in the Margarima area, usually Councillors, who insisted that the Kandep Huris be brought into Margarima. This wish was not echoed by more than a few Kandep people.

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ECONOMIC:Roads and Bridges:

24. There are three main roads in the Margarima area. These are the Margarima - Nipa road, the Margarima - Kandep road and the Margarima - Tari road. This is a total of about 30 miles of road, of which all but a few miles is of all weather standard for 4 wheel drive vehicles. Both the Tari and Nipa roads are being paid for with Rural Development Funds handled by the Local Government Council. A labour force of 2124 people is available to maintain these three roads.

25. As well as these main roads there are two minor roads at present under construction. These will add a further six miles to the roads in the area and will be maintained by about 800 people.

26. Note was also taken during the patrol of possible routes for two roads on which construction should begin in late 1970. One of these will run from Margarima station via Tabala and Ugu to join the present Kandep road at Ienagari. This will cut about three miles off the present road and will run through a more densely populated section of country.

27. The second of these roads will provide access to the valley containing Panduaka 1, Panduaka 2, and Ariaka with a link to Liuliu and Tundaka. A patrol in July of this year will mark the route and determine the road will enter the valley from Ienagari or from the Kandep road via Tundaka. Initial work was begun on this road during the patrol, between the three villages in the valley.

28. At least two days was spent at every rest house on the main roads and work was carried out on bad sections. The entire length of road maintained by these rest houses was walked along with the Councillors and places requiring work were pointed out. A section of the road which will join Sebiba, Obal, Henep, Ombal, Songura, and Solapem to the Margarima - Nipa road was re-marked so that negotiable grades could be obtained. A patrol later this year will re-mark the entire length of this road to Sebiba.

29. At every rest house visited by the patrol the names of all people able to work, were taken. This will facilitate enforcing of the Councils' Road Maintenance Rule and will be valuable in determining the amount of labour available for specific tasks in later road construction. Note was also taken of the number of bridges and culverts in each groups section of road, and of the number of bridges and culverts requiring repair or replacement. As well, sections of road requiring alteration, re-construction or re-routing were noted for future reference.

Margarima - Nipa Road;

30. At present this is the most important road in the area, as it is the link with the remainder of the sub-district and the District. It is stoned for its full length except for about 300 yards near the Sambala rest house. Recent work along this road has improved it greatly though much of the work ~~was~~ appears to be of a temporary nature. The patrol began work which should not only improve the road but should be of a permanent nature. Most of the work begun, deals with drainage and when completed will remove much of the need for continual renewal and clearing of drains.

31. Work was also carried out on the hill which leads down from Sambala into the Wage gorge. Though the grades on this section are not excessive, parts of the road are overhung by high, unstable walls of earth. One point in particular has been the site of repeated land-slides. This and other sections were cut back so that a more stable face was obtained. This should lessen the danger of slides.

Margarima - Kandep Road;

32. Because this road is little used it has not received much attention in past years. Work was re-started in November of last year and the road is now gradually improving, though it will be some time before it will be in good condition. The worst section is about two miles inside the border with Kandep. Here, poor soil combined with inadequate drainage and the lack of stone on the road surface have created boggy stretches of road which

become impassable after heavy rain.

33. The lack of stone deposits in this section of the road will cause the work on the road to proceed slowly as it will be necessary to carry the stone by hand for some distance.

34. The construction of the road previously mentioned as joining Margarima to this road at ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Ienagari will improve not only the travelling time to villages on this road, but also it will by-pass two sections of the present road which are extremely difficult to maintain.

Margarima - Tari Road;

35. As this road is being constructed with Rural Development Funds held by the Council and as the Council has hired a permanent labour line to carry out work at the road head, the patrol did little in the way of road work. The labour line is at present stoning and improving alignment and drainage on the section of road on the Margarima side of the Margarima river.

36. The remainder of the section between the station and Aruba 1 (Tiengo) is in fair condition considering that it is unstoned for much of its length. The worst part of the road is the long hill which the road descends into the Margarima River Valley. Very steep, unstoned and with poor drainage, this hill will receive immediate attention.

37. The road past Aruba 1 towards Tari presents no obvious constructional difficulties apart from drainage. This problem was looked at recently by a member of the Institute of Technology in Lae, and experiments based on his report have been started.

Sebiba - Solapem Road;

38. Of the two minor roads previously mentioned as being under construction at present, the connecting road to Sebiba is the most important. This road will serve a population of 2,651 and will bring even the furthest rest house in the Wage Census Division to within two hours by car of Margarima station.

39. The road, though previously marked, has been constructed over such steep grades that it will be necessary to mark it again. The section to the Wage river from the Margarima - Nipa road has already been done. Once the road has negotiated the descent to and ascent from the Wage River, it has to cross another two steep ridges before reaching Sebiba. Though these ridges present no real problem to the road it will be necessary to ensure that the people are given no chance to exercise their own initiative during the construction, or more impassable grades may be encountered.

40. A work force of six hundred and forty nine people is available to construct and maintain this road and the population is distributed evenly along its length. Short lengths of road have been constructed at various points along the route and most of these will be incorporated in the road.

41. This road has taken on greater importance since the Capuchin missions decision to build and maintain a school at Songura.

Agriculture:

Pyrethrum:

42. The only economic crop at present being grown in the Margarima area is pyrethrum. A major planting program was carried out in 1963 by officers of D.A.S.F. from the Laiagam area and Western Highlands District. I conducted a patrol in this area during the planting program and commented in my patrol report that the crop was unpopular. This was the second time that a major effort had been made to establish pyrethrum in the area, the first effort having been a failure. The second attempt, made without prior publicity or any kind of education program for the people, did little to create interest in the crop. The planting during the programme was enforced at times by farmer trainees wielding sticks. This eventually resulted in violence between trainees and local people and further added to the unpopularity of pyrethrum.

43. Even with this background of initial failure and the ill-feeling caused by the lack of education and the methods used in the second program,

pyrethrum was started in small plots throughout the area.

44. Since then buying of the flower by D.A.S.F. at Margarima seems to have been run on an occasional basis. At times villagers were left waiting with flower for weeks before a car came out to buy from them. This caused further dissatisfaction and caused many growers with small gardens to give up the crop. In the past six months a buying schedule has been maintained under D.D.A. supervision. This has restored some confidence and there is evidence that a few people are coming to consider the crop as a reliable source of income.

45. There have been complaints in recent months that gardens planted in soil which was considered fertile, have not been growing. This problem has not yet been fully investigated by Agriculture staff at Margarima. During the patrol a farmer trainee counted and inspected all gardens in the areas visited by the patrol. Of nearly 2,000 gardens seen, only 30 were found to be planted in poor soil. It was found that a further 150 gardens had been neglected by their owners.

46. The 2,000 gardens seen represent an approximate total area of 121.5 acres under pyrethrum. Optimum production per acre per year for pyrethrum is 800 lbs of dry flower. Given this figure and the acreage under pyrethrum in Margarima, annual production for the area should be in the vicinity of 972,000 lbs. Margarimas' annual production at present is less than 20,000 lbs.

47. As previously stated, only thirty of the two thousand gardens are not producing and a further 150 are neglected, therefore the production of only one fifth of the areas potential production must be attributed to some other cause than poor soil or neglect. Though farmer trainees patrol fairly regularly, they do little more than make sure the gardens are weeded. No patrols have been done to check on the methods of planting and drainage and it seems that it may be because of these methods that production is so low.

48. I think that the situation has been sufficiently explained for the reader to realize that thus far in its history, no aspect of the introduction of the crop to the area has been good.

Pyrethrum is the only crop which has been found for the Margarima area and it makes up the areas economy. If it is to be encouraged and actively pushed, then an effort is required from Agriculture. If it is to be let die out then the fact should be acknowledged. At present it is gradually dying out because of neglect. Administration Officers at Margarima can only encourage the people to keep planting. We can also ensure that a regular buying program is maintained, but if no proper supervision and help is given by Agriculture the effort will be useless. If nothing more is done then pyrethrum will become another reason for the apathy which hinders the development of Margarima.

Cattle;

49. At present there are four cattle projects under way in the area. Three of these are in the Wage Census Division and one in the Margarima. Only one has any cattle as yet while the other three are in various stages of clearing the ground, building fences and planting grass. At Menep in the Wage C/D there are two steers, one cow and one bull calf. All are in good condition and receive regular inspection by Agriculture staff.

Fish;

50. There are fish ponds in most rest houses in the area but thus far only one has produced any fish. The Council will this year attempt to set up its own fish project and distribute fingerlings from there to ponds in the area.

General;

51. There are possibilities for small scale projects at all rest house centres throughout both Census Divisions. In the event of Community Centres being established these projects could be more closely supervised. It is yet to be seen whether cattle will succeed. Several pigs are kept by the Primary 'T' school at Margarima for breeding purposes but the local people are not showing much interest in this. Castor bushes are growing at Panduaka 2 and are as big as any grown at Poroma. Perhaps a limited income could be obtained from the sale of the castor seeds. Silkworms would not survive in the Margarima climate but the castor seeds have been suggested

in other areas as a side-line.

52. Fish ponds are probably the easiest project which could be undertaken by a village group. It requires little more than the building of the pond and the maintenance of the pond. After the pond has been stocked there would need for only a little supervision. Pig droppings would probably serve as protein.

SOCIAL:

Education;

53. There are two schools in the Margarima area at present. One of these is the Administration school at Margarima and the other is the United Church Mission school at Panduaka 2. It is planned that another school be built at Songura next year by the Capuchin Friars Mission. This will mean that the three main population centres have their own schools.

54. Though the situation with schools will soon be completely satisfied, the attitude of the Margarima people to schools, is far from satisfactory. Though all areas want schools, they want them for the prestige it will bring them. The school at Margarima has been established for five years and is suffering from the dis-interest of the parents in that it has a high rate of absenteeism. During the patrol the people were told that their attitude had already resulted in the loss of one teacher and the threatened loss of a second unless attendance improved. Though all groups were told of this it is doubtful that they will make any real effort to send their children to school. Likely as not, rigid enforcement of the Councils Truancy Rule will be the only way to get results.

Law and Order;

55. During the patrol 24 people were convicted on various charges in the local court and a further 11 people were convicted and fined for breaches of the Council Road Maintenance Rule.

56. Though this number is not small there are indication that the attitude of the people is changing and that, with time, the number of

breaches of the law will become fewer. Councillors are showing a greater readiness to bring miscreants forward for trial and the feeling of neglect which previously encouraged crimes is gradually being dispelled.

57. A large number of 'Moka' disputes - pay for people killed during, or who died as a result of, tribal fighting before the coming of the Administration, - were brought forward for settlement. All were referred to the Councillors of the groups involved and with few exceptions the disputes were settled.

58. The question of Police Posts in the Margarima area has been raised in previous patrol reports and is a valid suggestion for the improvement of the situation in the Margarima area. Two sites suggested are at Panduaka 2 in the Margarima Census Division and at Songura in the Wage Census Division.

59. The site at Panduaka 2 is desirable for several reasons. It is situated in a valley with a population of 1520 people. It has no road connection with Margarima and is not likely to have one for at least two years. The northern end of the valley extends into the Kandep Patrol Post area in New Guinea, and it is from here that the main source of potential trouble comes.

60. There is much rivalry between the people of the valley and the Kandep people. This rivalry is based firstly on past fights and traditional antagonism. There is also the added fact that in that area, talk about Papua versus New Guinea runs very strong. It was partly because of this feeling that a policeman (Papua) was killed by the people from Kandep (New Guinea) in 1966 on the Kandep road near the border.

61. In the event of trouble from this source or from the normal sources in the native community, it would take a patrol about 24 hours to reach the valley. Were a Police Post established, it would remove a source of possible unrest.

62. The site at Songura is desirable for similar reasons though it is probably not as important as Panduaka 2. There is at present no road link

into the Wage Census Division though by the end of the year there should at least be vehicular access to a small part of it.

Missions:

Capuchin Mission.

63. This mission is situated at Aruba 2 and is staffed by one American priest. To date the mission has concentrated on the establishment of numerous bush churches staffed by local catechists, however there is now talk of expansion. The mission is building a school at Songura with the aid of the Local Government Council. There is a possibility that several nuns will be posted to Aruba 2. There is also the possibility that the mission will establish a saw-mill near Poisers in the Margarima Census Division. This would be done in partnership with the Local Government Council but at present no decisions have been reached by either the Council or the mission.

United Church Mission.

64. This mission is staffed by 1 Minister (Fijian) 3 Evangelists and 1 Medical Assistant. Apart from secular work this mission is active in the field of health and education. It has established a primary school at Panduaka 2 and present enrolment is 55 children. There is also a large Aid-Post at Panduaka 2.

65. The mission is establishing a saw-mill about two miles from Margarima station along the Tari road. The size of the mill and the amount of work it will do is not yet clear. A European operator is coming from Mendi to run the mill.

66. This is the larger of the two missions and probably has a greater following than the Catholic mission. However when the Catholic mission begins to expand it may become more attractive to the local people.

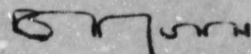
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Health;

67. The Margarima/^{area} is adequately served by six Aid-Posts and one hospital. One of the Aid-Posts is at present unstaffed but moves are being made to staff it.

Conclusion:

68. The patrol achieved all that it set out to do. Insight was obtained into the problems which are facing progress in the area and a knowledge of the people and their ideas was also obtained.



B. Munn.

Patrol Officer.

WESTERN HIGHLANDS

MARGARIMA

WAGE

Panduaka 21

Panduaka 22

Liuliu

Ariaka

Tundaka Biako

Ienagari

Ugu

Aruba 1

Tabala

Iara

Nigoria

Margarima

Aruba 2

Kene

Sambala

Kabenda

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Toia

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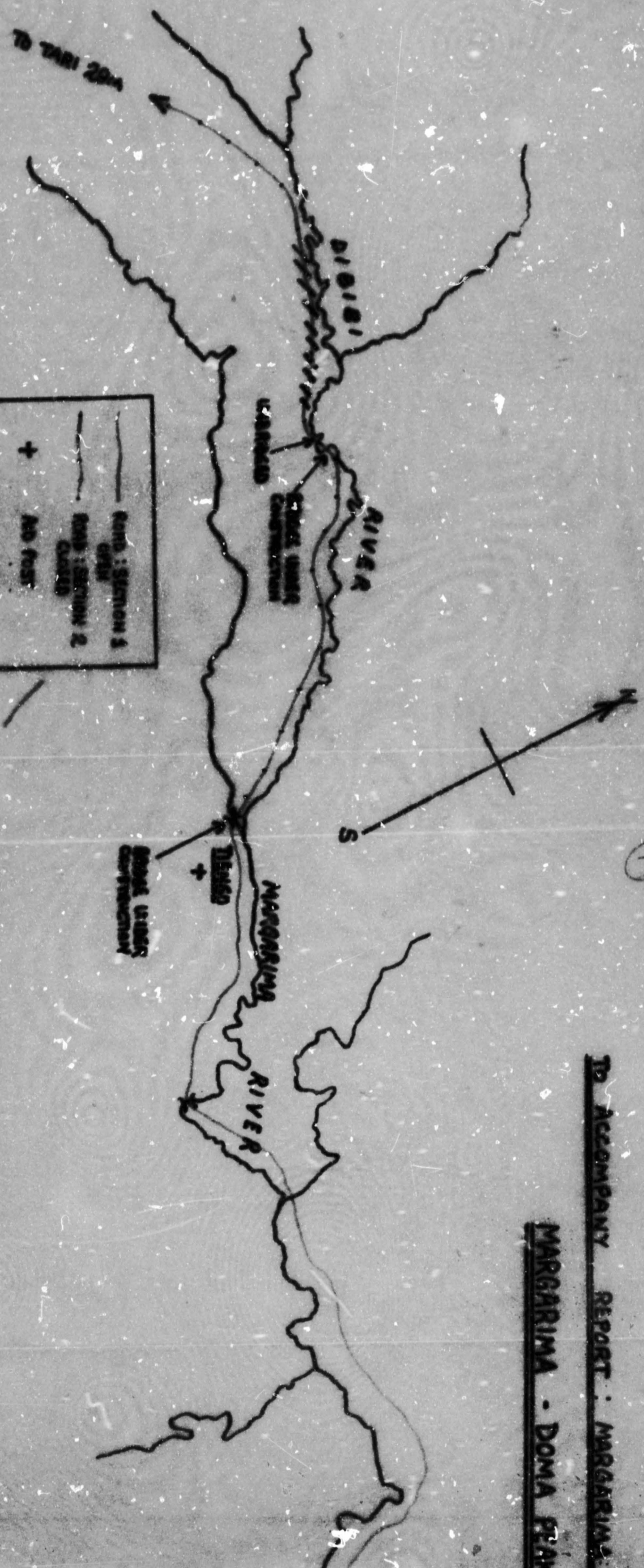
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	ROAD: SECTION 1
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	POLE
	WATER



SCALE: ONE MILE - ONE INCH

TO ACCOMPANY REPORT: MARGARIMA
MARGARIMA - DOMA PEAK

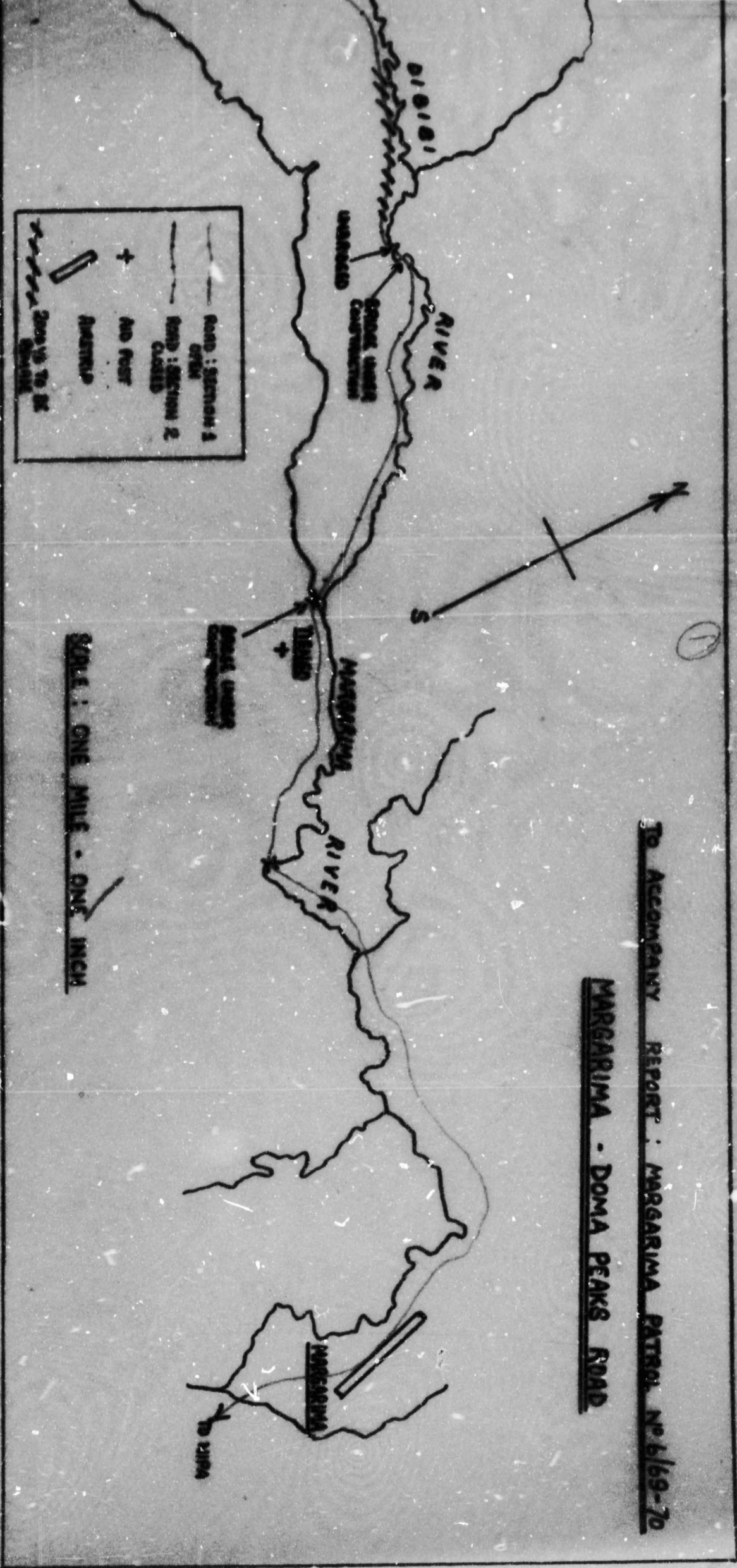
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To Accompany Report: MARGARIMA PATROL No 6/69-70

MARGARIMA - DOMA PEAKS ROAD

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	ROAD: SECTION 2 CLOSED
	AND POST
	ROADWAY
	200 Yds To BR

SCALE: ONE MILE - ONE INCH





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... Margarima No.7 of 1969-70

Subdistrict..... Nipa

District..... Southern Highlands

Type of Patrol..... Annual Census / General Administration

Patrol Conducted by..... S.R.Pearson APO

Area Patrolled..... Entire Area.....

(Council and/or..... Margarima C/D

Census Division/s.)..... Wage C/D

Personnel Accompanying Patrol.....

Interpreter Habe (6 days)..... D.Kennedy A.P.C. (6 days)

Interpreter Mogera (18 days).....

Const.1/C Gande.....

Duration of Patrol—from 13/1/70..... To 17/2/70 (Broken)

No. of Days..... 24 days (19 nights slept out)

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area :..... No.5/69-70

Date December '69-January '70..... Duration.....

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)..... 1. Census Revision and Area Study

..... 2. Political Education

..... 3. General Administration

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... 9,915

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

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District Commissioner.

67-15-76

Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

22nd May, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.PATROL NO. 7 1969/70

Your reference 67-3-13 of 7th May, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual
Census/Area Study/Situation Report by Mr. M.S. Pearson of
the Margarima Census Division.

Your comments adequately cover the points of
interest raised by the report. The census figures will be
further commented on under separate memorandum.

Please advise the Headquarters under
separate memorandum details of the Political Education
Seminar that was conducted at Nipa.

T. W. Ellis e.
(T.W. ELLIS)

SecretaryDepartment of the Administrator



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Dept. of The Administrator, ⁽²⁴⁾
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Southern Highlands District.

16th. March 1970

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,

NIPA

MARGARIMA PATROL NO. 7 OF 1969/70

Please find attached the following items relevant to the above
Patrol:-

1. Original and three copies of the Situation Rpt and Area Study
2. Four Patrol Maps as attached to report.
3. Village Population Register (Four copies as attached to report).
4. Camping Claim in respect of the undersigned, for your certification and return.

Please note that it is not possible to "prove" the Census Statistics, the reason being that since the last Census, in 1968, additional names have been added to the Register, this probably having occurred during the follow-up to the "Influenza Epidemic".

For your information and action, please.

S.R. Pearson

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Assistant Patrol Officer

INTRODUCTION

The Margarima Patrol Post Area is a mountainous region of 627 square miles, populated by 9,915 people. It is bounded on the north by the New Guinea Boundary and the Kandep Patrol Post Boundary, to the east by the Lai Valley and to the west by the Doma Peaks Area and Tari Sub-District. The language spoken is mainly Huli with some bilingual centres towards the Nipa boundary. Two census groups to the south, speak the Nipa language only.

The purposes of this patrol were to familiarise the writer with the area and its people, to revise the Census, prepare an Area Study and a L.G. Council Ward Plan and to carry out the many aspects of an Administrative Patrol, embracing talks on Political Education, development and general topics. The opportunity was also taken to re-publishise the Mineral Prospecting Application, made by Kennecott Explorations (Aust) Pty. Ltd., and to educate the people on the subject of Mining Legislation.

A more detailed introduction to the Margarima Patrol Post Area will be found in the Introduction to The Area Study.

DIARY

Tuesday 0845 hrs. Departed Margarima Station on foot for Ariaka via
13th. January Pibi, Tabala and Ugu. Arrived at 1400hrs. Short break, then
addressed assembled people on variety of topic. (Political
Education, pyrethrum, Mineral Prospecting and Mining, develop-
ment etc.) Census then revised until 1720 hrs. 1900 hrs -
2010 hrs. discussions with Councillor and village leaders.
Slept Ariaka.

Wednesday Departed 0800hrs. for Panduaga No.2. Arrived about 1000hrs.
14th. January Made camp and commenced talks as above. Revised Census until
1315 hrs. Lunch then walked around some pyrethrum gardens and
investigated possible road route. Returned about 1550 hrs. and
worked on Census Statistics. + 1845-2150 hrs. held talks with
fifteen leaders and others.
Slept Panduaga No.2

Thursday Moved on to Panduaga No.1. About one hours walk. Arrived 1020
15th. January hrs. Camped, gave full talks and revised Census. Completed
about 1400 hrs. Lunch then worked on Census figures.
Evening until 2205 hrs. held discussions with with twenty
leaders and others.
Slept Panduaga No.1

Friday Walked to Wirimbi, arriving about 0950 hrs. Made camp and
16th. January addressed assembled people. census revised by 1300 hrs. Lunch
then inspected some pyrethrum gardens and the Aid Post. One
minor dispute heard. Worked on Census figures until 1700hrs.
Evening 1900 hrs-2150 hrs. held talks with leaders.
Slept Wirimbi

- Saturday
17th. January Departed Wirimbi at about 0830 hrs. At Tundaka by 0930 hrs. Made camp and addressed the people. Census revised. All completed by 1300 hrs. Lunch then walked around the area for about one and a half hours. Returned and compiled census figures. Evening- Held informal discussions with about twenty leaders and others. 22
- Slept Tundaka
- Sunday
18th. January Walked to Yenagari, examining possible road route. Arrived 1015 hrs. Gave talks to villagers of Yenagari, followed by Census revision. Completed by about 1400 hrs. Lunch then walked along part of Kandep Road with Councillor and Committee members, to discuss roadwork. Returned to camp and worked on Census figures. Evening--1900 to 2115hrs. held informal talks.
- Slept Yenagari
- Monday
19th. January 0800-0900hrs. Heard two minor disputes and completed work at Yenagari. Walked along the road to Iaru, examining road. Brief talks at Iaru with Councillor Okep. Continued on to the Station to prepare for Sub-District Meeting at Nipa and for Council Meeting. Arrived at Margarima 1450 hrs. Lunched then attended to urgent Station matters.
- Slept Margarima
- Saturday
24th. January Morning-Gave full talks to the people of Honei, Pibi and Pingi. Census then revised. Completed by 1430 hrs. Lunched, then worked on the Census figures.
- Slept Margarima
- Sunday
25th. January Departed Station on foot at 1045 hrs. for Wenja. D.Kennedy A.P.O., accompanying. Inspected roadwork. Arrived Wenja about 1300 hrs. Made camp. Discussions with Councillors during the afternoon. Evening 1900 to 2200 hrs. held talks in the Rest House with village leaders.
- Slept Wenja
- Monday
26th. January All villagers assembled by 0850 hrs. Talks given followed by Census revision. Completed by 1215 hrs. 1245 hrs. walked to Pul. Talks given to assembled villagers followed by Census. Intermittant rain interrupted Census. Finally completed at about 1715 hrs. Evening talks held from 1915 to 2150 hrs.
- Slept Pul
- Tuesday
27th. January Departed Pul 0810 hrs. and walked to Woiya whilst talking to Councillors about roadwork and bridge construction. 1100 hrs. gave talks to villagers of Woiya, followed by Census revision. Remainder of afternoon on Census figures. Heard one minor dispute. Evening held usual talks in Rest House.
- Slept Woiya
- Wednesday
28th. January Walked to Songura, arriving at about 1030 hrs. People of Songura and Solepam assembled. Gave talks until 1200hrs. Then

28th. January revised Census until 1430 hrs. Lunched then walked around the area looking at pyrethrum gardens and houses. Late afternoon heard two minor disputes. 1900 hrs to 2140 hrs. held talks in the Rest House. 21

Slept Songura

Thursday
29th. January 0800 hrs. Left Songura for Ombal. Examined possible road routes. 1045 hrs. gave talks to people of Ombal, Henep and Hulal. Census revised---completed by 1430 hrs. Lunched then walked around the area. Returned to camp and worked on Census figures. 1850 to 2130 hrs. in discussions with village leaders.

Slept Ombal

Friday
30th January Patrol continued on to Sebiba, marking sections of road route for construction. Arrived Sebiba about 1040 hrs. Camped and then addressed people of Sebiba and Obal followed by Census revision. Completed by 1455 hrs. Break then walked towards Homilia (Nipa) to examine area. Returned and compiled Census figures. Evening discussions until 2200 hrs. Councillors of Selepan, Sebiba, Kapenda, Obal and Ombal present.

Slept Sebiba

Saturday
31st. January Completed work on Wage C/D part of patrol and walked back to Margarima. About six hours walk. Arrived 1450 hrs.

Slept Margarima

Sunday
1st. February Sunday observed.

Slept Margarima

Monday
9th. February 0939 hrs. Walked to Sambala. Supervised roadwork enroute. 1045 hrs. arrived Sambala. Gave full talks to villagers, then revised Census until 1445 hrs. Break, then held discussions with leaders. Evening on Census Statistics.

Slept Sambala

Tuesday
10th. February Departed 0800 hrs. for Kapenda. Arrived about 1010hrs. Made camp and addressed assembled villagers followed by a revision of Census. Completed 1340 hrs. Lunch, then walked around the area for an hour. Census statistics. Evening from 1930 hrs to 2205 hrs. in discussions with fifteen leaders and others.

Slept Kapenda

Wednesday
11th. February Broke camp and departed Kapenda at 0830 hrs. Arrived Margarima 1010 hrs. Met Dr.R.Douglas at 1140 hrs. Discussion held regarding possible pneumonia vaccine trials. Lunch followed by a meeting with fifteen Councillors. Escorted Dr.Douglas around part of Margarima Area until 1545 hrs. Evening in further discussions.

Slept Margarima

Thursday
12th. February

Walked to Ugu accompanied by Dr. Douglas. 1130 hrs. held talks with assembled villagers of Ugu. Census then revised. Rain interrupted proceedings. Completed 1525 hrs. Break, then compiled Census figures. 1945 to 2145 held talks with village leaders in the Rest House.

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Slept Ugu

Friday
13th. February

0810 hrs. Patrol moved to Tabala. Self continued to Margarima with Dr. Douglas. Took over Cash Office and returned to Tabala by 1330 hrs. Rain. Held discussions during afternoon with Councillors and leaders of Wambia and Tabala.

Slept Tabala

Saturday
14th. February

Villagers assembled by 0915 hrs. Gave full talks then revised Census. 1215 hrs. departed Tabala. Walked to road and then continued to Keme by vehicle. All afternoon giving talks to the people of Keme and Iaru. Evening discussions with leaders.

Slept Keme

Sunday
15th. February

Sunday Observed.

Monday

16th. February

To Homaria. Villagers of Kamoro, Mabia and Homaria assembled. 1000 hrs. Delivered talks followed by Census revision. Completed by about 1415 hrs. Break then walked around the area for an hour and a half. Returned and compiled Census figures. 1945 to 2150 hrs. held talks with leaders of Homaria, Mabia and Kamoro.

Slept Homaria

Tuesday
17th. February

0730 hrs. Walked back to Margarima. Proceeded to Tienga by vehicle. Supervised roadwork enroute. Arrived 1030 hrs. Gave full talks to assembled villagers followed by Census revision. Completed by about 1430 hrs. Break then talks with Councillor and Committee members. 1600 hrs. patrol returned to Margarima to make arrangement for forthcoming V.I.P. walk along Margarima to Tari Road. Patrol stood down.

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HEALTH AND AID POSTS

At the present time there exist the following health facilities within the Margarima Area :-

(a) Hospital situated at Margarima Station. Comprises two native material wards, an outpatient clinic and an office (also native material). It is staffed by a Sister, one Hospital Orderly, and an Aid Post Supervisor, together with two Aid-Post Trainees.

The average number of inpatients per day is twelve.

(b) Aid Post - Ugu. This post serves a population of about 1550, and is about 1½ hours walk from the hospital. Currently this Aid-Post is poorly patronised due to the unpopularity of the Orderly.

(c) Aid-Post - Tiengo. A well patronised Post but serving a small population of about 5-600. Eight miles from Margarima.

(d) Aid-Post - Henep (Unstaffed). Following a fire in early 1969 this Post became vacated and although now rebuilt it is still unstaffed. Previously coped with the populations of Obal, Sebiba, Henep, Hulal and Ombal.

(e) Aid-Post - Pul. Situated on the Nipa Road this Post is the only one at present staffed in the area south of Margarima. Convenient to a population of about 2,000.

(f) Aid Post - Liu-Liu (Wirimbi). Close to the Rest House at Wirimbi on the Kandep Border. The Post is serviced by Kandep and serves the population on both sides of the border. All the buildings in this complex were in an advanced stage of deterioration and the patrol arrange for complete re-construction, which has now been completed as a community project.

(g) Aid Post - Panduaga No.2. This is a large Post and is wholly maintained and staffed by the United Church Mission.

Summary regarding Aid-Posts

Aid-Posts are vital to the maintenance of good general health within the Margarima Area. The success or not of an Aid-Post appears to reflect directly onto the efficiency and personality of the Orderly. The A.P.O. is in an ideal situation to educate the people in the basics of good health, he is also in a position seek out sickness but all too often he is content to wait for people to come to him.

One of the tasks of this patrol was to obtain a full insight into the problems facing each community and so be able to formulate a Ward Plan for the Local Government Council. It is intended to recommend the establishment of Community Centres, placed as near as possible to the centre of population centres. Each centre would include an Aid-Post-hospital complex.

During the patrol discussions were held with Dr.R.Douglas of The Department of Public Health, regarding the setting up of trials for a newly developed vaccine effective against pneumococi in pneumonia. It now appears

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highly likely that the trials will be conducted in the Margarima Area, this being so the Aid-Post and health situation in this area will be radically changed, however, it would be premature to discuss these changes at this stage of the proceedings.

2. General Health

(a) Attendance to the Census was quite good with only average sickness being apparent. The incidence of skin ulcers in this area appears to be relatively small. As always at a full roll call, the number of eye cataracts, although not great, is quite noticeable.

Due to cold damp climate bronchial complaints are quite common. A cross section of all areas visited, by this patrol, showed similar complaints in all areas with no one area being particularly blighted by ill health.

3. Impact of the "Influenza Epidemic"

Perhaps not surprisingly considering the cold climate and smoky living conditions within the Area under discussion, the deaths from complications following the Influenza Epidemic were significant. The total deaths attributable to this cause were 86 adults and children. For a breakdown of these figures see Appendix 1.

Overall death rate was : Margarima C/D....1.66 per 100
Wage C/D.....2.64 per 100

LAW AND ORDER

The populace appears to readily accept Administration Laws, in particular on greater issues. People near the Station use the courts a little more than do the outlying areas as the more distant areas are at least five hours walk.

The Area is still seriously blighted by old disputes, in particular those dealing with compensation payments for past fights, ("Moga"). These have been and still are the cause of much wasted time and are often the cause of secondary disputes.

Many minor disputes occur at this time of the year, over the ownership of pandanus trees. The collection and sale of the nuts from these trees is a major highlight of the year.

Rural Police Posts

It is considered that the Area would greatly benefit from the establishment of two such posts. The ideal sites would appear to be:

1. The Upper Wage Valley (possibly Panduaga No.2). Such a post would be of great help in the administering of law and order in this distant region.
2. In the area of Songura in the Wage C/D. This is in a densely populated area, mid way between Margarima and Nipa.

There is keen local support for such a project and these posts would become part of the proposed "Community Centres" which would be a Council

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project. Should such a scheme become feasible, then an excellent cover of the whole Area would be possible.

EDUCATION

This patrol assisted in the organisation for the building of a primary school at Panduaga No.2. This school will be run by the United Church Mission, which is increasing the size of its complex in Panduaga.

With the establishment of this school, the people of the Upper Wage Valley will become the first outside of the Station area, to have access to educational facilities. With a population of 2,276 children in the age group 6 - 15 years, there will be an educational opportunity for only about 130 children within the whole Margarima Area.

It will thus be seen that the education situation, in this fast developing area, as far as Margarima is concerned is very poor indeed. The people are well aware of their unfavourable position and it is hoped that the Council in conjunction with the Dept. of Education, will be able to improve this poor situation.

An excellent site for the early establishment of a primary school would be in as a part of a "Community Centre" in the Songura area of the Wage C/D.

Note on the Social Situation

Other sub-headings are dealt with in the Area Study, attached.

ECONOMIC SITUATION (See also Area Study, para. M.)

A. Pyrethrum

At the current time, pyrethrum is of prime importance to the economic development of Margarima. Pyrethrum appears to be the one cash crop that can be grown by all, in this high, cloudy environment, thus giving some economic opportunity to the populace.

In view of the low production and small areas under pyrethrum, this patrol endeavoured to find out why interest was waning and what problems beset the cultivators. Discussions were held in all centres and talks were given directed towards encouraging the villagers to renew their efforts and so assist in the development of their communities.

Almost all areas reported that sometimes the plants did not grow well in ground which was considered to be fertile.....this point and other minor matters will be discussed in full with the F. D. O.

B. Roads and Bridges

The pyrethrum industry is to a large extent dependent upon good road access to enable regular buying of the dry flower. The patrol laid considerable emphasis on the importance of road networks to the development of the area. All village talks and discussions attempted to educate the people in the need to maintain roads and of the place of roads in development. The condition of much of the road system, of some thirty miles length, was poor and showed deterioration.

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A road maintenance and road building programme was formulated and all villages were informed of their part in the work to be done.

There are three main roads:

1. The Kandep Road of length ten miles between the Kandep Border and the roads junction with the Nipa Road at Sambala. Little used but of importance to the pyrethrum buying programme...it also provides a link with Mt. Hagen. Work to be done on this road includes stoning of unpaved section, repair to damaged sections, re-shaping and drainage. The Tundaka, Yenagari, Ugu, Iaru and Keme Groups will be doing this work.

2. The Nipa Road...Much of this road has already been stoned, the biggest unstoned section being in the Sambala area. Re-stoning and upgrading work will involve groups from Pingi, Kapenda, Homaria, Sambala, Wenja, Pul, Woiya and for two months, Songura and Hemep.

After bringing the road up to standard it is intended to commence work on cutting and straightening sections together with culvert building. This work would be done through the Margarima L.G.C. which holds funds for this road, being a Rural Development Fund Road.

3. Margarima-Doma Peaks-Tari Road Still under construction as a R.D.F.I project. A full report on this road was given in Margarima Patrol Report No.6/69-70.

Other Roads Please refer to Area Study para. J.

Bridges

Work on cutting timber for the construction of a bridge over the River Wage at Songura, has been commenced.

A number of bridges on the Nipa and Kandep Roads will be replaced and widening of others will be called for.

POLITICAL SITUATION

To avoid unnecessary repetition the reader is directed to The Area Study para. (L) The Stage of Political Development, para. (O) Attitude towards Local Government and para. (P) Attitude Towards Central Government.

Educational talks were given at all centres, together with smaller discussion groups in the evenings, directed at giving the villagers a greater political understanding. There is some slight understanding regarding the Local Government Council whereas comprehension of larger issues is generally lacking. For this reason talks were commenced outlining the work of Local Government and the individual and community relationship to the Council. From this point it was possible to introduce the subject of The House of Assembly and National Unity.

The subject matter of the talks was to outline the makeup of the House of Assembly, its role in government, the work of the Local Member and the relationship of The House to the people. This latter point appears

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to be of prime importance to a people who have little or no background upon which to comprehend new ideas. 15

(D) MISCELLANEOUS

(a) Mineral Prospecting and Mining Legislation

The recent Application, made by Kennecott Explorations (Aust) Pty. Ltd., has already been fully publicised by Margarima Patrol No.5/69-70, however, it was considered to be prudent to re-publicise the Application and to further educate the people on the subject of Mining Legislation. These talks were based on a Circular Memorandum issued by The Director, Department of Lands, Surveys and Mines, dated 3rd. November 1969.

The feeling of the people appears to be unanimous in that they are eager that prospecting should be carried out in their area. Having little in the way of development, this appears to them to offer a possible dramatic acceleration in the progress of economic development.

All areas voiced approval of the Application and this Patrol was given to understand that the facts relating to Mineral Prospecting and Mining Procedures were fully understood by all.

Fertile ground is not over abundant in the Margarima Area and it is hoped that, should minerals be found and should it be feasible to commence mining operations, that these populated fertile valleys should be excluded from such operations.

(b) Licences and Permits

1. Shotgun Licences (Permits) There is only one licensed shotgun within the area, that belonging to M'WE-LENEP of Ombal, Wage C/D. Many applications for Permits were received by this patrol such applications being referred to The District Inspector of Police.

2. Native Owned Tradestores At the present time there are six Tradestores owned and operated by local people. All are small and hold token stocks only.

(c) Rest Houses

The standard of resthouses is not good and "Census Shelters" were not in evidence. There also exists duplication of resthouses and location is not always ideal.

CONCLUSION It is considered that valuable contact with the people was ^{MADE} A free exchange of ideas through talks and discussions was of great benefit to the writer and should have assisted the villagers.

All objectives of the patrol were satisfactorily achieved.


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APPENDIX TO SITUATION REPORT

1. Deaths attributable to "The Influenza Epidemic"

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<u>Village</u>	<u>Recorded Deaths (Sex followed by Age)</u>
Panduaga No.1	M2
Panduaga No.2	M4, M42, F59
Ariaka	M54, F45
Yonagari	F49
Ugu	M12, F51, F45, F26, F3
Wambia	M10, M29, M64
Tabala	M35
Tiengo	F45
Mabia	M19, M40
Kamboro	F45, M51
Honaria	F6m, F43, F59
Kapenda	M1, M41, F45, F58, F64, F64
Pibi	M39, F41, F57
Pingi	F40, M53
Kene	M61, M64, F54
Sambala	F47, F49, F51, F57, M59
Wenja	M1m, M51, F53, M69
Mabera (Pul)	F44
Solapem	F1m, F49, F51, F54, M56, F69
Songura	F40, M46, M49, F47, F55, F59, F64, M69
Ombal	M1 week, M43, F43, F64
Henep	F59
Hulal	M50
Obal	F1, M44, M46, F48, M51, F54, M56
Sebiba	M6m, F1, F1, M4, F37, M49, F43, M51, M64, F64, M51

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INTRODUCTION

(a) The whole of the Margarima Area is mountainous.....to the north, east and south many of these mountains manifest themselves as rugged, limestone ridges. To the west lies the volcanic Doma Peaks region. The area has many streams and rivers which have a natural flow to the south, finding an outlet in the Wage River, which is the main artery.

Some of the populated valleys to the south are at an altitude of about 6,500 feet a.s.l., however the bulk of the populated areas are at a higher altitude. Margarima Station being 7,000 feet above sea level and many of the centres to the north, along the Wage River valley, are above this. The mountain peaks rise above ten thousand feet. As can be expected in such a mountainous area, the cloud cover is high, however, the rainfall rarely exceeds one hundred and twenty inches in one year.

The narrow valleys contain fertile ground and it is ⁱⁿ most of these valleys that the population lives. The lower slopes of the mountains and areas close to population have largely been denuded of timber and now exhibit "pit-pit" and coarse grasses. The upper regions of the Wage River and the Margarima River are of a swampy nature.

(b) Margarima Patrol Post is connected to Sub-District Headquarters at Nipa, by an all weather road, suitable for light four-wheel drive vehicles. A road link continues from Nipa to District Headquarters, Mendi, however, sections of this road are unreliable.

For most of it's stores and supplies Margarima relies upon aircraft. The 1200 foot airstrip at Margarima can be used by aircraft, up to Category "C", in most weather conditions.

(c) It was not until the 1960's that Margarima received any real attention. During this decade Margarima was first patrolled from Nipa up until 1966 when it became a Patrol Post. Prior to the early 1960's Margarima had received little attention. Tari Sub-District then included Margarima, but not surprisingly due to the distance, few patrols were made. Since 1967 roads have been completed to Nipa and Kandep and the current project road to Tari is well advanced. For five years a school has been in operation at Margarima Station, however, without the immediate Station area the populace have received no educational opportunity

At this stage of their development the people rely heavily upon the Administration for guidance and encouragement and for the settlement of disputes. (See para. P for Attitude Towards Central Government).

(E) POPULATION--DISTRIBUTION AND TRENDS

(a) Attached to this Report is a copy of The Village Population Register, as revised by this patrol. It has not been possible to prepare the neo-mortality rate, as census records did not provide evidence of pregnancies.

It will be noted

It will be noted that the natural increase for the 7264 people in the Margarima Census Division, was 3.06 per hundred, whilst that for the 2651 population in the Wage Census Division was only 1.36. The Margarima C/D figure is very close to the 1968 figure, however, the Wage C/D shows a striking fall of 2.74 per hundred. This decrease is directly a result of the "Influenza Epidemic", which affected the more densely populated Wage C/D far more than the more scattered population in the Margarima C/D.

(b) Road access is available to the following centres :-

- Tiengo Iaru
- Sarbala Yenagari
- Wenja Pibi
- Pul (Mabera) Henep
- Woiya Pingi
- Keme

Centres within fifteen minutes walk from a road are :-

- Tabala
- Songura
- Solepan

Walking tracks connect :-

- Tabala - Ugu - Ariaka - Panduaga No.2 - Panduaga No.1
- Panduaga No.2 - Wirimbi - Tundaka - Yenagari (Road head)
- Margarima - Kapenda - Solepan - Songura - Obal - Henep - Sebiba - Obal

The centres of Mabia, Homaria and Kamboro have tracks leading to Margarima (twenty minutes), Tiengo and Kapenda.

(c) Absenteeism was about average....the main causes of absenteeism being caused by extended visits to relations in other areas. To the north and west these visits are often to Kandep and Tari respectively.

The Highland Labour Scheme showed a decrease in the number of recruits it had attracted.....only 6.7% of the 16-45 age group, this being down from 11.4% in 1968. This fall perhaps shows a growing awareness, by many leaders, that a great deal of effort and manpower will be needed in order to fully develop their own area.

(C) SOCIAL GROUPINGS

Social groupings within this area tend to be on a locality basis. The census system has to a large extent clarified these groupings by giving people an opportunity to place themselves in one centre or another depending on their land ownership rights, marriage ties or general leanings. Thus we have most census points forming the centre of a group that tends to identify itself as a unit.

(b) The Social Unit is the Extended Family.

(c) Language: Huri Language is spoken throughout except for Sebiba which speaks the Nipa Language. In addition Obal, Woiya, Henep, Obal, Songura, Solepan, Pul and part Wenja are bi-lingual or speak a mixture of Huri and Nipa.

(d) As the bulk of the area is of common Huri custom and language (11) there exists a natural bond. There is intermarriage throughout and these ties extend to other Huri area. i.e. Tari, Kandep and Lai Valley. The centres to the south have ties into the Nipa area. Many of the groups tend to combine as in the case of:

Panduaga No.1, Panduaga No.2, Ariaka and Wirimbi. (To some extent also Tundaka)

Wambia-Tabala

Kapenda, Songura, Solepan, Ombal and Henep (Hulal)

Obal-Sebiba

Kamboro, Nomaria, Nabia and Tiengo.

Keme-Iaru.

(e) The centres on the Kandep side of the Margarima/Kandep Border tend to identify themselves with Margarima. They are Huris and have strong ties with Margarima. These include the centres of Biago, Kinduli, Liu-Liu and to some extent Impiaka.

A similar situation exists along the Lai Valley Border where ties are strong and there is a tendency for these people to think Margarima rather than Mendi.

Considerable inter-marriage exists between lines to the south and with the Nipas.

To the west there exist strong ties with the people of Tari, in particular with the Benaria C/D and Tigibi in the South Basin. Most of these ties are with the Aruba No.1, Aruba No.2, Obal and Nabia Groups.

(D) Leadership

(a) Please turn to Appendix A of this report (Study) for a list of leaders on a village basis.

(b) These leaders are all subsistence farmers, are illiterate and have traditional backgrounds. The general attitude of the majority is pro-Administration, for it is in this direction that they see their opportunity for development. A few of the older men are too steeped in the past to be able to accept change...it is these people who would cling to the traditional life with its continual disputes and "moga" settlements.

(c) The son of a man who is wealthy in pigs, shells and cash has a natural advantage in gaining a place in the community. This does not imply that his place as a community leader is assured...his personal characteristics will determine this latter. This type of man is still likely to be prominent in the settlement of "moga" disputes. More and more the true leader of today is the man who by force of personality and qualities of leadership can command the respect of his community. Councillors and their committee members tend to hold more sway in community affairs. Literate people are not in evidence within the area (that is mature adults) but it will be interesting to note what effect education will have in the natural selection of leaders.

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(E) LAND TENURE AND USE

(a) The system of land tenure and inheritance is one of patrilineal and matrilineal. The customs follow closely those of the Tari area.

(b) No individuals hold land on lease from the Administration and the people do not have a knowledge of tenure conversion.

(c) Pyrethrum is widely planted in small patches. It is planted by family groups, there being no community plantings as of yet.

(F) LITERACY

Schools At present there is only one school within the study area, that being the Primary T School (Administration) at Margarima. The United Church Mission hopes to have established a Primary School at Panduaga No.2, by March 1970.

Details of the Administration "T" School, are:

	Male	Female	
Standard 1.	21	1	
Standard 2.	9	6	
Standard 3.	17	4	
Standard 4.	8	2	
Standard 5.	15	-	
Standard 6.	11	1	
	<u>81</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>Total 95</u>

(b) The number of adults who could be said to be literate in the Pidgin language, and who are residents of the Study (that is natives of) area, is estimated at no more than six. There appears to be ^{NC} $\frac{1}{4}$ adult literacy in the English language.

(c) There appear to be no natives of the area who have received higher education.

(d) There are no students away from the area receiving higher education.

(e) As there are so few literate persons outside of Station personnel, the interest in newspapers, other than for their cigarette making properties, is negligible.

Radios There are five radios held by natives (one being an Administration issue to The Council President), three held by mission personnel and two by Aid Post Orderlies. These figures exclude the Station area where a number are held by Administration employees.

(G) STANDARD OF LIVING

(a) The standard of living is that of the "subsistence farmer".

Housing is of the standard Huri pattern...small, squat, hugging the ground and usually smoke filled. Some larger and higher roofed houses can be seen attached to mission compounds and some of the more progressive people have built similar types, however, there is generally a conventional style house close by.

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Overall, very few European artifacts are in evidence.....all the councillors wear shirts and shorts as do many of the returned H.L.S. recruits but these few make for a minority. This same group often sports a plastic shoulder bag in preference to the traditional string bag.

Steel axes, mirrors, plastic and leather belts, cooking pots and a few hurricane lamps are the main items to be seen.

The style of dress would be about 95% traditional although towels are being used more and more as a frontal drape with men.

Sanitation is mainly poor and the number of houses with pit latrines is in a minority although there is evidence to suppose that the use of latrines is increasing.

(b) The staple diet is the sweet potato, taro and "pit-pit". Also eaten are cooking bananas, sweet corn, pumpkin, cabbage and European potatoes. These latter items are eaten to varying degrees. Poultry is to be found in most areas but eggs as a food are not popular. Canned foodstuffs would be a luxury to most and could not be considered as a part of their diet.

(c) At the present time there are no community centres or other similar organisations.

Outside of school few people have had an opportunity to play sport, but it was noted that in the remoter Panduaga area many young males were keen to play football. A ball had been obtained and the game probably learnt from the nearby United Church Mission. Before the question, as to whether the people are interested in sport, could be accurately answered sports would have to be widely introduced.

(H) MISSIONS

(a) The main missions are the Capuchin and the United Church. The Seventh Day Adventists are also represented at Margarima Station but they are somewhat insignificant.

In addition there is a bush church, run by the Apostolic Mission, in the Sebiba area bordering Nipa.

Regarding the subject of which group identifies itself with which mission...this largely depends upon which mission is represented. Many centres have only one mission in which case the majority of the people purport to belong to it. Where there are two, in this case Catholic and the Methodist, there is a split....proximity to a mission is often the factor which determines which mission a family group will patronise. Taking the area as a whole then the United Church would be the most influential, probably because it is more active in this region.

(b) Capuchin Mission is staffed by one American Priest. The work of this Mission is primarily that of religious indoctrination. The mission has bush churches staffed by local catechists. Reports indicate that interest in the church has ebbed.

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United Church Mission is staffed by:

- 1 Minister (Fijian)
- 3 Evangelists
- 1 Medical Assistant (B.S.I.P.)

Apart from secular work this Mission is active in the field of health and is now to engage in educational work. The main effort, at present, is being made in the Upper Wage River area where the mission complex at Panduaga No.2 is being enlarged. A school (primary) should be operating by March 1970 at this location. In addition a large Aid-Post is maintained at Panduaga.

The main Mission is located at a distance of half a mile from Margarima Station. A small saw mill is shortly to be set up by the Mission.

(c) It is no doubt a fact that to primitive peoples the gregarious and ritualistic aspects of Christianity have something to offer to enliven a way of life which is of a basic form. Further, the people can see material benefit coming from missions but the extent to which spiritual teachings have reached them, is hard to determine. In this area the old customs and beliefs are still very strong.

(I) NON-INDIGENES

- (a) There are no expatriate activities within the area.
- (b) It is unlikely that this area would be attractive to expatriate development, unless mining operations became feasible.

(J) COMMUNICATIONS

(a) Briefly the road network within the Margarima Patrol Post Area forms a letter "Y", Margarima Station being close to the centre. The left hand stroke forms the basis of the Margarima-Tari Road. This road is still under construction and at present is trafficable by light, four-wheel drive vehicles for nine miles. Motor bikes can now use this road all the way to Tari.

The right-hand stroke represents the Kandep Road. This road is useable by light four-wheel drive vehicles and tractor, in most weather conditions....access is thus possible to Mt. Hagen.

The stem of the "Y" is an all weather road, useable by light four-wheel drive vehicles, and tractors, which leads to Sub-District Headquarters at Nipa and thus to District Headquarters at Mendi. As parts of the road from Nipa to Mendi are unstable access is not always possible.

Requirements

Two areas are without easy access to roads:

1. Sebiba-Ombal-Henep-Songura in the Wage Census Division. A feeder road is being constructed and when completed will give easy access to an area with a population of 1,500.

2. The second area is in the Upper Wage Valley. The population here is close to 2,000 and contains the centres of Panduaga No.1, Panduaga No.2

Wirimbi, Tundaka and Ariaka. It is intended to build an access road into the area and arrangements for the start of this work were made by this patrol. 7

Re-location of existing roads

It is considered to be highly desirable to re-route part of the Kandep Road. A new route would leave the Kandep Road near Yenagari, cross the Wage River and continue via Ugu and Tabala, to join the Margarima-Tari Road about 1 1/2 miles north of the Station.

Advantages gained would be:

1. The route is less mountainous and would thus be easier to maintain.
2. The proposed route, unlike the existing road, would pass through populated areas throughout its length, thus again making maintenance easier.
3. The new route, to Margarima Station, would be about three miles shorter.

(b) Communication by Air

The Study Area has only one airstrip, that being the 3,200 ft. grass strip at Margarima Station. This airstrip can be opened to Category "C" aircraft in most weather conditions, and can cope with all of Margarima's supply needs.

It is considered that the present siting of the airstrip, is adequate.

Administration charters and mission aircraft for the bulk of the traffic.

(K) TECHNICAL AND CLERICAL SKILLS

Regrettably the area appears to have produced no skilled artisans, clerks, tradesmen or others.

(L) THE STAGE OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

Politically this area is still very immature. As will be seen from the Introduction, para(c), the amount of contact has not been great. Every opportunity is being taken to educate the people in the role of The House of Assembly, National Unity, the purposes and work of Local Government Councils and other political aspects. For many of the older people it may be too late for them to grasp the overall picture, for them it can be a struggle to understand all that is happening within their own area, let alone try to think of National Unity and National Development. There are more progressive people who are beginning to obtain some political awareness and many of the younger people are ready to be educated. The speed with which the people can be politically awakened will naturally depend upon the methods used and the amount of time to be applied to this task.

It is at the level of Local Government that the people have the greatest understanding, however, even here that understanding is basic. Nevertheless the Council makes an excellent springboard from which to develop a greater understanding.

In conclusion it could be said that there exists a small nucleus of

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Political Development (continued)

understanding within the area but there remains a great deal of educating to be done before this area could be described as being "politically awakened."

(b) There have been no persons from this area, who have been connected with conferences dealing with Local Government at a higher level. It is one of the unfortunate facts that Council has no educated councillors and very few pidgin speakers.

(M) THE ECONOMY OF THE AREA

(a) Pyrethrum is the basis of the economic development within this area. The planted acreages are estimated as follows:

Kapenda 26.9 acres	Ombal 33.0 acres
Sambala 20.8 "	Honap 14.5 "
Wenja 10.8 "	Songura 15.0 "
Solapem 10.00 "	Tiengo 38.5 "
Woiya 6.0 "	Piugi 2.00 "
Pul 6.5 "	Honaria 16.0 "
Gbal 10.0 "	Honed 3.75 "
Hombola 8.00 "	Pibi 16.25 16.25 "
Hulal 4.0 "	Kene 7.5 "
Sebiba 3.5 "	Ugu 10.0 "
Yenagari 7.0 "	Iaru 12.0 "
Tabala 12.0 "	" School 1.5 "

Total plantings : 195.50 acres

(b) Annual production is about 20,000 lbs. which at the current price of 17 c per lb. (dry flower), gives an income from this source of \$3,400 p.a.

(c) D.S.S.F. inform that the optimum production per acre, per year is 800 lbs. dry flower.

(d) There are no market gardens as there is no outlet for produce.

(e) Approximate cash wage to locals, from all sources, is estimated at \$11,000 p.a., whilst income from other sources such as pyrethrum, sale of firewood and feed, is estimated at \$4,500. It is difficult to accurately assess the income from the sale of pandanus nuts, but what is considered to be a conservative estimate is \$500 per annum. In addition to the foregoing returning H.L.S. recruits would contribute a further \$4,900 p.a.
Total estimated income : \$20,400 per annum.

(f) There are no co-operatives or similar societies within the area.

(g) There are no outstanding entrepreneurs.

(h) There are about thirty savings accounts recorded at the

Commonwealth Savings Bank Agency, Margarima. The majority of these have but small deposits being below twenty dollars. Most of the areas wealth is still kept in houses, as is amply demonstrated whenever there is a house fire. (5)

(i) All areas were able to find the low Council tax for this year. (\$1 per male..20¢ per female).

(j) With a population of 9915, the per capita income is slightly over \$2 per head.

(N) POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANDING THE ECONOMY

(a) Fertile ground is not over abundant in this area. As mentioned earlier, the areas of fertility are mostly confined to narrow valleys. Hill sides are also cultivated. One of the problems with the pyrethrum industry is that many natives keep the more fertile ground for their food crops and then try to cultivate pyrethrum on the poorer soils. Increases in acreages of pyrethrum plantings could no doubt be made, but this would probably amount to several hundred acres only.

The big areas of unused, comparatively flat, ground are areas of open swampy land such as the Upper Wage Valley, and the Dibibi Valley, for which no economic use has been found.

(b) As there is no outlet for the sale of fresh vegetables the establishment of market gardens is not feasible.

(c) The main demand for labour at present, is for roadbuilding. Considerably more man power could be utilised before any effect would be noticed on cash crops. The current total pyrethrum planting of 195 acres does not call for a big labour force.

(d) Being a somewhat isolated and cold area it is not easy to find new activities that will make any great impact on the economic situation. Because of access to the area, timber as an industry is not practicable, although a small mill for local needs would assist the area.

It is hoped that the "Javanese" high altitude sheep will shortly be introduced into the area...initially this will be on a trial basis to test their ability to thrive on the country available.

(e) It is noted that the peoples of Margarima rely heavily upon guidance and encouragement in developmental activities. Although often displaying enthusiasm for a project, very few people can sustain this enthusiasm when solid and regular work is called for, unless they are enthused and encouraged by someone who is in a position to command their respect.

(O) ATTITUDE TOWARDS LOCAL GOVERNMENT (see also Situation Report, "Political")

Margarima Local Government Council has been established for three and a half years. Attendance to elections has been good but mere attendance to elections does not necessarily imply interest in The Council. It would appear to the writer, that the Council must become stronger and more active before the people will become fully aware of the role of Local Govern-

Attitude towards Local Government (continued) (4)

ment of their Area and their Country. Political Education is a continuing process, but this in itself is not enough as far as the Council is concerned. The Council must be able to show that it can, as a body of The People, assist in the development and administration of the area.

The Councillors themselves are politically immature...they require continuing guidance and education. As they themselves gain confidence and a greater ability to represent their Wards, then the confidence of the electorate in the Councillors and The Council will also increase.

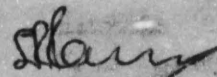
(P) ATTITUDE TOWARDS CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

Much of this heading has been discussed under other sections of this report.

The situation appears to be that being in a very early stage of development, the people are pro-Administration. They want to be guided, educated and assisted. They appear to be eager to accept the laws of the Administration and look towards the Administration for settlement of their disputes. On a number of occasions during this patrol, it was brought to notice that the more politically aware members of the community were seriously concerned that "Self-Government" should come too early. They feel that they need more development and assistance before they can accept this concept.

(Q) SERVICES

There are no hotels, guesthouses, garages or other services in this area.

S.R. PearsonAssistant Patrol Officer

List of Village LeadersSAMBALA

Cr. Harut-Kilya
 Cr. Lero-Arump
Committee Members
 Ioge-Puna
 Tis-Lee
 Para-Paijeli
 Gabona-Humban
 Tunbiap-Tabai'ia

Headmen

Wambe-Paijeli
 Angaledo-Kombiap
 Guarana-Kilabe
 Agena-Alumbu
 Wamba-Heli
 Wiajuno-Pibi
 Ula-Tabe

PUL (MABERA)

Cr. Kuins

Committee Members

Hebol-Mabal
 Koal-Kelap
 Tasi-Pal

Headmen

Pabul-Kink
 Mawe-Tawia
 Lesap-Maibal
 Hal-Ibis

WOIYA

Cr. Hurunk

Committee Members

Ago-Agulia
 Hvl-Tso

Headmen

Lova-Wenk
 Walimbe-Sagol
 Mal-Purul

Solapen

Cr. Kungal
Committeemembers
 Amuabe-Talib
 Peish-Libe
 Tigi-Waniba
Headmen
 Waniowel-Lek*
 Keba-Oraija

SONGURA

Cr. Miphon
Committee Members
 Wabe-Onginish
 Warib-Hungi
 Kelep-Jugul
Headmen
 Mawe-Hana*
 Mangal-Tugul
 Wanbo-Lombaija
 Talish-Knap

OMBAL

Cr. Mawe-Lenep
Committee Members
 Te'al-Boro
 Wanbo-Olabe*
 Ialep-Napon
 Ialep-Kol
HENEP (Hulal)
 Maram-Tocal
 Cr. Keren
 Lungil-Nol
 Tchogib-Ka'raip

ARIAKA

Cr. Kuni-Tigi
Committee Members
 Tomabe-Kinu (ex Luluai)
 Pibula-Ka'in
 Sara Tabe
Headmen
 Melale-Togini (ex V.C.)
 Ka'in-Gunu ex Fight Leaders
 Wanibe-Sagobe
 Tuja-Hope

PANDUAGA No.2

Cr. Monei-Oraga
Committee Members
 Ranzin-Kriku
 Mapurawudaiyx
Headmen
 Wagabe-Here
 Andaija-Pijabe
 Habi-Haijiawa

PANDUAGA No.1

Cr. Lipe-Pengai*
Committee Member
 Waro-Tone
 Andalu-Lowe
 Pose-Lowe
Headman
 Pogali-Anga

WIRINBI

Cr. Kiwagi-Ke'eli
Committee Members
 Aijowi-Diwi
 Tunbi-Andigi
Headmen
 Andaija-Pele
 Diwi-Pele

TUNDAKA

Cr. Lombaija-Iui
Committee Members
 Pibula-Tagi*
 Tangaja-Hunguna
Headmen
 Wabu-Kandugi
 Pibi-Umbanu
 Labai-Uwi

YENAGARI

Cr. Maiko-Hobonei
Committee Members
 Ibago-Hilaja
 Edabe-Lewa
 Mangabe-Orabe
Headman
 Ibago-Potabe

APPENDIX 1 (continued)

NENJA

Cr. Tali

Cr. Sau

Committee Members

Sombe-Kobis

Iagab-Malida

Pogaija-Halu

Iagab-Fara

Headmen

Okeb-Pabia

Timbal-Anda

Ler-Wabiab

Iagab-Punin

SEBIBA

Cr. Mawe

Committee Members

Naish-Tiwa

Karion-Tsabe

Agoe-Habon

Ibe-Tchogob

Headmen

Porali-Nole

Kobal-Agol

OBAL

Cr. Ibagaija

Committee Members

Labon-Tinja

Kwimp-Kijep

Undialu-Aliabe

Headmen

Homogo-Hawi

Iogo-Ngau

KAPENDA

Cr. Lambu-Abure

Committee Members

Headmen

Pijowa-Wilaba

Aliga-Timu

Kari-Andaija

UGU

Cr. Egebe-Homai

Committee Members

Kadi-Pangale

Helo-Nani

Headman

Agiwa-Hijabe

TABALA

Cr. Purube-Waijeli*

Committee Members

Harabe-Giawa*

Tanguabe-Orada

Kurupu-Anabe

WAMBIA

Cr. Aiba-Hagoba (President)

Committee Members

Telenge-Pabe

Tagau-Piago

Tili-Pogabe

Headmen

Matiabe-Tagili

Tinabe-Hebo

IARU

Cr. Okep-Awada

Committee Members

Cr. Nene-Hornaba

Abina-Ialabe

Nepo-Hendeda

Headman

Tigi-Quala

KEME

Cr. Nene-Hornaba

Committee Members

Tanduli-Andigi

Headman

Harabe-Kope

KAMBORO

Cr. Lina-Hogode

Committee Members

Iowine-Kabi

Hangoia-Ajiago

Headman

Jogali-Porada

HOMARIA

Cr. Pogaija-Anga

Committee Members

Andane-Tiabe

Wabe-Hangu (HM)

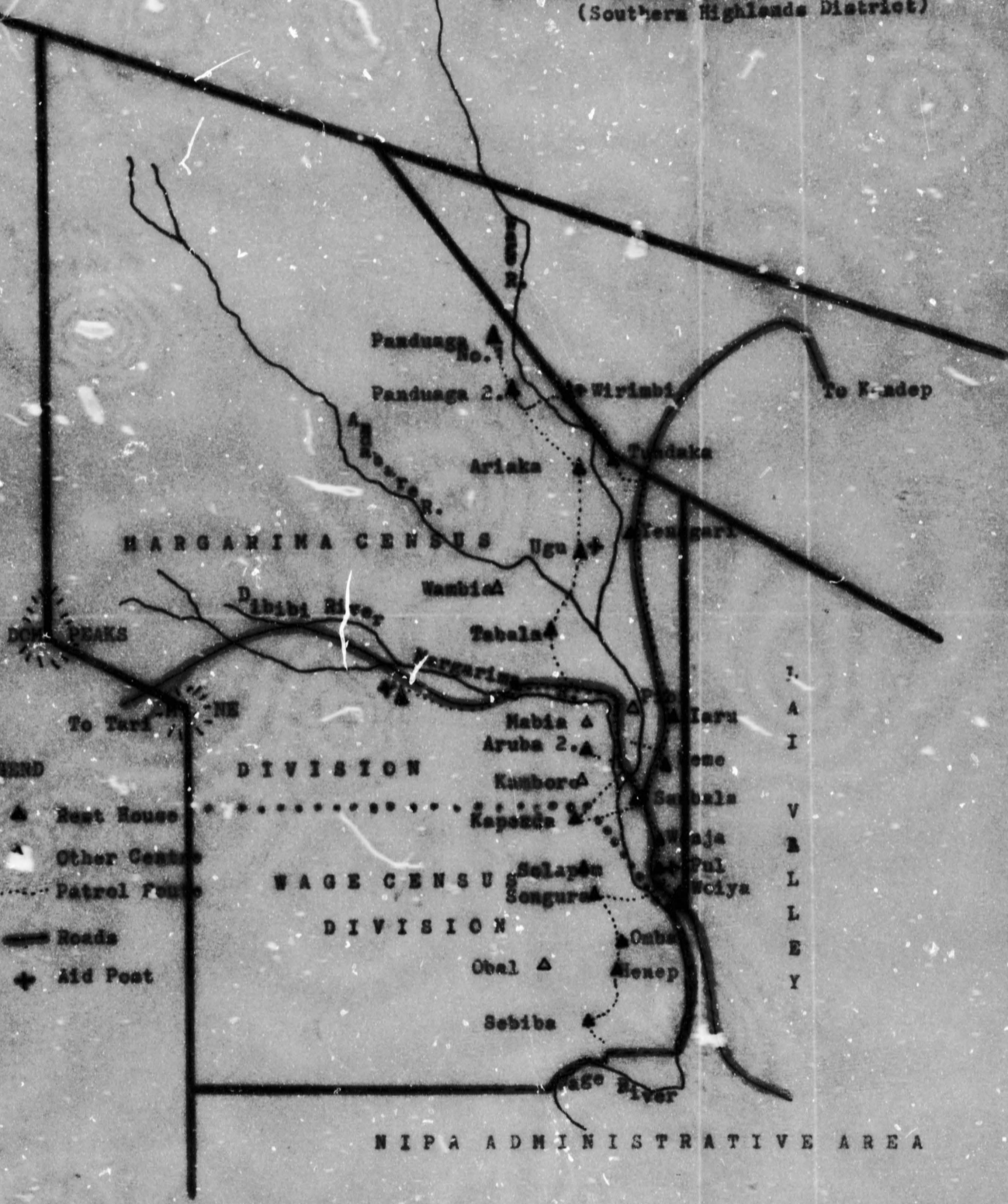
Headmen

Hidabe-Wangu

Ahalihama-Hole

MAP TO ACCOMPANY MARGARIMA PATROL NO. 7/69-70
(Southern Highlands District)

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LEGEND

- ▲ Rest House
- △ Other Centre
- Patrol Route
- == Roads
- ⊕ Aid Post

DIVISION

WAGE CENSUS

DIVISION

NIPA ADMINISTRATIVE AREA

Scale: 1 inch to 4 miles

Drawn: S.R. Pearson
28/2/70



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. MAGARIMA 8 of 1969/70

Patrol Conducted by B. Munn

Area Patrolled Margarima and Wage Census Divisions

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

1 Interpreter.

Natives 3 members R.P.N.G.C.

Duration—From 5./4./19.70 to 23./5./19.70

Number of Days 49

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Jan./Feb/19.70

Medical/...../19.....

Map Reference Patrol map attached

Objects of Patrol 1. Familiarization, 2. Roadwork, 3. Investigation Pyrethrum,

4. Political Education.

Director of District Administration,
FORT 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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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-15-87

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Telegrams
Telephone
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Mr.

In Reply
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No. 67-3-3



Department of the Administrator,
NIPA, Southern Highlands.

3rd September, 1970.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBUI.

Subject:- Patrol Margarima No. 8-69/70

Your 67-15-87 of 22nd July, 1970, to DC, Mendi,
refers.

As I was absent on an extended patrol to the
Lake Kutubu area, the report was submitted direct to Mendi,
to save delays in its submission.

For your information, please.

[Signature]
F.L. Leibfried.
Assistant District Commissioner.

District Commissioner,
MENDI.

Your 67-3-13 of 3rd August, 1970, refers.

[Signature]



NSA 67-15-87

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of the Administrator.

Division of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

3rd August, 1970.



The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
KONE DOBU.

PATROL NO MARGARIMA 8 of 1969/70.

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Your 67-15-87 of 22nd July, 1970 refers.

No comments were made by the Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa in this report as he was on patrol when the report was forwarded. Rather than delay further the report was forwarded without them.

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D.J. Clancy
(D.J. CLANCY)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

GFB:GA

(25)

67-15-87

Division of District Administration,
KOROROU, Papua.

22nd July, 1970.

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

PATROL NO. MARGARIMA 8/69-70

Your reference 67-3-13 of 25th June, 1970.

I acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of Situation Report
by Mr. B. Munn, Patrol Officer of MARGARIMA and WAGE Census Divisions.

Your comments provide an adequate summary of matters arising
from this patrol. I trust that you are able to arrange assistance to
the pyrethrum industry in this area.

Mr. Munn's informative report contains a clear record of
the work undertaken during this extremely useful patrol.

Please let me have a copy of the covering comments by the
Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa.

(T. W. ELLIS)

Secretary,
Department of the Administrator.

c.c. Mr. B. L. Munn,
Patrol Post,
MARGARIMA.
Southern Highlands District.

The Margarima people have not supported their schools, and it is doubtful if enforcement of the ~~Rule~~ Rule would really get permanent results. This rule is really for those areas where there is an excess of children available for enrolling and the children's parents are desirous of them attending school and where the facilities are not available.

Continuing poor attendance could mean that the school will eventually be phased out and the teachers utilised elsewhere.

If there is a functioning sawmill in the area the council should analyse whether the cost of entering sawmilling is dearer than purchasing timber. In most cases it is. Unfortunately the supply lines to Margarima are poor and the capacity of the United Church Mission mill is not yet known.

Mr. Munn has done a good patrol and the patrol report is informative.

D. J. Clancy
(D. J. CLANCY)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

C.C.
Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
NIPA.

Officer-in-Charge,
Patrol Post,
MARGARIMA.

Mr. Munn,
Patrol Officer,
MARGARIMA.

67-15-87.



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The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

PATROL NO MARGARIMA 8 of 1969/70.

Attached please find two copies of a report on the above patrol conducted by Mr. Munn, Patrol Officer.

It was unfortunate that Mr. Munn was absent on patrol when the Political Education Seminar was held at Nipa. This type of discussion including audience participation is more valuable than straight out talking to a captive audience. Mr. Munn will be participating in the coming Margarima Seminar.

The information in para 10 is disturbing and shows that a genuine effort is required to train the Councillors in a basic understanding of their role.

While the level of understanding is low it is understandable that the people are going to be made wary of change, and every effort must be made to overcome this.

It is obvious ^{from} the remarks in paras 13-15 that an intensive training programme on the various aspects of Councillors duties and council functions are required in this area. Even Mr. Munn appears to be vague as to their duties and sees them as a form of policeman (vide para 13.)
"With the patrol present to back them up they gave great displays of authority and efficiency but even then few people paid much attention to them."

The Margarima-Kandep border dispute has been going on for a long time. No real decision can be made until a patrol consisting of officers from both areas go around together. However by this time the people may have sorted themselves out.

The numerous problems of pyrethrum are outlined and Mr. Munn has gone into this thoroughly. There is hope in the comment in para 44 ... "This has restored more confidence and there is evidence that a few people are coming to consider the crop as a reliable source of income."