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PATROL REPORT N° 4 - 1969 - 70.

— BY —

MR. C.H. LONG.

ASEKI.

MOROBE DISTRICT.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. ASEKI No. 4 OF 1969/70

Patrol Conducted by Mr. C.H. Long, Assistant Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled ASEKI-MENYAMYA ROAD ROUTE

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Netives 1 INTERPRETER (all the time)

1 AID POST ORDERLY,
(4 weeks only)

Duration—From 23 / 9 / 1969 to 8 / 11 / 1969

1 MEMBER R.P. & N.G.C.,
(2 weeks only)

Number of Days 37. Patrol was broken.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 9 / 5 / 1969

Medical N/A.

Map Reference FOURMIL OF WAU.

Objects of Patrol To complete the widening to vehicular width of the road linking Aseki to Menyanya, as far as the Menyanya administrative area border.

Director of District Administration,
FORT MORESBY

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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Department of the Administrator,
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67-6-129

4th February, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Morebe District,
LAE.

ASEKI PATROL NO. 4/69-70

Your reference 67-2-11 of the 15th January, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report
by Mr. C.H. Long, A.P.O., covering his road construction
supervision work.

The progress being achieved in this project is being
noted with interest. If the rainfall figure quoted by Mr. Long
is accurate and the problem of soft earth is not overcome by
some type of surfacing material being readily available, you will
have a long frustrating task on your hands.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Departmental Head.

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No. 67-2-11

Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
Moresby District,
LAE.

15th January, 1971

Departmental Head,
Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

ASEKI PATROL REPORT NO. 4/69-70

Attached are two copies of the above Report.
Your 67-1-0 of 29th September, 1970, refers.

B. Bunting

(B. BUNTING)
a/District Commissioner

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Telephone
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Our Reference 67-4-1
If calling ask for
Mr.

Department of District Administration,
Patrol Post,
ASEKI

25th of November, 1969

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
MENYANYA

ASEKI PATROL REPORT no.4 - 1969/50

Herewith please find attached the above report compiled by M.A.P.O. Long in respect of a patrol he did for the purpose of widening the existing track between Aseki and Menyanya and upgrading it to vehicular standard.

The patrol is to be of a standing nature and will be reported on approximately every one ^{month} until its completion.

The report is of a special nature which explains its brevity and is of quite good standard and a marked improvement on his first effort.

No comments in regard to the political situation are made as Mr. Long has not yet been here long enough to make an accurate assessment of this.

Claims for camping allowance and patrol instructions are also attached. ^{17/12}

For your information please.

(G.C. Connor)
Officer-in-Charge



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Telephone
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Our Reference 67-1-1
If calling ask for
Mr. GCC/LKK

Department of District Administration,

Patrol Post Aseki,
Menyama Sub-District,
Morobe District

25th November, 1969.

Mr. C. H. Long,
Assistant Patrol Officer,
Aseki.

Dear Chris,

Please be prepared to conduct a road building patrol along the Aseki - Menyama road route. Set up camp at the border of the Aseki - Menyama Administration Areas. You will be there off and on until the project is completed and for an initial period of 6 weeks. I will spend time there to advise you.

Regards.

Assistant District Officer - Aseki.
G.C. Connor.

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Menyanya Sub-District,
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Regards.

J.C. Connor
Assistant J.C. Connor.
S/District Officer - Aseki.

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ASEKI Patrol Post,
MENYAMYA Sub District,
MOROBE District.

ASEKI PATROL REPORT No. 4 of 1969/70.

Patrol Conducted By: J.H. Kong, A.P.O.
Designation: Special.
Area Patrolled: Aseki-Menyamya Road Route.
Personel Accompanying Patrol: 1 Interpreter, all the time,
1 Aid Post Orderly, 4 weeks only,
1 Member R.P. & N.G.C. 2 weeks only,
Duration of Patrol: 23rd. September 1969 to
8th. November 1969.
Number of Days: 37, Patrol was broken.
Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: 9th. May 1969 to 1st. June 1969.
Objects of Patrol: To complete the widening to vehicular
width of the road linking Aseki to
Menyamya, as far as the Menyamya
administrative area border.
Population of Area: No permanent population, road
constructed mainly through hunting
regions.
Map Reference: Fourmail of Wau.
Village Population Register Not Included.

PATROL DIARYTUESDAY 23rd. SEPTEMBER

Departed Aseki 0930 with carriers, arrived camp at Ingingwai River, 10 miles along road, 1330. Road workers already there. Supervised construction of new toilet, repairs to log cabin, and cleared land for new cookhouse.

WEDNESDAY 24th. SEPTEMBER.

Cookhouse completed and Police tent and temporary Aid Post erected. The 20 workers present started work in afternoon next to the river.

THURSDAY 25th. SEPTEMBER

More workers arrived, a total of 54 from 4 villages. Some men cutting trees and clearing undergrowth, the rest digging. About 100 feet widened to 20 feet.

FRIDAY 26th. SEPTEMBER

0700 labor reported for work. Large rocks dug out with great difficulty, workers had no proper idea of leverage and cooperation, difficult to direct operations due to language problems. Further 100 feet widened. At 1600 took roll call and dismissed workers.

SATURDAY 27th. SEPTEMBER

Observed at road camp.

SUNDAY 28th. SEPTEMBER

Observed at road camp, second group of workers arrived.

MONDAY 29th. SEPTEMBER

0715 took roll call, 69 workers. Further 100 feet widened, cliff not very high. Undergrowth and felled trees thrown over the side of the road to help hold loose earth in place. Mr Connor arrived 1430.

TUESDAY 30th. SEPTEMBER

0700 labor reported for work. Some very large and difficult trees and roots removed, cliff much higher so only 80 feet of road dug.

WEDNESDAY 1st. OCTOBER

0700 labor reported for work. Cliff steeper and higher still, many trees felled and thrown over the side. Heavy rain interrupted work in the afternoon. Only 50 feet of road dug and edge collapsed in some places up to 2 feet.

THURSDAY 2nd. OCTOBER

0700 labor reported for work. Cliff higher, about 40 feet, slowing work. Some workers digging on cliff face. Mr. P. Simpson, 2 IC Menyanya, stayed for the day and returned to Sikong.

FRIDAY 3rd. OCTOBER

0700 labor reported for work. Departed road camp 0930 to attend to office, arrived Aseki 1130. Mr. Connor left for Menyanya in the afternoon.

SATURDAY 4th. OCTOBER

Observed at Aseki.

SUNDAY 5th. OCTOBER

Observed at Aseki.

MONDAY 6th. OCTOBER

Departed Aseki 0930 with 3 carriers, arrived road camp 1210, took rollcall. Messrs. Connor and Simpson passed through on their way to Aseki from Menyanya. Road progressing reasonably well but cliff still very high.

TUESDAY 7th. OCTOBER

0700 labor reported for work. Some large rocks and roots removed, cliff slowing progress. Sgt. J. Gebbald Army SAS, and patrol stopped for tea on their way to Bulolo. Messrs. Connor and Simpson arrived from Aseki 1600, Mr. Simpson continued on to Menyanya. Sgt. L. Fraser, Army SAS, and patrol stayed overnight on their way from Aseki to Menyanya.

WEDNESDAY 8th. OCTOBER

0700 labor reported for work. Road work continuing at a steady rate.

THURSDAY 9th. OCTOBER

0700 labor reported for work. Road work continuing.

FRIDAY 10th. OCTOBER

0700 labor reported for work. A 60 x 60 foot landslide, caused by heavy overnight rain, fell and covered the road at lunchtime. A track was cleared around the base. At this stage a straight stretch 160 yards long from the Ingirwai River had been cut to 20 feet, except for 20 yards where the landslide came down. 1330 departed road camp for Aseki. Mr. Connor followed at 1620.

SATURDAY 11th. OCTOBER

Observed at Aseki. Messrs. Simpson and Williams from Menyanya stayed for the weekend.

SUNDAY 12th. OCTOBER

Departed Aseki 1330 for road camp with SAS patrol of Sgt. J. Conneghan, who stayed overnight before proceeding to Menyanya.

MONDAY 13th. OCTOBER

0715 took rollcall. Work commenced on clearing landslide only. Three wheelbarrows sent up the previous day helped speed up the work, but I estimate the landslide contained about 150 cubic yards, so progress on the road was stopped for a week. Sgt. G. Garvin, Army SAS, and patrol stayed overnight on their way to Aseki from Menyanya.

TUESDAY 14th. OCTOBER.

0700 labor reported for work. The SAS patrol gave a firepower demonstration and I spoke to the workers about who the Army was and what they did. They were very impressed and examined the target trees with great excitement. SAS departed and work continued on landslide.

WEDNESDAY 15th, OCTOBER

0700 labor reported for work on landslide.

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THURSDAY 16th. OCTOBER

0700 labor reported for work on landslide, about half finished.

FRIDAY 17th. OCTOBER

0700 labor reported for work. Landslide almost cleared and work ~~started~~ started on new stretch. Heavy afternoon rains had slowed work during the week. Took rolcall and dismissed workers 1500. Departed for Aseki.

SATURDAY 18th. OCTOBER

Observed at Aseki.

SUNDAY 19th. OCTOBER

Observed at Aseki, departed for road camp 1515.

MONDAY 20th. OCTOBER

0715 took rollcall. Split workers up to clear remainder of landslide, widen corner and start on new stretch.

TUESDAY 21st. OCTOBER

0700 labor reported for work. Road going well.

WEDNESDAY 22nd. OCTOBER

0700 labor reported for work. Spent most of the day removing a huge rock.

THURSDAY 23rd. OCTOBER

0700 labor reported for work. Work along this section going well, but there were also some high cliffs. A few trees cut.

FRIDAY 24th. OCTOBER

0700 labor reported for work. 60 yards of road completed this week. Not very much rain, but a few small landslides, and small rocks in the ground made digging hard. Took rollcall 1500, dismissed workers and departed for Aseki.

SATURDAY 25th. OCTOBER

Observed at Aseki.

SUNDAY 26th. OCTOBER

Observed at Aseki, returned to road camp in the afternoon.

MONDAY 27th. OCTOBER

0715 took rollcall. Work on same stretch as last week. Grey, cement like earth very easy to dig and makes a good road surface. Two more wheelbarrows arrived, helping to speed up the work. Mr. Connor arrived during the day to stay for the week.

TUESDAY 28th. OCTOBER

0700 labor reported for work. Terrain a lot easier. Workers crossed a small creek and reached my camp.

WEDNESDAY 29th. OCTOBER

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WEDNESDAY 29th. OCTOBER

0700 labor reported for work. Roadwork reached the end of the stretch where the camp is situated. A large cedar log was cut so that the bridge over the abovementioned creek could be widened. This was done and new decking put on.

THURSDAY 30th. OCTOBER

0700 labor reported for work. At this stage over 300 yards had been cut. Work on another stretch commenced. This section was full of small hard rocks making digging very difficult. Mr. Connor left for Aseki.

FRIDAY 31st. OCTOBER

0700 labor reported for work. Workers spread out over 70 yards. A 30 x 50 foot landslide started to fall very slowly, slowing work. There had been more heavy rain this week which did not help. Took rollcall and dismissed workers 1500. Reported for Aseki.

SATURDAY 1st. NOVEMBER

Observed at Aseki.

SUNDAY 2nd. NOVEMBER

Observed at Aseki. Mr. P. J. Lancaster, A.D.C. Menyanya visited with Army medical team. Departed for road camp 1400.

MONDAY 3rd. NOVEMBER

0715 took rollcall. Work on landslide continuing. Some workers working very well on stretch of soft earth.

TUESDAY 4th. NOVEMBER

0700 labor reported for work. 1030 Mr. J. Murzyn, a dynamiter from CDW, arrived from Sikong to blast several large rocks on the Aseki-Menyanya and Aseki-Kaintiba roads. Blasting started.

WEDNESDAY 5th. NOVEMBER

0700 labor reported for work. Supervised roadwork and assisted the dynamiting. The bluestone was very hard, making drilling slow. Native workers were very keen to help, but few were good at drilling.

THURSDAY 6th. NOVEMBER.

0700 labor reported for work. Supervised roadwork and the moving of the blasting equipment one mile down the road towards Aseki. A full days work here. Reconoited the road for more rocks on the motorcycle, and found another days work two miles from the camp.

FRIDAY 7th. NOVEMBER

0700 labor reported for work. Supervised roadwork and blasting. Made another motorcycle reconisance of road as far as the Langamar River, five miles from the camp. 1030 shifted camping equipment down to the Langamar and set up camp. Mr. Murzyn arrived 1300. 1400 rode back up to main camp to take rollcall and dimiss workers. Engaged four to help on Saturday. Rode back to Langamar. An escarpment adjacent to the river was being blasted, to provide a good approach for a bridge. Slept overnight at Langamar with Mr. Murzyn.

Officer.

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SATURDAY 8th. NOVEMBER

Blasting completed. Moved all equipment down
to Aseki.

END OF PATROL

C.H. Long

C.H. Long.

Assistant Patrol Officer.

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ASEKI PATROL REPORT No. 4 of 1969/70.

INTRODUCTION

This patrol was for the specific purpose of widening the Aseki section of the Aseki-Menyamya road to vehicular width, and is therefore a special report. At the start of the patrol only three miles, from Aseki to Oiwa village were suitable for vehicular traffic. Throughout the patrol I lived in a log cabin. This will be used later as a rest house for anyone stopped by landslides while travelling between Aseki and Menyamya.

The area patrolled is on the Spreader Divide, with an altitude varying between 6000 and 7000 feet, and covered with dense forest. Annual rainfall is 165 inches, and the climate is quite cool. The closest village is four miles away, and the area is used only for hunting, although apart from a few birds there is very little game.

ROADS

The Aseki-Menyamya road is part of the proposed road linking Lae-Aseki-Menyamya-Kaintiba-Masawaka-Kerema. Work on benching the Aseki part of the Aseki-Menyamya section was completed in May 1969. Mr. G.C. Connor's patrol of May-June 1969, widened three miles from Aseki to Jiwa village to vehicular width.

The remaining eight miles consist of a bench varying between four and thirteen feet wide, suitable for motorcycles only. Due to the terrain the road twists and climbs a lot. There are many sharp turns which will be improved with widening. Although the road climbs and descends about 5000 feet in eleven miles, the gradient rarely exceeds 10%.

Ten new log bridges will be built to replace the existing temporary ones which are suitable for motorcycles only. With the help of a dynamiter from C.D.W. all the visible large rocks obstructing the road were blasted and there are now no major obstacles preventing road work.

Work commenced at the border of the Aseki and Menyamya administrative areas, about eleven miles from Aseki. This was because it was thought that our new Ford 5000 tractor would probably be delivered to Menyamya, and so could be used later to help construct the roads. At the time of writing the tractor is at Menyamya and we should be able to use it on our section in early January, 1970.

A total of 110 workers from eight villages worked on the road on a week on, week off basis. They were paid \$1-00 per week and seemed quite happy with this. I tried to explain the economic advantages of the road, but they couldn't understand and said they only worked for the money. They will probably realise its advantages later when it is being used. They were working a nine hour day and most worked very well.

CONCLUSION

At the time of writing half a mile of road from the camp back towards Aseki has been widened and one bridge built, which I think is a reasonable effort, considering the terrain, hard ground and the lack of a self help attitude by the workers. Another group has now started at Oiwa village working towards the Langamar River. As both groups work towards each other the terrain improves and I estimate that with the help of the tractor, the Aseki section of this road should be opened by May or June, 1970.

This report is an interim ~~xxx~~ report only and work is continuing.

C.H. Long
C.H. Long.

Assistant Patrol Officer.



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PATROL POST
INDUSTRIAL AREA

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