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SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1970-1971

NIPA & POROMA

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer conducting patrol</u>	<u>Area patrolled</u>
1-70-71	J.R. Bullock	Nipa Local Govt. Council Area
2-70-71	N. Wright	Nembi Plateau C.D. Part Foi'i C.D
3-70-71	J.R. Bullock	Part Nipa Basin
4-70-71 5-70-71	N. Wright A. Smedley	Nipa Basin C.D. NIPA BASIN C.D.
<u>POROMA</u>		
1-70-71	N. Wright	Foi'i C.D.
2-70-71	J. Kabisch	Part Foi'i C.D.
3-70-71	N. Wright	Part Nembi Valley and Foi'i C.D.
4-70-71	J. Kabisch	Foi'i and Pasu C.D
5-70-71	W. Hera	Part Nembi Valley C.D.
6-70-71	M. K. Veri	Nembi C.D.
7-70-71	A.G. Smedley	Part Foi'i C.D.
8-70-71	K.K. VERI	Foi'i/PASU C.D.





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# PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. Nipa Report No. 1 of 1970/71.

Patrol Conducted by J.R. Bullock, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Nipa Local Government Council Area.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans A.G. Smedley, A.P.O.

Natives 2 R.P.N.G.C. and 1 Interpreter.

Duration—From 5/8/1970 to 29/10/1970

Number of Days 66 days.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Jan/1970

Medical March/1970

Map Reference Kutubu Formil.

Objects of Patrol Routine Administration, Updating of Area Study.

Compilation of 1970/71 Census and Political Education.

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

*Mrs Susan Zales*

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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KONEDOBU...PAPUA.

28th May, 1971.

The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

NIPA PATROL NO.1 of 1970/71

Your reference is 67-3-4 of 16th April, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Census, Area Study and Situation Report by Messrs. J. Bullock, Patrol Officer and A.G. Smedley, Assistant Patrol Officer to the Nipa Local Government Council area.

The reports submitted by both officers are comprehensive and informative. Mr. Smedley appears to have gained valuable experience as a Field Officer.

Comments by yourself and the Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa adequately cover all aspects of the report.

Both officers have presented neat and well written reports. Mr. Bullock continues his good work and Mr. Smedley appears capable of adapting himself to the tasks of a Field Officer.

All in all good reports by the officers.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Secretary



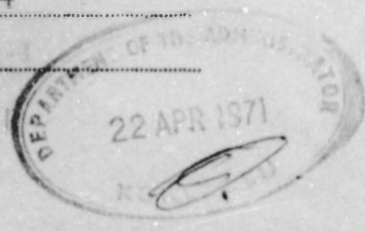
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Department of the Administrator.

Division of District Administration.  
District Office,  
MENDI.  
Southern Highlands District.

16th, April 1971

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

NIPA PATROL NUMBER ONE OF 1970/71 - MESSERS J. BULLOCK P.O.  
AND A. SMEDLEY A.P.O.

Please find enclosed two (2) copies of a report on the above  
Patrol submitted by the above two officers.

Mr. Smedley's report was submitted to enable him to gain  
experience in this facet of his work.

Both reports are comprehensive and reflect on the keenness of  
the officers concerned.

Comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa,  
adequately cover points raised in the reports.

For your information and comment, please.

D.J. Clancy  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. The Assistant District Commissioner,  
NIPA.

Mr. A. Smedley,  
Assistant Patrol Officer.  
NIPA.



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Division of District  
Administration,  
Sub-District Office,  
Nipa,  
Southern Highlands District.

7th January, 1971.

The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

Nipa Patrol No. 1/70-71, Mr. J. Bullock, P.O.,  
and Mr. A. Smedley, A.P.O.

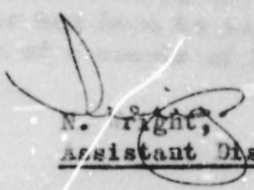
Attached herewith please find three (3) copies of the above report plus attachments.

The delay in forwarding these reports was occasioned by their late submission, Mr. Bullock's section of the report was received on 13th December and Mr. Smedley's on 6th January.

There is some excuse in both cases for the delay; Mr. Bullock's involvement in station duties, due to the absence of other officers and Mr. Smedley's departure on another patrol immediately following the completion of this one. This is Mr. Smedley's first report.

While taking into account these facts, the delay in submission is nonetheless inordinate, especially in Mr. Bullock's case taking into account his experience.

My comments of both these reports are attached.

  
N. Wright,  
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Mr. J. Bullock.

c.c. Mr. A. Smedley.



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NIPA PATROL NO. 1/1970-71.  
AREA STUDY - NIPA BASIN AND MEMBI PLATEAU  
WENSON DIVISIONS.

Mr. J. Bullock, Patrol Officer.

COMMENTS.

Nipa Basin.

Population.

The move by the Nuga people into the Fof'i Census Division has been contemplated for some time, ever since their transfer from the Fof'i Census Division in 1966. A submission for the transfer of this village will be made after their initial census in the Fof'i Census Division.

Literacy.

Of the 37 graduates from Standard 6 at Nipa Primary School, only 9 have been selected for high school, this figure includes one girl. The problem will be finding satisfactory employment for the remaining 15 children. The people in common with the remainder of the Territory consider education the key to instant success, they cannot see the advantages of education for education's sake.

Non-Indigenes.

Outlets.

Plans for the proposed United Church tea plantation near Nipa are no further advanced. The United Church has run into problems obtaining the necessary finance. The local people have agreed to sell 700 of the required 1000 acres, the remaining 300 is subject to a disagreement over whether it should be sold or not, though of late it appears that some of the people involved may be approaching agreement.

Communications.

(a) The road to Bulalinja is much improved with most of it having now been surfaced, a patrol is to visit the area in the near future to complete the surfacing and upgrade several poor sections.

Stage of Political Development.

The stage of political development is on a par with the remainder of the sub-district. The greatest fear appears to be the effects of localisation after independence, this fear has been to some extent strengthened by the irresponsible actions of a couple of local public servants stationed at Nipa.

SITUATION REPORT.

Political.

The growth of political awareness throughout the division is directly attributed to the intensive education programme carried out over the past 18 months. The spread of information could be wider if a little more interest was shown by the local missionaries, most of whom appear to consider political education the sole province of the Administration.



The Council also has not proved very successful in this field, mainly due to the reluctance of the majority of Councillors to pass information on, this is used as an artifice to maintain their position in the village.

To assist in providing better communications between the Council and the people, the Council will in future hold several of its meetings each year at different locations in its area.

NEUBI PLATEAU.

Introduction.

(b) The vehicular road servicing the Plateau is now complete and is completely surfaced as far as Nam, in the Neubi Valley Census Division. Branching southeast for two miles past Nam, this road will eventually link up with the Niua-Parua Road near Udjabla. Work is underway on the Plateau road to improve it by removing unnecessary corners and upgrading surfacing.

Literacy.

The establishment of two primary schools in the Division during the year will do much to assist the area.

Stage of Political Development.

Political understanding remains at a fairly basic level in the division, though it continues to improve as a result of political education carried out by visiting patrols.

Possibilities of Expanding the Economy.

There is a need for greater attention to be given to this area by Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries. To my knowledge only one R.A.S.P. patrol has visited the area in the past twelve months and day visits have not been overly frequent.

Coffee and cattle appear to be the best avenues for establishing a cash economy in the area. The limiting factor with cattle is finance, this does not apply to coffee where the only barrier appears to be the people's reluctance to do the necessary groundwork, clearing of nurseries, and garden plots etc.

The cattle project at Enjus is now started, fencing of a project at Uba has commenced and clearing of a project at Tegibe commenced. The Christian Union Mission at Montanda is in the process of establishing a cattle project on the mission station.

GENERAL COMMENTS.

Mr. Bullock has submitted a good report covering a long patrol, marred only by the absence of some useful information under several headings.



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NIPA PATROL NO. 1/1970-71.  
SITUATION REPORT - NIPA BASIN  
CENSUS DIVISION.

Mr. A. Sandley, A.P.O.

COMMENT.

Local Government.

Much of the people's ignorance as to the aims and activities of the Council can be blamed on the Councillors, who make little or no effort to pass on information to their electors.

The Council will in future hold meetings every couple of months at locations outside its headquarters in an effort to bring the Council closer to the people.

Local Government Councillors.

Mr. Sandley seems to harbour a misconception as to the role of the Councillors who, if anything, are controlled by their electors and not vice versa.

GENERAL COMMENTS.

Mr. Sandley has submitted a good first report which indicates, from the information contained therein, that he has gained useful experience. He should in future endeavour to submit his reports much more promptly, three weeks should be sufficient time in which to submit all but the most voluminous report.



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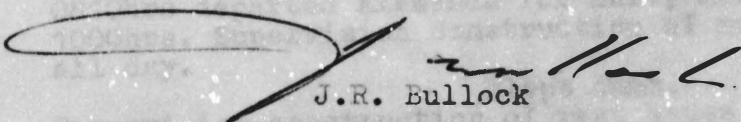
NIPA.

25th November, 1970.

The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

NIPA PATROL REPORT NO. 1 1970/71

Report number,	Nipa No. 1 of 1970/71
Sub-District,	Nipa.
District,	Southern Highlands District.
Council area,	Nipa L.G.C. Area.
Patrol conducted by,	J.R. Bullock, Patrol Officer.
Area patrolled,	1. Nipa Basin Census Division. 2. Nembu Plateau Census Div.
Personnel accompanying Patrol,	A.G. Smedley A.P.O. (Nipa Basin only) 2 R.P.N.G.C. 1 Interpreter.
Duration of patrol,	5/8/70 to 29/10/70. 66 days.
Date and duration of last D.D.A. patrol to area,	January 1970.
Objects of patrol,	Routine Administration, Updating of Area Study, Compilation of 1970/71 Census and Political Education.
Total population of area patrolled,	Approximately 17,000
Map reference,	Kutubu Fourmil
Village population register enclosed.	

  
J.R. Bullock  
Patrol Officer.



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PATROL DIARY

Nipa Patrol Report No.1 of 1969/70

Wednesday 5/8/70. Preparations for patrol departed for Shumbi arriving 1400hrs. Courts to 1530hrs. Talks with head men to 1700hrs.  
Slept Shumbi.

Thursday 6/8/70 0800hrs talks on Political education including the Prime Ministers speech to 1000hrs. Census to 1800hrs.  
Slept Shumbi.

Friday 7/8/70 Compilation of figures. Discussions with clans over land disputes. Various courts.  
Slept Shumbi.

Saturday 8/8/70 Further disputes involving adjacent Mendi clans.  
Slept Shumbi.

Sunday 9/8/70 Observed at Shumbi. Information gathered for area study.  
Slept Shumbi.

Monday 10/8/70 0815hrs departed Shumbi for Egenda arriving 1045hrs. Supervision of work on roads all day.  
Slept Egenda.

~~Monday~~ Tuesday 11/8/70 0800hrs Political Education talks to 1100hrs. Continued with census to 1800hrs.  
Slept Egenda.

Wednesday 12/8/70 0800hrs compilation of figures. 0900hrs continued with second half of census to 1400hrs. Disputes and courts to 1800hrs.  
Slept Egenda.

Thursday 13/8/70 0825hrs departed Egenda for Ingin arriving 1040hrs. 1300hrs census of MAK finishing at 1700hrs. Minor disputes and compilation of figures to 1900hrs.  
Slept Ingin.

Friday 14/8/70 0800hrs compilation of figures. 0900hrs to 1130hrs Political Education. Census of Ingin to 1630hrs. Disputes to 1900hrs.  
Slept Ingin.

Saturday 15/8/70 0830hrs departed Ingin for Komia arriving 1000hrs. Talks with leaders for area study information. Various disputes.  
Slept Komia.

Sunday 16/8/70 Observed at Komia.  
Slept Komia.

Monday 17/8/70 0900hrs Political Education talks. Continued with census to 1730 hrs. Courts thereafter.  
Slept Komia.

Tuesday 18/8/70 0800hrs work on Komia rest house. 0835hrs moved onto Alamanda arriving 1030hrs. 1300hrs census Tombera No.2. finishing at 1630hrs. Compilation of figures to 1730hrs.  
Slept Alamanda.

Wednesday 19/8/70 0800hrs to 1130hrs courts/ 1200hrs Political Education talks and census to 1600hrs. Compilation of figures thereafter.  
Slept Alamanda.

Thursday 20/8/70 0810hrs departed Alamanda for Suma, arriving 1000hrs. Supervision construction of rest house all day.  
Slept Suma.

Friday 21/8/70 Supervision construction of rest house and compilation of figures all day.  
Slept Suma.

Saturday 22/8/70 Construction of rest house all day.  
Slept Suma.

Sunday 23/8/70 Observed at Suma.  
Slept Suma.

Monday 24/8/70 Supervision of road work all day.  
Slept Suma.

Tuesday 25/8/70 Courts to 0900hrs. Political Education talks and census to 1700hrs.  
Slept Suma.



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Patrol Diary - Continued

Wednesday	26/8/70	0820hrs departed Suma for Halalinja arriving 1100hrs. Political Education talks and census to 1830 hrs. Slept Halalinja.
Thursday	27/8/70	0800hrs minor disputes to 1015hrs. Moved onto Ungubi arriving 1045 hrs. Census of Hombila to 1615hrs. Slept Ungubi.
Friday	28/8/70	Courts to 0900hrs. Political Education discussion to 1130 hrs. Census to 1630 hrs. Various disputes to 1930 hrs. Slept Ungubi.
Saturday	29/8/70	Various discussions and inspection of new Aid Post. 1015 hrs moved onto Boi'ia. Various courts. Slept Boi'ia.
Sunday	30/8/70	Observed at Boi'ia. Slept Boi'ia.
Monday	31/8/70	Supervision of road work all day. Slept Boi'ia.
Tuesday	1/9/70	Political Education talks to 1030hrs. Census Ugun and Boi'ia to 1530hrs. Compilation of figures to 1900hrs. Slept Boi'ia.
Wednesday	2/9/70	0830hrs departed Boi'ia for Sesenda arriving 1030hrs. Political Education talks with Tombera No. 1. and Kalal. Census to 1630hrs. Courts to 1950hrs Slept Sesenda.
Thursday	3/9/70	0900hrs arrived Kware. Talks to 1100hrs. Census to 1430hrs. Returned Sesenda arriving 1500hrs. Compilation of figures to 1700hrs. Slept Sesenda.
Friday	4/9/70	0830hrs departed for Pulim arriving 0930hrs. Courts and disputes all day. Slept Pulim.
Saturday	5/9/70	1000hrs Political Education talks and discussions to 1230hrs. Census to 1500hrs. Slept Pulim.
Sunday	6/9/70	Observed at Pulim. Slept Pulim.
Monday	7/9/70	0900hrs arrived Injip. Political Education talks to 1130 hrs. Census of Arop and Injip to 1500hrs. Returned Pulim. Various discussions thereafter. Slept Pulim.
Tuesday	8/9/70	0830hrs departed Pulim for Erep arriving 0915hrs 1000 hrs various discussions. 1100hrs census Korop and Kombila Slept Erep.
Wednesday	9/9/70	Heavy rain, compilation of figures to 1030hrs. Political Education talks to 1230hrs. Census to 1530hrs. Various talks to 1830hrs. Slept Erep.
Thursday	10/9/70	0830hrs departed for Nipa arriving 1000hrs. 1330 hrs onto Soi'ia. Talks and census to 1700hrs. Slept Soi'ia.
Friday	11/9/70	0900 hrs to Suma to place Road Maintenance Order on that line. Returned Nipa 1230hrs. Courts to 1700hrs. Patrol Broken for long weekend.
Tuesday	15/9/70	To Semin arriving 1000hrs. Supervision of road work all day. Slept Semin.
Wednesday	16/9/70	Courts, compilation of figures and discussions all day. Slept Semin.



Patrol Diary - Continued.

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Thursday	17/9/70	0800hrs to 1100hrs political education talks. Census to 1800hrs. Minor talks to 1900hrs. Slept Semin.
Friday	18/9/70	0800hrs departed for Ebil arriving 0845 hrs. 1100hrs to 1400hrs census of Hont. Varicus disputes thereafter. Slept Ebil.
Saturday	19/9/70	Talks and discussions and political education to 1200hrs. Census to 1500hrs. Courts to 1500hrs. Slept Ebil.
Sunday	20/9/70	Observed at Ebil. Slept Ebil.
Monday	21/9/70	0800hrs departed for Omdol arriving 0830hrs. Supervision of road work all day. Slept Omdol.
Tuesday	22/9/70	Talks and Political Education to 1100hrs. Census to 1630hrs. Slept Omdol.
Wednesday	23/9/70	Courts to 0930hrs. Talks with Hebinja people to 1200hrs. Census to 1500hrs. Compilation of figures to 1800hrs. Slept Omdol.
Thursday	24/9/70	0830hrs departed for Enjua arriving 0905hrs. Courts and discussions to 1600hrs. Figures to 1745hrs Slept Enjua.
Friday	25/9/70	Compilation of figures to 1000hrs. Talks to 1220. Census to 1630hrs. Slept Enjua.
Saturday	26/9/70	Courts and disputes all day. Slept Enjua.
Sunday	27/9/70	Observed at Enjua. Slept Enjua.
Monday	28/9/70	Supervision of road work all day. Slept Enjua.
Tuesday	29/9/70	Figures to 1000hrs. To Ulal arriving 1030hrs. Talks to 1245hrs. Census to 1530hrs. Returned Enjua. Courts to 1900hrs. Slept Enjua.
Wednesday	30/9/70	0800hrs departed for Tegibo arriving 0830hrs. Talks and census to 1630hrs. Figures to 1910hrs. Slept Tegibo.
Thursday	1/10/70	Talks and census with the Obua people to 1600hrs. Slept Tegibo.
Friday	2/10/70	Returned Nipa on various matters. Returned Tegibo 1300hrs onto Askam arriving 1740hrs. Cesus abandoned due torrential rain. Courts to 1745hrs. Slept Askam.
Saturday	3/10/70	Talks with Kam and Mul to 1200hrs. Census to 1900hrs. Slept Askam.
Sunday	4/10/70	1015hrs departed for Kerungili arriving 1110hrs. Courts from 1700 to 1900hrs. Slept Kerungili.
Monday	5/10/70	Talks to 1100hrs. Census to 1500hrs. Minor disputes thereafter. Slept Kerungili.
Tuesday	6/10/70	0800hrs departed for Tobua. Talks and census with Tobua and Enip to 1530hrs. Moved onto Pumberal. Various disputes and discussions to 1900hrs. Slept Pumberal.
Wednesday	7/10/70	Figures to 1000hrs. Talks and census to 1710hrs. Slept Pumberal.
Thursday	8/10/70	Courts and disputes and Area Study all day. Slept Pumberal.

Patrol Diary - Continued.

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- Friday 9/10/70** Returned Nipa for upreme Court arriving 1215hrs.  
Patrol Broken for Supreme Court in Mendi.  
and Political Education Seminar at Nipa.
- Monday 26/10/70** 0900hrs departed for Penerop arriving 1100hrs  
Talks and census to 1900hrs.
- Tuesday 27/10/70** 0800hrs departed for Uba. Talks and census from  
0900hrs to 1530hrs. Courts to 1945hrs.  
Slept Penerop.  
Slept Uba.
- Wednesday 28/10/70** Returned Nipa arriving 1230hrs. Staff conference  
for rest of day.
- Thursday 29/10/70** To Pinjip arriving 0930hrs. Talks and census  
with Pinjip, Injasujul, and Kawari. Returned  
Nipa arriving 1830hrs.

Patrol Stood Down.



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SITUATION REPORT  
NEMBI FLATEAU CENSUS DIVISION  
NIPA PATROL NO. 1 of 1970/71

POLITICAL

The main increase in political awareness in the area has resulted from the introduction of Local Government in the area. The change over from the Village Constables system has been rapid and complete. The Councillors, especially the older ones, appear to get more respect from their people than those in the Nipa Basin. Although, they have had councils for 4 years.

The new councillors in the area are:-

Mr. PEI of UBA village. Aged 50. Five years as Village Constable but sacked in 1966 due to various criminal offences. No education but pro-Administration and progressive. Still has tendencies towards self-gain.

Mr. KUNT TALE of PENAROP village. Aged 26. Nil education and non-pidgin speaker. No experience as leader. Very young and has a very difficult ward to control.

Mr. KOBOP KELIBI of FUMBAREL/IOMO villages. Aged 51. Nil education and non-pidgin speaker. A strong leader in his clan of Iomo but probably lacks some control in the Fumbarel clan. Pro-Administration.

Mr. NEM POLAP of TOBUA/ENIP villages. Aged 40. Nil education and a non-pidgin speaker. Former Village Constable of Tobua and a fairly capable leader. Pro-Administration.

Mr. KAPMA TOMON of KERUNGILI village. Aged 40. Nil education and non-pidgin speaker. Former Village Constable and a solid leader. Pro-Administration.

Mr. LABON TONDOP of KAM/MUL villages. Aged 27. Nil education and non-pidgin speaker. Very young and inexperienced but is doing a good job.

Political education was carried out at all villages and it is interesting to note that some young men can now stand up and give quite an informed run-down on one or two of the 9 main points of the Political Education program.

The patrol was asked in most villages to explain briefly what Mr. Gorton's had said in his speech on his visit to Wendi this year.

The attitude towards the Administration and missions remains very good in this area.

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ECONOMIC

Because of the isolation and lack of capital in the area little has been done in the way of economic development on the Nembi Plateau.

Coffee nurseries have been established throughout the area and some trees have now been planted out.

The cattle project at Enjua has now been stocked and one of the heifers has already given birth to a calf.

Other cattle projects could be started in the area but the lack of capital is a retarding factor.

Interest in cattle was encouraged in all villages and the writer hopes to return to Tegibo and Uba villages at a later date to establish projects there.

SOCIAL

There are now two schools in the area making a great step forward for these people. This, together with the introduction of Local Government, has moved the area from stagnancy to a place the people can be proud of.

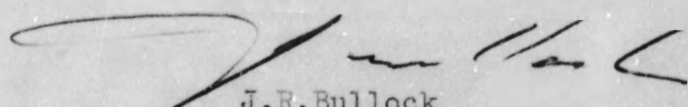
Health services have improved greatly, especially in child welfare. These are run by the C.U.M. Mission at Ka which has a European Sister visit the area every week. In the coming year it is expected that the Sister will establish a permanent base at Penerop in the area.

There was one murder at Tobua during the year but on the whole the area is quite well settled with most disputes in the area coming to the attention of Administration Officers.

MISCELLANEOUS

The patrol was well received in all villages visited. Unfortunately, because of other commitments the writer had to speed up the patrol in the area that most needed patrolling, especially after a lapse of some 9 months of no patrolling.

All the aims of the patrol were achieved and the area was found to be quite settled and moving ahead at quite a suitable pace.



J.R. Bullock

Patrol Officer 10/12/70



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SITUATION REPORT  
NIPA BASIN CENSUS DIVISION  
NIPA PATROL NO. 1 of 1970/71

POLITICAL

The writer was disappointed with general native attitudes to politics and other development in the area. The following reasons appear to be the main causes of a general apathy in the Nipa Basin.

It was found that there was generally a greater political awareness in the area with men in one or two places being able to give a short rundown on each of the 9 points of the Political Education Program. However, it was again brought out how tired the people were of talk about independence and self-government. During the year Nipa was visited by the Select Committee on Constitutional Development. Without much publicity of this visit by officers of this department 5000 people came and told the Committee in no uncertain terms that they were not ready for independence. Then, in July, 2000 people from the Nipa area walked to Mendi to see Mr. Gorton with the intention of informing him of their thoughts on independence.

Only rightly, the people feel now that if the House of Assembly does not know now how they feel, then they will never know. The majority feel that Political Education is important but appear to have an underlying fear that independence will be forced upon them. Mr. Gorton's speech was explained to these people, especially the statement concerning the requirement of the majority of Territory people wanting independence before it would be granted.

Many of the ~~xxxxxx~~ ideas of the people seem to be unreasonable. An example being that of requiring all men of 20 years of age to have had a primary education before they would be ready for independence, and secondly, 'we are quite happy with the Central Government up to now, why should anything be changed'.

Other points brought up were the lack of economic growth in Nipa and at a few places men got up and asked 'how could the Government develop the country when the people did not have the money to pay sufficient taxes. Following on from the discussions on Education a few persons pointed out the lack of Highland people in the Public Service.



It was pointed out that although many people did not want independence at this stage it did not mean that they could hide from it like the old ostrich with his head in the sand, but, that it was up to the people to do their best to learn all they could about their Government and develop their area so that Papua and New Guinea would have a happy future.

An interesting point regarding Mr. Gorton's visit to Mendi and the adverse publicity received by the staff at Nipa, is that it appears that some persons were under the impression that they would be punished if they did not go. But from asking in various villages it appears that well over 90% of those that did go went because they wanted to.

Many expressed disappointment that they could not hear what was being said at Mendi by the speakers because of all the noise. But all said they were happy to see Mendi and the various other tribes that came from other parts of the Southern Highlands. Many amongst the 14000 people that did not go asked to be told briefly what the Prime Minister said in his speech at Mendi.

In many villages dissatisfaction was expressed about the present MHA for the Nipa Open Electorate. The main cause for dissatisfaction appears to be the lack of contact that the Member has with the people. Explanation was given that a matter such as this had nothing to do with the writer as a Public Servant, but it was explained what they could do at the next elections if they still felt that way.

The Local Government Council has not advanced greatly during the year, mainly due to changes in Advisers. There is a greater understanding of Council functions but a lack of interest that appears mainly due to lack of patrolling in the area.

The Council tax patrol was in the area at the same time as this patrol and although the tax had been raised from 80¢ to \$2.00 there was no trouble experienced during collections.

The people's attitudes to the Central Government remains the same i.e. one of complete acceptance and dependence.

The writer was generally impressed with the greater ~~increased~~ awareness of matters of Government than was noticeable on my first patrol to the area. Ref. Nipa No. 2 of 1969/70. But unfortunately there was an apathy in the majority to learning anything new about Government.



Generally, the atmosphere appears to have come about by an underlying fear that the Government is not going to honour their wishes in regard to self-government and independence and the unfortunate lack of contact through patrolling.

#### ECONOMIC

The main development in the economic field in the Nipa Basin has been with cattle. The Nipa Local Government Council has fenced and planted up a 40 acre holding yard at the newly purchased Agricultural block some 4 miles south of Nipa. The initial intake of cattle was 19, including one Administration bull. The cattle have been sold throughout the Sub-District while the Nipa Basin itself now has 3 stocked cattle projects. Interest in further projects is high but the initial capital required for the purchase of fencing and stock is a retarding factor.

The first coffee in the Nipa Basin area came into production in May this year. So far only about 20lb. of coffee has been purchased by DASF. The main sales have come from Kware and Boi'ia villages. It is expected that the bulk of the original plantings of coffee in this area should come into full production late next year.

Pyrethrum appears to be a dying crop in the small area of the Nipa Basin where it does exist. As with the adjacent Margarima area the main reason for this appears to be the low cash return for effort and the lack of interest by DASF.

750 acres of the 1000 acres required for the proposed Tea Plantation has been initially surveyed, although not all of the owners have agreed to the release of the land to the Administration. It remains to find a further 250 acres which is a most difficult problem at the moment. Attempts have been made to secure land further to the south but, because of the close proximity of clans and their lack of large areas of garden land, it necessitated attempting to take some land from each clan. Unfortunately, it has brought to the fore old land disputes and resulted in gaolings over riotous behaviour. In any case, this block would end up about 2½ miles long by about ¼ mile wide which would most probably be unworkable. Attempts will be made later to acquire land at SEMIN which is some 8 miles south of Nipa and in the Nembi Plateau area.

There has been no confirmation as yet that

the United Church has accumulated the capital to commence the venture or that the company will purchase tea from small holders.

Experiments in silk-worm production took place during the year and have been very successful. The station was visited by U.N. expert, Dr. Sarkar, earlier this year and he gave glowing reports of the growth of the Castor leaves and also of the silk produced. Arrangements ~~are~~ being made at the moment for six experimental projects for native growers.

#### TRADE STORES

A big step forward during the year has been the purchase of a formerly European owned trade store chain by some twenty local people. It is believed that this is one of the first ventures of its kind in the district.

The chain ~~comprises~~ comprises 4 stores which are two at Nipa, one at Poroma and one at Margarima. It is managed by the wife of one of the Europeans on the station, at the moment, until the directors can find someone else capable of handling the books etc.

Village trade stores are on the increase and there is to be found one in almost all the villages of the Nipa Basin. These stores are not always successful ventures and some were found to be operating without licences.

#### SOCIAL

Health services have made great steps forward in the Nipa Basin during the year. They include the construction of a permanent material office and ward at the Nipa Hospital and permanent wards at the Tiliba Mission Hospital. The Nipa Local Government Council has constructed an Aid Post at Ungubi which is staffed by Administration personnel.

There has been no great change in the numbers of children attending school in the area due to an unfortunate state of affairs at Soi'ia Mission school which resulted in all classes repeating a year. There are now two European teachers at Fupil Mission school and permanent classrooms have been constructed with Council assistance.

The end of this year will see the first graduates in Standard 6 from any school in the Nipa area. Difficulty will probably be experienced in finding work for those not going on to High School and their re-adaptation to village life will be interesting to watch.



Large numbers of migrations have occurred in areas of the Nipa Basin, particularly in respect of the nearer Wage River people.

The main reasons for these movements are the establishment of permanently staffed Administration bases at Kutubu and Margarima. The AUGU people, for example, have now completely abandoned their rest house and moved into the PAKWARI census unit of the Kutubu Area to which there is now a road from the Kutubu Council Chambers. A large proportion of HOMBILA has now moved into the SEBIBA census unit of the Margarima area whilst a large number of the KAWARI and INJASUJUL lines have moved to the UNGUBI area. All the moves have been made onto land belonging to the migrators themselves, resulting in no dissatisfaction from other clans, but making for easier contact with the Administration.

The Nipa Women's Club is going ahead slowly but surely and is now in the throes of constructing a club-house. The Nipa Local Government Council has donated some £100 to assist in its development.

This patrol has carried out the first census since the 'flu epidemic of last year. Although the area has recovered well and the number of births has increased it is readily apparent that the 'flu has doubled the number of deaths in comparison to previous years.

Deaths 1969/70 Period	-	87
1970/71		167

The greater increases in deaths were in the 1-5 and 16-45 age groups.

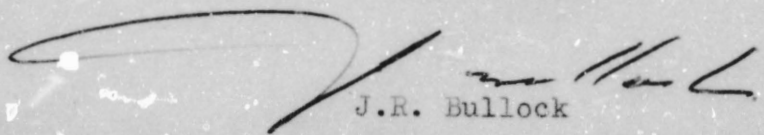
The general health of the people in the area appeared quite good, although the writer found it necessary to order a few parents to take the children to hospital. The main troubles were sores and diarrhoea.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

The patrol was well received in all villages although there was a lack of interest in most of its aims, especially Political Education. As the area had not been patrolled for eight months previous to this I can only suggest that this is the reason.

The patrol was leisurely enough to straighten out most of the local problems and, as usual, disputes were numerous.

All in all I feel the patrol was successful, but feel that the area does need more patrolling.

  
J.R. Bullock

Patrol Officer 25/11/70

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NIPA PATROL NO. 1 of 1970/71

SITUATION REPORT

NIPA BASIN CENSUS DIVISION.

INTRODUCTION.

This was my first patrol, and the reason for me accompanying Patrol Officer J.R. Balleck on this patrol was twofold; firstly to enable me to gain a working knowledge of Pidgin English and experience in patrol work, and secondly so that I could familiarize myself with the people and with the area.

POLITICAL.

Local Government.

A fair percentage of the people in the Nipa Basin appear to be ignorant as to the aims, activities and functions of the Nipa Local Government Council. This is possibly due firstly to a general lack of political awareness by the people, and secondly, the people are very scattered and not living under the village system which makes it difficult for the Council to attempt specific projects that can benefit a particular group of people. Therefore, the majority do not see that they are much benefited by the Council's activities, with a result that the basic aims of political, economic and social development that the Council has for the area have been lost to the people.

Local Government Councillors.

Approximately fifty percent of the Councillors are progressive and strong personalities, while others appear to be unproductive, lacking in enthusiasm and do not have much control over their clan.

Independence.

There was a notable lack of interest by the majority in political education. Generally the people of the Nipa Basin appear to feel that the House of Assembly are unaware of their views on independence, and that independence will be forced upon them. They say they are satisfied with the present system of government and consequently do not want it to be changed.

Political Education.

Political education was carried out throughout the patrol, with the nine points of the political education programme being covered. The Prime Minister's speech was also discussed, as many people had gone to Mendi at the time of Mr. Gorton's visit, but because of the number of people that were there and the sing-singing by several clans, they were unable to hear what had been said.



House of Assembly.

When questioned it became apparent that the people knew even less of the House of Assembly than they did of the Nipa Local Government Council.

With a few exceptions, the only things that were known were that Mr. Tegi Ebe'ial (Nipa Open Electorate) and Mr. Bon Neville (Regional Member for the Southern Highlands) were members of the House of Assembly.

House of Assembly Member.

In some villages people expressed the fact that they were unhappy with the present Member for the Nipa Open Electorate, Mr. Tegi Ebe'ial, mainly because he had little contact with the people. However, I feel that there is no-one at present who is sufficiently well known throughout the area who would pose a threat to the present Member of the House of Assembly's seat in the next elections.

Summary.

From the above comments it would appear that the people of the Nipa Basin have very little knowledge and/or understanding of politics and government, which was also my first impression on patrolling the area. However, from the reading of previous patrol reports it is apparent that they are becoming more and more politically aware as time goes on.

ECONOMIC.

The Nipa Local Government Council has a newly purchased Agricultural block of eighty (80) acres, situated three miles from Nipa on the Nipa-Poroma Road.

Thirty (30) acres has been used to establish cattle projects and an area planted with kau-kau which is to be used as feed when the new pig project is established. Future plans are for the development of poultry and sericulture projects and small coffee plots.

These projects will all be used to train the local people in correct farming systems and methods before they start upon a project of their own. It is also planned to establish nurseries for such crops as coffee, corn, chillies, passionfruit, peanuts and other subsistence crops.

Cattle.

Initially eighteen cattle were purchased for the Council agricultural block, and a bull was donated by the Administration. The eighteen cattle have since been sold to small holders throughout the Nipa Sub-District.

There are now four indigenous cattle projects established in the Nipa Basin and land has been cleared for two more projects. There are many other people interested in starting a cattle project, but the majority do not have the necessary finance required for feeding and the purchase of cattle.

#### Chillies.

Chillie nurseries were established at Nipa in March, 1970, and have been found to be slower growing here at Nipa than at Poromo or Lake Kutubu, which are at a lower altitude. However, once established, chillies should provide a reasonable income for people with approximately half to one acre plots.

#### Coffee.

Twenty acres have been planted with coffee in the Nipa Basin and a further twenty acres is to be planted at Shazbi Village in the near future. The first commercial production of coffee in the Nipa Basin was in October, 1970, and the Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries has purchased approximately twenty pounds of coffee, mainly from the Boi'ia and Kware villages.

#### Fish.

Six fish ponds have been built in the area, two by officers of the Division of District Administration for breeding purposes and the others by local people purely for subsistence purposes.

#### Sericulture.

In a joint project by the Nipa Local Government Council and Division of District Administration half an acre of land at Nipa was cleared and planted with castor beans for trial experiments as to the suitability of silk worms in the area. These experiments proved successful and ten half acre blocks have been planted with castor beans by local people.

#### Pyrethrum.

There is very little interest in pyrethrum in the area with only four acres still in production from a total of ten acres that was originally planted in October, 1969.

The general feeling amongst the people is that the return is too small for the amount of work necessary for the production of pyrethrum.

#### Tea.

The United Church propose to establish a one thousand acre tea and factory block at Nipa. However, a considerable number of people are still unwilling to sell their land.



Ten people visited the Warawau tea plantation at Mount Hagen in January, 1970. Although they were very impressed with what they saw and could see that a tea plantation would benefit the Nipa area economically, they feel that if one thousand acres of the Nipa area is planted with tea it will leave them very little garden land.

#### Timber.

There are considerable stands of millable timber in the area, but the sawmill at Nipa, which is operated by the Public Works Department, has recently been closed down so the future of selling timber as a source of income in the area is uncertain.

The Forestry Department has established some nurseries in the area, but these are more for beautification than timber production.

#### Future Projects.

The Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries plan to establish peanuts, corn and passionfruit nurseries to enable distribution of crops for subsistence production only, and a poultry project is envisaged at Egenda village in the near future.

#### Summary.

The agricultural potential of the area is good, but the lack of substantial level ground and the shallowness of the top soil in the area is restricting agricultural development.

The people are dissatisfied with the slow rate of economic development which is caused by a lack of money in the area and to a certain degree a lack of economic understanding by the local people themselves.

#### SOCIAL.

##### Health.

There has been some new construction as well as extensions to the hospital and aid post facilities in the Nipa Basin during the last twelve months with a new office and a new ward, both of permanent materials, being constructed at the Nipa Hospital. The Apostolic Christian Mission at Tiliba have also had new permanent material wards constructed at their hospital.

The Nipa Local Government Council has constructed a new aid post at Ungubi which is staffed by an Administration Aid Post Orderly.

Whilst the patrol was at Shumbi I observed an eye movement in two boys aged seven to ten years. Their eyes moved to and fro

continuously on a horizontal plane with approximately three oscillations per second.

The symptoms are similar to those of Nystagmus, an oscillatory eye movement caused by many different neurological diseases, but most commonly in Papua and New Guinea by Kuru.

#### Trade Stores.

Four trade stores previously owned by the Supiri Trading Company have been purchased by a group of sixteen local people. Two of the stores are situated at Nipa, one at Poroma and one at Margarima.

The number of small, indigenous owned trade stores is gradually increasing, with stores now established in the majority of villages in the Nipa Basin.

#### Schools.

There has been no great increase this year in the number of students from the Nipa Basin that are attending school.

#### 1. Government.

The first students to graduate from Standard 6 in the Nipa Sub-District graduate this year from the Nipa Primary School.

There are twenty-four students in the Standard 6 class, of these nine children are going on to High School at Tari.

#### 2. Mission.

The school at Puril operated by the United Church now has two European teachers, and a new permanent materials classroom has been constructed with the assistance of the Nipa Local Government Council.

#### Womens Clubs.

The Nipa Womens Club is at present in the process of constructing a new club house of native materials.

#### Social Club.

A social club has also been formed at Nipa in the last year by some of the indigenous station staff.

#### CONCLUSION.

I gained valuable experience on this patrol and have since carried out a solo patrol to Lake Kutubu. I feel that I now have a working knowledge of the Nipa Basin that will stand me in good stead for future patrolling I may do in the area.

*Arthur G. Smedley*  
A. Smedley,  
Assistant Patrol Officer.



NIPA PATROL NO. 1 of 1970/71.

Patrol Diary:

5-8-'70

1300 Departed Nipa in Toyota.  
1400 Arrived Shumbi.  
General Discussions and minor disputes, to 1700.  
Slept Shumbi.

6-8-'70

Compiling new census book and tax sheets to 1000.  
Census to 1800.  
Slept Shumbi.

7-8-'70

Land disputes heard. Observed Local Court Hearing to 1800.  
Slept Shumbi.

8-8-'70

Discussions re land dispute, statements taken. Minor disputes.  
Slept Shumbi.

9-8-'70

At Shumbi, minor disputes.  
Slept Shumbi.

10-8-'70

0815 Departed Shumbi.  
1015 Arrived Egenda.  
Supervising road work.  
Slept Egenda.

11-8-'70

Compiling new census sheets and tax sheets, to  
Census first half of Egenda line, to 1800.  
Slept Egenda.

12-8-'70

Census second half Egenda line. Compiling census figures, hearing  
minor disputes to 1800.  
Slept Egenda.

13-8-'70

0825 Departed Egenda  
1040 Arrived Ingin.  
Census Mak line compiling census figures, minor disputes to 1900.  
Slept Ingin.

14-8-'70

Compiling new census book and tax sheets.  
Census Ingin line.  
Compiling Census figures, minor disputes, to 1900.  
Slept Ingin.

15-8-'70

0830 Departed Ingin.  
1000 Arrived Komia.  
General discussions with councillor and local people.  
Disputes heard.  
Slept Komia.

Patrol Diary:

16-8-'70

At Komia general discussions with local people.  
Slept Komia.

17-8-'70

Compiling new census book and tax sheets.  
Census, talks with local people to 1730.  
Slept Komia.

18-8-'70

0835 Departed Komia inspecting Nipa - Margarima road en route to Alamanda.  
1030 Arrived Alamanda  
Census of Tombera No. 2.  
Compiling census figures, hearing minor disputes, to 1700.  
Slept Alamanda.

19-8-'70

Observed Local Court hearing to 1130.  
Compiling new census book and tax sheets. Census of Alamanda line  
Discussions etc. thereafter to 1730.  
Slept Alamanda.

20-8-'70

0810 Departed Alamanda.  
1000 Arrived Suma.  
Compiling census figures. Supervising construction of new rest house.  
Slept Suma.

21-8-'70

Hearing of disputes, supervising construction of new rest house.  
Slept Suma.

22-8-'70

Supervising construction of new rest house.  
Slept Suma.

23-8-'70

Observed Suma.  
Slept Suma.

24-8-'70

Supervising road work Nipa - Margarima road.  
Discussions minor disputes thereafter.  
Slept Suma.

25-8-'70

Observed Local Court hearing.  
Compilation of new census book and tax sheets. Census of Suma.  
Minor disputes and discussions there after.  
Slept Suma.



Patrol Diary:26-8-'70

0820 Departed Suma.  
 1100 Arrived Halalinja, inspecting road en route.  
 Compilation of new census book and tax sheets.  
 Census of Halalinja, Heavy rain.  
 Slept Halalinja.

27-8-'70

Minor disputes and discussions.  
 1015 Departed Halalinja.  
 1045 Arrived Ungubi  
 Census Hombila, heavy rain.  
 Slept Ungubi.

28-8-'70

Observed Local Court hearing.  
 Compilation new census books and tax sheets. Census Ungubi, heavy rain  
 Disputes and courts thereafter.  
 Slept Ungubi.

29-8-'70

Discussions etc with councillor, inspection of new aid post.  
 1015 Departed Ungubi.  
 1130 Arrived Boi'ia  
 Various discussions, observed Local Court hearing.  
 Slept Boi'ia.

30-8-'70

Observed Boi'ia.  
 Slept Boi'ia.

31-8-'70

Supervising road work on Wage River road.  
 Slept Boi'ia.

1-9-'70

Discussions, compilation of new census book. Census of Ugun line.  
 Census of Boi'ia line.  
 Compilation of census figures, minor disputes to 1830  
 Slept Boi'ia.

2-9-'70

0830 Departed Boi'ia.  
 1030 Arrived Sesenda.  
 Census of Tombera No.1 and Kalal, various discussions and courts  
 to 1930.  
 Slept Sesenda.

3-9-'70

0830 to Kware. Census Kware and Yalal lines. Returned to Sesenda  
 Compilation of census figures.  
 Slept Sesenda.

4-9-'70

0820 Departed Sesenda.  
 1000 Arrived Nipa.  
 Patrol continued by P. O. J.R. Bullock.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. Nina Patrol No. 2-70/71

Patrol Conducted by N. WRIGHT, ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Area Patrolled Norhi Plateau Census Division, Port Fanni Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives Mr. L. Vari (Assistant Patrol Officer) Part  
Mr. C. Kirit, Interpreter 2 R.P.N.G.C.

Duration—From 22/12/1970 to 20/3/1971 (broken M. Faron, D.A.S.F.  
period) 56

Number of Days (WRIGHT 47 Vari 9)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Sept/Oct/1970

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

Map Reference Kutubu Fournal

Objects of Patrol Area familiarisation, promote economic development, political  
education, roads, general administration

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ... \$.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund ... \$.....

Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund .....

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KONEDOU...PAPUA.  
30th July, 1971.

The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MEME.

NIPA PATROL NO. 2 of 1970/1971

Your reference 67-3-4 of 24th June, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by  
Mr. N. Wright of Nambé Plateau Census Division.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Secretary

e.c. A.D.C. Nipa

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Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District Administration,  
District Office,  
MENDI

24th June, 1971

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU

NIPA PATROL NO. 2 of 1970/71  
PART NEMBI AND FOI'I C/Ds.

Please find enclosed the original and one copy of the above report submitted by Mr. N. Wright, A.D.C. The delay in forwarding is regretted.

Comments.

1. All A.D.C's have the problem of broken patrols. I suggest the best approach is an open patrol over a six month period, but with action taken under separate correspondence as required.

2. The problem of land disputes preventing economic development applies in many districts as well as Nipa. While there is no easy solution it may be possible for the Council to acquire disputed land and rationalise development, by selected farmers. Even when a clan or group has undisputed ownership it is difficult for the individual to get approval for an economic sized block. Again clan obligations tend to restrict the rate of progress of the individual who is obligated in many ways.

*D.J. Clancy*  
D.J. CLANCY  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

c.c. A.D.C. Nipa





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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No.

Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District  
Administration,  
Sub-District Office,  
Nipa,  
Southern Highlands District.

5th April, 1971.

The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

Nipa Patrol No. 2-70/71.

District: Southern Highlands.

Sub-District: Nipa.

Type of patrol: Situation.

Patrol conducted by: N. WRIGHT.

Designation: Assistant District Commissioner.

Area Patrolled: Nembi Plateau Census Division  
Part Fc'd 1 Census Division.

Council area: Nipa Local Government Council.  
Lake Kutubu Local Government Council.

Personnel accompanying: Mr. M. Veri, Assistant Patrol Officer (Part)  
Mr. S. Karit, Interpreter  
Constable Hembae, R.P.N.G.C.  
Constable Andotama, R.P.N.G.C.  
Mr. M. Harpo, D.A.S.F.

Duration of Patrol: 2.12.70 - 20.3.71 (broken period)  
56 man days  
(WRIGHT 47, VERI 9)

Last patrol to area: September/October, 1971.

Reference: Fourmil Kutubu  
Map attached.

Object of Patrol: 1. Area familiarisation.  
2. Promote economic development.  
3. Political Education.  
4. Roads.  
5. General administration.

N. Wright,  
Assistant District Commissioner.

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NIPA PATROL NO. 2/70-71.

DIARY.

Wednesday, 2nd December, 1970.

0900 Departed Nipa by aircraft for Moro with Dr. Trosser and Mr. Gluckman.  
1500 Arrived WASAMI ISLAND by canoe.  
Survey commenced.  
Slept Wasami.

Thursday, 3rd December, 1970.

To Tugiri and return carrying out survey.  
Slept Wasami.

Friday, 4th December, 1970.

Survey continued.  
Slept Wasami.

Saturday, 5th December, 1970.

0800 Departed Wasami by canoe.  
0945 Arrived Moro.  
Aircraft arrived 1000.  
Arrived Nipa 1030.

Tuesday, 8th December, 1970.

1000 Departed Nipa by car with Patrol Officer Veri.  
1130 Arrived Uba.  
Continued on to inspect road to Kum and returned to Uba.  
Discussions with Councillor Pei and others on local matters.  
Several minor complaints.  
Slept Uba.

Wednesday, 9th December, 1970.

Political education talks, inspected gardens and cattle projects,  
heard a number of local court cases.  
Slept Uba.

Thursday, 10th December, 1970.

0815 Departed Uba.  
0900 Arrived Penarop.  
Political education talks, completed survey of Christian Union Mission  
lease.  
Slept Penarop.

Friday, 11th December, 1970.

0830 Departed Penarop.  
1850 Arrived Pumbarel.  
Attended prize giving at Pumbarel School and presented prizes to  
students.  
Slept Pumbarel.

Saturday, 12th December, 1970.

Political education talks, discussion on roads and economic  
development.  
One local court case.  
Slept Pumbarel.



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Sunday, 13th December, 1970.

0950 Departed Pumbarel.  
1010 Arrived Tobua.  
Political education talks, discussions on roads and economic development.  
Slept Tobua.

Monday, 14th December, 1970.

0805 Departed Tobua.  
0910 Arrived Kerungili.  
Political education talks, discussions on roads and economic development.  
Slept Kerungili.

Tuesday, 15th December, 1970.

0805 Departed Kerungili.  
0910 Arrived Eskam.  
Political education talks, discussion on economic development.  
Slept Kam.

Wednesday, 16th December, 1971.

0810 Departed Kam.  
1030 Met car at Ulal and returned to Nipa for Assistant District Commissioner's Conference.

Tuesday, 7th January, 1971.

1500 Departed Nipa by aircraft.  
1600 Arrived Pimaga.  
Attended remainder of political education seminar with Officer-in-Charge, Poroma, Mr. Kabisch, Mr. Mulcahy, District Officer, and Mr. Ebezial, M.F.A.  
Slept Pimaga.

Wednesday, 8th January, 1971.

Attended Council meeting and inspected progress on airstrip.  
Slept Pimaga.

Thursday, 9th January, 1971.

To Orokena to await aircraft.  
1200 Returned Nipa.

Wednesday, 20th January, 1971.

1415 Departed Nipa by car.  
1500 Arrived Ulal.  
Spoke with councillor and other officials about patrol.  
Slept Ulal.

Thursday, 21st January, 1971.

Political education talks, visit of select committee discussed, economic development and roads discussed. Inspected aid post.  
1245-1515 To Nipa and return to decode confidential telegram.  
Slept Ulal.

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Friday, 22nd January, 1971.

0825 Departed Ulal.

0850 Arrived Enjua.

Political education talks, discussed visit of select committee, economic development and roads. Discussion with Rural Development Officer Jones re agricultural development of the area.  
Two local courts.  
Slept Enjua.

Saturday, 23rd January, 1971.

0905 Departed Enjua.

0945 Arrived Tegibo.

Spoke with villagers re purpose of visit.  
Slept Tegibo.

Sunday, 24th January, 1971.

Observed.

Slept Tegibo.

Monday, 25th January, 1971.

Inspected Tegibo section of road.  
Supervised clearing of cattle project.  
One local court case and one minor complaint.  
Slept Tegibo.

Tuesday, 26th January, 1971.

Supervised cattle project. One local court case, political education talks, discussion re economic development and roads.  
Slept Tegibo.

Wednesday, 27th January, 1970.

Supervised cattle project.

1100 Returned Nipa for Assistant District Commissioners' Conference.

Monday, 22nd February, 1971.

1515 Departed Nipa by car.

1500 Arrived Semin.

Slept Semin.

Tuesday, 23rd February, 1970.

Political education and economic development and road talks.  
Large number of courts.  
Slept Semin.

Wednesday, 24th February, 1971.

0820 Departed Semin.

1140 Arrived Uba inspected road en route.

Political education and economic development talks. A number of courts.

Slept Uba.

Thursday, 25th February, 1971.

One local court case.

0930 Departed Uba.

1000 Arrived Penarop.

Discussions with village officials. A number of local courts.

Slept Penarop.



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Friday, 26th February, 1971.

Several local courts.  
1130 Returned Nipa to do banking and treasury.

Sunday, 28th February, 1971.

Returned to Penarop.  
Observed.  
Slept Penarop.

Monday, 1st March, 1971.

Supervised roadworks at Tobua, Penarop and Pumbarel.  
Slept Penarop.

Tuesday, 2nd March, 1971.

Large number of local courts.  
Road supervision at Penarop.  
Slept Penarop.

Wednesday, 3rd March, 1971.

Road supervision at Uba and Penarop.  
Slept Penarop.

Thursday, 4th March, 1971.

0850 Departed Penarop.  
0915 Arrived Pumbarel.  
Discussions on economic development and political development.  
Inspected coffee nursery at school.  
Slept Pumbarel.

Friday, 5th March, 1971.

0900 Departed Pumbarel.  
0930 Arrived Tobua.  
Set up camp.  
1100 Returned to Nipa for banking and treasury.

Monday, 8th March, 1971.

0930 Departed Nipa by car.  
1030 Arrived Tobua.  
Inspected and supervised roadworks at Tobua and Penarop and cattle projects at Pumbarel.  
Discussions re cattle projects at Tobua.  
Slept Tobua.

Tuesday, 9th March, 1971.

0830 Departed Tobua.  
0925 Arrived Kerungili.  
Supervised roadworks Kerungili and Eskam.  
Returned Nipa by vehicle 1530 for sub-district co-ordinating meeting.

Wednesday, 10th March, 1971.

1630 Returned Kerungili.  
Inspected site for cattle project. Several local courts and minor complaints.  
Slept Kerungili.

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Thursday, 11th March, 1971.

0845 Departed Kerungili.

0945 Arrived Kam.

Discussions with villagers re economic development. Coffee nursery planted out. Local courts and minor complaints.

Slept Kam.

Friday, 12th March, 1971.

0840 Departed Kam.

0950 Arrived Tegibo.

Inspected cattle project, spoke with villagers on economic development.

1515 Returned Nipa by tractor for banking and treasury.

Sunday, 14th March, 1971.

1545 Returned Tegibo.

Slept Tegibo.

Monday, 15th March, 1971.

Supervised roadworks at Tegibo and Enjua. One local court case and several minor complaints.

Slept Tegibo.

Tuesday, 16th March, 1971.

0905 Departed Tegibo.

0930 Arrived Enjua.

Discussions re economic development and land, local court cases and minor complaints.

Slept Enjua.

Wednesday, 17th March, 1971.

One local court case.

Returned to Nipa 1100 to attend Council meeting.

Returned Enjua 1730.

Minor complaints.

Slept Enjua.

Thursday, 18th March, 1971.

0855 Departed Enjua.

0915 Arrived Ulal.

Supervised preparations of coffee plots. Several local court cases. Work on patrol report.

Slept Ulal.

Friday, 19th March, 1971.

Supervised coffee plots.

Work on patrol report and territory census material. Minor complaints.

Slept Ulal.

Saturday, 20th March, 1971.

0900 Returned to Nipa.

PATROL STOOD DOWN.

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NIPA PATROL REPORT NO. 2/1970-71.

INTRODUCTION.

The patrol was mounted primarily to cover the Nembi Plateau Census Division, though two short visits were made to the Lake Kutubu area. One of these, a fisheries survey, with Mr. J. Gluckman, Department of Agriculture Stock and Fisheries Fisheries Biologist, and Professor M. Prosser, Limnologist from the University of Papua and New Guinea, is covered in special report Appendix 'A'. The other visit for a political education seminar and Council meeting is covered in the situation report.

All villages in the Nembi Plateau Census Division, with the exception of Semin, were visited twice, this was done to follow up road maintenance instructions and economic development talks. The patrol stayed up to five days in some villages supervising roads and cattle projects.

The patrol became so protracted due to interruptions for Christmas holidays, Assistant District Commissioners' conferences (two), visit by the Select Committee, station inspections, visitors and the necessity to return to Nipa to process correspondence, etc.

The objects of the patrol were:

- (a) To thoroughly familiarise myself with the census division, having only recently taken over as Assistant District Commissioner.
- (b) Promote economic development.
- (c) Political education.
- (d) Supervise roads maintenance and repairs.
- (e) General administration.

In the early stages of the patrol was accompanied by Mr. M. Veri, Patrol Officer, recently graduated from Unadidir. Rural Development Assistant, Mr. M. Harpo, accompanied the patrol in its latter stages to assist with coffee nurseries and cattle projects.

SITUATION REPORT.

A. POLITICAL.

(i) Political Education.

Political education talks were given in all villages covering the nine points suggested in the various political education circulars.

The political education programme of the past twelve months is now beginning to show results, these people have progressed from being completely lacking in political awareness to the present stage where most men at least have a basic knowledge. Most people spoken to can now answer



simple questions on the House of Assembly, its members, voting, the Public Service, sources of law and tax - some can distinguish between local government and income tax. Subjects such as the Speaker and Ministerial members are still pretty much unknown, probably because they find it difficult to relate them with things they come in contact with, though the similarities between the Council President and the Speaker have been pointed out.

Confusion between self government and independence still exists, the widely held belief that all Europeans will leave after independence still persists, also their fear of localisation. These fears and misconceptions will take sometime to overcome.

The Select Committee on Constitutional Development's visit during February was also publicised and discussed. Very little interest was shown in this visit. About 500 people attended the meeting, most of whom were station workers or people attending the station market, compared with 5,000 at the last meeting in June, 1970. The main reasons for this apparent lack of interest are twofold;

- (i) Most people felt that they had said all they wished to say on the subjects that interested them - self government and independence - at the previous meeting.
- (ii) The Council, after consultation with the people, submitted a written reply to the Committee's questions, undoubtedly because of this many people felt that it was not necessary for them to attend.

The people in the area remain conservative in their outlook. This conservatism is undoubtedly reinforced by the attitude of some of the coastal Public Servants employed at Nipa, one of whom made a speech to the Select Committee in which he advocated early independence and threatened that there would be fighting if this wasn't forthcoming.

I had hoped to attend a political education seminar at Pimaga but, unfortunately, bad weather delayed my arrival so that I missed all but the last hour of the seminar. I was able, however, to attend the meeting of the Lake Kutubu Council on the following day.

## 2. Local Government.

The census division is fully under local government, the villages of ULAL, ENJUA, OBUA, SEMIN and TEGIBO having jointed the Nipa Council in 1967 and the remainder in 1970. Political education talks revealed that the majority of the people had little idea of local government and had never attended a council meeting. As a step to alter this situation I requested the Nipa Council at its December meeting, to consider holding some of its meetings on the Plateau so that the Council could be seen in operation. The Council agreed, the first meeting was held at Fumbarel School in



January. This meeting was attended by a large and interested audience. Meetings will in future be held at regular intervals at Pumbarel. This will do much to promote local government throughout the census division.

Apart from the Pumbarel School little obvious development has to date been sponsored by the Nipa council in the division, though a Council tractor has been giving assistance with road maintenance.

The Pumbarel school will remain the Council's largest project in this area for some time as it is expanded over the next five years to accommodate six classes and associated staff.

Local government is well supported and the tax of \$2.00 is paid without complaint.

### 3. Local Government Councillors.

With a few exceptions the Councillors are well supported by their constituents. The most impressive are Councillor PEI of URA, Councillor ILAL of Tegibo, both of whom are very active in promoting economic development. Councillor IABON of Kam is keen but probably because of his age, he is in his late 20's, he does not get a great deal of support.

### 4. Member of the House of Assembly.

The local Member of the House of Assembly, Mr. T. Ebe'ial, who comes from Soi'i Village in the Nipa Basin Census Division, has very little contact with these people and does not show a great deal of interest.

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His main contact is via the Council/which he is a member.

## B. ECONOMIC.

### 1. General.

The whole census division is economically under-developed, at the start of the patrol there was one cattle project, quite a large amount of coffee had also been planted out though none of it is bearing as yet.

The economic future of the division appears to lie with coffee and cattle with tea a possibility in some areas if the United Church Tea project at Sesenda gets underway. This project is at present held up awaiting finance.

One of the main objects of this patrol was to promote economic development by encouraging the establishment of additional cattle and coffee projects. The patrol was successful in achieving its object; one cattle project was extended, work started on two new ones, money was



banked for wire, etc. for two other projects; three additional coffee nurseries were established, further coffee was planted out from existing nurseries. Further details are provided under specific headings below.

There is definite need for Council Cattle and Agricultural Hygiene rules to ensure that both cattle and coffee projects are adequately cared for to guard against disease. Most coffee was found to be overgrown.

There are two factors which will preclude rapid economic development of this area; lack of money and lack of land. The former can probably be overcome by Development Bank Loans if necessary. At this stage, when the people are unused to handling large amounts of money and have difficulty understanding their responsibilities as recipients of loans, I am in favour of their developing their projects from their own resources, though this may slow progress. Those who show themselves capable ~~to~~ of maintaining a project could then be given loans to carry out expansion. The land difficulty will be more of a problem to overcome, this area as late as the early 1960's was the scene of tribal warfare with the result that land ownership is extremely fragmented and the subject of almost continual dispute. Registration and survey of all these disputes would occupy an officer for upwards of two months.

## 2. Cattle.

The present situation as regards cattle projects is as follows:

### (a) Uba.

A small cattle project of approximately 4 acres is being cleared. This project is being established by Councillor Pei, he is very progressive but because of land problems he may not be able to extend the project any further.

### (b) Pumbarel/Iomo.

An initial deposit of \$40 has been made towards the purchase of wire. Clearing of a block of about 10 acres has commenced. This is a communal project including Pumbarel and Iomo groups.

### (c) Tobua/Erip.

A cattle project account has been commenced with \$111. A block of land selected for the project was found to be unsuitable and another area has been suggested. Work is expected to start after roadwork commitments have been fulfilled.

### (d) Kerungili.

This group has deposited \$180 towards the cost of wire and have started clearing an area of approximately 10 acres.

### (e) Kam/Mul.

\$80 has been deposited and land selected, clearing will commence after roadwork commitments have been fulfilled.



(f) Tegibo/Obua.

A ten acre area is almost cleared, much of which has been planted with improved pasture. Four rolls of wire have been purchased, fencing should start in the next two months.

(g) Ehju.

This group have the only established project with three head. The owner KOL wishes to expand the project but is unable to do so because of a shortage of land. He is negotiating with the Ulal group for the use of some land adjacent to the project, if he is successful the project can be increased to about 8 acres - double its present size.

The Semin, Penarop and Ulal groups are still without projects. By the end of the present year the aim is to have at least one project per rest house.

3. Coffee.

The only groups with coffee are Semin, Penarop, Pumbarel and Ulal. During the patrol nurseries were established at Penarop, Pumbarel School and Ulal. The nursery at Kam was planted out and further plantings were made from existing nurseries at Uba, Kerungili and Tegibo.

None of the coffee in the division is expected to bear before 1973 when a large percentage of plantings should start producing.

Most of the coffee seen appeared to be quite healthy, though some yellowing of leaves was noticed; this is apparently caused by a soil deficiency.

As previously pointed out there is a definite need for an agricultural hygiene rule as most of the gardens seen were poorly kept and in most cases were badly overgrown.

4. Timber.

Very little use is made of timber resources other than by the missions for native material buildings, though good stands of timber exist on the Nembi Plateau/Wage divide.

The Christian Union Mission at Montanda is expecting a sawmill in the near future. They will utilise this timber for permanent buildings on the mission station. They have also indicated their willingness to supply timber to the council who could use it for building programmes at its aid post and Pumbarel School.

5. Roads.

A single road serves the division providing access to Ulal, Ehju, Obua, Tegibo, Kerungili, Enip, Tobua, Iomo, Pumbarel, Penarop and Uba. This road continues on to Kum, administered from Poroma, and will eventually



link up with the Nipa-Poroma Road near Udjabia providing an alternate Nipa-Poroma route. The village of Semin is accessible from the Nipa-Poroma road.

The groups of Kam and Mui are the only villages not accessible by road, both are an hour's walk from the Plateau road.

The road is completely surfaced for its length of approximately 16 miles and provides all-weather access. Up-grading of corners, surface and bridging is being undertaken using Minor New Works and Council funds.

### C. SOCIAL.

#### 1. Missions.

The Christian Union Mission has two stations, at Penarop and Montanda, both of which are staffed by overseas personnel. The two females at Penarop undertake child welfare, general health and language work. The husband and wife team at Montanda provide health, pidgin education and agricultural facilities.

The Capuchin Mission have a priest stationed part-time at Pumbarel and are considering posting a priest and two sisters there full-time.

The United Church has a pastor stationed at Ulal.

Relationships between the missions, local people and administration are excellent.

#### 2. Health.

Apart from the facilities provided by the missions, aid posts are located at Ulal and Tobua. The division is adequately covered by medical facilities.

General health throughout appears to be good.

The United Church, Pumul, near Nipa, also carries out infant welfare in the area, this service complements that of the Christian Union Mission.

#### 3. Land.

Land is fast becoming a serious problem throughout the division. Widespread tribal fighting prior to the administration's arrival has resulted in widespread fragmentation of land ownership.

Awaking interest in economic development is bringing to a head many land disputes which have been dormant for some years. Because of these disputes and fragmented ownership many people keen on starting cattle and coffee projects are unable to find suitable areas of land which are not subject to dispute.

When an officer becomes available he will be given the task of registering and surveying these disputes for submission to the Land Titles Commission. Until ownership can be decided many groups will be unable to participate fully in economic development.



#### 4. Education.

Schools, established in 1970, are located at Pumbarel and Enjua. The former is an administration school, the latter a United Church school.

The division with a population of nearly 7,000 requires another school. It is possible that this may eventually be established at Montanda when staff permits.

A number of children also attend the United Church school at Puril.

#### 5. Cult and Unrest.

Just prior to the patrol's visit a story swept the area that the world was to end, as a result many people stopped working on their roads and gardens and locked themselves in their houses to await the inevitable. The story was brought to the area by several mission workers who claimed to have heard the story in the Poroma area. Action was taken against the mission workers and the story has since died a natural death.

An amusing sidelight to this story was a person who complained to the patrol that on hearing the story he went out and purchased a bag of rice with which to feed himself and pigs until the end came. He enquired indignantly what he should do with the rice in view of the failure of the catastrophe to eventuate.

The Officer-in-Charge, Poroma, has been requested to try to trace the source of the story.

#### 6. Law and Order.

A large number of local court cases were heard, mainly minor assaults, stealing and persons failing to carry out their road maintenance commitments. No serious offences were brought to the patrol's attention.

Bride price and debt disputes remain the main occupation of these people, large numbers of which were successfully arbitrated by the patrol.

Apart from the prevalence of minor assaults the general situation is good. Land disputes represent the greatest threat to law and order. The situation will be kept under close scrutiny.

#### 7. Villages and Rest Houses.

All villages except Iomo, Enip, Obua and Mul have rest houses, Iomo combines with Pumbarel, Enip with Tobua, Obua with Tegibo and Mul with Kam. All rest houses were found to be in satisfactory condition.

The following name changes will be recommended under separate cover:

PEJAROP to EMBI; KERUNGILI to KARAMELA and KAM to ESKAM. The reason for all these changes being common usage.



D. CONCLUSION.

The area possesses good potential for small scale economic development hampered only by the land problem.

Staff permitting a patrol will revisit the area in the next two months to attend to land disputes and to check on cattle projects.

Regular patrolling, every four months, is recommended, to ensure that the native situation remains stable.

The objects of the patrol were achieved and it is to be hoped that follow-up patrols will ensure continued development of the projects commenced by this patrol.



SPECIAL REPORT.

FISHERIES SURVEY - LAKE KUTUBU.

Between the 2nd December and 5th December the writer visited Lake Kutubu with a fisheries survey team consisting of Mr. J. Glucksmann, fisheries biologist, Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries, Karudi, and Professor M. Prosser, Limnologist from the University of Papua and New Guinea.

This visit was a follow-up to a similar survey carried out by Mr. Glucksmann, accompanied by the writer, in January, 1970, Poroma Patrol No. 9/69-70 refers.

The purpose of this survey was to determine the productivity of the algae in Lake Kutubu as a guide to future utilisation of these waters.

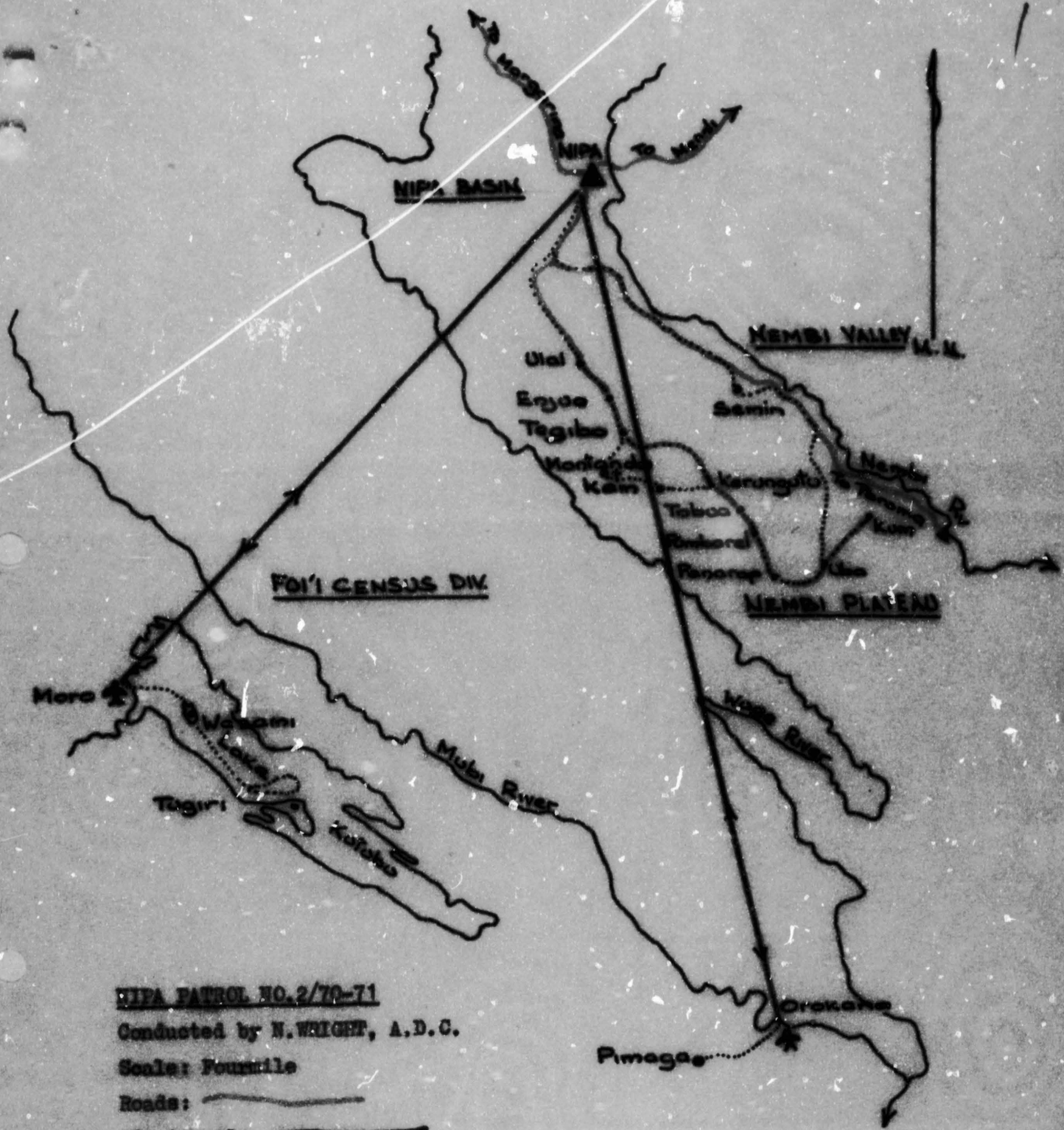
Tests to determine light penetration, temperature ranges and specific gravity were carried out in various parts of the Lake.

The data will be used to determine the types of fish most suited to the Lake for future stocking. At present the Lake contains only indigenous species all of which, though plentiful, are quite small.

Stocking of the lake will provide a good source of food for the Kutubu people; depending on the type of fish used to stock the lake, barramundi has been suggested, the lake could possibly supply fish to parts of the Southern Highlands.

*Now we have  
indigenous fish!*






NIPA PATROL NO. 2/70-71

Conducted by N. WRIGHT, A.D.C.

Scale: Fourmile

Roads: 

Air travel: 

Foot or Vehicle: 





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. Nipa No. 3 of 1970/71

Patrol Conducted by J.R. Bullock, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Part Nipa Basin

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans .....

Natives 2 R.F.N.G.C.  
1 Interpreter

Duration—From 18/1/1971 to 27/1/1971

Number of Days 7

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services September, 1970  
7/19

Medical March, 1969/19

Map Reference Kutubu Fourmil

Objects of Patrol Improvements of Roads, Political Education, General Administration

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ... \$.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund ... \$.....

Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund .....

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KONELORU. PAPUA.

1st July, 1971.

The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

PATROL REPORT NO. 3 OF 1970/71 - MIP: SPECIAL.

1. Your reference is 67-3-4 of June, 8th 1971.
2. There is a big time lapse between the finishing of the patrol and report, in early February, and its arrival here, mid June, 1971. I would like this to be reduced, please.
3. The report adequately meets the instructions the patrolling officer had; it is always unfortunate when a patrol has to be interrupted by other, different, work. There is such a thing as a patrol mood, but it is not achieved in a day, and is lost completely when a patrol is interrupted.
4. Mr. Bullock remarks, at the top of page two (2), that a local businessman has become interested in poultry. Good. I have asked Ilimo Poultry Farm to send lists of the available day-old chicks and their prices per hundred to you. It seems a good laying bird is wanted. I also asked the management at Ilimo to quote you for growing and laying mash, but you will find freight prohibitive; with this in mind, attached are two (2) books on poultry in the tropics, with emphasis on locally produced food.
5. I hope these may be some use. Perhaps your District Rural Development Officer will give an opinion on them before you pass them on. I wish success to Mr. Kobal-Alt.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Secretary.

Att.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District Administration,  
District Office,  
MENDI

8th June, 1971

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU

REPORT NIPA SPECIAL PATROL NO. 3 of 1970/71.

Please find enclosed 2 copies of the Report on the  
above patrol submitted by Mr. Bullock, P.O.

Mr. Bullock's report adequately covers the objects  
of his patrol.

*D.J. Clancy*  
D.J. CLANCY  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

cc. Mr. J. Bullock,  
District Office,  
Mendi

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Division of District  
Administration,  
Sub-District Office,  
Nipa,  
Southern Highlands District.

8th February, 1971.

The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.


Nipa Special Patrol No. 3/1970-71,  
Mr. J. Bullock, Patrol Officer.

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

The patrol though only a short one gave valuable impetus to roadworks in the areas visited. When possible follow up patrols will be made to ensure that the work is completed.

Changes in political awareness are noted with interest, these will be exploited by future patrols in an effort to promote a steady growth in this sphere.

A very useful patrol covered by a good concise report.

  
N. Wright,  
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Mr. J. Bullock,  
Patrol Officer,  
Nipa.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of the Administrator,  
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Nipa,  
Southern Highlands District.

18th January, 1971.

Mr. J.R. Bullock,  
Patrol Officer,  
NIPA.

Dear Jack,

Nipa Patrol No. 3 of 1970-71.

Please prepare to depart on patrol to the Nipa Basin Census Division on 19th January, 1971. The objects of this patrol will be:

1. To supervise road maintenance and repairs in the Ungebi, Boi'ia and Egenda areas.
2. Carry out political education at these places and advise them of the pending visit of the Select Committee on Constitutional Development.
3. Carry out general administration as and when required.

You should return from this patrol in sufficient time to complete your patrol report before departing for Mendi to work on the Mendi-Ialibu Road.

N. Wright,  
Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY PATROL DIARY, A AND NEW GUINEA

Nipa Patrol Report No. 3 of 1970-71.

- Monday, 18.1.71 Finished off land investigation. 1530 hours departed for Ungubi arriving 1700 hours. Camp set up. Discussions with Councillors. Slept Ungubi.
- Tuesday, 19.1.71 Visited Boi'ia and Halalinja and started people working on the roads. Supervision of work to 1700 hours. Slept Ungubi. ct.
- Wednesday, 20.1.71 Publicity of visit of Select Committee and general political education. Supervision of road work to 1700 hours. Slept Ungubi.
- Thursday, 21.1.71 To Halalinja. Inspection of road and publicity on Select Committee and general political education. To Boi'ia for same reason, then supervision of road work at Ungubi till 1700 hours. Slept Ungubi.
- Friday, 22.1.71 Returned to Nipa for banking, treasury and courts. Slept Nipa.
- Saturday, 23.1.71 At Nipa.
- Sunday, 24.1.71 At Nipa.
- Monday, 25.1.71 To Egenda, to commence work on particular section of Nipa-Mendi Road. General supervision to 1300 hours, heavy rain. Returned to Nipa.
- Tuesday, 26.1.71 To Egenda. General supervision of road work to 1400 hours, heavy rain again. Returned to Nipa.
- Wednesday, 27.1.71 To Egenda. General supervision of road work to 1500 hours. Further rain, returned to Nipa.

Patrol Stood Down.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of the Administrator,  
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Nipa,  
Southern Highlands District.

4th February, 1971.

The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

SPECIAL REPORT - NIPA PATROL  
No. 3 of 1970/71.

I refer to the Assistant District Commissioner,  
Nipa's 67-2-2 of 18th January, 1971, a copy of which is  
attached.

The purpose of this short patrol was to revive  
enthusiasm in road construction in the BOI'IA, HALALINJA  
and UNGUBI areas of the Nipa Census Division. And  
secondly, to improve road maintenance attempts on the  
Agenda section of the Nipa/Mendi Road.

The road on which Ungubi, Halalinja and Boi'ia  
are situated is known as the Wage River Road as it is  
eventually expected to meet and cross this river. The  
road was cut some eighteen months ago but because of the  
lack of enthusiasm on the part of the people and lack of  
time for supervision on the part of officers at Nipa, it  
has only been paved for about 30% of its eight mile length.  
This has meant that the road is only passable when the  
weather has been good.

Talks were held with the people and it was decided  
that all would work every day while the patrol was present  
in the area, and three days per week after it left. It will,  
of course, necessitate regular visits by officers to keep  
up enthusiasm until the road is completely paved.

The Nipa Local Government Council donated the  
free use of a tractor and trailer to assist the Ungubi  
people in their efforts while the patrol was present. A  
very good effort was made by all and approximately one (1)  
mile of road was shaped, properly drained and paved to 12 ft.  
width in the five days.

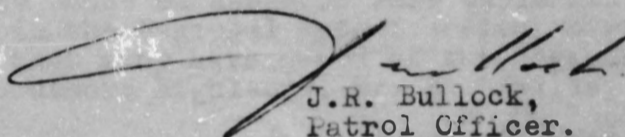
It was necessary for the writer to return to the  
station on 22nd January, 1971, in order to do the banking  
and pays for the station people, there being no other officer  
available.

The following week the patrol was unable to camp  
out due to the lack of tenting needed to set up camp in the  
particular area that the patrol intended to work. As a result  
day visits were made to get work underway and for supervision.

The particular section on which work was carried out is about a mile in length with a 15% grade and through unstable slopes which have large limestone out-cropping.

The people have been put on a contract and will be paid \$100.00 when the work is completed. Quite an amount of improvement was carried out but work was hindered by very heavy rain each afternoon. Regular visits by officers will be needed to keep enthusiasm up.

In all areas visited publicity was given to the coming visit of the Select Committee on Constitutional Development, together with general political education. This will be elaborated upon in the Situation Report.

  
J.R. Bullock,  
Patrol Officer.



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SITUATION REPORT.

NIPA PATROL NO. 3 of 1970/71.

POLITICAL.

As the annual census patrol was carried out by the writer covering the same areas (Ref. Nipa Report No. 1 of 1970/71) there is little change in the people's attitude to and knowledge of politics.

As mentioned in the special report publicity was given at every place to the visit of the Select Committee on Constitutional Development and general discussions evolved on a few of the questions and other points on politics that the people were interested in. One question that a lot of time was spent on was Regional Members and their functions. In regard to the questions of the Select Committee the vast majority were left behind when various committees and members within the House of Assembly were explained, their interest in the Regional Member seemed to stem from the fact that many have heard of the Regional member for the Southern Highlands, Mr. R. Neville.

One aspect of the people's attitude to self government and independence has definitely shown a change since the writer last visited the area. It probably stems from discussions held on the previous patrol in which it came out that many thought self government was a bad thing. Quite a deal of time was spent explaining that this is not so and that bringing the Territory of Papua and New Guinea to the stage of self government is the aim of the Australian Government.

On this patrol, and it is the first time the writer has heard this from a group of people in the Nipa area, the call was 'the whiteman has to stay in the Territory'. Previously there had been an outright refusal to consider self government in every village. Now one gets the impression that more people are willing to listen to what it is all about, but the consensus of opinion seems to be that if we have to have self government it will have to be without any whitemen leaving. Their thoughts were elaborated on by some who stated that they would go back to the old ways if the white man was not there as a stabilising force. Distrust of local public servants seems to be originating from some incidents that have occurred between the local people and particularly Papuan public servants stationed at Nipa.

ECONOMIC.

Little further activity has occurred in economic development since report No. 1 of 1970/71.

At Egenia the Catholic Mission has sent a young lad to train in operating a loom and weaving. He has yet to return.

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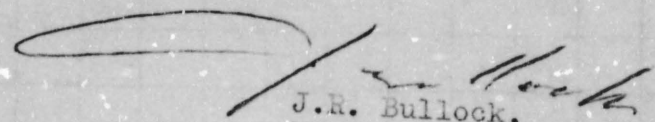
A private entrepreneur, KOBOL-ALT who has a chain of small trade stores in the area, has become interested in poultry farming and has commenced work on a small fowl run just off Nipa Station. His intention is to supply the Station with eggs.

SOCIAL.

Little more can be reported under this heading as little change has occurred since my previous report. The area appears to be quite settled, with little upset in health or law and order.

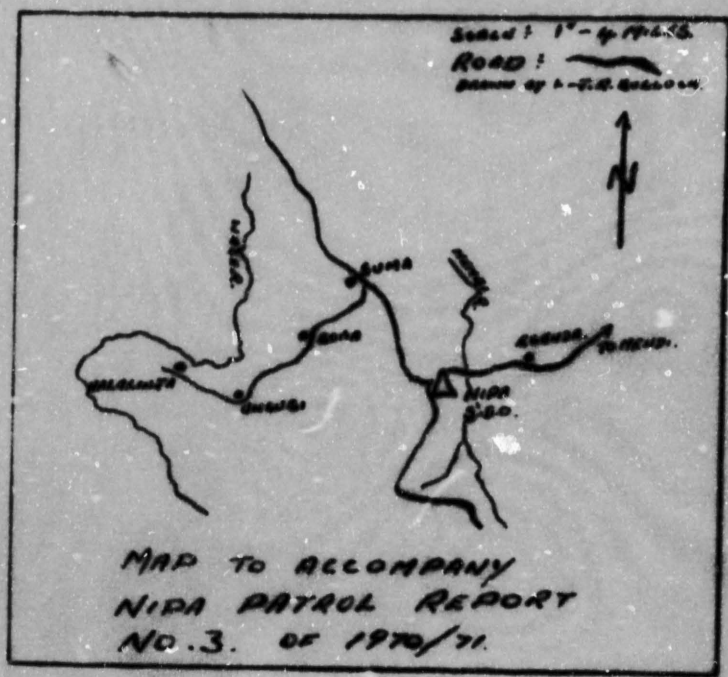
MISCELLANEOUS.

The patrol was unfortunately short due to the writer's being required to go to Mendi to work on the Mendi-Ialibu Road. I believe, however, that a good deal of work and development can be accomplished on roads, political education and economic development should officers spend more time on patrols such as that where a patrol stays in one village for five (5) or more days.

  
J.R. Bullock,  
Patrol Officer.



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NIDA PATROL REPORT  
NO. 3. OF 1970/71.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of ~~SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS~~ ..... Report No. ~~4 of 1970/71~~ .....

Patrol Conducted by **N. WRIGHT** .....

Area Patrolled **VIPA BASE CENSUS DIVISION** .....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **Nil** .....

**1 Interpreter 1 Nurse**

Natives **2 R.P.N.G.C.** .....

**1 Rural Development Assistant** .....

Duration—From ~~22/5~~ /1971 to ~~25~~ / ~~6~~ /1971 .....

Number of Days **23** .....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **Nil** .....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services **Aug/Sept** /1970 .....

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

Map Reference **Journal Kutuba** .....

Objects of Patrol **Area familiarisation; promote economic development; political education; roads; general administration.** .....

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation .... \$ .....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund .... \$ .....

Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund .....

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Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District Administration,  
District Office,  
MENDI

25th August, 1971

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEBOBU

NIPA PATROL NO. 4 of 1970/71

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Please find enclosed the original and one copy of the above report submitted by Mr. N. Wright, A.D.C. Nipa.

Comments.

1. The matter of whether Shumbi should go into the Lai Valley Council or not (page 2 Local Government) can hardly rest with the Nipa Council if they are acting from "selfish motives". I would suggest that the Lai Valley Council be asked if they wish Shumbi to go in with them and then the matter be referred to the Commissioner.

2. The United Mission tea project between Ialal and Boi'ia is very unlikely at this stage. It is a big disappointment for the Nipa area as well as the District. Much of our planning for economic development depended on such nucleus estates and we now have to rethink the situation. Tea appears to be unattractive mainly because of the high cost of development and processing, and the over-production on the world market.

3. While this District has had a restrictive programme of coffee planting, approval has been given to bring existing plots up to an economic size - roughly 1 acre blocks. This should allow good scope for planting at the villages listed on page 4 and I doubt very much if individual holdings would exceed 200 trees.

4. Mr. Wright has since left the District on leave and transfer to the Gulf. He is an experienced, competent officer who will be missed.

*D. J. Clancy*

D. J. CLANCY  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. A.D.C. Nipa  
c.c. Mr. N. Wright.





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Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District  
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Sub District Office,  
Hipa,  
Southern Highlands District.

1st August, 1971.

The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MUNDI.

NIPA PATROL NO. 4-1970/71.

District: Southern Highlands.

Sub District: Hipa.

Type of Patrol: Situation.

Patrol conducted by: W. WRIGHT.

Designation: Assistant District Commissioner.

Area Patrolled: Hipa Basin Census Division.

Council Area: Hipa Local government Council.

Personnel Accompanying: Mr. S. Karit, Interpreter  
Constable Miosure, R.P.N.G.C.  
Constable Rapang, R.P.N.G.C.  
Mr. M. Harpo, D.A.S.F.  
Mr. K. Sagarai, Forestry.

Duration of Patrol: 24.5.71 - 25.6.71 (broken period)  
25<sup>+</sup> man days.

Last patrol to area: August/September, 1970.

Reference: Journal Kutaba  
Map attached.

Object of Patrol: 1. Area familiarisation.  
2. Promote economic development.  
3. Political Education.  
4. Roads.  
5. General Administration.

W. Wright,  
Assistant District Commissioner.



INTRODUCTION.

This patrol was mounted to cover completely the Ipa Beta Camps Division and so complete the whole of the Ipa administrative area, the Kambi Plateau having been patrolled in March, 1972. All villages but SOMA, KWAM and SOT'I were visited, SOMA was not visited as another patrol was scheduled to visit it during the course of my patrol, neither KWAM nor SOT'I have rest houses.

The objects of this patrol were:

- (a) To thoroughly familiarise myself with the census division having only recently taken over as Assistant District Commissioner;
- (b) Promote economic development;
- (c) Political education;
- (d) Supervise road maintenance and repairs.
- (e) General administration.

The patrol was accompanied for most of its length by Rural Development Assistant, Mr. Kestel Duro, who assisted with coffee plantings and Mr. Kasobu Sagari, ~~Peruyma~~, who planted up blocks of eucalypts.

SITUATION REPORT.

A. POLITICAL.

(1) Political Situation.

Political education was, because of the coming elections, confined mainly to the changes resulting from the Report of the Select Committee on Constitutional Development.

The following changes in particular were discussed:

- (a) Increase in Open Electorates and members from 69 to 82.
- (b) Increase in Regional Electorates and members from 15 to 18.
- (c) Decrease in the number of Official Members from 10 to 4 and the introduction of 3 Nominated Members.
- (d) The new Flag.
- (e) The new name.

Also the Committee's comments on self government were explained fully.

Little reaction was received from points (a), (b), (c) or (e). Most were quite happy about the flag but were afraid that this meant early self government. It was explained that this was not so that the flag was the symbol of their own country as our flag is of our country. This was accepted but the general opinion was still that it should not be flown until after self government. The reason behind this appeared to be they felt by flying their own flag they were insulting Australia who was the administering authority.

It was also explained that whilst the general consensus of opinion throughout Papua New Guinea was for self government after 1976 the Committee recommended that preparations should start now in case self government was achieved at an earlier date. This was accepted by the majority who now



appear to realize the inevitability of self government.

As with the Nambi Plateau Census Division the political education programme is showing results, many people now have a basic understanding of the House of Assembly and its functions.

Another result of the fairly intensive political education over the past eighteen months is increasing signs of boredom on the part of audiences. To overcome this there is a need for greater use of visual aids, photographs, films etc., talks are no longer sufficient to maintain their interest.

## 2. Local Government.

The area is fully under local government and has been since 1967. With few exceptions most appear quite happy, with what the Council is doing, as a large number of them live along the Margarima-Puruma road for which the Council received \$5000 in Rural Development Funds, this is understandable. Some of the more remote villages INGH, MAK, SHUMBI, KOMEHILA, KOBOP, HKEP are a little critical of the Council's performance because the Council has done little for them, unfortunately because of their small populations and poor access there is little the Council can do at present.

A case in point is SHUMBI, a village of 353, 15 miles from Nipa in the Lai Valley. This is the only Nipa village in the Lai Valley, the remainder of the valley is administered from the Lai Valley Base Camp. Because of its small population and distance from Nipa the Nipa Council is unable to do much for this group. As the group is only 3 miles from the Lai Valley Base Camp, headquarters of the Lai Valley Council, which has a primary school and aid post it would be to their benefit to join the Lai Council. This idea was put to a meeting attended by about 70% of the village population, with only four exceptions all agreed to the suggestion and asked that the matter be put to the next meeting of the Nipa Council. The matter was discussed at a meeting in June and was rejected unanimously. The move I feel was rejected for selfish motives; loss of face by the Council. The Council promised to look into the possibility of an aid post or school for the area but because of the reasons previously outlined, population and isolation plus the Council's financial commitments in other areas, such projects are unlikely to eventuate with the result that the SHUMBI people will continue to pay tax without receiving any benefits from the Council.

## 3. Local Government Councillors.

The Councillors are reasonably well supported by their constituents especially if they are willing to act as a "go between" between them and the Administration in such things as court cases and land disputes. The most impressive of the Councillors are Councillor Nonga of Kwere, Chairman of the local demarcation committee and a highly respected man throughout the Nipa area, Councillor Inne, the Council President and Councillor Pei of Allamanda.



4. Member of the House of Assembly.

The local member of the House of Assembly, Mr. Tegi Ebe'ial, is the Local Government Councillor for SOI'I. He is fairly popular in the area, though he has several contenders for his "crown" in the coming elections, one of these is IHE KOR, the President of the Nipa Council.

B. ECONOMIC.

1. General.

Economically very little development has taken place as yet, there are four cattle projects and a number of villages have coffee which is starting to bear. These two crops will be the basis of the area's cash economy, tea also is a faint possibility though support for tea by the Development Bank and other authorities appears to be waning.

The patrol's object of promoting economic development had mixed success, the people of this census division do not show the same enthusiasm as those from the Nambi Plateau area. In several cases difficulty was experienced in obtaining land to plant coffee nurseries. In one case, EKWIA, the group refused to make land available.

The factors preventing economic development are the same as those affecting development in the rest of the administrative area; land disputes and shortage of money. A great number of disputes require surveying and registering with the Lands Titles Commission but because of staff shortages at Nipa, staff is not available. Registration and survey of these disputes would occupy an officer for up to two months.

2. Cattle.

The present situation as regards cattle projects is as follows:

(a) SOI'I.

One cattle project with three head, two head unfortunately died on this project some months ago. The project is owned by Mr. Tegi, Ebe'ial, M.R.A.

(b) KWARE.

One cattle project with three steers, owned by Councillor Nonga who also owns a large coffee plot.

(c) BOI'IA.

One cattle project with two head owned by ex-Councillor Lol.

(d) INJIP.

Large project owned by Nipa Council, stocked with eleven head, four of which belong to the Council, three of the remaining seven have been sold to various projects, the remaining four will also be sold to other projects.

Councillor Pont of INJIP owns two of the cattle on the Council project, he expects to start work on his own project shortly.

(e) HONT.

Small project with improved pastures already planted, awaiting wire to complete fencing.

(f) OMDOL.

Project of approximately 15 acres started during this patrol, initial clearing is now completed.

The only other groups which have shown any interest in starting a project are Allamanda, they intend to start <sup>when</sup> their road commitments are completed, Halalinja who have \$90 towards a project and Ebil who have \$300.

3. Coffee.

The following villages have coffee, some of which is starting to bear; KODIA, EGENDA, EREF, KOBOP, KOMBILA, HONT, EBIL, OMDOL, INJIP, KWARE, IALAL, SOI'I TOMBERA No. 2, KALAL. Coffee was planted out from existing nurseries during the patrol at INGIN, MAK, SHUMBI. New nurseries were planted at BOI'IA/UGUN, ALLAMANDA/TOMBERA No. 1, SOMA, MULIS (hamlet of EGENDA). RI,

Coffee production is still very small, 178 lbs. of parchment was purchased in the last twelve months. A large increase can be expected during the next twelve-eighteen months as most of the existing plantings should begin to bear.

Many of the existing coffee gardens seen were badly overgrown and pig damaged, the Council has since passed an Agricultural Hygiene rule to ensure that gardens are properly cared for. The rule has not been gazetted as yet.

Some growers complained that the coffee they were taking into Nipa to sell was being rejected by Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries because of poor processing, they claim that they have never been shown the correct method. Whilst I doubt the strict truth of this statement there is a definite need for Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries to do a great deal more patrolling than it does at present to show the people in the villages the correct procedures.

4. Pyrethrum.

Some of the most northern villages - HALALINJA, ALLAMANDA did grow pyrethrum but nearly all has since died. It would appear that this area is not suited to the crop being too low - only 5800 ft. a.s.l. Even if trials at Margarima with new planting materials and fertiliser are successful it is debateable whether it is worth trying the crop a second time as pyrethrum does not achieve optimum production, below 6000 ft.

5. Forestry.

The Apostolic Christian Mission at Tiliba and the Administration have sawmills, the Administration mill is not operating pending negotiations by the Nipa Council to lease the mill. The output of both these mills has been quite small.



An area of 190 acres between Nipa and the Lai Valley has been surveyed by Forestry, a lease will probably be taken by the Council over this area if it is able to lease or buy the Administration samall.

During the patrol a total of 3000 eucalypts were planted, most of these were planted in blocks of 120-200. It is hoped that this will interest the local people in re-afforesting old garden areas instead of allowing them to turn to kumai.

#### 6. Trade Stores.

There are 22 locally owned trade stores in the Division, unfortunately these are status symbols and the number can be expected to double in the next twelve months. Few if any of the stores make any appreciable profit, probably the most successful operator is KOBOL of ECEWDA who runs several stores at various beatons.

#### 7. Roads.

Five roads serve the Division, only INGIN, MAK, PINJIP, INJASUJUL, KAWARI, KOROP, KOMBILA and KREP are not accessible by road. The bulk of the population is served by the main Poroma-Margarina road.

Details of these roads are as follows:

##### (a) Poroma-Nipa-Margarina Road

The Nipa section of this road is 21 miles, the road is maintained by the Council using Rural Development Funds. The road is surfaced for its entire length. It serves the villages of ALLAMANDA, TOMBERA No. 1, SUMA, KOMBILA, SOI'I, KWARE, IALAL, INJIP, AROP, EBIL and HONT.

##### (b) Wage Road

Length approximately 6 miles, surfacing not yet complete. Serves HALALINJA, HOMBILA, UNGUBI, UGUN and BOI'IA.

##### (c) Nipa-Mendi Road

Nipa section approximately 15 miles, surfacing not complete, very difficult section of road passing through unstable country, rises to a height of 7000 ft. a.s.l. between Nipa and the Lai Valley. Provides Nipa with its only road link to Mendi, serves SHIMBI and ECEWDA.

##### (d) Kware - Ialal Road

Three miles long, unsurfaced, provides access to IALAL and TOMBERA No. 2. Will give access to 700 acres of land at present under investigation for future economic development.

##### (e) Nambi Plateau Road.

This road provides access to the whole of the Nambi Plateau Census Division as well as QMDGL village in the Nipa Basin.

Several new roads were discussed during the patrol, the most important were:

##### (a) Nipa-Erep-Ebil (4 miles)

This will give access to Erep, Kumbila and Korop who have no road access at present.

##### (b) Ecewda-Ingin-Mak (7 miles)

This road will provide access to Ingin and Mak situated in the

headwaters of the Nambi River.

(c) Ondol-Pinjip-Sesenda (4 miles)

To provide access to Pinjip, Kawari, Injasajul and Arop groups. Will also open up 300 acres of land soon to be investigated.

Surveys of the two most important of these roads, (a) and (c), will be carried out as soon as staff and time permit.

C. SOCIAL.

1. Missions.

There are three large mission stations in the Division all situated within a radius of 3 miles of Nipa. The United Church at Puril, has a school and hospital, the Capuchin Mission at Soi'i a school and the Apostolic Christian Mission at Tiliba a hospital. In addition the United Church and the Apostolic Christian Mission carry out infant and general health work in the villages.

Relations between the missions, the people and the administration are good.

2. Health.

Hospitals are located on Nipa Station and at the United Church and Apostolic Christian Mission stations at Puril and Tiliba.

The administration has an aid post at WOUKI.

The United Church and the Apostolic Christian Mission carry out infant welfare in most villages in the Census Division.

3. Land.

An area of 700 acres between IALAL and BOI'IA is being surveyed at present, originally this land was to be used by the United Church for a tea plantation but because of the present uncertainty of tea this project now appears unlikely. The future use of the land is undecided but coffee is a possibility.

There are a number of land disputes in this area requiring survey and registration but staff shortages make this impossible at present. The sub district urgently needs a competent field assistant to help with these disputes.

The land problem in this Census Division is not as acute as that in the Nambi Plateau mainly because these people are not as enthusiastic for economic development. Any widespread economic development is likely to aggravate the situation though.

4. Education.

Schools are located at the United Church at Puril, Capuchin Mission Soi'i and the Administration station. In addition the Apostolic Christian Mission is interested in establishing a school at BOI'IA, this would take pupils from Halalinja, Ungubi, Komboka, Boi'ia, Jgun and Allamanda.

Four schools would cater adequately for the Census Division's population of 9,000. The concentration of three schools near and on the administration station is unfortunate as it means that pupils from some of the





Nipa Patrol No.4/70-71

DIARY:

24th May

1050 Departed Nipa by car.  
1240 Arrived Halalinja.  
Inspected roadworks enroute, discussions with Councillors from Halalinja, Ungubi and Boi'ia on roads and patrol programme.  
Slept Halalinja.

25th May

To Ungubi inspected aid post and supervised Halalinja group on roads.  
Slept Halalinja.

26th May

Political education talks, economic development and roads discussed.  
1400 Returned Nipa.

28th May

1200 Departed Nipa.  
1245 Arrived Ungubi.  
Several minor complaints, supervised planting of Forestry block.  
Slept Ungubi.

29th May

Political education talks, roads and economic development discussed  
1030 Departed Ungubi.  
1115 Arrived Boi'ia  
Slept Boi'ia.

30th May

Observed.  
Slept Boi'ia.

31st May

Supervised roadworks Boi'ia, Ugun, Ungubi. Boi'ia and Ugun planted coffee plot and forestry block.  
Slept Boi'ia.

1st June

0805 Departed Boi'ia.  
0945 Arrived Allamandavia Ugun.  
Coffee block and forestry nursery planted by Allamanda and Tombera No.1 groups. Political education talks, economic development and roads discussed. Inspected roadworks, minor complaints.  
Slept Allamanda.

2nd June.

~~0800~~  
0800 Departed Allamanda.  
0955 Arrived Komia via Tombera No.2. and Suma.  
Political education talks, economic development and roads discussed.  
Slept Komia.

3rd June

0805 Departed Komia.  
0930 Arrived Ingin.  
Political education talks, discussions on economic development and roads with Ingin and Mak. Coffee planted from nursery.  
Slept Ingin.



Diary (cont'd)

4th June

0800 Departed Ingin.  
1015 Arrived Egenda.  
Political education talks, discussions on economic development and roads. Coffeenursery planted at Mulis, forestry block planted.  
Minor complaints.  
Slept Egenda.

5th June

Returned Nipa 0930.  
Cargo to Shumbi.

6th June

0930 Departed Nipa by car.  
1030 Arrived Shumbi.  
Observed.  
Slept Shumbi.

7th June

0930 Departed Shumbi walked to Munhu Base Camp via Mapkebol.  
Council Advisor absent. Walked to Shumbi via Kip arriving 1645.  
Coffee and forestry block planted.  
Slept Shumbi.

8th June

Political education talks, economic development and roads discussed.  
Sought peoples views on joining Lai Valley Council.  
1000 Departed Shumbi.  
1115 Arrived Nipa.

16th June

~~Returned Nipa from Menni~~  
1610 Departed Nipa by car.  
1645 Arrived Pulim.  
Slept Pulim.

17th June.

Heavy rain made discussions with villagers impossible.  
1005 Departed Pulim.  
1115 Arrived Kombila via Erep  
Political education talks, economic development and roads discussed.  
Information on Territorial Census given to Pulim, Erep, Kombila and Kcrop groups.  
Slept Kombila.

18th June

0825 Departed Kombila  
1630 Arrived Hont via Erep and Ebil.  
1100 Departed Hont by car.  
1200 Arrived Pumbarel met D.H.O. Dr. Vickers, discussions with Capuchins and Christian Union Mission re MCH work on the Nembi Plateau.  
1445 Returned Hont.  
1630 Arrived Nipa.

19th June

1230 Returned Hont.  
Minor complaints.  
Slept Hont.

20th June

Diary (contd)20th June

Observed.  
Slept Hont.

21st June

0905 Departed Hont.  
1030 Arrived Ebil.  
Political education talks, economic development and roads discussed with Ebil and Hont groups.  
Minor complaints and several local court cases.  
Slept Ebil.

22nd June

0820 Departed Ebil  
0900 Arrived Omdol.  
Cattle project marked out, political education talks, roads and economic development discussed with Omdol and Hebinja groups.  
Minor complaints and local court cases.  
Slept Omdol.

23rd June

0830 Departed Omdol.  
0915 Arrived Pinjip  
Political education talks with Pinjip, Injasujul and Kawari.  
Economic development and roads also discussed.  
Minor complaints and one local court.  
Slept Pinjip.

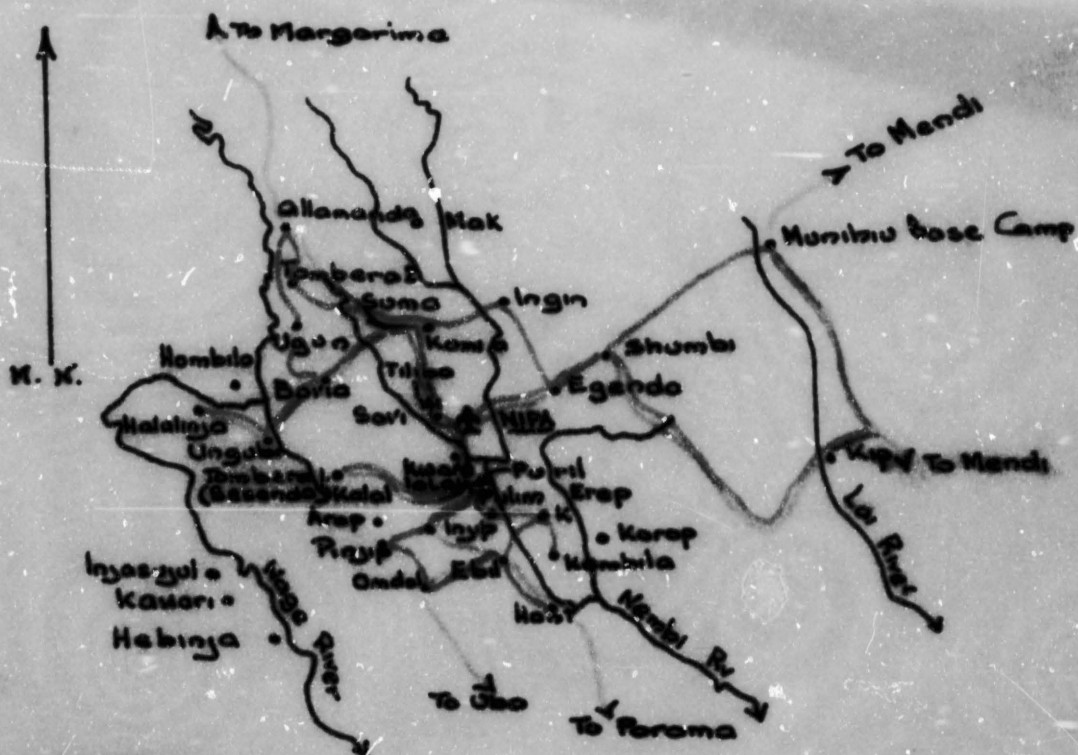
24th June

0825 Departed Pinjip.  
0845 Arrived Injip.  
Political education talks, economic development and roads discussed with Arop and Injip. One local court case and several minor complaints.  
Slept Injip.

25th June

0830 Departed Injip.  
0945 Arrived Kalal (Sesenda)  
Political education talks, economic development and roads discussed with Tembera No.1 and Kalal. Meeting with Mr.A.D.O. Davies, Field Assistant, Mr.Kila and Mr.Ebeial, MHA and land owners re investigation of 700 acres.  
1545 Departed Kalal  
1625 Arrived Nipa.  
Patrol Stood Down






**NIPA PATROL NO. 4/70-71**

Conducted by E. Wright, ADC.

Patrol Route; 

Roads; 

Scale: FOURMIL



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No NIRA NO. 5 OF 1970/1971

Patrol Conducted by ARTHUR G. SMEDLEY, ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled PART NIPA BASIN CENSUS DIVISION - PART COUNCIL AREA

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

1 INTERPRETER

Natives 1 R.P.N.G.C.

Duration—From 4 / 6 / 1971 to 21 / 6 / 1971 (BROKEN)

Number of Days 15

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

- / 18 / 1970

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services - / 9 / 1970

Medical - / - / 19 -

Map Reference KUTUBU FOUNTELL

Objects of Patrol 1. ROADS

2. POLITICAL EDUCATION

Director of District Administration,  
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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation .... \$.....

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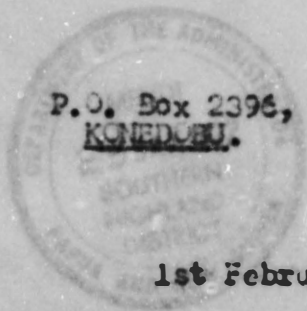
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P.O. Box 2396,  
KONEDOU.

67-15-98

1st February, 1972.

District Commissioner,

**The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.**

NIPA PATROL NO. 5 OF 1970/71.

Your reference 67-3-4 of 19/1/72.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report by  
Mr. A. Smedley, A.P.O. of the Nipa Basin Census Division.

The delay is inexcusable. Please have Mr. Smedley supply  
me with a written explanation on his return from leave.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Secretary.

Assistant District Commissioner

Mr. A. Smedley

12 Lagoon St.

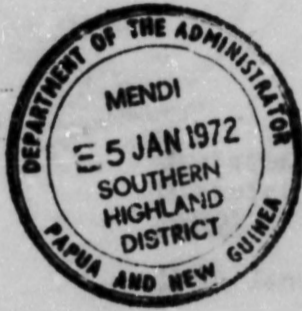
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District Commissioner,

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NIPA PATROL NO. 5 OF 1970/71

I attach three copies of the above report for your information and forwarding to the secretary.

There is little to comment on, other than the fact that the officer has taken over four months to write his report; in other words, one page per month. The content of the report is of little worth, other than the observation by Mr. Smedley that future political education talks be supplemented with visual aids.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "M. BEHR".

( M. BEHR )

DISTRICT LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICER

c.c.

Assistant District Commissioner

NIPA.

Mr. A. Smedley

12 Lawson St.

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19th January, 1972.

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
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NIPA PATROL NO. 5 OF 1970/71.

Please find enclosed 2 copies of the above Patrol Report to the part of the NIPA BASIN Census Division conducted by Mr. A. Smedley A.P.O. in June last year.

The report is long overdue and its scanty content leave little to comment on.

Mr. Smedley will be instructed that in future all reports are to be submitted within two weeks of completion of the Patrol and no delays in submission will be tolerated.

*M.R. Haywood*  
M.R. HAYWOOD

a/ District Commissioner

c.c.: Assistant District Commissioner,  
NIPA

c.c.: Mr. A. Smedley,  
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22nd December, 1971

The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

Nipa Patrol Number 5 of 1970/1971

Attached please find original and two copies of the above Report, together with patrol map and patrol instructions. This Report could have been brought to my attention by Mr Smedley prior to his proceeding on Nipa Patrol Number 2 of 1971/1972 which commenced on the 14th September, 1971. This was not done however.

It was handed in several days prior to the departure of Mr Smedley on Recreation Leave on the 19th November, 1971.

In view of the period of time that has elapsed I do not wish to make any comments. I may add, however, that the substance of what Mr Smedley has reported on has changed very little.

Summary: A satisfactory patrol was carried out by Mr Smedley but marred by the length of time which he took to write the Report.

(M.P.D. Davies)  
Assistant District Commissioner





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Southern Highlands District.

Mr. A. Smedley,  
Council Adviser,  
NIPA.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS, NIPA  
PATROL NO. 45-1970/71.

Please prepare to depart on patrol on 26th May, 1971; the purpose of this patrol is as follows:

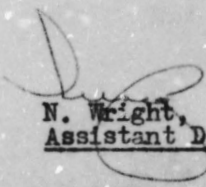
- (1) To supervise maintenance and repairs to the Allemanda to Komia section of the Nipa-Margarima Rural Development Road.
- (2) Give political and Council education talks to all groups with whom you are working.
- (3) Carry out other Council duties as necessary.

You are to return to Nipa as often as is necessary to carry out Council administrative duties, e.g. meetings, supervision of staff.

Interpreter Nongea and one policeman will accompany you.

This patrol should be completed by 26th June, 1971, your patrol report is required by 9th July, 1971. This patrol report should be a special type as per section 5 Chapter 4 Vol. 1 of the Departmental Standing instructions.

c.c. D.L.G.O.,  
Mendi.

  
N. Wright,  
Assistant District Commissioner.



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8th November, 1971.

The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
MENDI.

NIPA PATROL NO. 5 of 1970/71.

Sub-District:	Nipa
District:	Southern Highlands
Council Area:	Nipa Local Government Council
Patrol Conducted by:	Arthur G. Smedley
Designation:	Assistant Patrol Officer
Area Patrolled:	Part Council Area. Part Nipa Basin Census Division
Personnel Accompanying Patrol:	Mr. N. Wiru, Interpreter. Constable 1/C Kono R.P.N.G.C.
Duration of Patrol:	4.6.1971 to 21.6.1971 (broken period) 15 days
Date and Duration of Leave D.D.A. Patrol to the area:	August/September, 1970. 66 days.
Objects of Patrol:	1. Roads 2. Political Education
Total Population of Area Patrolled:	2,132.
Map Reference:	Kutubu Formil
Village Population Register:	Not enclosed.

*Arthur G. Smedley*  
Arthur G. Smedley  
Assistant Patrol Officer.



Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District Administration,  
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NIPA,  
Southern Highlands District.

8th November, 1971.

The District Commissioner,  
Southern Highlands District,  
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SPECIAL REPORT

NIPA PATROL NO. 5 OF 1970/71.

I refer to the Assistant District Commissioner's 67-2-2 of May, 1971, undated, a copy of which is attached.

The purpose of this patrol was to improve the condition of the Nipa-Margarina Road from the Nipa Station boundary to Allamanda Village.

The people from Soi'i, Ingin, Konia, Mak Sana, Tombera No. 2 and Allamanda Villages are responsible for the maintenance of this section of road. The people all decided to work on the road five (5) days per week while the patrol was in the area.

The road is paved through its entire length so all that was required was upgrading of the bad sections.

The Nipa Local Government Council made two of its tractors and trailers available to the local people for a period of six weeks to assist with the road maintenance work.

Political Education talks concerning Local Government and the Nipa Councils activities and Capital Works Programme for 1971/72 were given to all groups who were working on the road.

A total length of 12 miles of road was repaired and maintained during the patrol for which \$1,150 was paid out in road contracts.

The patrol was necessarily cut short after two weeks due to my involvement in the Territory Census. However, the Nipa Council's tractors remained and work continued on the road for a further four (4) weeks.

*Arthur G. Smedley*  
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Arthur G. Smedley  
Assistant Patrol Officer.

SITUATION REPORT

A. POLITICAL

As this was essentially a Council Patrol, and myself being the Administrative Adviser of the Nipa Local Government Council, Political Education was confined to Local Government, and the activities of the Nipa Local Government Council. Political Education talks were given to all village groups who were working on the Nipa-Margarima Road.

There was generally not a great deal of interest displayed in the Political Education talks that were given - this seems to be fairly general throughout the Nipa and Margarima areas and is probably a result of the intensive Political Education programme that has been conducted in the area over the last two (2) years.

If the intensity of the Political Education programme is to be maintained, there is a need for visual and other aids to be used with the talks to regain the peoples interest.

Generally, there is no real change in the political situation from that reported in my Nipa Patrol No. 1 of 1970/71, however, I would make, and change, to that stated in Nipa Patrol Report No. 1 of 1970/71. In that report I stated that fifty percent (50%) of the Councillors on the Nipa Council were progressive and strong go-ahead personalities. But, after having worked with the Nipa Council for some four (4) months, I would now say that there are only eight (8) or ten (10) Councillors who are at all outstanding.

These same eight (8) or ten (10) Councillors are the only ones that ever speak out or have much to say at any Council Meetings.

Whilst on patrol it was stated to me by various villagers that several Councillors were elected because they were harmless personalities who would not bother or worry the people too much. Whilst on Census Patrol, in some villages it becomes obvious that the Councillor has little or no say with the people and in fact, the majority pay no attention to him.

B. ECONOMIC

There is very little of any economic significance in the area covered by this patrol. The Member of the House of Assembly for the Nipa Open Electorate, Mr. Teg Ebe'ial, has a cattle project comprising of some sixteen (16) acres of grazing and pasture land on which he has one bull and one steer, he is to buy six (6) more cattle shortly.

Apart from this one cattle project, there are twelve (12) acres of coffee planted in the area. There are also two (2) acres of shillies planted at Komia and a proposed cattle project of ten (10) acres at Allamanda.

C. SOCIAL

Health

The people in the area are well catered for health-wise by the hospital facilities at the Apostolic Christian Mission at Tiliba and the Administration Hospital at Nipa. The Tiliba Hospital caters for both general and maternity cases.

Trade Stores

There are five (5) trade stores in the area. They are situated in the Soi'i, Suma (2) Komia and Allamanda Villages. They are all indigenous owned and none of the proprietors have had any education or training, consequently, the profitability of such stores is extremely doubtful.

Schools

There is one school in the area, at the Catholic Mission at Soi'i. They have four (4) classes, these being prep. standards 1, 2 and 4.

The numbers of students are as follows:-

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Prep.	25	10	35
Standard 1	14	5	19
Standard 2	14	7	21
Standard 4	12	7	19
<u>Totals</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>94</u>



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D. CONCLUSION

Due to the fact that I was involved in the Territory Census, this was of necessity a short patrol, but one which was successful and accomplished all that it set out to do. I believe that a patrol to the area promoting economic development and spending five (5) or more days at each village would greatly benefit the people.

*Arthur G. Smedley*  
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Arthur G. Smedley  
Assistant Patrol Officer

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NIPA PATROL REPORT NO. 5 OF 1970/71

PATROL DIARY

FRIDAY 4th JUNE, 1971.

1315 Departed Nipa by vehicle for Suma.  
Inspected roadwork en-route.  
Arrived Suma and set up camp.  
Inspection of roadwork from Suma to Allamanda Village till 1640.  
CAMPED SUMA

SATURDAY, 5th JUNE, 1971.

Discussions with several Councillors and village people from surrounding area about objects of patrol.  
CAMPED SUMA

SUNDAY, 6th JUNE, 1971.

Observed Suma.  
CAMPED SUMA

MONDAY, 7th JUNE, 1971.

Supervision of roadwork with Suma, Tombera No. 2 and Allamanda people.  
CAMPED SUMA.

TUESDAY, 8th JUNE, 1971.

Supervision of roadwork with the people of Soi'i and Komia Villages.  
Political Education talks on Local Government, the aims and activities of Nipa Local Government Council and the Council's proposed Capital Works Programme for the 1971/72 financial year.  
CAMPED SUMA.

WEDNESDAY, 9th JUNE, 1971.

Supervision of roadwork with Allamanda, Tombera No. 2 and Suma Villages.  
CAMPED SUMA.

THURSDAY, 10th JUNE, 1971.

Supervision of roadwork and tractor repairs.  
Discussions with people of Ingin and Mak Villages re: aims and activities of the Nipa Local Government Council and the Council's proposed Capital Works Programme for the 1971/72 financial year.  
CAMPED SUMA.

FRIDAY, 11th JUNE, 1971.

Supervision of roadwork and inspection of road from Allamanda to Suma.  
CAMPED SUMA.

SATURDAY, 12th JUNE, 1971.

Returned Nipa for Council duties.

WEDNESDAY, 16th JUNE, 1971.

At Meeting of Nipa Local Government Council until 1700.  
1800 Departed Nipa for Suma.

CAMPED SUMA.

THURSDAY, 17th JUNE, 1971.

Supervision of roadwork with the people of Suma Village.  
Political Education talks on Local Government, the aims and activities of the Nipa Local Government Council and the Council's proposed Capital Works Programme for the 1971/72 financial year.

CAMPED SUMA.



FRIDAY, 18th JUNE, 1971.

Supervision of roadwork with the people of Tombers No. 2 Village.  
Political Education talks on Local Government, the aims and activities  
of the Nipa Local Government Council and the Council's proposed Capital  
Works Programme of the 1971/72 financial year. **CAMPED SUMA.**

SATURDAY, 19th JUNE, 1971.

0700 to 1620 working with the people of Sama Village clearing a  
landslide that had fallen across the road overnight. **CAMPED SUMA.**

SUNDAY, 20th JUNE, 1971.

Observed Suma.

**CAMPED SUMA.**

MONDAY, 21st JUNE, 1971.

Supervision of roadwork with the people of Allamanda Village.  
Inspection of roadwork from Allamanda to Soi'i.  
1530 Returned Nipa.

PATROL STOOD DOWN

