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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of WESTERN Report No. Kiunga No 2/67-68.

Patrol Conducted by J. RUSSELL-PELL CPO

Area Patrolled KIUNGA & SOUTH OK-TEDI & SOUTH AWIN CENSUS DIVISIONS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans 1 Interpreter, 2 RP&NGC, 1 COUNCIL ASSISTANT, 3 COUNCILLORS
Natives 1 AIDPOST ORDERLY.

Duration—From 29 / 8 / 19 67 to 27 / 9 / 19 67 (Not continuous).

Number of Days 12

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? Aidpost Orderly

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

Medical/4...../1967...

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol Kiunga Local Government Council Tax Collection. Talks on forthcoming House of Assembly elections. Talks on position of Border Surveys, not completed. General Administration.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

24 / 11 / 19 67.

J. Bensted Mc
District Commissioner

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

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

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Ref: 67-3-5

Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, Papua.

April 9th, 1963.

District Commissioner,
Western District,
DAKE.

PATROL NO. KIUNGA 2/67-68

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Memorandum
* of Patrol/Patrol Report covering patrol by J. HURSTALL PELL GPO
to ~~WILSON SOUTH OKYEDA & PARS UTH ANIN~~ Census Divisions.

The report is informative but not well presented. The
patrol map lacks detail such as the road and new settlements
mentioned in the report and it is poorly drawn. Leadership
is inadequately covered. I would like field officers to
give credit to prominent entrepreneurs and leaders of community
projects such as roads and bridges so that our information
services can give them due recognition.

T.W. Ellis
(T.W. ELLIS)
Director

* Delete as necessary.

67-3-5 (14)

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telephone

Telegrams

Our Reference **67-3-2**

If calling ask for **RAG:pb**

M.



Department of District Administration

Western District,
DARE.

26th January, 1968

~~The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KUNGA.~~

not attached

KUNGA PATROL 2/57-68

Please find herewith copy of the Director's 67-3-5
of 21st December, 1967.

2. You are to ensure that all future reports submitted
from your Sub-District comply with all requirements of Standing
Instructions, otherwise I will have no alternative but to return
them to you for re-writing.

H Bensted
(F.A. BENSTED) *Mb.*
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Encls.

✓ c.c. Director
Department of District Administration
KONEDOBU.

67. 3. 5

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams
Our Refers
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Department of District Administration,
Western District,

DA:U:

24th November, 1967.

The Director,
Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

KIUNGA PATROL 2/67-68

Please find herewith the report of the above patrol, submitted by Mr. J. RUSSELL-PELL, Cadet Patrol Officer, covering his trip to the WCLAN, South OK-TEDI, and part South AWIN Census Divisions.

No copy of the Patrol instructions was received with the report, so one cannot tell here whether they were carried out.

I agree with Mr. Haynes' remarks re the presentation of the report. Typing, setting-out, margins, page and para numbers all need improvement. As he gains in experience, Mr. Russell-Pell will realize that neat presentation greatly enhances favourable reception of any report, request or submission.

The report is written in a pleasant style refreshingly free from "officialese", which makes it easier to read. The comments made by Mr. Haynes are more than adequate, and need little amplification. I share his and Mr. Russell-Pell's enthusiasm for the Council's "potential", but a bit more detail of what this "potential" might be, would have improved the report. Apart from such services as aid posts, schools and road improvements, is the Council seen as a sponsor of a land conversion scheme? Or work with the KBS to improve native techniques in curing skins? Or stimulate copal gum production, or timber felling?

Generally, though, the report gives a reasonable picture of the area.

J. B. Binsted
(F.A. BINSTED.)

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER. *ms*

C.C. Assistant District Commissioner,
Subdistrict Office,
KIUNGA

8. Mr. Samuel-Pala, in submitting his first Patrol Report, has made some very good observations considering his limited experience. No doubt the excellent relationship he is establishing with villagers and his ability to understand the basic and aims of Administration Policy and the Local Government System has assisted him in suggesting possible solutions to some very important problems.



F.J.L. Hayes
s/Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....

Our Reference 67-50-1

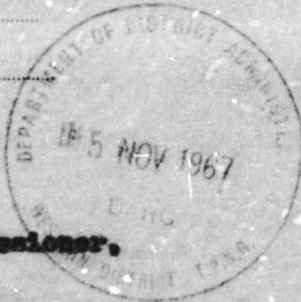
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Mr.....

Department of District Administration,

KIUNGA
Western District.

4th November, 1967.



The District Commissioner,
Western District,
DARE

Kiunga Patrol Report No. 2-67/68 - Kiunga Council
by Cadet Patrol Officer J. Russell-Poll
North and South Oktafi and South Asia C. Divisions

1. Mr. Russell-Poll received very full Patrol Instructions from my predecessor Mr. Sage and it appears from this Patrol Report, which is attached hereto, that Patrol Instructions have been followed and all aims of the patrol achieved.
2. Unfortunately Mr. Russell-Poll has ~~made~~ ^{made} his report by careless presentation, (i.e. poor typing, nil margins or paragraph numbers and few page numbers), however information presented by Mr. Russell-Poll is quite sound and his Conclusion is worthy of note because, though brief, it is an excellent summary of problems with Census Divisions patrolled and suggests possible answers to these problems.
3. It is pleasing to note that villagers paid Personal Tax to their Kiunga Local Government Council without the Council having to resort to taking legal action against numerous electors. I believe that this year the Kiunga Council has already received more Revenue from Personal Taxes than it estimated for in its Financial Estimates. This situation is probably unique in the Western District and is indicative of the definite potential of Kiunga Council. It is essential that all Officers at Kiunga recognise this potential and give top priority to encouraging its development. If villagers can support their Council so can all Administration Officers.
4. Population movement resulting from introducing rubber has raised many problems. It is essential that more staff be sent to Kiunga to assist with the Rubber Project. I believe D.A.S.F. recognise our existing situation and it seems more of their qualified staff is "on the way".
5. A major population movement by villagers onto land over which they have no traditional rights is causing increasing concern, especially now that a road is being pushed through the region making it "a better place to live". It is essential that a person experienced in land tenure problems be sent to Kiunga to investigate the situation. Once rubber is planted options open to villagers, the Administration and Kiunga Council will be severely limited.
6. In sections of the region patrolled by Mr. Russell-Poll, I believe, the benefits to be gained from rubber planting have been overemphasized. I am certain some villagers presently demanding rubber or planting rubber may be better off economically if they concentrated on marketing crocodile skins. While rubber prices are falling crocodile skin prices are rising. Early amendment of the Crocodile Skin Protection Ordinance to protect small crocodiles from shooters and taxidermists will assure villagers of a future income as of now. Rubber will produce no income for at least five years. Copal Gum marketing will, once again, be investigated.
7. No doubt, in the next few years the Kiunga Council will establish Aid Posts at various points in this region. To assist villagers and Kiunga Council a T.B. survey should be undertaken.

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STATION.

KIUNGA.

SUB-DISTRICT.

KIUNGA.

DISTRICT.

WESTERN.

PATROL NO.

2/67-68.

CONDUCTED BY.

J. RUSSELL-PELL. CPO.
part of

AREA PATROLLED.

MOIAN, SOUTH OK-TEDI/SOUTH AWIN
CENSUS DIVISIONS.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING.

2 INTERPRETER.
2 RP&NGC.
3 COUNCILLORS.
1 AIDPOST ORDERBY.

DURATION OF PATROL.

29/8/67.
31/8/67 to 8/9/67.
25/9/67 to 27/9/67.

LAST PATROL.

MOIAN & SOUTH OK-TEDI - DDA 4/66-67
SOUTH AWIN. DDA 5/66-67.

OBJECTS OF PATROL.

COUNCIL TAX COLLECTION, GENERAL
ADMINISTRATION, TALKS ON BORDER
AND ON FORTHCOMING HOUSE OF
ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS.

MAP REFERENCE.

*As my Survey 504 of Shukar
Range*

J. RUSSELL-PELL.

CADET PATROL OFFICER.

PATROL DIARY.Tuesday 29/8/67.

Departed station in Tradewind dinghy, powered by a Mercury 20hp engine, at 09.15.
 Fly River very flooded.
 Arrived junction of ~~Molian~~ and Fly rivers- 10.20.
 Arrived Molian 1- ^{BOWAN} 10.40.
 Tax collection and talks until- 13.29.
 Departed Molian 1- ^{BOWAN} 13.40.
 Arrived junction of Fly and ~~Molian~~ rivers- 14.00.
 Arrived Station- 15.50.
 Patrol stood down briefly, awaiting arrival of 28hp engine from Ningerum.

Thursday 31/8/67.

Departed Station in canoe powered by Johnson 28hp engine- 09.25.
 Arrived Kawok- 11.45.
 Tax collection and talks until- 13.50.
 Departed Kawok- 14.00.
 Arrived junction of Fly and Erehta rivers- 15.57.
 Arrived at Erehta canoe place- 16.30.
 Waited until it was found out whether river was navigable all the way up to Erehta village. On being told that it was-
 Departed canoe place- 16.36.
 Arrived Erehta village- 16.48.

SPENT NIGHT.

Friday 1/9/67.

Tax collection and talks until- 09.55.
 Departed Erehta- 10.00.
 Johnson engine broke down. Paddled to the Erehta canoe place, and after having a look at the Johnson I decided that to do anything about the pumping system would be a fairly major job. We therefore replaced it with the Mercury 20hp and set off.
 Departed Erehta canoe place- 11.15.
 Arrived Fly river- 11.40.
 Arrived Angamarut- 13.30.
 Brief Rest.
 Departed Angamarut- 14.30.
 Arrived Ik river- 16.40.
 Arrived Karengu canoe place- 18.35.
 Sent word to Councillor that we had arrived. People arrived to carry the cargo.
 Arrived Karengu village- SPENT NIGHT. 21.30.

Saturday 2/9/67.

Tax collection and talks until- 11.45.
 The parents of a badly burned baby were told to get it to hospital immediately for treatment.
 The Mabaduam people are thinking of moving their village to a site on the Bige river, so that they can participate in the rubberscheme. No complaints.
 Departed Karengu-walking- 11.45.
 Arrived Membok-
 Tax collection and talks until- 15.05.
 Departed Membok- 15.11.
 Arrived Karengu- 15.41.
 Spent the afternoon trying to repair the Johnson 28 hp engine. Was unable to repair the water pump. Talked to people who came to watch and help.
 SLEPT NIGHT.

Sunday 3/9/67.

Departed Karengu- 06.45.
 Arrived Karengu canoe place- 07.30.
 Waid off villagers who had helped to carry our cargo.
 Departed Karengu canoe place- 08.15.
 Arrived Fly river- 10.45.
 Arrived Angamarut- 15.17.
 Once again tried to get the Johnson water pump going-to no avail.
 SLEPT NIGHT.

Monday 4/9/67.

Monday 4/9/67.

Departed Angamarut-	07.40.
Arrived mouth of Erehta river-	10.37.
Arrived Niengomban(now abandoned, people have moved to Erehta)- River Very noticeably Lower.	12.35.
Arrived mouth of Alice river(Ok-Tedi)-	13.55.
Arrived Aran 1 - Brief rest.	14.45.
Departed Aran 1 -	15.30.
Arrived Aran 2 - Considerable delay was experienced between Aran 1 and 2, owing to water in the fuel.	18.30.

Tuesday 5/9/67.

SLEPT NIGHT.

With the level of the Alice now so low and the fact that the canoe was only being powered by a small engine(the Alice current is considerably stronger than the Fly), it was decided to walk the remaining Alice villages.

Tax collection, talks and a visit to Rex Nowland, the U.F.M. missionary-until	10.57.
Departed Aran 2-	11.02.
Arrived Bongubun-	11.28.
Tax collection and talks until-	12.27.
Departed Bongubun-(track good)-	12.31.
Arrived Ieran-	13.35.
Tax collected and talks until-	15.37.
Bought fresh(SLEPT NIGHT) food for carriers.	
SLEPT NIGHT.	

Wednesday 6/9/67.

Departed Ieran-	07.45.
Arrived Dome(Carrier time)-	10.45.
Tax collection and talks until-	12.52.
Departed Dome(Carriers had gone on ahead)-	13.02.
Arrived Iogi-	13.45.
SLEPT NIGHT.	

Thursday 7/9/67.

Tax collection and talks until-	10.19.
Departed Iogi(Carriers had gone ahead to Ieran)-	10.23.
Arrived Dome(Track good)- The Council assistant, the three councillors and a policeman etc went ahead to Konkonda by canoe. I walked to Ieran with the interpreter to see if the carriers were alright.	11.25.
Arrived Ieran(Track good).- Carriers and one policeman set off for Aran 2.	14.12.
Departed Ieran (By canoe up the Alice)-	14.35.
Arrived Konkonda -	15.40.
Tax had been collected. Had talks until-	16.35.
Departed Konkonda-	16.38.
Arrived Ieran-	17.15.
Departed Ieran -	17.21.
Arrived Aran 2 -	19.05.
SLEPT NIGHT.	
Paid-off-carriers-	

Friday 8/9/67.

Paid off carriers. Made a brief visit to Rex Nowland, the U.F.M. missionary again.	
Departed Aran 2 (By powered canoe)-	09.20.
Arrived Fly river-	11.22.
Arrived Kiunga Station-	16.35.

Patrol stood down temporarily.

Monday 25/9/67.

Departed Kiunga Station-	08.40.
The canoe was powered by, once again, a Johnson 28hp engine. A short way up the river it gave trouble and was replaced by the Mercury 20 hp engine.	
Arrived Drindemasuk and stopped to pickup Council President Sam-	12.10.
Departed Drindemasuk-	12.43.
Arrived Tupinsomrak-	16.15.
SLEPT NIGHT.	

Tax collection and talks until-	07.41.
Departed Tupinsomrae(Left the and one policeman)-	07.45.
Arrived Drinskai-	08.50.
Tax collection and talks until-	09.49.
Departed Drinskai(Downriver)-	09.55.
Arrived Tupinsomrae-	10.25.
Loaded cargo.	
Departed Tupinsomrae-	10.44.
Arrived Dringas canoe place-	10.54.
Arrived Dringas village-	11.06.
Tax collection and talks until-	12.55.
The councillor had two minor domestic problems which I helped him to unravel. All parties were perfectly happy and satisfied when we left.	
Departed Dringas village-	13.21.
Arrived Dringas canoe place-	13.30.
Departed Dringas canoe place-	13.43.
Arrived Giponai-	14.55.
Tax collection and talks-	
SLEPT NIGHT.	
<u>Wednesday 27/4/67.</u>	
Departed Giponai-	07.14.
Arrived Gueretmin-	07.39.
Offloaded cargo and one Policeman.	
Departed Gueretmin-	07.55.
Arrived Elevala river-	08.00.
Arrived Gusiore-	09.36.
Tax collection and talks until-	10.51.
Departed Gusiore-	10.55.
Arrived Fly river-	12.02.
Arrived Gueretmin-	12.13.
Loaded cargo and a brief rest.	
Departed Gueretmin-	12.30.
Arrived Drindemasuk canoe place-	12.55.
Arrived Drindemasuk village-	13.05.
Tax collection and talks until-	14.53.
Departed Drindemasuk village-	14.56.
Arrived Drindemasuk canoe place-	15.08.
Departed Drindemasuk canoe place-	15.18.
Arrived Station(Kiunga)-	16.48.

INTRODUCTION:-

The main reason for the patrol was to collect Kiunga Council tax. The response was generally very satisfactory. The people inland from Gusiore did not show up, but they apparently intend to come down to the Station at a later date to pay their tax.

The people were given talks on the functions of the House of Assembly and the fact that H. of A elections will be held next February. All have been informed that they will be visited by pre-election patrols.

People living in the villages near the West Irian border were informed that contrary to rumours that the Border Survey was completed, it has not in fact been finalised, and that previous movement restrictions are still in force.

Not all villages were visited, as the people came into the Ward centres.

It will be noticed from the diary that the patrol kept moving fairly fast. The reason for this was that, since people had come into the Ward centres to pay their taxes, it was decided that we should get round to them as quickly as possible, thus saving them from waiting around for any longer than could be avoided.

Two full census divisions were patrolled, namely, Moian and South Ok-Tedi, and part of a third Moian CD stretches down the Fly River to halfway in the bulge into which the West Irian border comes.

The South Ok-Tedi CD stretches from the junction of the Ok-Tedi (Alice) River and the Fly River, up the Ok-Tedi to the North Ok-Tedi boundary (which is part of Ningerum) along to the West Irian border.

The South Awin CD that was covered by this patrol, comprises those villages on the banks of the Fly River, north of the Kiunga Station.

The South Awin CD which takes in the villages on the road from the Station to Runginae, will be patrolled by the Council Assistant and the three councillors.

GEOGRAPHY AND TOPOGRAPHY:-

The Moian CD. The area is very flat and covered by heavy primary rain forests. At the time the patrol went through the area, the Fly River was in a very flooded state. The Ik River up to Karengu gives one a good idea of the flatness of the terrain. The water had flooded well back into the jungle. No dry land was seen until the patrol reached the Karengu canoe place, the water having risen up into the lower branches of the small trees. The surface was covered by all manner of flotsam which had to be negotiated, thereby slowing down progress.

The South Ok-Tedi CD. The area is flat at its southern end and becomes hillier as one progresses north. It, too, being covered by heavy primary rain forests. The terrain could hardly be classified as rugged, but it is definitely more difficult to walk over than the Moian CD. The Ok-Tedi's flow becomes considerably faster as one goes further north. It also becomes better and better endowed with rock bars which, when the river level goes down, become distinct hazards for the unwary. From Ieran up, this river should be treated with considerable respect.

The South Awin CD that was covered by the patrol. The terrain in this area is more in keeping with the Moian CD.

The whole area can boast a rainfall of approximately 200"+.

The area, contrary to views sometimes expressed about it, can be quite scenic. It is also well endowed with bird life, which adds to its interest.

The dominant feature is, without doubt, the Fly River.

The Moian and South Ok-Tedi CDs are populated by the Yungum group, which spreads well into West Irian.

The South Awin CD is populated by the Awin group, which is a fairly large one.

It extends into the area administered by the Ningerum Patrol Post.

VILLAGES:-

Generally speaking, the condition of the villages is good. Three of them in excellent condition. Those that were lagging are, since the Council Hygiene Rule was passed, and put into effect, showing improvement, mainly in that a number of new houses are being built. Not too soon in some cases, where the old house had bordered on collapse.

LAND:-

There is no shortage of land in this area. One point that should be noted, whilst on this subject, is the fact that many inland villages have been left and new ones constructed along the Kiunga - Runginae road and on or within easy reach of navigable waterways. This is all right in that it will help the people participate in the rubber scheme and it will make the Administration of the area that much easier. However, although it is now easy for people to agree to others settling on their land, there will inevitably come a time when Land Tenure will become a problem. Especially when the original owners decide that they require more land only to find that someone else is on it or to realise that someone else is on it. A number of other factors could cause Land Tenure problems. It is suggested therefore that someone, well versed in these matters, be sent up here to deal with it.

OUTLINE OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

What economy there is in this area, and this is negligible, is based upon subsistence agriculture. For the most part the people have lived much as they always have done. Gardening, hunting etc.

It is true that the rubber scheme will ultimately give the people the chance to improve their welfare and provide them with the material benefits that most people desire. However an important result of the rubber scheme has been the getting together of the people and their working together on a self-help basis, with a lot of Administration guidance and assistance, towards a common goal that is going to improve their social welfare and raise them out of their subsistence state.

The people in this area are not all as completely lethargic and hopeless as they are sometimes made out to be. Once they get their minds fixed on a task that has to be done, they are keen and are capable of hardwork- especially when they fully understand why the job has to be done. They can be very slow off the mark in this respect, so that forceful, experienced guidance and patience are necessary.

The Council has not been a very effective force in the past. Without doubt the principal reason for this has been the lack of experienced guidance. Officers with the experience have not been able to spend as much time with the Council as they would like to have, due to pressure of other work.

The Council has a good potential. They are relatively hamstrung at present with their lack of finance. This, being a low income area, means that taxes have to be kept to a minimum (\$1.50 for the men. Women pay .50c on a purely voluntary basis).

The people are understanding more and more what the Council means and what it is trying to accomplish, but they feel with the lack of finance, it can't do much for them.

The situation is improving. At the time of writing certain of the councillors had their people out on the KIUNGA to RUMGINAE road building bridges. In a week or so two large bridges were constructed. This is an excellent sign as the road will be most important to them. This too is the right order- the road before the rubber. An important point is that some of the people are beginning to realise that by helping the Council now to get on its feet, they will be putting it in a position to help them more later on. However there is a long way to go before anyone can in any way consider resting on their laurels.

Certain of the councillors are weak and don't appear to be very interested. They have nothing constructive to say at their Council meetings. This doesn't seem too important at present, as the stronger personalities carry them through.

There have been some upheavals in the past year or so with the people who were living inland, leaving their old villages in favour of new village sites on transport routes, so that they can participate in the rubber scheme. They have settled down a little now. The people up the Ok-Tedi River were getting a little disgruntled, since they had made the big move and expected their rubber straight away. Their main problem was that there was no food at the new village sites (which necessitated frequent visits to their old villages to collect food). This and the fact that at one time it seemed as though they might have to wait a further year or more before they had any chance of receiving their rubber. However, the situation is looking up now and apparently rubber work will be getting well underway in the fairly near future. The people are now happier and more settled.

The Border is quiet and as such it doesn't need to be reported upon.

No major complaints were brought forward. What complaints there were, were minor and were all cleared up on the spot.

The area generally is peaceful and quiet.

AGRICULTURE.

The Kiunga Rubber scheme is proceeding well.

To date, approximately 370 acres have been planted out, of which 221 acres have been put out in the last ten months. This is a very satisfactory state of affairs and says a good deal for the present Agricultural Officer.

The Ag. Department here has been understaffed. Apparently though this situation is about to be rectified.

The Runganae road will make a difference at this stage too. Transportation of stumps will be quicker and easier.

The people, as a rule, work hard to get their ^{rubber} in, then they slow up and don't seem to realise that the maintenance of the blocks is also very important. Mr Frost, the AO, gets out a lot and keeps at it a credit to his Department.

HEALTH.

The health in the area is not good.

"Grille", the unsightly fungus skin disease, is prevalent. To a greater or lesser degree about one in every two or three people has it.

Elephantiasis exists in some areas, Aran 2 village seems to be the worst affected, but the disease is not prevalent and gives no cause for alarm.

Tuberculosis is a bit of a problem up here. It is not widespread, but it seems that there is more around than is good for the area. I feel that some form of TB

HEALTH(cont).

survey is to be recommended in an effort to catch the disease early. Although diet for both the Awins and the Yungums is the same, Sago being the staple food, the Awins tend to be a little bigger than the Yungums.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

The economy of the area is based on crocodile skins. From a shooting point of view, croc hunting depends to quite a large extent on state and level of the river.

However the ADC brought up large hooks from Daru, which are apparently very effective, since neither river conditions don't matter and the hooks are more likely to catch the larger crocodiles. It is to be hoped that this will help to give the people more incentive to get on with this aspect of income.

The croc skins are sold to The Kiunga Buyer's Society, which treats the skins and then forwards them to Daru. Crocodile skins brought in for sale to the KBS, have become less and less in quantity. This was mainly due to the fact that, KBS was not paying high prices. This was inevitable, since the skins were being brought in badly prepared and often too long after they had been shot. After a further period of waiting around here for a boat to transport them into Daru, they would get to a stage when they were virtually beyond the stage when they could be sold profitably.

Boats are now more frequent and the skins are getting more attention. Both the crocodile hunters and the KBS can hope to look forward to what should be a brighter future.

Transport difficulties and the occasional delay of the orders leaving Port Kresby, are a fairly constant problem. Stocks run out and there is a large gap when no sales are made at the store. Consequently all the customers, at these times, patronise the Catholic Mission store, which usually has a stock of people's main needs.

With more frequent boats coming from Daru, this situation should improve considerably.

MISSIONS.

There are two Missions operating in this area. The Montfort Catholic Mission here at Kiunga and the Unevangelised Field Mission at Rumginae.

In the Kiunga area the MCM has a smaller mission at Matkomrae, the UFM mission has another smaller Mission at Atkamba.

The MCM appears to have unlimited finances.

The UFM are not as well off, but seem to command a better following than the MCM.

Both the MCM and The UFM specialise in education and health, both of which are very important to the area and are badly needed.

CONCLUSION.

The area is very backward and will require much effort on the part of everyone to transform it to a going concern. This has got to come mainly from the people themselves. They appear to be realising this. The Council, with experienced guidance, will be the body best suited to do this.

This climate is a very enervating one. The land is swampy, the soils are poor. There is no doubt ^{now} - the people have a hard grind ahead of them.

The Kiunga to Rumginae road is most important. It will have a number of advantages, the most important of which, is that it will open up the area considerably. The people have, as I mentioned earlier, started to work on it. It will definitely pay to have an officer out on this road as much as possible. Money has been given to the Council for the construction of this road. I consider that an all out effort must be made on this project to get it completed for once and for all.

Some money is better than no money and it is for this reason that I consider that the local populace should be encouraged to go in for Copal Gum again. They gave it up before because they considered that they weren't getting back sufficient return for the amount of work they put into collecting it etc. Even though the returns are not all that great, it will at least be some money coming in.

Although TB is not a very serious problem, I do feel that some form of TB survey would be justified. Sister de la Trinite, the medical nun at the MCMission feels the same way as I do about this.

The Big money in this area at the present time is in crocodile skins. Efforts will be made to get the people to realise this, through the KBS Directors and the Councillors. With proper care of the skins the KBS should be able to pay higher prices for them, thus making it more lucrative and worthwhile for people to go in for this more.

The Council is still a very young one. It has tremendous potential and with the right guidance it will go a long way. For the present it needs to work along quietly with the Administration guidance until it can stand on its own feet.

It will be noticed from the diary that there was one deviation from the patrol instructions. We only went as far as Logi, and not Komokbin (Logi is its ward centre). The reason for this was that since we only had the small engine, we were running behind schedule and keeping people waiting. The Komokbin people came down to Logi.

The Commissioner of Police

Sub-District Office,
KINNSA,
Western District.

Report on the two Policemen accompanying this patrol No 2-57/62.
Const SAHJ 9194.

Const Sahj is experienced in patrol work.
His conduct was good, he used his initiative and proved to be very reliable.

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Const KARA 10774.
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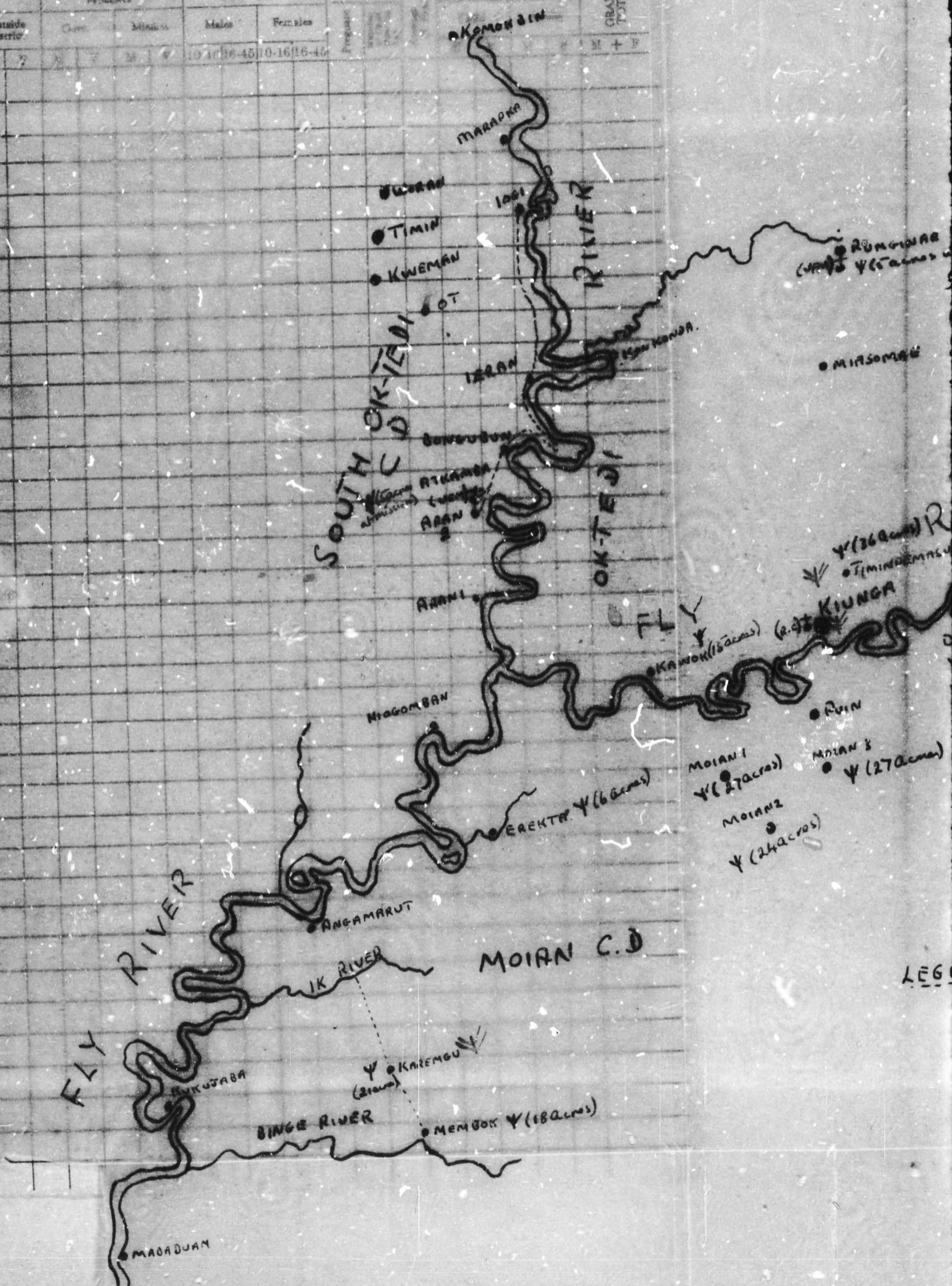
Const Kara has done patrol work before, but is not as experienced as Sahj.
However his conduct and work were good.

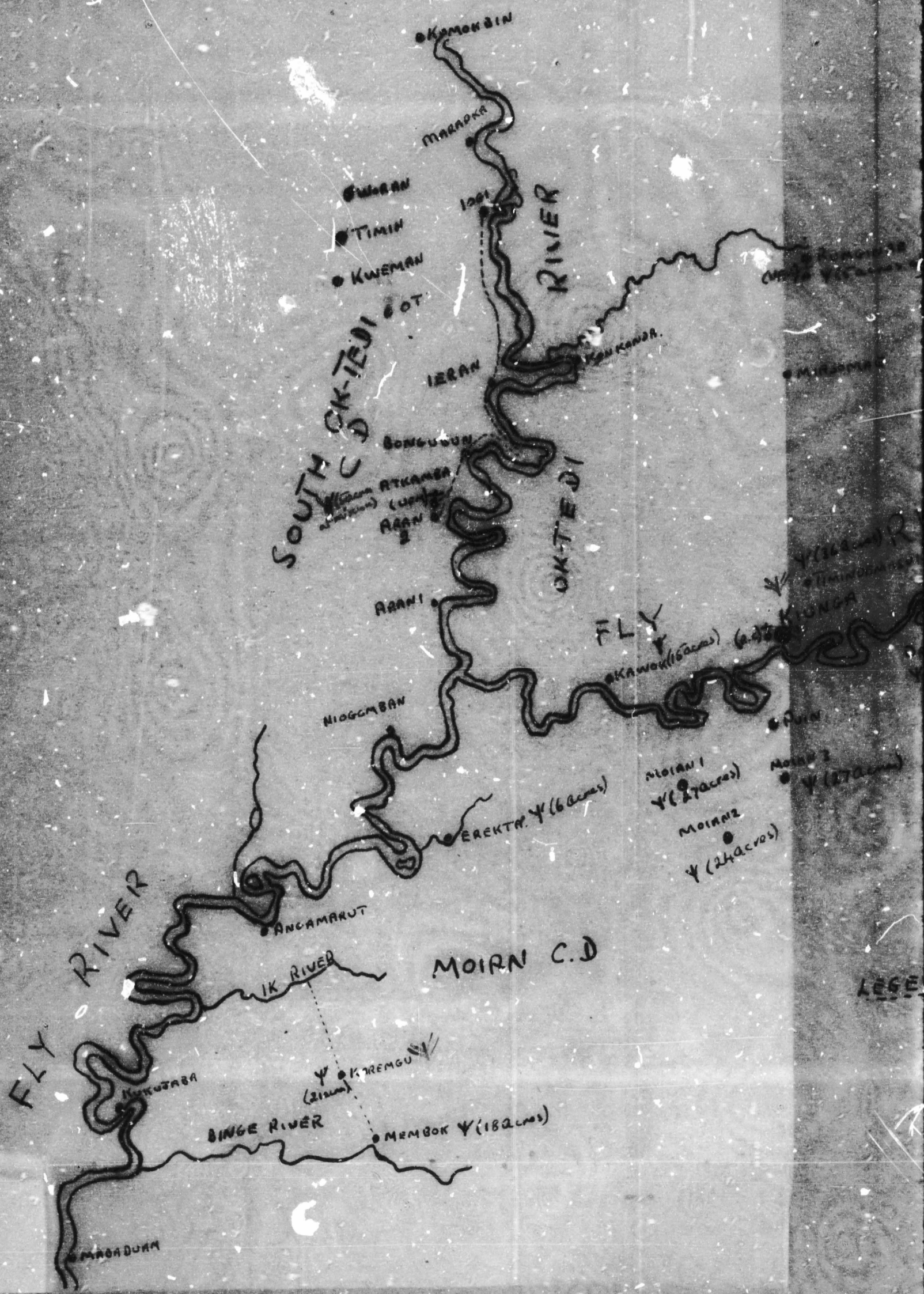
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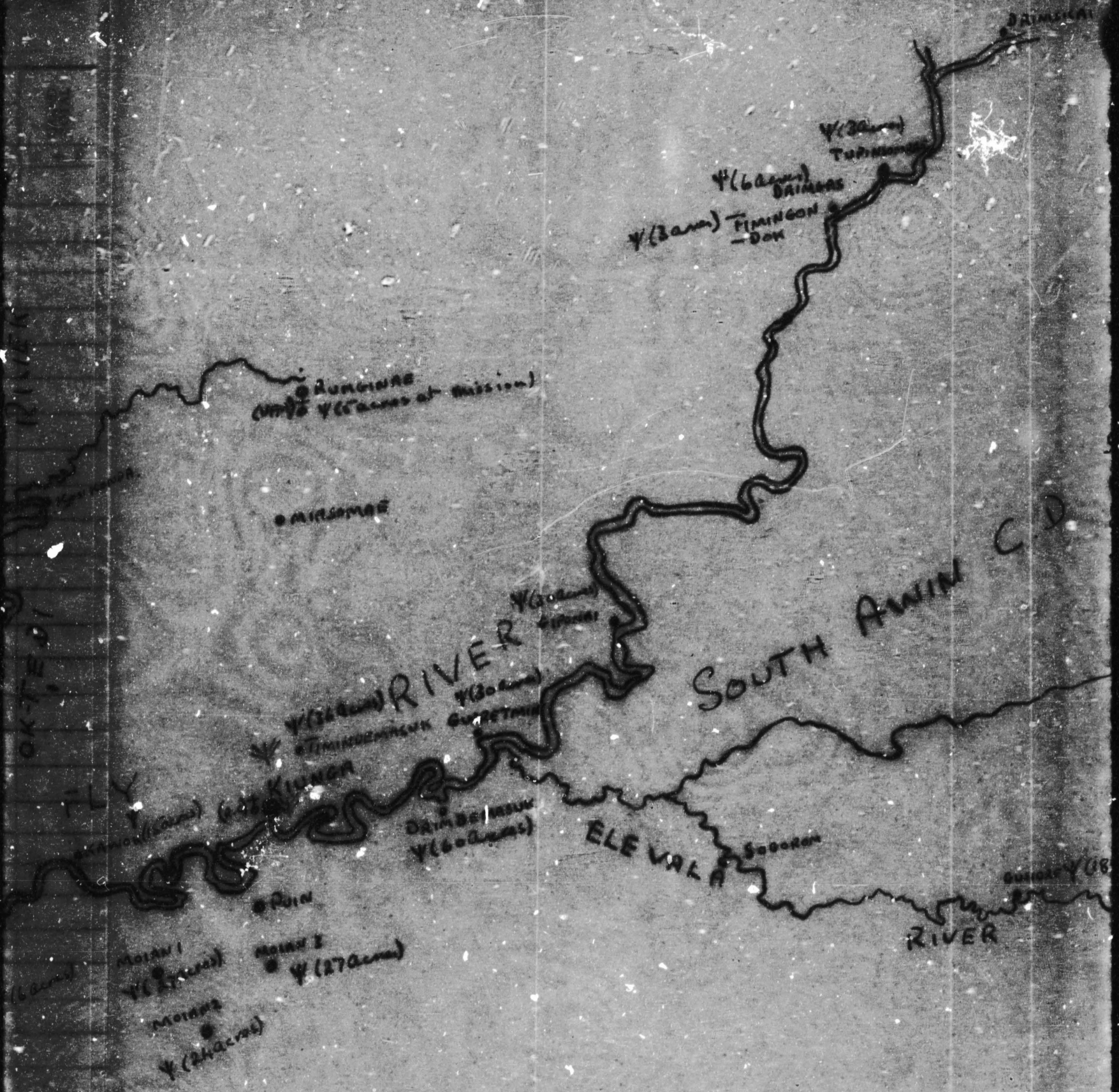
Area Patrolled

ABSENT FROM VILLAGE				LABOUR POTENTIAL		GRAND TOTAL		
Males		Females		Males	Females			
M	F	M	F	10-16	16-45	10-16	16-45	M + F





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LEGEND:

--- ROUTES WALKED.

Y (... acres)
existing rubber plantations as at this time.

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 existing rubber plantations as at this time.

Y
 Rubber Nurseries

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 KIUNGA PATROL NO 2-67/68