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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. PORCMA NO. 1/70/71

Patrol Conducted by N. WRIGHT Assistant District Officer

Area Patrolled FOI II Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans MR. J. KARISS P.O.

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

Duration—From 15/7/1970 to 24/7/1970

Number of Days 9

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / 3/1970

Medical / /19

Map Reference Map attached

Objects of Patrol 1. Supervise construction of Binaga Mission

2. 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 F.E.D.P. Trust Fund ...

67-15-5
GFB:KP

67-15-5

Division of District Administration,

KOMEDOBH. PAPUA.

4th November, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

POROMA PATROL NO. 1/70-71

Your reference 67-3-12 of 23rd October, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report
by Mr. N. Wright, Assistant District Officer, of part FOI'I
Census Division.

I have nothing to add to the covering comments on
this informative report of some very useful field work.

(T. M. HILLIS)
Departmental Head.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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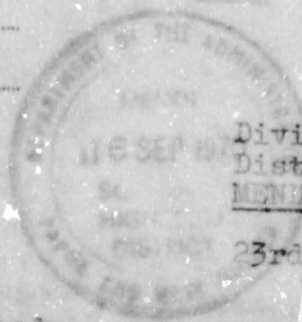
Mr.

67-3-12

LHM/BJV

In Reply
Please Quote

No.



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

23rd October, 1970



The Departmental Head,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU

PATROL BALOAT - PORONA NO 1 1970/71

Forwarded herewith 2 copies of a report on the abovementioned patrol carried out by Mr. N. Wright A.D.O.

Little comment is necessary. The Airport Inspector is aware that the strip floods occasionally but as this does not cause damage and eventually the first 500 feet will become the undershot area it is of little consequence. The delay in completion of the first 2000 feet of the strip is not of great importance as work in the entire district has been held up due to the weather. Once it is completed it will remain to be seen if it will be possible to land an aircraft capable of bringing in the tractor, trailer and roller. Alternative arrangements are being investigated at the moment should the strip not be capable of taking an aircraft big enough to transport these items in I will keep you informed of progress in due course.

The staff situation early next year will be grim due to the numbers of officers proceeding on leave. Whilst I appreciate the patrolling officers remarks about having an officer at PIMAGA for considerable periods in the future this will purely depend on the availability of staff.

The work on this strip appears to have improved the situation in the area but because of its remoteness and lack of population progress as mentioned must necessarily be slow.

For your information, a copy of the A.D.O's 67-2-3 of 4th September, 1970.

H. S. Pegg

H. S. PEGG
a/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams.....
Our Reference 67-2-3
If calling ask for
Mr.....



67-3-12
D.A.

Department of District Administration,
Nipa, Southern Highlands.

4th September, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Department of the Administrator,
MENDI.

Subject:- Poroma Patrol Report No. 1 - 70/71 - Mr. N. Wright,
A.D.O..

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

The report is a progress report on the construction of the Fimaga Airstrip, Lake Kutubu L.G. Council.

From recent reports the work is being kept up to date as mentioned in the report, the first 2000 ft reaching completion. The actual surfacing of the strip will not be commenced until the arrival of the tractor and trailer. The tractor and trailer is awaiting the approval of a Bank overdraft.

If there are any delays in the tractor and trailer arriving, cutting will be continued on the next 500 ft of the 3300 ft strip.

The political education seminar has now been held and has been covered in a report by Mr. Hart (ADO-Political Education).

The Agricultural Officer, Nipa, Mr. R. Jones, is endeavouring to visit the area regularly to check on the citrus nursery, etc. and it is hoped that it will turn into a successful project to boost the area economically.

F.L. Leibfried.
Assistant District Commissioner.

cc. OIC, Poroma.

cc. Mr Wright,
Poroma.

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Patrol Post,
POROMA
Southern Highlands District.

30th July, 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
NIPA
Southern Highlands District.

POROMA PATROL NO. 1/70 - 71

Attached herewith please find four (4) copies
of the above patrol report plus map and claim for camping
allowance.



N. Wright,
Assistant District Officer



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams.....
Our Reference 67-1-1
If calling ask for
Mr.....

Department of District Administration.

Patrol Post,
POROMA,
Southern Highlands District.

July 29, 1970.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
NIPA.

POROMA PATROL NO. 1/70-71

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| Sub District; | Nipa |
| District: | Southern Highlands |
| Type of Patrol | Special |
| Patrol Conducted by: | N. Wright |
| Designation : | Assistant District Officer |
| Area Patrolled : | Foi'i Census Division |
| Council Area : | Lake Kutubu Local Government Council |
| Personnel Accompanying : | Mr. J. Kabisch, P.O. Mr. K. Iorei, Interpreter Constable Fapieni, R.P.N.S.C. |
| Duration of Patrol : | 16.7.70 - 24.7.70. (9 days) |
| Last Patrol to Area : | March, 1970. |
| Reference : | Fourmil of Kutubu |
| Object of Patrol : | 1. Supervise Construction of Pimaga airstrip. 2. General Administration. |

N. WRIGHT
Assistant District Officer.

FOROMA PATROL NO. 1/70/71

Special Report

Fimaga Airstrip.

The purpose of this patrol was to accompany Mr. J. Kabisch, Patrol Officer, to Fimaga and assist with setting out the work necessary to make 2,000 ft. of the Fimaga strip operational by the 31st. of August, as requested by the District Commissioner. At the time of our departure from Foroma the new design was still not to hand.

On our arrival we found 400 ft. of the strip site, at the approach end, under flood waters; this had been caused by heavy rain in the headwaters of the Mubi River and about 12 inches of rain over the space of 10 days in the Orokana area. The Mubi River is the only River draining the Mubi Valley, with the result that it was unable to cope with all the additional water, causing water to spread over much of the valley floor. By the 22nd the water had subsided without any detrimental effect to the strip area. Local people stated that this was only the first time for many years that this had happened, the last flood of this size was some 15 years ago.

A labour line of 50 has been employed for the last two months awaiting the new plan, they have been employed mainly in keeping the site clean and constructing drains around the perimeter of the site. In anticipation of the arrival of the new plan, additional labour was recruited soon after our arrival to bring the labour force up to 180. This number will be increased as it becomes necessary. These additional labourers were also employed on general cleaning of strip site and lateral clearances.

The District Airport Inspector, Mr. R. Hope, arrived on the 22nd and spent the day putting in the new levels for the first 2,000 ft. The labour force is now employed constructing this section of strip.

It now appears unlikely that we will be able to adhere to our timetable of the 31st of August for the first flight into the strip, for the following reasons;

- (a) There is now less than 6 weeks before the 31st of August
- (b) It is the wet season in this area and up to 2 days a week are lost due to heavy rain.

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- (c) Upwards of 2,500 c.yards of earth will have to be cut and removed. Very little filling is required.

It appears likely that operations will be possible in mid-September.

The present plan is to open 2,000ft., unsurfaced, to operations to allow Council plant, tractor, trailer and roller, to be flown in. This plant is to be used to complete the construction of the strip.

The strip will then be closed to allow surfacing to be completed. This is to be done by boxing an area 60 x 2,000 ft. to a depth of 6 inches. This will then be filled with stone and gravel from an adjacent river. This will ensure a solid all-weather surface. When this is completed this section of the strip will be opened to commercial operations. Work will then commence on the remaining 1,400 ft. to bring the airstrip up to 3,400ft. in length. The full length should be open within 12 months.

SITUATION REPORT.

POLITICAL

(a) Political Education.

Unfortunately, the Political Education Seminar, which was to have taken place between the 14th-17th, had to be cancelled by the Political Education Officer, Mr. L. Hart, due to other commitments. The Seminar will be re-programmed in the near future.

Political Education talks will be given by Mr. Kabisch during his stay in the area. These will be fully covered in his patrol report.

(b) Local Government.

As reported under Special Report, work on the Pimaga Airstrip is now well under way.

The Council has asked for a loan of \$4,000 to purchase a tractor and trailer for use on the Pimaga Airstrip. This unit will be used to carry surfacing materials from a nearby river.

The Council, after several years of shaky operation, is now placing itself on a sound working basis. The continued stationing of an officer at Pimaga will ensure that this Council continues to progress satisfactorily.

ECONOMIC(a) Citrus.

The Council agricultural block has been 50% cleared and a citrus nursery planted, unfortunately all the seeds, planted on the surface against local advice, were eaten by rats. A further quantity of seeds are being dried and these will be planted in the near future.

(b) Castor Beans.

A $\frac{1}{4}$ acre plot of castor beans have been planted on the Council agricultural plot, these are doing very well. A letter will be written to the Projects Officer at Tari for silkworm eggs. These will be hatched so that their suitability can be judged.

(c) Coconuts.

A second consignment of coconuts has been received from Madang, approximately 50 of these have been planted around the agricultural block, the remainder will be distributed throughout the area.

CONCLUSION

Initial efforts are now being made towards economic development of the area, though it is likely to be some years before any benefit will be realised.

These modest beginnings are the result of several years of effort by various Officers who have been posted to Poroma. These 'behind the scenes' efforts have not always been obvious to the local people, who have been to some extent dissatisfied with what they considered to be the Administrations lack of interest in their future. The airstrip and the agricultural block are the culmination of these efforts. The result is that the people are much happier now that they can see something concrete being done. This has also resulted in a much greater effort on their part to assist with this development.

It is increasingly important that an officer be available to spend at least 60% of his time in this area to oversee the continued steady growth of these projects.

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POROMA PATROL NO. 1/70-71.

DIARY.

Thursday 16th July, 1970.

Three Orokana shuttles done.

Arrived Orokana 1000.

Walked to Pimaga.

Attended Council meeting and inspected new 'strip site.

Slept Pimaga.

Friday 17th July.

Supervised work on the 'strip with Mr. Kabisch, P.C.O.

Slept Pimaga.

Saturday 18th.

Supervised work on the 'strip.

Slept Pimaga.

Sunday 19th.

Observed.

Slept Pimaga.

Monday 20th.

Supervised work on the 'strip.

Slept Pimaga.

Tuesday 21st.

Supervised work on the 'strip.

Slept Pimaga.

Wednesday 22nd.

District Airport Inspector, Mr. R. Hope, arrived with new 'strip design. Assisted with levels, Mr. Hope departed 1500.

Slept Pimaga.

Thursday 23rd.

Assisted Mr. Kabisch to set out levels.

Wrote draft of patrol report.

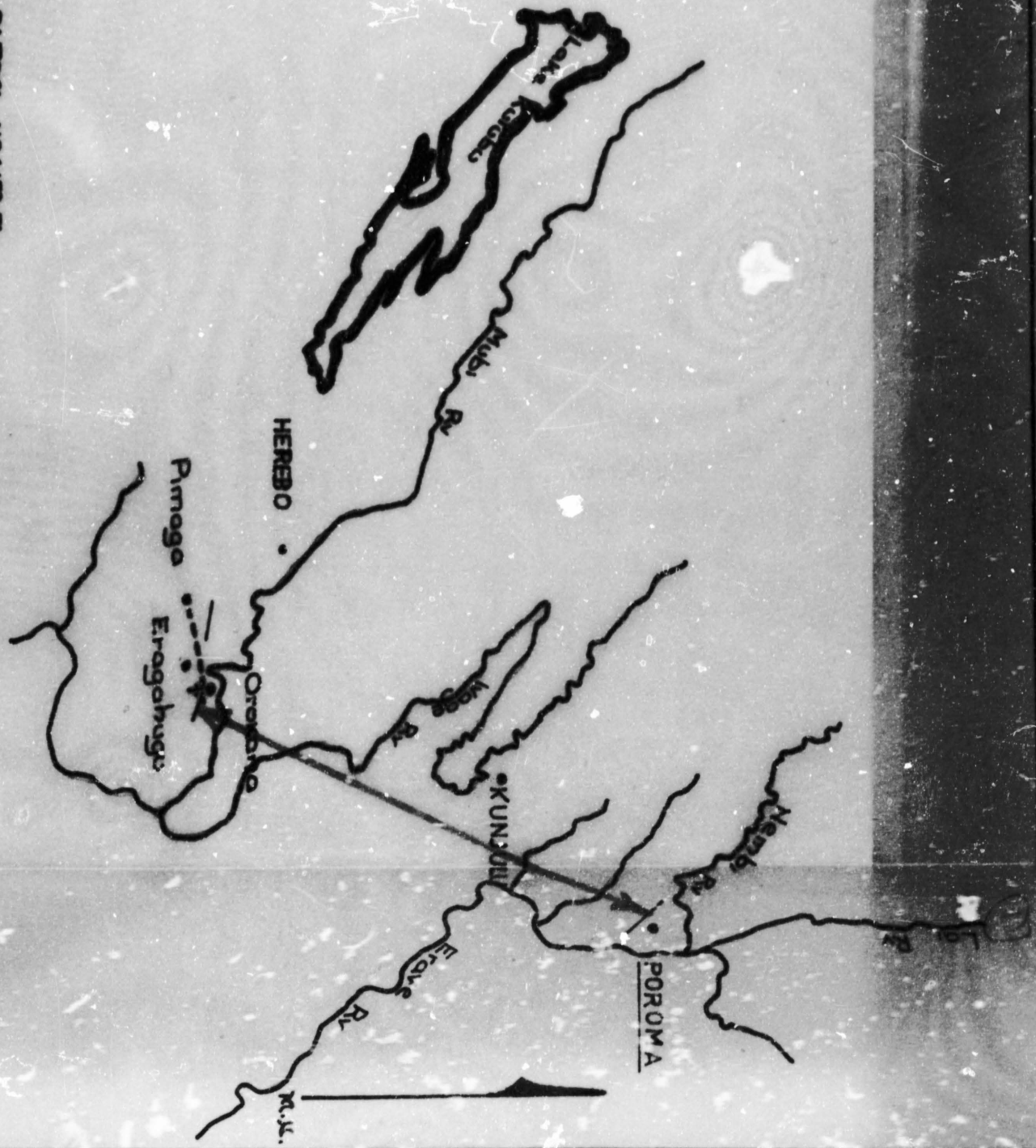
Slept Pimaga.

Friday 24th.

Returned by aircraft to Poroma 1000.

Patrol Stood Down.

POROMA PATROL NO.1/70-71
SCALE: FOURMILE
CONDUCTED BY N.WRIGHT A.D.C.
PATROL ROUTE : AIR : ———
 FOOT : - - - -





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS..... Report No..... 2..... 1970/71.....

Patrol Conducted by.....JOHN HARRISOT.....

Area Patrolled.....PART POLI CENSUS DIVISION.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

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

1 Interpreter

Duration—From.....15/..7/..19..70..... to.....17/..9/..19..70.....

Number of Days.....65.....

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services.....March/..19..70.....

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

Map Reference.....Journal of

Objects of Patrol.....Construction District Administration General Administration

Political Education Council Duties.....

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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KONEDOBU, PAPUA

30th July, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

POROMA PATROL NO. 2 OF 1970/71

Your reference 67-3-12 of 24th June, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by
Mr. J. Kabisch of Foi'i Census Division.

Mr. Kabisch appears to have carried out a competent job on
the PINAGA airstrip. I agree that for 65 days in the field, the
report is far too brief.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

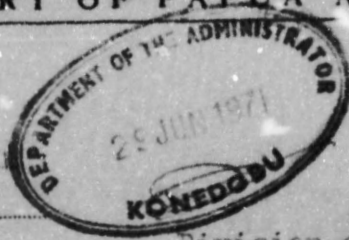


TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams
Telephone
Our Reference
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Mr.

67-3-12



In Reply
Please Quote

No.

Department of the Administrator,

Division of District Administration,
District Office,
MENDI

24th June, 1971

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBUBU

REPORT: POROMA PATROL NO. 2 OF 1970/71

Please find attached two copies of the report on the above patrol conducted by Mr. J. Kabisch, P.O.

For a patrol occupying 65 days, Mr. Kabisch's report is brief.

The A.D.C. Nipa has through his local knowledge of the area illucidated on several aspects which should have been included in the original report.

In regard to Political Education, Mr. Kabisch is perhaps a bit ambitious in thinking that the audience could assimilate the information contained in "Towards a United Country". More response may have been obtained if the talks had been geared more to the audience.

Mr. Kabisch should learn to report more fully on his activities whilst on patrol.

D.J. Clancy

D.J. CLANCY
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

- c.c. A.D.C. Nipa
- c.c. O.I.C. Poroma
- c.c. Mr. J. Kabisch

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Division
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
Sub-District Office,
NIPA,
Southern Highlands District.

4th November, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
MENDI,
Southern Highlands District.

Peroma Patrol No. 2/70-71 --
Mr. J. Kabisch, Patrol Officer.

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

My comments are:

Local Government.

Mr. Kabisch's intention to hold a council meeting at HIDINIHLA (vide recent village directory amendment) is a good one as the people of the Pasu have been neglected to a large extent by the Council. This largely as a result of insoluble communication problems rather than lack of interest by the Council. Regular meetings such as this will do much to retain the interest of the people in their Council.

Political Education.

The types of answers obtained by Mr. Kabisch during his survey would have been of interest: whilst they may not have been the right ones they may have provided us with some insight into any fears or misconceptions that these people hold.

It is obvious that political education must continue on an intensive basis in this area. It must be brought home to these people that such education is to their advantage.

General Rural Development.

The section should have been much more comprehensive. No mention is made of the silkworm project being undertaken by the Lake Kutubu Council, nor are any details supplied of the cattle projects mentioned in Activities of Developmental Departments.

Cattle for these projects are, I believe, to be supplied by the A.F.C.M. at Orokana. This Mission has for some years successfully run quite a large herd of cattle, which are grazed on natural pastures. The Mission makes their own butter and supplies fresh milk, free of charge, to the local people.

Pimaga Airstrip.

Whilst the name of the village has been changed from FIMAGA to FIWAGA in the recent amendments to the village directory, I recommend the retention of the name FIMAGA for the airstrip, for the time being

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anyway, as this is the official Department of Civil Aviation name and is the name by which the airstrip is commonly known.

The strip is progressing very well and Mr. Kabisch is to be commended on the excellent job he has done. The support given to the project by the local people and the Council is also to be commended.

Mr. Kabisch has completed a most useful patrol, his report though adequate is marred by spelling and punctuation errors. Additional information could also have been provided under certain headings.

New John

FORONA DISTRICT, NEW GUINEA

Patrol Officer

[Signature]
N. Wright,
Assistant District Commissioner.

Please prepare to depart on Thursday the 14th of July. Arrive at Forona at 0800 hours to transport you and your party to Forona on this date.

You will be accompanied by Constable Spink and
S.C. Officer-in-Charge, Forona Patrol Post.
S.C. Mr. J. Kabisch, Patrol Officer, Forona.

The objects of this patrol are:

1. To make operational - without interfering - B.M.P. of the Forona Airstrip as per the plan as approved by D.C.A. Such work as to be completed, if possible, by the 15th of August. Every effort should be made to achieve this target.
2. Carry out political education, when and where possible, as per written instructions.
3. Carry out Council duties as required.
4. If time and progress on the strip permits, supervise construction of the new and partial airstrip and road.
5. Carry out general administration as required.

You are to return to Forona on completion of the airstrip work and submit a detailed report of work done as per the Director's list of the 1st of June 1954.

[Signature]
Assistant District Commissioner



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams.....
Ove Refs. etc.....
If calling ask for.....
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Patrol Post,
POROMA
Southern Highlands District.

13th July, 1970.

Mr. J. Kabisch,
Patrol Officer,
POROMA
Southern Highlands District.

Dear John,

POROMA PATROL NO. 2/1970 - 71

Patrol Instructions

Please prepare to depart on a patrol to the Fei's Census Division on Tuesday the 14th of July. Aircraft have been arranged to transport you and your party to Orokana on this date.

You will be accompanied by Constable Fapiaki and Interpreter Konefaba. I also intend to accompany you until the 24th of July, when I will return to Poroma. During this time I will give you every assistance necessary to get the work on the Pimaga airstrip off to a good start. I will also try to visit you at regular intervals and assist where possible.

The objects of this patrol are;

1. To make operational - without surfacing - 2000' of the Pimaga Airstrip as per the plan to be supplied by D.C.A. This work is to be completed, if possible, by the 31st of August. Every effort should be made to achieve this target.

2. Carry out political education, when and where possible, as per my verbal instructions.

3. Carry out Council duties as required.

4. If time and progress on the strip permits, supervise construction of the new aid posts at Seretagi and Tagira.

5. Carry out general administration as required.

You are to return to Poroma on completion of the airstrip work and submit a Situation Type Report of your patrol as per the Director's 67-1-0 of the 21st of June, 1969.

N. Wright,

Assistant District Officer

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

6th October, 1970.

On 15th July 1970, conducted a 65-day patrol and attended
Special meeting of the Lake Kutubu Local Government Council.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
NIPA.

FORCMA PATROL REPORT No. 2-1970/71.

Sub District; Nipa.
 District; Southern Highlands.
 Type of Patrol; Special.
 Patrol Accompan Conducted by; J. Kabisch.
 Designation; Patrol Officer.
 Area Patrolled; Part Foi'i Census Division.
 Council Area; Lake Kutubu Local Government Council.
 Personnel Accompanying; 4 Member, R.F.N.G.C.
 1 Interpreter.
 Duration of Patrol; 15th July to 17th September 1970.
 65 days.
 Last Patrol to Area; March 1970.
 Map Reference; Journal of Kutubu.
 Objects of Patrol; Construction of Pimaga Airstrip.
 General Administration.
 Political Education.
 Council Duties.

Monday 15th July 1970. Arrived Nipa.
Sleep Pimaga.

Tuesday 16th July 1970. Arrived Pimaga. 20 local residents met for 1st meeting. J. Kabisch gave a preliminary talk on bank for about half an hour.
 Sleep Pimaga. J. Kabisch, Patrol Officer.

Wednesday 17th July 1970. Arrived Pimaga. Talk on 'What is Government?'.
Sleep Pimaga.

Thursday 18th July 1970. Arrived Pimaga. Talk on 'New Government'.
Sleep Pimaga.

Friday 19th July 1970. Arrived Pimaga. Talk on 'Government'.
Sleep Pimaga.

Saturday 20th July 1970. Arrived Pimaga. Talk on 'Government'.
Sleep Pimaga.

BOGOMA PATROL REPORT No. 2-1970/71.

DIARY.

Wednesday 15th July 1970. Departed Perema for Orekana, arriving 1230 hrs. Moved self and gear to Pinaga.
Slept Pinaga.

Thursday 16th July 1970. Conducted finance meeting and attended Council meeting of the Lake Kutubu Local Government Council.
Slept Pinaga.

Friday 17th July 1970. To airstrip to supervise continued clearing of airstrip.
Slept Pinaga.

Saturday 18th July 1970. Observed.
Slept Pinaga.

Sunday 19th July 1970. Observed.
Slept Pinaga.

Monday 20th July 1970. Continued with clearing of airstrip - Parking bay site.
Slept Pinaga.

Tuesday 21st July 1970. D.C.A. airport inspector arrived. Day spent pegging out depth of cut.
Slept Pinaga.

Wednesday 22nd July 1970. Dug rear channel to set depths for 600 feet using string lines as guides
Slept Pinaga.

Thursday 23rd July 1970. Divided first 100 feet into 50 feet by 20 foot sections for eventual levelling.
Slept Pinaga.

Friday 24th July 1970. Divided second 100 feet as above.
Slept Pinaga.

Saturday 25th July 1970. Observed.
Slept Pinaga.

Sunday 26th July 1970. Observed.
Slept Pinaga.

Monday 27th July 1970. Divided 3,4,5,6 sections into 50 feet by 20 foot sections ready for levelling. Started levelling 1st and second lots. Short talk on back ground of Papua and New Guinea given as preliminary to political education talks. Talk lasted for about half an hour.
Slept Pinaga.

Tuesday 28th July 1970. Work continued as yesterday. Gave talk on 'What is Government'.
Slept Pinaga.

Wednesday 29th July 1970. Work continued as Yesterday. Gave talk on 'How a Government Began'.
Slept Pinaga.

Thursday 30th July 1970. Work continued as yesterday. Gave talk on Democracy and beginning of Parliament in afternoon.
Slept Pinaga.

Friday 31st July 1970. Finished cutting first 400 feet of airstrip.
Slept Pinaga.

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FORONA PATROL REPORT No. 2-1970/71.

DIARY (continued)

Saturday 1st August 1970. Observed.
Slept Fivaga.

Sunday 2nd August 1970. Observed.
Slept Fivaga.

Monday 3rd August 1970. Work continuing on airstrip. Afternoon heard several disputes. Lunch time continued Political Education talks - 'Cabinet'. Paged appx. half labour line after work.

Tuesday 4th August 1970. Work on airstrip as yesterday. Heard a dispute. Political Education talk not given due to weather.

Wednesday 5th August 1970. Work continuing on airstrip. Lunch time talk given on 'Levels of Democratic Government'. Afternoon talk given on 'Party Systems'.

Thursday 6th August 1970. Work continuing on airstrip. Political education talk given in afternoon.

Friday 7th August 1970. Work continuing on airstrip. Political education talk given in afternoon. Workmen paid after work.

Saturday 8th August 1970. Observed.
Slept Fivaga.

Sunday 9th August 1970. Observed.
Slept Fivaga.

Monday 10th August 1970. Earth moving continuing on airstrip. political education talk given in afternoon.
Slept Fivaga.

Tuesday 11th August 1970. Earth moving continuing. Political education talk given.
Slept Fivaga.

Wednesday 12th August 1970. Earth moving continuing. Political education talk given on Majesty Rule.
Slept Fivaga.

Thursday 13th August 1970. Earth moving continuing. Political education talk given on 'Rule of Law'.
Slept Fivaga.

Friday 14th August 1970. Earth moving on airstrip continuing. Political Education talk given on Representatives Responsibilities.
Slept Fivaga.

Saturday 15th August 1970. Observed.
Slept Fivaga.

Sunday 16th August 1970. Observed.
Slept Fivaga.

Monday 17th August 1970. Earth moving continuing. Political Education talk given. 'Electing a Representative'.
Slept Fivaga.

Tuesday 18th August 1970. A.D.O. Political Education and A.D.O Perona with R.D.O. Nipa arrived to give Political education Seminar.
Slept Fivaga.

ESOMA PATROL REPORT No. 2-1970/71.

Wednesday 19th August 1970. Political education talks given by all present.

Slept Fiwaga.

Thursday 20th August 1970. Problem census taken.

Slept Fiwaga.

Friday 21st August 1970. Party departed for Foroma. Work started on gutters on south side of airstrip.

Slept Fiwaga.

Saturday 22nd August 1970. Observed.

Slept Fiwaga.

Sunday 23rd August 1970. Observed.

Slept Fiwaga.

Monday 24th August 1970. To Herebo to complete aid post. Gave talk on 'How Government Grows'.

Slept Fiwaga.

Tuesday 25th August 1970. Morning typing first revised estimates. Morning talk on 'Money and Taxation' and afternoon 'Economic Development'.

Slept Fiwaga.

Wednesday 26th August 1970. At mission planing timber for desk. Returned and gave talks on 'Employment and Industrial Relations'.

Slept Fiwaga.

Thursday 27th August 1970. Inspected road to Eeseke. Gave talk on 'Interest Groups' in morning. Typed letters for council. Afternoon talk given. Marked out ~~sign~~ area for fill.

Friday 28th August 1970. Gave talk on 'Elections' in morning and 'Trusteeship System' in afternoon. Started balance for July and August for Council.

Slept Fiwaga.

Saturday 29th August 1970. Observed.

Slept Fiwaga.

Sunday 30th August 1970. Observed

Slept Fiwaga.

Monday 31st August 1970. Gave talks on 'Armed Forces' in morning and 'What makes a nation' in afternoon. Started clearing approaches.

Tuesday 1st September 1970. Continued with clearing approaches. Started work cutting last 100' section.

Slept Fiwaga.

Wednesday 2nd August 1970. Visited by D.C.A. Airport Inspector. Discussed progress with him.

Slept Fiwaga.

Thursday 3d September 1970. Continued clearing approaches and started removing mounds on side of airstrip.

Slept Fiwaga.

Friday 4th September 1970. Continued as yesterday.

Slept Fiwaga.

Saturday 5th September 1970. Observed

Slept Fiwaga.

Sunday 6th September 1970. Observed.

Slept Fiwaga.

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DIARY (Continued)

Monday 7th September 1970. Continued with clearing approaches and removing mounds on side of airstrip.
Slept Fiwaga.

Tuesday 8th September 1970. A.F.C. arrived. Showed him work on airstrip.
Slept Fiwaga.

Wednesday 9th September 1970. Small drains on side of airstrip marked out and started.
Slept Fiwaga.

Thursday 10th September 1970. Work continuing on airstrip.
Slept Fiwaga.

Friday 11th September 1970. Plans for extension dropped. Started marking out extension depth drains.
Slept Fiwaga.

Saturday 12th September 1970. Observed.
Slept Fiwaga.

Sunday 13th September 1970. Observed.
Slept Fiwaga.

Monday 14th September 1970. Continued with work as on Friday.
Slept Fiwaga.

Tuesday 15th September 1970. Began question selected worker to see how much of political education talks had been absorbed.
Slept Fiwaga.

Wednesday 16th September 1970. Conducted council meeting.
Slept Fiwaga.

Thursday 17th September 1970. Returned to Foroma in afternoon
Slept Foroma.

PATROL STOOD DOWN.

POLITICAL.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

During the two months of the patrol three council meetings were held at the council chambers at Pimaga. One was during July in which the first revised estimates were drawn up and passed. One meeting was also held in both August and September which were ordinary general meetings. During the council meeting during September, it was decided, after discussion by councillors, to hold the November meeting at Hedinia. I hope to conduct the council meeting in conjunction with the tax/census patrol for the Kutubu area. Hedinia is some three days walk from the airstrip at Orokana and it would not be possible to pursue this line of thought unless the council meeting was conducted in conjunction with the patrol.

This council meeting will give the people of the Fasu census division their first opportunity of seeing a council meeting in action and will probably give the people their first real insight into the functions of their council. Their area has not as yet received anything in return for their membership of the council, and I feel that this is a good starting point.

If this council meeting is successful it is envisaged ~~it~~ holding at least one other meeting away from the council house during the current financial year, probably at Moro at the east end of Lake Futubu.

POLITICAL EDUCATION.

An extensive Political Education campaign was carried out during the patrol stay in the area. Nearly four hundred labourers were employed continually on the airstrip site and the opportunity of this large number was taken of giving political education talks to this large number.

The basis for the talks was the D.I.M.S. publication 'Towards a United Country'. Daily a chapter of the book was discussed with the labourers and discussions were restricted to no more than 30 minutes. It was felt that this way the whole book could be discussed over a period of time, and the labourers attention would not be lost in prolonged discussions.

Each talk in Pigeon had to be interpreted into two languages, that of the Foi'i and the Fasu. This tended to

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POLITICAL EDUCATION (continued).

distract some what those listners who were not fluent in the language into which the talk was being interpreted. A survey was taken at the end of the two months stay to see how much of the talks had been retained. The selected persons were all village people who had not been outside the area, and who had not previously been employed by the Administration or the Mission.

It is very disappointing to state that almost nothing of what was said had been retained by these people. On the brighter side, from questions asked and comments made, SOME people did in fact learn something from the talks given. These people were in the main, literate, or people who had been outside the area, and had seen something of the rest of the territory. These displayed a willingness and an ability to learn.

The talks given were either not understood by the people or they could not care less, as the subjects are outside the realm of their own small world. I feel that the talks given were geared to go as low as they could while still retaining some teaching value. Perhaps it is the subjects being discussed, not the talk which is given which is beyond the comprehension of the village level people.

During the patrols stay in the field a political education seminar was held at the council chambers near Pimaga. It was attended by approximately 20 pigin speakers and the resultant discussions indicate that it was quite a success.

PREFERENTIAL VOTING.

A demonstration of preferential voting was given by the A.D.C. Political Education during the seminar at Kutubu. This proved most successful and was later used to demonstrate preferential voting to the workers from the airstrip.

It was stated later that the people had had a good grasp of of the whys and wherefors of voting, but they had never understood until after the demonstration the reasons for preferential voting.

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ECONOMIC.

GENERAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

General rural development for the purposes of this report shall be restricted to the immediate vicinity of the airstrip site, as the patrol was stationed at this point.

As discussed in full under the heading Pimaga Airstrip, 2000 feet of the airstrip was made operational, without surfacing.

A chillies nursery was established, and 500 citrus seeds were planted in preparation for the citrus project.

Road work continued at a reduced pace due to the large demand for labour on the airstrip.

ACTIVITIES OF DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS.

The Rural Development Officer, Nipa visited the area while the patrol was in the field, and he also visited Lake Kutubu. He is returning to Pimaga early in October to assist with two cattle projects starting in the area. With the distinct disadvantages of transportation in the area, these projects will be of a nature to increase local protein, at least for the foreseeable future.

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SOCIAL.

HEALTH.

Medical supplies were given to a retired A.F.O. who treated minor sores and cuts on the airstrip site. These were numerous. Persons with the more serious cuts etc went to the Mission station at Orokana or the Aid Post at Herebo, both being situated approximately one hour's walk from the strip.

LAW AND ORDER.

Many minor disputes and several court cases were heard by the patrol. However, law and order in the area remains very good.

MISSIONS.

The patrol had many occasions to visit the U.F.M. at Orokana, and received every assistance when borrowing a variety of tools etc. to assist with its work on the airstrip. Mr. Hicks, Station Manager, Orokana attended two of the three council meetings held while the patrol was at Orokana.

CONCLUSION.

Whilst the patrol was in the field for some 65 days, the whole of the time was spent at the airstrip site assisting and marking out various aspects of work which were beyond the comprehension of the 'boss boy'. The airstrip is being constructed from a D.C.A. design and much work involved deciphering the plans to practical purposes.

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FIMAGA AIRSTRIP.

A primary purpose of this patrol was to make operational with out surfacing 2,000' of the Fimaga Airstrip. Near the end of the patrol the airstrip was visited by a D.C.A. airport inspector. It was decided that an additional 500' should be prepared as a safety measure. Additional drains and further approach clearances were also ordered. It is anticipated that this additional work will be completed in mid October.

No major problems were encountered during the leveling and filling of the airstrip. Under a revised plan by D.C.A. much filling was eliminated and only approximately 200' was required to be filled to a depth of six inches. This was filled with stone.

Nearly 6000 cubic yards of earth were shifted by hand by under four hundred labourers in nearly two months.

As this is a rural development project, labour was recruited locally and paid at 10¢ per day. Food was supplied to labourers who lived such a distance from the airstrip as to make the carrying of food impracticable. Housing was supplied to the people who lived too far away to return to their own homes each evening.

The removal of the earth from the strip proper was achieved by digging guide drains at approximately 25' intervals for the whole 2,000' of the airstrip. Three guide drains were also dug across the width of the strip. This resulted in a fairly flat surface, but the strip will not be really level until the surfacing is placed and rolled.

Two large deep drains have been dug either side of the strip. Two further drains 3' deep run the length of the strip at 55' from the centre line of the strip. These are connected at periodic intervals to the main drains to carry off water from the strip.

During the early period of work, 800' of the airstrip was covered with water, the result of flooding in a nearby river. Flooding to this extent has not occurred for about 16 years and a repetition is not expected in the near future.

One benefit from the flooding was that when the flood waters receded, the surface of the strip was found to be very firm inspite of 5 days inundation.

Jabisch
Jabisch
Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. POLONA 3/70-71
 Patrol Conducted by N. WRIGHT, ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER
 Area Patrolled PART NEMBI VALLEY AND FOLI CONNER DIV
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO
 Natives 1 Police, 1 Interpreter, 1 A.P.O
 Duration—From 3/8/1970 to 21/8/1970 (broken period)
 Number of Days 8 days
 Did Medical Assistant Accompany NO
 Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 12/1969
 Medical/...../19.....
 Map Reference Map Attached
 Objects of Patrol 1. Local Government & Education
2. Political Education

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

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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

CVS:DW

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
Papua

30th. June, 1971

The District Commissioner,
~~AMBI~~
Southern Highlands District.

PARCEL REPORT 1 - 1970/71

Part Koshi and A.I.'s Census Divisions

1. Thank you for this brief report. It adequately covers the interrupted patrol, and has the merit of not over elaborating.
2. I hope the delay between completion of the report at the end of September, and sending here, the following June, will be eliminated in future.
3. I note that the Porosa Council was proclaimed in October, 1970. I am very glad that the enthusiasm Mr. Wright noted was used, and not allowed to turn sour, as is sometimes the case when inexplicable delays in the starting of a Council occur.

(T.M. ELIE)
Secretary

c.c. Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office
NLPA R.H.D.

Officer-in-Charge,
Patrol Post
FORCHA R.H.D.

Assistant District Officer



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of the Administrator,
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District Office,
MENDI

18th June, 1971

The Assistant District Commissioner,
The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU

TOROMA PATROL NO. 3 OF 1970/71
PART NEMEI AND FO'I CENSUS DIVISIONS.

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| Sub District | High |
| Patrol Conducted by | D. Wright, Assistant District Officer. |
| Area Patrolled | Korori Valley Census Division Fo'i Census Division. |
| Council Area | Lake Hagen Government Council <i>D.J. Clancy</i> D.J. CLANCY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER. |
| Personal Accompanying | 1. 3.70 - 6.30 (Korori Valley) 15.8.70 - 16.8.70 (Fo'i) (5 days) |
| Duration of Patrol | December, 1969 |
| Local Staff | 1. c.c. A.D.C. Nipa 2. P.O. I.G. Poroma |
| Object of Patrol | 1. Local government organization 2. attend political education seminar at Mendi. |

Assistant District Officer

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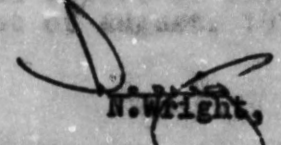
Department of District Administration,
 Patrol Post,
POROMA
 Southern Highlands District.

30th September, 1970.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
 Sub District Office,
NIPA
 Southern Highlands District.

POROMA PATROL NO. 3/ 70-71

- Sub District : Nipa
- District : Southern Highlands
- Type of Patrol : Special
- Patrol Conducted by : N.Wright, Assistant District Officer.
- Area Patrolled : Nombi Valley Censu Division
 Foi'i Censu Division.
- Council Area : Lake Kutubu Local Government Council
- Personel Accompanying : Constable Pumbi
 Interpreter Awali
- Duration of Patrol : 3.8.70 - 6.8.70 (Nombi Valley)
 18.8.70 - 21.8.70 (foi'i)
 (8 days)
- Last Patrol to area : December, 1969
- Map reference : Map attached.
- Objects of Patrol : 1. Local government education
 2. Attend political education seminar at Fivaga.


N. Wright,
Assistant District Officer

POROMA PATROL REPORT NO. 3 / 70 - 71

Special Report:

This patrol was mounted for the purpose of carrying out an intensive local government education programme in the Nembi Valley Census Division as a pre-requisite to the establishment of the Poroma Council in the near future. Four days were also spent at Fiwaga (Pimaga) attending a political education seminar.

The patrol was discontinued after only three Nembi Valley villages had been visited - Nenja, Toiawara and Kunjulu - due to my transfer to Nipa. As the new Officer - in - Charge, Poroma, Mr. J. Kabisch, intends carrying out the annual census of the Nembi Valley during September/October it was decided to abandon the patrol completely. Local government education will be continued by Mr. Kabisch during his patrol.

During the Nembi Valley section of the patrol the following things were discussed in relation to the Poroma Council;

- (a) Composition of wards
- (b) Election of Councillors,
- (c) Duties of Councillors,
- (d) Duties of the people in relation to the Council.
- (e) Collection of tax,
- (f) Why tax is necessary and its uses,
- (g) The powers and purpose of a Council.

Large crowds attended all meetings providing a very receptive audience. Everybody remains very much in favour of the Council, some are becoming impatient because of the delay in its establishment. Originally the Council was to be established in 1969.

The two day political education seminar and problem census at Fiwaga (Pimaga) was a complete success, 20 pidgin speakers from throughout the Lake Kutubu area attended. The seminar was conducted by Mr. L. Hart, Political Education Officer. Participation by the persons attending was high and discussions freely entered into on a wide range of topics. For a full report of the seminar see Mr. Hart's 51-4-7 of the 31st of August, 1970 to the District Commissioner.

Situation Report:

The brevity and incomplete nature of the patrol precludes any accurate assessment of the situation in either area apart from noting that it appears to remain at its previous high level.

POROMA PATROL NO. 3/70-71.

DIARY:

Monday 3rd August, 1970.

1015 Departed Poroma by tractor.
1030 Arrived Mato.
Recruited carriers.
1100 Departed Mato.
1230 Arrived Nenja.
Local government education talks, discussions re
economic development and roads, minor complaints.
Slept NENJA

Tuesday 4th August

0830 Departed Nenja.
1005 Arrived Toiawara
Local government education talks, discussions re
roadwork and economic development, minor complaints,
two local court cases.
Slept TOIAWARA.

Wednesday 5th August.

0800 Departed Toiawara
1100 Arrived Kunjulu.
Local government education talks, discussions re
roadwork and economic development, minor complaints.
Slept KUNJULU.

Thursday 6th August.

0800 Departed Kunjulu.
1100 Arrived Toiawara met car.
Drove to station arriving 1200.

Tuesday 18th August

1200 Departed Poroma by aircraft, picked up RDO Jones at Nipa
enroute.
1315 Arrived Orokana.
1400 Arrived Council Chambers.
Inspected Pimaga airstrip with Mr. Kabisch, P.O.
Slept Pimaga.

Wednesday 19th August

Political Education seminar with Mr. Hart.
Slept PIMAGA

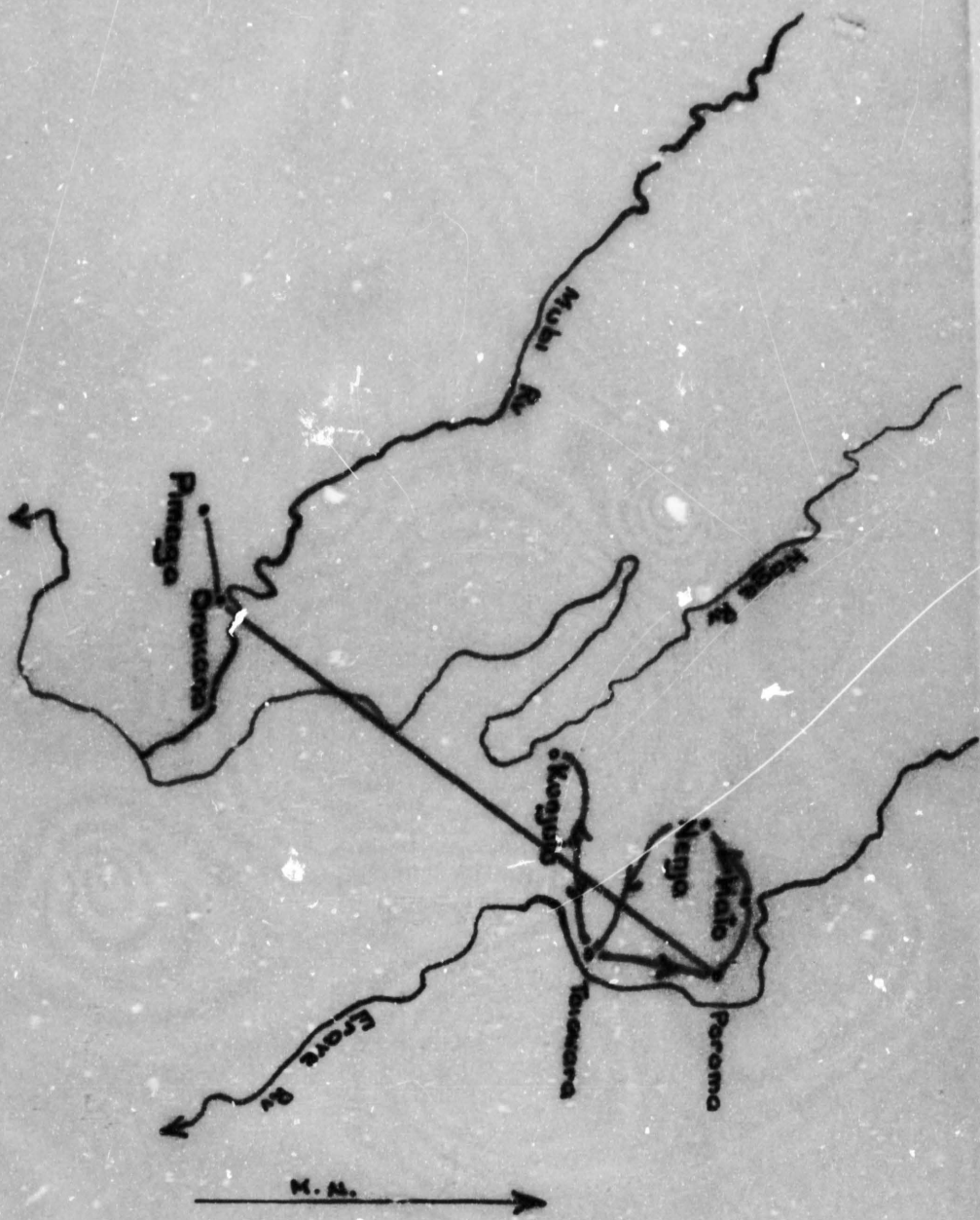
Thursday 20th August

Political Education seminar and problem census.
Slept Pimaga.

Friday 21st August.

Walked to Orokana to await aircraft
1200 Arrived Poroma
Patrol Stood Down

Paroma Patrol No. 3/70-71
Scale: Fourmils
N. Wright, A.B.O.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. 4 of 49 1970/71

Patrol Conducted by J. KABISCH PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled FOI'I AND PASU CENSUS DIVISIONS.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO

Natives 1 INTERPRETER & MEMBERS R.P.N.G.C.

Duration—From 3 / 11 / 19 70 to 18 / 12 / 19 70

Number of Days 46

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Aug/Sept. 70

Medical / / 19

Map Reference FOURMILE

Objects of Patrol CENSUS, TAX COLLECTION, ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Mrs. Susan J. ...

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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,
KOHFOBU. PAPUA.

67-15-10

27th July, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

POROMA PATROL NO. 4 OF 1970/71.

Your reference is 67-3-12 of 16th April, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Census, Area Study and Situation Report by Mr. J. Kabisch, Patrol Officer, of the FOI'I and FASU Census Divisions.

Mr. Kabisch has presented a comprehensive and fairly informative report but somewhat marred by :-

- (i) incorrect spelling of village names to that listed in the Village Directory;
- (ii) lack of the much more finer information required in an Area Study;
- and
- (iii) unnecessary minor spelling errors and, of course, the somewhat continuous typing errors.

I would suggest that Mr. Kabisch take a bit more care when presenting his reports.

Generally a good report.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.



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Department of the Administrator,

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MEVDI,
Southern Highlands District.

16th, April 1971.

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

POROMA PATROL NUMBER FOUR OF 1970/71.

Please find enclosed two (2) copies of the above report submitted by Mr. J. Kabisch, Patrol Officer.

The comments made by the Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa, are pertinent.

Specific comments are:-

1. Diary and Map.

Place names appearing in maps and the narrative must follow those in the village directory.

2. Situation Report.

The interest in Local Government and the decision to hold regular Council meetings in the Fasu Census Division is pleasing.

The apparant lack of knowledge in matters of Political Education, particularly the House of Assembly, can only be overcome by constant efforts and talks. An approach to the Asian Pacific Christian Mission to assist through their literacy programme should be attempted.

3. Area Study.

The remarks on each section by the Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa, need no further comment.

4. General.

A good report, marred only by the lack of information in the area study.

For your information and comments, please.

D.J. Clancy
D.J. Clancy

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. The Assistant District Commissioner,
NIPA.

Mr. J. Kabisch,
Patrol Post, POROMA.

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

8th February, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

Poroma Patrol No. 4/70-71,
Mr. J. Kabisch, Patrol Officer.

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

My comments are:

DIARY AND MAP.

Several village names in the diary are incorrectly
spelt; HEBAYO instead of HEBAYU, HIDINA instead of HIDINIHA,
HARABAYU instead of HARABUYU.

The same applies to the map; YOMESI instead of YIMASI,
BAURUTAGE instead of BARUTAGE. There is also no north point
shown on the map.

SITUATION REPORT.

Local Government.

The quickening pace of development in this area is
pleasing as it has also resulted in an increased awareness
by the local people of the Council's roll in future progress.

Holding of regular council meetings in the Fasu Census
Division will do much to generate interest amongst these
people. They have, because of their isolation, been neglected
both by the administration and the Council and consequently
have little idea of the functions of either.

Local Government Councillors.

The success of the Tax Review Committee in carrying
out its task is indicative of the interest shown by the
majority of Councillors in the Council and of their ability
to accept responsibility if given the chance.

Political Education.

Because these people are isolated from the main stream
of development political education presents a difficult task,
which can only be overcome by constant repetition.

As a result of the literacy programme carried out by the Asia and Pacific Christian Mission over past years contact between the Mubi and Lake Kutabu areas in particular and persons working on the coast is maintained. Their apparent lack of knowledge of matters related to the House of Assembly would appear to be inconsistent with such contact.

The answer is possibly that because of their isolation they are simply not particularly interested in what is happening in the rest of the Territory.

Economic Development.

As crops with export potential chillies, citrus and silk appear to offer the best prospects whilst cattle will provide the basis for a viable local industry.

AREA STUDY.

B. Population distribution and trends.

(a) Village population register forms.

Mr. Kabiech will be requested to make a separate submission for the inclusion of KATOBO and AUCU in the Poi'i Census Division.

There appears to be no discernable pattern to the fluctuations in the death rate for the Fasu Census division nor any reason for them. Death rate for the Fasu Census Division over the past three years has been 3.74% in 1967/68, 4.4% in 1968/69, 1.73% in 1969/70 and 3.02% in 1970/71.

The recent posting of an aid post orderly to the area should help to stabilise the death rate.

Additional information should have been provided under the following headings:

F. Literacy.

(a) List of Schools.

An up-dated list of enrolments should have been supplied, also information on improvements to these schools, e.g. the new permanent materials classroom at Inu.

G. Standard of Living.

(b) Diet.

Comments on the scarcity of sago and the resultant increase in gardening should have been included.

H. Missions.

(c) Attitude towards Missions.

Is the situation as reported in last year's area study changing, if so, how and why, if not, why.

J. Communications.

(o) Air.

A report on progress on Iimaga airstrip should have been included.

L. Stage of Political Development.

Change or lack of it should have been reported on.

M. Possibilities of expanding economy.

(b) Possibilities of increasing market gardening.

Information on the progress of cash crops such as chillies, silk worms and citrus should have been included.


O. Attitude towards local government.

This section should have been expanded considerably to include a report of the Council's activities over the past year.

Though this area study is only meant to be an up-dating of the previous study, the only headings which may not require amendment every year are geographical, social groupings, land tenure and use which only change from time to time. All other headings should require amendment each year.

Mr. Kabisch has submitted a good comprehensive situation report, but his area study should have included the additional information outlined above.

The report is also marred by numerous spelling errors, whilst typographical errors can be excused there is little or no excuse for spelling errors.


N. Wright,
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Mr. J. Kabisch,
Patrol Post,
FORCMA.

The Officer-in-Charge,
Patrol Post,
FORCMA.

REPORT NUMBER.....FOROMA 4 of 1970/71.
 SUB DISTRICT.....NIPA
 DISTRICT.....SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS.
 COUNCIL AREA.....LAKE KUTUBU LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL
 PATROL CONDUCTED BY.....J.KABISCH
 DESIGNATION.....PATROL OFFICER
 AREA PATROLLED.....FOI'I NAD FASU CENSUS DIVISIONS
 PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING.....INTERPRETER, 2 MEMBERS R.P.N.G.C.
 LAST D.D.A.PATROL TO AREA..AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 1970.
 OBJECTS OF PATROL.....CENSUS REVISION, COUNCIL TAX COL-
 LECTION, GENERAL ADMINISTRATION,
 PURCHASE OF LAND AT WARO.

TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA...4242.
 MAP REFERENCE.....FOURMILE
 VILLAGE REGISTER ENCLOSED..YES.
 DURATION OF PATROL.....2-11-70 to 18-12-70...46days.

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FOROMA PATROL REPORT No. 4 of 1970/71.

DIARY.

Tuesday 3d November 1970. Arrived Council House with cargo and personnel by mid afternoon.
Slept Fiwaga.

Wednesday 4th November 1970. 0800 hrs departed Fiwaga for Geseke, arriving 1200 hrs. Afternoon census conducted, tax collected, checked money against tax tickets and census figures balanced.

Thursday 5th November 1970. 0800 hrs departed Geseke for Tugiri per canoe arriving 1030 hrs. Census revised and tax collected for Tugiri and Yo'obo. Money and census figures balanced.
Slept Tugiri.

Friday 6th November 1970. 0830 hrs departed Geseke for Wasami per canoe arriving 0930 hrs. Tax collected and census conducted till 1430 hrs. Money and census figures balanced.
Slept Wasami

Saturday 7th November 1970. Departed Wasami for Augu via Tage (old government station) at 0730 hrs, arriving 1200 hrs. Talked with villagers re their shift to the present site.
Slept Augu.

Sunday 8th November 1970. Observed.
Slept Augu.

Monday 9th November 1970. Departed Augu 0740 hrs for Baguale, arriving 1200 hrs.. Carriers arrived 1300 hrs. 1300-1530 hrs census conducted and tax collected. Census figures and tax money balanced.
Slept Baguale.

Tuesday 10th November 1970. 0730 hrs departed Baguale for Moro Airstrip. Arrived Lake Kutubu 1230 hrs and crossed lake in canoes arriving other side at 1415 hrs. Walked to Moro Airstrip, arriving 1445 hrs.. Last cargo arrived 1530 hrs.
Slept Moro Airstrip.

Wednesday 11th November 1970. Departed Moro Airstrip 0730 hrs ~~xx~~ for Kaipu, arriving 1000 hrs. Census conducted and tax collected. Census figures and money balanced.
Slept Kaipu.

Thursday 12th November 1970. 0730 hrs departed Kaipu for Papato bush camp. Arrived 1130 hrs. Carriers arrived 1330 hrs.
Slept Papato.

Friday 13th November 1970. 0730 hrs departed Papato for Yorogobayu, arriving 1130 hrs. Carriers arrived 1230 hrs. Rain all afternoon.
Slept Yorogobayu.

Saturday 14th November 1970. Census conducted and tax collected at Yorogobayu. Departed for Hebayo 0830 hrs arriving 1000 hrs. Census conducted and tax collected. Census figures and tax money balanced.
Slept Hebayo.

Sunday 15th November 1970. Observed.
Slept Hebayo.

Monday 16th November 1970. 0730 hrs departed Hebayo for Hidinia arriving 0945 hrs, per canoe. Collected tax and conducted census for

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FOROMA PATROL REPORT No. 4 of 1970/71.

DIARY.

census for Hidina and Ubogo.
Slept Hidina.

Tuesday 17th November 1970. To Ayo and return. Tax collected, census conducted. Tax money and census figures balanced.
Slept Hidina.

Wednesday 18th November 1970. Conducted Council Meeting at Hidina, 0900 hrs to 1030 hrs. Patrol Departed for Manu and arrived at 1200 hrs. Tax collected and Money balanced. Census conducted and figures balanced.
Slept Manu.

Thursday 19th November 1970. Departed Manu 0720 hrs for Tamadigi bush camp, arriving 1410 hrs. Carriers arrived up to 1530 hrs.
Slept Tamadigi.

Friday 20th November 1970. Departed Tamadigi 0800 hrs per canoe for Katoba and arrived 1130 hrs. Conducted census and collected tax. Balances made. Heard complaints.
Slept Katoba.

Saturday 21st November 1970. Departed Katoba for Gobe 0830 hrs per canoe arriving 1100 hrs. Due to flooding had to walk for 30 minutes and then wait canoes. Census conducted tax collected and balances made for Gobe.

Sunday 22nd November 1970. Observed.
Slept Gobe.

Monday 23rd November 1970. 0730 hrs departed Gobe for Sorotage per canoe arriving 1000 hrs. Census conducted and tax collected for Sorotage and Humene. Balances made. Afternoon started work on aid post.
Slept Sorotage.

Tuesday 24th November 1970. Continued work on aid post.
Slept Sorotage.

Wednesday 25th November 1970. Continued work on aid post.
Slept Sorotage.

Thursday 26th November 1970. Aid post completed in late afternoon.
Slept Sorotage.

Friday 27th November 1970. 0800 hrs departed Sorotage for Kafa, arriving 1130 hrs. Cargo arrived 1230 hrs. Afternoon census conducted and tax collected. Figures balanced.

Saturday 28th November 1970. 0930 hrs departed Kafa for Fiwaga arriving 1400 hrs. Cargo arrived 1500 hrs.
Slept Fiwaga.

Sunday 29th November 1970. Observed.
Slept Fiwaga.

Monday 30th November 1970. 0900 hrs departed for Gena'abo arriving 0930 hrs. Tax Collected and census revised. Returned Fiwaga 1200 hrs. Afternoon inspected airstrip.
Slept Fiwaga

Tuesday 1st December 1970. 0715 to Fiwaga village. Census conducted, tax collected and returned 1130 hrs. Afternoon courts

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balancing money and figures.
Slept Fiwaga.

Wednesday 2nd December 1970. 0730 hrs to Damayu. Tax collected, census conducted. Returned 1130 hrs. Balances made.
Slept Fiwaga.

Thursday 3rd December 1970. To Ibu'taga 0730 hrs. Tax collected and census conducted. Returned 0930 hrs. Balances made. Afternoon work on Silk worm project.
Slept Fiwaga.

Friday 4th December 1970. 0800 hrs departed Fiwaga for Herebo, arriving 0900 hrs. Tax collected and Census conducted by 1230 hrs. Afternoon figures and money balanced.
Slept Herebo.

Saturday 5th December 1970. 0800 hrs departed Herebo for Barutage per canoe arriving 0845 hrs. Tax collected, census conducted and balances made
Slept Barutage.

Sunday 6th December 1970. Observed.
Slept Barutage.

Monday 7th December 1970. Departed Barutage 0730 hrs for Hegisor, arriving 0815 hrs. Tax collected, Census conducted, and balances made,
Slept Hageso.

Tuesday 8th December 1970. 0730 hrs departed Hageso for Inu mission, arriving 1330 hrs.
Slept Inu.

Wednesday 9th December 1970. Attended opening of new classrooms at Inu School.
Slept Inu.

Thursday 10th December 1970. 0815 hrs departed Inu for Irikai arriving 1600 hrs.
Slept Irikai.

Friday 11th December 1970. Collected tax, and census revised by 1230 hrs. Departed Irikai for Du'ubari arriving 1330 hrs. Tax and census figures balanced for Irikai and Ifigi.
Slept Du'ubari.

Saturday 12th December 1970. Collected tax and census revised for Du'ubari 0730 hrs to 0900 hrs. 1000 hrs departed Du'ubari for Harabayu, arriving 1050 hrs. Tax collected and census revised. Balances for Du'ubari and Harabayu made.
Slept Harabayu.

Sunday 13th December 1970. Observed.
Slept Harabayu,

Monday 14th December 1970. 0730 hrs departed Harabayu for Yimasi arriving 0900 hrs. Tax collected and census revised. Balances made.
Slept Yimasi.

Tuesday 15th December 1970. 0730 hrs departed Yimasi for Pimaga (Council House.), via Oeokana, arriving 1330 hrs.
Slept Pimaga.

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Wednesday 16th December 1970. Conducted Council Meeting.
Slept Pimaga.

Thursday 17th December 1970. 0530 hrs departed council house
arriving Wagi River 0930 hrs. 0930 hrs to 1330 hrs rewinding
and reolling bridgewire. 1330 hrs departed for Kunjulu,
arriving 1800 hrs.
Slept Kunjulu.

Friday 18th December 1970. 0800 hrs departed Kunjulu for
Poroma arriving 1200 hrs.

PATROL STOOD DOWN.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

It appears that Local Government is gradually becoming a force in the area. Previously, though there had been no anti-council feeling in the area, the feeling could best be described as apathetic. No trouble had been found in collecting council tax, but at 50¢ for males and 20¢ for females, one would not envisage any trouble, nor any difficulty for the most ailing or lazy person to find this amount over a period of twelve months. Council tax rose from 50¢ to \$1.00 for males and 20¢ to 50¢ for females, an increase of 100% and over for the year. Again, no trouble has been found in collecting tax this year in spite of the increase, and it can well be expected that the tax rate will rise again in the new year. Another tax rate rise should present no problems for tax payers in the area. Many people actually pay tax for absent relations, who upon their return repay these people.

Very little has been achieved by the council since its inception in 1966, although many possibilities for development are only now being realised. Work on the Pimaga airstrip was started some time ago, but it is only this year, with the assistance of rural development funds that work has forged ahead. Already 2,500 feet of the airstrip has been completed, without surfacing, leaving only another 800 feet to be completed. This should be achieved within three months. Two permanent aid posts have been constructed, one at Herebo and one at Sorotage. A third, at Tugiri, is expected to be constructed before the end of the financial year. These aid posts are the pride of the villages which have been fortunate enough to be chosen to have the buildings constructed in them.

At the council agriculture block, an area of some size has been cleared in preparation for a citrus project. Some 5000 seeds were planted, of which 300 have now been transferred to the agriculture block prior to budding.

Castor beans had been planted in the agriculture block some 9 months ago, in anticipation of a silk worm project. Nothing happened for several months and interest in the project waned. However, in September, a trainee was sent to Tari to be taught the skills of raising silk worms. He has since returned to the Kutubu area and is in the midst of establishing a council project. At times when he is not actively engaged in running the council project, it will be his duty to move into the villages and assist the local people in establishing village projects. Much local interest is being shown in the establishment of this project, and it is hoped that with council encouragement this will eventually become a flourishing industry.

The council has applied for a loan to purchase a tractor trailer. The bank has indicated that it is willing to make available \$4,000 over a four year period to enable the council to make the purchase. Approval from Commissioner of Local Government is now being sought to take out the loan.

The council has distributed vegetable seeds and coconuts to the villagers, in the hope of increasing the standard of their diet, and also to enable them to receive a small cash income from the sale of vegetables.

As can be seen from the above the council has this year done a considerable amount of work for the area, con-

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

sidering it's size. It's future program is just as ambitious.

With all this development going on, the council is being viewed in a new light by the local villagers. They can see that the council can assist them in the development of their area, and can in many cases lead the way in new development. They are beginning to realize that they can speak as one voice via the council, and a strong voice too, that can achieve results in the area, something that has not been seen before.

The November general meeting of the Council was held at Hidira, some three days cross country walk from Crokana. Three councillors did not attend the meeting, but came the day after. They had walked across country, and due to distance and very wet weather had been delayed.

There was a good attendance at the meeting, with villagers from several small surrounding villages attending. This was the first time some people from this isolated area had seen a council meeting in action, and interest shown was considerable. It is hoped that another meeting can be held in this area during the 1971/72 tax census patrol. There were several agenda items put forward, noticeably by councillors from the area in which the meeting was held. This was no doubt to show their electors that they were doing a responsible job. However, it might be pointed out that this activity in the meeting was considerably more than in most meetings. It would probably be advantageous for each village to send a small delegation to each meeting to observe their councillors in action, but as the Fasu Census Division is three days walk away, this idea would probably not hold much appeal to those villagers.

The people from the Hidina area had constructed a shelter and seats for the staging of the meeting, and it is probable that the shelter will still be available if another meeting was held next year.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILLORS.

All in all a fairly good group. Some councillors originally displayed considerably more authority than their position allows them. However continuing education by patrolling officers has almost removed this attitude, as councillors and the village people learn more of what the real role of the councillor is.

A tax committee consisting of three councillors accompanied the patrol for its duration. The committee proved quite solid and was not influenced by local pressures in making decisions on tax exemptions. There were several decisions by the committee which I personally would have decided in the opposite way, but I had decided that unless there were any grossly bad decisions, I would allow the committee to judge the situation and decide accordingly. The committee had shown such good sense in its decisions that towards the end of the patrol interpretations of arguments were not made to me. I felt that this gave more authority to the committee in the eyes of the people, and that the people were to some extent deciding their own fate.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILLORS.

Whilst I wrote out tax tickets, I made it the responsibility of the tax committee to receive the tax money, check it, and give change. While normally it is the responsibility of the clerk to do this, I had previously been informed by many people that they thought the Patrol Officer actually kept tax money collected, and I hoped in this way to show the people that it was the council who actually received the money.

There was overall a deficiency of 5¢, but this was recovered in the village in which the mistake occurred. After each day's collections, I checked money against tax tickets to ensure that no money was short.

There was only one suggestion of a complaint against a councillor, who was alleged to have 'fined' a villager, but upon investigation this was found to be false.

The councillors are generally doing a good job, but it seems that there is still little of what is said in meetings getting back to the village person. The councillors answer to this is that when he calls a meeting of the village people to discuss the council business many people do not bother to come. I have explained to the people that they really have no complaint if they do not bother to come to these meetings, and have emphasised that it is in their own best interest to find out what is occurring in their area.

Generally councillors are taking more active parts in council meetings, and more importantly are starting to observe basic rules of debate, i.e. only one person talking at a time, and addressing the chairman. Previously it had been practise to address anybody, and often there were two or three councillors having their say at the same time. Another practise which has been eliminated is that of the audience partaking in discussions during the council meeting.

The councillors had been informed some time ago that they would be taken to a larger council, and shown how a large, effective council operates, especially from the meeting point of view. To date nothing has been done, but I feel that this scheme would assist greatly in helping the councillors to understand why various methods are employed in council meetings.

Councillors are receiving a good deal of co-operation from the village people and this is pleasing to see.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

A patrol in April/May of this year was conducted by the A.D.C. Nipa, primarily for the purpose of political education. The main subjects were House of Assembly, Electorates, Independence and members of the House of Assembly.

Questions asked by the patrol indicate that still very little is known of the House of Assembly, by the majority of villagers. Little could be done but to repeat what has been said to them on many previous occasions and hope that by repetition they will eventually come to understand more of the House of Assembly.

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

I think probably the best idea for this area would be a series of slides showing the House, its members and its functions. With the aid of slides, much more would probably be retained by the local people.

As indicated previously, very little is known about this subject by these people.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBERS.

The local member, Mr. Ebial has not visited the area for some time. Whilst most people did know the name of their member, there were some who did not. This I feel is due to a lack of interest on their part, as Mr. Ebial has visited the area.

Again little is known by the people of the work of the members of the House of Assembly. Most answered the question that the member brought the peoples troubles to the House, which is not wrong, but is a far cry from the real work of the members.

POLITICAL EDUCATION.

Much of the patrols time was spent in ascertaining which areas the people would most benefit in political education. Questions were asked in each village about subjects which were explained to them during the last patrol. Depending upon the answers given by the people, the patrol went into the subjects again in varying detail. It was noticeable that the areas around the Lake (site of the old patrol post) and the area around the council house had a better grasp of subjects talked about than those in other areas.

As was mentioned under local government, a council meeting was held at Hidinaa. This I feel is the most valuable type of political education that can be given. The people from that remote area saw what patrolling officers had been talking about for years and I am sure that the people would have learned alot more simply by viewing a council meeting than by hours of talking about a council meeting.

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ECONOMIC.

GENERAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

The main areas of development have been the interest shown in agricultural development. The council has just planted some 300 citrus trees and it is hoped that during the middle of next year to introduce citrus trees into the village on an economic basis.

Several villagers have recently acquired Castor Beans from the council, and are in the midst of planting these in prepared areas. When these trees have reached maturity, silk worm eggs will be supplied from Tari in the first instance. It is hoped later to be able to produce eggs at Kutubu.

An experimental plot of Chillies was planted on the councils agriculture block, but many of the seeds did not produce. It is intended to ~~introduce~~ plant another trial ~~block~~ nursery, but this time on raised stumps in boxes built for this purpose. If successful, the chillies will be introduced in the villages in the area. Much success has been achieved at Erave in this type project and as Kutubu is approximately the same altitude there appears to be no reason why they will not flourish there.

Cattle has become the catch word in the area at the moment. Encouragement has been given to the local people to clear cattle paddocks and several villagers have at this moment cleared adequate areas. The council intends purchasing rolls of barbed wire for resale to the people to assist in this project. It appears that the cattle will only be able to be used for increasing nutrition within the area as there is no market outlet from the area. However the locals have developed quite a taste for milk and milk products, which are presently being supplied by the mission at Orokana.

Many people in the area have taken to gardening to supplement their staple diet of Sago. Sago is quite scarce in the area, and many large gardens were noticed by the patrol. The council had previously distributed imported seeds and vegetables from these seeds are quite noticeable in the area.

With regard to cattle it seems likely that most cattle in the area will be supplied by the Orokana mission who run a herd of approximately thirty cattle. The pastor at Orokana has developed a cross breed strain of cattle which seem well suited to the area. I hope to encourage those people who have cleared cattle paddocks to plant a small part of the paddock with castor bean for the silk worm project and thus allow these people to diversify their interests on the land.

This past twelve months has been one of considerable experiment and encouragement for the introduction of both cash crops and the increase of nutrition into the peoples diet. With further encouragement both from the council and various departments I hope that the next twelve months will see the establishment of many firm projects in the area.

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ACTIVITIES OF DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS.

The past twelve months has seen development departments show a greater interest in the area than in previous years.

Several visits were paid by the Rural Development Officer stationed at Nipa. An assistant stationed at Foroma has also visited the area. However I must point out that most of the work has been done by the Department of the Administrator via the council.

A visit was paid to the council block by the Department of Trade and Industry in connection with the silk worm project. The establishment of this industry is being encouraged in every way.

Fisheries section of D.A.S.F. visited Lake Kutubu late last year in company with the A.D.C. Nipa. It is reported that this department is still looking into the stocking of Lake Kutubu with fish.

The Army made two 'goodwill' patrols through the area after reports had been received at Foroma that there was ill feeling in the area over techniques allegedly used by the army for recruiting.

PROCESSING AND MARKETING.

As yet this subject has not been touched in the area. I am presently enquiring as to markets for silk for the sericulture project. If chillies prove to be a going concern, processing and marketing will be looked into. The citrus project is as yet, in the infant stage, and a detailed study of markets will be made at a later date.

VILLAGE CASH CROP EXTENTION.

This has been discussed quite fully under rural development and requires no further comment.

NON INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT.

The only non indigenous development in the area is a cattle herd run by the A.P.C.M. Mission at Orokana. Milk and milk products are sold to the local people by the mission.

A trade store is run by the mission at Orokana and one by the mission at Inu.

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SOCIAL.

Education.

There are two primary schools in the area, which are recognised schools under the new education system. One is situated at Orokana and teaches to standard 4. The other is at Inu and pupils are taught to standard 2. Orokana school was supposed to reach standard 5 in 1970, but due to a lack of staff this was not reached.

Several pupils over the years have gone onto high school. At Orokana, after reaching the last class taught in the school, the pupils move into other mission schools and complete their education at those schools.

Many times during the last twelve months councillors have asked that another school be established near Orokana. Their chief complaint is that the mission school teach local language classes for the first year or two, and then the pupils go onto English teaching. This situation has been rectified, but the councillors are still very strongly in favour of another school. The council will write a letter to the District Education ⁶⁰⁰⁴² requesting another school for Orokana. It has been explained to the councillors that it is doubtful that another school will be established due to population, but they are most insistent.

HEALTH.

Health throughout the area is quite good. There are three council aid posts. One at Sorotage and one at Herebo, both semi permanent buildings. A further semi permanent building is to be constructed at Tugiri to replace the native materials building.

There is a further aid post at Hebayo, which is at long last staffed.

The mission run large, well stocked aid posts at Orokana and Inu missions. A local pastor has small stocks of medicines at Waro.

LAW AND ORDER.

Law and order in the area present no problems. The main law breakers are minor assault cases, and of course the everpresent marriage disputes.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY GOVERNMENT AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

The C.I.C. Foroma provides a banking service during the councils regular monthly meetings. Other than this there are no services.

MISSIONS.

There is a mission station at Orokana. This provides a store, an education set up and supplies milk and milk products to the local people as well as administering for the religious needs of the immediate area.

A similar set up is at Inu Mission at Lake Kutubu. This mission station provides educational facilities and a store. Both mission stations are Australian Pacific Christian Mission stations.

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MISSIONS

The Fasu Census Division is ~~established~~ catered for by a local pastor situated at Waro, between Yorogabayu an Hebayu. The mission have built an airstrip to supply his needs, but its lift off is only in the vicinity of one passenger.

WOMENS CLUBS.

The mission at Orokana teaches sewing and other domestic work to a selected group of women as does the mission at Inu. Other than this there are no Womens clubs, or any form of community work in the area.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. FOROMA 5 - 1970/71

Patrol Conducted by W. HERA (PATROL OFFICER)

Area Patrolled Part NEMBI VALLEY CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

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

Duration—From 4 / 11 / 1970 to 18 / 12 / 1970

Number of Days 37 (BROKEN PERIODS)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services SEPT, / 1970

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Map Reference SKETCH MAP ATTACHED

Objects of Patrol ROADWORK - LOCAL GOVERNMENT TALKS RE. FOROMA COUNCIL - POLITICAL EDUCATION AND 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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KONEDUBU...PAPUA.

7th June, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

POROMA PATROL NO.5 of 1970/71

Your reference is 67-3-12 of 16th April, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special and Situation Report by Mr. W. Hera, Patrol Officer to part Neabi Valley Census Division.

The report is informative and reveals Mr. Hera's keenness and interest in his work. With increasing experience his report writing will no doubt improve.

The Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa, Officer-In-Charge, Poroma and yourself have more than adequately commented on all aspects contained in the report. I, therefore, have no further comments to offer.

A neat and well presented report.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary



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Department of the Administrator,
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16th, April 1971.

The Secretary,
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KONEDOBU.

POROMA PATROL NUMBER FIVE OF 1970/71 - MR. W. HERA P.O.

Please find enclosed two (2) copies of a report on the above Patrol by Mr. W. Hera, Patrol Officer.

Comments by the Officer-in-Charge, Poroma and the Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa adequately cover the narrative of the report.

The establishment of a Council will undoubtedly increase political awareness and should give scope for practical instruction - Political Education.

Mr. Hera is to be commended on his Patrol and subsequent report.

For your information and comments, please.

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DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. The Assistant District Commissioner,
NIPA.

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

8th March, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MUNDI.

Poroma Patrol No. 5 of 1970/71 -
Mr. W. Hera, Patrol Officer.

Attached please find three (3) copies of the above report with comments from the Officer-in-Charge, Poroma.

The Officer-in-Charge, Poroma's comments are comprehensive and require little addition.

The establishment of the Poroma Council in the near future, elections are at present underway, will undoubtedly increase the interest of the Nambi Valley people in developmental projects within their area. The absence of a council has long been a barrier to their understanding of much of the political education material passed on by patrols. They now have something to which they can relate this material, an improvement to their understanding can therefore be expected.

Mr. Hera has not adhered strictly to the village names as per the directory; Ka should be Mala, Det should be Del.

A comprehensive and well written report, a sign of Mr. Hera's increasing experience as a field officer.

M. Wright,
Assistant District Commissioner.

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POROMA.
Southern Highlands District.

17th February 1971.

Assistant District Commissioner,
NIPA
Southern Highlands District.

POROMA PATROL REPORT No. 5 of 1970/71.

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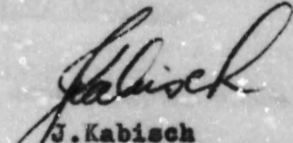
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Southern Highlands District.

17th February, 1971.

Assistant District Commissioner,

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Administrative College
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Division of District Administration,
POROMA Patrol Post,
Nipa Sub-District,
Southern Highlands District.


1st January, 1971.

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

POROMA PATROL REPORT No. 5 OF 1970/71

(SPECIAL PATROL - Part NEMBI VALLEY CENSUS DIVISION)

REPORT NUMBER: Foroma Patrol No. 5 of 1970/71.
SUB-DISTRICT: Nipa.
DISTRICT: Southern Highlands District.
TYPE OF PATROL: Special Patrol (Roadwork).
AREA PATROLLED: Nembi Valley (Part only).
PATROL CONDUCTED BY: W. Hera.
DESIGNATION: Patrol Officer.
COUNCIL/NON COUNCIL AREA: Poroma Local Govt. Council.
(Newly proclaimed).
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL: 2 R. N.G.C. Const. 1/c Kawai No. 806.
Const. Malompi No. 2057.
1 Interpreter. Iegi Turim.
DURATION OF PATROL: 4/11/70 to 18/12/70 (37 days)
(Broken periods).
LAST PATROL TO AREA: September, 1970.
MAP REFERENCE: Sketch map attached.
OBJECTS OF PATROL:
1. Roadwork.
2. Initial talks on new Poroma Council.
3. Political Education talks.
4. General Administration.


(W. Hera)
Patrol Officer.

-----PATROL REPORT-----

INTRODUCTION.

In brief, the main purpose of this patrol was to surface and re-align chosen sections of the Poroma Patrol Post motor roads. (see Appendix A - Patrol Instructions).

Furthermore, the patrol had made initial Local Government talks re the newly proclaimed Poroma Local Government Council. In the process, more political education talks on various topics were discussed. I will outline the various subjects emphasised for the Political Education, later in the report under the heading "Political".

A brief report describing the stages of Economic, Social and Political development obtained in the places visited, is dealt with in some detail under the subject heading "Situation Report".

For patrol route and location, please see attached 'Patrol Map' (Appendix B).

Geographically, the region has mountain ranges with Nembi and Erave Rivers are the main drainage system. The area has savannah-type grassland, thereby the main vegetation is 'kunai-grasses' with scattered trees.

PATROL DIARY.

4th November, 1970. (Wed)

The patrol left for Kar rest-house at 1300 hrs. by toyota. Political education talks to Kar villagers including talks on Poroma Local Government Council. The aims of the patrol in the area were also mentioned. All were told to commence work tomorrow near the Kar air-strip.

Slept Kar.

5th November, 1970. (Thur)

Recorded road-workers from Kar and send them to work. Proceeded to Udjabia rest-house recorded names for roadwork and political education discussions more emphasis placed on Poroma Council. Thereon, self surveyed the new section of road to construct while patrol is in the area. All set to clear the area decided for road.

Slept Kar.

6th November, 1970. (Fri)

Morning proceeded to Tindom rest-house for political discussions and to record names for roadwork. These people send to commence work towards Kar rest-house. At 1300 hrs. self and patrol personnel returned to Poroma for Office duties as O.I.C. and Clerk were away from Station, one on patrol at Kutubu and Clerk for a Clerical Course at Mendi. Patrol returned to Kar at 1600 hrs.

Slept Kar.

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7th November, 1970. (Sat)

Week-end - observed at Kar rest-house.

Slept Kar.

8th November, 1970. (Sun)

As previous day.

Slept Kar.

9th November, 1970. (Mon)

Proceeded to Tindom rest-house to meet Kongu villagers for roadwork and political education discussions. As previously people admitted that they have little knowledge of politics and local government councils. During the talks more time was placed on new Poroma Council. Later Kongus were ~~we~~ given a section of road to construct on the Tindom Hill. Thereon returned to supervise Kar and Udjabia villagers on their road work.

Slept Kar.

10th November, 1970. (Tue)

Today all groups were asked to go to the Station (Poroma) to see a P.I.R. Band display. Other villagers in the area were also asked to attend. Self and patrol personnels walked to Station with some locals. P.I.R arrived ex Nipa at 1100 hrs. Accommodation provided for the Band on the Station and organised local people. Some 1000 people attended and were impressed by their display. The Band is to return early by trucks to Nipa. Patrol returned to Kar rest-House.

Slept Kar.

11th November, 1970. (Wed)

Roll called for all groups by 0930 hrs and supervised all groups by the help of the car which was being used by the patrol.

Slept Kar.

12th November, 1970. (Thur)

Roll called for all groups and returned to supervise the Udjabia villagers in constructing the new section of road.

Slept Kar.

13th November, 1970. (Fri)

Supervised all groups in turn by car. Patrol returned to Station at 1000 hrs. Self prepared all pay-sheets for D.D.A. labourers, Police and others. Paid Police, labourers and Public Servants. General C.S.B. services to all Station residents.

Slept Station (Poroma).

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14th November, 1970. (Sat)

Week-end at Poroma. Self to Nipa at 1500 hrs.
Slept Nipa.

15th November, 1970. (Sun)

Returned from Nipa 1500 hrs. Rest of the day at Poroma.
Slept Poroma.

16th November, 1970. (Mon)

0745 to 1600 hrs. Treasury reimbursement and handover/
takeover with the Clerical Assistant. Returned with patrol
personnels to Kar at 1730 hrs. The road-supervisors reported
that people were at work today. No complaints received
from the workers to date.

Slept Kar.

17th November, 1970. (Tue)

In the morning ~~we~~ helped Kar and Udjabia people in their
road work. In the afternoon for the Tindom and Kongu
villagers. Today Tindom bridge was reported collapsed and
Tindom people set to repair it. Self and rest of the patrol
party remained to help repair the broken bridge.

Slept Kar.

18th November, 1970. (Wed)

Self and party proceeded to supervise bridge-work with
Tindom villagers. Three huge trees were chopped and main
effort was directed towards pulling these trees across the
old bridge.

Slept Kar.

19th November, 1970. (Thur)

Patrol concentrated on the bridge-work with Tindoms.
Main work was as in previous day.

Slept Kar.

20th November, 1970. (Fri)

Tindom bridge completed in the morning at about 1100 hrs.
Thereon assembled all Tindom and Kongu villagers for more
Political education discussions. 9 points from the D.C.,
Mendi were discussed at some length. At 1330 hrs proceeded
to Mission Station at Kar for discussions with Kar and
Udjabia villagers. Items for discussions were as previously.
At 1530 hrs. the patrol moved to Det rest-house to stay
and work with the people for next two weeks.

Slept Det.

21st November, 1970. (Sat)

Week-end observed at Det.

Slept Det.

22nd November, 1970. (Sun)

Week-end observed at Det. Council talks re Poroma
Local Government Council with some villagers.

Slept Det.

23rd November, 1970. (Mon)

At 0800 hrs assembled Det villagers and told them of the aims of patrol in the area. Political education talks recorded names for roadwork. People were made aware of the advent of the Foroma Council and what it will involve. People showed interest. They were told that more Political education will be given at the end of the patrol. All were sent to commence work from the Nembi river bridge, towards the Mission Station. Later ~~in~~ proceeded to Foroma/Mendi road junction for Kesu villagers, but only a few turned up. Those who turned up were given work to do on ~~their~~ their section of road and were told to tell others for work tomorrow.

Slept Det.

24th November, 1970. (Tue)

Self and patrol party left to meet the Kesu people but, only the same people appeared. I am unable to tell ~~where~~ where the rest have been. Attempts were made to recruit as many as possible but no success. Self and party then helped Det villagers on their roadwork on the Foroma/Mendi road. A rumour was heard re black-out in the sky sometimes in the next few days but in fact nothing was noticed or seen. I have attempted to locate the source of the story but, unable to detect the characters. Generally, the rumour had little effect on the people.

Slept Det.

25th November, 1970. (Wed)

An attempt was made again today of the ^{source of} black-out news but, have not reported anything extraordinary to me so I presume it just silly beliefs from the odd characters somewhere. However, reactions of the people were quite normal. Later returned to supervise road-workers.

Slept Det.

26th November, 1970. (Thur)

The Patrol continued to help the Det and a few Kesu villagers.

Slept Det.

27th November, 1970. (Fri)

Called roll for Kesu and Det workers and despatched them to work.

Slept Det.

28th November, 1970. (Sat)

Patrol proceeded to Foroma. Week-end observed at Station. Self to Nipa and returned to Foroma at night.

Slept Station (Poroma).

29th November, 1970. (Sun)

Observed at Station, week-end.

Slept Station (Poroma)

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30th November, 1970. (Mon)

0745 to 1600 hrs Office duties re Monthly Returns as in Transport (fuel), P.W.D. (funds), Court register and Patrol and Field Days Returns. And Official correspondence. Return to patrol at 1800 hrs. All reported to be at work.

Slept Det.

1st December, 1970. (Tue)

Roll call for Det workers. Work now progressed pass Det Catholic Mission Station to the other side of the rest-house. Main effort here is directed towards surfacing and drainage. No major incidents, a few minor matters reported and settled. A good attendance at work to date.

Slept Det.

2nd December, 1970. (Wed)

All attended for work and called roll at the work-site. At 0930 hrs. walked to Waramesa rest-house with patrol personnels and gave talks on House of Assembly, Public Service etc. More detailed talks on Local Government Councils in particular Foroma Council. Not very many Waramesa villagers attended for this meeting. Returned to help Det workers at 1200 hrs. Toyota to Foroma for repairs. Returned to Det.

Slept Det.

3rd December, 1970. (Thur)

Today some court cases heard and offenders ~~were~~ to go to Nipa tomorrow, for legal court hearing. Rest of the day helped Det and Kesu workers on their work.

Slept Det.

4th December, 1970. (Fri)

Assembled Det villagers for more Political Education discussions. More publicity of new Foroma Council and what it will involve. During the discussions people mentioned that they live like someone in the darkness that is their place is without Council surrounded by various Local Government Councils. People also indicated interest for the new Council in the area.

The Det retreated to the Station at 1500 hrs. People were told to continue work unfinished with the Patrol, on work days on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Slept Foroma.

5th December, 1970. (Sat)

Week-end at Station. Self and other Station residents to Nipa.

Slept Nipa.

6th December, 1970. (Sun)

Returned to Foroma at 1500 hrs.

Slept Foroma.

7th December, 1970. (Mon)

Resumed patrol at Toi'awara area for work with Nenja & Toi'awara villagers to construct a new road previously commenced by the Nenja people. The patrol camped at Toi'awara rest-house. Assembled all people from here and conducted political discussions. Later recorded names for road-work.

Slept Toi'awara.

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8th December, 1970. (Tue)

To work-site with Toi'awara people. Assembled workers from Nenja and told them of the aims of the Patrol in the area. More political discussions given to both groups and despatched them to work. The Nenja villagers had made a good standard of constructing this new road. Patrols intended to link it with the main motor road to Poroma. The Patrol continued from where it ended. The main effort will now be to cut the side of a mountain for a road. Walking time from Toi'awara rest-house to work-site is 45 mins. Nenjas were told to be paid for the work they had done to date. Finished work at 1600 hrs.

Slept Toi'awara.

9th December, 1970. (Wed)

Walked to work-site. Main task was as previously. No problems to date. A reasonable progress made today.

Slept Toi'awara.

10th December, 1970. (Thur)

Main task was as in the previous day. Some minor disputes heard and settled. Rain hampered work by 1500 hrs.

Slept Toi'awara.

11th December, 1970. (Fri)

Workers were told today that there will be no roadwork as parents of Poroma .T. School are required to go to the Station for School Closing ceremony. At that Patrol left for Station at 1000 hrs. Rest of the day self did Office work.

Slept Poroma.

12th December, 1970. (Sat)

Week-end at Poroma.

Slept Poroma.

13th December, 1970. (Sun)

Week-end at Poroma.

Slept Poroma.

14th December, 1970. (Mon)

Returned for patrol to Toi'awara. Self later for work in the Station and to Toi'awara at 1600 hrs. Workers reported to have attended for work.

Slept Toi'awara.

15th December, 1970. (Tue)

To work-site by 0830 hrs. Work was concentrated on the hill side, a reasonable progress achieved to date. Finished work at 1600 hrs.

Slept Toi'awara.

16th December, 1970. (Wed)

To work-site by 0830 hrs. Work as previously.

Slept Toi'awara.

17th December, 1970. (Thur)

All worked until 1200 hrs. In the ~~after~~ afternoon all two groups assembled and called the roll. More Political education talks and Local Government in reference to their Poroma Council. Later all Nenja villagers were paid (\$150) for work done to date. People were to continue on this road after New Year holidays.

Slept Toi'awara.

18th December, 1970. (Fri)

Patrol left at 0930 to Poroma.Patrol Stood Down.

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SPECIAL REPORT.

ROADWORK - As per attached Patrol Instructions, this patrol was to mobile from one area to another helping the people in their section of roadwork during the entire patrol days.

The patrol worked on the Nipa/Poroma, Mendi/Poroma and Nenja/Poroma Roads respectively during the six-week period. The type and amount of work that each group did will be mentioned under appropriate road headings.

Nipa/Poroma Road.

The Patrol started on this road with the following groups namely, Kar, Udjabia, Tindom and Kongu villagers. On arrival the workers were told that the patrol will be in the area for two weeks helping and supervising their roadwork on the chosen sections of the road. Each of the groups were given work on their own section of the Nipa/Poroma road.

The Kongu and Udjabia people cut new sections of road during the period. The Kongu people fixed and straightened a dangerous curve on the Tindom Hill on the slope towards the Tindom rest-house. Although it is impossible to reduce the gradient on this new section, a more direct route and the dangerous curve will be avoided when the section is completed. At the same time, the Udjabia people were at work on their section cutting a new route in order to avoid a deep gully. This section is about $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile in length and when completed will provide a better motor road. Although the road was not completed due to time limits, the patrol had made a start on the work.

For Kar and Tindom people they had done very well in their section of work. The Kar villagers surfaced and gravelled the section alongside the Christain Union Mission airstrip. All gravel and stones used were transported from string bags and bark of trees. At that work can be imagined to be very slow and difficult. During the second week in the area, Tindom workers repaired a bridge. The work in hand was colossal but, every worker cooperated and completed the bridge within a few days.

It must be mentioned here that work started was not completed when the patrol moved out because job made was done by man-power and tools available were insufficient for work to progress at a faster rate. With that no one can expect man-made road to be quick and perfect within the time limit of two weeks.

Mendi/Poroma Road.

On the afternoon of 20th November, the patrol moved to the Det rest-house on the Mendi/Poroma road for work with these people for next two weeks.

On arrival, the patrol required Kesu and Det villagers for roadwork on this road. However, Det people listened and appeared but, only a dozen from Kesu village cared to report for work. Attempts were made to discover the whereabouts of these people but, I am unable to supply a decent answer to justify their absence. Anyhow, the patrol concentrated and helped the Det villagers on their work.

The main effort was directed towards surfacing with stones and making of drains. Work by shovels and spades got tough and impracticable but, work got by mere determination. People were quite aware that anything in their area now will only be done by human-power and until machinery became available, they will have to continue that way.

Although the patrol was unable to continue and complete the roadwork in its presence, the workers were told to continue and finish the job on their own under the supervision of the Road Supervisor.

It was noted that people hardly try to do their share of road maintenance on their own and even the Road Supervisors are available, they are disregarded as such. This sort of situation and attitude is considered to be rather unfortunate and perhaps the Poroma Council ~~should~~ remedy the situation. This claim is supportive when the Patrolling Officer returned a few weeks later to give payment to the workers. There was no further progress made on the work left by the patrol and the sections left incomplete were seen untouched. Until people will learn to work on their own, there is nothing much to be done except physical supervision from the Government patrols.

Nenja/Poroma Road.

The patrol moved into this area on the 7th December, and conducted Political Education discussions with the people from Toi'awara and Nenja. During the talks, the new Poroma Local Government Council was mentioned and people seemed grateful of the advent of their new Council.

The ~~task~~ aims of the patrol in the area was outlined and recorded names of workers from the both groups for roadwork for a period of two weeks. All efforts were geared towards constructing a new road previously commenced by the Nenja villagers from their rest-house towards the main road link with Poroma Government Station.

The Nenja/Poroma road was intended to provide an access road into the area and this should prove better use in the years ahead. The patrol helped construct about 150 yards. This was a side of a mountain cut back to build the road on. The work was tough as can be imagined but, work got done by mere determination. And its pity that human materials will still be required to finish the remainder of the proposed vehicular road. There is another three miles of uncleared area to be cleared and surfaced before the ~~road~~ Nenja road can be joined with the motor road from Poroma Station.

At ^{the} end of the two weeks, the workers were told to start work on this road after the New Year holidays and that future patrols in the area will be helping in constructing the road. A total of \$150.00 were paid to the Nenja villagers for the work they have completed. At this point, the Patrolling Officer is forced to mention that more funds must be made available for this road so as to boost interest in constructing and continuing the work.

Supplementary Information.

As previously mentioned, the people cared little to do work on their own will to accelerate roadwork in the area. Even the appointed 'boss-boi' in the groups are ignored as such. But it is most unlikely the Government patrols will visit the places monthly to supervise roadwork. For this I am not saying that the influence of 'hanua-policemen' and other influential leaders have deteriorated completely but, I think as people show ~~the~~ disobedience towards their local leaders now, the advent of the new Council should be in the likelihood position to adjust the situation.

During the political education discussions, the people said that they live like someone in the darkness. In that, they meant that their place (Poroma) has no Council and the place of darkness surrounded by various Council areas. At that people seemed to feel that Local Government Council have all the force and respect.

SITUATION REPORT.

This section of the Patrol Report covers only a part of the Lower Nembi Valley Census Division. Consequently, this Report will be limited to subject of actual places visited and experience.

The patrol worked with about a half dozen villages and the following information were gathered to report the current situation of Economic, Political and Social progress. In brief, the future economic growth of the area rests to a large extent on the development of a cash crop and social development lies hand in hand with the economic growth. Political understanding is far beyond economic and social progress. With the help from the Government patrols and the political education seminars, the understanding and interest in national politics is considerably good at the village level.

ECONOMIC;

In the economical point of view, there is nil cash cropping activities undertaken by the people of the area and if there is, are not practised even in the general subsistence pattern. There is, of course, supplies of vegetables such as tomatoes, taro, beans and potatoes grown by the people on the subsistence pattern. But supplies are insufficient to bring any sort of profitable income, to the producers.

It was noted that people are really in want of money but, the sources of bringing money into the area at present is extremely doubtful.

General Rural Development.

General rural development activities in the local sector of the population is non-existence. People produce food at a small scale for domestic use and the production of these vegetables is inadequate for marketing for an income. Even if there is such cash crops available in the area, the growers are faced with marketing problem. There are outside markets but, means of approaching the markets by overland route is impracticable and the consumers at the local level are just not numerous to continue such a process at any greater length of time.

The road links from the local villages to the Poroma Station is fairly reasonable for people to sell their produce but, it is most unrealistic that growers will make money. The only possible alternatives are the markets at Mendi and Mt. Hagen in the Western Highlands District but, even there people will not be prepared to travel that distance. The air transportation is out of question as people will not afford the costs and freight charges for their movement.

Activities of Development Departments.

During the course of the patrol, people mentioned that they have no cash crops available such as tea or coffee for them to operate thus there is no village cash crop extension possibilities. I am unable to ascertain the developmental activities undertaken by the Agricultural Department but, personal observation indicated that there is none in evidence by way of crops.

It might be an idea for an extensive survey into the possibilities of introducing economic cash crops into the region by the Agricultural Department staff and thereby some realistic answer can be known of the region's economic nature. In this regard Poroma Council should encourage the local people in growing and providing the planting materials for circulation. The Council sponsored cattle projects should be worthwhile in the area, with the assistance from the D.A.S.F. staff.

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Poroma Patrol Post has reasonable road link with other areas mainly with Nipa by vehicles. The only access to Mendi is via Nipa/Mendi road but, the Mendi/Poroma road is still not trafficable and it will not be for a year or two. All roads have been maintained from the funds received from the Public Works Department and the Rural Development Funds from the Administration.

This manner of money being allocated for road work is the only way from which people get money and there is no other way possible for people to get additional income. There might be ways to flourish business enterprises but the question is, how willingly are the people to the alienation of their land to economic use is unpredictable. As the area and highlands generally, is dependable only on their land it is not easy to get land from the owners.

Non-indigenous Development.

If people are really willing to release their land for diversification into business enterprises, there should be occupations and capital in the area and thereby better standard of living conditions.

Nothing can now be done for the people until they get convinced and really appreciate money as means of better and easy way of living. The Field Staff of this Department have talked of ways in which business can be achieved for the good of the people, so that the businessmen can be brought here but, we can only give advice and it is the local people who will have to make the decision re purchase of their land for ~~their benefit~~ business making.

At that non-indigenous development by way of investment in the area is therefore none. However, a few hundred acres of land have now being bought near Toi'awara village for a business enterprise and what business venture it will make, we are yet to know.

Generally, people make their living by what they can produce from their small gardens and effect of money in relation to their standard of life is not yet an urgent matter.

POLITICAL.

This part of the Situation Report is again limited to the actual places visited in the Nembu Valley. This section covers the nine points mentioned in the Patrol Instructions.

It was intended to give the local people as much formal discussions on government and politics as possible and decided to conduct discussions on the first and last day of the areas the patrol visited. On these discussions, more time was placed on Local Government Councils with special reference to their Poroma Council.

It was the Reporting Officer's intention to avoid more detailed discussions on each of the items outlined hereunder. This was considered necessary as long detailed lectures tend to disinterest the listeners. As this was considered to be the underlying factor, the items for the political education were simplified and reduced to more comprehensive standard. A more advanced and mass political education programme is necessary and relevant for people who can understand and speak Pidgin language but, it will be a confusion business at the village level.

Furthermore, it is best to keep their attention and interest throughout rather than to bore the audience as people tend to become restless and lose interest. That in mind, the following items were discussed in their entirety in brief.

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Local Government Councils/ its Councillors.

In brief, Local Government is a local governing body who is given some power by the Central Government because, ~~because~~ it is unable to perform all of the functions and duties well and efficiently. As the situation is thus, the House of Assembly has given some of its powers to the Local Government Councils through the Local Government Ordinance.

There are various powers and activities such as making of rules and local services which the Councils must perform for the welfare of the people in the Council area. Furthermore, the Council is responsible for providing schools, hospital and maintenance of roads and bridges, to name a few, in its area.

This local governing body consisted of the elected representatives who held meetings to consider ways and means of administering their local region. Therefore, the Poroma local Government Council is going to have elected representatives who are going to strive for the welfare of the Poroma Patrol Post people. These elected people are called Councillors in the Local Government Councils and Members for the House of Assembly. They are elected by the majority votes in a ward or wards in the Council area.

The people were reminded that when the Councils make laws (rules) they are not inconsistent with those of the House of Assembly.

House of Assembly/ its Members.

People were told that the House of Assembly is a large meeting house in Port Moresby, somewhat similar to a Council Chamber, where all Members discuss matters relating to Papua and New Guinea and make laws for the betterment of the people of the Country. One of these Members is Mr. T. Ebe'ial for the Nipa Open Electorate.

It was pointed out that the House of Assembly is the big government for everybody in the Territory whereas, the Councils are the small government where it only deals direct to its local people.

Like Councillors, the Members of the House of Assembly are elected by the people. People were told that there are 84 Members who were elected by the majority of their people to be their spokesmen. They are both Europeans and Papuans and New Guineans. Of the 84 elected members, 69 were Open Electorate Members and 15 for Regional Members for the 15 districts of the Territory. There are also 10 Official Members who have been nominated by the Administration to advise other Members on Administration policies and associated matters.

Voting (Preferential System)/ Election.

This was explained but, people were at a loss to understand the preferential system. Probably this was not explained properly before or that people were told that voting is when one marks the best candidate as his or her only choice. However, it was explained that the preferential ballot is the procedure whereby, a few candidates contest in an election by secret ballot and the electors (voters) proceed to indicate on the ballot-paper the persons he or she liked best in order of preference by placing numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 etc. on the ballot-paper.... or as in Pidgin language No.1 like, No.2 like etc.

People were told that the Councillors and the Members of the House of Assembly are elected this way in the elections. In the not too distant future an election will be conducted by secret preferential ballot to choose the best liked persons for the seat of Councillors for the Poroma Local Government Council. And these persons will be the representatives of people in the area (wards) of the Poroma Council and they will speak and act on their behalf in Council activities.

Public Service.

During the course of the discussions, I noted that the people seemed to understand what Public Service provides for the community and what it comprised of.

In short, they were told that Public Service is the name given for all those men and women who are employed by the Government. These people or Public Servants get paid to carry out the instructions and daily administration authorised by the House of Assembly. Therefore, the Public Service of the Papua and New Guinea provide services for the ~~people's~~ welfare of the people of the country.

Furthermore, all the Administration workers such as teachers, doctors, drivers, Patrol Officers (Kiaps) and many more in other Government Departments, are in the Public Service working for the betterment of the Territory.

Taxes.

People always thought that only they themselves get taxed by their Local Government Councils. But, I soon told them that all income earners including Public Servants get taxed. For example, I earn money therefore, a small amount of my income is taken by the Government to pay for the development of the Territory. Equally, all income earners pay taxes to develop the country that is to provide schools, hospitals, roads and bridges and other major projects in the country. At that people understood and believed that it is not true that only they themselves pay taxes.

While on the subject of taxation, people were reminded that ~~if~~ if the Territory is to progress more and rapidly, it must have plenty of money for developmental purposes, and living conditions and standard will improve considerably.

Should people want more and better services in their own area, they will have to pay more taxes ~~in~~ to the Council in their places, which in turn will provide decent services.

National Unity/ Self-Government/ Independence.

This item of the political education discussions revealed that people have no or little understanding of the above three factors. The Patrolling Officer feels that it is of a major importance for the people at the village level to understand and be aware of what will come of their country in future.

The meetings were told that the National Unity is very important if the country is to grow to a strong nation. This intention in mind, the House of Assembly has decided to have the 14th September, starting this year and in future times as the National Day for the people of Papua and New Guinea. For the independent Papua and New Guinea, the people must feel and think that they are one people and from one ~~of~~ country and not just from a particular place of the country.

It was mentioned that politicians, and educated men have attempted even now to bring about some concrete ~~from~~ from which to indicate to people, of the country's unity. It was considered that a common or one flag, language and name should best indicate the country's unity. But the most important thing is that people themselves must think and class themselves as the people of Papua and New Guinea and, not just from Papua or from New Guinea.

People were told that at one time in future, people of the country will be responsible in dealing with the affairs of the country with the guidance of the Overseas staff. This is the stage of development whereby Papuans and New Guineans will localize all important positions in the Government and Public Service.

People were further told that there will ^{be} a time but, no one knows when, the country will be independent and will have full sovereignty over all matters relating to the country and there will be no external control from anywhere.

At that the people of the Territory must face up to the fact that the country will be self-governing and independent in future and, they must be prepared to acknowledge and appreciate their own government, when the time has come.

Supplementary Information re. Political Education Items.

Generally speaking, the people should have some understanding of the national politics and general information re. their Local Government Council. The people were told that this sort of educational programme, is the responsibility of the Field Staff therefore the future patrols will be dealing with the same topics.

Almost in all places, the people complained that their own Member of the House of Assembly has not yet even visited their area for general information in relation to his activities in the House sessions etc. The people then mentioned that they have been neglected by their Member of the House.

Having this opportunity, I pointed out that they have not been neglected in any way. The Member has done some good work for the Electorate but, his actions are subject to the availability of money and how urgent his requisition, in comparison with needs from other areas from the Territory. People were made aware that the Government acts in order of priority to do developmental activities in the country. As regards the Member's visits in the Poroma area, I replied that he is most unlikely to pay a visit to ~~any~~ all groups in the area but, he will certainly visit them when the Poroma Local Government Council is operating and it will be easier for him to speak to the Councillors in the Council meetings than him visiting all villages.

At that people were satisfied and mentioned, ^{that} Mr. Ebe'ial is their leader ~~and~~, they are happy and satisfied that their worries have been mentioned and done away with. Generally people have a great respect and ~~give~~ high attitudes towards the House of Assembly Member. Apart from this, I am unable to report other reactions and attitudes from the people.

SOCIAL.

Again this section of the report is limited to actual places visited and information gathered thereon. As previously mentioned, the social growth rests to a large extent on the development of a cash crop in the area. However, the following information were gathered to report the current social development.

Health Services.

Health services for the community in ^{the} area is somewhat adequate. The Missions both Kar Christain Union Mission and Det Roman Catholic Mission are handling the major part in providing health facilities to the local people and the response by the locals to these services is very good. These Mission hospitals only care for minor cases and the major case patients are usually forwarded to Mendi hospitals.

The health services in the Toi'awara/Nenja area is also reasonable. They get attention mainly from the Poroma Government Station and the services are always available for those who want medical care. The Health Extension Officer based at Nipa usually visit the Station for inspections and associated duties.

Education.

The educational facilities in the area patrolled is also adequate. Areas near the Christain Union Mission (Kar) are benefitting from this Mission School and the children from and around Det are being given educational opportunity by the Capuchin Mission staff.

The Poroma Primary .T. School is responsible for children from Toi'awara and Nenja areas.

There was no complaints presented from the above Schools regarding their school establishments so, it is presumed that they are satisfied with their school administration.

Having seen numerous school-age children not attending any of the above Schools, it must be mentioned here that educational facilities are definitely insufficient to give an educational opportunity to three-quarter of the children in the area now seen idle in their homes.

Perhaps the Poroma Council might be in the likely position to press for an additional Administration School with the help from their Member of the House of Assembly ~~in the area~~, so that many school-age children are not deprived of a chance in school.

Missions.

The only denominations in the Poroma Administrative area are the Roman Catholic and Christain Union Missions and have influence in the social life of the people. At that most of the people are Christain converts and the morale is generally high.

As mentioned earlier, these Missions are also handling educational and health services for the people in and around their establishments. A word of thanks must be mentioned here for the Mission Staff for their part in providing these services to the local population.

The three Mission settlements at Det, Kar and Parita have pastors and catechists throughout the area for Christain and associated activities.

The patrol did not received complaints from the above Missions so I guess they are satisfied with their own administration.

Law and Order.

It was pleasing to see people seeking justice from the Administration personnels visiting their area. A few minor cases were presented for attention. The nature of these cases were disputes re pigs or arm shells and were settled without much concern.

One only case re. unlawful striking was heard and forwarded to Nipa for proper legal court proceedings as I am still without magisterial powers.

Apart from that, the people are generally law abiding and when there is a dispute they usually seek justice from the Administration either at the Station or in the field.

Cults and Unrest.

These were not heard of or if there were, are not reported. Generally, social relationship in the entire area is marvelous and people are at freedom and quite socialable with neighbouring groups. The relationship with the Missionaries and Administration personnels are also good.

The Patolling Officer did not experience any sign of unrest or cargo-cults and their sources either from external or internal to report their effects and development. There is no significant groupings and extraordinary happenings in evident for comment.

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General Services.

People are well served by the Mission trade stores in the area and the contents of these stores are mostly food stuff and clothings.

The Poroma Patrol Post has a good radio telecommunication and aircraft services. Mail and C.S.B. services are also available for the general public in the area. The Field Staff of the District Administration are responsible for all these services and are made available regularly for the public.

Generally, people are made aware of the happenings within and outside the District.

Community Education.

Apart from the Poroma Station Womens' Club there is none at the village level. Youth activities and other community clubs movements are non-existence in the local villages and both men and women are at ease and enjoying normal everyday life.

Such organisations and activities are just not applicable in this sort of areas. Until people understand and appreciate the way of life and the associated functions, there is nothing much to be done at the village level except to educate people that such activities existed in other advanced areas of the Territory. As mentioned earlier, the social growth rests to a large extent on the development of a cash crop thereby better standard of living and this might change the people's attitudes towards their present way of life. Obviously, this will not come to them overnight for an immediate change but, for benefit of the country people must be taught and guided.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the six weeks of the patrol, a Pacific Island Regiment Band visited the Poroma Station on the 19th November, and the local people were asked to present at the Station to see the Band display.

About one thousand people attended to see the P.I.R. band display on the Station and the local people were impressed by their performances.

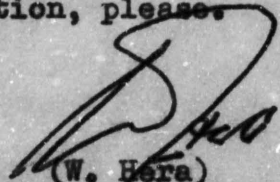
There was no civil action programme carried out by the Army Patrols in the area during the six-week period and probably during the year as well. If there is it is most unlikely that it will hinder any future Administration activities.

CONCLUSION.

I must say that the patrol had achieved its purpose as per Patrol Instructions. As regards roadwork the sections repaired were not completed because work was done by human-power and the time given was insufficient however, the patrol had made a start on the work.

The Patrolling Officer in particular ^{has} learned a great deal both in the management and experience ^{of} the field administration.

The Report compiled for your information, please


(W. Hera)
Patrol Officer.

Appendix A .. Patrol Instructions.

Appendix B .. Patrol Map.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams.....
Our Reference... 57-1-4.....
If calling ask for
No.....

Department of District Administration,
POROMA.
Southern Highlands District.

30th October 1970.

Mr. W. Eora.
Patrol Officer,
POROMA.

POROMA PATROL No. 5 of 1970/71.

Please prepare to depart on a road work patrol in the Nembi Valley early in November. The main object of the patrol will be to supervise work on roads in this area. You should spend two weeks at the Tindem Rest House working with people from Tindem and Aengu on the Tindem Hill section of road. Take the car with you and you will also be able to help people from Udjuba cut a new section of road to avoid a deep gully. At the completion of two weeks at Tindem, move your patrol to the Det area and assist the people in this area with their work on the Mendi/Porema section of road. Two weeks later your patrol should move to the Tol'awara/Nenja road area and assist these people in their work on constructing that road. There is an allocation of three hundred dollars for the construction of this road. You may pay part of this money to the workers for the section they have completed if you feel the work is up to standard.

You will be accompanied by Const. 1/s Kasalo and Const Malenpi with interpreter Iegie Turin.

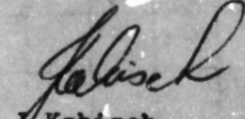
Remember that police may only be used on road work under your physical supervision. They are not to be despatched to supervise road work away from where you are.

In the areas that you visit give preliminary talks on councils. It is expected that the Porema council will be established later this year and the people should be made aware of this and what it will involve.

Also give political education talks. You should stress the nine points contained in the District Commissioners 26-5-1 of the 3d February 1970 and contained in file 3-3-10.

As this is your first patrol in the area and it will be of some six weeks duration I will require you to submit a full situation type report set out in the Directors 67-1-0 of the 21st June 1968 and contained in file 67-1-1.

I wish you a successful patrol.


J. Kabisch
Patrol Officer.

c. c. A.D.C. Nipa.

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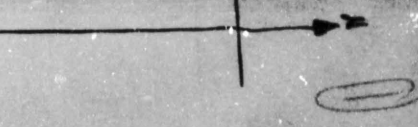
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands District Report No. 6 -1970/71.

Patrol Conducted by Morna K. Yori A/Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Namoi Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans One European Patrol Officer.

Natives An Interpreter, two PNG Constabulary members,
and a Cook, and a Medical Orderly.

Duration—From 19 / 1 / 1971 to 15 / 2 / 1971.
(28 days)

Number of Days 28 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? One Medical Orderly.

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

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

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol Revise Census, conduct Election, Political Education.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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KONZDOBU...FAPUA.

2nd August, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

POROMA PATROL NO.6 of 1970/71

Your reference 67-3-12 of 28th June 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Census Report by Mr. M. Veri of Menbi Census Division.

I am quite pleased with Mr. Veri's report on this, his first patrol.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

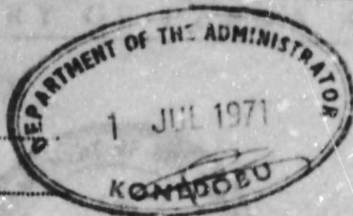
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Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
District Office,
MENDI

28th June, 1971

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONDORU

REPORT: POROMA PATROL NO. 6 OF 1970/71

Please find enclosed two copies of the report on the above patrol submitted by Mr. M. Veri, T.F.C.

Comments by the C.I.C. Poroma and A.D.C. Nipa are quite comprehensive.

The fact that Mr. Veri and also the C.I.C. Poroma comment on the fact that a term in gaol is no deterrent to law breakers should be of some concern. Even though no major incidents have occurred since 1967 a respect for the processes of law should be engendered into the people.

A well compiled report from Mr. Veri.

DJ. Clancy
DJ. CLANCY
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

- c.c. A.D.C. Nipa
- c.c. C.I.C. Poroma
- c.c. Mr. M. Veri



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Nipa,
Southern Highlands District.
14th April, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

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Mr. M. Veri, Trainee Patrol Officer.

Attached please find three copies of the above report plus comments from the Officer-in-Charge, Poroma.

My comments are:

The Officer-in-Charge, Poroma's, comments are detailed and there is little further to be said.

Mr. Veri has painted an unnecessarily bleak picture of the law and order situation in the Poroma area. In actual fact the situation is quite satisfactory, there having been no major incidents since 1967.

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N. Wright
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. The Officer-in-Charge,
POROMA.

Mr. M. Veri,
POROMA.

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Division of District
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Sub-District Office,
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Telegrams.....
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 Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
 Poroma. 1
 Southern Highlands District.
 15th March 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,
 NIPA.
 Southern Highlands District.

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The first election became invalid when the writ for the elections was dated for the 19th February, not the 19th January as was presupposed by the patrol.

The people should gain a better idea of the functions of the House of Ass embly when they are able to see their council in operation and are able to relate what they are told with the workings of a council.

Mr Ebial has come under much local criticism of late for his lack of travelling within the whole Poroma area.

Economic.

There are five cattle in the Nembi Valley, one belonging to the Primary 'T' school, one to Poroma village, one to Tolawara and two to Mato village. The pace of development in this sphere is quickening, and will do so even more with the establishment of the council.

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The leprosy persons are to the best of my knowledge, persons who have received hospital treatment and returned home with the hospitals permission.

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what has occurred during the patrols stay in the field.

J. Kabisch
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Officer in Charge.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Kuala Lumpur District.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Please find attached four copies of the letter enclosed

c.c. Mr. Veri

by reference to:

Item:

Patrols should read messages and find out about local
conditions, as per Village Executive.

Background:

Since the preferential system was used, its main aim
was not to leave the people that their vote is secret. The system
was used by the people and the villages were able to see that
in the past they only had a portion of a time to allow to cast
their vote, so that persons were within the area.

I had on the 15th village people of the North Valley
have an understanding of the true complexion of value of the
preferential voting system.

The first election began in 1954 when the vote for the
elect was held for the 19th February, not the 19th January as
was suggested by the patrol.

The people should gain a better idea of the importance
of the vote of the early ones. They are able to see that council
in operation and are able to realize what they are doing with the
workings of a council.

It will be some time with local officers of the area for
this kind of travelling within the area during the year.

Details:

There are five villages in the North Valley, one belongs
to the Primary 1 school, one to the village, and one to
the village and one to the village. The site of distribution in this
area is a factory, and will be even more with the establishment
of the council.

Notes:

The district officers are in the hope of an increase of
patrols and have received hospital treatment and returned home with
the necessary permission.

Law and order is important, but many of the people people
that they are in the corrective institution is not a good
deserved facility, consequently, the council is getting the
broader and in fact is the area.

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The people should gain a better idea of the functions of the House of Assembly when they are able to see their council in operation and are able to relate what they are told with the workings of a council.

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Southern Highlands District

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REPORT ON THE PATROLS FOR 1970/71

S.C. Mr. Veri

SECRET

These had attached four copies of the above mentioned
report to the District Commissioner.

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Mr. Veri has done much work towards the love for
his land of providing within the whole process above.

SECRET

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to the primary school, one to the village, one to
the patrol and two to the village. The work of development in this
system is continuing, and will be done with the establishment
of the council.

SECRET

The primary school are not aware of my knowledge,
persons who have received no special treatment and returned home with
the normal permission.

It is unfortunate that many of the patrol people
are not aware of the consequences involved in the
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of the system. A good patrol system, Mr. Veri was observed that

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FOROMA.
Southern Highlands District.

15th March 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,
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J. Kabisch.
Officer in Charge.

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c.c. Mr. Veri ...

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(20 DAYS)

POROMA PATROL REPORT No. 6 of 1970/71

REPORT No.....POROMA No.6 1970/71.

SUB-DISTRICT.....NIPA.

COUNCIL AREA.....POROMA.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY.....MOREA K. VERI.

DESIGNATION.....ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER.

AREA PATROLLED.....NEMBI CENSUS DIVISION.

PERSONNELS ACCOMPANYING.....1 EUROPEAN PATROL OFFICER.
2 R.P.H. GUINEA CONSTABULARY MEMBERS.
1 MEDICAL ORDERLY.

1 INTERPRETER, arrived at 0900 hrs.
1 COOK, workers, 1500 hrs. returned

LAST D.D.A. PATROL IN THE AREA.....

OBJECTS OF THE PATROL.....CENSUS, ELECTION AND POLITICAL EDUCATION.

DURATION OF THE PATROL.....19/1/71 to 15/2/71.

(28 DAYS.)

Monday 19th January 1971. 0900 hrs. continued with the census and the election. Talks given on local Government and the political education. 1500 hrs. departed for VALANGA. Slept VALANGA.

Tuesday 20th January 1971. 0900 hrs. revised census VALANGA. 1500 hrs. left for NABARA. Conducted back census and the elections at NABARA. Political education conducted. Slept NABARA.

Wednesday 21st January 1971. 0825 hrs. left NABARA arrived NEMBA at 0900 hrs. revised census, took elections, took gave talks on political education. Slept NEMBA.

Thursday 22nd January 1971. 0800 hrs. census for NEMBA arrived at 0900 hrs. revised census. Slept NEMBA.

Friday 23rd January 1971. 0800 hrs. left patrol task for station to give day off to station staff. 1200 hrs. departed for MUDABA where we held the elections. Slept MUDABA.

Saturday 24th January 1971. 0900 hrs. talks given on School Committee meetings, then went on to political education. Slept MUDABA.

Sunday 25th January 1971. Observed at ULATA rest house. Slept MUDABA.

Monday 26th January 1971. 0900 hrs. commenced departure for NEMBA and KALA. (1000) hrs. wrote up ballot papers. Slept NEMBA.

Tuesday 27th January 1971. 0900 hrs. conducted elections at NEMBA and then took the election process to KALA. Conducted census and talks given on political education. Slept NEMBA.

Wednesday 28th January 1971. 0815 hrs. left NEMBA for TINDI, revised census and then conducted political education. Slept TINDI.

Thursday 29th January 1971. 0830 hrs. left TINDI for KONGE. Revised census and gave talks on political education. Slept KONGE.

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POROMA PATROL REPORT No.6 of 1970/71.

PATROL DIARY.

Tuesday 19th. January 1971. 1600 hrs. arrived at Mate rest house. Discussions with some men about cattle projects. Slept Mate.

Wednesday 20th. January 1971. 0900 hrs. revised census plus the elections. Several complaints heard by the Patrol Officer. Slept Mate.

Thursday 21st. January 1971. 0830 hrs. talks given on political education. 1130 hrs. left Mate for Onja. 1400 hrs. census conducted and political education talks given. Slept Onja.

Friday 22nd. January 1971. 0830 hrs. departed for DEL, arrived at 0900 hrs. Then left patrol for station to pay station workers. 1500 hrs. returned to the patrol camp.

Saturday 23rd. January 1971. 0900 hrs. conducted census and the election at DEL but rain hampered work. Slept DEL.

Sunday 24th. January 1971. OBSERVED AT DEL.
Slept DEL.

Monday 25th. January 1971. 0900 hrs. continued with the census and the elections. Talks given on Local Government and the political education. 1640 hrs. departed for WALAMESA. Slept WALAMESA.

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Wednesday 27th. January 1971. 0825 hrs. left PABARONGA arrived POMBEDAL at 0930 hrs. revised census, took elections, then gave talks on political education. Slept POMBEDAL.

Thursday 28th. January 1971. 0800 hrs. headed for KESU arrived at 0935 hrs. revised census. Slept KESU.

Friday 29th. January 1971. 0830 hrs. left patrol team for station to give pay to the station workers. 1300 hrs. departed for UDJABIA where we held the elections. Slept UDJABIA.

Saturday 30th. January 1971. 0800 hrs. talks given on Select Committees' questions, then went on to political education.
Slept UDJABIA.

Sunday 31st. January 1971. Observed at UDJABIA rest house.
Slept UDJABIA.

Monday 1st. February 1971. 0900 hrs. departed UDJABIA arrived MALA at 1015 hrs. Wrote up ballot papers.
Slept MALA.

Tuesday 2nd. February 1971. 1000 hrs. conducted elections at MALA and from then onwards the election became invalid. Conducted census and talks given on political education. Slept MALA.

Wednesday 3rd. February 1971. 0815 hrs. left MALA for TINDEM, revised census and then conducted political education.
Slept TINDEM.

Thursday 4th. February 1971. 0830 hrs. left TINDEM for KONGU. Revised census and the gave talks on political education.
Slept KONGU.

POROMA PATROL REPORT No.6 of 1970/71.

PATROL DIARY.

Friday 5th. February 1971. 0900 hrs. left KONGU and the patrol team to give pay to the station workers. 1700 hrs. returned to UDJABIA.
Slept UDJABIA.

Saturday 6th. February 1971. 1100 hrs. revised census at UDJABIA.
Slept UDJABIA.

Sunday 7th. February 1971. Observed at UDJABIA rest house.
Slept UDJABIA.

Monday 8th. February 1971. 0800 hrs. left for KUM arrived at 0920 hrs. Revised census and then conducted political education.
Slept KUM.

Tuesday 9th. February 1971. 0800 hrs. departed KUM for KUSA arrived at 0900 hrs. Revised census and then conducted political education.
Slept KUSA.

Wednesday 10th. February 1971. 0800 hrs. left the patrol to attend the Select Committee meeting at NIPA. 1300 hrs. returned to the patrol at NENJA.
Slept NENJA.

Thursday 11th. February 1971. 0900 hrs. revised census at NENJA then conducted political education. 1300 hrs. left for TOIAWARA.
Slept TOIAWARA.

Friday 12th. February 1971. 0800 hrs. left for KUNJULU and arrived at 1130 hrs. Revised census but no political education conducted due to rain.
Slept KUNJULU.

Saturday 13th. February 1971. 0900 hrs. departed for TOIAWARA arrived at 1130 hrs. Revised census and talks given on political education.
Slept TOIAWARA.

Sunday 14th. February 1971. Observed at TOIAWARA rest house.
Slept TOIAWARA.

Monday 15th. February 1971. 0800 hrs. departed TOIAWARA for POROMA village. Revised census at POROMA then talks given on political education.
1510 hrs. moved into the POROMA station.

THE END OF THE PATROL.

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POROMA PATROL REPORT No.6 1970/71.

SITUATION REPORT.

Introduction.

The patrol was a duration of twenty-eight days starting on 19th. January at Mate village to 15th. February at Poroma village. There were two members of Royal Papua and New Guinea Constabulary; an Interpreter; a cook; a Medical Orderly and an Expatriate Patrol Officer. The main purpose of the patrol was to revise the census for the Nembu area, to conduct elections for newly established Poroma Council and to give talks on Political Education.

A. POLITICAL.

Local Government Council.

As a new council is going to be established, talks were given on various projects and the kinds of works that every council handle. The Local Government Assistant Mr. Tova told the people that every council need the co-operation of the people in order to function well. He emphasized the fact that the ~~tax~~ tax money is need to run the council. He also told the people that the Central Government has a much wider duties and can't help every little village and the only way in which one particular area can be developed is through the councils.

As we moved from one village to the other, elections were held using the simple preferential system. This is to teach them that their votes have to be secret. Generally speaking, the people around this area don't seem to vote for the person whom they think would do a better job in the council but rather vote for the influential person whom at one stage or other was a great fighter. In nearly every village about four to six candidates ran for the elections. All went well until at Tinden village the whole business of election became invalid due to the fact that we were ahead of the actual date of election.

House of Assembly.

I gave talks on the House of Assembly especially about the Members and what they do and also on the number of members in the House. In my speeches I compared the Local Governments with the House of Assembly, mainly dealing about their differences and the similarities. I told the people that House of Assembly is the Central government and looks after the whole Territory and makes laws for the whole country.

I told the people that Local Government Councils only looks after people within local areas and makes such laws about tax. It works for the welfare of the people in one particular area and not as a whole country.

The people were told that there are ninety four members in the House and of this number there are sixty nine Open; fifteen Regional; and ten Official members. They do know their Open and the Regional members but one of the greatest complaint they made was that their members never travel around to tell them anything about House of Assembly or find about peoples worries. This excuse is true because when I asked them ~~about~~ a few questions about the House none of them could answer me. One other thing they complained on was that they want have a member of their own with Lake Kutubu because they get too many people in the area.

Political Education.

In my political education talks I spoke about the House of Assembly, Independence, Self Government. The talks on the House of Assembly went well but in the other two topics I found much opposition. I asked the people about their opinion on Independence and they told me that they prefer not to get Independence at this stage. I told the people that it is the idea of the Australian Government that Papua and New Guinea will get its Independence.

Political Education, con'd.

The people here seem to think that it is the people from the coast that want Papua and New Guinea to have early Independence because they are educated. I then went on and told them that some people from the Territory want early Independence and others do not want the idea. The people said that because we have whites around us everything is running smoothly and if the white men leave after Independence then the whole country will be placed in a very dangerous position. One thing I discovered was that they think that every school, hospital and other jobs will close down during Independence but I told them that every thing will function as usual.

They also don't like the idea of some coloured skin to govern the country and tell them what to do. This in actual fact means that they underestimate the ability of any indigenous person to govern one country. On their argument on this, I told them that Australians are white and that they manage their own affairs and if they can do that then why can't we blacks & so.

B. ECONOMIC.

General Rural Development.

Nearly in every village we found the people asking us about establishing business ventures. They want to have village projects instead of each individual running his own business. The whole business or discussion went well but when we told them whether they have got the lands available or not they wouldn't agree on this. The people prefer raising cattle rather than growing either coffee, cocoa, tea or pyrethrum.

Activities of Departments.

The Department of District Administration has been very active in the area and it still is in establishing an extensive network of roads. The main road leading from Perema is connected to the Nipa road. All the villages within Perema area are accessible by vehicle due to the fact that they are connected by road. However there are three villages that need roads. There is the proposed road leading from Udjabia to Kua and it is still undergoing construction. The one supposed to connect Tinden to Kengu is abandoned due to the swampiness of the ground. The other one leading from Telawara to Kunjulu is not worked on because of the mountains.

The same department has also helped a lot in encouraging the people in setting up cattle projects in the area. There suppose to be fifteen cattle projects established in the area but so far we have only got three available. There is one project for the Perema Council, the other for the Perema Primary 'T' School and the third one for people of the Waranesa village. There are already four cattle grazing in these paddocks.

However, there is much doubt as to whether these beasts will remain long or not, especially those in the village areas, because there has been much slaughtering in the past. The Assistant Rural Development in Perema has said that if anything of such nature occurs, then the animals might as well be taken to Nipa for safety care.

Processing and Marketing.

There is no actual ground for marketing of locally produced crops such as sweet potatoes, bananas, cabbages and the tomatoes. However the people are using the station ground as a market place. There is no cash cropping in the area because the people do not want their arable land to be used for these crops with long expectations. On the other hand these crops take too much ground and skill, therefore they don't want them.

The soil is very fertile and is suitable for such crops as coffee, cocoa, t

Law & Order.

Law and order I should say is not maintained well up here because there is much disagreement amongst the people themselves. Whenever there is argument arising you will see people using axes or bows and arrows and as a result of this many of them get hurt or even get killed. There is still much ill feeling among the people and I saw many people disliking the idea of being combined with other clan groups for both census and the election.

One complaint I have is that as a result of better conditions and good food with less labour in the Mendi Corrective Institution, most of the detainees who have experienced this express their willingness to get back to gaol. Ofcourse this means they like to cause trouble and end up in gaol, and get another good feed. Therefore the Corrective Institution branch at Mendi should impose a much harder duty or labour so that the people can feel the effect of it.

During our patrol many people approached us with complaints on pigs breaking into their gardens, people not paying up their credits as well as breaking up of marriages. The Patrol Officer, Mr. Kabisch dealt with their problems and solved them.

Services.

The Department of District Administration at Perena runs a Commonwealth Banking agent for the local people here to bank their money. The Christian Union and the Capuchin Missions also run the similar services for the people as well.

Missions.

Both the Christian Union Mission and the Capuchin Mission are trying very hard to bring the people to christian ways of life. They also try to bring to the knowledge of the people that days of fighting and killing are over and it is time that they sit together and solve their problems.

There is no ill feeling between the two Missions as well as the people who belong to these denominations. The people around these areas are appreciative of the Missions and their approaches towards them.

Conclusion.

The peoples attitude towards the patrol team is fine, and the census and political education went well. However there were times when the patrol was delayed due to people turning up late, but this is excusable because they don't all live together in one area.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. POROMA NO. 7 OF 1970/71.

Patrol Conducted by A. G. SMOLLEY ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled PART FOI I CENSUS DIVISION.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans J. KABISCH PATROL OFFICER SHORT PERIOD.

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

Duration—From 7./9./1970 to 23./10./1970.

Number of Days 47

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 15./7./1970.

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

Map Reference KUTUBU FOURMIL.

Objects of Patrol CONSTRUCTION OF PIMAGA AIRSTRIP,

ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION, POLITICAL EDUCATION.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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KOMODOI, PAPUA

2nd August, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MEKELE.

FOROMA PATROL NO. 7 OF 1970/71

Your reference 67-3-12 of 28th June, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report
by Mr. A. Smedley of FOI'I Census Division.

I think Mr. Smedley has performed well and submitted
a neat report. He should be encouraged to give more of his own
views and observations in future reports.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

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TERRITORY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR AND NEW GUINEA

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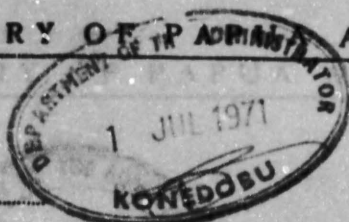
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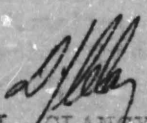
The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU

REPORT: POROMA PATROL NO. 7 OF 1970/71

Please find enclosed two copies of the report on the above Patrol submitted by Mr. A. Smedley, A.P.O.

Comments by the O.I.C. Poroma and A.D.C. Nipa are quite comprehensive.

Mr. Smedley should in future, make more detailed comments in his report as this is the main method of gauging the activities undertaken.


B.E. CLANCY
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. A.D.C. Nipa
c.c. O.I.C. Poroma
c.c. Mr. A. Smedley

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

14th April, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

Poroma Patrol Report No. 7-70/71,
Mr. A. Smedley, Assistant Patrol
Officer.

Attached herewith please find three copies of the
above report plus comments from the Officer-in-Charge, Poroma.

My comments are:

As this was Mr. Smedley's first solo patrol he was
requested to submit a situation-type report as an aid to his
training. Though he has covered a fairly wide range of topics
most have been treated very superficially; whether this is because
Mr. Smedley did not observe or whether this is a result of his
inability, through lack of experience, to put these thoughts on
paper I cannot decide.

The lapse of five months between the completion of
the patrol and the submission of the report is very excessive, as no excuse
has been tendered I can only assume there is none.

There is little I can add by way of detailed comment to
those already made by the Officer-in-Charge, Poroma.

Mr. Smedley will have to learn to report his observations
with greater detail and also to apply himself a little more diligently
to submitting his report in a reasonable time.

A. Wright,
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Officer-in-Charge,
Poroma Patrol Post,
POROMA.

Mr. A. Smedley,
NIPA.



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Telegram.....
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Department of District Administration,
POROMA.
Southern Highlands District.

26th March 1971.

Assistant District Commissioner,
NIPA
Southern Highlands District.

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Apart from passing observations, no mention was made of the House of Assembly, or its members.

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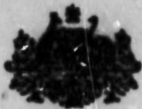
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA 12

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Department of District Administration,
Patrol Post,
FOROMA
Southern Highlands District.

5th September, 1970.

Mr. A. Smedley,
Assistant Patrol Officer,
NIPA
Southern Highlands District.

Dear Arthur,

Poroma Patrol No.4/70 - 71

As per verbal instructions from the Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa please prepare to depart on patrol to the Poi'i Census Division on the 7th of September, 1970. You will take over a patrol at present under the control of Mr. J.Kabisch, Patrol Officer, at Pimaga. The policeman and the interpreter at present with Mr.Kabisch's patrol will remain with you when Mr.Kabisch returns to Poroma on the 18th of September, 1970.

Aircraft have been arranged to transport you and your gear to Orokana on the 7th of September, from Orokana you will proceed to Pimaga.

The objects of this patrol are ;

1. Continue construction of the Pimaga airstrip. Mr.Kabisch will brief you fully on this task on your arrival.
2. Though your limited knowledge of pidgin english may make it a little difficult if possible carry out some political education.
3. If time and progress on the 'strip permits , surpervise the construction of the new aid posts at Sorotagi and Tugiri. Mr.Kabisch will also brief you on these tasks.
4. Carry out general administration when and where necessary, where court action appears necessary take names and details and Mr.Kabisch will attend to them when he visits you. Any thing of a serious nature should be reported immediatly to Poroma by runner.

If progress on the 'strip permits you should take the oppurtunity to visit some of the villages in the vicinity of the airstrip and also the lake to familiarise yourself with the people and the area.

Either myself or Mr.Kabisch will visit you regularly during your patrol and assist with any problems you may have. Your patrol will be in the vicinity of six weeks in length.

On your return please submit a Situation Type Report as per the Director's 67-1-0 of the 21st of June, 1969.

within 2 weeks of return

Assistant District Officer

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PEROMA PATROL NO. 5 OF 1970/71
SITUATION REPORT
LAKE KUTUBU LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

REPORT NO: Peroma Patrol No. 5 of 1970/71

SUB-DISTRICT: Nipa

DISTRICT: Southern Highlands

TYPE OF PATROL: Situation Report

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: A.G. Smedley, A.F.O.

AREA PATROLLED: Part Fei'i Census Division

COUNCIL AREA: Lake Kutubu Local Government Council

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL: J. Kahisch, Patrol Officer - short period
Constable l/c Papiani
Interpreter Kanefabu

DURATION OF PATROL: 7/9/70 to 23/10/70

NUMBER OF DAYS: 47 days

LAST D.D.A. PATROL TO AREA: 15/7/70

DURATION: 65 days

MAP REFERENCE: Kutubu Fournil

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POROMA PATROL NO. 5 OF 1970/71

SITUATION REPORT

FOI'I CENSUS DIVISION

INTRODUCTION

The main purpose of this patrol was to continue construction of the Pinaga airstrip and to carry out political education where possible.

POLITICAL

Local Government

Apart from the construction of the Pinaga airstrip the Council has constructed a semi-permanent aid post at Herebo. Two others expected to be constructed in the near future at Tugiri and Sorotage to replace the present native material buildings, the majority of timber for construction of these two aidposts has been cut.

The Council also has an agricultural block in which castor beans have been planted in preparation for the establishment of a silk worm project. An area has also been cleared ready for the planting of some 500 citrus seedlings that are at present in seed boxes. Vegetable seeds that have been purchased by the Council were distributed to the people during September and October.

The Council has also applied for a Development Bank loan for the purchase of a tractor and trailer, and should this be approved and the tractor purchased it would speed up construction of the Pinaga airstrip substantially, especially considering the fact that the strip will soon be ready for surfacing to be commenced.

Political Education

The opportunity of giving political education talks to the some 350 labourers employed on the airstrip construction was taken at intervals throughout the patrol.

During the eight days that I visited the lake the opportunity was taken to give political education talks at Herebo, Hegeso, Tugiri, Yo'obo and Wasami.

I had discussions with the people prior to giving talks, thereby gaining some idea of any misconceptions they may have and taking the opportunity of correcting these. It was found that the majority had very little idea of either independence or self government, most believing them to be the same thing. When the discussion got around to the House of Assembly I found that the people thought the House had anything from 3 to 500 members, with the majority giving answers of between 7 and 20.

ECONOMIC

One of the sources of income in the area is from the sale of oil from the Figase tree. This oil is used for body decoration at singings and is traded quite a distance, as people as far away as the Eastern Highlands use it. The tree however is slow growing and it takes quite some time to gather saleable quantities.

Due to the relatively high fertility of the valley soils, the area has a fairly high agricultural potential and with drainage, extensive areas could be brought into production with such crops as citrus and chillies and the grazing of cattle.

Cattle

I found many people keen to start cattle projects but due to the isolation of the area and the resultant marketing problem, cattle could only be used for the supply of milk and/or meat to a family.

Chillies

The Lake Kutubu Council established chillie nurseries for trial purposes and if successful chillies should provide a reasonable income for people with half to one acre plots.

Citrus

Citrus crops including oranges, mandarins and lemons were introduced to the area some 15 years ago, and fruit is of fairly high quality with the production season extending from early June until mid-August.

The Lake Kutubu Council has planted citrus crops that are at present at the seedling stage and will be planted out in the near future.

Coconuts

Various coastal crops such as coconuts have been planted over the years on a trial basis. Coconuts however were found to be slow growing and when mature producing fruit of a very poor quality with a small centre and the nut consisting mainly of husk.

Periculture

An area of land at the Council agricultural block has been cleared planted with castor beans for trial experiments as to the suitability of silkworms in the area. In early September a trainee was sent to Tari to attend a course on the raising of silkworms and upon his return will be working on the Council project as well as assisting interested local people in the establishment of their own projects.

SOCIALEducation

There are no government schools in the area, the two primary schools, one at Orokana and the other at Inu both being run by the Asia Pacific Christian Mission. The school at Orokana teaches to Standard 4 whilst the school at Inu teaches to Standard 2.

There is a new permanent materials classroom block being built at Inu which is near completion.

Health

The main disease encountered in the area is malaria, there also being cases of Tuberculosis but generally the health throughout the area is quite good.

There are five aid posts throughout the area, three being run by the Council and located at Herebo, Sorotage and Tugiri the others are run by the Asia Pacific Christian Mission at Inu and Orokana.

Missions

The Asia Pacific Christian Mission is the only mission operating in the area, they have two stations, one at Orokana and the other on the Lake itself at Inu. As mentioned under the relevant sections, both operate primary schools and have well stocked aid post-hospital facilities.

Both stations also operate trade stores that sell essential items such as rice, fish and soap only. The mission at Orokana runs a herd of some 20 cattle and has a small orchard where they are growing Avocado pears, lemons, mandarins and oranges.

Roads and Bridges

Roads in the area are very poor, being in fact only motorcycle tracks and much work is needed in their upgrading if as envisaged, the Lake Kutubu Council is to buy a tractor and trailer in the near future. If this eventuates it is thought that the tractor will be flown in to Orokana as Mr. R. Hope, the airport inspector is of the opinion that the Pimaga airstrip will not be firm enough to take aircraft. This being the case the primary task will be the upgrading of the road from the airstrip at Orokana to the council chambers at Pimaga.

Womens Clubs

Whilst there are no established womens clubs in the area, the mission at Orokana have classes for the women instructing them in sewing and general domestic work.

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FOROMA PATROL NO. 5 OF 1970/71

SPECIAL REPORT

PIMAGA AIRSTRIP

Upon my arrival at Pimaga on the 8th September, 1970 there were approximately 400 labourers employed removing earth to bring the level of the airstrip down to that as per the D.C.A. drawings. This work was done by hand and a 2,000 foot section of the airstrip had been completed.

The primary purpose of this patrol was to make a further 500 feet of the airstrip operational, without surfacing, thereby bringing the completed length to 2,500 feet. Of this 500 foot section, the last 150 to 200 feet was very very muddy and made work difficult and progress slow, especially at times of heavy rain.

The majority of this section had more than 4' - 6" of earth to be removed. When this was completed drains 3 feet deep were dug parallel to the strip and 55 feet from the centreline on either side. It was found that the area dried out remarkably well after putting in these drains and at the end of the patrol the surface was quite firm and solid in spite of having been a quagmire two months previously.

The timber on the approach and take-off area of the airstrip was cut, thereby making it clear of objects above a 1 : 30 gradient as required by the Department of Civil Aviation. This work was hampered somewhat by the fact that the majority of the trees were growing in a swamp.

It was found that the initial 750 feet of the eastern end of the airstrip is prone to flooding at times of heavy rain. However the water level went down again within a few days leaving the airstrip surface still very firm even though having been under water for up to four or five days.

Arthur G. Smedley
Assistant Patrol Officer

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PATROL DIARY

Monday, 7th September, 1970.

Two Orokana shuttles done, first load departed Nipa 1430.

Departed Nipa 1545, aborted due to inclement weather, eventually proceeded to Mendi where I spent the night.

Tuesday, 8th September

Departed Mendi 0830 for Orokana where I was met by Mr. J. Kabisch P.O. Inspected airstrip construction with Mr. Kabisch and discussions re future work and inspection of drawings supplied by the Department of Civil Aviation.

Slept Pimaga.

Wednesday, 9th September

Supervised airstrip construction with Mr. Kabisch. Assisted Mr. Kabisch with the setting out of levels.

Slept Pimaga.

Thursday, 10th September.

Supervised airstrip construction.

Plans with the new levels for the 500 foot extension arrived in the afternoon.

Slept Pimaga.

Friday, 11th September, 1970.

Supervision of airstrip construction.

Setting out levels on the 500 foot extension as per new plans.

Slept Pimaga.

Saturday, 12th September.

Observed Pimaga.

Slept Pimaga.

Sunday, 13th September.

Observed Pimaga.

Slept Pimaga.

Monday, 14th September.

Supervision of airstrip construction.

Continued with the marking out of the 500 foot extension.

Slept Pimaga.

Tuesday, 15th September.

Supervision of airstrip construction.

Setting survey pegs on the 500 foot extension to the new levels.

Slept Pimaga.

Wednesday, 16th September.

Supervision of airstrip construction.

Conducted political education questionnaire on talks given by Mr. J. Kabisch.

Slept Pimaga.

Thursday, 17th September.

Supervision of airstrip construction.

Mr. Kabisch departed for Poroma during morning.

Slept Pimaga.

Friday, 18th September.

Supervision of airstrip construction but commenced on the 500 foot extension.

Slept Pimaga.

Saturday, 19th September.

At Pimaga. Cleaning and general maintenance of Council Chambers.
Slept Pimaga.

Sunday, 20th September.

Observed Pimaga. Slept Pimaga.

Monday, 21st September.

Supervision of airstrip construction but completed to the 2,100' survey peg.
Slept Pimaga.

Tuesday, 22nd September.

Supervision of airstrip construction. Slept Pimaga.

Wednesday, 23rd September.

Supervision of airstrip construction.
Cut completed to the 2,200 foot survey peg.

Minor dispute heard.

Banking conducted for local people. Slept Pimaga.

Thursday, 24th September.

Supervision of airstrip construction. Slept Pimaga.

Friday, 25th September.

Supervision of airstrip construction.
82 labourers from distant villages finished because of lack of food at Pimaga. Slept Pimaga.

Saturday, 26th September.

Observed Pimaga.
Heavy rain most of day. Slept Pimaga.

Sunday, 27th September.

Observed Pimaga.
Heavy rain in afternoon. Slept Pimaga.

Monday, 28th September.

Supervision of airstrip construction.
Heavy rain most of day.
1830 water covering 30 feet of eastern end of airstrip.
Slept Pimaga.

Tuesday, 29th September.

0700 water now covering 150 feet of eastern end of airstrip.
Supervision of airstrip construction.
Cut completed to the 2,300 ft. survey peg.
1800 water now covering more than 300 ft. of eastern end of airstrip.
Slept Pimaga.

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Wednesday, 30th September.

0645 Water level receding, now over 250 feet of eastern end of airstrip.

Supervision of airstrip construction.

Minor disputes heard during afternoon.

1315 Water level now down to 120 feet of eastern end of airstrip.

Slept Pimaga.

Thursday, 1st October.

0700 Water level now well below airstrip level.

First 300 feet of eastern end of airstrip quite firm despite being covered by water for 3 days.

Slept Pimaga.

Friday, 2nd October.

Supervision of airstrip construction.

Minor disputes heard in afternoon.

Slept Pimaga.

Saturday, 3rd October.

Walked to Hageso and inspected the aid post at Herebo en route.

Slept Pimaga.

Sunday, 4th October.

Observed Pimaga.

Slept Pimaga.

Tuesday, 6th October.

Supervision of airstrip construction.

Mr. J. Kabisch P.O., and Mr. R. Jones R.D.C., arrived during morning.

Discussions with local people and minor disputes during afternoon.

Slept Pimaga.

Wednesday, 7th October.

Supervision of airstrip construction.

Setting out of further levels on the 500 foot extension.

Slept Pimaga.

Thursday, 8th October.

Supervision of airstrip construction.

Cut completed on the 500 foot extension.

Setting up string lines to guide with the digging of drains 3 feet deep and parallel to the strip 55 feet from the centre line.

Slept Pimaga.

Friday, 9th October.

Supervision of airstrip construction.

Heavy rain late afternoon and evening.

Slept Pimaga.

Saturday, 10th October.

Observed Pimaga.

0815 Water covering 400 feet of eastern end of airstrip

1800 Water now covering more than 500 feet of eastern end of airstrip.

Slept Pimaga

Sunday, 11th October.

Observed Pimaga.

0830 Water now covering 750 feet of eastern end of airstrip.

1745 Water level now falling, down to 650 feet of eastern end of airstrip.

Slept Pimaga.

Monday, 12th October.

0645 Water level at eastern end of airstrip still receding, now covering 650 feet of the airstrip.

Supervision of airstrip work till 1000.

1000 Departed Pimaga for Gesego.

1445 Arrived Gesego

Discussions and political education talk until 1630.

Set up camp and worked on outboard motor until 1815.

Slept Gesego

Tuesday, 13th October.

Worked on outboard motor again during morning but still unable to get it running.

0930 Departed Gesego for Wasami by canoe

Walked to Tugiri en route, inspected aid post and Tugiri and Yo'obo villages.

Arrived Wasami 1330

Set up camp.

To A.P.C. Mission at Inu and inspected trade store that had been broken into.

Slept Wasami

Wednesday, 14th October.

To Tago and inspected old Government Station.

Heavy rain, returned to Wasami.

Slept Wasami.

Thursday, 15th October.

Inspected new classroom block at the primary at the A.P.C.M. at Inu. Gave political education talks to all classes i.e. preparatory and Standards 1 and 2.

Returned to Wasami

Discussions and political education talks.

Slept Wasami.

Friday, 16th October.

Inspected Tubage village, also village at mouth of Soro River.

Inspected walking track to Bagule.

To Sing Sing at Gesego in evening returned Wasami 0115.

Slept Wasami

Saturday, 17th October.

Discussions and minor disputes heard.

Slept Wasami

Sunday, 18th October.

To Tugiri.

Discussions and political education talks.

Slept Tugiri

Monday, 19th October.

0800 Departed Tugiri.

Arrived Gesege 1030 thence to Pimaga.

Supervision of airstrip construction until 1630.

Work commenced on cutting of trees on approaches at eastern end of airstrip.

Slept Pimaga

Tuesday, 20th October.

Supervision of airstrip construction.

Mr. J. Kabisch P.O. arrived during afternoon.

Slept Pimaga

Wednesday, 21st October.

Supervision of airstrip construction.

Council meeting in afternoon.

Slept Pimaga

Thursday, 22nd October.

Supervision of airstrip construction.

Mr. R. Hope the District Airport Inspector for the Department of Civil Aviation arrived 1000 and inspected airstrip and approaches.

Afternoon spent paying airstrip labourers and banking.

Slept Pimaga

Friday, 23rd October.

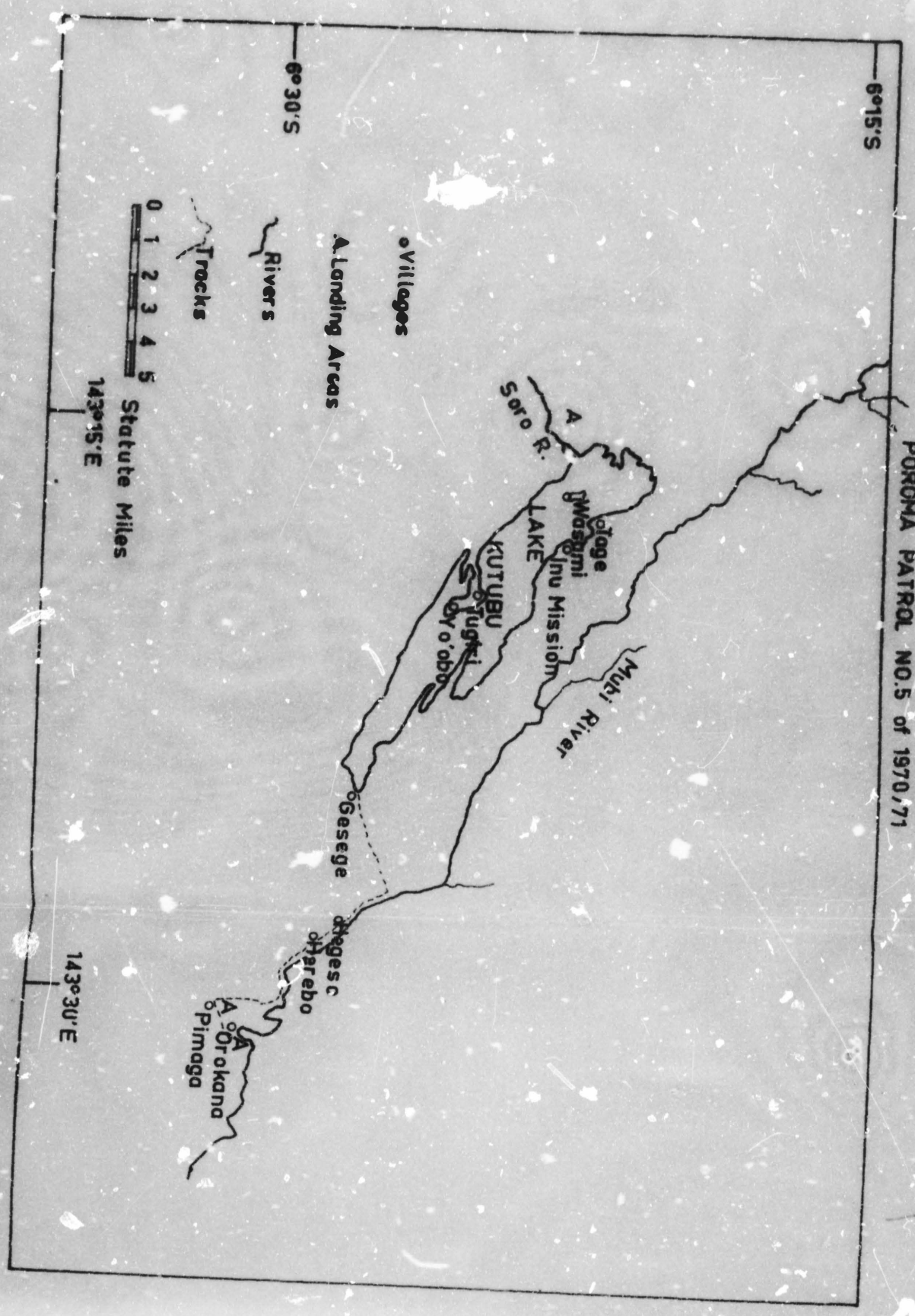
To Orokana to await aircraft.

Arrived Nipa 1250.

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POROMA PATROL NO. 5 of 1970/71

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT



Report Number **Poroma Patrol Report No.9 of 1970/71.**

Subdistrict **Nipa.**

District **Southern Highlands.**

Type of Patrol **Situation Report.**

Patrol Conducted by **Morea K.K. Veri. (TPO)**

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| Area Patrolled | } | Foi'i Census Division |
| (Council and/or | | Fasu Census Division. |
| Census Division/s.) | | Lake Kutubu Council. |

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

2 RPKG. Constabulary Members.

1 Interpreter.

Duration of Patrol—from **16 / 3 / 71** to **7 / 5 / 71**

No. of Days **53 days.**

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area:

Date: Duration:

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) **Supervision of work on Pilaga Airstrip, conducting tax payers meetings in villages.**

Total Population of Area Patrolled

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please

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District Commissioner

OA:MG

P.O. Box 2396,
KOMODOBI.

67-15-99

3rd February, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MINDI.

FORONA PATROL NO. 9 OF 1970-71.

Your reference 67-3-12 of 26/1/72.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report
by Mr. M. Veri, I.P.O. of the Foi'i and Easu Census Divisions.

The report highlights the need for you to ensure that
officers in charge of stations take an interest in the training
aspect of their work by carefully discussing draft reports
with junior officers prior to typing. An inch of such prevention
would have obviated the mile of cure by resubmission prece-
dented here.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

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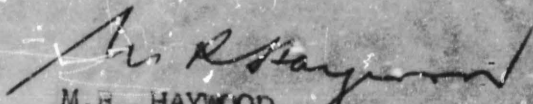
Department of the Administrator
District Office, MENDI
Southern Highlands District

26th January, 1971.

RE: POROMA PATROL No. 9
of 1970/1971

Please find enclosed the original and one copy of the above report submitted by Mr. K.K. Veri T.P.C., together with various covering memoranda from the A.D.C., Nipa and the O.I.C., Poroma.

At this late stage, I will not make any comment.


M.R. HAYWOOD
a/- District Commissioner

c.c. A.D.C., Nipa
O.I.C., Poroma



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Division of Administration,
Administration Section,
Sub District Office,
NIPA,
Southern Highlands District.

21st December, 1971

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

Poroma Patrol Number 9 of 1970/1971

Attached please find original and two copies of the above Report, together with one patrol map and patrol instructions; also comments of the former Officer in Charge at Poroma, Mr J. Kabisch and the comments of the present Officer in Charge, Mr J. Bullock.

As you may notice this patrol was covered 16th March, 1971 to 7th May, 1971. The Report was received at this Office on the 16th June, 1971. It was returned to this Office by you on the 15th July, 1971 stating that Mr Veri was to make the necessary corrections and re-submit with patrol map, camping allowance and sign. It was sent forward to Mr Veri on the 26th July, 1971 and returned to him again on the 11th August, 1971 as still not being satisfactory.

However, Mr Veri proceeded on Poroma Patrol Report Number 4 of 1971/1972 which covered period 19th August, 1971 to 15th September, 1971.

During the course of a Station Inspection at Poroma on the 12th October, 1971, Mr M. Haywood, Deputy District Commissioner, informed Mr Veri that he required him to re-write the Patrol report. This was confirmed by me in my 67-3-5 dated 28th October, 1971 to OIC Poroma.

In my opinion all the above activity would not have occurred if Mr Kabisch had ensured, initially, that the Report had been thoroughly prepared by Mr Veri.

My comments are:

Political Education: It appears that Mr Veri may not have a too good a grasp of the difference between Self Government and Independence.

Miscellaneous: The suggestion by Mr Veri that families live in their own separate houses, would I imagine, strike at the very social order of the Kutubu peoples. His reasons, however, are commendable.

I am unable to comment further on the Patrol Report since I am not familiar with the area.

Summary: A fairly good report marred somewhat by the lack of command that Mr Veri has of the English language. He is, however, a hard working field officer who takes a pride in the work that he does.

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

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FOROMA.
Southern Highlands District.

15th March 1971.

Mr. M. Veri,
Trainee Patrol Officer,
FOROMA.

FOROMA PATROL NO. 9 of 1970/71.

Please prepare to depart on patrol to the Lake Kutubu area. Upon your arrival at Orokana, proceed to the council chambers at Pinaga. You will spend some time there assisting the people with their construction of the airstrip.

You should bring in the nearer villages to conduct tax payers meetings. I will visit you at a later stage to assess the position and you may then expect to proceed on a patrol to finish the tax payers meetings in the more remote villages.

You may arbitrate on any matters which are brought to your attention for that purpose, but court cases should be held in abeyance until my arrival at Pinaga.

I will visit you again in early May and you can expect the patrol to return to Foroma with me at that time.

At the conclusion of the patrol you will be expected to submit a full situation type patrol report as contained in the Directors 67-1-0.

I wish you a successful patrol

J. Habisch
J. Habisch.
Officer in Charge.

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

9th June 1971.

Assistant District Commissioner,
NIA.
Southern Highlands District.

POROMA PATROL REPORT No. 9 of 1970/71 - Mr. VERI.

Please find attached 4 copies of the above mentioned patrol report.

My comments are;

Diary:

Thursday 22nd April 1971. Mr. Veri states he 'heard court case', re marriage. I assume, he arbitrated on these disputes and an amicable settlement was reached by all, in future, Mr. Veri should state quite clearly that he arbitrated, as he has no court powers.

Situation Report:

Political:
The people of the area should now be quite happy as their wish to have an open member has been fulfilled.

Economic.


It is encouraging to see that the local people are taking a real interest in sericulture. It is, I feel, a very good proposition for the area, as the resultant product is very light and minimizes freight costs.

Social.

The dissatisfaction with education in the area is such that the Kutubu people living in Pt. Moresby have raised almost \$1,000 which they hope to encourage the Administration to establish a school. The council is presently taking the matter up with the District Education Board.

From experience, I would say that there is very little incest, this I think should be adultery, which is prevalent. Carnal knowledge would be difficult to prove as the females in the area are slow to develop and their looks belie their age.

Another good patrol report by Mr. Veri. who is proving to be a very capable field officer.


J. Fabisch
Officer in Charge.

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Patrol Post,
POROMA,
Southern Highlands District.

15th December 1971.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
NIPA.

POROMA PATROL REPORT No. 9 of 1970/71.

Please find enclosed the original and three copies of the abovementioned patrol report.

The report has been rewritten and retyped as per your instruction 67-3-5 of 28th October 1971. The delay of course was due to Poroma Patrol No. 4 of 1971/72.

My comments are as follows :-

Local Government.


Most of the tax collection for the Lake Kutubu L.O.C. has now been completed by Mr. Veri and the new tax rate was paid by all without incident. Refer Report No. 4 of 1971/71.

House of Assembly.

The Poroma/ Kutubu / Bosavi areas of the Southern Highlands have now been combined to form a new electorate.

I have enclosed the comments of the former O.I.C. of this station which are still to some degree pertinent.

A fair report only by Mr. Veri.


J.R. Bullock.
Assistant District Officer.

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

9th December, 1971.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
NIPA.

FOROMA PATROL REPORT NO. 9 OF 1970/71
SITUATION REPORT.

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| <u>REPORT NO.</u> | Foroma Patrol Report No.9 1970/71. |
| <u>SUB DISTRICT.</u> | Nipa. |
| <u>DISTRICT.</u> | Southern Highlands. |
| <u>TYPE OF PATROL.</u> | Situation Report. |
| <u>COUNCIL AREA.</u> | Lake Kutuba. |
| <u>PATROL CONDUCTED BY.</u> | MORRA K.K. VERI. |
| <u>DESIGNATION.</u> | Trainee Patrol Officer. |
| <u>AREA PATROLLED.</u> | Fel'a Census Division. Fasy Census Division. |
| <u>PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING.</u> | 2 RFBG. Constabulary Members. 1 Interpreter. |
| <u>OBJECTS OF THE PATROL.</u> | Tax Payers Meeting Supervision of Work on Pimaga Airstrip. |
| <u>DURATION OF THE PATROL.</u> | 16/3/71 ... 7/5/71. (53 Days.) |

MORRA K.K. VERI.
TRAINEE PATROL OFFICER.

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POROMA PATROL REPORT NO.9 OF 1970/71.
SITUATION REPORT.

INTRODUCTION.

This patrol was a duration of 53 days commencing from 16th March to 7th May 1971. The main purpose of the patrol was to supervise the construction of Pinaga Airstrip and to conduct Tax Payers meetings in the Lake Kutubu Council area.

POLITICAL.

(i) Local Government.

The Lake Kutubu Local Government Council was established in 1966 and has been in operation for almost six years. It is now functioning very well and I think the local people in the area have fair idea on how it operates at this stage.

After spending some time working on Pinaga Airstrip the patrol then departed for Tax Payers meeting patrols which were conducted in various village centres. The results of the meetings showed that majority of the people in Fasu and Foi'i census Divisions wanted 1971/72 tax rate be \$2.00 for men at or over 18 years and \$0.50 for women at or over 18 years of age. A small minority group from Fasu suggested that it should remain as it was before.

A general meeting was held in the council chambers after the patrol and all the councillors agreed and passed a resolution that the 1971/72 tax rate be \$2.00 for men at the age of 18 years or over and women at the age of 18 years or over \$0.50.

(ii) House of Assembly.

Most of the people in the area seem to know their Regional MHA. Mr. R. Neville and Open MHA. Mr. T. Ebi'al well. However, there was some criticism from the local people on Mr. T. Ebi'al failure to patrol the area and some people suggested that he should at least visit them once or twice and give talks on what is happening in the House of Assembly and hear the peoples complaints.

Regarding the 1972 House of Assembly elections, the people in this area suggested that Poroma - Kutubu Electorate should have a Open member of their own instead of having one with Nipa. They feel that there is enough people in this two places and cannot see any reason why they be included with Nipa electorate.

(iii) Political Education.

Such topics as Independence and Self Government, National Unity and Taxation were discussed with the people for some length in various villages that I visited.

The idea of having Independence was not appreciated by many people in the area, though I pointed out to them that it is not going to happen too soon.

(iii) Political Education. contd.

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I told that Independence does not mean sending all the Europeans home but it means self rule. The people in Kutubu area like the idea of having self government and prefer Expatriates to remain and help this country progress.

I also told them that National Unity is needed in this country where there are many various languages and customs and to get this everyone of us must feel that it our land and work together as one. One man from Wasami suggested that one way in which this feeling of belonging to a country and breaking up all these customary barriers is encouraging intermarriage between Papuans and New Guineans.

I discussed with the people that income tax is paid by money earners whose fortnightly salaries range from eighteen dollars or more and the ordinary village man does not contribute to this. I told them then that the money is then used on big projects such as building hospitals, airstrips and roads.

ECONOMIC.

(i) General Rural Development.

I spent some 36 days supervising work on the Pimaga Airstrip after my arrival. The one hundred and four workmen on the airstrip were then split into three groups with specific jobs to do. The first group with five men were working on the main stripground removing weed, black dirt and fungi, the second lot were employed on cutting grass alongside the strip and the last group with majority men concentrated on removing earth from the parking bay. No actual work was done on extending the length of the strip because there was much uncertainty from D.C.A Officers whether the work should go ahead or not.

Other minor jobs done were construction of the roller, putting the markers on the strip, and putting up the wind sock and the two constables and an interpreter must be thanked for helping Mr. F. Reilly in completing these jobs.

The Pimaga Airstrip was officially opened on the 14th April by the DC ~~Munak~~ Mr. D. J. Clancy. The ADC Nipa and the OIC. of Porona Mr. J. Kabisch attended this occasion. Few landing trials were made on the 2,400 feet strip and then it was opened to category D.

(ii) Activities of Development Departments.

Trials were given on castor beans, citrus chellies and the silkworm by D.D.A officers on council ground and the results were successful except for citrus which unfortunately will have to stay for sometime before it comes to bearing.

For silkworm 3,000 eggs were received from Hagen and when they hatched the tiny wrigglers size $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $\frac{1}{4}$ " were then fed on the leaves, for twenty eight days. The first lot of silk that was spun was then sent out to Hagen. There were some assistant obtained from D.A.S.F officers on how to develop this project.

Few coconuts were planted by D.D.A officers on council ground but still none of them has produced anything. However, they will be economically valueless because examples from the missions have showed no favourable results. I think the reason for such a poor growth is that the altitude is too high for the crop.

(iii) Village Cash Crop Extension.

No actual cash cropping activity has developed in the area but the people hope to take up chelly and silkworm projects in the near future. At present some men at Fiwaga and Damayu are putting up fences for cows and once these paddocks get completed they will then buy cows from the mission at Orokana.

There are about thirteen trade stores in the Lake Kutubu area selling essential foodstuffs such as meat, fish, biscuits, soap and rice, to the people.

SOCIAL.

(i) Education.

The two Primary Schools in the area are Orokana and Inu with four other vernacular schools on the outer villages. The Orokana Primary school with a maximum of 140 pupils has got three indigenous teachers. The classes range from standards 1 to 4. The Inu Primary school has got only 94 pupils, three teachers and the classes range from 1 to 3.

The attendance for both schools is very good. English is the teaching medium and each school hopes to have thirty five students yearly. Both schools get their school materials from the Education department.

Much criticism was lodged on these vernacular schools because the teaching is in local language. The people like their young ones to be taught in English so that it would be easy for them to enter Primary schools.

The Kutubu people also complained that they should have one Administration primary school in the area instead of missions running all the schools. They said that the missions teaching is good except that they sometimes take religion into the school subjects and this makes it much complicated for children to learn. I told them that we cannot have another school because there is always a shortage in teachers in the Territory.

(ii) Health.

The Lake Kutubu area has got two clinics owned by the missions and four aid posts for the Council. Each clinic and the aid posts have wards built for the patients to use when receiving treatment. Such sicknesses as leprosy, tuberculosis, malaria and some other minor diseases are treated in these aid posts and the clinics.

Apart from this the clinics are also used as delivery

centres for mothers. The Orokana mission nurses hold monthly clinics in various villages and usually about one to two hundred mothers attend them. The missions and the council aid posts get medical supplies from P.H.D Mendi.

(iii) Law and Order.

I arbitrated on several minor disputes and complaints especially on marriages and stealing. Quite a few of them were settled with reasonable agreement from the parties but the ones that were a bit difficult to deal with were sent to Pinaga for hearing.

On the whole law and order in the area is very good.


(iv) Youth Activity.

There are no women's clubs in the Lake Kutubu area but the A.P.C Mission women do conduct sewing classes and show village women how to bake bread. These classes are carried out at Kabuge, Baobo and Orokana mission station.

MISCELLANEOUS.

I held series of discussions in the villages that I visited making suggestions to the people that each individual family should build its own house rather than living in one single house. The reason why I made this suggestion was that many men just depend on their women to look after the children, cook food and do everything whereas if they were in their individual houses I think men would do a fair share in helping the women.

The other reason is that each family can sit and think about sending their children to schools.


Morea K.K. Vari.
Trainee Patrol Officer.

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POROMA PATROL REPORT NO.9 OF 1970/71.

PATROL DIARY.

TUESDAY 16TH MARCH, 1971. 1500 hrs. arrived at Grahams. Discussed with some boys about the progress of the work on the airstrip.
Slept Council Chambers.

WEDNESDAY 17TH MARCH, 1971. 0800 hrs. Organized work on the Pimaga airstrip. Discussed with some people on schools in the Lake Kutubu area.
Slept Council Chambers.

THURSDAY 18TH MARCH, 1971. 0800 hrs. ~~Examined~~ saw shotgun licenses, found the old post orderlies and then worked on the airstrip.
Slept Council Chambers.

FRIDAY 19TH MARCH, 1971. 0800 hrs. Examined more shotgun licenses, then worked on the airstrip.
Slept Council Chambers.

SATURDAY 20TH MARCH, 1971. 0800 hrs. Had talks with few Councillors about 1971/72 tax rate and gave some hints on how the councils operate.
Slept Council Chambers.

SUNDAY 21ST MARCH, 1971.
Observed at Council Chambers.
Slept Council Chambers.

MONDAY 22ND MARCH, 1971. 0800 hrs. Worked on the Pimaga airstrip, digging drains, removing sage and tree stumps.
Slept Council Chambers.

TUESDAY 23RD MARCH, 1971. 0800 hrs. Tax payers meeting held at the Council Chambers. Twelve villages were present for the meeting.
Slept Council Chambers.

WEDNESDAY 24TH MARCH, 1971. 0800 hrs. Worked on Pimaga airstrip removing sage and tree stumps.
Slept Council Chambers.

THURSDAY 25TH MARCH, 1971. 0800 hrs. Helped Mr. F. Reilly with the construction of the roller, putting up the markers on the strip.
Slept Council Chambers.

FRIDAY 26TH MARCH, 1971. 0800 hrs. Construction of the roller completed. Worked on the airstrip removing sage and tree stumps.
Slept Council Chambers.

SATURDAY 27TH MARCH, 1971. 0800 hrs. More shotgun licenses examined.
Slept Council Chambers.

SUNDAY 28TH MARCH, 1971.
Observed at the Council Chambers.
Slept Council Chambers.

MONDAY 29TH MARCH, 1971. 0800 hrs. Inspected the progress of work on the roads. General discussions with some councillors on their living.
Slept Council Chambers.

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THURSDAY 20TH MARCH, 1971.
Worked on the airstrip.
Slept Council Chambers.

0800 hrs. Checked men working on the roads.

FRIDAY 21ST MARCH, 1971.
on a case.
Slept Council Chambers.

0800 hrs. Worked on the airstrip. Arbitrated

THURSDAY 25TH MARCH, 1971.
and tree stumps.
Slept Council Chambers.

0800 hrs. Worked on the airstrip removing sage

FRIDAY 26TH MARCH, 1971.
Slept Council Chambers.

0800 hrs. Worked on the Pinaga airstrip.

SATURDAY 27TH APRIL, 1971.
Observed at the Council Chambers.
Slept Council Chambers.

SUNDAY 28TH APRIL, 1971.
Observed at the Council Chambers.

MONDAY 29TH APRIL, 1971.
Slept Council Chambers.

0800 hrs. Worked on the airstrip.

TUESDAY 30TH APRIL, 1971.
working on the road.
Slept Council Chambers.

0800 hrs. Worked on the airstrip the checked men

WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL, 1971.
Slept Council Chambers.

0800 hrs. Worked on the airstrip.

THURSDAY 2ND APRIL, 1971.
and tree stumps. Arbitrated on a case where 2 men were unwilling to work on
the road.
Slept Council Chambers.

0800 hrs. Worked on the airstrip removing sage

FRIDAY 3RD APRIL, 1971.
Observed at the Council Chambers.
Slept Council Chambers. Easter Holidays

SATURDAY 4TH APRIL, 1971.
Observed at the Council Chambers.
Slept Council Chambers.

SUNDAY 5TH APRIL, 1971.
Observed at the Council Chambers.
Slept Council Chambers.

MONDAY 6TH APRIL, 1971.
Observed at the Council Chambers.
Slept Council Chambers.

TUESDAY 7TH APRIL, 1971.
fungus, sage and tree stumps.
Slept Council Chambers.

0800 hrs. Worked on the airstrip removing wood.

WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL, 1971.
Slept Council Chambers. 0800 hrs. Worked on the airstrip until the D.C
men arrived and opened the Pinaga airstrip.

THURSDAY 15TH APRIL, 1971. 0800 hrs. Worked on Pimaga airstrip, then did some banking for the people and attended Council meetings. Slept Council Chambers.

FRIDAY 16TH APRIL, 1971. 0800 hrs. Attended Council meeting all day. Slept Council Chambers.

SATURDAY 17TH APRIL, 1971.
Observed at Council Chambers.
Slept Council Chambers.

SUNDAY 18TH APRIL, 1971.
Observed at Council Chambers.
Slept Council Chambers.

MONDAY 19TH APRIL, 1971. 0900 hrs. Departed Pimaga arrived Kafa at 1330. Held tax payers meeting and then gave talks on political education. Discussions on the living conditions. Slept Kafa.

TUESDAY 20TH APRIL, 1971. 0800 hrs. Departed Kafa arrived Serotage at 1230 hrs. Tax payers meeting conducted, talks given on political education. Slept Serotage.

WEDNESDAY 21ST APRIL, 1971. 0900 hrs. Departed Serotage arrived Tamdigi at 1400 hrs. Slept Tamdigi.

THURSDAY 22ND APRIL, 1971. 0800 hrs. Departed Tamdigi arrived Mann at 1730 hrs. Arbitrated on several cases concerning marriage problems. Slept Mann.

FRIDAY 23RD APRIL, 1971. 0800 hrs. Arbitrated on stealing and repayment of bride price payments. Tax payers meeting held, talks on political education. Discussions on living conditions. Slept Mann.

SATURDAY 24TH APRIL, 1971. 0800 hrs. Departed Mann arrived Eidinikha at 1000 hrs. Tax payers meeting and political education conducted. Discussions on improving living conditions. Slept Eidinikha.

SUNDAY 25TH APRIL, 1971. 0900 hrs. Departed Eidinikha arrived Iogifa at 1500 hrs. Slept Iogifa.

MONDAY 26TH APRIL, 1971. 0900 hrs. Departed Iogifa arrived Here at 1300. Observed at Here as it was a Public Holiday. Slept Here.

TUESDAY 27TH APRIL, 1971. 0900 hrs. Conducted tax payers meeting and gave talks on political education. Discussions with the people on living conditions. Slept Here.

WEDNESDAY 28TH APRIL, 1971. 0715 hrs. Departed Here arrived Wasani at 0930 hrs. Conducted tax payers meeting and talks given on political education. Slept Wasani.

THURSDAY 28TH APRIL, 1971. 0830 hrs. Departed Wanaui arrived Gagego at 1745 hrs. Conducted tax payers meeting and talks given on political education. Discussions on living conditions. Slept Gagego.

FRIDAY 29TH APRIL, 1971. 0715 hrs. Departed Gagego arrived Pinaga at 1930 hrs. Checked work progress on the strip. Slept Council Chambers.

SATURDAY 30TH APRIL, 1971. 0800 hrs. Checked trade stores at Kerebe. Slept Council Chambers.

SUNDAY 1ST MAY, 1971. Observed at Council Chambers. Slept Council Chambers.

MONDAY 2ND MAY, 1971. 0800 hrs. Worked on the Pinaga airstrip. Slept Council Chambers.

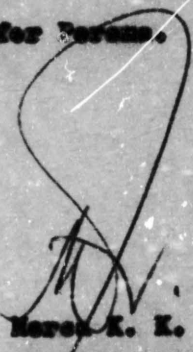
TUESDAY 3RD MAY, 1971. 0800 hrs. Checked new working on the roads and Pinaga airstrip. Slept Council Chambers.

WEDNESDAY 4TH MAY, 1971. 0800 hrs. Checked new trade stores at Pinaga. Slept Council Chambers.

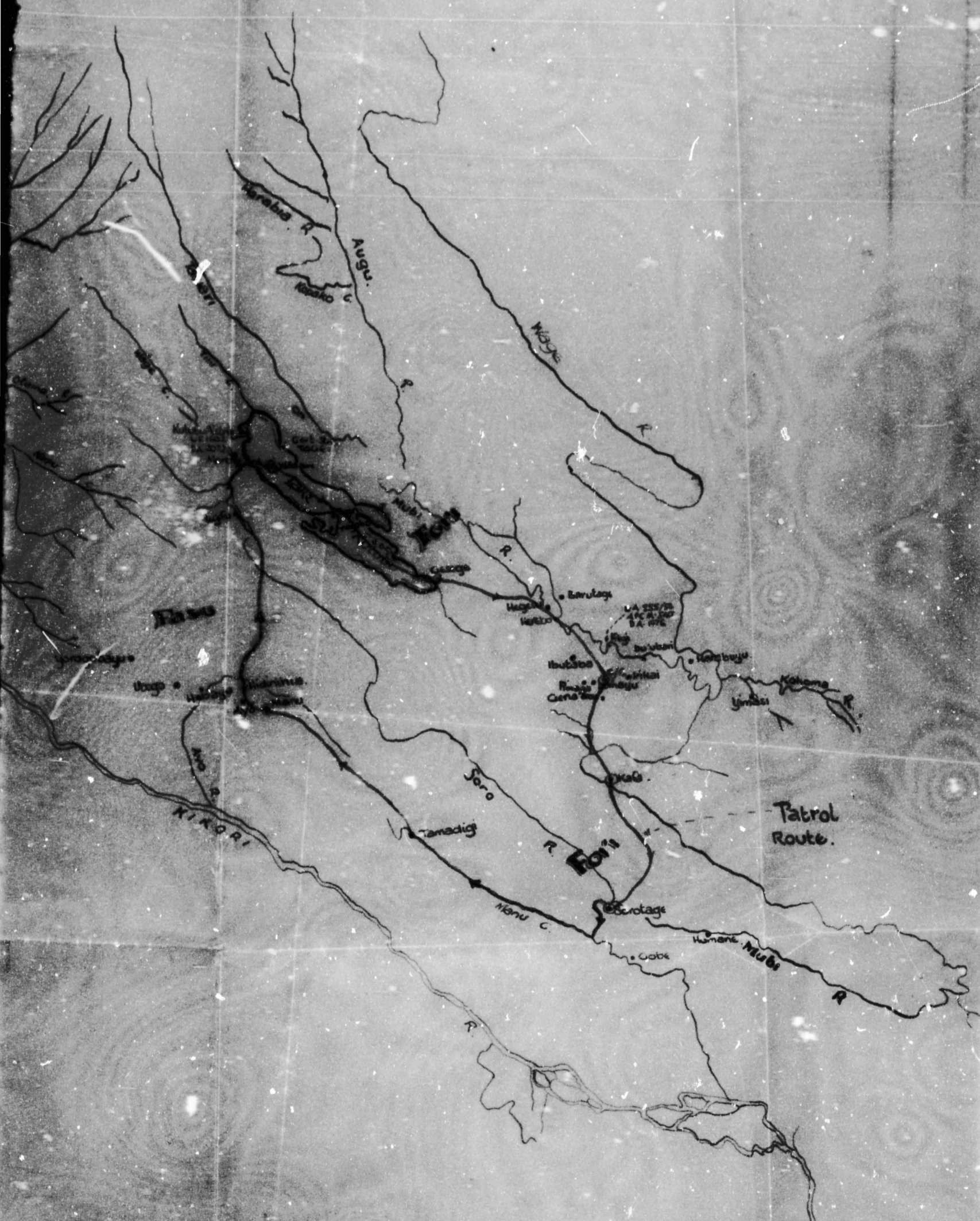
THURSDAY 5TH MAY, 1971. 0800 hrs. Worked on the strip. Slept Council Chambers.

FRIDAY 6TH MAY, 1971. 0900 hrs. Departed Pinaga for Toromo.

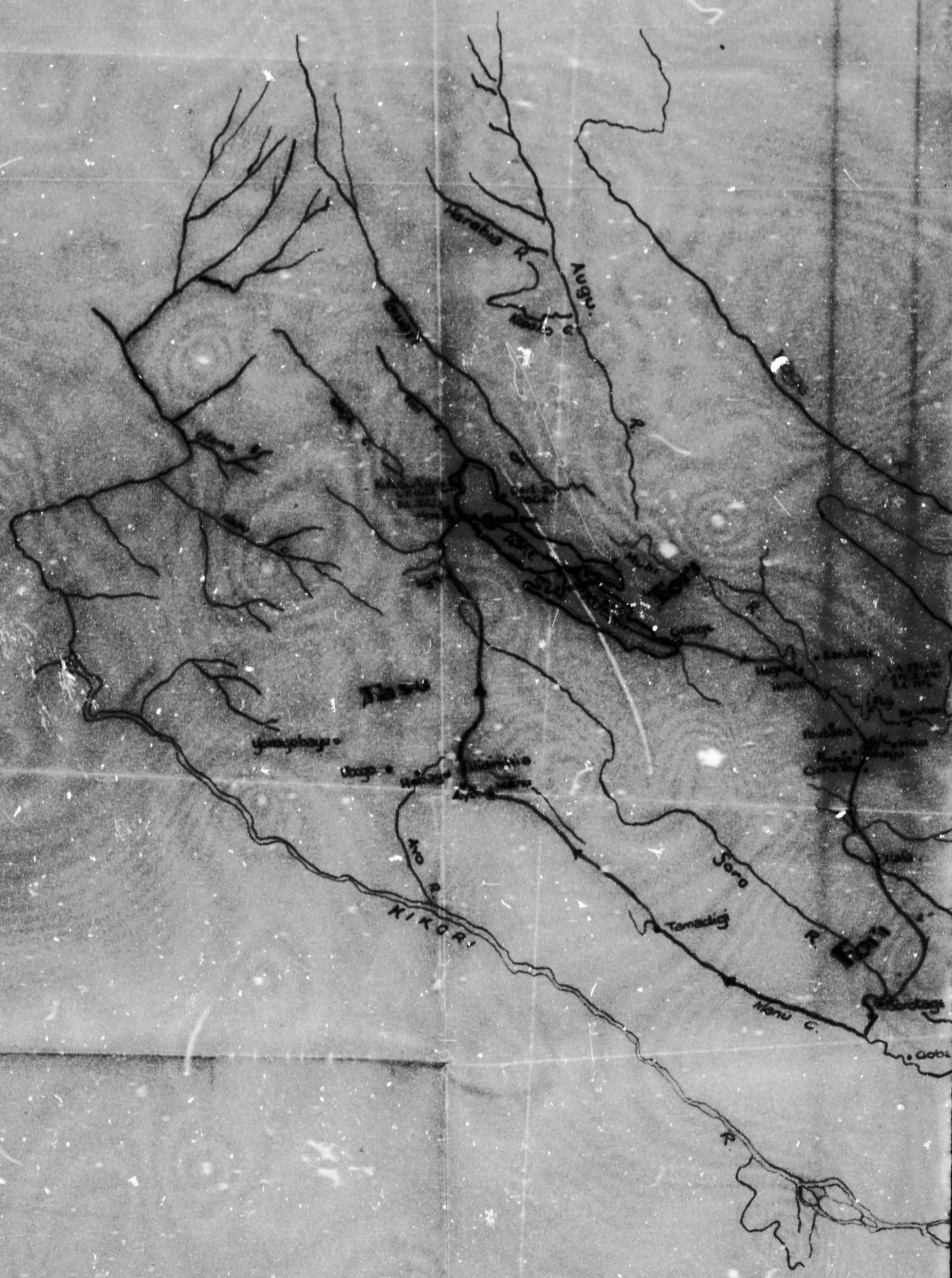
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Mervin K. K. Vori.
Troop Patrol Officer.

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TO RECOMPANY PATROL No. 5 of 1966/67

- ▲ REST HOUSE
- - - VEHICLE ROAD
- LAND BOUNDARY

Scale 1:25 = 1 mile

PATROL POST
MIRA

1" = 4 miles

