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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... MARGARIMA No. 1 of 1968/69

Subdistrict..... NIPIA SUB DISTRICT

District..... SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT

Type of Patrol..... ANNUAL CENSUS - TAX

Patrol Conducted by..... K.N.J. ALLEN A.D.O.

Area Patrolled } MARGARIMA PATROL POST AREA

(Council and/or } MARGARIMA L.G. COUNCIL

Census Division/s.) } MARGARIMA C.D. / UPPER WAGE C.D.

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

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Duration of Patrol—from 15/9/68..... To 12/10/68.....

No. of Days..... 23 days out - 13 days out

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area..... November 1967

Date..... ditto..... Duration..... 27 days

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)..... Census Revision, Council tax Revision,
education economically, politically, Pyrethrum Push
roadworks, general administration.

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... 9,577 (with 1,000 from the Lai Valley area
regularly coming to Margarima for general administration).

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

[Signature]
District Commissioner.

27/11/68

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23/11/68



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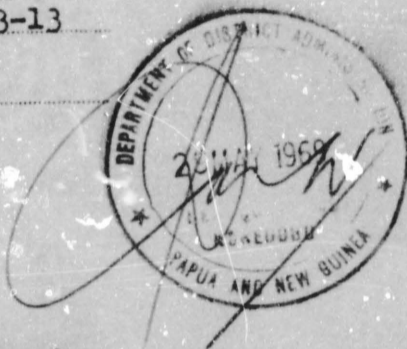
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Mr.

Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

23rd May, 1969



The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEBOBU.

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Patrol Report - MAGARIMA No 1 of 1968/69.

Your reference 67-15-41 of 13th May, 1969
refers.

Enclosed please find the copy of the covering
memorandum 67-2-3 dated 10th April, 1969 from the Assistant
District Commissioner, Nipa.

E. J. Emanuel
(B. J. Emanuel) A
a/District Commissioner.

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Sub-District Office,
NIPA.
S.H.D.

10th April, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MEHDI.
S.H.D.

MARGARIMA PATROL REPORT No. 1 - 1968/69 - K.N.J. ALLEN.

Please find attached copies of Margarima Patrol Report No. 1. of 1968/69. The patrol visited the Margarima and Upper Wage Census Divisions of the Margarima Administrative area, it was conducted by Mr. K.N.J. Allen A.D.O. Objects of the patrol are as stated on the Report cover.

Introduction. Regarding Mr. Allens comments on the work load, a clerical assistant has since been posted to Margarima and it is probable that a junior officer will be posted there on the completion of accomodation for him. Construction has been commenced on this accomodation.

Political Development. Unfortunately, following an accident, the Councils new tractor has been unserviceable for all but one month, since its arrival.

House of Assembly. A great deal more work will be required in the field of political education before the people will acquire any real political awareness.

Economic Development. Due to the high altitude of the area pyrethrum is the only known economic crop with any potential.

With proper cultivation and harvesting 500 acres of pyrethrum should yield considerably more than the 3 x 16,000 lbs of flower mentioned in para (b).

AREA STUDY.

Land Tenure and Use. (c) Cash Cropping. Pyrethrum is, so far, the only known crop of economic viability suitable for remote high altitude areas such as Margarima. As such it will form the basis of this areas economy for some years to come. Unfortunately it is an unpopular crop with the people of this area and as such it will require the continuing efforts of this Department and the Department of Agriculture to ensure that the people learn to love the flower.

Non Indigenous. (a) Private Enterprise. A fairly well stocked trade store owned by the Supiri Co. has since been established on Margarima Station.

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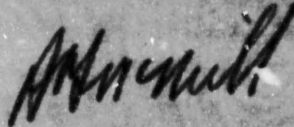
Communications. (a) Roads and Bridges. Due to extensive labour commitments on the Margarima/Tari Road it has not been possible to upgrade either the Margarima/Nipa or the Margarima/Kandep roads as much as had been anticipated. Nether the less they have been adequately maintained.

With the completion of the Margarima/Tari road it would be adviseable to construct a steel bridge over the Wage River. The bridging point is far to wide for a suitable and adequate timber bridge.

(c) Air. With increasing aircraft movements it is becoming obvious that the Margarima airstrip will require surfacing within the next two years. The existing grass surface is starting to show the effects of the heavier movements.

In conclusion it can be said that the Margarima area is developing in at a steady rate and that this rate of development should gradually accelerate over the next two years.

Mr. Allen has submitted an interesting report. A little more care could have been taken with grammar and writt typing. The more obvious mistakes could have been amended with a ballpoint.



(A.F. McNeill).
A/Assistant District Commissioner.

67-15-41

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May 13th, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MORONI.

PARCEL NO. MARGARINA 1/68-69

Your reference 67-5-13 of 28th April, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Census Report by Mr. K.N.J. ALLEN, Assistant District Officer to Margarina and Upper Waga Census Divisions.

A fair report which does not follow the format for an Area Study report as laid down in Volume I of Departmental Standing Instructions. Mr. ALLEN should observe this when submitting similar reports in future.

The use of such terms as "ROKHE" and "HAKHA" should be discouraged and a number of spelling errors were the general appearance of the report. The map is good.

It is pleasing to note the success of the pyrethrum "push". This should provide an economic lift until such time as other activities such as tea-planting and cattle-raising, if suitable, can be introduced into the area.

More intensive effort is required to push through the Margarina section of the TARI-KIRIBAHINA road as quickly as possible.

No copy of memorandum from the Assistant District Commissioner, Mga was received. Same is required please.

c.c. Mr. K.N.J. Allen,
Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
MORONI,
Southern Highlands District.

[Signature]
(T.W. HARRIS)
Director

Please note that political education must be a continuing process in all situations with the emphasis on the advantages of national unity.



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Department of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

28th April, 1969.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT - MARGARIMA NO.1 OF 1968/69

Enclosed find a report of a patrol to the Margarima and Upper Wage Census Divisions of the Nipa Sub-district, Southern Highlands District.

Comprehensive comments by the A.D.C. are also attached.

The only cash crop in the area is pyrethrum, a difficult crop for which the return in cash compared to the labour expended is small. However, this is at the moment the only "high level" crop that is feasible at the altitude at which these people live.

During a recent visit, Mr. G. Graham, Research and Survey Division of the Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries, promised to look into the possibilities of cattle in the area along the Margarima - Tari road. The altitude of this marshy country is around 8000', but there are broad grassed hills which may be suitable for this purpose. There is some thought being given to the introduction of Javanese sheep to the area. It will be interesting to see how they fare in this area - that is, if the scheme ever gets off the ground.

When a suitable road system is available the Margarima area should be suitable for tea. With the present roads the economics of tea are marginal.

Mr. Allen's remarks about the possibility of intensive planting of pyrethrum in the area along the Tari-Margarima road is news to me. I had thought that these plans had been dropped.

Margarima is only a relatively new station and as yet has not properly settled down. However, this is no reason why the place has not progressed better than it has. Possibly there is too much of a tendency to dismiss it as a cold bleak place and leave it at that. This attitude will have to cease and a more driving spirit is required.

(D. J. CLANCY)
District Commissioner.

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Margarima Patrol Post,
Nipa Sub District,
SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT.

5th February 1969.

District Commissioner,
Dept. District Administration
Southern Highlands District,
KENDI.

~~Assistant District Commissioner,
Dept. District Administration,
Nipa Sub District,
NIPA~~

MARGARIMA PATROL REPORT No. 1 of 1968/69

Herewith please find the above patrol report complete with attached Census Revision forms, maps for Head quarters and District Office, also Camping Allowance claim.

It is regretted that the report may incur some disfavour for lateness but it may be realized that completion of patrol reports in the new form (i.e. other than a Memorandum), does require time and consideration. Margarima is a one man affair handling the same matters that larger stations do - and all available spare time has been used up organizing and supervising mass labour on the Margarima-Tari road route over the last two months.

There is nothing contained within the report I feel, that has become Administratively 'stale' however.

For your consideration please, and onforward-
to Headquarters.

K.N.J. Allen

K.N.J. Allen
Assistant District Officer.

INTRODUCTION:

The patrol was conducted to collect the Council tax, revise the whole area's Census figures, supervise and survey roadworks throughout the Patrol Post area, and give extensive talks on economic development, political development and fully prepare the people for the impending intensive Pyrethrum Push, as well as general Administration in its many facets. The patrol was conducted over a lengthy period, necessitated by the fact that the patrolling officer had to constantly return to the station to perform clerical duties and treasury duties, and supervise station and council projects. Margarima does require a second, supporting officer, and/or some clerical assistance either D.D.A. or Council. A competent Cadet would be preferable, to take some of the work load of road supervision and surveying, judicial investigations etc., and projects, as well as elementary correspondence and clerical duties, (as the latter facets appear to be escalating, somewhat tying one up).

Roads and walking tracks through^{out} were in reasonable condition - and the patrol was fortunate to be able to utilize a Toyota vehicle and a Honda motor-bike to gain access to five-eighths of the population. These are invaluable regarding roadwork supervision and direction etc., mainly from the saving of man-hours point of view.

The patrol was well received by all groups and the standard of Rest Houses was from fair to good - with village leaders generally seeing to the patrol's welfare. Adequate wardings of the patrol's itinerary were given in all places with the result that absenteeism was minimal.

Perhaps the most impressive discovery during the patrol was the fact that all those required to pay Council tax did so without hesitation or bickering - with only isolated cases of financially impoverished persons seeking Exemptions or reductions. Due to the general unsophisticated nature of the mass, the Tax Review Committee had to travel around with the patrol, its function therefore being able to be explained fully. The people possess an inherent ability to misconstrue things occasionally, at will.

DIARY.

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Thursday 15/9/68 Departed Margarima 1500hrs and proceeded by Honda to WOIYA, to where tractor/trailer bought police and cargo. Discussions with dignitaries. Rain. Slept WOIYA

Friday 16/9 Tax/Census WOIYA
Talks economic, political development
Pyrethrum Push.
Departed WOIYA, walking, crossed WAGE River by rather hazardous 'kanda' bridge, arrived OMBAL after 1 hour 15mts.
Discussions. Slept OMBAL

Saturday 17/9 Tax Census.
Usual talks in full.
Road inspection/survey.
Departed OMBAL 1430hrs and arrived SEBIBA in rain 1535hrs. Discussions. Slept SEBIBA

Sunday 18/9 Tax/census - usual talks.
Disputes settled.
Returned and slept HENEP - 1 hour.

Monday 19/9 Tax/census - usual extensive talks
Complaints heard.
Walked to SONGURA, 1 hour, reasonable track.

Tuesday 20/9 Tax/census - usual talks, for SONGURA and SOKAPEM. Numerous disputes.
2 Local Courts.
Slept SONGURA.

Wednesday 21/9 Departed SONGURA 0900hrs and arrived KABENDA 1030hrs over a rough limestone terrain. Discussions with leaders.
1300hrs tax/census - usual talks.
Slept KABENDA.

Thursday 22/9 Local courts and disputes.
Road route inspection - rather hopeless terrain along the limestone wall of a valley.
Work on census and tax figures. Slept KABENDA

Friday 23/9 4 hr walk from KABENDA to station.
Treasury work - paye etc. Slept Margarima.

24/9 to 25/9 Work on census figures - slept station.

Monday 26/9 Census/tax for HONEI and PIBI on station.
Usual talks.
Station duties. Slept station.

Tuesday 27/9 Census/tax - talks. Aruba 2. and KAMBORO also MABIA.
General station duties. Slept Station.

Wednesday 28/9 To MABERA by tractor/trailer.
Tax census - usual talks economic development political development and Pyrethrum Push.
Disputes. Returned and slept station.

Thursday 29/9 By Toyota to WENJA - census/tax - talks
Returned and slept station.

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Friday 30/9/68 Station routine.
31st and 1st Work on census figures. Slept station.

Monday 2/10/68 Station duties - courts - slept station.

Tuesday 3/10/68 By Toyota to YENEGARI. Tax/census - usual talks. Pig dispute settled. Slept YENEGARI.

Wednesday 4/10/68 Departed YENEGARI 0800hrs and arrived TUNDAKA 0945hrs - good track.
Census / tax - usual talks in fall.
Investigated census overlapping S.H.D. and W.H.D.

Thursday 5/10/68 Departed TUNDAKA and arrived WIRIMBI after 1 1/2 hrs - track O.K.. Discussions with leaders. Slept WIRIMBI.

Friday 6/10/68 2 hrs walk to PANDUAGA 2, Census/tax - usual talks for PANDUAGA 1 and 2. Minor disputes settled. Slept PANDUAGA.

Saturday 7/10/68 1 hr to ARIAKA - census/tax - talks. one Local court.
2 hrs to UGU - observed small sulphur gas-leak en route. Complaints and discussions. Slept UGU.

Sunday 7/10/68 Tax/census - talks UGU.
1hr walk to TABALA, talks completed but tax census interrupted by tempest. Slept station.

Monday 9/10/68 Census/tax for TABALA and WAMBIA at TABALA. Complaints. Returned station.

Tuesday 10/10/68 By tractor then leg to TIENGO (ARUBA 1) - Talks then tax census. Disputes settled, one Local Court. Returned and slept station.

Wednesday 11/10/68 By tractor to SAMBALA, 1/2 hr. Talks at length - tax/census. Disputes settled. Returned and slept station.

Thursday 12/10/68 By tractor to KEME.w Talks and tax/census. By tractor on to IARU and routine again completed. Minor complaints settled. Returned to Margarima station - Patrol stood down.

J. Miller . A.P.O.

SITUATION REPORT.

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POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT:

(a) Local Government: The Margarima L.G. Council was established in August 1966 and although development has indeed been slow due to financial difficulties due a low income, it has been solid and the council is now firmly established on a firm basis for future development socially, economically and politically among the people it serves. A great deal of the unsophisticated constituents are, as is to be expected, probably more than a little hazy about just what the council's ends are and of course, where their taxation disappears to. Naturally continued explanation and propaganda, generally, at all times shall get the idea to the bulk of them. Ignorance shall become an increasingly less formidable obstacle in time as is the case in other council areas.

During the year the Council collected \$2585 in tax and other Revenue amounted to a total revenue of \$4,352 with this amount including \$500 Admin. Grant in Aid, and \$517 Carry-over from the previous year. Because of the per capita income's present stagnation towards any substantial increase, the 1969/70 tax rate has been left at the same amount - that is, 80c males and 20c females. With the success of the recent Pyrethrum planting the total of the money circulating shall increase substantially.

Most advantageous to council progress and prestige was the arrival of the council's new M.F. 165 Diesel tractor trailer unit - which shall shortly be ~~xxx~~ drawing general maintenance contract revenue from the Administration.

Although the overall standard of Councillor is not good, with only a few speaking Pidgin, and all illiterate, and most unfamiliar with financial dealings, it may be anticipated that their value shall improve with greater experience and sophistication and awareness of their responsibilities given them by constant training and advice.

Five new groups from the Upper Wage area were included into the Council's constitution and appear keen to support the council in all fields. These new groups are more isolated from the station and a second officer at Margarima would give them more patrolling and start a road into this region.

Local Government Councillors and other influentials:

- OBAL :- Cllr. IBAGAIYA - reasonably effective
- SEBIBA:- Cllr. MAUI - reasonably effective.
HILALA - traditional leader
- HENEP: Cllr. KEREM - effective.
Komiti MARAN
LABU - headman.
- OMBAL:- Cllr. MAUI - ex policeman, very pro-Admin., effective,
pidgin speaker.
Komiti/headman - Walimbo
BORO - headman.
- SONGURA:- Cllr. PIPON, reasonably effective.
WABEI - Komiti
SAUWI - Headman
MANGALI - Headman
- SOLAPEM :- Cllr. KAPEI, not a real force.
PES - Komiti
HUNK - Headman
MANGIP - Headman
- KAPENDA :- Cllr. LAMBU - aged but a forcefull personality.
PISAWEI - Komiti
ALIGA - Komiti
ANDAJA - Headmand
SIKIBI - Headman, ex Manuapoliceman.
KWIMP - " " " "

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- WOIYA :- Cllr HULUNK, reasonably effective.
AGO - Komiti
WALIMBO - Komiti/Headman
 - PUL :- Cllr. KWINJ, not a very influential personality.
OBOL - Komiti
PIRIEL - Komiti
SENGET - Headman
PABOL - Headman
 - WENJA :- Cllr. MOGERA, also an Administration Interpreter
Patrol, a shrewd politically minded
younger man, pro-Government. Been to
Madang and Goroka on Admin. trips.
SO - Komiti, an influential, strong willed person
economically minded.

POCAIDJA - Komiti
Headman- UGAP - Headman
KIBUGA - Headman, Cllr. MOGERA's father.
YALIP - Headman

Cllr. TALI, intelligent, forcefull, progressive man
SOMBEI - Komiti
YAGEP - Komiti
PCNIN - Headman
LEM - Headman

(Influentials Cont.)

SAMBALA :- Cllr. HARUT (Council President)
An unfortunate choice for President.
Not particularly influential
and appears to be of limited intelligence.

- PARA - Komiti
- TIS - Komiti
- WAMBEI - Headman
- YANGORU - Headman

Cllr. LERU, a background uninfluential.
 KAPON - Komiti
 KABERU - Komiti
 DINGAIP - Headman
 LUBAI - Headman

KEME :- Cllr. NENE, younger man, intelligent, reasonably effective
 URELI - Komiti
 TANDU - Komiti
 TAUWANDA - Headman
 HONABA = Headman

IARU :- Cllr. OGEP, not a great force.
 APINA - Komiti
 YALOBAI - Headman
 FIGI - Headman, a younger man

YENAGARI:- Cllr. MIAKO, apparently influential, pro-Admin., Headman.
 IBAGO - Komiti
 IBAGO - " (same names)
 LUMBI = Headman.

TUNDAKA :- Cllr. ROMBAIYA, intelligent, progressive, persuasive.
 PIBULA - Komiti
 URINDU - Komiti/Headman

WIRIMBI :- KIWAGI Cllr., averagely effective
 TAUKOBI - Komiti
 KIWA - Headman

PANDUAGA 1 :- Cllr. MONEI, reasonably intelligent.
 WABEI - Headman
 TOMABEI - Komiti

PANDUAGA 2 :- Cllr. WARO, reasonably effective, Headman
 LIBEI - Komiti, quite persuasive, currently in gaol.
 TONDOLI - Komiti
 TOBI - Headman

ARIAKA :- Cllr. KUNI, forcefull, strong willed, reasonably affect.
 PIBULA - Komiti
 MELALI - an old ancient given to wearing a striking
 old hat and coat ensemble. Quite effective.

WAMBIA :- Cllr. IOBA, progressive, pre-admin., quite effective.
 TELENGETI - Komiti
 TINABEI - Headman
 TAKAU - Komiti

UGU :- YAKOBEI Cllr. - a bit volatile little man, quite
 effective when steered in right directions.
 KARI - Komiti
 MABI - Komiti
 LAGI - Headman

(Influentials Cont.)

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- TABALA :- Cllr. HEGARI, Headman, influential
TANGWOREI - Komiti
HARABE - Komiti, quite effective, sensible.
KINEI - Headman
- MABIA :- Cllr. YABEI, Headman, not too influential
KADJAWI - Komiti
POYABU - Komiti
PANGU - Headman
- ARUBA 2. :- Cllr. POCAIDJA, 4 wives, but intelligent, progressive
quite effective.
WABEI - Komiti/Headman
TABARA - Headman
- ARUBA 1 :- Cllr. ANDADJA, semi-headman, ex Council President,
intelligent, progressive.
AGOBELI - Komiti
KANDIBELI - Komiti
YANGALA - Headman
KESAIYA - Headman
- PIBI, HONEI :- Cllr. IGILA, married into area from Kandep border area.
Aid Post Supervisor with PHD Margarina,
progressive, intelligent, diplomatic -
and something of an entrepreneur.
- (HONEI) :- HALAPANGI - Komiti/ headman
KIMBILIGO - Komiti - sensible, persuasive force,
quite effective.
- PINGI :- Cllr. HARABE, reasonably effective.
ANGAWOI - Komiti
LAWEI - Komiti
WAIJELI - Headman
- KAMBORO :- Cllr. LINA, a reasonably persuasive force.
YAUJUNI - Komiti
LABEI - Headman
PARALA - Headman

Odd Influentials :-

- AGIBEI (Unis) of Aruba 2. Council storeman,
interpreter, D.A.C. representative.
Elementary literacy with Catholic Mission
in Mendi. Unofficial interpreter for Patrol
Post. Assists with road work. Intelligent,
progressive and pro-Administration.
- KEWAL of Aruba 1 (Tiengo) - station carpenter, typical
of the younger progressive.
- Hapei of TUNDAKA, DDA labourer, unofficial interpreter,
young, forceful, progressive.
- KARI of Kapenda, young, reasonably intelligent, DDA
labourer, roadworks supervisor.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:-

The people generally seem to be aware that they have a Member who goes to meetings in Port Moresby, and they know who he is - but do not seem to attach much importance to it at this stage. In the vicinity of the station however, where people have contact with station personnel, their understanding is greater - and naturally almost all of the Councillors are familiar with the Member's responsibilities and function. The Member is TEGI Ebaical of the Nipa area and he has made sporadic visits to Margarima L.G. Council meetings and so forth. He has gained a certain amount of popularity in the Margarima area, but the people are already considering their own candidate already for the next elections.

The voting population is now reasonably au fait with the actual mechanics of casting their votes, and realize the principle behind the preferential selection technique. They have however, due to their inexperience, no ideas or suggestions regarding the methods of voting and selection.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

(a) Rural Development: The only economic development in the area is agricultural. This is in order of importance, Pyrethrum, sale of fresh foods to the station and missions, and sale of pit-sawn timber on a small scale to the station.

(b) Development Departments: D.A.S.F. is very active in the Margarima area and has had a European Rural Development Officer and an Agriculture Assistant posted in the area for just over two years. About the time of this patrol three additional RDO's and a team of A.A.'s and Field Assistants carried out an extensive Pyrethrum planting program - and were successful in exceeding their quotas and planting over 400 acres throughout. A good deal of energy had to put into education and indoctrination initially but the program was completed without undue trouble (apart from transport breakdowns) and the people are now hopefully awaiting price increases per pound above the previous 15 cents. During 1967/68 approximately 15,600 lb of flower was purchase by D.A.S.F., and this should treble this year.

(Economic Development Cont.)

The present D.A.S.F. establishment is one R.D.O., 2 A.A.s, and a number of Field Assistants and Farmer Trainees. Six farmer-trainees from each Census Division attended an extensive course at Kagua, and are now back in their home area following agricultural pursuits. There are also 2 men, including one Councillor, at another farmer-trainee course at Baiyer River. Initially the people appeared uninterested agriculturally but have now progressed to the stage where they are keen to make success of the Pyrethrum business - and one can only trust that the overseas markets do not collapse as this would drastically effect D.A.S.F. prestige in this region.

(C) Non-Indigenous Development : This has already been discussed - and no non-native development is envisaged before road links improve. Soil tests were recently taken from the high altitude alpine grasslands (8,000 plus feet) west of Margarima along the proposed Tari road towards the DUMA Peaks, and this land may be alienated for concentrated Pyrethrum planting when the new road reaches it.

The Capuchin Mission at Margarima may start a small saw-mill, or saw-bench, to utilize some of the good quality timber about, and the L.G. Council is currently looking for some sort of unit to attach onto the new M.F. Tractor power-unit.

A certain amount of cash is bought into the region from returned Highland Labourers - but this is difficult to estimate - and the people are increasingly willing to work in their own area.

The L.G. Council has allocated funds for a small poultry project, which has not yet begun operating, but this shall be mainly directed towards improving the quality of existing native owned stock in the initial stages.

There are no indigenous entrepreneurs currently engaged in private development - although one Councillor MAUI of OMBAL is strongly contemplating a small cattle scheme with D.A.S.F. assistance - and eventual Development Bank backing is probable. The Councillors generally would welcome non-indigenous enterprise in the Margarima area - to serve as a source of employment and instruction.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number MARGARIMA No. 2 - 68/69

Subdistrict NIPA

District SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

Type of Patrol SPECIAL

Patrol Conducted by M.J. EDGAR. Assistant District Officer

Area Patrolled Margarima L.G. Council

(Council and/or Upper Wage Census Division

Census Division/s.)

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

MOGERA Interpreter Const 1/c 2437 ALLEN

Const 1/c 1143 GANDE

Const 1/c 1261 POFORA

Duration of Patrol—from 12, 5, 69 To 16, 5, 69

No. of Days 5 days

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area : Census

Date September, 1968 Duration 10 days

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) 1. Visit Area to Meet the People

2. Council & House of Assembly Propaganda

3. Routine Administration.

Total Population of Area Patrolled 2602

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner.

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Division of District Administration,

KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

14th January, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

PATROL NO. MARGARIMA 2/68-69

Your reference of 30th December, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report by Mr. M. J. Edgar, Assistant District Officer, to WAGE Census Division.

The covering comments are noted with interest.

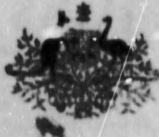
The delay in submission of this meagre report is quite unsatisfactory. Please ensure that your officers are fully aware of the need to prepare and forward reports promptly.

(T.W. ELLIS)

Secretary,Department of the Administrator.

c.c.

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



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of the Administrator,
Southern Highlands
District,

MENDI

30th December, 1969.

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

MARGARIMA PATROL REPORT NO. 2 OF 1968/69

I have attached two copies of the above mentioned Patrol Report which was submitted by Mr. M. J. Edgar, Assistant District Officer together with the Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa's covering memorandum.

The report is adequate for the period covered but is very considerably out of date.

I will be instructing Field Officers to outline the political education they actually carried out as well as the level of knowledge encountered.

Disappointment with the return from Pyrethrum is not uncommon but the villagers from this altitude have no alternative cash crops.

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

REGISTERED MAIL

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NIPA. Southern Highlands.

24th November, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Department of the Administrator,
MENDI.

Subject:- Margarima Patrol Report No. 2 - 68/69. - Mr. M.J. Edgar,
A.D.O.

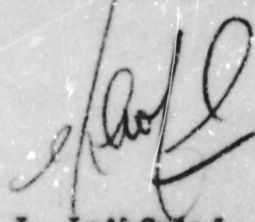
Attached please find three copies of the above mentioned report. No camping allowance claim was attached to the report and have asked the Officer-in-Charge, Margarima, to contact Mr. Edgar in relation to this as I do not have his leave address to hand.

The patrol appears to have achieved its aim and the situation at the time well reported by the Officer. The report is well out of date and the delay in submitting the report is unexplainable, especially as it was only a 5 day patrol and covered on 5 pages, typed in double spacing.

I intend covering the whole of the Margarima Administrative Area, including both the Upper Wage and Margarima Census Divisions, on my patrol commencing on 1st December, 1969.

As I am unfamiliar with the area, very little comment can be made on the actual contents of the report. It is quite obvious that a great deal of time will have to be spent on indoctrination to encourage self-help projects in the field of road construction, cattle and pyrethrum projects, as any amount of pay will always be insufficient.

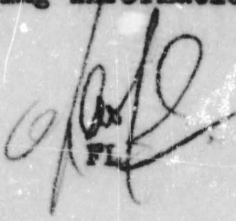
The never ending propaganda on political education remains priority on every patrol.



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

O.I.C., Margarima.

The above report was submitted to this office 7th November, '69 with five copies of pages 2, and covering details, four copies of pages 3,4,5, and three copies of page 1. Please ensure that each copy of the report has a full set of pages. Attached please find quadruplicate copy of report with only covering information and page 2.



PATROL REPORT

MARGARIMA PATROL REPORT No 2 of 1968 / 1969

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Report No 2 of 1968 / 1969

Sub-District Nipa

District Southern Highlands

Type of Patrol SPECIAL (FAMILIARIZATION)

Patrol Conducted By M.J.EDGAR. Assistant District Officer

Area Patrolled Upper Wage Census Division

Council Margarima Local Government Council

Personnel Interpreter MOGERA

Constable First Class 1143 GANBE
Constable 1861 BOPORA
Constable 2437 ALLEN

Duration of Patrol 12th May, 1969 to 16th May, 1969

No of Days 5 days (4 nights)

Last D.D.A. Patrol to the Area September, 1968 (Annual Census)

Date As above 10 days

Objects of the Patrol

1. Visit the area and meet the people
2. Have talks about the Council and the House of Assembly
3. Routine Administration as Required.

PATROL REPORTMARGARIMA no 2 1968 / 1969INTRODUCTION

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Over night at WOIYA

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Overnight at SEBIBA.

Wednesday, 14th May, 1969

0830 - 1030 talks with the people of SEBIBA and OBAL on Economic development, Council activities, and House of Assembly. No further complaints were brought to the notice of the patrol. 1100 departed SEBIBA for SONGURA and inspected a proposed APOSTOLIC Mission lease en route.

1515 arrived at SOLAPEM after having been advised that the people of SONGURA and SOLAPEM had assembled there.

1545 - 1730 talks upon the same subjects as at other Rest Houses.

1740 - 1815 one Local Court case heard involving an assault by TIK/LIBEI upon his wife. The defendant sentenced to two months.

1830 - 1930 general talks with Councillor PIPON at the Rest House. Over night at SOLAPEM.

Thursday, 15th May, 1969

0830 departed SOLAPEM for KAPENDA and arrived there at 1030

1300 - 1530 talks with the people of that group after the rain had cleared.

General talks with the farmers trainees presently at the Census Unit.

1730 - 1815 afternoon tea and general discussions with Councillor LAMBU and Councillor HARABE of PINGI.

One marriage disputed settled amicably.

Overnight at KAPENDA.

Friday, 16th May, 1969

0900 departed KAPENDA for MARGARIMA via PINGI and arrived at 1130 whereupon the patrol was stood down.

END of DIARY

REPORT

RECEPTION OF PATROL

At each Rest House the patrol was very well received and the

Councillors of the respective Rest Houses and Wards were present to welcome the patrol to their areas.

SITUATION REPORT

Political

The Upper Wage Census Division is part of the Nipa Open Electorate and the member has, of his own volition made at least one long patrol through the area since his election. The member is Mr. Tegi Ebial of NIPA. This area is also part of the Margarima Local Government Council and has been since its inception.

The people as a whole have only a slight understanding of the way in which ^RHouse of Assembly functions however, there are some signs of improvement. Continuing education in this field will be a feature of patrols for some years yet.

Although the Councillors have a fair knowledge of the Councils functions the average villager is not so well informed and appears to see it as an arm of the Administration rather than a separate entity. In time this will change as the Council develops.

As mentioned earlier the area has had considerable contact since 1951 and the whole area can be considered as very pro-Administration.

Economic

Late in the last year (August - November) this area felt the effects of the "Pyrethrum Push" and planting and harvesting has commenced.

Councillor Keren of HENEP has commenced building a stock yard for a cattle project - the first in the area.

At each village the question of the price of pyrethrum was raised and without exception the people claimed that the rate of 17c per pound of dried flowers was too low and that their soil was not suited to the growing of pyrethrum.

As far as I have been able to discover none of the growers has any plans of inclination to extend his plantings. Production is continuing under the guidance of several Rural Development Assistants and farmer trainees who are continually on patrol supervising planting and weeding.

At the present time there are no other crops suitable for the area as the altitude of the habitable areas varies from approximately 5000 to 8000 feet above sea level.

No cattle are yet in the area but as soon as the first beasts arrive Councillor Keren should have his stock yards completed and his improved pasture programme well under way. Councillor MAUI, Vice President, of OMBAL is also very keen to start a cattle project. This man is very influential in the area and was for some seven years a policeman before his retirement in 1959.

It is extremely doubtful that any large scale cattle projects will ever be established in the area.

A road into the area has been started on a self help basis but to date progress has been very slow and it will be some years before the road is trafficable. The people are not particularly enthusiastic about self-help programmes and appear to think that they should be paid to construct this road. The sections of the road completed to date in the HENEP and OBAL areas are very good but until they link with the NIPA - MARGARIMA Road are useless. Never the less there is some evidence of a positive attitude towards self help.

Social

The people of this area speak the same language as those in the people to the north of Nipa but around KAPENDA there are some HURI speakers

The Councillors in the area are traditional leaders of the various clans with the exception of MAUI / HENEP of OMBAL who has migrated in from the KUTUBU area.

There is little evidence of great friction between these people and other groups of the Margarima Area eventhough in the past fights used to occur between them. Within the area no evidence of disruptive friction was noticed and it has been noticed at Council meetings that the councillors tend to unite on any question.

There are no schools in the area and naturally very few are literate to any great degree.

The majority of the younger people are able to understand some pidgin but there is a very decided dearth of pidgin speakers. An interpreter is most essential to any person wishing to patrol the area.

As a whole the people are very law abiding and few complaints are brought to the notice of Administration officials. In recent times (January 1969) only one crime of a serious nature occurred. This was

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the attempted shooting of a woman at SEBIBA.

Riots and allied offences are not a feature of the area.

As a rule litigants only resort to formal court action when all other methods of settlement at the village level have failed.

Health services for the area are quite adequate as there is an aid post at HENEP to serve the people in the Southern area of the Division, another aid post at MABERA on the Margarima - Nipa Road which serves the population of the middle areas and the KAPENDA people have ready access to the hospital at MARGARIMA.

At present the Capuchin Mission (Roman Catholic) influence is quite strong from OMBAL and northwards and near each rest house is a church.

The people of HENEP, HULAL, SEBIBA, and ODAL tend to follow the Apostolic Mission headquartered at TILIBA near NIPA. In the near future the Apostolic Mission has plans for moving into the HENEP area.

There are no Youth Clubs, Womens Clubs, or the like in the area.

Miscellaneous

There have been no Army combat action patrols through the area but if such a patrol did occur it is the authors opinion that the people would be most appreciative and ~~is~~ co-operative.

To sum up the people are very pro-Administration, showing signs of economic development, and while not enthusiastic about self-help projects have at least demonstrated a positive attitude towards this very ~~important~~ necessary aspect of economic development.

CONCLUSION

This patrol was only intended to be of very short duration in order to familiarize the author who is the Officer in Charge of the Margarima Station with his area. In the immediate future it is planned that the author and the A.D.C. will mount a joint patrol to the MARGARIMA Census Division.

It is considered that the very limited objects of the patrol were achieved and that a more leisurely patrol will be made in the future.

For your information, please.

as per [signature]

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(Pasar)

Dul
(Mabaraj)

Wijaya

Solapem .

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