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PATROL REPORT No.12-65/66.

— BY —

G. R. MEDARIS.

POPONDETTA.

NORTHERN DISTRICT.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of.....**NORTHERN**..... Report No. *Pop* 12 of 65/66

Patrol Conducted by..... **G.R.MEDARIS C.P.O.** .....

Area Patrolled..... **SELECTED VILLAGES, HUHURINDI C.D. (PART) ORO BAY C.D.** .....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... **NIL** .....

Natives..... **R.P.N.G.C. CPL TOIEMBO INTERPRETER JACOB** .....

Duration—From..... **2 / 5 / 1966** to..... **13 / 5 / 1966** .....

Number of Days..... **11** .....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... **NO** .....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... **JAN / 66** .....

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

Map Reference..... **BUNA FOURMIL** .....

Objects of Patrol..... **TO FAMILIARISE AND EDUCATE THE PEOPLE FROM SELECTED SAMPLE VILLAGES IN THE TERRITORY CENSUS FOR 1966** .....

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

*8.11.1966*

*[Signature]*  
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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67-5-11/67-5-12/  
67-5-13/67-5-14/  
67-5-15.

23rd November, 1966.

District Commissioner,  
Northern District,  
POPONDETTA.

PATROL REPORTS 1965-66:

Receipt is acknowledged of the following patrol reports from stations in your District:

- Patrol Report No. 4-65/66 by I.M. Bates of Kokoda, dated 17/5/66 for a patrol undertaken from 14/4/66 to 18/4/66.
- Patrol Report No. 6-65/66 by J. Daras-Wells of Ioma, dated 20/5/66 for a patrol undertaken from 1/5/66 to 7/5/66 with a covering memorandum from the A.D.C. Popondetta dated 30/5/66.
- Patrol Report No. 6-65/66 by C. Viner-Smith of Afore undated for a patrol undertaken from 28/4/66 to 5/5/66 with a covering memorandum from the A.D.C. Popondetta dated 30/5/66.
- Patrol Report No. 11-65/66 by M.J. Cunningham of Popondetta dated 17/5/66 for a patrol undertaken from 24/4/66 to 29/4/66 and 4/5/66 to 8/5/66 with a covering memorandum from the A.D.C. Popondetta dated 30/5/66.
- Patrol Report No. 12-65/66 by G.R. Medaris of Popondetta dated 24/5/66 for a patrol undertaken from 9/5/66 to 13/5/66.

It should be noted that all reports were signed by you for onward forwarding to this office on 8th November 1966 and received at this office on 11th November. All reports relate to patrols undertaken last financial year.

No comments are now pertinent on these reports, due to lateness of submission. All Patrol Reports should be forwarded with a minimum delay in the future.

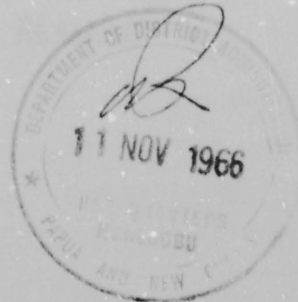
(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

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Department of District Administration,  
Sub-District Office,  
POPONDETTA....Northern District.  
19th May, 1966.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
POPONDETTA.



PATROL REPORT No. 12 of 65/66

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: G.R.Medaris, C.P.O  
AREA PATROLLED: Selected Villages, Huhurindi C.D.  
& Oro Bay C.D.  
PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY: Europeans: Nil  
Natives: 1 Member-R.P.N.G.C. (part)  
1 Interpreter.  
DURATION OF PATROL: 2/5/66 to 7/5/66  
9/5/66 to 13/5/66  
LAST PATROL TO AREA: D.D.A. Huhurindi. / Jan 66  
Oro Bay ... Jan 65  
OBJECTS OF PATROL: To familiarise and educate  
the people from selected  
sample villages in the  
Territory census for 1966.  
MAP REFERENCE: Sketch Map Attached.

*Grant Medaris*

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Grant Medaris C.P.O



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference.....

If calling ask for

Mr.....

Department of District Administration,  
Sub District Office,  
POPONDETTA Northern District.

24th May 1966.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub District Office,  
POPONDETTA

Patrol Report No. 12 of 65/66.

2.5.66

Departed Popondetta by Landrover to inform the people of the Huhurindi C.D. of the proposed Census Education visits. Could only drive as far as Ehu, the water in the creek passed Ehu was too high to allow the Landrover to go through. Wera was sent to Horau, Kipore, Huhuru that the census talk would be given on Friday. Returned S.D.O.

3.5.66

Proceeded to Huvivi to give the census talk to the Huvivi, Mongi, and Dobadura people. Returned S.D.O.

4.5.66

To Ahora and Beiura to prepare people in the techniques of the new census. Beiura people came to Ahora to hear the census talk. Preparation for patrol in afternoon.

5.5.66

Departed Popondetta by Landrover for Ehu. Census Education talk given to Ehu, Kipore, and Hamburata together. One housing complaint heard and settled. Slept Ehu.

6.5.66

Walked to Huhuru (two hours). Census talk given late in the afternoon due to very hot conditions. Talked to the people about the importance of their children attending school, Teacher Timecus said attendance was very poor. Horau people also present for talk. Slept Huhuru.

7.5.66

Departed Huhuru for Ehu, to wait for Landrover to take patrol back to Popondetta.

8.5.66

Sunday-Observed.





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Patrol Dairy continued.....

9.5.66

Organized Census Education visits for following week.  
All villages concerned are accessible by Landrover, and  
no more than an hours drive from Popondetta.

10.5.66

Census talk given to Eabi and Hanikire villages.

11.5.66

Census talk given to Dombada, Eaboge, and Kipore Villages.

12.5.66

Census talk given to Urie and Bore.

13.5.66

Census talk given to Hahau and Garuru.

End of patrol

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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Dept. of District Administration,  
Sub-District Office,  
POPONDETTA.....N.D.

19th May 1966.

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

Selected Village Workloads within Stratum 1 & 2  
Patrol Report No. 12 of 65/66

INTRODUCTION

The object of the patrol was to introduce, educate and familiarize the people of the Sample Villages to the new Territory Census, that will commence in June of this year

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS.

Most of the sample villages can be reached by Landrover, except three villages to the north of the Huhurindi area (Kiporo, Horau and Huhuru) that are traversed by deep rivers and low swampy country. The Census Team going into this area should be prepared for a walk from Ehu to Huhuru, a walking distance of two hours.

Travelling can be cut to a minimum if sufficient notice is sent out to the villages, so that they can move to a central point for the Census.

No difficulty was experienced in obtaining carriers when necessary, the rate of pay to each carrier was 15 cents per hour. Most walks are short and are by no means difficult.

Both areas are influenced by the Anglican Mission, the Oro Bay area more so because of the long established Mission at Eroro. There are also two small Mission stations at Embi and Hanau. The Huhuru area has no large established Mission, except for small stations at Mongi and Huhuru, the mission school at Huhuru teaches up to standard 11 (two).

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METHOD OF CONDUCTING CENSUS TALKS.

Word was sent out prior to visiting selected sample villages. In both areas one day was spent informing village people of the day the Education talks would be given. In all villages an interpreter was used to convey the talk to the people

The material for the census talks was taken from Census form 8. "Educational Visits to Sample Villages." By using this, no difficulty was experienced in giving the talks. Each point was carefully explained, to allow the people to grasp what was being said.

The talks were well attended and the people seemed eager to learn, this was shown by the questions they asked. Two particular questions were:

(a) The difficulty the older people will have in telling the census team their ages.

It was <sup>told</sup> to them that the census team would help them determine their ages by using certain Notable Events.

For example...

- First European Missionary at Gona.....1910
- Japanese Landing at Gona .....1942

(b) In 1971 when another census is held will new villages be chosen?

It was explained that eventually the census would embrace all Territory population. Organisation for the 1971 census may be different from 1966. The decision on the mode of operation would be based largely on experience gained from this current census.

CONCLUSION

The object of the Census Education Patrol to the selected villages within Stratum 1 and 2 was achieved. The people understood the main points of the talk and I feel that they will have a good idea of what is required of them when they are visited by the census.

GENERAL INFORMATION ON HUHURU SAMPLE VILLAGES.

Dobaduru - 87.*	No Rest House in any of these three villages, as they are only 5 miles from Popondetta.
Huvivi - 170/	
Kongi - 116.	
Ahora - 193	Both villages accessible by Landrover. Rest House-Beiuru.
Beiuru - 131	
Ehu - 118	Rest House at Ehu. Agriculture station at Ehu.
Hamburata 60	
Huhuru -169	Rest House at Huhuru. These villages can only be reached on foot. Huhuru and Horau usually census together. Kipers people usually go to Ehu to census.
Horau -119	
Kipers -109	

\* Figures represent approx. village population.

HOUSING

The housing in most villages was satisfactory. Maintenance orders that had been given in previous patrols, have been carried out. Rest Houses were found to be adequate though sometimes small, in one or two cases minor repairs were asked to be carried out.

GENERAL INFORMATION ON ORO BAY SAMPLE VILLAGES.

<b>Embi</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>Rest House in both villages.</b>
<b>Hanikire</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>Small mission station at Embi.</b>
<b>Kopure</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>Rest House at Dombada.</b>
<b>Dombada</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>Emboga people usually census</b>
<b>Emboga</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>Dombada.</b>
<b>Urio</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>Rest House at Urio. Boro</b>
<b>Boro</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>people usually census at Urio.</b>
<b>Hanau</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>Hanau usually census at Garuru.</b>
<b>Garuru</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>Small mission station at Hanau.</b>
		<b>Rest House at Garuru.</b>

**Figures represent approx. village population.**

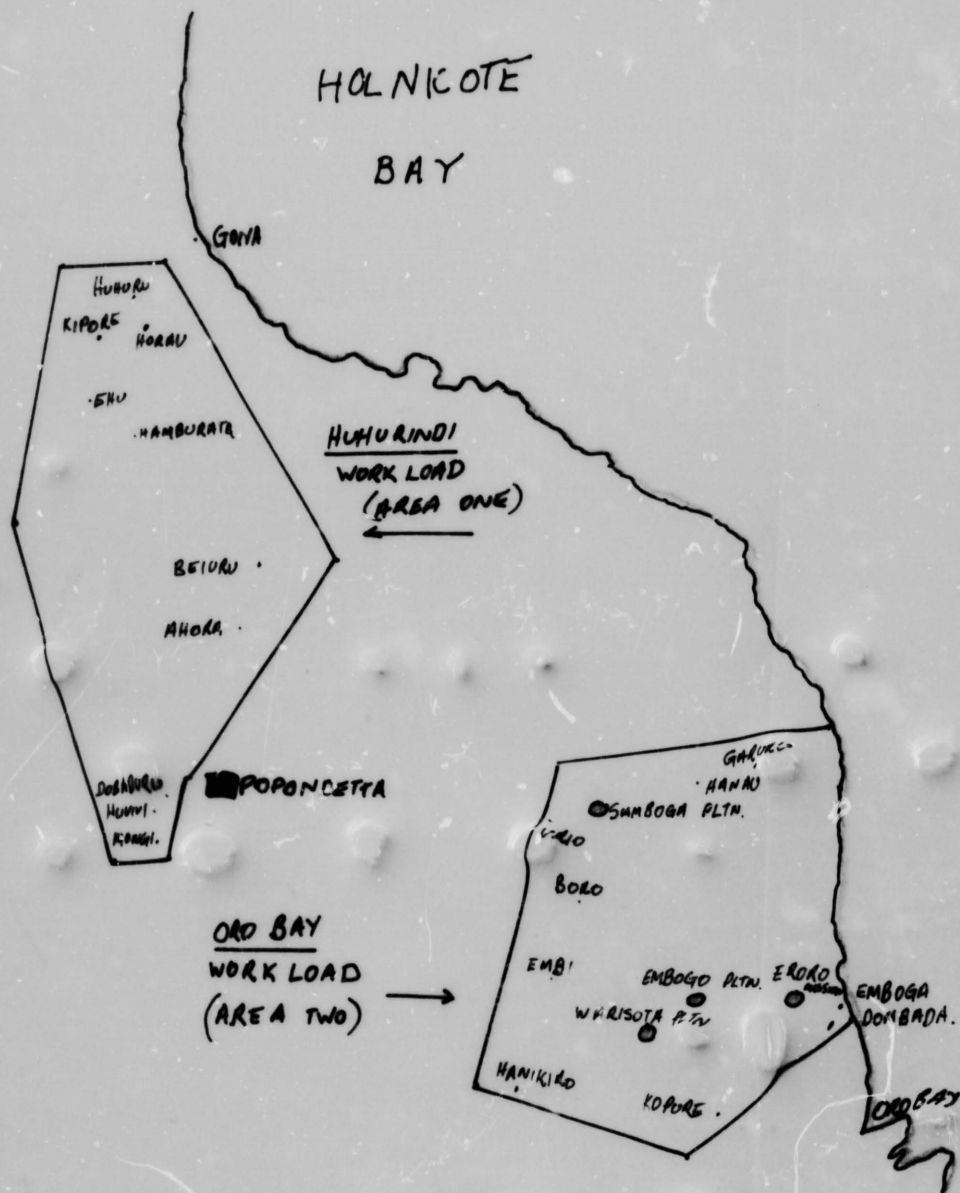
**No difficulty was experienced in this area regarding travelling, as all villages concerned are accessible by Landrover. All villages are served by good roads branching off the main Oro Bay road.**

APPENDIX

LIST OF NOTABLE EVENTS

FIRST GOVERNMENT PATROL BUNA AREA	1905
FIRST EUROPEAN MISSIONARY AT GONA	1910
SANGARA MISSION ESTABLISHED	1922
SANGARA PLANTATION ESTABLISHED	1939
AWALA PLANTATION ESTABLISHED	1940
JAPANESE LANDING AT GONA	1942
JAPANESE DEFEATED AT GONA, BUNA	1943 (Jan.)
HIGATURU GOVERNMENT STATION ESTABLISHED	1943
RETURN TO CIVIL ADMINISTRATION	1946
ERUPTION OF MT. LAMINGTON	1951

LOCALITY MAP OF SAMPLE VILLAGES  
IN THE HUHURINDI AND ORO BAY AREAS.



● NON-VILLAGE ENUMERATION AREAS.

SCALE 1" = 4 MILES

G.P.O. *Franklin*  
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