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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number.....NOMAD PATROL No. 14 of 1970/71

Subdistrict.....NOMAD.

District.....WESTERN.

Type of Patrol.....SPECIAL.

Patrol Conducted by.....C.D. McConaghy - Assistant Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled } Pare.

(Council and/or } Non Council.

Census Division/s.) } PARE Census Division.

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

1/C 1754 ABO

Interpreter APISL.

21 Cabriers, domestic.

Duration of Patrol—from 29 / May / 71 to 11 / Jun / 71.

No. of Days.....14 days.

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: Patrol No 1 of 70/71.

Date.....July , 1970.....Duration.....30 days.

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) -Publsize Territory Census.

-Routine Administration.

Total Population of Area Patrolled.....1566 people.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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Western District,
DAHU.

24th August, 1971.

~~The Secretary,~~
Department of ~~the~~ Administrator,
KOMODOU.

NOMAD PATROL REPORT No. 14 of 1970/71

Two copies of above report of a patrol conducted by Mr. C.D. McGonaghy A.P.O., of the PARE area, for your information, please.

2. Any permanent solution to the problems of the many scattered and inaccessible groups such as the PARE, I believe lies in resettlement. In the case of the PARE, consideration should be given to their resettlement near Lake Murray.
3. Resettlement near Lake Murray would mean they could join with Lake Murray Council, strengthening the existing unit for their mutual benefit.
4. I believe Mr. Barclay would achieve more on his patrol if he sought the opinion of the people to such a proposition.
5. At this stage a Local Government Survey should not be carried out. This will be discussed further with Mr. Barclay.
6. Another good patrol by Mr. McGonaghy.


(K.A. BROWN)

A/District Commissioner

c.c. Assistant District Commissioner...NOMAD

→ Mr. G. McGonaghy.

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Telegrams

Our Reference 67-7-1

If calling ask for

Mr.

Department of District Administration,

NOMAD.

Western District.

10th August 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Western District,
D A R U.

NOMAD Patrol Report No. 14 1970/71
conducted by Mr. C.D. McConaghy A.P.O.-
Territory Census Publicity - PARE Census Division

Please find attached the (3) copies of the above Report - one copy only of the Patrol Map is attached. Claim for Camping Allowance has been processed at this Office.

2. This was a special purpose Patrol, and as such does not require a full Situation Report study, although Mr. McConaghy will need to give this aspect of reporting more attention in the future. Although the Census went off without a hitch, more detail in the body of the Report would have been appreciated regarding the methods he employed in the publicity programme.

3. Access problems are, as you know, not confined only to the PARE, but plague the Sub-District in general. Still, it is pleasing to see the PAREs attempting to do something about this without any assistance whatsoever from the Administration. On my forthcoming Patrol to the PARE, due to commence in about three weeks, I will be examining the communications situation in detail.

4. It would appear as though our Local Government educational programme has begun to bear fruit. Both Mr. Paterson (P/R NO. 18 68/69) and Mr. Smith (P/R No. 1 1970/71) have both emphasized this aspect in the above-mentioned Reports, and I will be doing the same in my Patrol, as well as carrying out a full scale Local Government survey wherein I will be making recommendations on the feasibility of establishing a Council in the near future.

5. I agree with Mr. McConaghy's observations that the PARE people are feeling neglected, and there has been some truth in this contention in the past. This neglect has been caused by the concentration of the bulk of our resources in the BIAMI, and by the fact that the PARE is in effect isolated from NOMAD by the Strickland River. This means that any road development in the PARE can only be considered in conjunction with river access to the Division.

6. Now that an Agricultural Assistant has been posted to NOMAD, I will ask him to commence coffee plots in the PARE as soon as is practicable.

(R.I. Barclay)

a/Assistant District Commissioner

Division of District Administration.
Sub-District Office,

NOMAD.
Western District.


12th June, 1971.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,

NOMAD.
Western District.

NOMAD SPECIAL PATROL No. 14 of 1970/71

NOMAD	:	Sub-District.
WESTERN	:	District.
NON COUNCIL	:	Area.
PATROL CONDUCTED BY	:	C.D. McConaghy Assistant Patrol Officer.
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING	:	Const 1/C Abo. Interpreter Apisi, 24 carriers, Domestic.
DURATION of PATROL	:	29/May/71 to 11/Jun/71 14 days actual.
LAST PATROL to AREA	:	July, 1970.
OBJECTS of PATROL	:	- Publication of Territory Census. - Routine Administration.
TOTAL POPULATION	:	1565 people.
MAP REFERENCE	:	Fourmil of Raggi. Sketch attached.


(C.D. McConaghy)
Assistant Patrol Officer

APPENDICES: "A" Revised Census Programme.
"B" Sketch Map.

INTRODUCTION:

The people of the PARE Census Division will be included in this year's Territory Census to be conducted in early July. The purpose of this Patrol was to inform the people and give some grounding in census work.

After patrolling in the BIAMI and Lower RENTOUL Census Divisions a cross-over to the west side of the STRICKLAND River provided a refreshing change. In all, there are eleven villages in the PARE, now that DOWINA has been absorbed into DUANA, plus the DEBAPARE Australian Pacific Christian Mission Station where a category "B" airstrip is located. The total village population at September 1970 was 1566 people. Each village was visited during the Patrol and talks on the Census and general topics given followed by informal chats to gauge the peoples' feelings.

T.L.A.2 in the NOMAD Sub-District covers the PARE C.D. and, as this was a virtual dress rehearsal for the July Patrol, I foresee no difficulties completing the Census within the allotted time. At appendix "A" is a revised patrol programme for the Territory Census. Ideally, the Patrol could be positioned at village one on day one using a helicopter to transport personnel and gear direct from NOMAD. Failing this a flight by fixed wing aircraft to DEBAPARE and then a walk to DUANA allowing 1½ days. A third alternative would be to set out from NOMAD on foot, but, this would involve recruitment of carriers from nearby villages which is a task in itself. Arrangements can be made to have carriers recruited at DUANA.

PATROL DIARY

29/May/71 ... Saturday

1100 Departed station crossing NOMAD River, through SOKABI village and on to SUGIABI arriving 1315. Discussions with V.C. - hired two more carriers. Food purchased. Slept SUGIABI.

30/May/71 ... Sunday

0805 Departed SUGIABI heading west towards STRICKLAND River. 1100 Arrived east bank STRICKLAND River where WODIOBI (SUPEI clan) villagers constructing new village. Decided to cross STRICKLAND tomorrow. Remained on east bank where Rest House and Barracks available. Slept STRICKLAND River camp.

31/May/71 ... Monday

Little rain overnight, began crossing river using single canoe. All personnel and cargo across by 0915. Set out for IGABIRA walking over swamp, men arriving village 2½ hrs later. Discussions with V.C. and village inspection. People assembled 1630 and talks on Census given finishing 1½ hrs later. Slept IGABIRA.

1/June/71 ... Tuesday

IGABIRA - 2.45 - DISINA *

Departed IGABIRA for DISINA. Greeted by V.C. and inspection of village and Census talks beginning 1415.

Food purchased and informal discussions covering shotguns and pigs mainly.
Slept DISINA.

2/Jun/71 ... Tuesday Wednesday DISINA - 1.30 - BEREDINA *

0800 Moved off for DISINA following a good track to BEREDINA arriving 0930. Village clean and well layed out. People assembled during afternoon and Census discussed using a village man as example to explain questions on Census paper. Later investigated minor pig dispute. Purchased food.
Slept BEREDINA.

3/Jun/71 ... Thursday BEREDINA - 1.00 - DEBAPARE -
0.20 - KUDA. *

0800 Departed BEREDINA to DEBAPARE Mission Station where talks with Mission school teachers thence to KUDA Rest House and Barracks walking along a vehicular road for 20 minutes. Established Patrol at KUDA and people gathered together at 1345 for Census talks. Slight interruption when elderly male passed away in a house nearby half way through lecture.
1445 Leaving gear behind returned to DEBAPARE where further talks with Mission staff and pupils. Contacted NOMAD on Mission portable radio at 1615.
1700 Returned KUDA where food purchased.
Slept KUDA.

4/Jun/71 ... Friday KUDA - 0.20 - DEBAPARE -
2.00 - SUSIABIRA. *

0800 Patrol returned to Mission Station en route SUSIABIRA and DEBORENA to the south.
1000 Mr Barry WALDECK APCM arrived ex LAKE MURRAY. Discussions over morning tea with Mr WALDECK, patrol departing for SUSIABIRA 1215. Followed good track over hilly country. People assembled at SUSIABIRA and talks given, purchasing food at completion of discussions.
Slept SUSIABIRA.

5/Jun/71 ... Saturday SUSIABIRA - 2.00 - DEBORENA -
4.20 - KUDA via SUSIABIRA

0905 Left remainder of Patrol to return KUDA. Self and interpreters to DEBORENA further south. Census discussions and village inspection.
Talks re: KAIM River project.
1215 Set out on return journey passing through SUSIABIRA and on to DEBAPARE and eventually KUDA where remainder of Patrol established.
Slept KUDA.

6/Jun/71 ... Sunday KUDA - 2.30 - IUMORA. *

0300 Departed KUDA ~~via~~ walking along a vehicular road for approx. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile then following a good track to IUMORA. Village inspection, Census and Rural Development discussions.

7/Jun/71 ... Monday IUMORA - 1.15 - WAKIANA -
1.25 - PIPINA.

0810 Departed IUMORA walking along good track to WAKIANA where village inspected, people assembled and talks given. V.C. at NOMAD. 1100 Completed talks and following another good track arrived PIPINA 1225.

8/Jun/71 ... Tuesday

PIPINA - 1.30 - DUANA

0800 Followed another good vehicular road $\frac{3}{4}$ for $\frac{1}{2}$ mile then across sago swamps for a short distance and on to DUANA. Village inspection where body of recently deceased boy found. Parents in mourning - death attributed to unknown illness. People assembled in church building and census talks given.. Informal discussions late into afternoon. Food purchased. Slept DUANA.

9/Jun/71 ... Wednesday

DUANA -2.30 - UKIMATA

In drizzling rain departed DUANA heading east towards Strickland River and UKIMATA. Crossed River by canoe at CECILIA/STRICKLAND junction climbing bank to village. People assembled and census talks. Minor complaints settled. Small group only and a little food bought. Slept UKIMATA.

10/Jun/71 ... Thursday

0900 Departed UKIMATA crossing Cecilia River by canoe. All personnel and cargo safely across moving off for BEBELUBI one hour south. From BEBELUBI along a reasonable track to WODIOBI 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours away. After discussions with councillor, on to TERIABI. Talks with V.C. then to SUGIABI passing through deserted HONINABI Mission Station arriving SUGIABI 1530. Slept SUGIABI.

11/Jun/71 ... Friday

0700 Set out for Nad arriving north bank NOMAD River 0905, crossing over by canoe. Patrol stood down

... End of Patrol ...

OBSERVATIONS and COMMENTS

The publication of the Territory Census was received as well as could be expected by the PARE people. The absence of development and the general disgruntledness at not getting a "fair share of the Rural Development cake" tends to limit their thinking to a degree.

To a great many villagers a Territory-wide census is simply a further government whim and any amount of explanation will not register on their minds the purpose behind it. The talks on the census were not a "school-boy type" lecture but rather an attempt to get the people actively interested in what the government was attempting to do. This the people accepted, but, to only a few who had been to Port Moresby, Daru or other large centres, could the basics be fully understood.

It appeared as if the Pares were awaiting a patrol to the area so that they could expound their theories on development. During discussion periods and question time, at the completion of census talks, I was bombarded with rubber, coffee and chicken raising schemes

opportunity for them to speak their minds appeared to tap a reserve and produce a torrent of ideas.

I hardly think the Pares know what coffee is although they are quite familiar with rubber having seen or heard of the KIUNGA and LAKE MURRAY projects. Chooks are plentiful at Debapare and in the villages but nothing near commercial standards. When asked about markets and getting their produce out of what is considered a relatively inaccessible area I was told of the KAIM RIVER Project.

The Kaim River flows south from the Pare region and empties into Lake Murray near USOKOF village where some Pares have already settled. The headwaters of the Kaim lie approximately 10 miles west, in a straight line, from DEBORENA village, the southern-most Pare settlement administered from Nomad. The lay of the topography would necessitate a road at least 25 miles in length following the contours of the hilly country. A road to link DEBORENA to SUSIABIRA proceeding north to DEBAPARE and KUDA is proposed. There are at present roads suitable for vehicular travel out of Kuda and PIPINA heading north for short distances. In the master plan it is hoped to link all villages to the main North/South road. The Deborenas claim they have already completed a "survey" to the Kaim River and I did see the beginnings of a road.

In practice the idea is a good one, in fact, one of the only possibilities to overcome the accessibility problem the Pares face. The outlets to NOMAD, KIUNGA and LAKE MURRAY have been discussed in P.O. Geoff Smith's Report and Area Study (P/R No. 1 of 70/71.). I feel Mr B. Waldeck, the APCM representative at Debapare for the past eight years, has been instrumental in fostering this scheme, although the peoples' natural urge to go ahead economically is an important consideration.

At present there are a number of men who have gone to Lake Murray to take up jobs with the Oil Exploration company there. Many propose to go when the census is completed. Though there is ample work available at present to cater for the small labour force among the Pare they are not completely satisfied. They want development within their own area.

The Pares feel that a road linking their villages and ending at the Kaim River will solve their problems, that is, if the road does not fizzle out as have some other locally- or self-help road schemes. When questioned about what lies at the end of the road IF it was completed, I was informed that perhaps some people would establish businesses there and purchase their produce. Alternatively it may be transported by canoe to Lake Murray for sale. Marketing outlets from there would be subject to another survey but it is obvious that little thought has been projected ahead to overcome these questions.

Agriculturally speaking the land could support extensive rubber and coffee plantings, however, in earlier discussions with District Agricultural Officer, both rubber and coffee were ruled as not being a viable product. A high value/low weight crop which could be taken out by plane from Debapare to the nearest market would be a better proposition.

In 1968, an attempt to plant out Birds Eye Chillies failed. This may have been due to sterile seedlings as all attempts to have them germinate were unsuccessful. The

possibility of introducing another similar crop (peppers, vanillas etc) on a trial basis only, is the subject of a letter to the D.A.S.F. representative in Daru. Mr Waldeck at Debapare has indicated his willingness to assist in getting the project off the ground if seedlings can be provided, but, ideally an agricultural socialist would be required.

Local Government:

Without committing the Administration or the people I questioned the Pares on aspects of Local Government Councils.

Local Government is something they readily comprehend as it is closer to them some having witnessed the operation of the Lake Murray and Kiunga Councils. Mr Smith's patrol of July, 1970 gave the Pares Local Government to think about and, although not a great deal of thought has been put into it, mention of the subject rouses them a little. I was careful to point out their tax requirements and other council obligations but their interest was not affected.

As to establishing a Council in the near future, in my opinion, they are as ready as they will ever be within the next 5-8 years. While there exists a desire for tangible development the area is ripe.

Because of a shortage of numbers consideration would be given to incorporating the Supei/Kubor of the Upper Strickland Census Division. It is generally accepted that the Supei/Kubor are less sophisticated and lack the motivation of the Pare which would tend to drag them down. Nevertheless, it would provide a focal point for Channelling idle labour who at present have naught better to do than sit around in the village.

Conclusion:

It was not the aim of this patrol to delve deeply into the fields of Local Government and Rural Development but the topics were not to be avoided. An "in-depth" survey and extensive political education to enlighten the people and remove any misunderstandings they may have developed are two requirements of the future if the Pare is not to be forgotten.

The primary aim of the patrol to inform the people of the Census and its simple objects was fulfilled. The Census patrol to visit the Pare should not encounter any difficulties.


C.D. McConaghy
Assistant Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX "A"

Revised Patrol Programme for Territory Census.

DAY 1	At DUANA	Patrol having positioned itself either by helicopter or walking from Debapare	No. 80
Day 2	At Duana	One Interviewer and Interpreter to UKIMATA while remainder complete DUANA. UKIMATA2.30Hrs	209 50
Day 3	To PIPINA 1.30	UKIMATA party rejoins patrol at Pipina	150
Day 4	To WAKIANA 1.25	To Wakaina after completing Pipina early morning.	52 103
Day 5	To IUMORA 1.15	day at IUMORA	110
Day 6	To KUDA 2.30	day at Kuda	150
Day 7	At KUDA	complete KUDA and move down to DEBAPARE returning to KUDA late afternoon.	100
Day 8	To SUSIABIRA 2.20	day at SUSIABIRA	179
Day 9	To DEBORENA 2.00	day at DEBORENA	85
Day 10	To BEREDINA 5.00		50
Day 11	At BEREDINA	day at BEREDINA	103
Day 12	To DISINA 1.30	day at DISINA	89
Day 13	To IGABIRA 2.45	day at IGABIRA	179
Day 14 & 15Return	to Nomad	

APPENDIX "C"

Patrol Police.

1/C 1754 ABO

1/C Abo was the only member of the R.P.&N.G.C to accompany the patrol. He is a beefy fellow who enjoys a little patrolwork and is good at it. He is reliable and capable of using his initiative.

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