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WESTERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT

PATROL REPORTS

1970-1971

WABAG & WAPENAMANDA

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PATROL REPORT NO. 2 1970-71

BY

MR. D.J. FANNING

WABAG

GFB:KP

Division of District Administration,

ROMANIA, PAPUA.

4th October, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Western Highlands District,
PORT MORBY.

ADMS PATROL NO. 2/70-71

Your reference ADMS. 074 of 21st October, 1970.

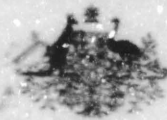
I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report
by Mr. B.M. Fanning, Assistant District Officer, of SP-3 LAL
and LAL WADSWORTH Census Divisions.

The covering comments are noted. I agree that
Political Education activity will have to be increased in
this area if a really lasting impression is to be made on
the attitudes of the people.

The patrol appears to have completed its work in an
effective manner.

A patrol map should have been submitted with the
report.

(T.A. HALL)
Departmental Head.



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Department of the Administrator,
District Headquarters,
MONT HAGEN, N.E.D.

21 October 1970

The Departmental Head,
Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
KORORUA.

WABAG PATROL REPORT NO. 2 - 1970/71

The above numbered report is forwarded herewith.
The report covers Mr. A.D.O. Fanning's conduct of the Wabag Local
Government Council's elections in the Upper Lai and Lai Headwaters
Census Divisions.

The elections were successfully completed and, as one
would expect from this area, there were no major upsets - and I
quote Mr. Fanning's comment, "All are traditional in outlook, un-
educated and illiterate. Only a few speak Pidgin English". Only
high pressure Political Education will make any impression of
change on these ultra conservative Highlanders.

The potential for economic development in this area
is hampered by an inbred acceptance of a harsh environment. The
people have traditionally been able to work only a few hours each
day due to weather and their attitude towards gardening persists.
However, the piggery established by the Council could, over the long
term prove more beneficial to the area, than the attempt to develop
a cash crop such as pyrethrum. With the local traditional interest
in pigs the incentive is greater to make more people interested in
any large scale scheme for economic development. It is suggested
that more thought should be given to encourage a large scale expansion
of similar schemes throughout the Council area.

A useful patrol, well reported.

S. W. Foley
S. W. FOLEY
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

c.c. Assistant District Commissioner,
WABAG.

c.c. Mr. A.D.O. Fanning,
WABAG.

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Division

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Department of the Administrator,
WABAG. W.H.D.

16th October, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Western Highlands District,
MOUNT HAGEN.

PATROL REPORT No.2 - 1970/71
UPPER LAI AND LAI HEADWATERS - SPECIAL
D.J.FANNING - A.D.O.

Please find 4 copies of the above mentioned report. Could extra Patrol Report cover be made up as we do not have any here.

The patrol had instructions to conduct Local Government Council Elections in the Upper Lai and Headwaters Census Division.


The elections were successful. And a report has been submitted on the statistical portion of the elections.

Mr Fanning made a point of explaining the processes to be carried out during the election, and the importance of registering one's preferences. Particular care was taken in answering any questions following such preliminaries.

The situation within the Census Division remains normal. Land problems cause much of the ill feeling between clan groups, and also within clans. Fights over land will remain a constant thorn in the Administration's side as even road works are hampered by these land disputes.

Mr Fanning successfully completed the Elections within the Division and must be congratulated.

For your information and further action please.


D.R. Schupp
Assistant District Commissioner.

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PATROL REPORT - WABAG PATROL NO. 2 of 1970/71.

Sub District: WABAG

District: WESTERN HIGHLANDS

Council Area: WABAG L.G.C.

Patrol conducted by: D.J. PARKING

Designation: ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER.

Area Patrolled: UPPER LAI AND LAI HEADWATER
CENSUS DIVISIONS.

Personnel accompanying Patrol: OTTO LIS - ASSISTANT COUNCIL CLERK
JOH PILO - INTERPRETER

Date and duration of last
D.S.A. Patrol to area: 14th April 1970 to 19th May, 1970
28 days (broken period)

Objects of Patrol: QUARTY WABAG LOCAL GOVERNMENT
COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

Total Population of Area Patrolled: 14,075.

Map Reference: JOURNAL OF WABAG.

Village Population Register: NOT ENCLOSED.

Duration of Patrol: 29th July 1970 to 17th August 1970
18 days (broken period)

Patrol Diary.

1970. Wednesday 29th July. Departed Wabag for Terenanda by vehicle at 0930 hours. Arrived Terenanda 10 minutes later. Conducted Council Elections for the Terenanda ward. Slept the night at Terenanda.

Thursday 30th July, 1970. Departed Terenanda for Sari at 0800 hours. Walked along Council Sawmill road and arrived at Sari ward, at 0900. Conducted Council Elections for the Sari Ward. Elections completed at 1400 hours and returned to Terenanda. Slept the night at Terenanda.

Friday 31st July, Departed Terenanda for Wabag at 0745 hours. Arrived Wabag at 0820 hours. Conducted Council Elections for the Lapeanda Ward. Elections completed 1500 hours. Slept the night at Wabag.

Saturday, 1st August. Observed at Wabag.

Sunday, 2nd August. Observed at Wabag.

Monday, 3rd August. Departed Wabag for Sari by vehicle at 0900 hours. Arrived at Sari 0915 hours. Sent patrol equipment on to Kamas. Conducted Council Elections for the Sari Ward. Elections completed at 1430 hours and walked to Kamas. Slept the night at Kamas.

Tuesday, 4th August. Conducted Council Elections for the Kamas Ward. Elections completed 1500 hours. Slept the night at Kamas.

Wednesday, 5th August. Departed Kamas for Kaip at 0800 hours. Arrived Kaip 0905 hours. Conducted Council Elections for the Kaip Ward. Returned to Kamas. Slept the night at Kamas.

Thursday, 6th August. Departed Kamas for Kiwi by Council tractor at 0830 hours. Arrived at Kiwi at 0900 hours. Conducted Council Elections for the Kiwi Ward. Slept the night at Kiwi.

Friday 7th August. Walked from Kiwi to Sopes, departing Kiwi at 0800 hours and arriving Sopes at 0830 hours. Conducted Council Elections for the Sopes Ward. Elections completed at 1430 hours and returned to Kiwi. Departed Kiwi by vehicle for Wabag, arriving Wabag at 1510 hours. Slept the night at Wabag.

Saturday, 8th August. Observed at Wabag.

Sunday, 9th August. Observed at Wabag.

Monday, 10th August. Departed Wabag by vehicle at 0845 hours for Nandi. Arrived Nandi at 0905 hours. Conducted Council Elections for the Nandi ward. Elections completed at 1430 hours. Slept the night at Nandi Primary "T" School.

Tuesday, 11th August. Departed Nandi for Inbalis at 0815 hours. Arrived at

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Kubalis at 0905. Conducted Council Elections for the Kubalis ward. Elections completed at 1415 hours. Slept the night at Kubalis.

Wednesday, 12th August. Departed Kubalis for Lagalam at 0838 hours by vehicle. Arrived at Lagalam at 0950 hours. Conducted Council Elections for the Lagalam Ward. Elections completed at 1410 hours. Returned to Wabag by vehicle. Slept the night at Wabag.

Thursday 13th August. Departed Wabag at 0845 hours by vehicle for Apanta. Arrived at APANTA at 1000 hours after visiting Council Piggery at Lagalam. Conducted Council Elections for the Apanta ward. Elections completed at 1440 hours. Slept the night at Wabag.

Friday, 14th August. At Wabag, no Council Elections. In the afternoon travelled to Mount Hagen by vehicle.

Saturday, 15th August. Observed at Mount Hagen.

Sunday, 16th August. At Mount Hagen. Returned to Wabag by vehicle.

Monday, 17th August. Departed Wabag by vehicle at 0850 hours for Tambitani. Arrived at Tambitani at 0955 hours. Conducted Council Elections for the Tambitani ward. Elections completed at 1405 hours. Returned to Wabag by vehicle.

END OF PATROL.

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WARD PATROL NO. 2 of 1966/71.

SITUATION REPORT.

POLITICAL.

As the object of the patrol was to conduct Council Elections in thirteen of the Wards of the Wabag Local Government Council, most of my comments will be made under that heading.

1. ELECTIONS.

These elections were the fifth held for the Wabag Local Government Council. Initial elections were held in 1963 and there have been subsequent held in 1964, 1966 and 1968.

There was no organised pre - election campaign in the area covered by the patrol. Previously discussions on the coming elections had been held in Council meetings and it was left to the Councillors to promulgate the news of the elections throughout their own electorates. To assist the Councillors, the Council Clerk distributed notices to residents showing the proposed dates that polling teams would visit the respective wards in the Council area. Judging by the amount of interest shown by (a) the number of nominations received by the Returning Officer, and (b) the number of voters, this method of advertisement was successful.

In all Wards visited the elections were conducted in an orderly manner. Prior to the commencement of polling each day electors were given instructions on the conduct of Council elections. Such things were explained as:

- 1) the need to have ones name crossed off the roll before accepting a ballot paper.
- 2) the method of marking a ballot paper.
- 3) the assistance that can be given to an illiterate voter.
- 4) the preferential voting system.
- 5) the law relating to one man one vote.
- 6) that there were no provisions for absentee voting.
- 7) how to place a ballot paper in the ballot box.

As a result there was only one incident worth reporting through the whole of the elections. This was at Legalea where two young men attempted to cast second votes in place of friends, who were absent working on the coast.

At the conclusion of polling each day and before votes were counted, the method used in counting was also explained to the voters. It was surprising to see how many of the male voters had a good grasp of the method involved.

2. RESULTS.

In the area patrolled there is a population of 14,075, of which there are 7,105 registered voters (3,700 males and 3,405 females). There was a total of 4,673 voters (2,526 males and 2,147 females). This gave an overall percentage figure of 64.4%. This figure is rather lower than that recorded in previous years, and is due to the number of people absent from the area, rather than lack of interest in elections by voters. For example, at Lapananda the vote was as low as 51.8%, whilst at Apanta it was as high as 73.2%. Voters when voting still follow existing clan affiliations, though there is a tendency to break away from this, especially amongst the younger males, who have received some sort of education or who have had experience working in other areas of New Guinea.

This group tend to look further afield than their immediate clan and "maga" affiliations,)

3. CANDIDATES.

All the wards (13) were contested, ranging from as low as three candidates at Tarkitanda to as many as eight at Seri and Sops. All Councillors stood for re-election and were re-elected apart from Latai/Takoon, who lost his seat at Nandi to Was/K. also. In some wards there seemed to be a concerted effort to support younger candidates rather than the sitting members; all of whom are still basically traditionalists. All such moves failed, but did make for some interesting contests. (Sari, Subalis, Terenzanda) There was only one expatriate candidate, Mr E. Mason, Teacher in Charge at the Primary 7 School, Nandi. Mr Mason polled quite well and was partially responsible for the defeat of the sitting member Latai/Takoon. There were no women candidates.

4. COUNCILLORS ELECTED.

The Councillors elected, to say the least, are only of average capability. All are traditional in outlook, uneducated and illiterate. Only a few speak Pidgin English. Their election, despite opposition from younger opponents, effectively reflects the attitude of the people towards Councillors. They prefer, older, more mature men; men who hold some form of traditional power; men who possess economic strength; men who are prepared to sit down bear disputes and arbitrate; and men who are happy to preserve the status quo. It may be some years yet before younger and more progressive men are elected to Council.

ECONOMIC.

Pyrethrum growing and cash cropping of vegetables are the two main activities in the area. The former is marketed through the Department of Agriculture, whilst the latter is sold at the roadside to private buyers. On two occasions the patrol was approached and asked for advice for the establishment of business. Both times my answers, that is, to plant vegetables or pyrethrum, did not seem to be satisfactory. The enquiries seemed only too anxious to introduce such "red herrings" as, there is no land available or the land is unsuitable. There is no doubt that many can be earned provided the incentive exists. However as so often is the case, the people want results without being prepared to put in effort. Certainly in some instances there is a shortage of land, but this does not stop an individual from growing the odd cabbage in his kas kas garden.

The Wabag Council have established an extension centre on 55 acres of land at Legolan, with the emphasis being placed on a piggery. This centre is being run in co-operation with the Department of Agriculture. It is intended that pigs be bred at the piggery, sold to people and their high prices be forced down through over supply. Pigs are first on the list in the local economics and their prices at times are incomprehensible. One pig recently sold brought \$300. It remains to be seen whether this theory will work, when put into practice.

SOCIAL.

The people are aware of the need for education and are not yet adequately served by the existing schools. There are Mission schools at Siruski, Sops and Seri, whilst there are Government schools at Nandi and Wabag. A wider coverage on education would be the most pressing need of the area.

Health services are well provided for by the Administration hospital at Wabag and the S.D. Mission at Sops.

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This includes the provision of aid - post facilities by the Administration and Infant Welfare clinics by the Mission.

The general native situation in the area is good. There are no disturbances to report. However the normal frictions, common to any small area containing a large population and heavily fragmented on a clan basis, still exists.

D. Fanning
D. Fanning
Assistant District Officer.

FATHOLREPORT NO 3 1970-71

BY

MR. B. TAVERNER

WABAG

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Division of District Administration,

KOMBODONI, Papua.

13th January, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Western Highlands District,
MOUNT HAGEN.

WABAG PATROL NO. 3 OF 70/71

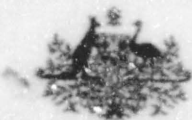
Your reference is WHD 878 of 30th December, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation
Report by Mr. B. Taverner of Middle Lei and Wabag Census Divisions.

Mr. Taverner has conducted a sound patrol
under difficult circumstances. The report is clearly written,
albeit rather short for a patrol of this duration.

(T. V. ELLIS)
Departmental Head.

c.c. Mr. B. Taverner,
Sub District Office,
WABAG,
Western Highlands District.



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District Headquarters,
MOUNT HAGEN. N.H.D.

30 December 1970

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

WABAG PATROL NO. 3 OF 1970/71

... The abovementioned Report covering a Patrol carried out by Mr. Patrol Officer S. Taverner is submitted herewith.

The main objects of the patrol were successfully concluded. However, the tribal fight which broke out in the Rauanda area considerably reduced his available time for routine administration matters.

Rauanda has long been an area of contentious land disputes. It and its surrounding area have many disputes each year with fights causing many injuries, houses destroyed by fire and some deaths. It is because of this that the Akom Community Centre and Rural Police Post are being established. The original intention was to establish an Administrative Rural Centre under the care of a Patrol Officer. However, due to staff shortage and the further consideration of the large population area centred around the Ambon Valley it is most likely that the Akom Community Centre will be established initially as a Rural Police Post.

With regard to the road reserve having to be re-routed only two miles from Birip, Mr. Haywood states that he is at a loss to understand why this is necessary at this late stage. The Regional Works Engineer states that Public Works have been left only One Million Dollars to complete this road. As this amount is not nearly enough to complete the task according to the original design, it has now become necessary to utilise a lot of the old road lengths. This is being done at Birip. Without this compromise the road could not be completed within a reasonable period of time and, most importantly, within the allocated budget.

R. Aisbett
R. AISBETT
ACTING DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

~~c.c. Assistant District Commissioner,
WABAG.~~

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Department of the Administrator,
WABAG, W.H.D.

14th December, 1970.

District Commissioner,
Western Highlands District,
MOUNT HAGEN.

WABAG SPECIAL PATROL No. 3 of 1970/71.

Please find enclosed the above Report (in triplicate) submitted by Mr. B. Taverner, Patrol Officer, together with patrol map and claims for camping allowance - B. Taverner, V. Iagata and L. Hagoben.

COMMENTS ON REPORT.

(a) Establishment of Rural Centre AKOM.

Patrol Officer
The intention was to establish a rural centre at AKOM staffed by Mr. Taverner, Patrol Officer, and three (3) Police. Both Wabag and Wapenamanda Councils have allocated funds and the Administration is expected to contribute as well. However, with the present staff shortage at Wabag, I consider the posting of a Police Officer to Akom is not warranted. Indeed, on closer examination of the general situation, I consider the Argum Valley should have first priority if a Patrol Officer becomes available. A more detailed submission will be forwarded under separate cover.

Akom would be quite suitable as a Rural Police Post, and I will make a submission along this line.

Expenditure to date is only on the construction of three bush material houses suitable for Police, and the half-completed round house which would have been used by Mr. Taverner until he had built a permanent material residence.

(b) Road Reserve, Wabag-Wapenamanda.

As reported, only two (2) miles from Birip towards Wapenamanda was completed by this Patrol. I will take up, under separate memorandum, the matter of diversion as required by Mr. Saart. I am at a loss to understand why the problem has arisen at such a late date.

(c) Land purchases and Investigations.

With the Wakumare extension purchase completed, there is no real obstacle for the Wabag High School. The "exchange" land near Birip will be investigated this week. Negotiations should then start for getting the Lutheran Mission to relinquish the lease over their part of Wakumare.

(d) General.

Mr. Taverner has submitted a well-written report. I expected better progress at Akom, but the interruptions - tribal fight, land investigations - no doubt prevented Mr. Taverner from giving this work his close attention. From what I have been told, the local people quickly lost enthusiasm after an initial good start.

M.R. Haywood
M.R. HAYWOOD

Assistant District Commissioner.

(PF)

Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
WABAG. W.S.D.
28th. October 1970

Mr. B. Taverner,
c/- Sub-District Office,
WABAG W.S.D.

Patrol Instructions - Wabag No.3 of 1970/71 - Wabag.

Dear Mr. Taverner,

On receipt of this memorandum you will prepare to proceed on the above mentioned patrol not later than Thursday 29th. October 1970.

The patrol should take approximately one month to complete, and on completion a report shall be compiled in accordance with general instructions except that an area study need not be completed.

The purpose of the patrol shall be as follows:

1. Complete construction of the Akes Community Centre and Police Post.
2. Complete land investigations of the Road Reserve for the Wabag Wapenamanda Highway.
3. Complete the land purchase for the Wabag High School at Wakumare.
4. Negotiate with the people at Birip for a reasonable area of land to be used by the Mission and which is suitable to the mission in exchange for their current lease at Wakumare.
5. Any other general Administration.

Two policemen and Interpreter and an Assistant Field Officer will accompany the patrol.

You will be able to receive an Advance from the cash office at Wabag to assist the patrol in its movement.

I wish you a successful patrol and suggest that you compile your report before returning.

Yours faithfully,


J. R. Schup
Assistant District Commissioner.

cc. The District Commissioner
Western Highlands District
MOUNT HAGEN.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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Department of the Administrator,
Sub-District Office,
Wabag,
Western Highlands District,
T.P.N.G.

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

Wabag Patrol Report No. 5 of 1970/71.

Attached herewith please find the original and three copies of the above mentioned report.

Attached also claims for camping allowance. A.P.O. Mr. V. Iagata accompanied the patrol and returned with it on the 28th. of November, 1970. Interpreter Kaga returned with the patrol on the 2nd. of December, 1970.

The patrol was generally a success. The road survey was completed as far as possible and investigations will be done shortly.

Akon Community Centre was basically completed, the native materials police houses were satisfactorily finished but the round house was only completed as a shell.

The land purchase of Wakumare was completed on the 20th. of November, 1970.

The proposed new mission lease was looked into, and the report tells of this more fully.

All members of the patrol conducted themselves in the proper manner and were an asset to it.

For your necessary action and forwarding to the District Commissioner, please.



R. Taverner.
Patrol Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL REPORT.

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WABAG PATROL NO.3 of 1970/71

Report No.	Wabag No. 3 of 1970/71
Sub-District	Wabag
District	Western Highlands
Council Areas	Wabag and Wapenamanda
Patrol conducted by	B. Taverner
Designation	Patrol Officer
Area patrolled	Middle Lai and Wabag Census Divisions
Personnel accompanying patrol	2 Members of the Royal Papua and New Guinea Police Constabulary, Wabag detachment. 1 Interpreter, Wabag 1 A.P.O. Mr. V. Iagata
Duration of patrol	29th. October, 1970 - 2nd. December, 1970, (35 days)
Date and duration of last O.D.A. patrol to the area	Wapenamanda - 16/9/69 26 days
Objects of the patrol	1. Complete construction of Akon Community development Centre and Police Post. 2. Complete investigations of the road reserve for the Wabag Wapenamanda Highway. 3. Complete land purchase for the Wabag High School at Wakumare. 4. Negotiate with the people at Sirip for a reasonable area of land to be used by the Mission and which is suitable to the Mission in exchange for their current lease at Wakumare.
Total population of area patrolled	10,000
Map Reference	Journal Wabag, Milneba Wapenamanda, Patrol map attached.
Village population register	Not attached.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

WABAG PATROL NO.3 OF 1970/71.

PATROL DIARY.

Thursday, 29th. October, 1970.

After receiving patrol instructions from Mr. D.Schupp, A.D.C. on 26/10/70, and transporting personal effects to camp site, I proceeded to Amapiak Rest House with patrol personnel and set up camp. The day was used to settle in and let the locals know we were in the area.

Slept Amapiak.

Friday, 30th. October, 1970.

AM. with Mr. Iagata, A.P.O., to look over the section of new road from Birip to Yaibos to try and locate centre line pegs for our survey. Only two pegs were located and survey could not be conducted. PM. discussions with Mr. B.Smart, private surveyor with Laurie and Montgomerie, with regards to the placing of the centre line of the new road. It was decided that we follow the centre of the road that has been made as this follows Mr.Smart's own centre line survey.

Slept Amapiak.

Saturday, 31st. October, 1970.

AM. Observed Amapiak. PM. with Mr. Smart to look over the Birip section of the new road. Found the two previous centre line pegs and discussed on how to continue our survey. Into Wabag to collect patrol advance and mail. Returned Amapiak 1700.

Slept Amapiak.

Sunday, 1st. November, 1970.

Observed Amapiak.

Slept Amapiak.

Monday, 2nd. November, 1970.

To Yaibos to round up gamblers in a card game yesterday at Amapiak. afterwards returned to Akom to work on the Community Development Centre. Sites for houses cleared and some native materials readied.

Slept Amapiak.

Tuesday, 3rd. November, 1970.

With Mr. Fanning, A.D.C. To Wapenawanda to pick up gear for Akom. Returned to Amapiak, dropped off gear and picked up players of the card game. Into Wabag with Mr. Fanning and card players. Heard the court at Wabag and returned to Amapiak 1730 with Mr. Smart.

Slept Amapiak.

Wednesday, 4th. November, 1970.

AM. to PM. supervised work on Akom Centre.

To a major degree the frames on three native materials houses

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Wednesday, 11th. November, 1970. (cont.) were completed. Site
for round house cleared
and native materials readied for construction.

Slept Amapiak.

Thursday, 5th. November, 1970.

As yesterday, supervised
construction of
buildings at Akom. Framed to native materials police houses
completed.

Slept Amapiak.

Friday, 6th. November, 1970.

AM. worked on Akom.
PM. checked Mr. Lagata's
work on the road reserve surveys. 1500 saw smoke in numerous
columns rising from the Bouanda area and was informed that a
tribal fight was in progress. Sent messages to Mr. Baywood, A.D.C.
WADAG, and to Mr. Benson, O.I.C. Wapenamanda for aid to be
sent if possible. 1530 govt. vehicle no. A6465 arrived with
Mr. Benson, R.D.O. of D.A.S.F. Wabag. I went with him, my two
police constables and interpreter to the scene of the fight.
At the place I saw the fight was in progress on the road.
I went with the interpreter after one group and the two police
after the other. Mr. Benson left. I talked with the group I
had followed and tried to talk them out of fighting any
further. They told me in no uncertain terms to go away so
they could continue their fight. After heavy rainfall I went
to the other group and talked to them, they told me that the
Nudaps had started the fight, but they did not appear in any
great hurry to stop it. Again heavy rain fell but after it
subsided they continued with their fight. At 1800 very heavy
rain fell and the fight abated for what appeared to be the day.
Wapenamanda police had arrived at 1630 but had not contacted
me because I was in the bush with the fighters. I met them on
the road at about 1730 and they helped in trying to break up
the last days fighting. Tried to go into Wabag to talk with
Mr. Baywood but transport was unavailable. Met Mr. Baywood on
his return from Mt. Hagen and went to Wabag with him. Had
discussions in S.D.O. at 2100 with police regarding an early
patrol the next morning to the area. Slept Wabag.

Saturday, 7th. November, 1970.

0530 left Wabag with
Mr. Baywood and five
members of R.P.S. N.G.C. Wabag detachment, for Amapiak.
Arrived at fight scene after collecting my two police at
0700. Fight was just beginning. The patrol held the centre of
the fight ground until there were too many and we had to stop
off the area and observe. 0845 Mr. Benson, O.I.C. Wapenamanda,
arrived with seven members of his detachment. 1000 left
for Wapenamanda to radio Hagen for extra police. Returned
to Bouanda 1115. On three occasions the fighters broke our

restraining police lines. At about 1800 the detachment of police from Mt. Hagen arrived under the supervision of Superintendent Woods and Sub-Inspector Wilde. Discussions on the following days activities until late evening. Slept Bouanda.

Sunday, 8th. November, 1970.

People initially wanted us to go away as they could fight but after seeing the extra force of police decided that the "catch us if you can" routine would be more to their benefit. Mr. Haywood and Mr. Woods talked to the two lines and to a certain extent had success in asking them to give themselves up. Patrols were mounted into the area to start rounding up fighters. Later in the day those who were arrested and those who had given themselves up were transported to the Corrective Institution at Wapenamanda. Again discussions on the following day's action until late evening.

Slept Bouanda.

Monday, 9th. November, 1970.

Patrols again mounted into the fight area and several arrests were made. A patrol led by Mr. Woods arrested several of the headmen to the southeast of the area. Seeing that the situation was under control he left late in the afternoon for Mt. Hagen. Mr. Bensen had left the patrol yesterday with Mr. Rowley, P.O. for Wapenamanda. Mr. Somers who joined the patrol late Saturday afternoon had returned to Wabag.

Slept Bouanda.

Tuesday, 10th. November, 1970.

3500 patrols mounted again and several arrests were made. All men arrested were transported to the Corrective Institution at Wapenamanda. Late afternoon Mr. Haywood left for Wabag.

Slept Bouanda.

Wednesday, 11th. November, 1970.

Mr. Wilde and myself continued on the mopping up patrols to the north and north-east. 2300 Patrol mounted to the south east by Mr. Wilde and myself did not prove too successful as we only made seven arrests. The patrol returned to camp at 0630.

Thursday, 12th. November, 1970.

Patrols mounted to the east and west, a few more arrests were made. By now there are about 230 men in the Wapenamanda Corrective Institution.

Slept Bouanda.

Friday, 13th. November, 1970.

Mt. Hagen police readied gear for movement back to Mt. Hagen. Wabag and Wapenamanda police detachments readied

gear for movement back to respective posts.. With Mr. Wilde to Wapenamanda to await further instructions. Mr Rowley to Bouanda for the weekend to keep an eye on things.

Slept Wapenamanda.

Saturday, 14th. November, 1970.

Observed Wapenamanda.

Slept Wapenamanda.

Sunday, 15th. November, 1970.

Returned Anapiak.

Slept Anapiak.

Monday, 16th. November, 1970.

Worked on Akom AM.

To Wabag to ask the

A.B.C. for a vehicle tomorrow to be used to collect native materials for building from outlying areas. To Wapenamanda to ask G.I.C. for his car to do similar work on Wednesday.

Returned to Anapiak.

Slept Anapiak.

Tuesday, 17th. November, 1970.

Govt. vehicle A5599

arrived and set to

work. To Wabag to take out advance for purchase of wakumare.

Returned to Akom and worked on Centre until 1600. Checked

over land surveys with Mr. Iagata.

Slept Anapiak.

Wednesday, 18th. November, 1970.

To Wapenamanda for building materials.

Returned to Akom and checked on work. Into Wabag to carry out purchase of wakumare but informed that the owners were not

present. Left word for them to be at Wakumare on Friday. 1615

returned to Anapiak.

Slept Anapiak.

Thursday, 19th. November, 1970.

Worked on Akom all day.

Slept Anapiak.

Friday, 20th. November, 1970.

To Wabag to purchase

land at Wakumare.

Purchase completed at 1115. Returned to Wabag and completed paper work. 1400 left Wabag for Anapiak. Checked over surveys

with Mr. Iagata.

Slept Anapiak.

Saturday, 21st. November, 1970.

Observed Anapiak.

Slept Anapiak.

Sunday, 22nd. November, 1970.

AM. observed Anapiak.

PM. to Wabag. Heavy

rain in afternoon prevented return to Anapiak. Went to Irelya.

Slept Irelya.

Monday, 23rd. November, 1970.

by Mr. Haywood. To Makamanda to let people and owners of Warupanda know that I would purchase the land tomorrow. To Irelya to talk with Mr. V. Meinicke the president of the Lutheran Mission about connecting the Community Centre to Anapiak electricity. Talks successful. To Makamanda to talk with Mr. S. Mikin the missions electrician about supply of materials for electricity. Returned to Akom.

To Wabag to look over handed to me for work

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Slept Anapiak.

Tuesday, 24th. November, 1970.

completed about 1400. Returned to Wabag to complete paper work and a few other outstanding office duties. Returned to Akom and worked until 1630.

To Wabag to purchase Warupanda. purchase

Slept Anapiak.

Wednesday, 25th. November, 1970.

collecting names of owners of the road reserve.

Worked on Akom all day. Mr. Iagata

Slept Anapiak.

Thursday, 26th. November, 1970.

As yesterday
Slept Anapiak.

Friday, 27th. November, 1970.

afternoon went to Wabag to secure govt. vehicle to transport personal effects to Wabag tomorrow. Took A5599 back to Anapiak.

Spent morning working on Akom. In the

Slept Anapiak.

Saturday, 28th. November, 1970.

Rest of day observed Wabag.

Moved some personal effects to Wabag.

Slept Wabag.

Sunday, 29th. November, 1970.

Observed Wabag.
Slept Wabag.

Monday, 30th. November, 1970 To Akom to get details of week-

end scuffle.
Worked on Centre until 1600. Returned to Wabag.

end scuffle.

Slept Wabag.

Tuesday, 1st. December, 1970.

to clear up details on first two miles of road reserve survey. Community Centre complete. Returned Anapiak.

With patrol gear back out to Anapiak

Slept Anapiak.

Wednesday, 2nd, December, 1970.

To Birip re mission

lease. Walked an

area of land perhaps five acres which the locals are willing to sell and add to the present mission leases there. Talked with the missionaries at Birip and Yaibos re the proposed new area of lease. To Wabag to secure govt. vehicle to bring all patrol gear and personnel back to Wabag. After checking with Mr. Heinicke at Irelya about the mission lease at Birip I accompanied the two Admin. vehicles 46500 and 46501 back to Anapiak to load up patrol gear. Returned to Wabag 1630 leaving Constables Neabari and Kuri to look after Akos until next week when they would be relieved of duty. Patrol completed.

oOo End of Diary oOo

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SITUATION REPORT.

Akoi Community Development Centre and Rural Police Post.

The main object of the patrol was to complete construction on this Centre. Work had been started on the project in early September when the ground was cleared of scrub and partially drained.

When the patrol started work, sites for the three native materials houses for police and one native materials "Round House", were cleared again and levelled off. This only took two days and then construction upon the frames of the houses began. The frames were completed to the police houses within a week and the frame to the round house was almost complete.

An interruption of the program was the tribal fight at Kouanda. I was stationed at Kouanda for one week during the crisis.

After returning to my camp I found that the people had made bamboo matting in readiness for the houses, and had gathered a certain amount of kunai grass for the rooves.

The houses were fully completed on 1st of December, 1970. As there was much to be done at Wabag I ~~was~~ was recalled. Constables Neabari and Euri were left behind to man the station until transport could be arranged to bring them back to Wabag.

The Round House was only completed as a shell of a house.

Road Reserve, Wabag to Wapenamanda Highway.

This was the second of the patrol's objects. Mr. Wisuru Igata, A.F.O. Wabag, accompanied the patrol and carried out the survey of this road. He surveyed from the Biripix section through to Wapenamanda. So far investigation reports are being made for the first two miles of the road.

Works with Mr. Smart, private surveyor for Laurie and Montgomerie, have led us to a standstill on one section of the new road. This section, just east of Taibas, at present runs through a swamp and Mr. Smart is working to have this section diverted along the existing road. Consequently no investigation will be carried out on this section until the matter is cleared up.

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SITUATION REPORT (Cont.)

Land Purchase: Wakumare.

As can be noted in the diary of this report Wakumare was purchased on the 20th. November, 1970.

Mission Lease, Sirip.

This piece of land, approximately five acres in area was looked at by me on the 2nd. of December, 1970. It is situated to the east of the mission's ninth nine year lease and its western border joins the eastern border of the missions ten year lease. I approached the missionaries at Sirip about the lease but no enthusiasm on their behalf was shown at all. When I told them that the area of land was only about five acres they did not seem surprised. They seemed satisfied with what was apparently being given.

The lease is more or less an exchange for the mission lease at Wakumare which is to be taken over by the Government and used as the site for the Wabag High School.

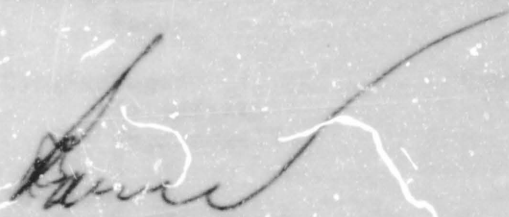
An investigation with a view to purchase will be carried out shortly.

General Administration.

In the immediate vicinity of the camp the native situation was quite good. There was only one case in which people were taken to the local court and this is outlined in the patrol diary.

The fight at Bouanda which necessitated the ~~attendance~~ of five officers of this department and fifty five one members of the police force ~~to be sent~~ was the only other exception to the general peace and quiet of the area.

This has been outlined in the patrol diary and can be seen more fully in Mr. Hayward's Patrol Report no. 4 of Wabag, 1970/71.



E. Taverner.
Patrol Officer.

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WABAG PATROL NO.3 of 1970/71.

APPENDIX A.


Listing of clans, that aided in the construction of Akon Community Centre and Rural Police Post, and their respective Councillors.

Wabar Local Government Council:

<u>Clan.</u>	<u>Councillor.</u>
Pumalia/Tinalapin Kandan Wangior	KASSEH David
Dep/Liara (Ima, Pep) Liara (Mandak) Liara (Tsagali)	Hapkas
Dep/Twoipa Walo	Waijon
Dep/Woipalin Kundu Kioran Kumba	Ruiyo
Yibin/Amberan Kepio Diwapin Wiskin	Embo

Wapensbarda Local Government Council.

<u>Clan</u>	<u>Councillor</u>
Kandualin/Amulin Rungibin/Tso Wakau Mena	Lusore
Idagon/Rundog Senein Landaragin Yandaman/Yorgeinda	Tipitap
Tsigin/Lienai Mudap	Pilio
Tsigin/Wagai Koiyo/Kaliy Wap/Wangeila	Tumu
Kasalis Kandualin/Andio Maik/Mupa Tsiaganan Idagon/Mupabaru	Kurlio


B. Taverner,
Patrol Officer.

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APPENDIX B


Report on Members of R.F.E.N.G.C.

Constable 1st. Class Neabari. 1025.

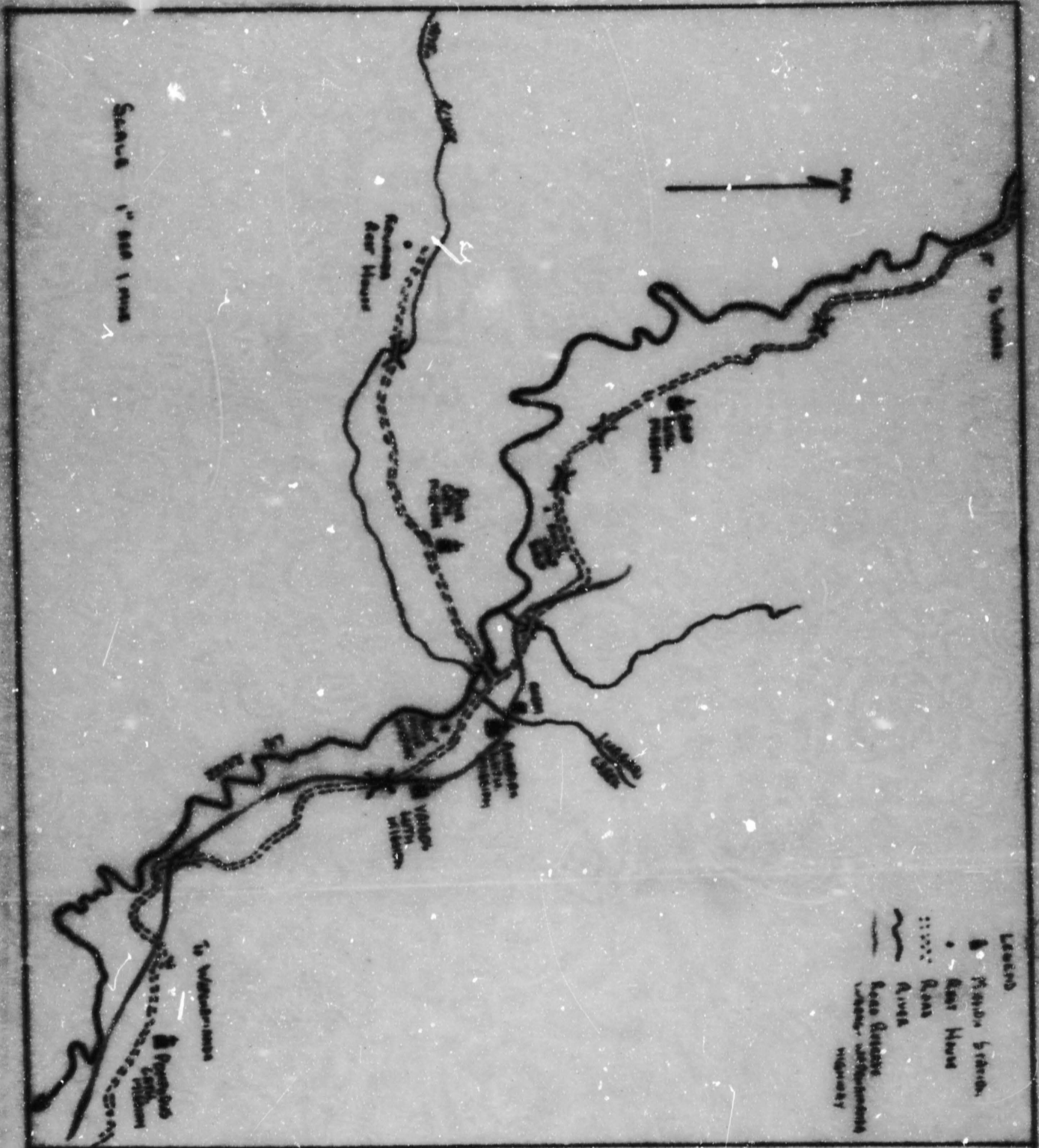
A good man. Always conscientious
and persistent. Neat and orderly at all times.
A good patrol member and a credit
to his uniform.

Constable 1st Class ^KNuri. 1181.

Not quite the same standard as Neabari
but does his job well. Every neat or orderly and sometimes is sloppy.
A good patrol member, knows what is
needed of himself and does his best to fulfill that obligation.



B. Taverner.
Patrol Officer.



patrol report

NO 4 1970-71

BY

MR. H. R. HAYWOOD

WABAG

HRD/CW

63-14-16

Division of District Administration,
KOROROE, Papua.
8th December, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
MT. HAGEN, W.H.D.

WABIS PATROL NO. 4 70/71

Your reference W.H.D. PR 880 of 27th November, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report
by Mr. M.R. Haywood A.D.C. of the RAUHDA area.

Mr. Haywood and your staff are to be commended for
their adept handling of the situation.

An informative report adequately documenting local
problems and attitudes in the area.

J. V. Ellis
(J. V. ELLIS)
Departmental Head.

c.c. Mr. M.R. Haywood A.D.C.
S.D.C.,
WABAG, Western Highlands.



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Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
MOUNT HAGEN. W.N.D.

27 November 1970

The Departmental Head,
Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

WABAG SPECIAL PATROL NO. 4 OF 1970/71

Submitted please are two copies of the above report compiled by Mr. M.R. Haywood, Assistant District Commissioner, at WABAG and concerning tribal fighting in the Rauanda rest house area of the Sub-district, Patrol map is enclosed.

The report indicates clearly the sequence of events leading up to the fighting and the action taken by officers of our own Department and police, to bring the situation under control.

It is also clear that under Mr. Haywood's direction the situation was intelligently handled and the total performance of both our officers and police actions were commendable. To date, the police detail from Mount Hagen was by far the largest called upon to assist in a rural situation of this nature in the District. From the outset the full co-operation of police through their Divisional Superintendent was evident and the exercise in the field proved a co-operative success.

The attitude of the people to the presence of authority gives cause for concern. There would appear to be a certain disdain towards the Administration's role of law and order. One reason for this is certainly the fact that police detachment strength has been greatly reduced over the last two years at Wabag and Wapenamanda. The posting of a police officer to Wabag has been approved and every effort should be made to have him stationed there as soon as possible. The incidence of riot and inter-tribal fighting warrants serious consideration to greatly increasing the size of both Wabag and Wapenamanda detachments.

The matter of effective equipment can be taken up by the officer to be stationed at Wabag.

For your information please.

R. AISBETT
ACTING DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

c.c. Divisional Superintendent, Regional Police Headquarters, Mt. Hagen
c.c. Assistant District Commissioner, Wabag

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PATROL REPORT

WABAG PATROL NO. 4 of 1970/71.

REPORT NUMBER : Wabag No. 4 of 1970/71
SUB-DISTRICT : Wabag
DISTRICT : Western Highlands
COUNCIL AREAS : Wabag and Wapenamanda
PATROL CONDUCTED BY : M.R. Haywood
DESIGNATION : Assistant District Commissioner
AREA PATROLLED : Part of the Middle Lai and Wabag
Census Divisions
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL : J. Benson, O.I.C., Wapenamanda
B. Taverner, Patrol Officer
P. Somers, Patrol Officer
B. Rowley, Patrol Officer
8 Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary,
Wapenamanda
9 Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary,
Wabag
3 Division of District Administration
Interpreters
Superintendent Woods, Police, Mt. Hagen
Sub-Inspector Wild, Police, Mt. Hagen
32 Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary,
Mt. Hagen
DURATION OF PATROL : 7th November, 1970 - 10th November,
1970 (4 days)
M.R. Haywood - 4 man days
B. Taverner - will record in Wabag
Patrol No. 3 of
1970/71
J. Benson - 2 man days
P. Somers - 2 man days
B. Rowley - 2 man days
TOTAL D.D.A. - 10 man days
DATE AND DURATION OF LAST D.D.A.
PATROL TO AREA : Wapenamanda 16/9/69 - 26 days
OBJECT OF PATROL : Stop the fighting at IMAYANDA
TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA
PATROLLED : 7000
MAP REFERENCE : Patrol map attached
VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER : Not enclosed

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WABAG PATROL NO. 4. of 1970/71

PATROL DIARY.

SATURDAY, 7th NOVEMBER, 1970.

Departed Wabag 0530 accompanied by Mr. B. Taverner, Patrol Officer, 7 members Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary (arranged for two other Police to follow later), 1 Interpreter. On the way to INAMANDA, collected two Police and one Interpreter from Taverner's Base camp near NEOM, sent word to O.I.C., Wapenamanda re fight.

Arrived Inamanda 0700 as fighting started. Patrol party held middle ground between the two fighting groups.

0845. O.I.C. Wapenamanda, Mr. J. Benson, arrived with 8 Police and 1 Interpreter.

1000. Sent Mr. Taverner to Wapenamanda to call Mt. Hagen for extra Police. It was now obvious the patrol could not handle the situation. My estimate 200 - 300 people engaged in fight.

Two extra Wabag Police arrived.

During the morning, I made contact with the two main fighting groups - MUDAP and LIUNAF. While it was possible to talk to them, the MUDAP people were determined to continue the fight.

1500. Mr. P. Somers arrived to assist.

1630. Fighting stopped.

1730. Mt. Hagen Police party arrived, accompanied by Mr. B. Rowley, Patrol Officer.

PATROL CAMPED AT INAMANDA.

SUNDAY, 8th NOVEMBER, 1970.

Superintendent Woods now in command of the Patrol. Police deployed throughout the fighting area. I accompanied Superintendent Woods and made contact with both of the groups involved in the fight. Negotiations were started for those involved to give themselves up.

In the afternoon, Police patrols to the north of Inamanda made several arrests.

Mr. Benson and Mr. Rowley departed for Wapenamanda. Mr. Somers departed for Wabag.

PATROL CAMPED AT INAMANDA.

MONDAY, 9th NOVEMBER, 1970.

Police patrols moved through the area to the north of Inamanda and made arrests.

In the afternoon, a raid was made to the south-east and 24 people were arrested, including several headmen of the MUDAP sub-clan.

At this stage, 100 people had been arrested or had given themselves

WABAG PATROL NO. 4, of 1970/71 (cont).

MONDAY, 9th NOVEMBER, 1970 (Continued)

up. Those requiring medical treatment were taken to the Lutheran Mission Hospital.

As the situation was now under control, Superintendent Woods departed for Mt. Hagen.

PATROL CAMPSD IMAMANDA.

TUESDAY, 10th NOVEMBER, 1970.

Police patrols moved through the area to the south-west of Imamanda and arrests were made. It was obvious those people who had come from a distance had returned to their own areas. People in the vicinity of Imamanda had taken to the bush with their women, children and pigs.

By this stage, over 130 people had been arrested. I decided to return to Wabag in the late afternoon, leaving Mr. Taverner and Sub-Inspector Wild at Imamanda. The arrangement was for them to remain until Friday when Mr. B. Rowley would take over.

END OF PATROL DEARY.

SITUATION REPORT.

(1) PAST HISTORY OF TROUBLE IN THE AREA.

The TSIGIN Clan occupy a considerable area of land in the general vicinity of IMAMANDA. They are censused at LAIWANDA rest home. The LIUNAI sub-clan actually occupy the ground known as Imamanda which extends from the ceremonial ground near the road, south to the foot-hills - a distance of about three-quarters of a mile.

Reports indicate that there has been trouble between the MUDAP and LIUNAI sub-clans over the ground called IMAMANDA.

On the 11th October, 1970, the LIUNAI sub-clan made an attack on the MUDAP people. Two men were killed - ROGAI/RALIO of the MUDAP sub-clan and MADE/MANDAO of the WABAI sub-clan. Several houses were destroyed, coffee trees cut down and the MUDAP store was damaged.

Wapenamanda is still investigating the killings and have arrested 46 people on the general charge of riotous behaviour.

There is some comment that two pigs belonging to Councillor PILEYO were stolen by the MUDAP people and that this was the reason for this fight.

(2) FIGHTING ON THE 6TH and 7th NOVEMBER, 1970.

Mr. Taverner, Patrol Officer, is on patrol, building a rural centre at AKOM. He heard that fighting had started at IMAMANDA on Friday the 6th November, and he attempted to stop it. Mr. Taverner had two Wabag Police and got four Police from Wapenamanda as well.

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WABAG PATROL NO. 4. of 1970/71 (cont)

(2) FIGHTING ON THE 6th and 7th NOVEMBER (continued)

Mr. Benson, Officer-in-Charge, Wapenamanda, did not go himself to Imamanda as he was about to investigate another fight to the south of his Station.

Mr. Faverner was unable to stop the fight on Friday and eventually made contact with me on the road as I was returning to Wabag from Mt. Hagen. We both went to Wabag that night to prepare a stronger patrol for the next day.

When my patrol arrived at Imamanda on Saturday the 7th November, fighting had just started. The patrol moved in to the middle of the fight and attempted to keep the groups apart.

The patrol was able to prevent both groups from clashing at close quarters, but was unable to stop the fighting which extended over at least half a mile.

The MUDAP people were the aggressors and were determined to pay-back the killing of BOGAI/RALLO and MADE/MANDARO. At this stage, they were determined to drive the LIUNAI people off the IMAMANDA ground, burn down houses, destroy gardens, coffee trees etc. and generally avenge their defeat in the fight on the 11th October, 1970.

At various times, I attempted to negotiate with the MUDAP people. On each occasion, it was soon apparent that they were using the temporary cease-fire in order to regroup and attack from a different position. The LIUNAI people were intent on defending themselves but took advantage of any opportunity to advance, if they could.

About 1200 there was a quiet period of nearly 1½ hours when I thought the situation was under control. This was not the case.

During the afternoon, the MUDAP people made several strong attacks which were very difficult to counter. Rifle fire overhead had little effect. An aircraft from Mt. Hagen swept the area and was successful in breaking up one melee.

By about 1545 the patrol could no longer hold all of the fighting area and had to concentrate at the ceremonial ground and the road.

With the approach of darkness, the MUDAP people and their allies withdrew from IMAMANDA.

The arrival of the Mt. Hagen police party was most welcome. It was a pity that they were held on stand-by in Mt. Hagen for two hours as this meant they arrived after the fight was over. In any case their presence helped prevent fighting the next day and also made it more easy to cover the area and make arrests.

(3) FOLLOW-UP ACTION

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday were spent patrolling the general area, making contact, getting wounded people to Hospital and arresting those involved in the fighting.

Superintendent Woods and I were partially successful in negotiating for people to give themselves up, but it was a slow process.

By Tuesday, the 10th November, 130 people were in custody.

WABAG PATROL NO. 4. of 1970/71 (Cont).

(3) FOLLOW-UP ACTION (continued)

at Wapenamanda. At the time of writing this report, the total in custody is 230, of whom 20 are in hospital with arrow wounds. No deaths are expected.

Sub-Inspector Wild and Mr. Taverner, Patrol Officer, left IMAMANDA on Friday, the 13th November, and Mr. B. Rowley, Patrol Officer, took over. Mr. Rowley has instructions to walk through the area and try to get the people settled down.

(4) GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

Despite the presence of three D.D.A. Officers and seventeen Police, it was not possible to stop the fighting on Saturday the 7th November. It seems obvious that we need full riot equipment and the use of gas. Rifle fire overhead has only a very short-term effect. The people realised the patrol did not intend to shoot them and therefore they were not afraid.

There is little chance of a third fight at IMAMANDA while so many are in custody.

The people did not threaten the patrol except more as a dare. It could have been different if more forceful tactics were employed.

Councillor HILYO of the LIUNAI sub-clan is a marked man. It is obvious he can not represent the MUDAP people and their allies. He is also, no doubt, the main instigator of the fight on the 10th October.

It can be expected that the MUDAP people will try again to pay back the deaths of two of their people.

(5) CONCLUSION

All members of the patrol acted in a proper manner and should be commended for the restraint shown as well as their courage.

Proper riot equipment must be made available. It is extremely frustrating not to be able to control such a situation - except perhaps by rifle fire and consequent deaths. It seems to me the most effective weapon would be irritant gas which could be shot over a distance of at least 100 yards.

From my short experience in the Wabag Sub-District, I gather such fights are of fairly common occurrence and can be expected to continue in the future.

Attached under Appendix "A" is a list of the groups involved and their leaders.

M.R. Haywood
M.R. HAYWOOD

Assistant District Commissioner

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<u>CLAN NAME.</u>	<u>SUB-CLAN NAME.</u>	<u>HEADMEN</u>	<u>GENESIS DIVISION</u>	
TSIGIN	MUDAP	IKI	MIDDLE LAI	
	WABAI	TUNU, YUBUN, KURINK	"	
	MANGALIA	TUNIU, LACUN	"	
	KOIF	TUNIU, LAEUN	"	
	KALIF	TUNIU, LANU	"	
	IUP	MULI, NOKWENA	TSHAK	
	PAKINAU	MULI, NCEWENA	"	
	WAINBU	MULI, WABWA	"	
	KANDAUALIN	MAJAK	KOKALIO, PALAE	MIDDLE LAI
		TSIAGAUAN	KOKALIO, KINGUM	"
ABULIN		LUGARAE, TUPI	"	
YANBARAN	YANDAMAU	YALIS, PAIO	TSHAK	
LUNGIRIN	SAU	LUSAU, YAGANI	"	

THE ABOVE GROUPS WERE THE AGGRESSORS AGAINST THOSE LISTED BELOW:

TSIGIN	LIUNAI	PILYO, YAKA, LAU'U	MIDDLE LAI
DEP	KUNDU	RUIYO, MAIDIAN	WABAS
	WOIFALIN	LUNGO, YCHANIS	"
	WAIQ	LAIYONG, TAIYAU	"
	KWOIFA	LAIYONG, YUBUN	"
	KUMBA	LAIYONG, SAFINK	"
	LIARA	APKAS, PAIHE	"
	WOIFALINI	APKAS, KWAE	"
	KIORANI	SHIGO, TANGODAI	"
YIRINI	WIAKIN	MICK	"
LUGIRIN	PAUKI	LUSAE, KUPI	"



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number. WABAG PATROL No. 5 of 1970/71

Subdistrict WABAG

District WESTERN HIGHLANDS

Type of Patrol SPECIAL

Patrol Conducted by P.J. SOMERS, PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled WABAG LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL AREA
 (Council and/or PARTS UPPER LAI, LAI HEADWATERS
 Census Division/s.) AND AMBUM CENSUS DIVISIONS.

Personnel Accompanying Patrol
1 member R.P.N.G.C.

Duration of Patrol—from 12 - 1 - 71 to 21 - 1 - 71

No. of Days NINE

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: MAY - JULY, 1970. ELECTION, ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION

Date: MAY & JULY 1970 Duration 14 days, 16 days

Object of Patrol (Briefly) Conduct two Land Investigations,
Check feasibility of three road routes,
Initiate work on Council Rural Development Road project,
Routine Administration.

Total Population of Area Patrolled 26,579

Director of District Administration,
 KONE DOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner.

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KONEDOBU. Papua

30th March, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Western Highlands District,
MOUNT HAGEN.

WABAG PATROL NO. 5 of 1970/1971

Your reference WHD 895 dated 1st March, 1971.

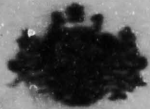
I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Land Situation Report by P.J. Somers, Patrol Officer of part Upper Lai, Lae Headwaters and Ambum Census Divisions.

Matters raised in this report are sufficiently covered in comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Wabag, subsequent Land Investigation report and submission on the Sopas-Sirunki and Nandi-Tina roads.

In an area such as this where good gardening land is obviously short, development of a road between Sirunki and Londol would be better left in abeyance and this has been wisely done.

Mr. Somers has provided useful information in his report.

(T.M. ELLIS)
Secretary.



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MOUNT HAGEN, W.H.D.

1st March, 1971.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KORORUA.

WABAG PATROL No. 5 of 1970/71

The above report is forwarded herewith.

The comments from the Assistant District Commissioner,
Wabag, sufficiently cover matters raised in the report.
The main material to be produced from this patrol
concerns the SOPAS to SIWUKI motor road and a land
investigation. These two reports are still in
preparation.

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R. AISBETT,
a/District Commissioner

c.c. The A.D.C.,
Wabag.

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Sub-district Office
WABAG
Western Highlands District.

21st February 1971.

The District Commissioner
Western Highlands District
MT. HAGEN

WABAG PATROL NO. 5 OF 1970/71

Please find enclosed :

- 3 copies of the above report
- 1 claim for camping allowance

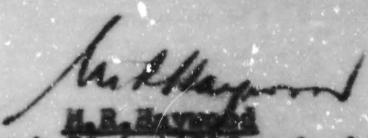
Comments on report

There is little need for comment as this will be made on the separate correspondence concerning the road from SOPAS to SIRUNAI, and the land applications.

In regard to the LONDOL - SIRUNAI Rural Development project on which \$ 4,000 has already been approved I have already written suggesting this money be redirected to the WABAG-LAIAGAN road.

In regard to the ANBUN Rural Development Project on which \$ 6,000 has already been allocated Mr. Somers is about to cover this area again and I expect no difficulty in getting the work done on time.

Within the next three months area studies will be made of the Wabag, Upper Lai and Lai Headwaters Census Divisions. I feel there is a need for more patrolling but the staff position at Wabag is so bad it has been nearly impossible to give proper attention to field work.


H. R. Hayward
(Assistant District Commissioner)

cc Mr. P. Somers
Administrative Adviser
WABAG COUNCIL

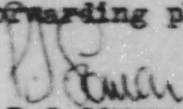
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Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
Wabag Sub-District,
W.H.D.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
WABAG.

WABAG PATROL No. 5 of 1970/71

1. Herewith four copies of Wabag Patrol Report No 5 of 1970/71.
2. All objects of the patrol were achieved with the exception of obtaining the Lomol people's consent to construction of the road through their garden land. I informed the people that it was extremely unlikely that a surveyor would be made available to survey a new route bypassing their gardens. I consider it most unlikely that they will change their attitude now, and hope to be able to have the R.D.F Funds for this project (\$4,000) re-allocated to other Council Rural Development Projects.
3. Work on reports on the three roads is nearing completion. After studying the terrain between the Lal valley floor and Tinsam road, consideration is being given to having the requested Rural Development grant being put to surfacing, re-forming and extending the present Sari - Tinsam road.
4. Work has been started on the Ambum valley road, a tractor is ferrying materials out and culvert sites are being prepared.
5. Constable 1/C 1042 IEURI of R.P.N.G.C accompanied the patrol and performed his duties competently.
6. Claim for Camping Allowance attached for your submission.
7. For your attention and on forwarding please.


P.J. SOMERS

Patrol Officer

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Division
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
Department of the Administrator,
WABAG, W.H.R.
8th January, 1971.

Mr. P. Somers, Patrol Officer,
Administrative Adviser,
Wabag Local Government Council,
WABAG.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS
WABAG PATROL NO. 5 of 1970/71.

1. Please prepare to patrol part of the Upper Lai, Lai Headquarters and Ambun Census Division. Your departure date from Wabag will be the 11th or 12th January, 1971.

2. OBJECTS OF PATROL

- (a) Land Investigation, NAWDI. Please get this report back to me within ten days.
- (b) Survey NAWDI - TINAM road for access to Council timber lease.
- (c) Check pegged route SOPAS - SIRIUKI road as far as boundary with Lalagan. Report on grades, work done etc.
- (d) Check SIRIUKI - LONDOK road route and investigate difficulties LONDOK section.
- (e) Land Investigation MUMOGAM for Council financed Primary T. School.
- (f) Start improvements AMBUN road - Rural Development Project
- (g) General administration

3. PATROL PERSONNEL

See Sgt. Kusasa for two police and take one interpreter as well.

4. DURATION OF PATROL

I would expect your patrol will not take more than two weeks and you have to be at Wabag for the next Council meeting on the 29th January.

H.R. HAYWOOD
H.R. HAYWOOD
Assistant District Commissioner

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PATROL DIARY

- 12-1-71 TUESDAY Departed WABAG 1030, arriving NANDI 1100. Setting up camp at 1200. Land Investigation conducted at NANDI 1300-1700. 1730-1830 worked on notes and settled two minor disputes. Slept night NANDI.
- 13-1-71 WEDNESDAY 0730-0900 worked on NANDI Land Investigation. 0900 walked to KUBALIS thence up to ridge at TINAM, looking for feasible road site. Returned along MAKEMBO creek and waded LAI river opposite SAKALIPA P.T.S. Arrived NANDI Rest House 1400. Departed NANDI 1400 by car to KUBALIS, LAGOLAN and APANDA to apprehend various people for Court action for A.D.C. Checked progress of people stockpiling gravel at APANDA. Returned NANDI 1630, worked on Land Investigation notes to 1800. Slept night NANDI.
- 14-1-71 THURSDAY 0730-0915 compiling Investigation notes. 0915 Field Assistant V. IAGATA arrived. Departed immediately by car for KIVI. Arrived 0935. Walked up to ridge top at KAIAP looking for feasible road route. Arrived TINAM 1200. Conferred with sawmill manager on possible road route. Departed 1300, arriving NANDI 1430. To station 1450 to report to A.D.C on various matters. Slept night NANDI.
- 15-1-71 FRIDAY 0730 packed patrol gear. 0830 vehicle arrived and transported Patrol to SOPAS. Cargo sent by car to KINABULAM. Talk given to assembled SOPAS people on alleged trouble experienced by surveyor during previous survey. Departed SOPAS 0930, reaching road-head at 1100, thence followed survey marks, accompanied by Const. 1/c YORE, Councillor IPARUN and Committee FASWIN. Arrived KEBISANDA 1300 and KINABULAM 1530. Fairly rough going. Settled two minor disputes and worked on notes to 1800. Slept night KINABULAM.
- 16-1-71 SATURDAY Departed KINABULAM 0730, arriving SIRUNKI road junction 0930, thence by vehicle to WABAG for meeting. Cargo to KAIBARE. Slept night WABAG.
- 17-1-71 SUNDAY By vehicle to TAMBITANIS, thence a 10 minute walk to KAIBARE, arriving 1040. One dispute settled. Observed at KAIBARE. Slept night KAIBARE.

18-1-71 MONDAY

Departed KAIBAKE for LONDOL 0900. Walking track in bad condition, steep and wet. Arrived LONDOL 1230. Despite prior warning, no-one assembled. Councillor MORDEN absent. People finally assembled 1515. Talks given on Council Tax, Road Maintenance and trouble over survey line on proposed LONDOL-SIRWUKI road. Talked to 1830. Heard disputes to 2130. Slept night LONDOL.

19-1-71 TUESDAY

0800-1000 talked with LONDOL people in attempt to reach agreement over road site, to no avail. Departed LONDOL 1000. En route to NONOGAN instructed Road Supervisor on proposed improvements on road. Marked culvert sites. Arrived NONOGAN 1230. 1300-1700 Worked on Land Investigation. 1700 - 1900 talks given on Road Maintenance and new Primary School. Slept night NONOGAN.

20-1-71 WEDNESDAY

0745-1200 supervised road work, work on teacher's house and completed Land Investigation. 1300-1400 settled two minor disputes. Departed NONOGAN 1400, arriving ANDITARI 1530. Inspected road to 1730, accompanied by road supervisor and instructed on future improvements. Disputes heard to 1815 and worked on notes to 1900. Slept night ANDITARI.

21-1-71 THURSDAY

Departed ANDITARI 0700, arriving KUNDIS 0900. Met by vehicle and transported to WABAG. 1030 reported to A.D.C.

END OF PATROL

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INTRODUCTION:

The objects of this short patrol were as follows:

1. To conduct a Land Investigation for an extension of a Council sponsored Primary School lease at Sakaripa, in the Upper Lai valley.
2. To check the grades of the completed section of the Sopas-Sirunki road, one of Wabag Council's Rural Development Projects, to assess the people's attitude towards the road and to check on the feasibility of construction on the uncompleted section of the road, in accordance with Instructions laid down in the Director of P.W.D's 12-87-001 of 1st December, 1970, addressed to the District Commissioner, Mount Hagen, and to prepare a report on same.
3. To find a feasible route from the Lai valley floor near Nandi to Tinam, on the ridgetop to the north. This is one of Wabag Council's proposed Rural Development Projects for 1971/72.
4. To investigate a road route from Londol to Sirunki, for which Rural Development Funds are already available, and to attempt to obtain the Londol people's agreement to constructing the road through their garden land.
5. To conduct a Land Investigation at Monogam in the upper Ambus valley for a Council sponsored Primary School lease.
6. To initiate work on the Ambus road, for which Rural Development Funds are available.
7. To carry out Routine Administration.

All objects of the patrol were achieved with the exception of obtaining the Londol people's consent to construction of the road through their garden land. Innumerable arguments were put forward to them during the patrol's stay at Londol and finally agreement was reached with all but two dissenters, POPUGAI and OBONOGALI, both of Londol, who still remain adamant in their refusal to co-operate. The present incumbent at the Catholic Mission at Londol, Father KPAJIE, hopes to exert his influence upon these reactionaries but his chances of success seem extremely slim. Success in this field would result in a real boost to this economically backward area.

The Land Investigations at Sakaripa and Monogam have both been completed and forwarded to the Department of Lands, Surveys and Mines, and no difficulty was experienced in either case in obtaining the owners agreement to sell.

The Reports on the Sopas-Sirunki and Nandi-Tinam routes are both near completion and will shortly be forwarded to the Department of Public Works.

Work has been started on the Ambus road and a Council tractor is at present ferrying culvert pipes, cement and other construction material to the site. Various gangs of men are already preparing the culvert sites and stock-piling rock, sand and gravel.

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INTRODUCTION:

TOPOGRAPHY:

The region covered by this patrol, comprising parts of the UPPER LAI, LAI HEADWATERS and AMBUN Census Divisions, is dominated by two rivers, the LAI and the AMBUN, both of which rise to the northwest of the station and run parallel and in a generally southeasterly direction to their confluence about five miles east of Wabag. Both rivers run along broad, fairly deep and heavily populated valleys and are separated by a narrow ridge.

The ridge which forms the south side of the LAI falls rather steeply to the river, but on its southern side falls away more gently and opens onto a large irregular grassland plateau which extends almost to LAIAGAM. This plateau is a watershed for several rivers, notably the LAI and the LAGAIP. The LAI eventually flows north into the SEPIK river system, whilst the LAGAIP joins the STRICKLAND and flows south into the FLY river.

The altitude of the region varies between 5,500 and 10,000 feet above sea level, the bulk of the population living below the 7,000 feet level.

Generally the lower parts of the valleys are open grassland with small stands of trees, principally casuarina, whilst the ridge tops are covered with rain and moss forest. The land has an air of impermanence and landslides, floods and erosion are common.

POLITICAL:

The stage of political awareness in the area is generally rather low, and does not extend much beyond a rudimentary concept of the Local Government system and a fear of Self Government and Independence. Whether this fear has been inculcated by outside influences or is truly spontaneous I was unable to ascertain.

Due to the shortness and specialized nature of the patrol, political discussions were of necessity rather limited and were held for the most part with Councillors and Ward Committee members whose degree of political awareness should be markedly higher than the average person's. Even within the confines of the area patrolled society is very fragmented, largely caused by land ownership disputes, and from this it would seem that prime consideration should be given to fostering a sense of unity on a local level concurrent with propagating the concept of National Unity.

ECONOMIC:

Most of the area covered by this patrol is economically depressed. There are very few wage earners in the area, and of these the majority are employed by the Administration or by various Missions. A significant proportion of young males leave the area each year with the Highland Labour scheme to earn themselves money on the coast.

With the high population density and consequent land pressures it would seem unlikely that sufficient acreage will ever become available for agricultural entrepreneurship other than on a small scale. Unfortunately there are few cash crops suitable for this altitude; coffee does not grow well at this height and the financial rewards accruing from pyrethrum are small. European vegetables are grown throughout the area, and are purchased periodically by buyers, but this can only be a limited market.

There are a few small-scale entrepreneurs in the area, owners of trade stores and business vehicles, but the majority seem to regard their ventures more as status symbols than cash earning possibilities.

SOCIAL:

The area covered by this patrol is comparatively well endowed with educational and medical facilities.

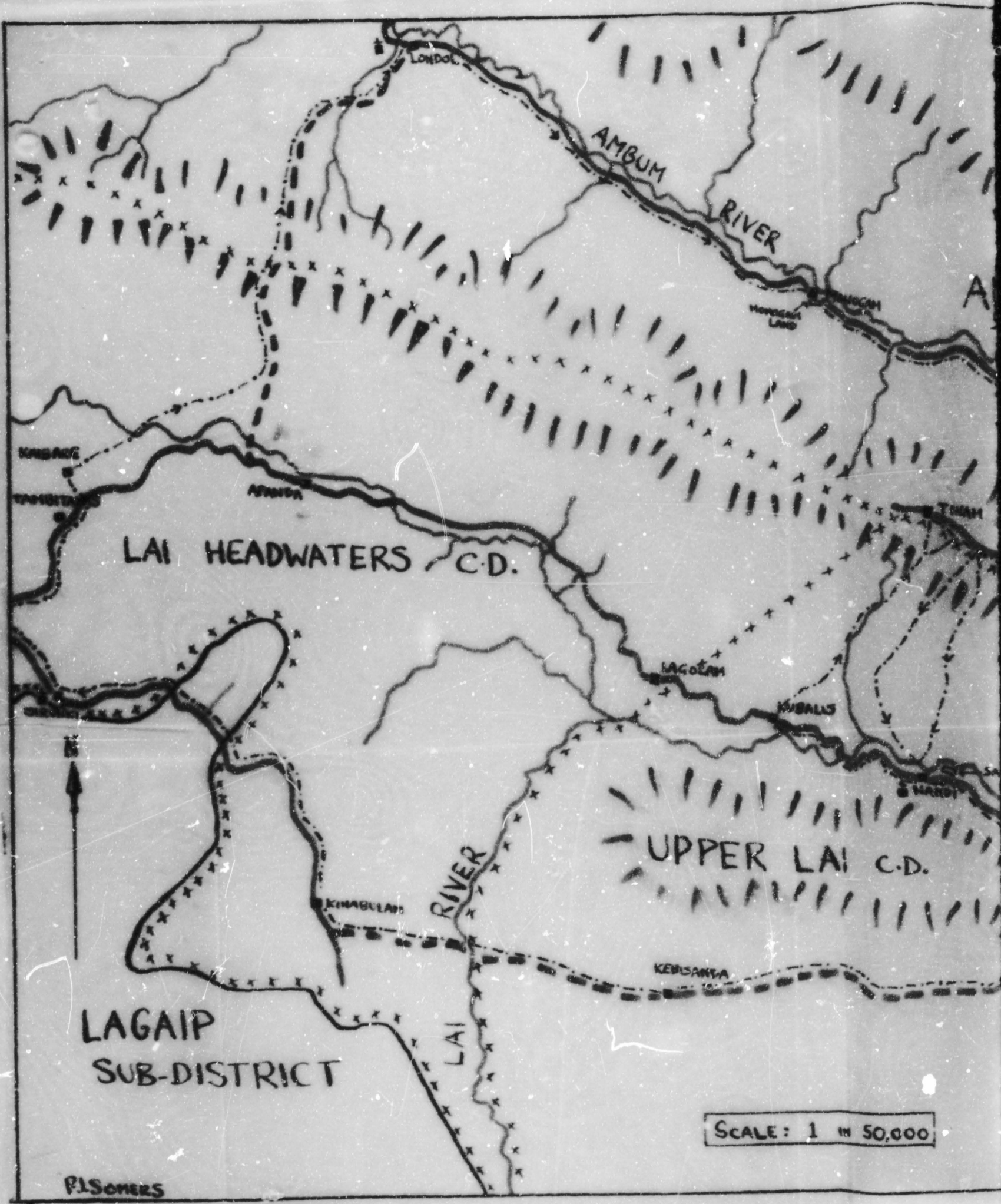
There are Primary schools at WABAG, NANNU, SIRUNKI, LONDOL, SIKERO and PAR, and an additional school has just been opened at MONOGAM in the AMBUM valley. This latter school is a WABAG Council sponsored project, as is NANDI Primary School. There is also a Primary School at KUNDIS in the AMBUM valley. There are no Secondary level Educational institutions in the area.

There is a fully equipped hospital at SOPAS with a resident European doctor, run by the Seventh Day Adventist Mission, and an Administration hospital at WABAG, operated by a Medical Assistant. The Department of Public Health maintains Aid Posts at APANDA, KINABULAM and MONOGAM, the S.D.A Mission operates one at KEBISANDA and every Mission station provides limited medical facilities. There is a Leprosarium at YAMPU in the AMBUM valley, operated by the Catholic Mission and financed by the Administration.

The Seventh Day Adventist Mission operates stations at SOPAS and at TEREMANDA, the Catholic Mission has stations at SARI, LONDOL, SIKERO, YAMPU and PAR, and the Lutheran Mission's stations in the area are at WATUMANDA, SIRUNKI, KUNDIS and WAKUMARE.

P. J. Somers
P. J. SOMERS
PATROL OFFICER

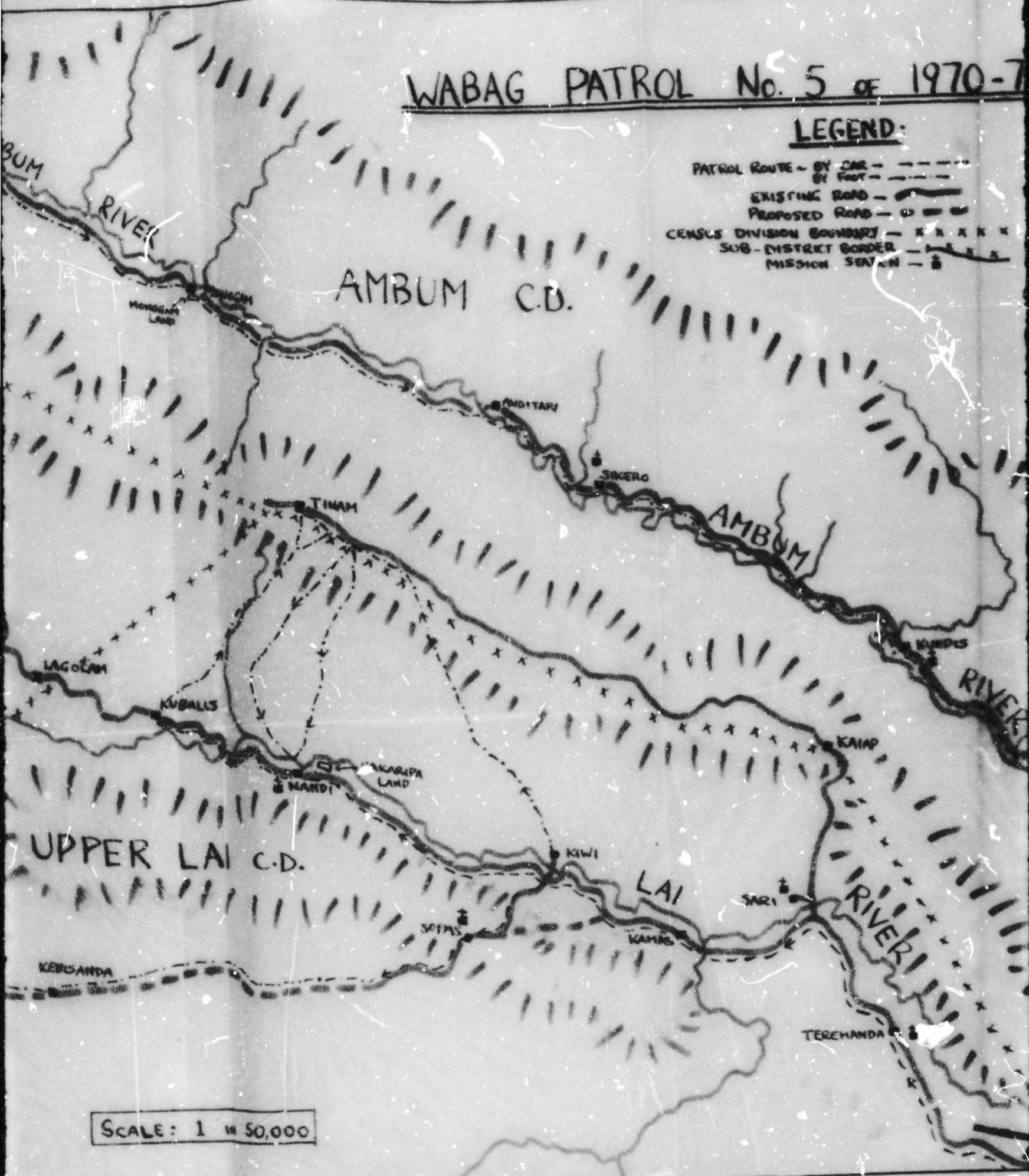
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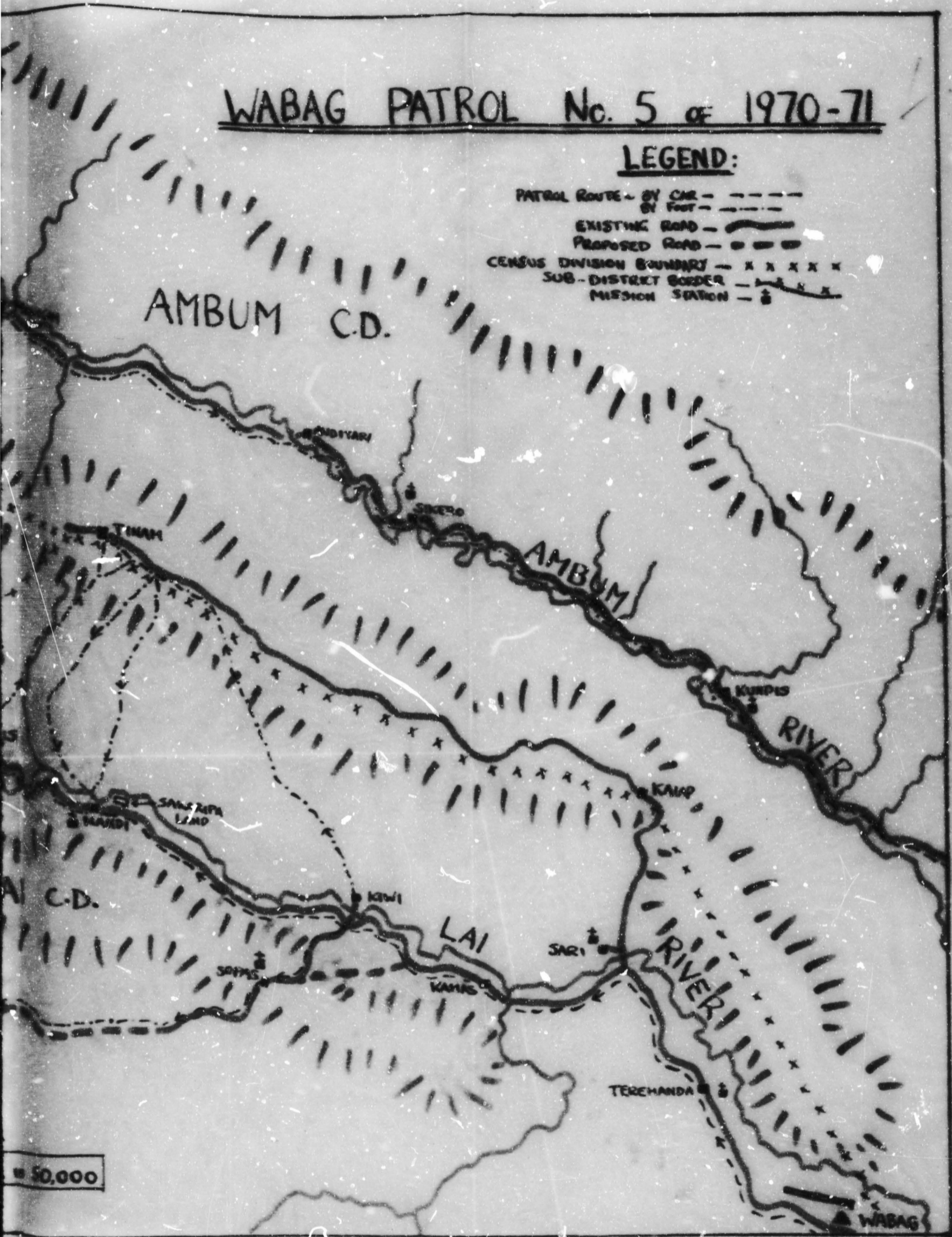


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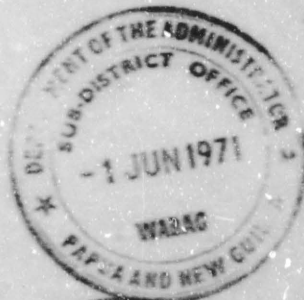
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT



Report Number **WABAG No. 1 of 1970/71**

Subdistrict **WABAG**

District **WESTERN HIGHLANDS.**

Type of Patrol **CENSUS and AREA STUDY**

Patrol Conducted by **B.A. ROWLEY PATROL OFFICER**

Area Patrolled

MARAMUNI C.D. No 28

~~WABAG~~

Census Division ~~WABAG~~

MARAMUNI

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

2 members R.P.N.G.C.

1 Interpreter

1 P.H.D. Medical Assistant

Duration of Patrol—from **11 / 3 / 71** to **11 / 4 / 71**

No. of Days **31 Days**

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: **October 1969** No. **3 1969/70**

Date **October 1969**

Duration **Unknown**

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) **Census**

Total Population of Area Patrolled **3350**

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Ma Seng Dula

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner.

PJN:IT

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LOWDOWN.

16th August, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Western Highlands District,
MOUNT HAGEN.

WARAG PATROL NO. 6 OF 1970/71.

Your reference is WED907 of 1st July,
1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of
above-mentioned Patrol Report by Mr. S.A. Rowley.

J. W. Ellis
(T.W. ELLIS)
SECRETARY.



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MOUNT HAGEN, W.H.D.

1st July, 1971.

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

WABAG PATROL REPORT No. 6 - 1970/71

The above numbered report and census figures for a Patrol of the Maramuni Census Division, submitted by Mr. B. Rowley, is forwarded for your information.

- 1) The comments of the Assistant District Commissioner, Wabag, cover the lack of finesse of this report.
- 2) The long period during which this area was not visited by Administration Patrols was due in the main to lack of staff.
- 3) The area has few if any problems, the population are generally content to remain as they are and it would be impractical at this stage to impose Local Government on them.
- 4) There can be no worthwhile development for any aspect of these people's existence until a vehicular road is constructed into the area from either Wabag or Laiagam.

S. M. Foley
(S.M. FOLEY)
District Commissioner

c.c. The A.D.C.,
Wabag.

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Sub-district Office
WASAG
Western Highlands District.

1st June 1971.

The District Commissioner
Western Highlands District
MR. HAGEN

WASAG PATROL NO. 6 OF 1970/71

MARAMMI CENSUS DIVISION NO. 28

Please find enclosed the original and two copies of the above report submitted by Mr. B. Rowley P.O., together with patrol maps, Village Population Registers, and claims for camping allowances for Mr. Rowley and Mr. Hagben.

Comments on report

1. The patrol covered the period 11/3/71 - 11/4/71 and the report was only submitted today. Mr. Rowley has also retralled the Marammi Census Division after completing the Marammi but I feel he should ensure that patrol reports are submitted within one week of the patrol finishing. This is reasonable even with an Area Study as the bulk of the report can be written while on patrol.
2. The period of the patrol was for a total of 32 days and not 31 days. The report has been corrected accordingly.
3. The patrol maps are not good enough for printing. I will arrange for a more detailed and accurate map to be prepared which can be printed.
4. The patrol instructions listed a total of seven specific objects of which Mr. Rowley has failed to comment adequately on, 1) List of census centres and relate these to the clan and sub-clan names listed in the Village Directory, 2) Feasibility study of the proposed Ladaga-Marammi Road, 3) List of all traditional leaders.
5. Mr. Rowley will be requested to supply what information he has available on the items listed under 4.
6. Presentation, spelling, punctuation all need improvement and I have pointed out some of the obvious mistakes to Mr. Rowley. I am told that this is the second patrol report he has written and the first Area Study and census effort. If this is correct then I consider the present effort is reasonable. I find it difficult to understand how a Patrol Officer in his second term has only managed two patrol reports.
7. It is obvious the Marammi Census Division needs an access road and it would appear that the best route suggested so far goes via Terenax, although I am told it is only feasible as far as about 1 hour from Weilea. A full feasibility study is essential before actual work is started. I have suggested that perhaps access is possible from the Koupian area with the long-term possibility of Koupian having an outlet through the Baiyer River area to Mt. Hagen.

8. It has been suggested that the Maramuni may provide suitable resettlement for people from the overcrowded areas around Wabag. In this regard the comments on page 1 under Locality - "Dominant surface and sub-surface soils are sandstone and shale with some red and white clay at higher levels. The average depth of topsoil is about two and a half inches, extremely leached and of a low fertility" - indicate the area is not suitable for extensive resettlement. I would suggest a more detailed study be done to find out if there is much fertile land in the Maramuni available for settlement and the development of cash crops.

9. Without knowing much about the Maramuni apart from one visit to PASALAGAS by aircraft it does seem to me that while there is no doubt large areas of land not occupied the place is so isolated and unattractive for development that it would be very difficult to get people from around Wabag to settle there.

10. It is proposed that the Maramuni be included in the Kospian-Baiyer River Electorate. At present the Maramuni is in the Wabag Electorate with Mr. Ted Abel being the Member. With only one small private airstrip and no road access it is extremely difficult for this area to be visited by M.H.A. Mr. Ted Abel no doubt makes reasonable contact with people from the Maramuni when they visit Wabag.

11. Mr. Rowley has indicated that the people have little appreciation of political matters which is understandable because of the isolation. I would agree that it would be an advantage to hold a seminar type meeting at Wabag for the Maramuni Ialunisi and Tultals. This will be arranged within the next month.

12. Mr. Rowley has indicated some friction exists between the S.D.A. and the two other missions - Catholic and Lutheran. I am surprised to hear of this as there is no indication of friction elsewhere in the Wabag Sub-district. The matter of 'rights' to land at the private airstrip at PASALAGAS is something which the missions can settle themselves.

13. I see little prospect of the Maramuni becoming a separate Council unless an officer can be posted there. With such a small population - 3300 - and little opportunity for economic development, it does seem that the Maramuni should go into the Wabag or Iagaisp Councils once there is reasonable road communication. If the best road route is in from Kospian then of course the Maramuni could join the Kospian Council.

14. The Maramuni Census Division is a problem area in that it is isolated, has a very small population scattered in difficult terrain, and no road access. The first step is obviously to get a road into the area and if staff is available, post an officer there to get things moving.

15. As this is Mr. Rowley's first census and area study patrol I consider it is a reasonable effort but he must ensure that he does carry out patrol instructions. In particular it was necessary to give more detail on the feasibility of a road into the Maramuni.

M. R. Rowley
M. R. Rowley
(Assistant District Commissioner)

cc Mr. B. Rowley
Patrol Officer
WABAG

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of District Administration,

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Copy out for

Sub-district Office
WABAG
Western Highlands District

3rd March 1971.

Mr. B. Rowley
Patrol Officer
WABAG

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS WABAG PATROL No. 6 OF 1970/71

MARAMONI CENSUS DIVISION No. 26

Please prepare to patrol the whole of the Maramoni
Census Division departing from Wabag by Wednesday 10th March 1971.

Objects of Patrol

1. Revise the Census and carry out an Area Study
2. Compile a list of census centres and relate these to the Clan and Sub-clan names listed in the Village Directory.
3. Pay all M.N.T.As held for coastal workers.
4. Liaise with the Lutheran Mission and assist in getting their airstrip repaired.
5. Report on the feasibility of the proposed LALAGAN - MARAMONI Road. Check with the A.D.C. Wabag.
6. List all the Village Officials - Iuluka and Tultule - indicating dates of appointment and discharge.
7. Compile a list of ALL traditional leaders.

Patrol Personnel

Take up to three (3) members of the R.P.A.N.G.C. and one (1) Administration Interpreter.

General Comments

Complete your next Treasury Reimbursement and I will take over the Cash Office.

Refer to old patrol reports and correspondence on the Maramoni for background information.

Refer to the Departmental Standing Instructions for method of reporting Area Studies also Director's 67 - 1 - 0 dated 21st June 1968 and my 67-1-2 dated 29th January 1971.

Your patrol map is to be on the scale 1"=4 miles and is to contain all information required to show where your patrol went.

There is no fixed time limit but I expect you should cover the area reasonably well in 1 month.

M. R. Haywood
M. R. Haywood
M. R. Haywood A.D.C.

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PATROL DIARY

- Thursday 11th March. Departed Wabag by car at 1100 hrs for Toronam best house. At Sirunki I was informed by the A.D.C. Laiagam that the lines that would be needed as carriers for my patrol were at present engaged in tribal fighting, but that I should not incur any trouble in recruiting carriers. Arrived Toronam 1400 hrs and sent the word out for carriers. Slept night at Toronam.
- Friday 12th March. 1010 hrs departed Toronam with only 36 carriers as most of the people in this vicinity had had left due to fighting at Sirunki. Walked to Lasalam S.D.A. station and recruited a further 25 carriers that afternoon. Slept at Lasalam.
- Saturday 13th March. Departed Lasalam at 0810 hrs for Pores rest house. Walking track in extremely bad condition due to lack of maintenance, arrived Pores 1310 hrs. Slept night at Pores.
- Sunday 14th March. Departed Pores 0900 hrs and arrived Woilep 1415 hrs. Paid the carriers from Laiagam for their work, and hired carriers from Woilep to carry to Tongoti rest house, another one hour and ten minutes walk from Woilep. Slept night at Tongoti.
- Monday 15th March. Discussions with the Local Leaders about walking tracks and proposed Maramuni road access. Slept night at Tongoti.
- Tuesday 16th March. Census carried out with all clans in good attendance. Talks given to the people about area study subjects, and discussions continued until 1700 hrs. Slept night at Tongoti.
- Wednesday 17th March. De parted ^{for} Pasalagas at 1005 hrs with light rain falling as we walked, arrived Pasalagas at 1315 hrs. Talked with the people waiting at the rest house and then at 1600 hrs target shooting was held with the two police and myself with .303 rifles, 15 rounds expended. Slept night at ~~Tungatik~~ Pasalagas.
- Thursday 18th March. Census carried out between 0900 hrs and 1315 hrs with all clans in good attendance. Talks given and discussions held until 1750 hrs. Slept night at Pasalagas.
- Friday 19th March. Work carried out on improving the rest houses, with blind being made to reline the che walls and kunai grass gathered to fix the holes in the roofs. Slept at Pasalagas.
- Saturday 20th March. Continued work on effecting repairs to the rest houses with some relining being carried out on the "haus kiap". Slept night at Pasalagas.
- Sunday 21st March. Observed. Slept night at Pasalagas.

- Monday 22nd March. Departed Pasalagas for Porgah at 0855 hrs and arrived Porgah 1030 hrs. Talks with the people in the afternoon, and informed them that census would be taken the following morning. Slept at Porgah Rest House.
- Tuesday 23rd March. Census started at 0930 hrs and completed at 1120 hrs. Talks given on area study subjects, and the people were unable to answer most questions put to them about Central Government. Slept at Porgah.
- Wednesday 24th March. Departed Porgah at 0730 hrs, and arrived Biaka R.H. 0933 hrs. Met by local village officials and discussions held until 1400 hrs. Rifle practise held from 1410 hrs to 1500 hrs. Slept at Biaka Rest House.
- Thursday 25th March. Census started at 1035 hrs. due to rain in the early morning. Three lines completed when rain set in again, and all lines told to return again tomorrow morning for completion of census. Rained all day from 1145 hrs. Slept night at Biaka.
- Friday 26th March. Census started at 0900 hrs and completed at 1025 hrs. Talked to the 2 people about area study subjects, but the response was poor. Slept at Biaka.
- Saturday 27th March. Departed Biaka at 0706 hrs, and arrived Pasalagas at 1030 hrs. Repairs to rest house now completed. Slept at Pasalagas rest house.
- Sunday 28th March. Observed. Slept at Pasalagas.
- Monday 29th March. Departed Pasalagas at 0750 hrs and arrived Nelyako 0922 hrs. Walking track in good condition.. Talked to the local people and the Aid Post Orderly, and settled some of their worries. Slept at Nelyako Rest House.
- Tuesday 30th March. Census started at 1030 hrs and completed at 1130 hrs. Discussions with all the people present, and they were advised to build a new aid post for the A.P.O. at Nelyako. Slept Nelyako.
- Wednesday 31st March. Departed Nelyako 0723 hrs and arrived Kaiemotok rest house 0905 hrs. Discussed with Luluai KUPA his problems, and then later paid off all Highland Labour Scheme workers who had money due to them on the N.M.T.A.s I had with me. Slept at Kaiemotok Rest House.
- Thursday 1st April. Census started at 0900 hrs and completed at 1340 hrs. Rain from 1330 hrs which continued to fall the remainder of the afternoon. People told to return tomorrow morning for propaganda talk. Slept at Kaiemotok.
- Friday 2nd April. Talks started at 1000 hrs with only eighty to ninety people in attendance. Those that did attend however were interested, and voiced their opinions. Slept at Kaiemotok.
- Saturday 3rd April. Departed Kaiemotok at 0723 hrs and arrived Pasalagas

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- ps Saturday 3rd April. at 1050 hrs. Clans from Porgah, Biaka and Pasalagas
 (Cont) were working on the airstrip, and they completed
 work for the day at 1200 hrs. I was advised that
 lines from all rest houses would report on Monday
 to continue working on the airstrip.
 Slept at Pasalagas.
- Sunday 4th April. Observed.
 Slept at Pasalagas.
- Monday 5th April. Continued working on the airstrip with all lines
 in attendance except those from Tongoti, who were
 working on repairing the walking track back to
 Pores.
 Slept at Pasalagas Rest House.
- Tuesday 6th April. Continued working on the airstrip all day between
 0730 hrs and 1620 hrs.
 Slept at Pasalagas Rest House.
- Wednesday 7th April. Work on the airstrip completed at 1640 hrs, leaving
 it in a much more serviceable condition than it was
 in before. The work on the strip raised the centre
 by approximately two feet and cut ~~xxx~~ drains
 along the sides.
 Slept at Pasalagas.
- Thursday 8th April. Departed Pasalagas at 0720 hrs and arrived Tongoti
 1020 hrs. Waited for the Clans from Tongoti to
 arrive to discuss compensation payments due to
 the death of a ex Tul Tul. As the lines did not
 arrive by 1220 hrs I proceeded to Wolep and camped
 the night there.
 Slept at Wolep.
- Friday 9th April.D Departed Wolep at 0705 hrs and arrived Pores at
 1155 hrs. The walking track had had a limited amount
 of work carried out on it, but it was still in a
 bad state.
 Slept at Pores.
- Saturday 10th April. Departed Pores for Torenam at 0655 hrs and arrived
 Torenam at 1245 hrs. This section of the walking
 track in extremely bad condition.
 Slept at Torenam Rest House.
- Sunday 11th April. Departed Torenam at 0900 hrs by vehicle for the
 journey back to Wabag. While at Laiagam spoke to
 the A.D.C. about the Maramuni road, and I was
 told that the funds allocated for the building
 of the road were no longer available.
 Arrived Wabag 1320 hrs and reported to the A.D.C.
 the completion of the Patrol.

End of Diary.

SITUATION REPORT.

Most of the information given in this section of the patrol report has been written into the area study, however I have endeavoured not ~~to~~ to make this too repetitive.

POLITICAL.

Very little was known of the House of Assembly except that it was where the M.H.As. went and discussed what was happening. After I talked to the people about Government, and asked them questions leading up to the work of the H. of A. and its position in the Central Government, they had a small understanding what the function of the House of Assembly was, and why they had M.H.As.

Tei Abel their member was known to the people, and they appeared to be very impressed by him. When he wanted to tell them something he would send word out for some of the Lulais and Tultuls to go to Wabag. The attitude was that Tei was very interested in them as his constituents and that he would always keep them informed.

John Watts the Regional member was known by name, but the people felt that he was not interested in them because they had never seen him in Wabag or in the Maramuni. They felt that he stayed in Mount Hagen and only looked after the people there.

A great need for political education of these people is evident, because although few in number, they could in the future start dissent by being left alone for a long period, not knowing what is happening.

ECONOMIC.

There is little to no economic development inside the Maramuni due to its harsh terrain and the lack of roads. The area is ideal for animals such as mountain goats, but is not suitable for cattle. Crops such as chili peppers and spices would grow well, and in the low areas tropical fruit, which a market might be able to be found for in Mount Hagen. In the higher areas potatoes and onions would possibly grow well.

No real growth of the economy in the Maramuni can be expected however until a road access is built, which will enable the transportation of crops to market.

SOCIAL.

Education is very sadly lacking with no schools situated in the area and anyone ~~that~~ wishes to send their children to school, must send them to Wabag or Lalagam.

Health is very good with an aidpost at most rest houses, and a hospital staffed by two ~~two~~ trained medical assistants at Pasalagas. If anyone requires urgent medical attention, that cannot be treated at Pasalagas, the radio can be used to summons help.

Law and ~~order~~ order could not be better with only minor ~~di~~ disputes arising in the area. They requested me to ask if a policeman could patrol in their area more frequently, as the only time they ~~see~~ see a policeman is when a patrol officer is in the area. Why they wish to see a policeman patrolling the area is because they feel they are being neglected, seeing a policeman come they will feel that they have not been forgotten about.

Services provided by the Government are some of the aid posts in the area, and a D.D.A. patrol approximately once a year.

Missions, there are three, missions the Catholic, Lutheran, and Seventh Day Adventists. The Catholics and Lutheran missions have very good relationships, but the S.D.A. mission is not liked by the other two. This is due to a number of things, mainly their stealing of converts by giving them presents of cast off clothes and an argument over the rights to land aircraft at Pasalagas. The latter problem should be settled w shortly with the S.D.A. mission paying a fee for the right to land their aircraft. The S.D.As. at Pasalagas have some medical services, but these are restricted to their followers, who normally live apart from the other people of their clan. The followers of this faith would number about one hundred.

COMMENTS ON R.P. & N.G.C.

WABAG PATROL No. 6 of 1970/71. MARAMUNI CENSUS DIVISION.

Two members accompanied the patrol.

Constable 1/c Perano No. 0895. This constable is a native of the Maramuni and it would appear that he is the son of one of the traditional leaders. He commands the respect of the people and was extremely good at settling disputes amongst the locals. He also proved invaluable when trading salt for food, and buying food for cash.

Constable 1/c Mulimba No. 0936. This constable is not as good as Perano in patrol work as he is constantly complaining of having sore legs, and when walking cannot keep up with the rest of the patrol. In the afternoons he tended to dispense with wearing a shirt and walked around in a singlet. He was found to be good in settling minor disputes between the local people.

Rifle practice.

Both members of the detachment and myself practised with rifles at Pasalagas, Biaka and Kaiemotok. A total of 45 rounds were fired with fifteen rounds expended at each rest house mentioned.

Constable Perano when shown how to sight the rifle properly, returned good groups at twenty five yards, all being within a three inch group. A good shot with a rifle.

Constable Mulimba tended to be afraid of the rifle's coil and was reluctant to shoot. His groupings were very bad, and tended to be around a thirty inch group. Constant practise with this man is needed if he is to be able to use a rifle efficiently.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number 7 of WABAG 1970/71

Subdistrict WABAG

District WESTERN HIGHLANDS

Type of Patrol CENSUS

Patrol Conducted by B. A. Rowley P.O.

Area Patrolled Ambum C.D.

(Council and/or WABAG L.G.C.

Census Division/s) Ambum No 19

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

1. INTERPRETER

2. Member R.P.-NGC

Duration of Patrol—from 27/4 to 20/5/71

No. of Days 24 days

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: 18/1/71 to 21/1/71 WABAG L.G.C. No 5 of 1970/71

Date: 18-1-71 to 21/1/71 Duration: 4 days

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)

CENSUS

Total Population of Area Patrolled 11,828

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. Anna Gray Jones

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District Commissioner.

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9th December, 1971

The District Commissioner,
Western Highlands District,
M. H. G. H.

MEMO NO. 7 of 1970/71

Your reference WD917 of 5th August, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of the
above-mentioned patrol report by Mr. B. Rowley, Patrol
Officer of the Sabon Camp Division.

D. W. Ellis
(T. S. H. H.)
Secretary



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MOUNT HAGEN, W.H.D.

5th August, 1971.

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

WABAG PATROL REPORT No. 7 of 1970/71

This Patrol was carried out by Mr. Patrol
Officer Rowley.

As the covering comments of Mr. Assistant
District Commissioner Gleeson indicate Mr. Rowley's
performance on the Patrol and in the preparation of
the report was less than satisfactory.

Mr. Rowley has been agitating for a transfer
from this Sub-District for some time. His disinterest
in the area is reflected in this report. He has since
been transferred to Kikori.

S.M. Foley
S.M. FOLEY
District Commissioner

c.c. The D.D.C.,
Wabag.

The A.D.C.,
Wabag.

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Division

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Sub-District Office,

WABAG, W.H.D.

2nd July, 1971.

District Commissioner,
Western Highlands District,
MOUNT HAGEN.

WABAG PATROL NO. 7 of 1970/71 -
AMBON CENSUS DIVISION

Relevant comments are set out below.

1. Shortage of staff has caused Area Studies to fall behind.
2. A greater effort should have been made by the Patrol Conductor to compile a list of headmen of various clans. This important task was needed so that headmen could be contacted before imminent trouble. This job now has to be done by another patrol.
3. Road maintenance should have been carried out by the patrol as instructed.
4. New Census forms should have been completely reorganised, but were not, and this task now has to be done by another Officer.
5. The Patrol Conductor had ample time to complete the tasks allotted.
6. Lack of continued census patrols have made it difficult to maintain accurate figures.
7. The people do wish to have demarcation, but they want it well organised. If there was an Officer available to spend his whole time on demarcation and land work the situation would improve.
8. There are influential leaders in the Clans, but it takes a while to get to know them. The patrol conductor did not take the time to find out.
9. It appears easy to state there is this and there is that. The instructions required facts which the patrol conductor failed to compile.
10. The local people still require the guidance and strong administration from field Officers. It was unfortunate that the shortage of staff caused previous field Officers to become frustrated.
11. It is evident that the local people are confident in their Member of the House of Assembly, Mr. Tci Abal, Ministerial Member for Agriculture, and his popularity should keep him in office in 1972.
12. I concur with Mr. Rowley's remarks in the Economic section of the Report.

13. Mr. Rowley hurried through this patrol because he was to complete the census of the Wabag Census Division before 30th June, 1971.
14. Now the tasks allotted during this patrol will have to be done by a future patrol. Also, because of Mr. Rowley's request for a transfer pending a resignation, he was not sent on the Wabag Census Revision Patrol. This patrol will have to be completed when the staff situation improves.
15. The report could have elaborated more on the real situation instead of just stating facts (e.g. number of missions etc.) which are already known.
16. This report should have been submitted at an earlier date.

For your information, please.



R.T. GLEESON
s/Assistant District Commissioner

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Sub-district Office
WABAG
Western Highlands District.

21st April 1971.

Mr. B. Rowley
Patrol Officer
WABAG

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS ANSON PATROL No. 7 OF 1970/71

1. Year MARAMBI patrol was shown as No. 7 of 1970/71 but this must now be changed to No. 6 of 1970/71.
2. Mr. P. Semere Wabag Council Adviser was given Patrol No. 6 of 1970/71 to cover the whole of the ANSON Census Division. It now appears that he can not do this patrol.
3. Please prepare now to patrol the whole of the ANSON Census Division departing Wabag not later than Monday the 26th April 1971. Regardless of whether you have completed your report for the MARAMBI I want the ANSON patrol started.

4. Object of patrol

- (i) Refer to my general patrol instructions 6743-2 dated 29th January 1971.
- (ii) Revisit the census and carry out an Area Study.
- (iii) Compile a list of census centres and relate these to the Clan and Sub-clan names listed in the Village Directory or previous population registers.
- (iv) Pay all the N.F.T.As for coastal workers.
- (v) List all the Village Officials - Isharis & Taltals - discharged. Indicate dates of appointment and discharge.
- (vi) List all the traditional leaders as well as the Councillors with brief comments on each.
- (vii) Arrange for road maintenance where necessary. Discuss this with Mr. Semere and give what assistance possible for the upgrading of the ANSON road under Rural Development funds already allocated.

5. Patrol personnel

See Sgt. Kusasa and take two police. Take one Administration Interpreter, See P.H.D. and take a N.O. if available.

6. General

See the Catholic Mission IAPU and check on any absconded leper patients.

Indicated your patrol will take approximately one month. You must ensure you complete census statistics in the field and also write up your report to ensure you can complete it quickly on return to Wabag.


M.R. Harwood
(Assistant District Commissioner)

PATROL DIARY.

Tuesday, 27th April, 1971.

Departed Wabag at 1500 hours by Council car for Londol Rest House. Due to the road being impassable at Sikira, camp was made at Kundis. SLEPT KUNDIS.

Wednesday, 28th April

Departed Kundis Rest house at 0900 hrs for Londol, arrived Londol rest house at 14.0 hours. Only six people at rest house to meet patrol. Camp made and night SLEPT AT LONDOL.

Thursday, 29th April.

Started census at 1000 hours and ceased census taking at 1400 hours due to rain. SLEPT LONDOL.

Friday, 30th April.

Started census at 0930 hours and ceased census at 1330 hours due to rain which continued all afternoon. Departed Londol and returned to Wabag by mission vehicle at 1630 hours. SLEPT WABAG.

Saturday, 1st May

Observed Wabag.

Sunday, 2nd May

Observed Wabag.

Monday, 3rd May

Departed Wabag at 0830 hours for Londol. Arrived Londol 0930 hours and started on census which was completed at 1130 hrs. Broke camp at 1200 hours and walked to Monogan, arrived Monogan rest house at 1400 hours. Made camp and talked to local leaders. SLEPT MONOGAN.

Tuesday, 4th May

Started Census at 0900 hours and ceased at 1730 hours. SLEPT AT MONOGAN.

Wednesday, 5th May

Started census at 0900 hours and completed at 1300 hours. Broke camp and walked to Kasi Rest house, arriving at 1630 hours. Met by Local Councillor and only two or three members of his line. Made camp and SLEPT KASI.

Thursday, 6th May

Census started at 0930 hours and ceased for the day at 1700 hours. SLEPT KASI.

Friday, 7th May

Census started at 0900 hours and ceased at 1600 hours. Departed Kasi by vehicle for Wabag at 1650 hours. SLEPT WABAG.

Saturday 8th May

Observed Wabag.

Sunday, 9th May.

Observed Wabag.

Monday, 10th May.

Office duties Wabag and meeting with Secretary, Mr. T.W. Ellis. SLEPT WABAG.

Tuesday, 11th May.

Departed Wabag for Kasi at 0900 hours and arrived Kasi 0940 hours. Started census at 0950 hours and completed at 1120 hours. Broke camp and walked to Kundis. Made camp at 1200 hours. Rain fell all afternoon. SLEPT KUNDIS.

Wednesday, 12th May.

Census started at 0930 hours with light rain falling most of the morning. Ceased census for the day at 1600 hours when heavy rain started falling SLEPT KUNDIS.

Thursday, 13th May.

Started census at 0900 hours and completed at 1200 hours. Broke camp at 1220 hours and walked to Yampu rest house, arriving 1500 hours. Made camp and slept AT YAMPU.

Friday, 14th May.

Started census at 0900 hours and ceased at 1540 hours when heavy rain fell. 1600 hours returned to Wabag. SLEPT WABAG.

Saturday, 15th May

Observed Wabag

Sunday, 16th May

Observed Wabag

Monday, 17th May

Departed Wabag by motor bike at 0930 hours and completed census at Par at 1200 hours. Broke camp and when vehicle from Sub District Office, Wabag, arrived in afternoon, equipment and personnel moved to Wabag. SLEPT WABAG.

Tuesday, 18th May.

Police and interpreter sent to Lakwi rest house to inform people to arrive for census following day. Police and interpreter slept Lakwi.

Wednesday, 19th May

Departed Wabag for Lakwi by motor bike at 0830 hours. Arrived Lakwi at 1000 hours and started census. Census completed at 1400 hours. Returned to Wabag and SLEPT WABAG.

Thursday, 20th May.

Police and interpreter returned to Wabag by vehicle.

END OF PATROL.

See Area Study - photo copied
STAGE OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT. *9/12/71*

The people are happy with local government in the area and no ill feelings were found. There were no complaints about the Councillors in the area.

No anti-European feeling was heard in this area. All Europeans in this area work for the Missions and are doing a constructive job either as ministers, carpenters, nursing sisters or teachers.

SITUATION REPORT.

POLITICAL.

As previously stated, there are 11 Councillors in this area and 39 Committee men. None of the Councillors or Committee men in this area appeared to be outstanding or expressed any opinions.

It was said by Councillor *NALA* of Kasi that the Assistant District Commissioner at Wabag, Mr. M. Haywood, had told people to go and fight and that they could kill each other, and that he did not do his job. This had been told to him by ~~an~~ other people and he believed what he had heard. I tried to tell him that it was lies, but he was not prepared to believe me.

The outcome of this feeling and talk was that Mr. Haywood was given a transfer to Mandi and the people were left to feel that they can get rid of anyone who displeases them.

With regard to awareness about self-government and independence, the people were united in the thought that self-government and independence are bad things for them. They stated that they did not know what it was all about but that it was a time when the Europeans would leave them.

Fei Abal is very well liked and respected in this area, and I cannot see him being beaten in the next House of Assembly elections.

ECONOMIC.

The people of this area are subsistence farmers and they will remain so for a long time to come.

There are four cattle projects in this Division with a further two being started as of 15th June, 1971. There is a lot of interest in cattle projects but the land shortage is the main factor stopping a great deal more from being started.

Pyrethrum is not a popular crop in this area. Returns are low relative to the work input required and only at Londol is the altitude really suited to the crop. The Agricultural Assistants who patrol in the area find the people are not interested on the whole to replant or plant new areas under this crop.

Some vegetables are grown as a cash crop and are sold to "Waso". A large amount of sweet potato is also purchased in this area by the Wabag Local Government Council for the Council's piggery.

When land disputes have been settled and the people are willing to abide by decisions made over land boundaries the economic situation should change. When this has happened land will be able to be used as community cattle projects without the people having to worry about borders with other clans.

Sheep would also be a good form of economic development and these could be grazed on areas which are too steep for cattle. Molasses grass may be a suitable improved pasture for hillside plantings for cattle grazing.

SOCIAL.

The area is well endowed with Missions which number a total of six, all of which have at least one European staff member.

There are six Primary "F" Schools and eight Aid Posts in this area. As can be seen, these people are very well off for medical and education facilities.

Yampu Catholic Mission is a large Hansenide Colony which handles all leprosy cases for the Wabag area. Those people who do not turn up for treatment or abscond are forwarded to Pogoba Hansenide Colony at Mount Hagen.

Missions have a great deal of influence over the people but I do not think they follow strongly to the teachings of the religious faiths.


The Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries constantly has patrols going into this area to look after economic development and to try to start new projects.

The Division of District Administration frequently is represented in the area by the Council adviser Mr. P. Somers, Patrol Officer, who regularly checks council projects in the area. This was the second patrol into the area over the last five months and the third in the last twelve months.

Small disputes are usually settled by the local Councillors and/or Committees with any problems they cannot solve being brought to Wabag. The area is administered from Wabag Sub-District Office. Some unrest was noted, this being over recent land disputes at Londol.

CONCLUSION.

Although the Patrol did not complete all tasks allotted to it by Patrol Instructions, the main task, that of updating the Census Register, was completed however. The old Census books were used which leaves a gap of two years and in some cases three years between this Census and the previous one. These figures represent population changes since the 1968 and 1969 census.


B. A. ROWLEY
Patrol Officer

COMMENTS - R.P.N.G.C. MEMBERS.

The two members who accompanied this patrol are:

Constable 1/C MAKILE No. 1730

Constable 1/C WAINAGARI No. 0918

Constable 1/C Makile No. 1730.

This member performed his duty well and was always wearing his uniform which he kept clean. He was a great help in settling minor disputes amongst the local people, also in the apprehension of people who failed to pay their tax. Conduct very good.

Constable 1/C Wainagari No. 0918

This member is a native of Wabag sub-District and is able to communicate with the local people in their own language. He was a great help and was ready and willing to carry out all tasks allotted to him. Conduct very good.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number 8 OF 1970/71.
 Subdistrict WABAG.
 District WESTERN HIGHLANDS
 Type of Patrol SPECIAL
 Patrol Conducted by R.T. GLEESON A.D.O.
 Area Patrolled RAKAMANDA
 (Council and/or WABAG COUNCIL AREA
 Census Division(s.) WABAG CENSUS DIVISION
(PART ONLY)
 Personnel Accompanying Patrol
INTERPRETER PANAPEN

Duration of Patrol from 9/5/71 to 26/5/71
 No. of Days 8
 Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area:
 Date _____ Duration _____

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) 1. INVESTIGATE AND SETTLE
TENSE SITUATION BETWEEN CLANS
AFTER CLAN FIGHT.

Total Population of Area Patrolled N/A

Director of District Administration,
 KONE DOBU.

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P.O. Box 236,
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22 December, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Western Highlands District,
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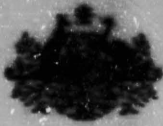
RAIAS PATROL NO. 1-75/71

Your reference NHD 909 of 1st July, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr
R.T. Glesson, Assistant District Officer to part of Sabag Census
Division.

I concur with your remarks.

T. W. Hais
(T. W. HAIS)
Secretary

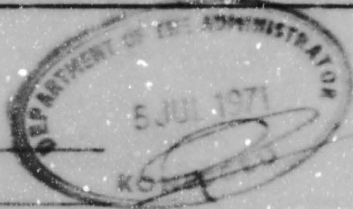


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The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
KORORUA.

WABAG PATROL REPORT No. 8 of 1970/71

The above report covers Mr. Gleeson's work to date in the matter of the recent Rakamanda - Lenki fight and its associated killings.

In this matter Mr. Gleeson has been working in association with Mr. D. Schupp.

These two officers have arranged suitable Compensation Payment for the murder victims of this brawl. The payments have been agreed to by all parties and a date for payment has been set. Mr. Gleeson and Mr. Schupp are to be commended for their efforts in this regard.

Mr. Gleeson has now taken over as Assistant District Commissioner of the Wabag Division. His "Recommendations for Future Action" are concurred with. Mr. Gleeson has a wide experience of Local Government and Political Education work which he knows how to put to practical use.

There should be a marked improvement in the Wabag situation within the next few months.

S. M. Foley
S. M. FOLEY
District Commissioner

c.c. The Deputy District
Commissioner,
Wabag.

The Assistant District
Commissioner,
Wabag.



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Department of the Administrator,
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1 June 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Western Highlands District,
MOUNT HAGEN.

WABAG PATROL REPORT NO. 8 OF 1970/71 - SPECIAL REPORT

1. Preamble

(a) Due to persistent inter-tribe fighting in the RAKAMANDA-PIPITOMBOS-LENKI area, four to five miles east of Wabag Station on the Wabag-Wapenamanda road two patrols were sent to the area to investigate.

(b) Mr. Schupp, District Officer (lands), conducted the patrol to the LENKI-PIPITOMBOS Area and the writer conducted the patrol in the RAKAMANDA Area.

(c) This Report covers the situation in the RAKAMANDA Area only and Mr. Schupp's Report will have to be read in conjunction with this to gain both sides of the story. However, general recommendations pertaining to the unsettled Wabag people's situation is included in the latter section of this report.

2. General Background to the Rakamanda Situation

(a) The Rakamanda clans consisting of the YAKANI-TSAN-HEGAI and YAKANI-TSAN-PIANARI Sub Clans, have been feuding for many years with the PIPITOMBOS clans consisting of YAKANI LANGAP PALIU and the LENKI Clans consisting of the YAKANI TIMALIN over a piece of land of approximately 30 to 40 acres known as WAKIPANDA near the RAKAMANDA S.D.A. Mission (Please refer to patrol map).

(b) In 1969 one NEPESAGALI (M.30) of the YAKANI-TSAN-HEGAI at RAKAMANDA axed but did not kill one KIPAIK of the YAKANI LANGAP TSENGWAN Clan of PIPITOMBOS. NEPESAGALI was sentenced to 12 months goal. KIPAIK received \$100 compensation from the YAKANI-TSAN Clan for the wound he suffered.

(c) Then on 21.3.71 at a sing sing at the E. WAMANDA ceremonial ground one NEIATA a Ward Committee of the RAKAMANDA Clans made a speech which unintentionally upset some visitors from the LENKI and PIPITOMBOS clans and one OU of LENKI claimed offence and the sing sing broke up quickly with both groups arguing and fighting and many people running for cover.

(d) On 21.3.1971 apparently some PIPITOMBOS men killed a young boy LAS from the RAKAMANDA Clan and hid the body. Nobody at RAKAMANDA would give me any clues as to who had killed LAS.

(e) Then on 23.3.1971 the RAKAMANDA Clans killed 5 men from WAKIMARI and PIPITOMBOS who were burning and looting RAKAMANDA Clan houses.

(f) The fighting was difficult to stop because of the lack of government officers and equipment.

(g) During the next month both opposing Clans (RAKAMANDA and LENKI/PIPITOMBOS) rebuilt houses in and near the disputed land.

(h) The RAKAMANDA Clans claimed that the PIPITOMBOS and LENKI Clans were spying on them from new house sites, so on 12.5.1971 the RAKA-

MANDA people burned some LENKI and PIPITOMBOS houses.

(i) This continued outbreak of lawlessness prompted the mounting of the patrols.

(j) During the course of traditional feuding the Wabag Demarcation Committee had recommended a boundary on the WARUPANDA land.

(k) Then the Deputy Land Titles Commissioner heard the case and upheld the decision of the Demarcation Committee. (Please refer to enclosed diagram). The boundary recommended by the Demarcation Committee and upheld by the Land Titles Commissioner ran straight through the centre of the WARUPANDA land giving half of the disputed land to each clan.

Therefore, although the dispute had been officially settled by an authorised court the clans still fought each other after the decision. The traditional emotional feeling for the land was aroused by misconstrued speeches which were apparently unintentional.

3. Approach of this Patrol.

(a) Had this patrol tended to frighten and force the RAKAMANDA people into obeying whatever command it wished it is feared that all involved would have absconded to the bush and nothing would have been achieved.

(b) The Patrol conductor held four meetings with the RAKAMANDA clans. The first meeting was held with the Clan headman who attended voluntarily.

(c) The next two meetings were discussions with headmen and other men of the Clan.

(d) Then on Monday a Concave of the RAKAMANDA Clans was held. Please refer to Appendix "A" to this report.

(e) Generally, the RAKAMANDA peoples co-operation was fair and it is felt that they felt obliged to abide by the patrol conductor's wishes because it was the police and government officers who saved them from further invasion by the PIPITOMBOS group during the fight on 21.3.1971.

(f) However, nobody in the RAKAMANDA group would assist the patrol conductor in advising him about the murders. Continued questioning and prompting failed to gain any information about the murderers.

4. Comments on the Present Situation.

(a) The RAKAMANDA Clans appear to feel that they had every right to kill the five opposing men who trespassed on "their" land and murdered their property. They were also perturbed over the unusual and non-traditional custom of slaughtering a child (LAS). They also lost a large amount of property (houses burned and pigs stolen) which was destroyed by the opposing clans.

Therefore they were unwilling to throw any light on the murders or name the murderers.

(b) The usual process of village strife may divulge information later (e.g. domestic argument) about the murders and murderers. But at present the RAKAMANDA people appear satisfied to keep their mouths closed.

(c) The RAKAMANDA Clan want 110 pigs and \$200 paid to them first for the death of the child, LAS, before they will hand over any compensation for the 3 PIPITOMBOS deaths.

(d) They also want to appeal to the Supreme Court to review the Land Titles Commissioner's decision ~~but their mouths are closed and they will not appeal to the Supreme Court.~~ ~~The present boundary is not their own.~~

(e) They want compensation for the loss of houses, money and pigs. (Refer to Appendix "B").

(f) The RAKAMANDA Clan agreed not to build any more houses on the land. They said they would not fight unless they were provoked by the

opposing clans.

(g) They agreed to allow the police to control and catch lawbreakers and not to take the law into their own hands.

5. Recommendations for Future Action.

(a) Field staff must endeavour to keep pressure on both opposing clans to prepare compensation for deaths and repay as soon as possible.

(b) Uphold the decision of the Land Titles Commission.

(c) If friction occurs over any land before a Land Titles Commission decision no use may be made of the land until a decision is reached. (Sect. 15A of Land Ordinance or complete restriction may be necessary).

(d) If a Land Titles Commission decision has been made and the groups still squabble then (e.g. RAKAMANDA) make every effort to settle the squabble and enforce Land Titles Commission's decision.

(e) The Councillors in the RAKAMANDA LENKI PIPITOMDOS area do not have any control or traditional leadership and it appears futile to rely upon them at present in relation to land disputes. It appears better to discuss the problem with the clan headmen.

(f) The reason the people are not listening to the Councillors seems to be:

I The Council Ward Structure which places any Councillor in a difficult situation because he has such a big population in his ward and his ward is broken up into small strongly knitted clans. These clans, of which the Councillor is a member of one, could be fighting each other and the Councillor considers he is safer by staying with his traditional clan (sometimes even fighting on his clan's side) than taking the neutral approach, of trying to quell the fight. Some RAKAMANDA people suggested that if their Councillor (Cr. Kaki) had attempted to quell the fight, rather than join in, then the fight on 21 March, 1971, may not have been so bad.

II The Enga people hold Clan "Kibungs" and decide an issue on the general consensus of opinion. I was told that the Councillors rarely attend these "Kibungs". Therefore there is a breakdown in communication between traditional thinking and government and Council thinking.

(g) The people feel they have been let down in the above-mentioned respect and they want more representation in the clans by having more Councillors of traditional standing and by having more paid ward committees.

(h) It is suggested that steps be taken to re-organise the Council Ward structures and ward committee appointments and that training courses be held for the Councillors, Ward Committees and headmen to educate them into understanding more about Local Government, government and land laws.

As I see it at present Local Government is not an effective body politically in the Wabag area because of this gap between the Councillors and the people.

(i) The RAKAMANDA people also suggested that they were not pleased with the Councillors being on a Demarcation Committee and they do not want this form of Committee in the future. (The new land laws pending should change this situation anyhow).

(j) Every effort must be made in the future for imminent fights to be quelled. Quick action by D.D.A. staff and pressure on the headmen should delay fighting. If, however, fighting does occur, the D.D.A. officers with the help of a strong police force must use reasonable force (Refer Standing Instructions - Firing on Hostile Persons section and Criminal Code) to quell the riot.

(k) After the riot police must search the area for culprits, weapons etc. and the B.D.A. field officer must try to bring headmen together from both groups and pressure them into paying compensation and prevent further fighting.

6. Conclusion.

(a) Rumours indicate that the Wabag people generally have purchased a large amount of bows from the Kompian and Maraman areas in the past few months and they are all busy making arrows also.

(b) This clearly points to the fact that the people are not satisfied with the administration of the area and intend taking the law into their own hands.

(c) It appears necessary that D.D.A. staff and police, if there are enough of them, must seek out bows and arrows from all people in the Sub-District at the one time to show the people that the Government will not tolerate preparation for clan fighting.

(d) The carrying of axes in public places appears to be the accepted practice in the Wabag area. It is realized that the people need their axes for house-building, fence making and firewood, but the Wabag people are carrying axes everywhere and appear to carry them as protective weapons rather than a tool.

(e) Police must prosecute offenders and field staff must educate the people in this matter. Law and order appears to have declined and positive action is necessary if respect for the law is sought.

(f) Rumours indicate that the people are attempting to fight now for land ownership so that they will be prepared for self government.

(g) The ordinary Wabag villager knows little or nothing about self government, but it could be that political leaders' statements on self government have been misconstrued by the people. The people know that something is coming and may change things and this could give weight to their reason for fighting for land. But I would not totally believe the rumour.

(h) However, my information from the ordinary villager indicates that they are more concerned with their land claims rather than anything about self-government.

(i) They have reverted to fighting because there has been little opposition from the Administration, Local Government Council and headmen to dampen their natural emotions over land rights. Shortage of staff at Wabag has prevented thorough handling of land disputes. Councillors have little contact with the traditional "Kibungs" and are mostly not traditional leaders themselves and if they are their main influence only extends over their immediate clan. This leaves the decisions to the clan headmen who are pre-administration, but because they have no guidance and stern discretion from the Administration and the Council their natural traditional emotions are telling them to condone and give impetus to clan fighting for the land as it is the only way they can see to ~~settle~~ settle the matter.

(j) The Wabag people are thickly populated and they need more land for survival which gives them a strong emotional reason for wanting more land. Re-settlement must be advertised and suitable settlement areas must be found.

On the contrary, the land occupied by the Wabag people is very fertile and there is no shortage of food and resources to enhance a healthy living.

Also there is very little pressure on them to complete extra work in the area (e.g. road building and cash crops). Therefore, being fairly well off and having little extra work to do the people are becoming bored and a land dispute is as good a reason as any to plan a fight, prepare weapons and actually fight.

(k) The problem is a big one and it needs the attention of the Administration and the Council for a long time to come.

For your information and on forwarding after consent please.


R. I. GLEESON
ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER

APPENDIX "A"

Kabag Patrol No. 8 of 1970/71

CENSUS STATISTICS

YAKANI-TSAM-KUMEGAI and YAKANI-TSAM-PIAWARI Class of RAKAWANDA.

Males over 15 years only.

The Census was done to clarify the whereabouts of the sport class.

70 males were present at the Census.

49 " were in jail at Vapenawanda.

47 " were absent working outside the Kabag area or attending school.

31 " failed to appear at the Census.

$\frac{1}{2}$ of the men present at the Census were between 45 and 50 years.

$\frac{1}{2}$ absent, according to the Census book were old also.

There are not many young men left at present.

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APPENDIX "B"

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Sabag Patrol No. 8 of 1970/71

COMPENSATION NOMINATED BY THE BAKAMANDA CLANS

They want 110 pigs and \$200 to be paid first and foremost by the PIPINOMBOS clans to compensate for the death of the child, LAS, (or BEIS as written in the Census book).

They want the compensation for the following:-

71 houses (burned)

213 pigs (killed or stolen)

22 coffee gardens (badly damaged)

They want \$768 dollars belonging to LOKAILIU and JINU to be repaid. This money was burnt in one of the houses. It was being saved to buy some cattle.

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Division of District Administration,
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17th June, 1971.



District Commissioner,
Western Highlands District,
MOUNT HAGEN.

WABAG PATROL NO. 8 of 1970/71

Please find attached 3 copies of the above-mentioned report on a Special Patrol into the Rakamanda area.

I have no comment as it is my own Report.

Camping Allowance claims for myself (and ~~others~~) attached.

For your comments and onforwarding, please.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. T. GLEASON'.

R. T. GLEASON
a/Assistant District Commissioner

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WABAG PATROL NO 9 of 1970/71

PATROL DIARY

Wednesday, 19th May, 1971. Wabag Patrol.

Depart Wabag 9 a.m. Set up camp on Rakamanda sing wing ground.
Met Councillor KAKI, ex-Inluai YAKA, Committee NEIAKA and seven others of YAKANI-TSAN group. Did not make conversation.
Slept RAKAMANDA.

Thursday, 20th May, 1971.

Held meeting with YAKANI-TSAN / GOAN / elders at Rakamanda (30 men) at ceremonial ground 11 a.m. PANAPEN Interpreter. Completed discussion at 3 p.m.

Elders recommended:-

- (a) Groups from PIPITOMBOS and LENKI must pay compensation for child originally killed (IAS, killed Sunday, 21st March, 1971) and pay compensation for damage to houses, gardens, pigs etc. first before RAKAMANDA pay for the deaths of PAU, KUMBAIN and BE PUPA of WAKUMARI and ~~YAKANI~~ of ~~Sungu~~ have already been paid for.

Elders NEIAKA, YAKA and Councillor KAKI and others agreed to refrain from burning houses and further fighting and would advise remainder of their group accordingly. (Useless).

Rusour heard that a person assisting police at Agric Station, namely TOLAI, was causing slight ill feeling as it is alleged he burned a house and may be passing on bad information to each group (This needs further investigation).

I advised RAKAMANDA leaders to refrain from building houses in or near the disputed land WARUPANDA until compensation was paid by each group.

I advised further lawlessness will not be tolerated.

RAKAMANDA group - YAKANI-TSAN - WAMEGAI claim the loss of the following property:-

- { 71 houses (burned)
- { 213 pigs (killed stolen)
- { 22 coffee gardens (damaged)
- { \$698 burned in houses

(* NOTE this is more than likely exaggerated)

Meeting called for tomorrow - all men to front. SLEPT RAKAMANDA.

Friday, 21st May, 1971.

Prisoners en route Wapenamanda Corrective Institution stopped on road. Rakamandas gave them food.

As at 11 a.m. few turned up - they claimed they wanted to talk before talking to me.

1 p.m. - 30 men arrived at camp. Elders requested time to discuss compensation matter amongst themselves and hold meeting Monday.

General discussion on stupidity of fighting developed.

SLEPT RAKAMANDA.

Saturday, 22nd May, 1971.

By car to Wabag.

By helicopter with Mr. Foley, District Commissioner, to survey AMBUM - MARAMUNI on NORTH LAGAIP-MARAMUNI road feasibility. Then to MANDI Primary "T" School to determine action on wash-away on school property.

Returned to RAKAMANDA camp at 2.30 p.m.

Everything quiet - Slept RAKAMANDA.

Sunday, 23rd May, 1971.

Rest. On Patrol RAKAMANDA.

Slept RAKAMANDA.

Everything quiet.

Monday, 24th May, 1971.

Census carried out on YAKANI TSAN WAMBAGAI and YAKANI TSAN PIAWARI sub-clans. Over 15 years censused only.

49 males in gaol (Wapenananda).

47 males absent working outside Wabag Sub-District (some at school or hospital)

64 males were present at census.

37 males were absent without excuse, (according to the

197 Total census book and the males present most of those absent are aged or strong S.D.A. Mission followers.

Two thirds of men present at census were old.

Two thirds of men absent, according to the census book, were old also.

There are not many young men left.

Slept RAKAMANDA.

Tuesday, 25th May, 1971.

Discussions with Rakananda groups. They want 110 pigs and \$200 compensation for death of child LAE from PIPITOMBOS group.

1 p.m. by car to Wabag.

Discussed situation at Rakananda with Messrs. Faithful and Haywood.

Broke camp at Rakananda.

Advised Mr. Schupp re compensation and local situation.

Slept WABAG.

Wednesday, 26th May, 1971.

Police - by car with Mr. Haywood and police to SARI to investigate report of imminent fighting between KALA and MERAIM clans. Everything quiet - returned to Wabag.

Discussions with Mr. Haywood

By plane to Mount Hagen at 1 p.m.

Census - at District Office. Advised Miss Kerr on D.F.S. CENSUS duties.

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WABAG PATROL NO. 8. of 1970/71

ADDENDUM.

On 8th June, 1971, Mr. Schupp and myself brought the feuding clans together at the Wabag Station and the following decisions were made:-

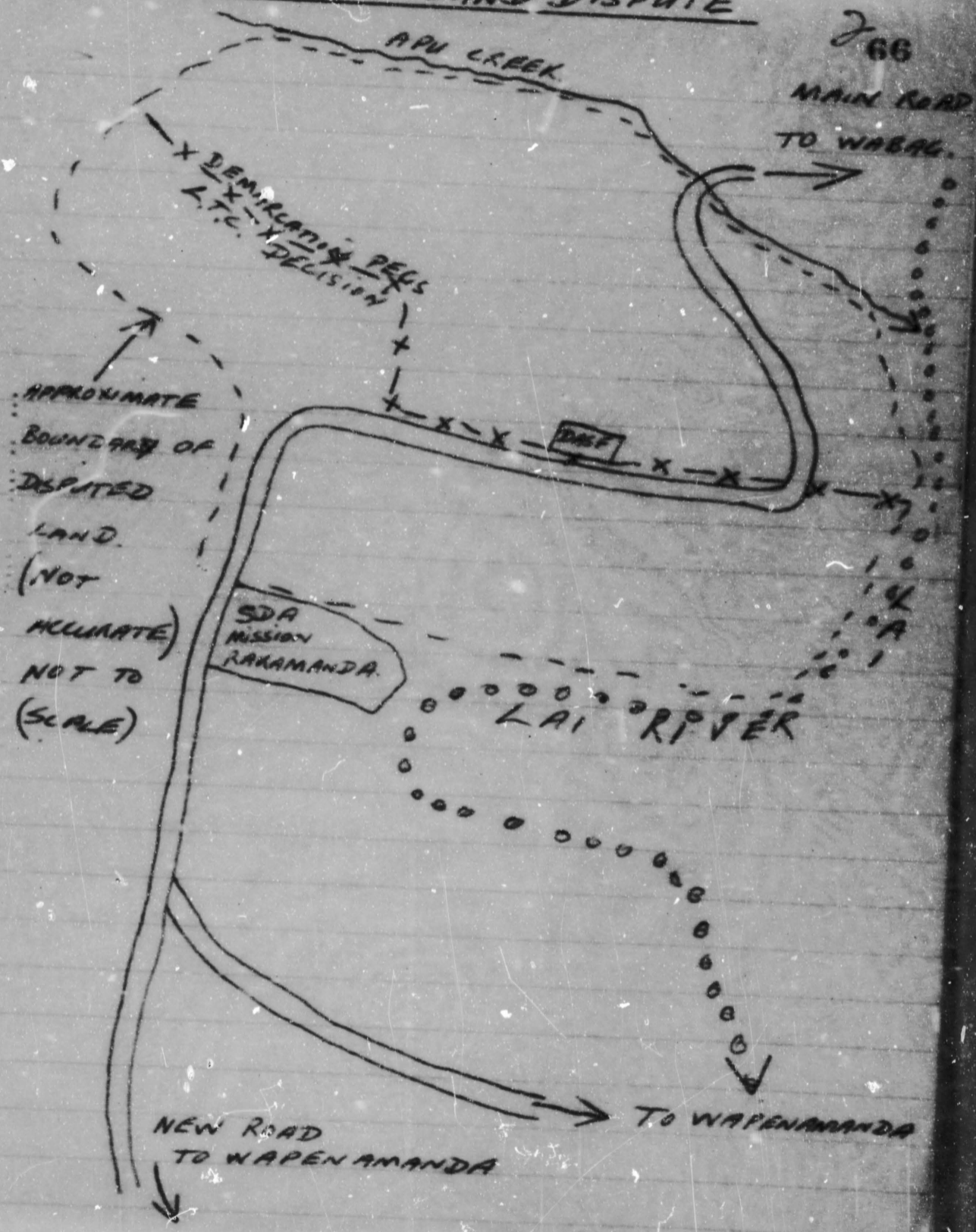
1. YAKANI PALIU Clan is to initially pay 110 pigs and \$200 for the death of LAS, to the YAKANI TSAN Clan.
2. The YAKANI TSAN Clan is then to pay the following:-
 - (a) 150 pigs to the YAKANI PALIU Clan for the death of PAU.
 - (b) 150 pigs to the YAKANI PALIU Clan for the death of KUMBAIN.
 - (c) 150 pigs to the YAKANI PALIU Clan for the death of BAE.
 - (d) 25 pigs to the TSEGINAWAN LARIGEP Clan for the death of YAPANI
 - (e) 50 pigs to the Clan at WAKUMARI for the death of PUPU.
3. That the actual payments take place in mid-August, 1971 at an exact time and place to be set.

The report is a little late because the addendum section was considered necessary to finalise the report.


R.T. GLEESON
a/Assistant District Commissioner

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-  WABAG STATION

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RAKAMANDA AREA.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number No 9 of 1970/71

Subdistrict Wabag

District Western Highlands District

Type of Patrol Special

Patrol Conducted by D.R. Schapp District Officer

Area Patrolled Lenki Village and Communal area
(Council and/or Wabag Census Division)

Census Division/s) _____

Personnel Accompanying Patrol Nil

Duration of Patrol—from 18 / 5/71 to 6 / 6/71

No. of Days 12 days

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

Date _____ Duration _____

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) Investigate causes effects and solutions to recent land dispute fights in the Wabag Census Division.

Total Population of Area Patrolled _____

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner.

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Department of the Administrator,
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MOUNT HAGEN, W.H.D.

3rd September, 1971.

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

WABAG PATROL REPORT No. 9 of 1970/71

Mr. Schupp's report is of the original investigation into the Lenki land riots.

Since this investigation was completed, Mr. D. Hook has returned to Wabag and has been on extended patrols through the area. His work has brought about a considerable reduction in tension in the Lenki area.

There is still a chronic shortage of staff for the Wabag Sub-District. This will be aggravated by Mr. Gleeson's absence on leave at the end of this month.

Could your Headquarters take the necessary action to have the Wabag staff provided with an experienced Assistant District Commissioner to be full time on land work, please. It is considered that the importance of re-educating the Enga people in attitudes to land tenure and land demarcation warrants the employment full-time of such an officer.

S. M. Foley

(S.M. FOLEY)

District Commissioner

c.c. The A.D.C.,
Wabag.

Wabag Patrol No.
9 of 1970/71

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Sub-District Office,
WABAG, W.H.D.

30th July, 1971.

District Commissioner,
Western Highlands District,
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Some comments on the present situation:-

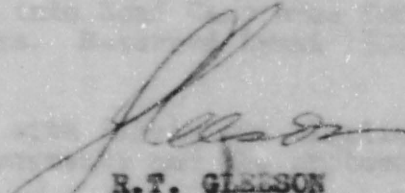
1. During a meeting with Mr. D. Hook, all clans agreed that they could not afford to pay the high compensation originally demanded. They agreed on 30 pigs for LAS and 20 pigs for KUMBAIN BAE and PAU. Pigs are being assembled as this letter is written for the exchange to take place.
2. The clans would not have been able to pay the original high compensation and therefore friction would still have prevailed.
3. Mr. Hook's influence on settling the friction between clans has greatly eased the situation. However, Mr. Hook has had to spend most of his time on these unsettled situations and has had little time for other work.

If Mr. Hook is to take up Deputy District Commissioner duties in the Division he will not have time to work fully on land disputes.

Wabag Station therefore requires one Assistant District Commissioner, one experienced Assistant District Officer on Land work alone, one Patrol Officer or Assistant District Officer on Local Government, one Patrol Officer or Assistant District Officer or a full time magistrate on Court work and one Patrol Officer or Assistant District Officer or Police Officer on Police work.

The general administration of this area would then improve greatly and political, social and economic development could then be concentrated on. But if the abovementioned staff are not posted to Wabag then the present staff must spend their time on police and magisterial work only and other development will never get off the ground. Other development such as political education, promotion of women's clubs, demarcation of land, ceasxs, road construction and even land investigations are not able to be touched because of the intensity of police and magisterial work at Wabag.

For your information and favourable consideration, please.


R.T. GLEESON
a/Assistant District Commissioner.

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PATROL DIARY

WABAG PATROL NO. OF 1970/71

TUESDAY 18th May, 1971 :

Departed Mount Hagen for Wabag - via truck. Arrived Wapenamanda 1250 pm. District Court hearings Wapenamanda. Departed 4.20 pm to Wabag. Thence to Lenki - camp established.

WEDNESDAY 19th May, 1971 :

At Lenki - discussions with local leaders of Timalin, Tsiginawan of Lanigap Clan. Arranged for grouping of Timalin Sub-Clan for following day.

Liaised with R. Gleason A.D.O. at Rakamanda.

Afternoon at Wabag - District Court hearings completed 5.10 pm. Returned to camp.

THURSDAY 20th May, 1971 :

Lenki - Timalin group assembled, commenced hearings of causes and general discussions on the fight over "Warapunda" ground. Completed 1730 hours.

FRIDAY 21st May, 1971 :

Lenki - discussions with leaders of Lanigap-Palyiu from Pipitombas arranged for grouping of Sub-Clan on 25th May.

Several complaints from Warumare heard and arbitrated.

Departed by road for Mount Hagen 1250 pm, to prepare for Land Board hearing Monday and Tuesday.

TUESDAY 25th May, 1971 :

Returning by road to Lenki. Arrived 2.20 pm. Discussions with assembled Palyiu people after camp re-established. Completed 1820 hours.

WEDNESDAY 26th May, 1971 :

At Lenki - Palyiu and Timalin Sub-Clans assembled. Discussions into losses and compensation payments to be sought from Yakani - Tsan people and their allies.

THURSDAY 27th May, 1971 :

Lenki - departed for Welya in the Minyamp Valley. Completed Land Investigation into Road Camp area for the Department of Public Works. Returned Lenki 1300 hours.

Discussions continued with Palyiu and Timalin Sub-Clans over compensation payments and the protocol expected of the payments.

FRIDAY 28th May, 1971 :

At Lenki - Discussions on Wakmare compensation claims sought from Lenki Sub-Clans.

1050 - disassembled Mr. R. Gleeson's camp at Rakananda. Returned stores to Wabag.

Departed for Mount Hagen at 1220 hours.

TUESDAY 1st June, 1971 :

Returned Wabag 0710 hours. Arrived 0940 hours. Camp re-established.

Discussions with assembled people - over land purchase for "Road Reserve" through Lenki. Discussions on proposed date for finalisation of Compensation payments due and temporary date for payment.

Camped Lenki.

WEDNESDAY 2nd June, 1971 :

Lenki - discussions on investigations into possible arson charges. Several statements taken and submitted to the Assistant District Commissioner, Wabag, for further action if and when further information becomes available.

THURSDAY 3rd June, 1971 :

Lenki - General discussions with small number of people assembled.

Liaison with Mr. Faithful, District Inspector.

Discussions with Mr. H. McKenzie, Land Titles Commissioner, on future programme in Wabag area as well general discussions on pertinent Land problems, and attitudes of the Wabag area.

Camped Lenki.

FRIDAY 4th June, 1971 :

At Lenki - date set for compensation finalisation. Local leaders advised. Discussions with Mr. Hurley, P.W.D. re Land Investigation - Walya. Broke camp - departed for Mount Hagen by road 1120 am.

END OF DIARY.

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REPORT ON SITUATION
LENKI LAND RIOTS

The report will be categorised into the following headings : (1) Cause of the Fight; (2) Damages resulting and Compensation requested; (3) Current situation.

The report must be read in conjunction with that submitted by Mr. Gleeson as this relates only to the Lenki situation other than comments in Sub (3).

(1) CAUSE OF THE FIGHT

(a) Past Relationships

The two clan groups Tsan and Lanigep have been antagonists for many years and fights were frequent.

To confirm the matter, a number of inter-marriages existed. These occurred in the early days of European contact.

These inter-married groups settled on buffer territory as they were safe from reprisals by either side. The settled buffer territory is the disputed area and one of the causes of the recent fight.

In February, 1970, Mr. Orken, Land Titles Commissioner handed down a decision over "Warupanda", the disputed land.

The Demarcation Committee had previously heard evidence on the subject matter and recommended an equal division. Mr. Orken abided by the decision of the Demarcation Committee when it was shown that the ground was previously buffer territory between the two groups, and evidence submitted by neutrals that inter-married groups had established themselves on that land.

After the decision had been handed down both clan groups claimed they would abide by the decision and although some younger men absent at the time of the decision tried to agitate complaints every now and then they did accept the decision for 12 months.

(b) The Fight

In February a ceremonial dance was organised to congratulate the young initiated after return from the proving of their manhood. The dance was held at the Yakani - Tsan Ceremonial Ground. People from all over went to the area to watch or participate.

The Lenki people went along anticipating some announcement on the "Moga". The Yakani Tsan leader, Niak, made his speech but it was not that which had been anticipated. The theme of the speech related to the "Thieves from Lenki who stole ground and used the Administration to help them".

The cordial relationships were at an end. The Lenkis attempted to voice their protests but were drowned out. Fearing trouble they along with many spectators moved off. Yakani Tsan having anticipated this move and having carefully planted their weapons were able to give chase and routed the Lenkis. This did not have

the desired effect, but the killing of Yapan from Lungap-Tsiginawan did and the Palyiu and Timalin people hearing late in the afternoon of the death retaliated. Both Sub-Clans commenced to burn down Tsan houses and it was during this that the young boy who was hiding near some of the houses was killed.

On Monday the Tsan people found the body of Las. No further fighting took place until the Tuesday.

The Tsan people returned to the disputed area and sufficiently infuriated the Lenki people and in particular the Palyiu Sub-Clan into starting the fighting again. The Tsan people ably assisted by their allies from Birip and Ini easily overcame any resistance by the Timalin and Palyiu groups and were able to kill 3 warriors from Palyiu and one from Wakumare (who was assisting his wife's group).

The fighting ended shortly afterwards and nothing further occurred until some time in May.

The outbreak in May was the result of the Tsan people trying to enforce their claims to the disputed land. A number of houses were burnt at this time.

There have been no further outbreaks since that attempt by the Tsan people to rekindle the fighting. The Lenki people are adamant that they have no further desires at this stage of continuing the fighting.

(2) DAMAGES RESULTING AND COMPENSATION REQUESTED

(a) Timalin Sub-Clan Claims

(i) Deaths - Committeeman Pan of Palyiu - claims 150 pigs compensation from Tsan Sub-clans.

Yapani of Tsiginawan-Lenken - 25 pigs compensation claimed. 75 pigs have already been paid (50 by Timalin and 25 pigs by Yakani-Tsan).

Pan of Wakumare - 50 pigs compensation claimed. 150 pigs had already been paid (100 pigs from Timalin and 50 pigs from Tsan). This compensation to be paid for by the Tsan Clans.

(ii) Destruction of Buildings etc

A. Kumban of Timalin - claimed 50 pigs compensation for the loss of his "mens" house. The reason for the large pay was that the house had been constructed on the customary style and had been the subject of much photographing by visitors.

B. Kense of Timalin - compensation claimed - 25 pigs from Tsan Clan for the destruction of a mens house.

C. Mara-Man of Timalin - compensation claimed - 25 pigs from Tsan Clan for the destruction of a mens house.

D. Kundan of Timalin - compensation claimed - 25 pigs from the Tsan Clan for the destruction of a "womens" house.

E. Analan of Timalin - compensation claimed - 25 pigs from the Tsan Clan for the destruction of a mens house and a further 25 pigs for the destruction of a womens house.

F. The payment of 10 pigs to the Timalin Clan for the same number killed or lost during the fight.

G. Kumban of Timalin - 55 casuarina trees destroyed - no set compensation requested.

H. Napas of Timalin - 4 casuarina trees destroyed - no set compensation requested.

(b) Pinitubus - Lenigan - Palyiu

(i) Kumbain of Palyiu - compensation claimed - 150 pigs to be paid by Yakani-Tsan Clan.

(ii) Bas of Palyiu - compensation claimed - 150 pigs. To be paid by the Yakani Tsan Clan.

Current Situation - Both groups are temporarily accepting the cessation of hostilities depending on the success or otherwise of the fulfilment of compensation claims.

The Timalin Sub-Clan who received only light casualties have no desire to re-generate the hostilities. Palyiu Sub-Clan on the other hand are quite prepared to equal the score, if compensation is not forthcoming, particularly as those killed were recognised leaders of the group.

The Tsan group have commenced the rebuilding of houses within the Rakamanda area. At this stage Lenki people have not started building but are anxious to do so.

The land "Warupanda" is still the subject of discontent on the part of the Tsan groups.

The leaders of the Tsan group have indicated they were anxious to submit a "Notice of Appeal". They have been advised that although there is no reason why they should not appeal against the decision, by doing so they may lose the whole of the disputed area instead of it being divided down the centre as it is at present. The matter of an appeal being lodged if they so desire will be dealt with by the Assistant District Commissioner at Wabag.

Compensation has been agreed upon and is to be paid in the second week of August. The matter of protocol in the payments was the subject of some lengthy debates. Finally it was agreed that the Timalin and Palyiu groups make the initial payment to be followed the following day by Tsan payments. The reason for this being that the Tsan people have a much larger number of pigs to pay over and by receiving the pigs from Timalin and Palyiu they can exchange them with affiliated groups and add to their own so as to make up the numbers.

Compensation agreed :-

(a) To be received by Tsan group from Timalin and Palyiu

(1) 100 pigs and \$200 cash for the death of Las of Tsan.

(b) To be received by Timalin and Palyiu from Tsan

- (i) 150 pigs for death of Pau of Palyiu
- (ii) 150 pigs for death of Bae of Palyiu
(to be paid to Palyiu only).
- (iii) 150 pigs for death of Kumbain of Palyiu
(to be received wholly by Palyiu Sub-Clan).
- (iv) 50 pigs to be paid for the death of
Yapani of Tsiginivan - to be paid to Timalin.
- (v) 25 pigs to be paid for the death of
Papu of Wakumare. To be paid to Timalin Sub-Clan.

The Tsan people have to pay out 525 pigs whilst
Timalin have to pay only 100 pigs and \$200.

The matter of compensation for houses, trees, losses
of livestock etc has been put off to a latter period as
the payments for the deaths will significantly tax the
assets of both groups. Both clans agreed to this arrange-
ment.

Provided both groups are regularly supervised in
the preparation for compensation payments, the situation
should remain static. Any breakdown in preparations, or
in final payment will more than likely result in renewed
hostilities.

It is essential that those persons convicted for
their part in the riots be able to participate in the
payments in August. If not, each group will not recog-
nise these individuals as having made payment, and they
will be regarded as not wanting to make the payments
and the whole object of the exercise will have been wasted.
In other words, nothing will have been resolved by the
payments of compensation.

