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SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1969-1970

POROMA

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3-69-70	B. Munn	Part Nembi valley
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5-69-70	N. Wright	" " "
6-69-70	B. Munn	Part Foi'i C.D.
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9-69-70	N. Wright	" " "
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of....SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS.... Report No....PORGMA NO. 1/69-70....

Patrol Conducted by....N. WRIGHT, A.D.O.....

Area Patrolled....PART NEMBI VALLEY CENSUS DIVISION....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans....NO....

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

Duration—From 7/7/1969 to 24/7/1969 (Broken period)

Number of Days....19....

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../5...../1969...

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol....Special Patrol - Road and Land.....

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Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund .... $.....

Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund .....

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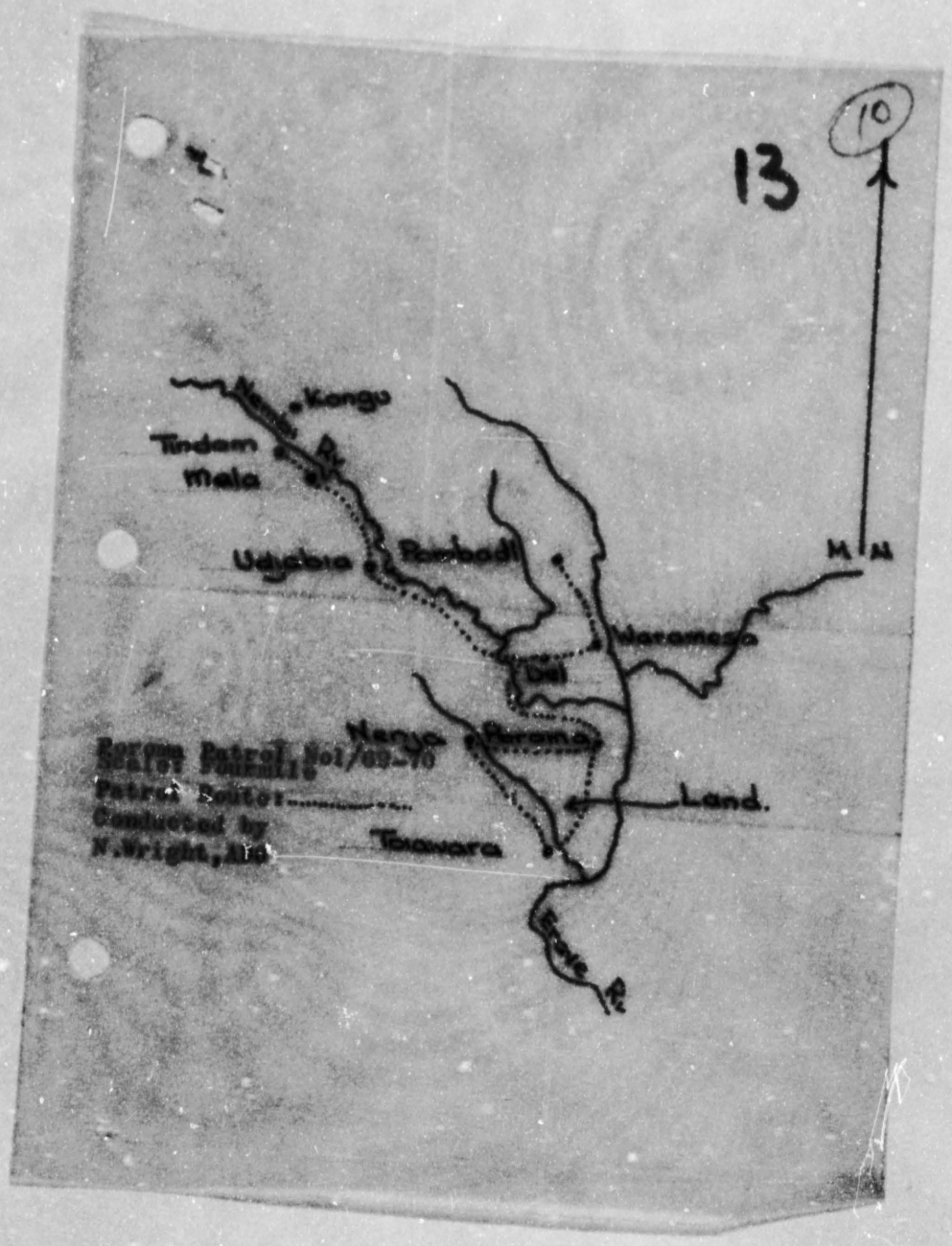
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Porama Patrol No1/69-70
Scale: Fourmile
Patrol Route:
Conducted by
N.Wright,ADC

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Mr

DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR 10 DEC 1969 KONEDOBU

Dept. of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

5th December, 1969.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

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POROMA PATROL NO. 1 OF 1969/70.

Further to my 67-3-12 dated the15th October, 1969.

Patrol Map is forwarded herewith. (10)

(D. J. CLANCY)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

(9)

GFB:KA

67-15-8

Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

3rd November, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

PATROL NO. POROMA 1/1969-1970.

Your reference 67-3-12 of 15th October, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. N. Wright, A.D.C., to part NEMBI VALLEY Census Division.

The patrol appears to have achieved its aims quite successfully.

Mr. Wright has submitted a brief but informative report.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary
Department of the Administrator.

Mr. N. Wright,
Assistant District Officer,
Patrol Post,
POROMA. Southern Highlands District.

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

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Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

15th October, 1969

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

Poroma Patrol No 1 of 1969/70.

Please find enclosed the original and one copy of the above report submitted by Mr. N. Wright, A.D.O., Officer-in-Charge, Poroma, together with covering memorandum 67-[illegible]-3 dated 17th September, 1969 from the Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa.

My comments are:-

1. The District Works Engineer, Mendi will be asked to arrange for an engineer to select the bridge site at the Lai River.

2. Comments about the films will be forwarded under separate cover to D.I.E.S.

3. The patrol map is still not to hand.

D J Clancy

(D.J. Clancy)
District Commissioner.

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

17th September, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

COMMENTS - POROMA PATROL REPORT No. 1 of 1969/70 - PART NEMBI VALLEY CENSUS DIVISION - Mr. N. WRIGHT A.D.O.

Please find attached three copies of Poroma Patrol Report No. 1 of 1969/70. The patrol visited parts of the Nembi Valley Census Division and was conducted by Mr. N. Wright, A.D.O. Its objectives were to supervise road construction and to ascertain the possibility of alienating an area of land near Toi'aworo Village.

Roads. An Engineer is urgently required to select a site for the Lai River Bridge on the Poroma - Mendi Road. Rural Development funds have already been allocated for this road and unless the best bridge site is selected now some of the allocation may be wasted when the road is diverted to another bridge site.

The Nenja Road will give access to an isolated population pocket and some valuable agricultural land.

Land. The land at Toi'aworo is the best agricultural land in the District. In fact the agricultural potential of this and adjoining land on the Kagua side of the Erave River and in the Sugu River Valley, is probably the highest in the District. It may be possible to alienate up to 5,000 acres in these three areas.

The acquisition of a large acreage of Toi'aworo land could provide the stimulous for similar acquisitions in the Kagua Sub-District.

Native Situation. It is good to see that the native situation in the areas visited continues to improve.

It is noted that no map has been attached to the Report. Mr. Wright will be requested to forward one directly to Headquarters.

Mr. Wright has submitted an adequate and well written Report of a valuable patrol.

A.F. McNeill

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

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I hope that these visits can become regular occurrences but with more suitable material, i.e. House of Assembly and its work, Local Government Councils, Agricultural techniques, etc.

For your information and possible action in future.

(D.J. Clancy)
District Commissioner.

c.c.
The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
Division of Distr ct Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
HIRI.

Officer-in-Charge,
Patpel Post,
PORGERA.

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Dept. of the Administraor,
Division of District
Administration,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

15th October, 1969.

The Director,
Department of Information and Extension
Services,
KONEDOBU.

Poroma Patrol No 1 of 1969/70
Showing of Films

Mr. N. Wright, ADO, Officer in Charge, Poroma reports as follows:-

During the patrol films were shown by the Extension services projectionist at Pombadl, Del (twice) and Tindom (twice); prior to his joining the patrol these films had been shown at Poroma, Toiawara and Parita Mission Station.

This is the first time that films have been shown in this area and as expected the reception was very good, audiences averaged around 200-250 with one audience of approximately 600 at Del. Total audience of approx. 1800 represents 25% of the division population, an excellent response considering that the weather during this period was very unsettled.

It is a pity that the type of films could not have been more suited to the local situation as these people are most susceptible to this type of media.

The 1½ hour programme included approximately 20 minutes of local content, the remainder of the films were Australian and American. Of these the two longest features one dealt with automated brick making, an American film which appeared to have been made in about 1940, even after lengthy explanation this film appeared to serve no real purpose but to bemuse. The second feature was one on fruit canning, from later enquiries this was the most popular of the films shown.

(a) because it was in colour.

(b) because of the vehicles in it such as caravans, trucks, etc., all of which were entirely unrelated to the point of the film.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams.....
Our Reference.....
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Mr.....

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

6th August, 1969.

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

Poroma Patrol No. 3/69/70.
Special Patrol Part Nembi Valley.

The purpose of the patrol was to supervise necessary improvements and repairs to roads and bridges at several places within the census division. The patrol also visited Toiawara to re-investigate the possibility of obtaining land for future economic development.

The first week of the patrol was spent at Pombadl upgrading several bad corners on the Waramesa-Pombadl road and supervising surfacing of this and other sections of road in the general area.

This road is now open to 4-wheel drive vehicles and tractors -- in dry weather only -- for its full length. Surfacing is progressing well, 50% of its length being completed. On completion of the surfacing this road will require little maintenance as traffic will be minimal.

Work on the Waramesa-Lai River section of the Del-Lai River road has been suspended for the present until a decision is made re the Lai River Bridge. Work will be concentrated on the section between Del and Waramesa to complete surfacing of the Poroma-Pombadl road. Surfacing of the Kesu-Del section was completed during the patrol's stay.

On the following week the patrol moved to Tindom to replace two large wooden bridges on either side of the Tindom Rest House, this work was carried out by the Tindom and Kongu groups.

These two bridges were replaced with wooden culverts both of about 25'. New abutments were constructed and 9 logs were laid as the base for both culverts. These logs were covered with up to 3' of stone and earth contained by log walls. Though these structures represent more work than a normal wooden bridge, they cause less obstruction to traffic and require less maintenance. Whether they last longer than conventional bridges has yet to be proved as none of the culverts have been in existence for longer than 18 months, wooden bridges on the 13 mile Tindom-Poroma section have been reduced from 30 to 8 during this time. Several of the remaining 8 can also be replaced when Armco culverting becomes available.

From Tindom the patrol moved to Toiawara for six days, during this time a block of land of approximately 800 acres was marked. Negotiations have been underway for land in this area for some time, but disagreement amongst the owners had caused delays in obtaining the land. Agreement has now been reached, though we have been unable to obtain as much land as previously anticipated.

A formal investigation will be carried out in the next month to six weeks, an investigation was not carried out during this patrol due to shortage of time and because the Station's surveying equipment is at present being used at Lake Kutubu.

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This land with land on the Kagua side of the Erave River should form the nucleus of large-scale agricultural development in this area in years to come.

At Nenja a new road, approximately 6 miles long, to link Nenja, population 399, with the Toiawara road is under construction. Apart from providing access to the population the road will also open up some excellent land which, though too small to be of interest to large developers, will be suitable for future local indigenous cash cropping.

Between 3-4 miles of bench has now been cut.

Roads in the area continue to improve, they have now reached the stage where they will take traffic in most weather without any great surface damage.

Native Situation.

The native situation throughout the division continues to improve. Very few complaints for anything other than debts were brought to the patrol's attention.

There have been no repercussion over the Megi incident reported in Patrol Officer Mr. Munn's report No.7/68-69 of 27th May, 1969.

Social Development.

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Conclusion:

The objects of the patrol were adequately fulfilled.

N. Wright,
Assistant District Officer.

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Poroma Patrol No.1/69-70.

Diary.

Monday,7th July.

Departed Poroma 1200
Arrived Pombadl 13x30
Set up camp,discussions with Village Officials re purpose of patrol etc.

Tuesday 8th

Inspected roadworks and gave necessary instruction at Waramesa,Pombadl and Pabaronga.
Slept Pombadl.

Wednesday 9th.

Inspected roadworks Waramesa,Pombadl,Pabaronga,Del,kesu, Udjabia,Mala and Tindom.
Slept Pombadl.

Thursday 10th.

Supervised road maintenence and repair at Waramesa and Pabaronga.
Slept Pombadl.

Friday 11th.

Supervised roads maintenance and heard several minor complaints.
Films shown by Extension Services projectionist at night.
Slept Pombadl.

Saturday 12th.

Returned to Poroma.
Paid station staff and carried out banking.

Sunday13th.

Observed.
Returned to Pombadl.
Slept Pombadl.

Monday 14th.

0845 Departed Pombadl by motorcycle.
1000 Arrived Tindom.
Cargo and remainder of patrol arrived at 1100 by tractor.
Supervised removal of two bridges for replacement.
Slept Tindom. Films at night.

Tuesday 15th.

Supervised bridge replacements.
Films at night.
Slept Tindom.

Wednesday 16th.

Supervised bridge replacements.
Slept Tindom.

Thursday 17th

0930 Departed Tindom by motorcycle.
1100 Arrived Poroma.
Checked on station works.
Continued onto Toiawara arri

Diary Contiued.

Thursday 17th (cont'd)

1445 Arrived Toiawara.
Discussions with Village Officials.
Slept Toiawara.

Friday 18th.

Commenced clearing boundaries of Toiawara land.
Slept Toiawara.

Saturday 19th.

Returned to Poroma to pay station staff and carry out banking.

Sunday 20th.

Processed weeks correspondence.
Returned to Toiawara in afternoon.
Slept Toiawara.

Monday 21st.

Continued boundary clearing.
Slept Toiawara.

Tuesday 22nd.

Boundary clearing continued.
Slept Toiawara.

Wednesday 23rd.

0855 Departed Toiawara on foot.
1050 Arrived Nenja.
Inspected roadworks and gave instructions where necessary.
Slept Nenja.

Thursday 24th.

Surveyed new section of road and gave other roads instructions when necessary.
Slept Nenja.

Friday 25th.

0845 Departed Nenja.
1130 Arrived Poroma.
Patrol stood down.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. Poroma 2/69-70

Patrol Conducted by N. Wright, A.D.O.

Area Patrolled Foi'i and Fasu Census Divisions

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans No

Natives RPNGC, 1 Interpreter.

Duration—From 6 / 8 /19 69 to 28 / 9 /19 69

Number of Days 53

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services July/Aug/19 69

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

Map Reference Map attached

Objects of Patrol Area Survey and Annual Census, Council elections, Council tax collection

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Nice Study Detail

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund .... $.....

Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund ....

GFB/BT (33)

67-15-24

Division of District Administration,

KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

20th January, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

PATROL NO. POROMA 2/69-70

Your reference 67-3-12 of 30th December, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Census and Area Study by Mr. N. Wright, Assistant District Officer, to FOI'I and FASU Census Divisions.

This well presented report provides an in-depth assessment of the general situation in the Foi'i and Fasu areas.

Mr. Wright writes in a clear, informative style; and his patrol was obviously extremely worthwhile.

(S.J. PEARSALL)
a/Secretary,
Department of the Administrator.

c.c. Mr. N. Wright,
Patrol Post,
POROMA. Southern Highlands District.

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

67.5.24

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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

30th December, 1969.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

POROMA PATROL NO. 2/69 - 70.

Please find enclosed the original and copy of the report submitted by Mr. N. Wright, Assistant District Officer.

My comments are:

The area study has been well conducted and findings clearly and well stated. It reflects faithfully conditions in the area.

The completion of the PIMAGA airstrip and a second Officer Station at Poroma will step up the progress of the area.

The general approach to aid, the people with improved contents of their gardens will be followed up. However, without undue detraction of the staple diet Sago as amongst other consideration this storage diet kept people indoors during the recent influenza epidemic and reduced the death role.

The matters of the rumours about the P.I.R. in the Gulf District will be communicated to the Officer Commanding.

(D.J. CLANCY)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams

Our Reference 67-1- 1

If calling ask for

Mr

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

4th November, 1969.

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

POROMA PATROL NO.2/69-70

Area Survey - Lake Kutubu Local Government Council Area

Foi'i and Fasu Census Divisions

1. Area Study.
2. Appendix 'A' - Native Situa tion Report.
3. Appendix 'B' - Health.
4. Census Figures - Foi'i and Fasu Census Divisions.
5. Patrol Map.

N.Wright,
Assistant District Officer

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Poroma Patrol No.2/68-70

Area Study - Foi'i and Fasu Census Divisions.

Diary

6th August,1969.

0915 Aircraft arrived to shuttle party to Orokana
1100 Self arrived Orokana on last shuttle
Met by Mr.B.Munn,Patrol Officer and Mr.P.St.John,O.I.C. BP oil survey team,discussions re survey teams activities.
Walked to Pimaga Council House,attended council meeting after lunch and inspected new airstrip site.
Slept Pimaga.

7.8.69

To Orokana to inspect work on Orokana strip.
Afternoon spent in discussion with Mr.Munn.
Slept Pimaga.

8.8.69

Mr.Munn departed for Poroma by aircraft.
Conducted Ward 2 Council elections in morning
Ward 3 elections conducted in afternoon.
Discussions with various councillors re patrols programme.
Slept Pimaga.

9.8.69

To Pimaga. Census revised and tax collected from Pimaga and Genagaipu groups. General discussions with local people.
Slept Pimaga.

10.8.69

Observed. Slept Pimaga.

11.8.69

To Damai'iu. Census revised and tax collected from Damai'iu and Tununugu groups.
Slept Pimaga.

12.8.69

0800 Departed Council House.
0840 Arrived Eragahugu.
Carried out ward 4 , Ipigi and Dogobari and Ward 6 , Eragahugu and Orokana elections.
Returned to Council House 1300.
Slept Pimaga.

13.8.69

0820 Departed council house.
Census revised and tax collected at Eragahugu and Ipigi.
Collected tax from .UFM station.
Returned to Council House at 1500.
Slept Pimaga.

14.8.69

0830 Departed council house.
1100 Arrived Dogobari
Census revised,tax collected,general discussions.
Slept Dogobari.

Diary (cont'd)

Census revised, tax collected, local court case, general discussions with village people.
Slept Iomesi.

16.8.69

0800 Departed Iomesi.
0910 Arrived Harabai'iu.
Elections for ward 5 , Iomesi and Harabai'iu , held in morning.
Census and tax collected in afternoon.
Slept Harabai'iu.

17.8.69.

0930 Departed Harabai'iu.
1245 Arrived council house.
Observed.
Slept Pimaga.

18.8.69.

0900 Departed council house.
1000 Arrived Herebo.
Census revised tax collected, general discussions with village people
Slept Herebo.

19.8.69

0850 Departed Herebo
1000 Arrived Baurutage.
Council elections held, census revised, tax collected, general discussions,
Slept Baurutage.

20.8.69

0830 Departed Baurutage by canoe.
1030 Arrived Pimaga by canoe.
Remainder of day spent preparing cargo f or patrol to lower Foi'i and Fasu areas.
Slept Pimaga.

21.8.69

0700 departed council house.
1140 arrived Kafa.
Census revised, tax collected, general discussions.
Slept Kafa.

22.8.69

0705 departed Kafa.
1055 arrived Sorotagi.
Elections ward 1 . Kafa, Sorotagi, Oto, Kobe, carried out.
Census revised tax collected, general discussions.
Slept Sorotagi.

~~23.8.69~~

~~0925 Departed Sorotage by canoe~~
~~1145 arrived Oto~~
~~Census revised, tax collected, general discussions.~~
~~Slept Kobe.~~

~~25.8.69~~

~~0825~~

Diary (cont'd)

23.8.69

0925 Departed Sorotagi by canoe
1145 arrived Oto.
Rain all day.
Slept Oto.

24.8.69

census revised, tax collected, general discussions.
0950 departed Oto by canoe.
1200 arrived Kobe.
census revised, tax collected, general discussions.
Slept Kobe.

25.8.69

0825 departed Kobe by canoe
1400 arrived Tamadigi bush camp.
Slept Tamadigi.

26.8.69

0710 departed Tamadigi.
1405 arrived Manu
discussions with local officials re patrol programme.
1730 last of carriers arrived.
Slept Manu.

27.8.69

Council elections ward 12 , Manu, Anuwabi, Ai'iu, Hedinia and Sonagadigi carried out. Census revised and tax collected from Manu and Anuwabi.
Slept Manu.

28.8.69

0900 departed Manu.
1000 arrived Ai'iu
census revised, tax collectd, general discussions.
Slept Ai'iu.

29.8.69

0920 departed ~~Aimiu~~ Ai'iu
0940 arrived Hedinia/Sonagadigi.
Census revised tax collected general discussions.
1115 departed Hedinia by canoe.
1245 arrived Hebuai'iu.
census revised and tax collected from Hebuai'iu and Auwabai'iu.
Slept Hebuai'iu.

30.8.69

elections ward 11, Hebuai'iu, Auwabai'iu and Iorogabai'iu , carried out. Supervised clearing of new aid post sito.
Slept Hebuai'iu.

31.8.69

0930 departed Hebuai'iu
1130 arrived Iorogobai'iu
census revised , tax collected, general discussions.
slept Iorogobai'iu.

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1.9.69

07000 departed Torogobai'iu
1110 arrived Papato bush camp.
cargo arrived 13x30
slept Papato camp.

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0725 departed Papato
1145 arrived Kaipu
1400 cargo arrived.
Heavy rain.
slept Kaipu.

3.9.69

Council elections carried out
Tax collected and census revised for Kaipu, Sisibis and Kewodigi
discussions and minor complaints attended to.
slept Kaipu.

4.9.69

0805 departed Kaipu
1100 arrived Soro River
1200 last of carriers arrived, paid off.
1230 departed Soro River in dinghy
1300 arrived Wasemi
large number of population not in attendance, advised officials
of election for following day.
slept Wasemi.

5.9.69

Elections for ward 9, Wasemi, Tugiri and Iogobo, carried out.
Slept Wasemi.

6.9.69

census revised, tax collected from Wasemi. general discussions.
slept Wasemi.

7.9.69

Observed.
Slept Wasemi.

8.9.69

0745 departed Wasemi by canoe
0810 arrived Tage.
Cargo made ready.
0830 departed Tage
1410 arrived Pagware
1530 cargo arrived
census revised, tax collected, minor complaints and general
discussions.
Slept Pagware.

9.9.69.

0715 departed Pagware
1255 arrived Tage
1550 arrived Tugiri by canoe.
Slept Tugiri.

10.9.69

Diary (cont'd)

11.9.69

departed Tugiri by canoe 0915
1110 arrived Keseke.
census revised, tax collected, general discussions.
Slept Keseke.

12.9.69.

0825 departed Keseke
1145 arrived Hegiso
council elections carried out for Hegiso and Keseke.
census revised , tax collected , general discussions.
slept Hegiso.

13.9.69

0845 departed Hegiso by canoe.
1145 arrived Pimaga
some minor complaints heard
slept Pimaga.

14.9.69

census and election figures compiled.
observed
slept Pimaga.

15.9.69

organised cleaning of council house area and airstrip work.
To Orokana to await arrival of Mr.Munn. Nothing doing.
returned to council house in the afternoon, inspected airstrip work.
slept Pimaga.

16.9.69

remained at council house, heard several minor complaints, still no aircraft.
slept Pimaga.

17.9.69

To Orokana to await aircraft.
First of two aircraft arrived at 0930 with Mr.Munn and Mr.Duffy S.D.G.O. Returned to council house, inspected new airstrip and attended council meeting. General discussions re council plans.

18.9.69

To Orokana to await aircraft.
returned to council house late in afternoon.
slept Pimaga.

19.9.69

to Orokana to await aircraft.
returned to council late in afternoon.
slept Pimaga.

Diary (cont'd)

20.9.69

To Orokana to await aircraft.
1330 first aircraft arrived, Mr. Munn and party departed.
self departed Orokana at 1440
arrived Dogobari 1510.
discussions re road survey to commence on morrow.
slept Dogobari.

21.9.69

0815 departed Dogobari.
inspected road route and Mubi bridge site.
1145 arrived Iomesi
observed.
slept Iomesi.

22.9.69

0750 departed Iomesi
continues feasibility survey.
1630 made camp.

23.9.69

0730 departed camp.
continued survey, cutting track following old Erave patrol route.
1200 camp set up.
several groups sent out to locate route to Samberigi without success.

24.9.69

0730 departed camp.
unable to locate Samberigi route, returned to Erave track and continued on this.
1415 made camp.

25.9.69

0740 departed camp.
1300 arrived Kebore village, Erave
1445 arrived Erave Patrol Post.
Discussions with O.I.C. Mr. M. Press re Kutubu - Erave migrations.
slept Erave.

26.9.69

0820 departed Erave
1320 arrived Tirihi village, Kagua
1500 met Kagua vehicle at Sumbura
1730 last carrier arrived, departed for Kagua arriving 1830.
slept Kagua.

27.9.69

Shown over station by Mr. Cavanagh, A.D.O.
also looked over agricultural station.

28.9.69

departed Kagua by landrover 1030
1130 arrived kandobo
met carriers and departed for Poroma
1530 arrived Poroma
1730 carriers arrived
Patrol stood down

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A. Introduction.

(a) Geographical Description:

1. The area is located in the foothills of the main central range of Papua and New Guinea, 15 miles north of the Papuan Coastal Plain at an altitude of 2,800 ft. and lying within the co-ordinates 143 and 144 degrees longitude and 6 and 7 degrees latitude.

2. Geologically the area is mainly comprised of upper tertiary limestone with several small pockets of volcanic origin.

3. Topographically the area is characterised by folded limestone ridges up to 2,000 feet higher than the mean altitude, limestone pinnacles and sink holes of an extremely rugged nature. On the ridge slopes most of the soil has been washed away by water erosion, leaving either a very thin covering of soil or bare limestone. In the valleys the country is flat or gently undulating deep alluvium. These areas, lying as they do close to the water table, tend to be swampy.

4. Soils in the area are of three types, those derived from limestone, those of volcanic origin and alluvial soils. The two former soils tend to be clayey and poorly drained and aerated. They appear to be of low fertility probably due to a high degree of leaching. The alluvial soils appear to be fairly fertile but they require draining before they can be worked.

5. Climate is hot and humid during the day and cool at night. The south-east season occurs between August and November, the North-West between January and May. Rainfall is fairly evenly distributed over the year with only August and September appreciably above the monthly average.

6. An estimated 75% of rainfall falls during the night hours.
Average annual rainfall is about 160 inches.

7. Vegetation is characterised by primary rain forest of the inland coastal type. Small areas of secondary growth exist, resulting from past garden cultivation. Fairly extensive stands of semi-cultivated sago palms exist in the swampy areas of the valleys. There are also extensive stands of a good quality hardwood to be found on ridges and small stands of pine.

(b) Access and Location in Relation to Centres and Communication Points:

8. Patrol Post: The area lies approximately 15 miles south-west of Poroma Patrol Post. Access is by foot - 13 hours and by air - 10 minutes.

9. Sub-District Office: The study area lies approximately 20 miles south-south west of the sub-district office at Nipa. Access is by foot - 16 hours to the Lake, by air 15 minutes to Orokana.

10. District Office: Approximately 30 miles south-west of Mendi. Access is by foot - 28 hours, by air 20 minutes to Orokana.

Airstrip:

11. There are three airstrips in operation, two in the Foi'i Census Division at Orokana and Moro, and one in the Fasu at Waro, near Iorogabai'iu. Moro previously an Administration airstrip, located on the south western shore of Lake Kutubu opposite the old Lake Kutubu Patrol Post, is now held under lease by the Unevangelised Fields Mission, as are the other two strips. All are open to private light aircraft operators only, though Orokana was opened to commercial 'D' category operations between June and September to allow an

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oil company working in the area to fly in supplies.

12. Work initiated by the Lake Kutubu Council has commenced on a 3,000 ft. airstrip at Pimaga, 1½ miles west of Orokana, it is hoped that this will fulfil the need for a reasonable sized commercial airstrip for the area. An initial survey has been carried out by a D.C.A. inspector and the final survey is expected to be completed within the month. The total cost of construction has been calculated at $21,000. Of this amount the Administration has agreed to allocate $9,000 over a two year period from Rural Development funds, and the remaining $12,000 will be supplied by the Council, mainly with volunteer labour.

Roadheads:

13. There are no accessible roadheads in the area. The nearest is at Toiawara in the Poroma area, approximately 10 hours walk from Orokana.

Wharves and Shipping Points:

14. There are no wharves or shipping points in the area.

(c) Background:

15. A Patrol Post was first established in the area in the mid 1930's on Lake Kutubu near Tugiri Village. Prior to the war contact seems to have been restricted to the Lake Kutubu and Upper Mubi River area. With the outbreak of the war the station was abandoned and the people allowed to revert to their traditional ways.

16. The station was re-established at Tage on the other side of the Lake in 1949. From approximately 1951 to 1955 it existed at a sub-district level, beofre reverting to that of Patrol Post. The station was manned at all times from 1949 until 13th January, 1967, when it was abandoned. Since then the area has been administered from Poroma.

17. In late 1966 a Local Government Council was established and since then virtually everything done in the area has been done through the auspices of the Council.

18. Administration influence seems to have been established by 1953 and because of this the people have proven to be receptive to Administration influence. They have also been able to adapt fairly well to the idea of the Council.

19. The predominant characteristic of the inhabitants in the past has been complacency, almost apathy towards Administration and mission. The benefits of both have been readily accepted but the people have evinced no desire to do much towards bettering their own position.

20. Though there are no indications of cargo cult type movements amongst the people in the area, their isolation and lack of development has created a climate quite susceptible to such thinking. This is highlighted by their quick acceptance of even the most outlandish rumours. These points are more fully discussed under the Political section.

B. Population Distribution and Trends.

(a) Village Population Register Forms:

21. Latest census figures for the Foi'i and Fasu Census Divisions are attached.

22. Both census divisions show satisfactory natural increase for the past 12 months, these show a marked difference between 1968/69 and 1967/68 figures.

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The figures for the 1968/69 are closer to the norm for both areas. Death rates for both divisions have dropped, the Foi'i from 2.2% to 1.91% and the Fasu from 4.4% to 1.73%. The natural increases are 2.06% for the Foi'i and 3.18% for the Fasu. (See Health section in appendices.)

23. Migrations have remained constant for the Foi'i, with the Fasu showing an excess of migrations in over migrations out, this was brought about mainly by the return of 28 people from the Komo area to Sisbia. Most of the people who migrated out to Erave and Komo over the last two years have now returned. Migrations in and out should now stabilise, though there are rumours of large scale migrations of upper Kikori River villages back to the Fasu Census Division many of these people originally migrated out some four or five years ago.

24. Both Sonagadigi and Hedinia villages have returned to the Ai'iu River from the Kaipu and Soro Rivers areas respectively. There is also talk of Wasemi, Tugiri and Iogobo villages moving from the present positions on the Lake to the north-eastern shore, no objections have been raised as long as the migrations are orderly.

(b) Village Tracks:

25. See attached map.

(c) Outward Flow of Labour and Absenteeism:

26. Approximately 8.3% of the population was employed at the time of the census, this was broken up as follows: 3.9% outside the district and 4.4% inside. Of the adult population 30.5% were employed.

27. Some 150 of the 185 persons employed within the district were employed by the British Petroleum survey team, which was carrying out a gravity survey in the Kutubu area. This team departed in early October so these people would be without employment again. It appears that the oil company will be returning in early 1970 to carry out a seismic survey which will provide employment for an even larger number of people. The Council will also be able to offer employment to about 100 persons for the next 12-18 months on the construction of the Pimaga airstrip.

28. These employment opportunities should stem the steady flow of labour to other areas.

C. Social Groupings.

(a) Number of Social Groups:

29. There are three main types of social group. These are firstly the family group, secondly the patrilineal clan group and thirdly, the village group. The clans groups are sometimes widely spread throughout several villages so that these villages have ties which form them into a fourth, less clearly defined social group. These larger inter-village social groups are:

IPIGI GROUP: comprising Eragahugu, Ipigi, Dogobari and Harabai'iu villages - 881 people.

PIMAGA GROUP: comprising Pimaga, Damai'iu, Tunuhugu and Getagaipu villages - 716 people.

MUBI GROUP: comprising Baurutage, Hegiso and Meribo villages - 570 people.

KUTUBU GROUP: comprising Wasemi, Tugiri, Iogobo and Kese villages - 715 people.

FASU GROUP: comprising Anuwabi, Manu, Ai'iu, Hedinia, Hebuai'iu, Sonagadigi, Auwabai'iu and Iorogabai'iu villages - 473 people.

KAIPU GROUP: comprising Kaipu, Sisibia, and Kewodigi villages - 219 people.

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FOI'I GROUP: comprising Sorotagi, Oto and Kobe villages - 268 people.

30. In addition there are two mixed villages: Kafa - Pimaga, Foi'i and Ipigi groups - and Iomesi: Ipigi group and various Nembi and Kagua clans.

31. The largest recognised social grouping with all definition requirements is the patrilineal clan. These number from one to six per village, usually averaging three or four. Traditionally each clan was a residential group; with the establishment of the Administration influence the clans have consolidated into the existing villages.

32. An accurate estimate of the number of clans would be:

Ipigi group:	15
Pimaga group:	12
Mubi group:	10
Kutubu group:	21
Foi'i group:	9
Fasu group:	12
Kaipu group:	9
Iomesi group:	4
Total:	92

(b) Operational and Functional Social Units:

33. The primary operational and functional unit in the social system is the simple family. This is the group which performs the daily tasks necessary for existence, i.e. garden cultivation, food and material gathering, hunting, cooking and the construction of shelters. The family usually exists as a single entity in a garden house and living in the central village with other members of the community only when necessary. This practice does, however, appear to be changing and the village becoming more the centre of the community.

34. The other major social unit is the patrilineal clan. This group performs those tasks which are beyond the capabilities of the family, such as construction of the mens' long houses, large scale clearing for food gardens, feasts and ceremonies, large scale hunting and trading expeditions and, in the past, as fighting units. It is primarily through the clan that relationships are formed with other groups and subsequent collective alliances.

(c) Language Pattern:

35. There are two languages in the study area, Foi'i and Fasu, and each forms the basis of a census division. Minor variations in dialect are found in each language. In the Foi'i the division is between the Upper Mubi River Valley, the Lower Mubi River Valley and Lake Kutubu. In the Fasu it is the Kaipu and the Fasu areas. The variations in the base tongue have little effect on communication and a Kutubu man can readily understand the Upper or Lower Mubi dialects and vice versa.

36. Many of the inhabitants of Iomesi village speak and understand only Nembi and Kagua dialects of the Mendi language.

(d) Relationships between component and social groups:

37. Relationships between groups are friendly and there are indications that this friendship is increasing. The friendship is mainly due to the way in

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which clans and thus clan obligations cut across tribal and village boundaries. There is also the custom of exogamy observed within the clan which ensures the formation of personal relationships through observances and obligations entailed in marriage.

38. Traditional alliances are defined by the groups named previously. Alliances between groups are as follows:

Pimaga-Kutubu; Pimaga-Foi'i; Fasu-Kaipu; Kaipu-Kutubu.

(e) Relationships with adjacent groups:

39. The peoples' location on what was, and to some extent still is, one of the major trade routes between the Highlands and the Papuan Coast, and their virtual monopoly in the Tigasso oil trade, has naturally resulted in the peoples becoming traders.

40. As such they have good relations with adjacent groups who are almost all trading partners. On occasions in the past relationships have been strained by raiding parties from the Nembi area. These occasions were very rare and on a small scale and, therefore, had little permanent effect.

41. As well as Kutubus carrying oil out to sell, parties from Mendi, Poroma and Nipa travel down to Kutubu to purchase the oil with either money or labour. They perform work for the Kutubu people and in return receive their oil.

D. Leadership.

(a) List of Leaders with Background Sketches:

42. The following is a list of the more influential men in the study area. All leadership is acquired, none is inherited. Unless otherwise stated, the persons listed below have had no past education, employment or convictions.

43. There is no one man who has influence over a wide area. For each village there is a man who is generally accepted as being a headman. The following then are the more prominent of these headmen.

HESIBI: Harabai'iu village: age 54. Excellent record as both village councillor and then as village constable. Favourable to Administration aims and pro Mission, though not unduly influenced by them. Strong influence in own village and some in surrounding villages.

EI'IMA, Dogobari village: age 46. Land leader of largest clan in village, as well as exercising influence over members of other clans in village. Little influence further afield and his attitude towards progress and the Administration is doubtful. Lacks presence.

DAIGA: Ipigi village: age 54. Influence is restricted to Ipigi village. Not really progressive or pro Administration and is now tending to senility.

WAGARI BARIMA, Damai'iu village: age 41. The natural leader of the Damai'iu village with some influence in Pimaga, Tunuhugu and Getagaipu. Capable, pro Administration and progressive.

HARI ARAI'A, Baurutage village: age 46. Influence is mainly limited to his own village and to a lesser extent Hegiso and Heribo. Not impressive. He is impassive in his attitude towards progress and the Administration.

IDUG'UABORO: Kewodigi village: age 46. Exercises appreciable influence throughout the Kaipu, Sisibia, Sonagadigi, Kewodigi complex. Good record as village councillor, pro Administration and fairly progressive.

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KONEFABU IORE: Tugiri village: age 38. Employed as Administration Interpreter for last thirteen years, firstly at Kutubu and now at Poroma. Certainly the most respected man in the area and one with influence throughout the entire Kutubu area. A forceful, capable and progressive personality. His integrity is beyond reproach and his knowledge of the Kutubu area and people extensive. Slightly anti mission.

(c) Traditional Pattern of leadership and Possibility of Change:

44. There are no formal patterns of leadership in the study area, in fact the only readily recognised leader found is the Land Leader. What little authority he has is restricted to matters concerned with land.

45. There were no hereditary chiefs but each village generally contained several 'Big men' who held their status because they controlled large numbers of pearlshells, pigs, etc. It was also necessary that they be capable of giving intelligent opinions. Even these men could not give orders to the other villagers, but their opinions were heard and given consideration and were thought to be of importance in settling disputes.

46. These men still appear to run village life and it is them rather than the Local Government Councillors who are the authoritative voices in the community.

47. Local Government Councillors have only that power which they inherit with their office and the Government backing. Quite often their orders or decisions are put before the village headmen for review before being followed or rejected according to the decision.

48. It seems that none of the Local Government Councillors are the natural leaders of their villages. However, all but about four Councillors are popular with their people because they do not push the people to work. Those who are unpopular appear to be the ones who actively push roadwork.

49. So far there is no real indication that the people are turning to younger, educated or more travelled men for leadership. Regardless of his education or experience, if a man is still young then he is seen as being just a boy. Should he express an opinion which has merit then it is considered, but he does not necessarily rise in the esteem of the village.

50. There is a chance that as the present leaders die, younger men with some education will take their places. Just how quickly these men are accepted will depend on the development of the area.

51. The faster development takes place, the faster the people will turn to men who are capable of leading them within their changed society.

52. The fact that a large number of the younger people are gaining an education will also lead to a desire to change.

E. Land Tenure and Use.

(a) Description of Traditional Land Tenure and Inheritance:

53. Traditional land tenure is based on the patrilineal clan acting as the land holding unit with members of that clan exercising usufructuary rights to their clans' land. Female members of the clan lose all their rights to clan land for the duration of their marriage, replacing their land rights with their husband's clans land.

54. In some instances there is a modification to this system wherein

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individuals gain what amounts to informal rights of ownership to land for the duration of their lives. Even in such cases, however, the clan still remains the basic land holding unit.

55. Any area of clan land, not at that time in use, may be used and cultivated by any members of the clan. If the use of the land is fairly intensive and is likely to be for a long period, as it usually is with the cultivation of sago, prolonged occupancy will often give the user an informal sinecure over the land for cultivation. Hunting and food and material gathering rights are held by all members of the clan without restriction, even on land occupied and cultivated by another.

56. Land rights may be granted to migrants provided they are adopted into the clan.

57. Each clan has a recognised land leader though his authority is restricted and ill-defined. This is because all matters concerning land must first be agreed upon by a majority of clan members. The land leaders main function appears to be the allocation of land to adopted clansmen and outsiders, mediating in crop ownership disputes and if gardens are cultivated, allocating specific areas for the keeping of pigs. He is also responsible for the organisation of large scale clearing and the construction of pig fences.

58. Where a clan exists in more than one village, land rights are only held to clan land in the village in which the individual is resident. Thus clan A in village A does not have rights to Clan A land in village B. It is usually found that land owned by such a clan has no common boundary. Thus in all matters concerning land such clans are differentiated.

59. The modification to the traditional land tenure pattern noted above exists in the Pimaga, Damai'iu, Tunuhugu, Getagaipu village complex. In these villages a sufficient amount of land to meet present needs has been sub-divided amongst clan members in past years. Remaining land has been left as the common property of all clan members for use as hunting, food and material gathering land.

60. There has never been a formal sub-division of this land. It has merely come about as individuals have squatted on their clan land, built houses, made gardens and cultivated sago palm and bamboo. The squatters exercise complete control over their land and only they are allowed to hunt, gather materials, build on and cultivate it.

61. If the land is planted with semi-permanent crops, it is the practice that on the death of the cultivator these crops are inherited by the sons of the cultivator and thuse the sons take over ownership in most cases. Rights to cultivated crops in all areas are exclusively vested in the planter or cultivator and are transmitted on his death to his sons.

62. Inheritance is patrilineal. In the case of crops and material possessions, they are divided amongst the deceased males children. When doing so, the order of importance as heirs descends with age. In the case of land occupied by the deceased, it reverts back to the clan and is usually re-allotted to the heirs. This is the case particularly if semi-permanent crops are planted on it.

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(b) List of Persons Having Land on Lease from the Administration:

63. As yet nobody has land on lease from the Administration. Nor does it appear likely that any applications will be made in the near future.

(c) Communal and Individual Ownership of Cash Crops:

64. There are no cash crops in the area, though a number of people near the Unevangelised Fields Mission at Orokana have planted orange trees from seeds obtained at the Mission. This fruit is sold at six for ten cents. Some years ago there were several plots of coffee planted, all that remains of these today is the odd bush.

F. Literacy.

(a) List of Schools:

65. There are only two recognised schools in the area, both of which are run by the Unevangelised Fields Mission, the biggest of these is at Orokana and the other at Imu, on Lake Kutubu. Both teach in english and Foi'i. Enrolment for these schools is as follows:

OROKANA:

English section:

	Male	Female
Prep.	29	10
Standard 1	27	7
Standard 2	18	11
Standard 3	27	3
Standard 4	20	-
Standard 5	-	1

Foi'i language:

180 (sex breakup not known).

IMU:

English section:

Prep.	46
Standard 1	33

Foi'i language:

Adult	16
Girls and womens' sewing classes	25

66. Sewing is also taught at Orokana, it is not known whether this is an adjunct to or part of the remainder of the school.

67. Vernacular classes are also held at the various Mission outstations, pupils number approximately 100.

68. Both schools intend to embark on active building programmes in the near future to expand their schools to take pupils up to Standard 6.

69. A copy of a letter from Mr. C.E. Terrell, Senior Finance Officer, Local Government Branch, to the Director of Education, was recently sent to the President of the Lake Kutubu Council. In this letter Mr. Terrell stated that he had been approached by a group of Kutubuans working in Port Moresby

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who were dissatisfied by the education facilities in their area. These people, forty-two in number, have to date collected $900 to be used towards the erection of an Administration or Council Primary 'T' school in the Mubi area. This money is held in a savings account in Port Moresby, they stated that their target was $1000.

70. The District Inspector of Schools in Mendi has been advised that this money is available, but no reply has been received regarding the Department of Education's intention or otherwise.

71. It is estimated that there are approximately 400 people literate in the Foi'i language and living in the Foi'i Census division. The teacher in charge of the school at Orokana estimated that there are about 300 people who are semi-literate in english. All of these are young men or children. There are only 15 who could be classed as literate in english.

(b) Adult Literacy:

72. Accurate figures for adult literacy are unavailable, but it appears that the number would be small in the older group, most literate adults would be in the teenage group.

(c) Higher Education:

73. There are four people at the Unevangelised Fields Mission's High School at Awaba, one or two of these are expected to do Form 3 next year. It is possible that of the 9 people reported to be at school outside the district some could be receiving higher education.

74. The only person in the area with a higher education is a girl on Wasemi island who has reached Form 3 at Goroka and Mendi. She is at present living in her village.

75. Four youths are known to be attending technical schools at Erave and Mendi, another three are doing a combined technical-farmer trainee course at the Unevangelised Fields Mission at Samberigi, this course covers sawmilling, animal husbandry and general agricultural techniques.

(d) Students at Present Receiving Higher Education:

76. See previous section.

(e) Interest Shown in Newspapers and Radio:

77. Interest in radio programmes has increased since the Council made six transistor radios available for community listening. Copies of all Administration general and political education publications are distributed regularly but as the majority of these are in english, they are probably read by few people, other than mission teachers.

G. Standard of Living.

(a) Comments on Housing, Sanitation, Clothing, Use of European Artifacts, etc.

78. i. Housing: Housing is still constructed using traditional techniques and too, the traditional design. The three existing types of housing are the mens' long house, the womens' house and the garden house. All are of the same basic design, differing only in scale; the mens' long house is approximately 25 feet wide by a variable length, depending on the size of the village. Womens houses are approximately 18 feet by 25 feet and garden houses are approximately 18 feet by 30 feet.

79. Basic design and construction is as follows: the house is raised 4

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feet above the ground on numerous stilts, an open floor of black palm planks, bush timber frame, sago leaf rib walls and sago leaf thatch roof. All fastenings are of vine.

80. All housing is equipped with interior fireplaces formed from clay and suspended within a hole in the floor. These fireplaces are spaced at regular intervals along the length of the house, on either side of a central passageway.

81. Sleeping positions are arranged between the fireplaces. Men and women are invariably segregated. In the village separate housing is allotted whilst in the garden houses, male and female sections of the house are partitioned off.

82. A fourth type of house is appearing though whether it will become popular is yet to be seen. Mainly built by and for Local Government Councillors, these houses resemble Government Rest Houses. Built more solidly than the normal house and with opening windows and doors and sometimes even a verandah. They are at present a sign of affluence.

82.ii. Sanitation: Sanitation facilities in the form of rubbish pits and pit latrines are in use in all villages and are frequently used. Villages are usually reasonably clean and the people are attaining the habit of throwing their rubbish into the pits.

83. While the latrines appear to be used by most of the people, there is still the need to educate them in the correct use of the latrines. Aid Post Orderlies have instructed them in the correct use and care of the latrines, but they still find it difficult to keep the latrines clean.

84. The Council will move to institute a Village Hygiene and Sanitation Rule in the coming year. This will cover the care of village areas, latrines, rubbish pits and water sources.

85. iii. Clothing: European modes of dress are in evidence in every part of the Kutubu area. Mainly amongst the young men who have at least one pair of shorts to their name. This is particularly noticeable around Orokana and the Lake area. In the Wasu area, however, cotton articles become more scarce.

86. Older men still prefer the traditional breach cloth and bark cloak, though these latter articles are not in as much use as appears to have been the case previously. While the younger men may possess european clothing they do not wear it on all occasions.

87. iv. European Artifacts: The main european artifacts in use in the area are shotguns and a few cooking utensils. Garden implements such as spades, knives, adzes, bush knives and, of course, axes are more common.

88. There is also in the area one outboard motor and one power chain saw, both of these are owned by the Interpreter Konefabu.

(b) Diet:

89. The food staple of the area is sago, the diet consisting of an estimated 90% sago and 10% supplements. The supplements include sweet potato, taro, bananas, pit-pit, pineapple, paw-paw and various leaf greens. Small quantities of tomatoes, leeks, beans and cabbage are also grown and some of it consumed, though most is grown for sale.

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90. Sago is invariably cooked over a fire in bamboo tubes. Supplements are boiled, baked or eaten raw.

91. People around the Lake supplement their diet with fish and crayfish caught in the Lake.

92. Pigs are available in fairly large numbers in all areas, but are reserved for special occasions. Game in the form of wild pigs, cassowary, possum, bush fowl, etc. is fairly plentiful and provides a useful protein supplement to the diet.

93. European foodstuffs such as rice, sugar, tea, coffee, milo and tinned fish and meat can be bought from the Mission trade store at Orokana. These items are becoming part of the diet but are more popular amongst the younger people.

94. It was pleasing to note during this patrol the number of new garden areas, especially around the shores of the Lake and between the Lake and Orokana. For a number of years various officers have, with little success, encouraged these people to plant larger permanent gardens, rather than rely solely on sago as their dietary mainstay. As a result of this, sweet potato, tomatoes, corn, and cucumber are now to be found in quite large quantities.

95. The Council recently purchased $34 worth of mixed vegetable seeds from Australia and these will be distributed free of charge to help increase the variety of the local diet.

96. It is interesting to note that people from around Orokana are purchasing sago from the Fasu area, apparently there is a shortage of mature trees at present. This fact may have some bearing on the increased interest in gardening.

97. A letter has recently been written to the District Rural Development Officer with a view to re-kindling interest in establishing fisheries, especially in the area of the Lake. Fish and crayfish are forming an increasingly important part of the diet of the Lake people and it is also quite an important trade item.

(c) Introduced Social Organisations:

98. Nil.

H. Missions.

(a) List of Missions:

99. The Unevangelised Fields Mission is the only mission firmly established in the area, they have been in the area for nearly twenty years; there is therefore no friction between missions or adherents.

100. Since last year the Capuchin (Catholic) Mission has been taking an increasing interest in the area following requests from persons apparently unhappy with the Unevangelised Fields Mission's performance during its twenty years. A Catholic priest from Erave patrolled through Kutubu last year, a patrol scheduled for last month from the Capuchin Mission at Det, near Poroma, has been postponed due to the illness of one of the priests. There are now Catholic catechists at Tugiri, Iogobo and Ai'iu.

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101. Further penetration by the Catholics may lead to friction with the Unevangelised Fields Mission who have long considered this area their sole domain.

(b) Location and Services Provided by Missions:

102. The only mission in the area which provides anything apart from religious instruction is the Unevangelised Fields Mission, it has two stations:

OROKANA:

Staff: 1 Minister and wife (teacher)
1 Medical Assistant and wife (returned to Germany in late September).
Several native school teachers.

Facilities:

Medical - Hospital and maternal welfare clinic.

Education - School up to Standard 5, to be expanded to take up to Standard 6.

Agriculture - Mission runs about 20 head of cattle, from which they supply milk to village mothers. They also have a small orchard containing mandarins, oranges, lemons and advocado pears, quite a number of cuttings and seeds have been distributed to local village people.

INU:

Staff: 1 Minister and wife (linguists)
2 native school teachers.

Facilities:

Medical - Small clinic is available to local people.

Education - School at present takes classes up to Standard 1, to be expanded in the near future. Sewing classes for women and girls are also conducted.

103. A new station has recently been opened at Waro, in the Fasu, this is staffed by a Western District Pastor, who gives first aid and runs a small school.

104. Both Inu and Orokana have small trade stores selling basic essentials, only - fish, rice, soap, etc.

(c) Attitude Towards Missions:

105. Mission influence is widespread with little of the friction to be found in areas where more than one mission is represented, mission influence is strongest in the areas in the immediate vicinity of the mission stations.

106. There is a growing discontent with the lack of material benefits that the mission has brought to the area in its twenty years of residence, it is only in the last three years that the mission has constructed any permanent buildings, the english section of the school has only been opened for this length of time. This appears to be the reason for some people from Tugiri and Iogobo asking the Catholic mission to send staff into the area. This may be stemmed by the building programme the mission intends initiating in the next 12 months.

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107. Apart from the above there is no obvious friction between the mission and the people.

Summer Institute of Linguistics.

108. Whilst it is not a mission, the Summer Institute of Linguistics station at Kaipu affects the people in much the same way as a mission.

109. The station is situated at Kaipu in the Fasu Division and is staffed by two women. They spend two months at the station and then six weeks totwo months at their main base.

110. They operate a small clinic and generally try to assist the people of Kaipu village, more by example than anything else. In the six years since their arrival in the area neither of the two have moved outside of the Kaipu area. This limits their knowledge and understanding of the place and the people and also limits the degree to which the people will identify with them.

111. Their effect on the people of Kaipu is obvious, this is the best kept village in either the Fasu or Foi'i and people have the highest standard of personal cleanliness.

I. Non Indigenes.

112(a) List of Private Enterprises:

(i) Plantations: Nil.

(ii) Factories: Nil.

(iii) Commercial Enterprises: Nil.

(b) Number of Local Workers Employed by Above:

113. Nil.

(c) Position of above as possible outlets for produce:

114. Nil.

(d) Comments on Above:

115. The only private concern to have shown interest in the area so far as Ausventure Tours, an Australian based tourist company which has applied for a 10 acre lease at the Lake.

116. Supiri Trading Company, who have stores at Poroma, Nipa, Margarima, Komo, Tari and Koroba, have also shown some interest in starting a store in the Orokana area, but it is unlikely that they will commit themselves to any great degree until the new Pimaga airstrip is completed.

J. Communications:

(a) Roads:

117. There are no vehicular roads in the Kutubu area, though many of the walking tracks would be suited to motorcycle traffic and could be upgraded to vehicular standard.

118. The nearest road head is at Toiawara, 6 miles south-west of Poroma Patrol Post and 15 miles north of Orokana. An improved walking track is under construction between Orokana and Toiwara, a vehicular road is out of the question because of the inhospitable terrain.

119. Improved walking tracks link all but a few of the more isolated villages, work has started on improving the walking track between Manu and Tamadigi camp and Tage and Pagwari. The only unimproved track will be the one between Iorogabai'iu and Kaipu, this will be maintained as a cleared track only

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because of the distance involved and terrain to be negotiated.

180. A feasibility survey was to be carried out between Iomesi and the Samberigi Valley during the patrol, a survey having already been completed between Iomesi and Erave by Patrol Officer Mr. N.C. McQuilty in 1966, Lake Kutubu Report No. 5/65-66, refers. The route to be surveyed branched off the previously surveyed route to Erave approximately 1½ days walk east of Iomesi, unfortunately, some hours after leaving the Erave track the patrol's guides became lost, a day spent searching for a track was to no avail. The patrol then returned to the Erave track and continued on to Erave Patrol Post. At Erave contact was made with people who know the area the survey was to traverse and their assistance will be called upon when the survey is continued at a later date.

121. Previous surveys have shown the futility of trying to construct roads to Poroma, Nipa or Tari. Though the Iomesi-Erave route was reported favourably it appears from information obtained from people who have flown over the area that the Samberigi route is possibly the most suitable of the two, because it follows more closely the lay of the land.

(b) Sea and River:

122. Lake Kutubu and the Mubi River in the Upper and Lower Mubi Valley are navigable to canoes and powered boats. River access between the Upper and Lower Mubi Valley areas is impossible.

123. It is possible to travel from Lake Kutubu to Kikori in the Gulf District in 2½ days by foot and canoe. This route was originally used for trade and is still used by the Kutubu people.

(c) Air:

124. Three airstrips are in use in the area, all are held under lease to the Unevangelised Fields Mission. A fourth strip is being constructed at Pimaga by the Lake Kutubu Local Government Council, completed length is expected to be around 3,300 feet.

125. Details of the other three airstrips are as follows:

Orokana:

Length - 1500 feet; surface - grass with 400' x 30' centre strip of river gravel; weather restrictions - Nil. All weather. Opened from time to time to category "D" commercial operations.

Moro:

Length - 3,500 feet, though only 2,500 feet is operational at present; surface - grass; weather restrictions - daily strip reports necessary during operations. Strip slippery after heavy rain. Operations restricted to tail wheel aircraft only, Cessna 185 and Pilatus Porter.

Waro:

Length - Approximately 1500 feet; surface - grass. Operational capabilities not known.

126. The Pimaga airstrip is being built to fulfil the need for a commercial airstrip of reasonable dimensions, it is expected that the airstrip will be open to category "B" aircraft on its completion. The only other airstrip of commercial size, Moro, is isolated from the population centre and becomes inoperable during bad weather. Economic development in the Kutubu area is

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be concentrated towards high value for weight crops, such as spices and citrus so that it will be economic to use the aircraft for transportation. This airstrip will also improve communications between Poroma and this area.

127. Initial clearing of a 2000 ft. x 100 ft. section has been completed, an initial survey has been completed by D.C.A., the final survey should be carried out within the month.

K. Technical and Clerical Skills.

128. The following is a list of people with technical or clerical skills:

Village	Name	Skill
Kaipu	Kuitobo Hiane	Aid Post Orderly
	Kiatei Wagaro	P.H.D., Kagua
Wasemi	Samaga Pai'iabei	Clerk
	Kamuna Dabura	Aid Post Orderly
	Kimi Taiyu	Aid Post Orderly
	Haboro Pai'iabei	Clerk
	Kosadobo Sagaria	Forestry, Mt. Hagen
	Giwai Gunabo	Forestry, Mt. Hagen
	Faso Beragobo	Driver
	Mari Turagi	Driver
	Nacimena Kuru	Transport mechanic
	Hubaka Iafafa	Sawyer
	Kagu Putaforei	Aid Post Orderly
	Taru Onekuabo	Bush Carpenter
	Kamo Ebai'u	Bush Carpenter
	Heno Nato	Aid Post Orderly
	Kofe Sobore	Aid Post Orderly
Tugiri	Enagu Warusereki	Driver
	Iagasa Wabi	Aid Post Orderly
Iogobo	Kisa Wati	Bush Carpenter
Oto	Murbi Dungi	Power House Operator
Iorogabai'iu	Kabi Nato	Sawyer/Driver/Storeman
Keseke	Kobo Soso	Moulding Machine Operator
	Wabago Kaiyabe	Moulding Machine Operator
	Dugi Sesi	Teacher
Pimaga	Suibo Kerabu	Plumber
	Kaio'ei Iliman	Surveyor's Assistant
Harabai'iu	Dageba	Trainee Plumber
Damai'iu	Homena Kurabe	Teacher

L. Stage of Political Development.

129. The people of LakeKutubu are undoubtedly the most politically aware of all the groups in the Southern Highlands, this is consistent with their length of contact with the Administration, since 1937, and the percentage of the population which has at one time or another been employed in coastal areas.

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At present approximately 14% of the adult male population is employed outside the Kutubu area.

130. Because of the degree of literacy in their own language contact between those at home is maintained, with the result that they have a much wider knowledge of matters pertaining to other areas in the Territory than would normally be expected for an area so physically isolated. They have in this way overcome the isolation which continues to impede their economic progress with the result that their political and social sophistication is not matched in the economic sphere, this has created a climate susceptible to stories having connotation of cargo cultism.

131. The latest rumour to gain credence apparently emanated from the village of Dama, in the Gulf District, with the express purpose of stirring up ill feeling in the Fasu area. The story was that a P.I.R. patrol had visited a village south of the Fasu and had taken all the young men to the coast as labourers. Following the departure of these people under guard, the soldiers remaining behind in the village bayonetted all the children and old people. The story gained such currency in the area that the people of one village were all set to flee at the first sign of trouble. It is heartening to note though that the incident was reported at Poroma almost immediately, and after assurances that the story was not true the rumour seems to have died a natural death.

132. Their susceptibility to rumours is also illustrated by the migration of people between Kutubu and the Erave, Komo and Kikori areas, most of this as a result of stories of non-existant economic development to be had in these areas. Many of these people have, in the last 12 months, returned to their home villages.

133. During the patrol's visit to Erave, discussions were held with the Officer-in-Charge, Erave, on this problem and it may be that the situation will now stabilise.

134. As this is one of several such stories, with the P.I.R. as the central figure, to gain circulation there appears to be a good case for a P.I.R. prestige patrol to visit the area.

135. Until something in the nature of economic development can be initiated the people will remain fertile ground for such rumours.

136. Nonetheless, their relationship with Administration, though tending towards the apathetic, has remained good and is improving after a period of disillusionment following the closure of Lake Kutubu Patrol Post.

137. Though there is little hope of economic development on their own account, increased activity by the Council and the return of the oil survey team to carry out a seismic survey in early 1970 will provide employment opportunities for a couple of hundred people, though neither represents permanent employment at present, both will bring money into the area and the oil company may, depending on the results of its survey, provide continuous employment for a fairly large work force for some time to come. During its present three months stay, the oil company paid out $3,500 for labour.

138. I do not consider the situation at present represents any great cause for alarm, and there is every reason to believe that as the Council gathers strength the Kutubuans occupation with rumour will decrease. The general situation will remain under close scrutiny.

M. Economy of Area.

(a) Number of Economic Trees.

139. An area study carried out in 1964 by Mr. A.F. McNeill, then Officer-in-Charge, Lake Kutubu Patrol Post, reported that there were 750 coffee trees in the area, of these 700 were mature at that stage. Not more than a few dozen of these trees are to be found today.

140. The only other economic tree to be found in the area is the Tigasso tree, which is indigenous to the Mubi Valley, around Orokana, the Lower Foi'i and the Fasu. The oil from this tree is used as a body cosmetic in the Highland areas. It is only harvested to any great degree in the Mubi Valley and Lower Foi'i areas.

(b) Production of Above.

141. Production of Tigasso oil is estimated to be in the vicinity of 500 gallons per year, this represents an income of between $2,500-$3000 per annum. Most of this is marketed through traditional outlets though the Council has sold some to a local trading firm, Supiri Trading Company, who sell it at various centres throughout the District. This is sold to Supiri Trading Company at $8 per gallon, on the traditional market it averages around $5 per gallon.

(c) Potential Production:

142. Potential production depends entirely on the market available as the trees in no way suffer if they are not tapped regularly. If Supiri Trading Company can successfully market the oil, it will be possible to increase quite substantially the amount sold at present. Production could meet a much larger demand than exists at present.

(d) Market Gardening:

143. There are no market garden enterprises in the area. Mission vegetable requirements are met by the sale of surplus subsistence crops, mainly from the villages in the immediate vicinity of the mission stations.

144. Income from this source would be no more than about $300 per annum. Most of this going to those in the Orokana area.

(e) Total Labour Wages:

145. (i) Within the area - $5,500
(ii) Outside the area - $10,000
Total - $15,500

(f) Co-operatives:

146. Nil.

(g) Entrepreneurs:

147. Obia Iorei owns and operates a small trade store at Herebe village in the Foi'i Census Division. He purchases his goods through the mission trade store or through tradestores at Poroma.

(h) Bank Accounts:

148. Most of the accounts held in this area are with various banks and their

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various branches throughout the Territory. As a result, it is virtually impossible to ascertain the number of accounts and the total of deposits.

(i) Tax:

149. Council tax at present is 50 cents for males and 20 cents for females. Tax collected during the patrol totalled $672.60, an increase of $50.60 on last year. Councillors have indicated in recent meetings that they will increase the tax rate for next year; increases had been discouraged previously because the Council was not in a position to utilise the additional funds.

(j) Per Capita Income:

150. Total income derived from all sources is estimated at approximately $19,000 during the past 12 months. This for a population of 4196 gives an approximate income of $4.53.

151. The amount earned from labour would be fairly evenly distributed throughout the whole area, the remainder of the income would be concentrated in the Mubi Valley around Crokana.

(k) Marketing Facilities:

152. At present there is no produce to market, hence no marketing facilities. The Pimaga airstrip will provide access to such facilities and should, therefore, provide incentive to produce items for sale.

N. Possibilities of Expanding Economy.

(a) Availability of Arable Land:

153. The Foi'i and Fasu Census Divisions cover an area of 1,576 square miles with most of the population concentrated in five main areas. Though much of this land would not be suited to agricultural development because it is either too mountainous or too swampy, at least 50,000 acres of suitable land would be available, some of this consists of drainable swamp areas.

(b) Possibility of Increasing Market Gardening:

154. The Lake Kutubu Council is at present working to develop an industry based on the sale of coastal type fruits to the Highlands areas. To this end, the Council has recently applied for a lease of 12 acres, this project will form the embryo of citrus growing in this area. On the Council block will be planted oranges, mandarins, lemons and advacado pears, trial plots of spices such as pepper, are also contemplated. It is not the Council's aim to become a large-scale producer rather it hopes to act as a catalyst for the development of citrus throughout the area.

155. This industry will be dependant on the successful completion of the Pimaga airstrip, as suitable road communications are not envisaged for at least 20 years.

(c) Increased Wage Earnings:

156. As no return can be expected from citrus for at least 4-6 years from its inception, the only avenue for increased earnings lies with greater employment opportunities. These opportunities may be provided for a short time anyway by the Council and oil company, employment on the coast presents the only alternative.

(d) Possibilities for Introducing New Primary Industries:

157. See sub-section (b) above for comments re citrus.

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158. The resources of this area cannot be fully utilised until dependable communications can be established with the remainder of the district. In the initial stages air transport will fulfil this role, but large-scale development will require road communications.

159. Apart from citrus, present resources are timber, tigasso oil and possibly oil.

160. Large quantities of good quality hardwood and softwood timber is available, local needs are small so other markets will have to be exploited, this cannot be done until road communications are established.

161. A market for tigasso oil can only be expected to be readily available for the next 10-15 years at the outside. It is used as a body cosmetic by Highland people during ceremonial occasions, and as these people become more sophisticated demand for this item will decrease sharply.

(e) Probable Reaction of the People to Economic Development:

162. Their reaction can reasonably be expected to be enthusiastic considering their present dissatisfaction with their lot, though during the Council's recent efforts to initiate projects aimed at future economic viability they have shown a singular lack of enthusiasm to commit themselves entirely to any project. This may be a reaction to the withdrawal of the Patrol Post in 1967 and the fear that the Administration may further withdraw.

163. Care must be taken to ensure that any economic development is soundly based to avoid further disappointment and disillusionment which would affect their attitude towards and willingness to co-operate with the Administration.

C. Attitude Towards Local Government.

164. The Lake Kutubu Local Government Council has only been in existence for about 3 years. In that time it has passed seven rules, constructed a Council House and base camp complex at Orokana, begun to construct an airstrip, has started work on a citrus project. Roads in the area have been improved and a walking track to Poroma has nearly reached the Wage River. This track has already led to an increase in the Tigasso trade. Work has also begun on four semi-permanent aid posts to be paid for by the Council.

165. All work done in the area since January, 1967, when Kutubu Patrol Post closed, has been done through the Council. All meetings of the Council are well attended by the local people and the business of the Council appears to interest them.

166. In July, 1968, it was decided by the people of Lake Kutubu that the people of the Poroma area be invited to join the Council.

167. When it was first suggested that the Council invite Poroma to join, it was seen by the people as a continuation of the Administration's withdrawal. They also felt that such a Council as that proposed would mean that the Poroma Councillors outnumbered those from Kutubu and that Poroma would receive most of the money. Their fears were gradually allayed and since their agreement to the extension, it seems that they have fully realised the benefits to be had from the extension.

168. At a recent meeting of the Finance Committee the Vice President of the Council observed that following the extension, the Council should purchase a tractor for use in the Poroma area and that with this the Council could obtain

the maintenance contract for the Poroma airstrip.

169. He said that this was the logical thing to do as Poroma had the benefit of roads and an airstrip. He said that in the meantime Kutubu could concentrate on its citrus block and airstrip.

170. This seems to be the attitude of all the Councillors and of a proportion of the population. Providing, of course, that Kutubu does not suffer in any way. Once the extension is completed and when the Kutubu people see that they are not being left out of the Council's plans, the attitude towards the Council and indeed the entire situation in Kutubu should improve.

171. During the course of the patrol the Third General Election for the Lake Kutubu Council were held. A total of 34 people stood as candidates for 12 seats. Widespread interest in the Council is shown by the fact that 76.6% of the electors enrolled voted, this represented 90.9% of the electors who were actually in the village during the elections, i.e. those who were not employed elsewhere.

172. Sitting Councillors stood in eleven of the twelve electorates, of these only three were defeated, one after apparently telling the electors he did not with to be re-elected. Most candidates were pre-selected by informal village meetings and in most cases, it would appear that the probable result was known by most of the electors prior to the official poll. The actual poll being, to many of them, an official endorsement of their choice. Because of this there was no apparent animosity between candidates or supporters during the election and in all cases the poll took place in a quiet and orderly manner.

173. It was noted during the elections that in all cases the candidate least likely "to rock the boat" received the most votes. Undoubtedly later the benefits to be gained from vigorous candidates will be realised.

174. The responsibility for the development of the area obviously lies with the Council, it is to be hoped that the level of staff at Poroma remains such that the necessary supervision will be available.

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APPENDIX "A".

Native Situation Report:

1. This was the first complete patrol of both Census Divisions since the last census patrol was completed in November, 1968, though since then, including the patrol being reported on, a total of 115 patrol days have been recorded in these two census divisions; this does not include regular monthly visits for Council Meetings, these visits average three days. Though most of these patrol days have been spent in the Foi'i Division, all patrols have spent enough time at the Council House at Pimaga for people from areas not patrolled to visit the patrol with courts, etc. The number of days spent in the Kutubu area, 136, including Council visits, is not far from our target of six months, though the coverage of these visits is not as wide as was hoped. During the coming twelve months if possible another complete patrol will be carried out in addition to annual census, this may be difficult as the primary effort will be directed towards the airstrip and citrus block, both of which are situated near Orokana in the Foi'i Census Division.

2. I cannot see that any of the people's general dissatisfaction can be attributed to lack of contact with the Administration, rather it is a result of the Administration's, or Mission's, failure to place the area on an economic footing, a failure due mainly to the problems of establishing dependable communications with the area. The Council's airstrip and citrus projects are probably the first real steps to be taken to overcome these problems.

3. While I don't consider that the population or the present level of development requires the establishment of a permanent base camp, I do think that we should continue to spend at least six months in the area. To this end, urgent consideration should be given to the issue of a two-way radio for use at the Council House to maintain communication with Poroma and Mendi, and for strip reports when the new airstrip is completed; also that arrangements be made for fortnightly flights to Orokana with freezer and mail while patrols are in the area. Present communications with Poroma are by runner, a difficult two day walk.

4. Population movements between Kutubu and Erave and Komo appear to have stopped now, most of the people who migrated from Oto to Erave and from Sisibia to Komo have returned. There are also indications that people who migrated from Kutubu to Kikori area some years ago are considering returning to their old villages, a number have already returned to Kobe village. These migrations were the result of rumours that economic development was to be had in these areas, finding these stories to be untrue the people are gradually returning.

5. These people continue to be susceptible to rumour, largely as a result of their inactivity in the economic sphere. The latest rumour to gain credence was one involving a P.I.R. patrol, this story originated in the Gulf District, and appears to have been spread with the sole purpose of creating ill-feeling. The story was that a Pacific Islands Regiment patrol had visited a Gulf district village and took all the young men to the coast to work as labourers. after their departure under guard, the old people in the village were bayoneted. This story caused such consternation that one Fasu village was ready to flee at the first sign of trouble. There would appear to be a good case for a P.I.R.

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prestige patrol to visit the area, as this is only one of several similar stories involving the Pacific Islands Regiment that have gained currency in the area.

6. Increased activity by the Council should provide the necessary interest which will check these people's readiness to accept rumours without questioning the possible motives or credibility of the stories.

7. The general native situation though far from being completely satisfactory, does not as yet give cause for alarm. Continued efforts on the part of the Administration and the Council will gradually improve the position. A close watch will be kept for any further developments.

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APPENDIX "B".

Health.

1. Situated between 2,800'-1,000' above sea level malaria is the most prevalent disease, followed by T.B. Tinia imbricata is also widespread. The spread of malaria is assisted by the number of people who return from the coast infected.

2. This year's census reveals a satisfactory situation in both Divisions, figures are in quite marked contrast to the previous year.

Foi'i.

	1967	1968	1969
Birth rate	6.0%	6.4%	3.97%
Death rate	2.6%	2.2%	1.9%
Natural increase	3.4%	4.2%	2.06%

Fasu.

	1967	1968	1969
Birth rate	6.71%	4.7%	4.91%
Death rate	3.74%	4.4%	1.73%
Natural increase	2.97%	.3%	3.18%

3. The most marked difference is the Fasu, such a difference between the 1968 and 1969 death rate is a little hard to explain, the most probable explanation is that the opening of the Waro airstrip by the Unevangelised Fields Mission has made it possible for people who would have previously stayed and died in the village to be flown out for medical treatment. Apart from rudimentary first aid given by the pastor at Waro, the nearest aid post is two days walk away.

4. Though the birth rate has dropped in the Foi'i, the situation remains satisfactory.

5. The Council is to build permanent dispensaries at five sites, three of which are staffed at present, Tugiri, Herebo and Sorotagi. Staff has been promised by Public Health Department for Hebuai'iu when the buildings are completed. The Council will staff the remaining post at Kaipa assisted by a Public Health Department subsidy.

6. Sufficient timber has been cut at Tugiri and Herebo, timber is at present being cut at Sorotagi. The patrol supervised site clearing at Hebuai'iu.

7. Corrugated iron and other materials are at present being flown to Orokana, this will be carried to the various sites.

8. A Public Health Department patrol visited both the Fasu and Foi'i shortly after my own patrol. Unfortunately, no effort was made to advise this office of their programme so that the word could be passed around, with the result that only 60% of the population was seen. This is unfortunate, as to my knowledge this was the first Public Health Department patrol to the area for at least two years.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands. Report No. 3 of 1969/70.

Patrol Conducted by R. Munn. P.O.

Area Patrolled Part Nembi Valley.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.

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

Duration—From 27/8/1969 to 11/9/1969

Number of Days 16.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services ...../7.../1969...

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

Map Reference Patrol Map Attached.

Object of Patrol 1. Land Investigation. 2. General Administration.

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Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund .... $.....

Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund .....

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Division of District
Administration,
Southern Highlands, District,
MENDI.

5th December, 1969.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

POROMA PATROL NO. 1 OF 1969/70.

Please find enclosed the original and one copy of the above report submitted by Mr. B.Munn, Patrol Officer, together with covering memorandum 67-2-3 dated the 2nd October, 1969 from the Officer-in-Charge, Poroma and 67-1-6 dated the 5th November, 1969 from the Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa.

(D.J. CLANCY)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Division of District Administration,

KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

12th December, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

PATROL NO. POROMA 3/69-70

Your reference 67-3-12 of 5th December, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. B. Munn, Patrol Officer, re part MENDI VALLEY Census Division.

This patrol was probably quite effective, but I find it difficult to understand just what were its actual objects, apart from the land investigation at KOIOWARO. It is essential that written patrol instructions are issued by the Officer-in-Charge or Assistant District Commissioner.

The report is informative, but it does not comply with the requirements of my 67-1-9 of 21st June, 1968. The Assistant District Commissioner's comments on this subject are relevant. Please ensure that Mr. Munn submits his reports in the appropriate form in future.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary,
Department of the Administrator.

c.c. Mr. B. Munn,
Patrol Post,
POROMA. Southern Highlands District.

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telephone
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR
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Dept. of the Administrator,
Devision of District
Administration,
Southern Highlands, District,
MENDI.

5th December, 1969.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

POROMA PATROL NO. 3 OF 1969/70.

Please find enclosed the original and one copy of the above report submitted by Mr. B.Munn, Patrol Officer, together with covering memorandum 67-2-3 dated the 2nd October, 1969 from the Officer-in-Charge, Poroma and 67-1-6 dated the 5th November, 1969 from the Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa.

(D.C. CLANCY)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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67-2-3

Patrol Post,
POROMA
Southern Highlands District

2nd October,1969.

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

Poroma Patrol No.3/69-70.

Attached herewith find three copies of the above special patrol conducted bt Mr.B.Munn,Patrol Officer to the Nembi Valley Census Division.

The Tioware land,which is the only large tract of alienable land in the Poroma area,will undoubtedly form the nucleus of any large scale economic development in this area. When the purchase is complete and payment made it may be possible to obtain a further 200 - 300 acres adjacent to this block. The Assistant District Commissioner,Kagua advised recently that his officers were carrying out investigations on 5 - 6000 acres over the Erave River from Toiawara,such a large area of alienated land augers well for the economic future of this section of the district.

Patrols such as this continue to improve,an already more than satisfactory,native situation in this division.

A short but adequate report covering a useful patrol.

Camping allowance claim and appropriate map attached. The land investigation report will be forwarded in the near future.

N.Wright,

Assistant District Officer.

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67-1-6

NIPA. Southern Highlands.

5th November, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Department of the Administrator,
MENDI.

Subject:- Poroma Patrol No. 3-69/70. - Mr. B. Munn, Patrol Officer.

Attached please find three copies of the above mentioned report carried out by Mr. Munn, with camping allowance claim and one map.

Due to the flu epedemic and spending every available spare moment in familiarizing myself with the immediate NIPA area I have had not much time in discussing the land in question with Mr. Wright, mainly as to its futuristic use. I will be having discussions with Mr. Wright re the proposed extension to the Kutubu Council and development in general, etc. at the next meeting of the mentioned Council at Orokana.

The report is straight forward and covers the situation in the villages sufficiently but in future would appreciate the situation to be discussed under the headings of Political, Economic, Social and Miscellaneous as laid down by the Director's Circular of 21st June, 1968, page 4..

There is no mention of any political education being carried out in the report, which is one of the most important tasks on any patrol, whether it is a one day patrol or longer. No doubt Mr. Munn, has spent considerable time on this topic but just overlooked the matter of recording.

Whether it is a special report or not a Situation Report, no matter how brief will be required.

For your information, please.

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

O.I.C., PORONA.

In future could you please forward four copies of your covering memo - one for each report copy, and see that your and your officers comply with the above.

F.Leibfried.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams.....
Our Reference.....
If calling ask for
Mr.....

the Administrator,
Department of District Administration,
Division of District Administration,
Poroma Patrol Post,
Southern Highlands District.

15th September 1969.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-district Officer,
Nipa.
Southern Highlands District.

Poroma Patrol No. 3 of 1969/70.

Special Patrol Part Nembi Valley.

1. The patrol was conducted for the purpose of carrying out a land investigation at Toiowaro and visiting a number of villages not previously visited by me. At least one night was spent at each rest house and the Village Constables were spoken to about village matters. Disputes were heard and every opportunity was taken to further the peoples political education.

2. Six days were spent at Toiowaro in order that a survey be done of about 800 acres of land . This is excellent agricultural land, suitable for either cultivation or for cattle grazing. Several attempts have been made during the past few years to purchase this land but it has been only in the last couple of months that opposition to the purchase has died out. An investigation will be forwarded shortly.

3. Some work was done on a culvert near Toiowaro and the Village Constable was shown several places where work was to be done.

4. Disputes were heard and some settled amicably but no cases requiring court action were brought forward.

5. At all other rest houses roadwork was inspected, disputes and courts heard, and talks held with the Village Constables and people about village matters.

6. Several of the villages visited had not been visited since the last census patrol in November 1968. The patrols purpose at these rest houses was to provide an opportunity for the people to bring forward any matters which troubled them.

7. The situation at all rest houses seems to be very good. Only minor disputes were brought forward and the village officials expressed content with the situation within their groups.

Roads and Bridges:

8. The Poroma-Nipa road is in excellent condition through work continues on several short sections. Two bridges are in need of urgent repair and arrangements have been made for the replacement of bearers and decking.

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9. The road from Nenja to,Toiowaro is progressing slowly and more than ~~kx~~ half of its length has yet to be constructed. There do not appear to be any sections which will create difficultes to construction.

10. The road from Kum down to Ndjabia has about two miles to go. This is through a narrow pass which drops several hundred feet from the edge of the Nembi Plateau into the Nembi Valley. Close supervision will be required through this section as it would be very easy for the people to lose sight of the need for proper grading.

Law and Order:

11. Three people were gaoled following the patrol. One of these for failure to pay a Local ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ Court fine and two for adultery. No other courts were brought forward.

Conclusion:

12. The patrol revealed that a satisfactory situation exists throughout the Nembi Valley area.

B. Munn.

Patrol Officer.

PATROL DIARY.

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27th August 1969.

Patrol departed Poroma 1200 hours.
Completed office work and self departed 1400 hours.
Arrived Toiowaro 1545 hours. Spoke with V.C. re work.

Slept Toiowaro.

28th August 1969.

Morning gave instructions for repairs to rest house.
Began survey of land 0930 hours.
Rain 1400 hours finished work.

Slept Toiowaro.

29th August 1969.

Continued survey of lands.
Heavy rain 1310 hours halted work.
Received message from station ~~[illegible]~~ 1745 hours.

Slept Toiowaro.

30th August 1969.

Walked to Poroma.
One court heard and minor mail cleared.
Returned Toiowaro.

Slept Toiowaro.

31st August 1969.

Continued and completed land survey 1700 hours.

Slept Toiowaro

1st September 1969.

Paper work connected with investigation.
Inspected roadwork and began work on culvert.

Slept Toiowaro.

2nd September 1969.

Departed Toiowaro 0820 hours.
Arrived Urida 1100 hours. Talked with villagers in afternoon.
Two disputes heard.

Slept Urida.

3rd September 1969.

Departed Urida 0745 hours. Arrived Nenja 1300 hours.
Rest house police in poor condition. Few people present.

Slept Nenja.

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Patrol Diary. (cont.)

4th September 1969.

Spent at Nenja. People from Nenja and Mondonap called in and work done on rest house area.

Talks with V.C. and villagers. Some disputes.

Slept Nenja.

5th September 1969.

Departed Nenja 0845 arrived Kum 1315 hours.

Several disputes heard. Talks with V.C.

Slept Kum.

6th September 1969.

Departed Kum 0830 hours. Arrived Tindom 1215 hours.

Some disputes. Talks with V.C. and others.

Slept Tindom.

7th September 1969.

Sunday observed Tindom.

Slept Tindom.

8th September 1969.

Morning inspected roadwork and gave instructions for work.

Departed Tindom. 1030 hours. Arrived Mala 1100 hours.

Some disputes heard. Roadwork inspected.

Slept Mala.

9th September 1969.

Departed Mala 1000 hours, ~~arrived~~ after hearing dispute.

Arrived Udjabia and started work on road. Checked labour line.

Several disputes heard.

Slept Udjabia.

10th September 1969.

Departed Udjabia 0900 hours. Inspected roadwork on way to Mato 1045 hours.

Inspected work Mato. Disputes heard.

Slept Mato.

11th September 1969.

Some disputes heard. Departed Mato 1045 hours.

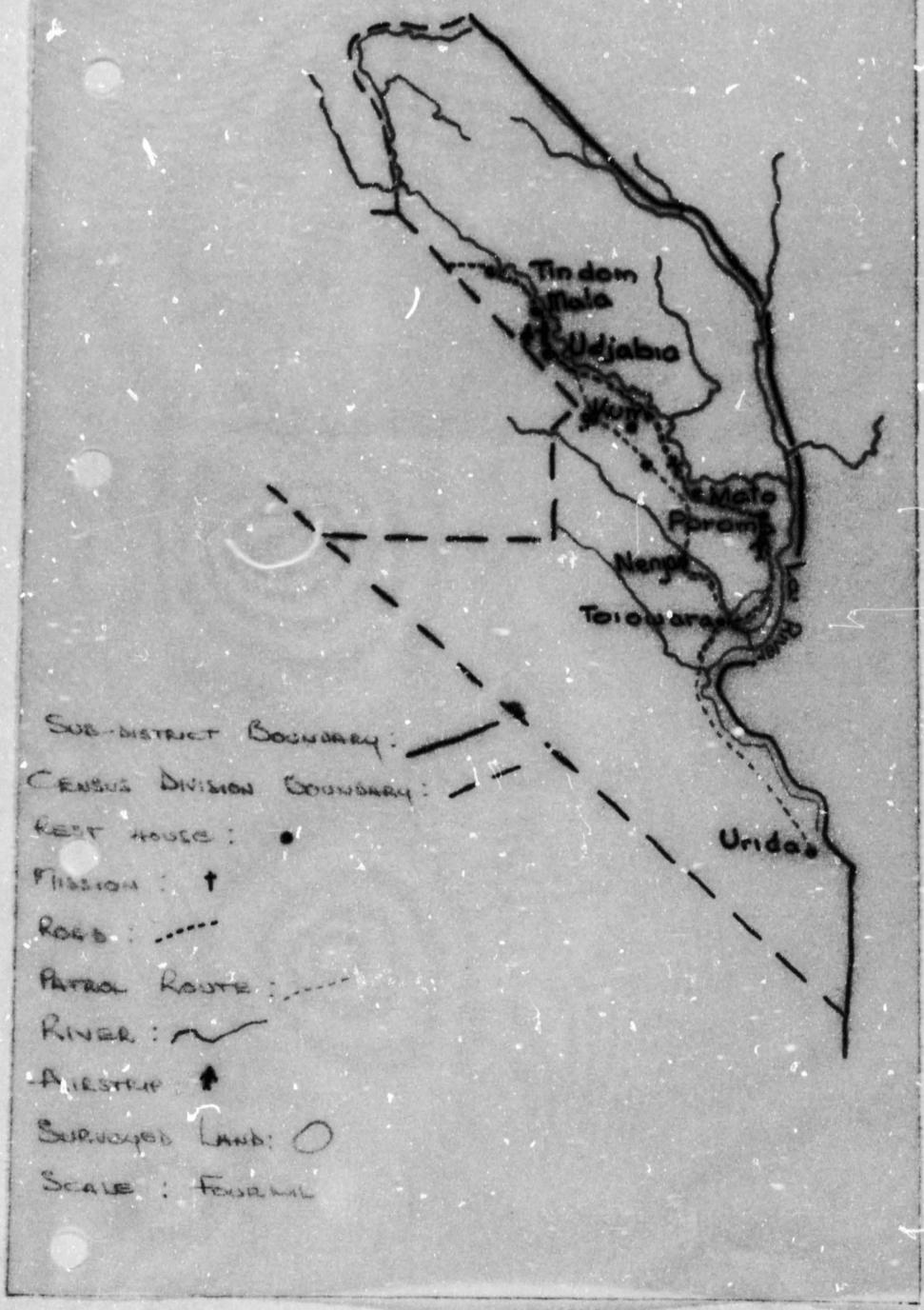
Arrived Poroma 1200 hours.

Patrol stood down.

END OF DIARY.

FORESTRY PATROL NO. 3 OF 1969/70

PART JEMEI VALLEY.



SUB-DISTRICT BOUNDARY:

CENSUS DIVISION BOUNDARY:

REST HOUSE: •

MISSION: †

ROADS: -----

PATROL ROUTE: -----

RIVER: ~

AIRSTRIP: ↑

SURVEYED LAND: ○

SCALE: FOUR MILE

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. 4 of 1969/70

Patrol Conducted by B.Munn. P.O.

Area Patrolled Part Nembi Valley Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 1 medical orderly 1 Interpreter. 1 R.P.N.G.C.

Duration—From 20./10./1969 to 23./10./1969

Number of Days 4

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? Yes

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 27./8./1969

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

Map Reference Patrol map attached

Objects of Patrol 1. Influenza Epidemic control

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund .... $.....

Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund ....

GFB:IT

67-15-21

8th January, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
[redacted].

PATROL, FOROMA NO. A/69-70.

Your reference is 67-3-12 of 12th December, 1969.

2. I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. B. Munn, Patrol Officer, to part Nembi Valley Census Division.

3. This short patrol to check on the extent of the influenzan epidemic appears to have been quite effective.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary
Department of the Administrator.

cc: Mr. B. Munn,
Patrol Post,
[redacted] Southern Highlands District.

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

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TERRITROY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

our reference:
67-3-12

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

12th December, 1969.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

PORGMA PATROL NO. 4 OF 1969/70.

Please find enclosed the original and one copy of the report submitted by Mr. B. Munn, Patrol Officer.

I have no comments to make.

(D.J. CLANCY)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

have occurred without word being brought [illegible] of the villages revealed that most of the people had died during this year but before the onset of the 'flu.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams.....

Our Reference.....
If calling ask for

Mr.....

Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration,
~~Department of District Administration.~~
Porcom Patrol Post,
Nipa Sub-district,
Southern Highlands District.

29th October, 1969.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Nipa Sub-district, Office.
Southern Highlands District.

POROMA PATROL No. 4 of 1969/70.

SPECIAL PATROL - PART NEMBI VALLEY CENSUS DIVISION.

This patrol was mounted to assist in controlling the influenza epidemic which appeared at the time to be moving through the area. The patrol visited villages in the Nembi Valley Census Division to discover the extent of the 'flu and to note the number of deaths due to the 'flu. A medical orderly accompanied the patrol and gave treatment to those people suffering from colds or showing symptoms of the 'flu. Where it was found that these people were sick and in their houses the medical orderly visited the houses to give injections. This was necessary only at Kunjulu where two old people were visited.

The patrol found that of the 2,281 people visited at six villages, 28 people had died from influenza during the past six weeks. While most of the people seen had minor colds they were not prevented from leading their normal lives. After the initial onset of the 'flu, those who contracted the illness were carried by the peoplex to either the Administration Aid-Post or to one of the mission clinics. As the most isolated village is only five hours from one of these clinics it is not difficult for them to carry the people in.

Three weeks prior to the patrol, reports were received of deaths in several of the villages. It was known at this time that there had been a number of deaths in the Mendi area that had been attributed to influenza, however the situation in this area did not appear serious or unusual. There had been several months of rain and cold weather and therefore a few deaths were to be expected.

It was reported to P.H.D. that there had been some deaths and it was arranged that a P.H.D. patrol go through the area to give penicillin injections to those people who appeared to be suffering from the 'flu. At this time there had not been any consistent reports of deaths in the villages. Mention of them was made in conversation but even to the local people the number of deaths did not seem large or unusual considering the weather. Also, most of the deaths were of old people ~~xxxxx~~/who could be expected to succumb to an extended cold spell.

When the P.H.D. patrol returned the medical orderly reported that many people had died and produced a list of names of those supposed to have died from influenza. The number shown by them seemed too large to have occurred without word being brought to the station. A check of some of the villages revealed that most of the people had died during this year but before the onset of the 'flu.

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At this time a lso the missions began to report that there were large numbers of people at their clinics who were too sick to return to their homes. The medica l orderly also reported that at times, as many as thirty people were staying at the Aid Post at Poroma.

On the 18th October, the District Commissioner advised that D.D.A. patrols were to visit all villages. Four days after the patrol began, a Company of P.I.R. troops moved into Poroma and began their mass injection campa ign.

Earlier action could have been taken by D.D.A. and M.M.D. at Poroma, however the information gained from the local people, indicated that the situation wa s only slightly abnormal. The fact that more deaths than normal ha d occurred was attributed by ourselves and by the villa ge people,to the cold spell.

As previously stated, the patrol found that in the villages visited, the sick were being carried to clinics as soon as they became sick. Approximately 10% of the population had minor colds however only two people were found with influenza. The illness had not reached epidemic proportions a nd seemed to be declining. The last death was found to ha ve occurred about a week before the patrol.

All roadwork in the area has been halted and the people are now staying in their village area s. Village Officials have been asked to report further deaths in their areas and to advise this office if they are unable to bring sick people to the Aid-Posts or mission clinics.

B. Munn.

Patrol Officer.

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POLITICAL SITUATION./ NATIVE SITUATION.

As the patrol was only of three days duration there can be no penetrating analysis made of the situation in the Nembi Valley Census Division. A patrol made to this area in early September found that the situation was good. I found no evidence during this patrol to indicate that this had changed.

Probably the only area which could bear improving is the Nenja - Mondomap Rest House. Because of the rugged nature of the country and the distance of most of the population from the rest house, most of the people show little interest in patrols. Only if the patrol has come to carry out census, or some other work which requires the attendance of all the people, do they come down to the rest house.

This attitude can only be overcome by continued patrolling. Perhaps the situation will improve when the Nenja-Toiowaro road is completed.

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Patrol Diary.

20th November, 1969.
Departed Poroma 0930 hrs. arrived Toiowaro 1130 hrs.
Checked village census register and gave treatment for minor ailments.
Departed Toiowaro 1445 hrs. arrived Kunjulu 1630 hrs.
Slept Kunjulu.

21st October, 1969.
Checked Kunjulu group. Some treated for minor ailments.
Departed Kunjulu 1030 hrs. arrived Nenja 1515 hrs.
Nenja and Mondomap people checked and some treated.
Slept Nenja.

22nd October, 1969.
Some people given treatment for colds. Departed Nenja 0945 hrs.
Arrived Kusa 1145 hrs. Group checked and some treated.
Departed Kusa 1415 hrs. Arrived Kesu 1530 hrs.
Slept Kesu.

23rd October, 1969.
Kesu group checked and some given treatment for minor ailments.
Departed Kesu 0915 hrs. arrived Kum 1000 hrs.
Checked Kum group and treated minor colds etc.
Departed Kum 1230 hrs. and returned to Poroma.
Patrol stood down.

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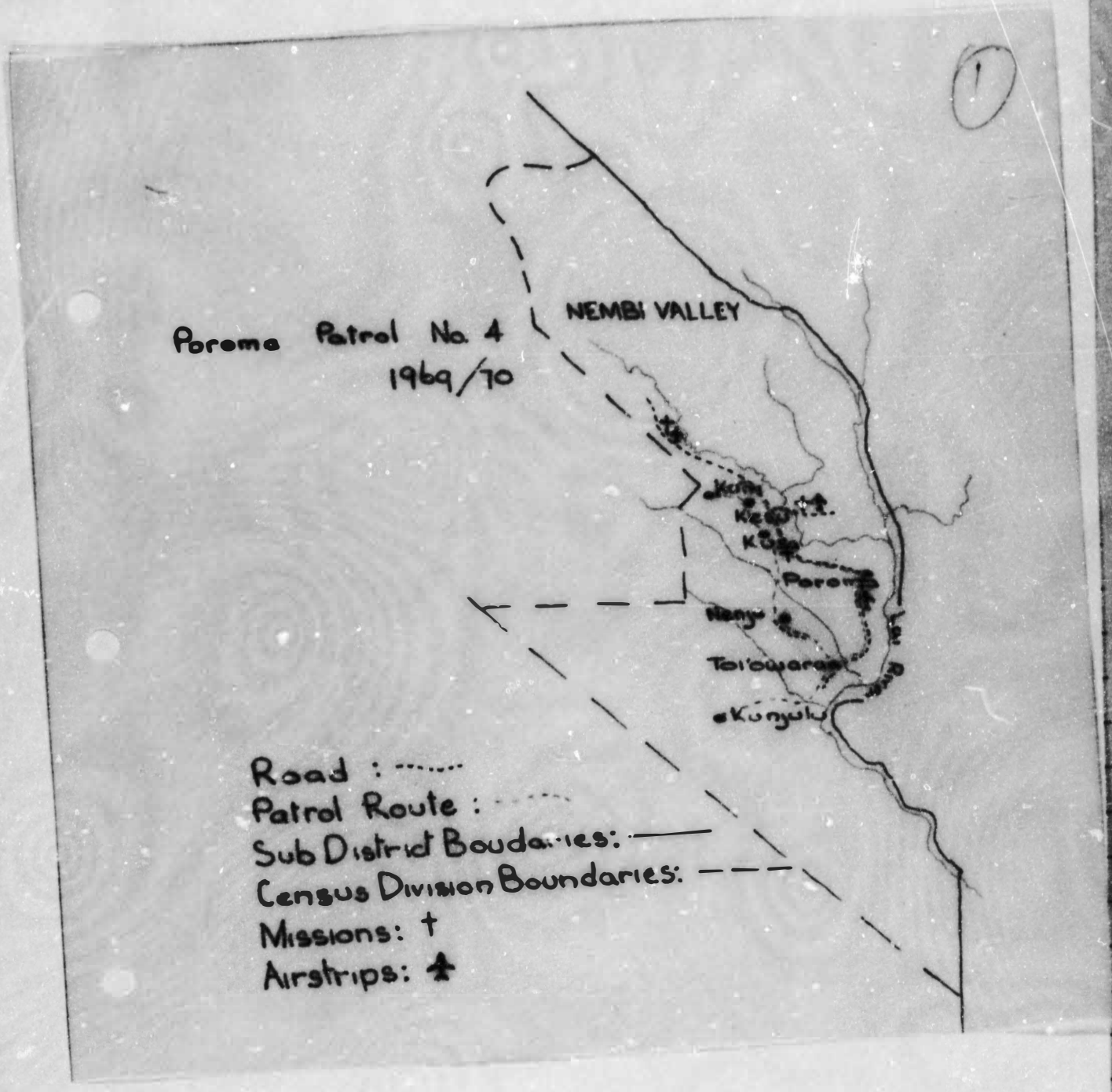
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1969/70
NEMBI VALLEY
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. Porama 5/69-70

Patrol Conducted by N. Wright, Assistant District Officer

Area Patrolled Part Jimbi Valley Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans no

Natives 1 RPNGC, 1 Interpreter, 1 APO

Duration—From 20/10/1969 to 23/10/1969

Number of Days 4

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? no

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services ...../...../19 no

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

Map Reference Map attached

Objects of Patrol epidemic control

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund .... $.....

Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund ....

GFB:HC

67-15-23
Division of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. Papua.

8th January, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

PATROL POROMA NO. 5/69-70

Your reference is 67-3-12 of 12th December, 1969.

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

This brief report provides a reasonable account of the attitudes of the people to the recent influenza epidemic.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary
Department of the Administrator

c.c.
Mr. N. Wright,
Patrol Post,
POROMA.
Southern Highlands District

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

67.15.23. (6)

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

our reference:
67-3-12

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

12th December, 1969.

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

POROMA PATROL NO. 5/ 1969-70.

Please find enclosed the original and one copy of the report submitted by Mr. N. Wright, Assistant District officer.

My comments are:

Mr. Wright has clearly summed up the peoples attitude to epidemics in the Southern Highlands District.

(D.J. CLANCY)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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The patrol found that only 10-15% of the people seen still had flu symptoms and this number was decreasing each day. There had been no deaths from 'flu or associated complications for some 7 - 10 days before the patrol.

It is obvious that greater emphasis will have to be placed on the reporting of deaths by village officials so that preventative action can be taken in time to stop similar outbreaks in the future, it is also obvious that officers of this department cannot afford to ignore abnormal situa tions however slightly abnormal they may be. A further safeguard would be the insistence by Public Health that their aidpost staff regularly pa trol their areas, at present aid post orderlies rarely, except when requested to accompany D.D.A. patrols , visit villages to find sick people and give treatment.

Native Situation;

During this short patrol there was nothing to suggest that there had been any change in the situation as reported by patrol no.3/69-70, which visited this area in September. The epidemic has been accepted by these people with the stoic resignation with which they accept all such events.

Diary;

20th October,1969

0900 departed Poroma by tractor.
1200 arrived Tindom.
a rranged carriers.
1330 arrived Kongu.
Injections given to 'flu sufferers, statistics of deaths etc collected, general discussions.
Slept Kongu.

21st October

Cargo sent onto Tindom.
Self at Kongu assisting A.P.O. with injections.
1000 departed Kongu.
1100 arrived Tindom.
injections given, statistics collected, general discussions.
Slept Tindom.

22nd October

Departed Tindom 0830
Arrived Mala 0915
Injections given, statistics collected.
Slept Ma la.

2 3rd October.

0800 departed Mala for Poroma to await P.I.R. company.
Patrol Stood down.

N. Wright,

Assistant District Officer

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA (2)

Telegrams

Our Reference 67-1-1

If calling ask for

Mr

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

4th November,1969.

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

Poroma Patrol No.5/1969 - 70

Part Nembi Valley Census Division - Special Patrol

This patrol was mounted , in conjunction with a patrol led by Mr.B.Munn,Patrol Officer , to visit all villages in the Nembi Valley Census Division to investigate the extent of an influenza epidemic reported to be moving through the area, give treatment where necessary and check the high number of deaths reported by a Public Health patrol which visited part of the census division two weeks prior to this patrol. A Hospital Orderly, Nobi Yoshi, accompanied the patrol to give treatment where necessary,the patrol was not required to visit any houses to give treatment as it was found that all serious cases had been taken to the hospital at the Christian Union Mission at Ka.

The patrol visited three villages,Tindom, Kongu, and Mala, with a total population of 1404, 20 deaths were confirmed for the six week period prior to the patrol's arrival. Of these 20 deaths,17 of the people who died were classed as elderly by the village people. This I feel explains their lack of concern over the abnormal number of deaths and the reason that these deaths were not reported to the Patrol Post. They felt that these people were old and would die anyway, also the elderly are the people who most resist being taken to aidposts and mission stations for treatment, hence the high death rate in this group. It appears from information obtained that most of the deaths occurred over a two week period.

Reports had been received at the patrol post up to three weeks before the patrol of deaths from influenza however the situation was not considered cause for alarm as flu is common at this time of the year when the weather is usually at its worst. This year has been wetter than normal, 982 points of rain fell during September and 1558 during October, also much colder, consequently a higher death rate could be expected especially amongst the elderly.

Following advice from the District Medical Officer that the situation could be worse than it appeared two aidpost orderlies were sent out to patrol the area and give treatment, they reported large numbers of deaths for the previous month to 6 weeks, subsequent investigation showed that many of these deaths had in fact occurred over a period of up to twelve months.

On the 18th of October the District Commissioner advised that D.D.A. patrols were to visit all villages and give penicillin to all persons 'flu symptoms. On the 22nd I was advised that a P.I.R. company was to be stationed at Poroma to carry out a mass innoculation programme, the patrol then returned to Poroma.

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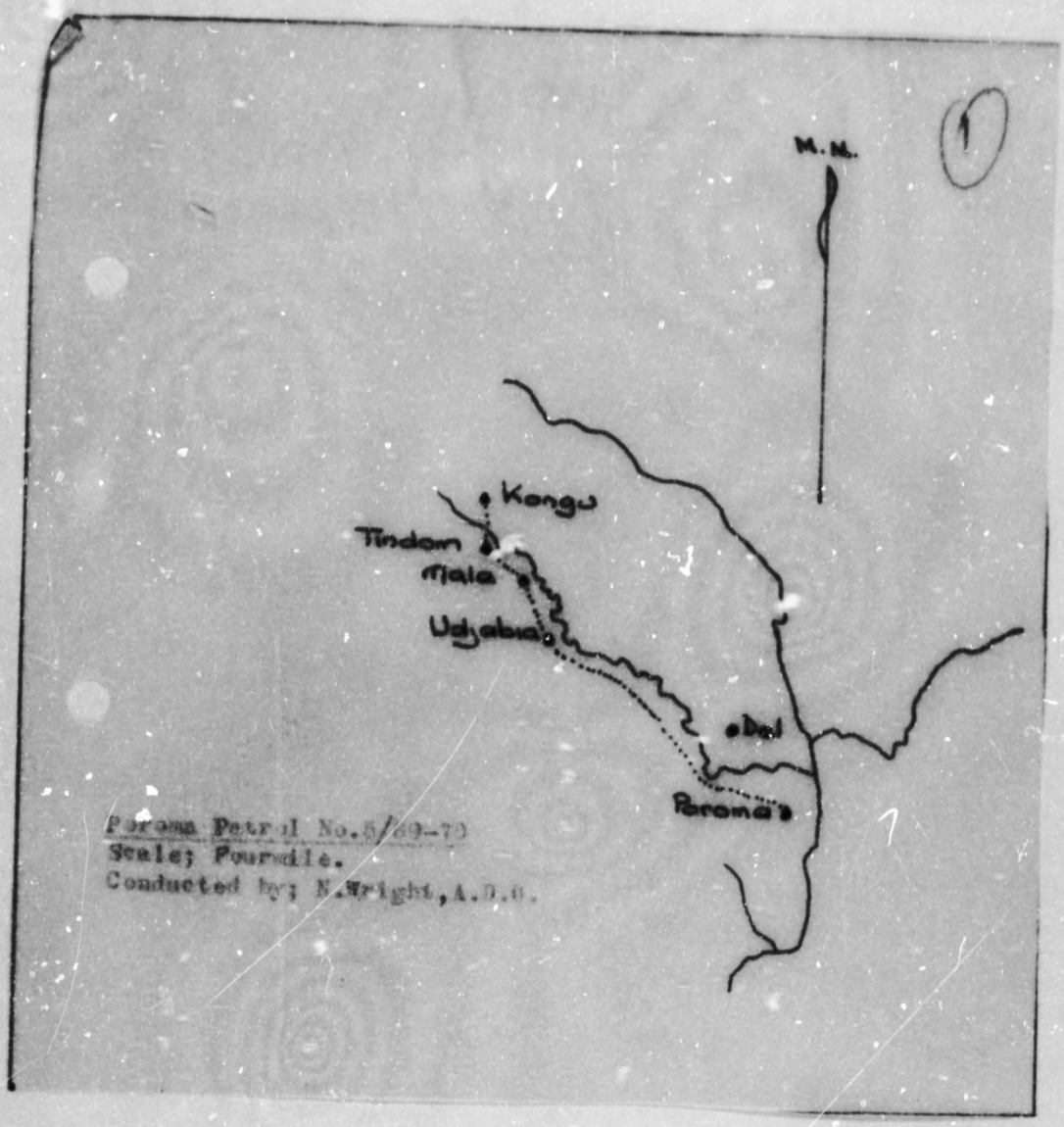

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Conducted by; N.Wright, A.D.O.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. 6 of 1969/70

Patrol Conducted by B.Munn. Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Part Foi'i Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans 2 days only Mr.Liebfried.ADC.Nipa. & MR.Wright.ADO.Poroma

Natives Interpreter Konefabu

Duration—From 7 / 11 /1969 to 14 / 11/1969

Number of Days 8 Patrol days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 5 / 8 /19 69

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

Map Reference see attached

Objects of Patrol SEE PATROL PREFACE PAGE.

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Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund .... $.....

Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund ....

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HRD:IT

67-15-58

Division of District Administration,

KOKOPO, PAPUA.

21st April, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

PATROL FORGMA NO. 6/69-70.

Your reference is 67-3-12 of 6th April, 1970.

2. I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. B. Mann, of Port Moi'i Census Division.

3. Your comments adequately cover the points of interest raised by the report. However the behaviour of Councillors should be watched closely.

4. Please forward to this Headquarters a copy of O.I.C. Forgma's patrol instructions covering this patrol.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary
Department of the Administrator.

cc: Mr. B. Mann,
[redacted] Patrol Post,
[redacted] Sub District.

67-15-58

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams
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Mr.

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

6th April, 1970.

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

POROMA PATROL REPORT NO 6 of 1969/70.

Attached are two copies of the above mentioned report conducted by Mr. Munn, Patrol Officer.

This patrol report information has been superseeded by that of Poroma Patrol No 8 of 1969/70.

D J Clancy

(D.J. CLANCY)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

ATT..

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

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
NIPA.

Mr. B. Munn,
Patrol Post,
MARGARIMA.

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Patrol Post,
POROMA
Southern Highlands District

17th December,1969.

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

Poroma Patrol No.6/69-70

Attached herewith find four copies of the above report on a special patrol carried out by Mr.B.Munn,Patrol Officer, to the Foi'i Census Division.

My comments are:-

The friction between Mr.Hicks and certain sections of the community is not new , it has been recognised for quite some time, it is only now that it has finally come to the surface. This has been brought about by a change in attitude on Mr.Hicks' part, who has previously been loath to involve himself too deeply in local affairs he has, as pointed out by Mr.Munn, previously worked through his catechists and other mission personell.

The exact reason for this change is not known but it cannot be attributed to an overall deterioration in the native situation.

The behaviour of Councillors has long been the subject of close scrutiny but apart from a couple of minor incidents most accusations have been unsubstatiated. This situation probably exists to a lesser or greater degree in most council areas and can only be overcome by educating both the people and the Councillors on the duties and responsibilities of elected representatives, this educa tion is being carried out at every opportunity. The situation in this area is aggravated by poor communications with the patrol post, though patrols regularly visit the area, between the 17th June and the 16th November 108 patrol days have been spent in this area and a patrol is at present in the field.

Relations between the local people and the mission will be closely watched and all officers visiting the area in future will be requested to report on any friction.

Pimaga Airstrip: An initial allocation of $2,200 has been received for this project. Advice was recently received from the District Airport Inspector that Public Works would be unable to carry out a survey untill February,1970 and that he would endeavour to do the survey himself early this month, its not known if the survey has been completed.

Staff permitting I hope to post an officer to this area on a semi permanent basis to supervise the Council and its activities and to carry out general administration and patrolling throughout the Foi'i and Fasu Census Divisions. I would like to re-interate again the necessity of having a radio at Orokana to maintain communications with Poroma and request that the matter be given urgent consideration.

A useful patrol well reported.

N.Wright,
Assistant District Officer

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams

Our Reference 67 - 1 - 1

In reply ask for

Mr

Department of the Administrator,
Division of District Administration.
Poroma Patrol Post,
Nipa Sub-district,
Southern Highlands District.

18th November, 1969.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Nipa Sub-district,
Southern Highlands District.

Poroma Patrol Report No. 6 of 1969/70.

Special Patrol Part Foi'i Census Division.

Sub-district	: Nipa
District	: Southern Highlands
Council/Non Council Area	: Lake Kutubu Local Government Council
Patrol Conducted by	: B.Munn.
Designation	: Patrol Officer
Area Patrolled	: Part Foi'i Census Division.
Personell Accompanying Patrol	: Interpreter Konofabu.
Duration of Patrol	: 8 days. 7th November to 14th November.
Last Patrol to Area	: August to September 1969.
Map Reference	: Foumil of Kutubu and attached.
Village Population Register	: Not enclosed.
Objects of Patrol	: 1. Hire labour line Pimaga airstrip. 2. Conduct Council Meeting. 3. General Administration.

B.Munn.

Patrol Officer

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Patrol Diary.

7th November 1969.

Departed Poroma by TAL charter 1030 hrs for Orokana.
Talks with missionary Orokana re. native situation.
Walked to Council House. Inspected airstrip in afternoon.
Slept Council House.

8th November 1969.

Courts heard in morning. Minor work.
Slept Council House.

9th November 1969.

Sunday Slept Council House.

10th November 1969.

Inspected work on airstrip and directed work.
Courts heard 1000 hrs. until 1400 hrs.
Returned to airstrip and directed work.
Courts 1500 hrs. to 1630 hrs.
Slept Council House.

11th November 1969.

ADO. Poroma arrived by helicopter for influenza check.
Work on Council Estimates.
Courts heard during afternoon.
Slept Council House.

12th November 1969.

Morning and part of afternoon spent paying for work on airstrip.
Worked airstrip.
Slept Council House.

13th November 1969.

ADC. Nipa and ADO. Poroma arrived in morning.
Inspected airstrip. Council meeting in afternoon.
Slept Council House.

14th November 1969.

Returned Poroma ex TAL. Patrol stood down.
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END OF DIARY.

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Introduction.

This patrol was originally planned to begin in late September however it was delayed because of the influenza epidemic.

The purpose of the patrol was to make arrangements for a permanent labour line to work on the Pimaga airstrip, to conduct a meeting of the Lake Kutubu Local Government Council and to undertake general administration duties.

The ADC. Nipa, Mr.Liebfried. and Mr.Wright. ADO. Porgra, visited Orokana for a Council meeting and to introduce Mr.Liebfried to the area.

Native Situation.

While the general native situation remains good, it became obvious during this patrol that one aspect of the situation requires closer attention. This is the behaviour of Local Government Councillors.

On my arrival at Orokana I was approached by Mr.H.Hicks of the Unevangelised Field Mission at Orokana. He produced a list of incidents which he claimed had occurred during recent months and which he felt compelled to bring to my notice because he feared that the Councillors would not.

I took note of the charges made in his list and on arriving at the Council House asked the Councillors if they had any cases to be brought forward. All but two of those listed were brought forward.

These cases were heard during the following days. All were found to be less serious than Mr.Hicks' information indicated and in fact it appeared that some of them arose out of a clash of interests between the mission and the local people. One concerning a divorce by native custom was pushed into prominence by Mr.Hicks because he did not feel that the couple should be allowed to part. This was told me by the man who brought the case forward and who said that he had no wish to dispute the divorce on his own account.

After these cases had been heard I investigated the remaining two cases.

The first resulted in the conviction of a man for unlawfully laying hold of a young girl. My own observations are that this was not brought forward because the village people did not consider it particularly serious. The Councillor was wrong for not bringing it forward and for being influenced by popular opinion but he was not guilty of purposely neglecting or ignoring his duty.

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Native Situation. (cont.)

The other case concerns a charge that the Council President has allowed a prostitute to entertain her clients in his house and has accepted money for this. This charge is still being investigated.

I have previously heard rumours of the Councillors being willing to forget offences for a fee and of others who have quashed stories to save trouble. Discussions and observations during this patrol have convinced me that this is a widespread practice though it is generally concerned with minor offences such marital fights and the like. Serious offences and also minor offences are usually brought forward and it is the exception rather than the rule, that the Councillor will ignore offences. Usually the people involved will bring the case forward if they feel strongly.

This is a practice which cannot easily be halted unless an officer is in the area long enough to fully investigate any case which is brought to him. Patrols are usually fully occupied with other tasks and so are hard pressed to find the time. Also, I have found in the cases I have checked, that there is no definite evidence, merely charges and denials.

This practice however has its effect on the local people. If a Councillor is indeed doing these things and not being found out, it encourages others to attempt to break the law. One case which resulted in five men being imprisoned, was the result of the case involving the Council President.

This is a situation which is detrimental to the good order of the community and it should therefore be very closely watched. It may be that, following this patrol people will be more ready to bring forward cases which the Councillors have ignored.

One aspect of the situation which also bears thought, is the fact that this is the first time Mr.Hicks has openly involved himself in local affairs. He has previously been unwilling to do more than work through his catechists, using them at times to issue his warnings to the people. He is disliked by a section of the population because he interferes, they feel, in sections of the life which should not concern him as a missionary. Because he has lived for 15 years at Orokana he is quite naturally, involved in the society and has strong opinions about the people. He is set in his ideas and because of this cannot give impartial opinions.

There is antagonism between him and several of the Councillors and between him and the Interpreter Monefabu Iorei who is an equally strong-minded person and who, though I believe his honesty is beyond question, cannot be considered impartial in all dealings with the local people.

This latest 'clash' has aroused some feeling against Mr.Hicks

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Native Situation. (cont,)

and any future friction between him and the local people should be investigated in some detail.

As stated in the beginning of this section, the general situation in the Upper Foi'i area is good.

Pimaga Airstrip.

Work on the Pimaga airstrip has continued at a steady pace since mid-September, when the last patrol left the area. The total length of 3,000 feet has now been cleared of timber and foliage and work is continuing on the diversion of the Sura Creek which runs beside the airstrip.

Arrangements had been made for the District Airport Inspector to visit Pimaga during this patrol and to carry out a full survey of the site. A last minute confusion about whether he or P.W.D. would do the survey, resulted in neither doing it.

Part of the money allocated to the airstrip has already been received and as stated elsewhere in this report, a permanent labour line has begun work. If the survey is not done soon it is possible that the labour line will complete the work which can be done without the survey and will then have to be stood down. Once the diversion of the creek is completed there remains only the levelling, stoning and draining of the airstrip, none of which can be done without the survey.

The swamp area at the western end of the airstrip has been cleared and drains dug. This area is draining well and when the soft swamp soil is dug out and replaced with stone and red soil, there should be no problems in making it servicable to aircraft.

Early predictions about the airstrip site flooding after heavy rain would appear to be proven false by the fact that during at no time during the four wet months since June, has the airstrip been flooded. During this time nearly 50 inches of rain fell at Orokana which is one mile away. This would indicate that when drainage ditches are dug and the airstrip surface stoned, rainfall should be no barrier to the strips remaining open.

As the airstrip will be built to an initial length of 2,000 feet and the remaining thousand feet constructed at leisure, it should be operational by mid 1970. This is of course dependent on money, labour and the survey of the site.

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Law and Order.

During the patrol seven people were committed to the Nipa Corrective Institution for various offences. A few disputes were also heard and settled amicably.

There were x more courts during this patrol than during previous patrols of similar duration. This was perhaps due to the fact that the missionary at Crokana was prompting the people to bring forward disputes which the people would normally handle themselves. This prompting however, also revealed two cases which may otherwise have been concealed.

Local Government Council.

One General Meeting and one meeting of the Finance Committee were held during the patrol. Second Revised estimates were compiled and approved by the Council. Mr.Liebfried. ADC. Nipa and Mr.Wright. ADO. Poroma. sat in on the General Meeting and Mr.Liebfried addressed the meeting.

The Council paid $400 from its own funds to people who have worked on the airstrip at Pinaga to date. Following this payment a permanent labour line was hired by the Council and these men have begun work. A labour line had also begun work on the proposed citrus block.

B Munn

B.Munn.
Patrol Officer.

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MIRA. Southern Highlands.
21st March, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Department of the Administrator,
MENDI.

Subject:- POROMA Patrol Report No. 6 - 69/70 - Mr. B. Munn,
Patrol Officer.

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

Most points have been covered in the covering memo by the Assistant District Officer. It is certainly hoped that it will be possible to keep an officer at Pimaga to give full attention to the airstrip work and give greater attention to the Council and its activities.

I wish to emphasise the importance again of political education and explaining to the people the House of Assembly and the work of its members, the way laws are made, independance, national unity, etc.. As this has not been reported on, I can only assume that this top priority education program was not attended to, which I find hard to believe.

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

O.I.C., POROMA.

Please ensure that in future reports are compiled in accordance with the Secretary's, 67-1-0 of 21st June, 1969. ie.

DIARY
SPECIAL REPORT - particular subject that gave rise to the Spec.R.
SITUATION REPORT - a. Political b. Social c. Economic c. Misc.

Reference para 5. of the above circular.

The pages are to be numbered.

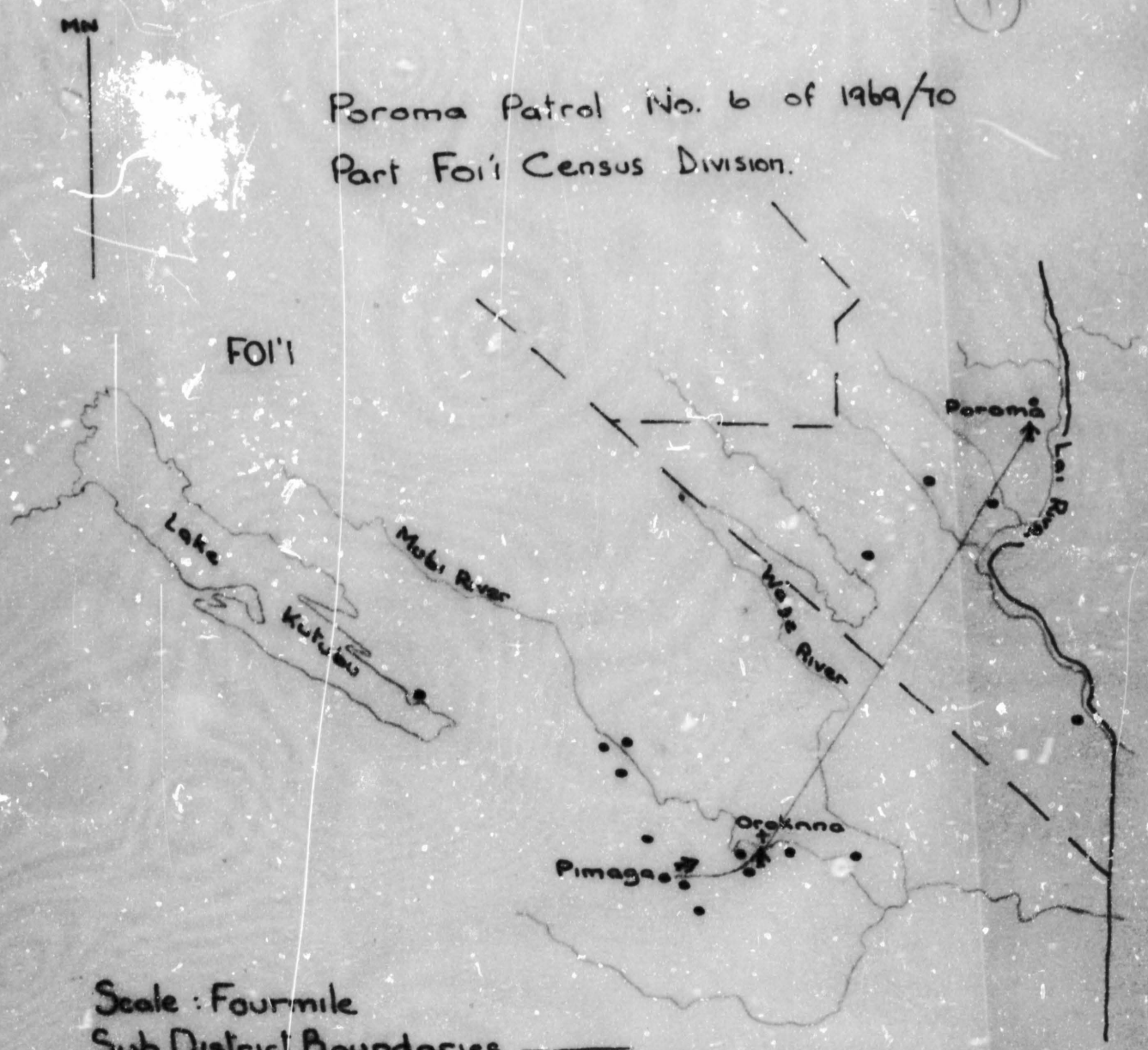
Political education must be carried out at all Council Meetings and on EVERY patrol.

F.L.

cc. Mr. B. Munn,
MARGARIMA.

Poroma Patrol No. 6 of 1969/70

Part Foi Census Division.



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Sub District Boundaries ——
Census Division Boundaries — — —
Missions †
Airstrips
Patrol Route ——

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. Poroma 7/69-70

Patrol Conducted by N.Wright, Assistant District Officer

Area Patrolled New i Valley Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans no

Natives 2 Interpreters, 2 RPNGC, 4 PHD.

Duration—From 17 / 11 /1969 to 11 / 12 /1970 (broken period)

Number of Days 24

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? no

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / Oct/19 69

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

Map Reference.... Area Survey, Annual Census, General Administrati ..

Objects of Patrol .....

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Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

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District Commissioner

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

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund .... $.....

Amount paid from P.E.D.F. Trust Fund ....

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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67-15-59

Division of District Administration,

KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

29th April, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

PATROL NO. POROMA 7/69-70

Your reference 67-3-12 of 6th April, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Census and Area Study by Mr. N. Wright, Assistant District Officer of NEMBI VALLEY Census Division.

Apart from the errors and omissions itemised by the Assistant District Commissioner, this is a good report. Presentation is of a high standard and the contents provide a sound assessment of the current situation in the Nembi Valley.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary,
Department of the Administrator.

c.c.
Mr. N. Wright,
Patrol Post,
POROMA. Southern Highlands District.

Local Govt Council Proposal on Poroma Const. file. 4/-6-1

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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

6th April, 1970.

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

POROMA PATROL REPORT NO 7 of 1969/70.

Attached please find two copies of the above mentioned report.

A situation report has been done - this is listed as Appendix "A".

The areas appear to have settled down after inter-clan fighting and it is trusted that the introduction of Local Government into the area will consolidate this trend.

The general health of the area would appear to have settled down after the flu epidemic.

An informative report.

D. J. Clancy

(D.J. CLANCY)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

ATT..

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

Officer-in-Charge,
Patrol Post,
POROMA.

Mr. N. Wright,
Patrol Officer,
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HIRA. Southern Highlands.

21st March, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Department of the Administrator,
MENDI.

Subject:- Poroma Patrol Report No. 7-69/70 - Mr. N. Wright, A.D.O..

Attached please find three (3) copies of the above mentioned report, an Annual Census type report, of the Nembi Valley Census Division.

Although the Officer would have covered most points in his report, an Annual Census Report still requires a SITUATION REPORT to comply with the Secretary's 67-1-0 of 21st June, 1969. This has not been done. In addition Part IV para 3 of the same circular requires additional headings to the Area Study ie. 'Attitude Towards Central Government' and 'Accommodation, Services, Facilities'. These have been omitted.

I will endeavour to obtain a complete list of village names from both Margarima and Poroma and forward to you a complete revised list for the Nipa Sub-District. It is quite apparent that a revision has been made but office records have not been amended, hence the different spellings and the odd village names that appear in the reports. For example, TINDOM does not appear in my Directory whilst PUMBURA does but does not appear on the population Village Register, URIDA has been deleted from the Nipa records but not from the Poroma ones, UBARIL is spelt in the report UBURIL which does not correspond with the former V.D. spelling compiled in 1968, etc..

With the establishment of the Poroma Local Government Council the political awareness amongst the people will no doubt increase rapidly through regular contact with the Councillors at Meetings, and also greater interest will be shown in the field of economic development with the financial assistance in establishing projects. With the shortage of timber in the near vicinity of Poroma Station it is a must that the Council, to be, interest themselves in re-afforestation on a fairly large scale.

I certainly would like to see at least a Rural Development Assistant being posted to Poroma to start establishing nurseries on a planned basis this financial year, with the citrus project at Kutubu coming underway, this is a must.

A well written and informative patrol report.

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

cc. OIC, POROMA.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams.....

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

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

19th January, 1970 .

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

POROMA PATROL NO. 7/69-70.

Area Survey - Nembi Valley Census Division.

1. Area Study.
2. Appendix 'A' - Native Situation Report.
3. Appendix 'B' - Health.
4. Census Figures - Nembi Valley Census Division.
5. Patrol Map.

N. Wright,
Assistant District Officer.

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(A) INTRODUCTION.

1. This study covers the Nembi Valley Census Division administered from Poroma Patrol Post in the Nipa Sub District.

(a) Geographical:

2. The Census Division consists of three valley systems, one large, the Nembi Valley, and two smaller sparsely populated valleys, the Emia and Kunjulu Valleys.

3. The Nembi Valley commences where the Nembi River, flowing south out of the Nipa Basin, joins Alt Creek, the valley runs South East for some 12-15 miles to the Erave River. The gently undulating valley floor is covered in the main with kunai grasses and pit pit with occasional small stands of timber, mainly casuarina. To the east the valley rises steeply to the Lai-Nembi Divide some 1500' to 2000' above the valley floor, this divide is thickly covered with mixed forest with several large areas of kunai and pit pit.

4. To the west the Nembi-Emia and Emia-Kunjulu divides are large areas of limestone sinkholes with pyramids and towers up to 500'.

5. To the South East the valley opens into two large areas of flats, one around the patrol post, the other further south east in the Toiawara Basin.

6. The land consists of areas of gently sloping piedmont and elongate lava plains with humic brown and deep dark clay soils.

7. Rainfall during 1969 was 11[illegible]", this was an abnormally wet year with several months recording over 15". The norm is closer to 90-100" per year. Monthly figures from year to year very quite considerably and it is difficult to define any wet or dry season.

(b) Location and Access:

8. The division is situated in the mid-eastern sector of the Nipa Sub District bounded by the Lai and Erave Rivers to the east and south, and the Wage River to the west. The northern border is 12 miles north of the Patrol Post near Kongu Village.

9. A vehicular road along the Nembi Valley links the Patrol Post with the Sub District Headquarters at Nipa, this road continues southwards to Toiawara, a total distance of 30 miles.

10. A branch road at Kesu, through Del, will give access to Mendi when a bridge is completed over the Lai River. Present vehicular access to District Headquarters, Mendi, is via Nipa, a distance of 76 miles.

11. At present 72% of the population is directly accessible by road, a further 19% live within half an hour's walk of a road.

12. There are three Category 'D' airstrips in the valley within a radius of 7 miles of Poroma; two Mission and one Administration. The Administration strip at Poroma is currently being extended to Category 'C' and possibly to Category 'B' at a later stage.

(c) History:

13. Prior to the establishment of Poroma as a Patrol Post in 1967, the people of the area were known for their recalcitrance.

14. A patrol was attacked in the valley in the early 1960's and the people of Pombadl and Uburil were involved in the massacre of 10 people at Pumi in December, 1966; these people also offered resistance to patrols sent into the area to restore law and order after this incident. This incident precipitated the establishment of the Patrol Post in 1967.

15. The attitude of the people towards the administration continues to improve, there were no major incidents during 1969 and the people have shown themselves quite willing to work in harmony, between themselves and with the administration, towards bettering their lot.

(B) POPULATION--DISTRIBUTION AND TRENDS.

(a) Statistics:

16. Population register for 1969 - attached.

17. Neo Natal Mortality rate - males 3% - females 4.1% - overall 3.55%.

18. Birth and death rates are 3.43% and 2.33% respectively, a natural increase of 1.10%.

19. The death rate is up by 0.5% on the previous year's figures. This is a direct result of the 'flu epidemic during September-November, 1969. This increase is to be found in the 46 and over age group where the death rate increased by 0.47%.

(b) Distribution:

20. Eighty-one percent of the population lives in the Nembi Valley and adjacent slopes.

21. A further 782 people from Toiawara, Poroma and Urida live on the flats and areas around Poroma and Toiawara; 389 people of the Wakia group (Nenja) live in the Emia Valley; 199 people from Kunjulu live in the Kunjulu Valley.

22. The division covers an area of 175 square miles, 50 square miles of which is occupied by 81% of the population.

(c) Trends:

23. Population movements continue as people return to land previously too vulnerable for permanent settlement, many people are also returning to land which they left due to inter-clan fighting. These movements are taking place without any obvious friction. This reflects the excellent native situation throughout the division.

24. The natural increase remains low as a result of the 'flu epidemic, but overall the situation continues to improve as people make greater use of the local health facilities. The birth and death rates throughout the area vary quite considerably from Urida with nil births and a death rate of 12.5%; this village is the most isolated in the division with a population of only 56, to Del with a death rate of only 0.6% and Kongu with a birth rate of 5.0%.

(d) Access:

25. Vehicular roads provide access to 72% of the population, a further 19% live within half an hour of a vehicular road.

26. All census units are linked by vehicular or walking tracks of generally good quality, walking times vary from ½ an hour to two hours.

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(e) Labour:

27. The 12 month period since the last census has seen a small increase only in the number of people employed outside the district. The number represents 1.4% of the total population and 8.4 % of the work force. The number will continue to rise slowly.

(C) SOCIAL GROUPINGS.

28. The people of this area have two separate names for themselves, the people to the west of the Nembi River refer to themselves as KARINJ, and the people to the east as ARON. KARINJ means "to the side and below" and ARON " on top or above".

29. The rivalry between the two groups though still present, no longer effects the general native situation. The establishment of the Peroma Council will further diminish any friction as all groups learn to work together for the common good.

30. The functional unit is the patralineal clan, this is divided into sub clans which are usually extended families. It appears that the sub clan is named after a remembered ancestor but the derivation of the clan name is not clear though most people subscribe to the view that it is named after a remote ancestor, actual or putative.

31. Primary allegiance is given to the clan which controls the distribution of land. Fighting did occur within the clan but didn't destroy the clan as a cohesive unit.

32. All the people of the division speak dialects of the Mendi language. The northern section speaks the AIKELEL dialect and those to the south AIKPULOPE. The dialects do not differ to any great extent, though difficulty can be experienced due to the change in accent.

33. As I have previously stated the main rivalry is between the people to the east and west of the Nembi River; Onj. to the east and Poroma to the west are the only groups with friendly ties.

34. The groups to the east of the Nembi River also form a solid alliance against the groups to the east of the Lai River, though the Pembadl and Ubiril groups have an alliance with the Sumia people as illustrated by their involvement in the Pumi massacre in 1966.

35. To the west of the Nembi the most obvious enmities are those between Mala and Udjabia and Poroma/Mato and Kusa, both have been causes of minor strife in recent times.

36. Most clans at one time or another have been involved in trouble with each other, though where firm alliances exist it has been between individuals rather than groups.

(D) LEADERSHIP.

37. There are no hereditary leaders in the true sense though heredity can play a large part in the acquisition of powers, moreso since the cessation of fighting, one of the main avenues for acquiring power.

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38. Heredity plays a large part where power and influence is based upon the possession of wealth, a child born of a wealthy and powerful father can be expected to inherit much of his father's power, but will retain it only as long as his own abilities allow him to use his wealth judiciously. Wealth alone, while affording him a certain status within the community, will not retain his position for him.

39. Traditional leaders are still powerful and the degree of co-operation between each group and the Administration depends on the attitude of these men. Fortunately, the majority, superficially at least, are co-operative.

(a) Leaders:

40. Pabu-Paguram of Kum: Pabu is the richest man in the Petum group, one of the largest groups in the area.

41. Nandap-Ungeri of Kum: The Village Constable of Kum, though not a traditional leader, he has a great deal of power amongst his group, probably acquired through his position as Village Constable as he is very pro-administration and has no qualms about reporting lawbreakers no matter what their position.

42. Burul of Tindom: A wealthy man though not particularly outspoken, appears to have no particular attitude towards the Administration.

43. Mengiap-Tonduap of Mato: The Village Constable of Mato, though this is only his wife's group, he is originally from Iapi in the Kagua area. He is one of the most trustworthy officials in the valley and his group one of the most co-operative.

44. Wesenda of Kusa: A young man who has been employed by the Administration in various capacities, including interpreter and road supervisor. No traditional authority but has gained authority through his own personality.

45. Tugu-Einu of Pombadl: A fight leader of some reknown on the eastern side of the Nembi, probably the most powerful man in this area. At present serving a ten year sentence in Bomana Gaol for his part in the Pumi massacre. Two other members of his family are serving similar sentences.

46. Wap-Enu of Pabaronga: A wealthy man with a fine turn of oratory, very pro Administration.

47. There are many other minor leaders in the area, but these are the most significant.

48. Though none of the labourers returning from the coast have displaced any of the traditional leaders, it is in fact doubtful if at this stage any have tried to upset traditional leadership patterns. They are though afforded a greater say in village life as a result of their new found affluence and their grasp of the lingua franca which allows them greater contact with the administration. Quite a number of these people have been employed as roads supervisors, a position which they undoubtedly make the best of.

(E) LAND TENURE AND USE:

49. Inheritance of land, as with property, is patralineal; under certain circumstances though a man can inherit rights through his mother. If a woman is widowed or divorced and returns to her father's clan to live, her sons can inherit rights of usage of land but not of disposal.

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50. The sub clan acquires land from the clan and has full rights of usage but not of disposal.

51. Demarcation of clan land is usually provided by some physical feature - hill, creek, etc. Within the clan land demarcation is usually by man-made drains, fences or shrubs or trees.

52. No individuals hold land under lease from the Administration, and no such leases have been requested.

53. There are no cash crops planted, communal or otherwise. Quite a number of people earn money by selling fresh food to the Administration and various Missions. Though extra areas are sometimes planted so that produce can be sold, these are integral parts of the normal food gardens. It is interesting to note that contrary to our own practice the worst produce is that which is normally offered for sale.

(F) LITERACY:

54. Three schools operate in the division; one Administration at Poroma, and two Mission, Capuchin Mission at Del and the Christian Union Mission at Ka. The Christian Union Mission was established in 1966, the Capuchin Mission in 1968, and the Administration school in 1969.

55. These schools provide a good overall coverage for the area.

56. Enrolments are:

Administration School, Poroma: 2 Prep. classes - 40 males, 32 females.

Christian Union Mission, Ka:
Standard 1 - 15 males, 5 females.
Standard 2 - 11 males, 4 females.
Standard 3 - 21 males, 9 females.
Standard 4 - 7 males, 4 females.

Capuchin Mission, Del:
Prep 22 boys 7 girls
Standard I 24 boys 11 girls

57. A number of boys and girls attend school in Mendi, but no details are available.

58. Because there is no Council in this area some difficulty has been experienced in obtaining sufficient funds to expand the school on the Patrol Post, much of the work has been done by voluntary labour. A third teacher has been supplied by the Education Department and work has commenced on two additional native material classrooms. To provide funds for this and other school works, all adult males were requested to contribute 30 cents towards a school development fund, a total of $505 was contributed in this manner. The reasons for the request were explained in each village and in all cases the money was happily donated.

59. Adult literacy is confined in the main to mission employees and some station personnel, though as more labourers return from the coast pidgin english is gradually being spread.

(G) STANDARD OF LIVING:

60. Houses are constructed so as to provide maximum warmth, they are usually about 15' x 10' with the apex of the roof 5' high.

61. Usually the front section of the house is open except for a low rail, behind this is a living room reserved for males only, behind this is a second room divided into sleeping compartments, side doors allow access to females.

62. Normally the whole family will occupy one house, though it is not uncommon for males and females to occupy separate dwellings.

63. These houses are thatched with kunai and the walls are bark with pitpit cane core.

64. "Long" houses, narrower but about the same height as the normal dwelling and up to 300' long, are also constructed. These usually border sing-sing grounds and are used as accommodation during sing-sings and feasts.

65. The staple food is sweet potato, supplemented by bananas, edible pit pit, pumpkins, various greens, corn, native beans and in the lower Nembi Valley, peanuts. Tomatoes, cabbages, beans, shallots and cucumbers are the most common introduced vegetables grown.

66. Very little meat is eaten except on ceremonial occasions, items such as tinned fish are very popular.

67. Because of the small amount of money in the area large european items are uncommon, but most people seem to own at least one small item such as a mirror, knife, towel, etc.

68. Only a small section of the population wear anything but traditional dress, males - bark belt about 8" wide, bin cloth woven from bark twine and buttock covering of leaves; females - open sided skirt made of swamp grasses about 8" wide and a little below knee length. Both males and females usually carry a string bag.

69. The steel axe has completely replaced the stone axe except for ceremonial occasions.

70. There are no community centres or organisations as such, churches and rest houses serve as meeting places.

(H) MISSIONS:

71. Two missions operate in the area:

Christian Union Mission.

72. This Mission has two Stations, Ka, near Udjabia and Parita, near Kusa.

73. Their main station at Ka is staffed by 7 europeans:

1 Minister and wife
1 Builder/Teacher and wife
1 Female teacher
2 Nurses.

74. Facilities include a 1900' Category 'D' airstrip, a sawmill and large workshop, aid post and a school. Work is to commence on a permanent material clinic in the near future. The nurses hold regular village infant welfare clinics

75. The station at Parita is staffed by a Minister and his wife and offers limited first aid and vernacular schooling facilities.

76. The Mission's influence is fairly widespread in all areas to the west of

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the Nembi River, where it has numerous small stations staffed by local pastors.

Capuchin Friars Minor Mission.

77. This Mission has one station at Del which has a staff of 9 europeans.

2 Fathers
5 Nuns
2 female lay workers - 1 nurse, 1 teacher.

78. Facilities include an 1800' airstrip, school and aid post.

79. Regular village infant welfare clinics are conducted.

80. The main influence of this Mission is to the east of the Nembi River and across the Lai River towards Mendi, though they have stations scattered throughout the division and have widened their influence considerably over the last two years.

(a) Attitude of the People:

81. Relations between Missions and the Nembi's are harmonious, religious teachings have not penetrated too deeply as yet and many people regard the Missions as a source of material rather than spiritual worth. Most Mission personnel accept this but are not allowing themselves to become too open handed for the sake of a few extra so-called adherents.

82. There has been no evidence of friction between the twoMissions over the last twelve months, the friction that was evident previously appears to have subsided as both Missions concentrate on building up their stations after a period of activity aimed towards extending their influence in the field. Friction between adherents and between the local people and the Missions is minimal.

(I) NON INDIGENES:

83. The only non indigenous residents are Administration and Mission personnel.

84. There is one trade store on the Patrol Post owned by a non indigenous company, which has its headquarters elsewhere in the District. The store is run by indigeneous staff.

(J) COMMUNICATIONS:

(a) Roads:

85. Vehicular roads give direct access to 72% of the population, a further 19% live within half an hour of a vehicular road.

86. Details of the division's roads are as follows:

Toiawara/Poroma/Tindom (Poroma/Nipa)

87. This road 18 miles in length continues on to the sub district headquarters at Nipa, a total distance of 30 miles.

88. This is the main road, traversing the length of the Nembi Valley, part of this will be included in the proposed west to east trunk road linking Koroba-Tari-Margarima-Nipa-Mendi. Extension from Toiawara to Kagua is proposed in the future. this will link up with any future south road to the Gulf District.

89. The road passes through some of the best agricultural land in the district around Udjabia and Toiawara. Investigations have been carried out on 93 acres at Udjabia and 452 acres near Toiawara. Efforts will be made later to obtain

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additional land in these areas.

90. The road is all-weather with gravel surface for most of its length, it follows generally easy terrain apart from a difficult clim near Tindom.

91. The road provides access to some 3500 people.

Kesu/Del/Waramesa/Lai River (Mendi Road)

92. Seven miles in length this road joins the Nipa/Poroma road at Kesu. Another section of the west-east trunk road which will give the sub district easy access to District Headquarters.

93. The road is unsurfaced as yet, dry weather access is available to the Lai River, wet weather access to Waramesa only.

94. A decision has not been reached as yet as to whether this will become the main Kipa-Mendi link, though investigations are, I believe, underway at present. This road will bring Poroma to within 35 road miles of Mendi, present vehicular access via Kipa is over 70 miles.

95. Provides access to 1000 people.

Waramesa/Pombadl.

96. Administrative road four miles long providing access to 800 people. Future extensions could provide access to good stands of timber.

97. Surfacing 90% complete.

Toiawara/Nenja.

98. Five miles long providing access to 400 people at Nenja, in the Emia Valley. Traverses several good areas of land. Three and a half miles of bench completed to date.

Kum/Udjabia.

99. This road will link up with the Nembi Plateau road and provide an alternate route to Nipa from Poroma. The road passes through a population of 9000-10,000 people. One mile is complete. The remaining two miles consist of a difficult descent to Udjabia which will require constant supervision, it is hoped that a start can be made on this within the next 12 months.

100. A graded walking track has been constructed between Toiawara and Kunjulu, a major blasting operation would be required to bring this track up to vehicular standard.

101. Where necessary all rest houses are connected by good walking tracks.

(b) Air:

102. There are three Category 'D' airstrips in the division, at Poroma, Del and Ka.

103. The strip on the Patrol Post is 1850' long, earthworks on the 900' extension have been completed and much of the initial paving completed, gravelling should commence within three months.

104. The Capuchin Mission strip at Del is an 1800' grass strip, authorisation for commercial operations is expected within 2 months.

105. The Christian Union Mission strip at Ka is open to approximately 2000', it has a strengthened centre strip and is open to commercial operations.

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(K) TECHNICAL AND CLERICAL SKILLS.

106. Non existent apart from several people who have learned to drive while working on the coast.

(L) STAGE OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT.

107. Considering the fact that up until 1964 resistance to any form of administration was most marked, the general situation at the time of writing is surprisingly good.

108. Up until 1964 acts of overt resistance to administration control had occurred and indeed as late as 1966/67 following administration moves to restore law and order in the Del-Pombadl area after the killing of ten people at Pumi, overt acts of aggression had been made towards the administration. Following this incident patrols spent seven months in the area, since their withdrawal in mid 1967 the situation has been settled.

109. Contact with political organisations, including Local Government, continues to be minimal. Visits by the local M.H.A., Mr. Tegi Ebial, continue to be irregular and are the subject of criticism by the local people. I would like to see regular visits after each meeting of the House of Assembly, these visits would provide much in the way of political education.

110. Political education during this patrol was aimed primarily towards local government which is to be introduced during this year.

111. These people show no great interest in political development at this stage, it is left to the administration to initiate moves in this direction after which the people usually indicate their whole-hearted support and follow in whatever direction the administration chooses to lead, this attitude is to be expected in an unsophisticated area such as this. They maintain a very parochial outlook and show little or no interest in happenings outside their own narrow spheres of knowledge, they wish only to maintain the present 'status quo'.

112. Local Government will undoubtedly widen their interests and increase their awareness of the outside world and result in a desire for social and economic change.

(M) ECONOMY OF THE AREA.

113. The economy continues to be based on the sale of local produce such as timber, fresh foods and firewood to the administration and missions, and the supply of labour for road, airstrip and housing construction and general labour.

114. An approximate estimation of earnings from these sources would be as follows:

Fresh food and firewood	$2,500
Labourers (airstrip)	6,000
Labourers (roads)	3,000
Building construction	600
Other sources (sale of timber, etc.)	800
	$12,900

115. This does not take into account payments made by Missions in trade goods or money earned through the sale of traditional items or services provided within the community. Not including these items per capita income would be in

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the vicinity of $1.76.

116. This money is not evenly distributed being concentrated in the vicinity of the Patrol Post and Mission stations.

117. The only indigeneous businessmen are several people who have started small trade stores, these have been started in the last couple of months and information as to their progress is not available.

(N) POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANDING ECONOMY.

118. The development of a cash economy will depend in the initial stages on good communications and land in large enough quantities. Labour will present no problem and C.S.I.R.O. surveys confirm the suitability of the soil for agriculture

119. Internal communications are quite good but at present the only road link with the 'outside world', i.e. Mendi, is via Nipa, a distance of 76 miles. Construction of a bridge over the Lai River between Waramesa and Meggi will complete a link of 35 miles.

120. Investigations have been completed on two blocks of land at Udjabia, 93 acres, and at Toiawara, 452 acres. Both these blocks contain a large percentage of land suited to mechanical farming. Attempts will be made later to obtain additional land adjacent to these areas. Both blocks would be suited to either tea or cattle, the Udjabia block will be 14 miles from tea processing facilities at Iaria and the Toiawara block 25 miles. The Christian Union Mission has expressed interest in the land at Udjabia for an agricultural lease.

121. It is most likely that the Udjabia block will be developed in conjunction with a large area of land, several thousand acres, which is to be purchased in the Sugu area on the Kagua side of the Erave River, opposite Toiawara.

122. Trial plantings of tea, chillies and castor bean continue to flourish though interest by the Department of Agriculture Stock & Fisheries appears to have waned. Another year has passed without a visit by an agricultural officer.

123. A cattle project, the first in the area, is being established at the Administration school on the Patrol Post. Planting of improved pasture is nearly complete, wire and posts are to hand so the project should be completed by mid-year. Efforts will be made to establish a couple of village projects during 1970.

124. As the Mission stations and the Patrol Post work towards more permanent establishments quite a number of people will be able to earn a steady income from the sale of timber. Timber stands in the area will be sufficient only to supply local needs.

125. The Council is expected to embark on a vigorous re-afforestation programme soon after its establishment.

126. It is hoped that assistance will be forthcoming this year from D.A.S.F. staff to establish village chilli plots, a good market exists for this crop, the present price being in the region of 17 cents per lb. of dried chillies. This is the only crop which can be extended to village level, at this juncture.

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(O) ATTITUDE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

127. Local government was to be introduced during 1969 by way of extending the Lake Kutubu Council to cover the Nembi Valley Census Division, thus putting the whole Poroma administrative area under one Council. After the necessary wards, etc. were drawn up and forwarded to the appropriate authorities, a directive was received from the Director that a separate Council was to be established for Poroma. Work is now in hand to this end.

128. The delay in establishing the Council has been the cause of some comment by the local people, more polite interest rather than any discontent.

129. These people have some idea of local government from observing already established Councils at Nipa and Mendi, there is an understandable tendency though to confuse Councils and Councillors with the House of Assembly and its members, the confusion should disappear after the first Council elections.

130. Educational talks have been continued where possible and all groups remain in favour of the Council, apart from the doubts expressed from time to time as to their ability to pay tax. There remains no doubt though as to their ability to pay a nominal tax of at least 50 cents.

CONCLUSION:

131. Progress throughout the Division continues to be steady, if unspectacular. The most satisfactory aspect has been the continued improvement in the native situation, there being no major incidents during the past 12 months. It is to be hoped that D.A.S.F. take some interest in the area during the next 12 months and initiate economic development projects at the village level. The Council once established, will also be able to play a big part in this sphere.

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Diary:

Poroma Patrol No.7/69-70

17th November,1969

0930 Cargo by vehicle to Mato
General station duties
1300 Self by car to Mato
Census Revised,general discussions and minor complaints
Slept Mato

18th November,1969

0855 Departed Mato
0940 Arrived Onja
Census Revised,general discussions,one Local Court
Case and several minor complaints attended to.
Slept Onja

19th November,1969

0840 Departed Onja
0935 Arrived Waramesa
Census revised,general discussions,two Local Court cases.
Slept Waramesa.

20th November

0830 Departed Waramesa
0910 Arrived Pabaronga
Census revised,general discussions,minor complaints
Slept Pabaronga.

21st November

0855 Departed Pabaronga
0930 Arrived Pombadl
Census revised,general discussions,minor complaints
Slept Pombadl

22nd November

0830 Departed Pombadl
0915 Arrived Uburil
Census revised,general discussions.
1430 Returned to Poroma

23rd November

1530 Returned to Uburil
Some minor complaints
Slept Uburil.

24th November

0900 Departed Uburil
0915 Arrived Del
Census revised,general discussions,minor complaints and
several court cases.
Slept Del

25th November

0930 Departed Del by vehisle and returned to Poroma
General station duties.

26th November

To Poroma Village
Census revised,general discussions.Returned to patrol post.

Diary (cont'd)

27th November

At Poroma

28th November

Instructions given to Mr.W.Hera for Kutubu Patrol.
1045 Departed Poroma per vehicle.
1145 Arrived Tindom,walked to Kongu.
1230 Arrived Kongu.
Census revised,general discussions and minor complaints.
Slept Kongu.

29th November

0850 Departed Kongu.
0945 Arrived Tindom
Census revised,general discussions,one local court and several minor complaints.
Slept Tindom.

30th November

Observed.
Slept Tindom.

1st December

0820 Departed Tindom
0840 Arrived Mala
Census revised,general discussions,four local courts and several minor complaints.
Slept Mala.

2nd December

0825 Departed Mala
0920 Arrived Udjabia
Census Revised,general discussions,local court cases and minor complaints.

3rd December

Bridge repairs
Slept Udjabia.

4th December

Bridge repairs completed.
Slept Udjabia.

5th December

0815 Departed Udjabia
0925 Arrived Kum
Census revised,general discussions and minor complaints.
Slept Kum.

6th December

0810 Departed Kum
0855 Arrived Kesu
Census revised,general discussions,minor complaints
Slept Kesu.

7th December

0920 Departed Kesu
0950 Arrived Kusa

Diary (cont'd)

7th December (cont'd)

Census revised, general discussions, local court cases and minor complaints.
Slept Kusa

8th December

0815 Departed Kusa
0950 Arrived Nenja
Census revised, general discussions, one local court case, minor complaints.
Slept Nenja

9th December

0710 Departed Nenja
1115 Arrived Toiawara
Spoke to Village Officials at Toiawara enroute
Census revised for Toiawra, general discussions
Slept Kunjulu

10th December

0755 Departed Kunjulu
1010 Arrived Toiawra
Census revised for Toiawra and Urida, general discussions, minor complaints
Slept Toiawara

11th December

09000 Departed Toiawara
1030 Arrived Poroma
Patrol Stood down.

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APPENDIX 'A'.

Native Situation Report.

1. The native situation remains very satisfactory with no major incidents during the past twelve months.

2. Though there has been some comment over the delay in introducing local government, it had been expected that a Council would be established by mid 1969, this has been more polite interest than agitation on their part. In the main they are quite happy to maintain the 'status quo' and allow the Administration to initiate any changes.

3. An increasing number of young men are showing interest in going to work outside the district, I suspect that to a certain extent this interest is initiated by the older men who see it as an avenue to obtain money.

4. The only interest shown in the economic sphere has been in the establishing of trade stores which many people appear to consider the road to instant wealth. A check will be kept on these stores and where possible assistance given.

5. A number of convictions for Census evasion were recorded during this patrol, the majority of the cases involved females who have made a habit of late of going to visit relatives and not bothering to turn up for census at either location, or when a divorce is pending of not appearing for census with their parents or with their husbands. These prosecutions should ensure full attendance next census.

6. Few prosecutions for other offences were necessary.

7. As usual much of the patrol's time was taken up with bride price and debt complaints. Most of these complaints were amicably settled.

8. The reception accorded the patrol throughout was very good, and at many locations the patrol was offered free gifts of food.

APPENDIX 'B'.

1. The patrol was accompanied by Hospital Orderly, Nobi Ioshi, who gave treatment where necessary.

2. The general health of the population was found to be very good and but for the odd cough, most traces of the 'flu epidemic of October-November have disappeared, though some of the worst sufferers have yet to regain their full strength.

3. Census figures compiled during the patrol confirmed previous opinion (see Report Nos. 4 & 5) that the elderly were the worst affected by the 'flu epidemic. It was found that of the 0.5% increase in the death rate, 0.47% was in the 46 and over age group.

4. Notwithstanding the fact that many elderly people were not taken to or refused to be taken to medical aid, most people make good use of the medical facilities at the Patrol Post and the Mission stations.

5. Both Missions conduct regular infant welfare clinics, both at their stations and in the villages. Undoubtedly this is the reason for the decreasing death rate in the 0-5 years age group.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. Poroma No.8/1969-70

Patrol Conducted by W. Hera. (Patrol Officer)

Area Patrolled Part Foi'i Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.

Natives Interpreter. Honefabu/Iorei. & 1/c Pumbi No.0845

Duration—From 28 / 11 /1969 to 22 / 12 /1969

Number of Days 25

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services November/1969.

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

Map Reference Sketch Map attached.

Objects of Patrol Pimaga Airstrip. Council Citrus Block and General Administration.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund .... $.....

Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund ....

MRD:1T

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Division of District Administration,

KONEDOBU, PAPUA.

21st April, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

PATROL NO. S-69/70.

Your reference is 67-3-12 of 3rd April, 1970.

2. I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. W. Hora of the Pol'i Census Division.

3. Mr. Hora has demonstrated his ability to acquire a good appreciation of attitudes and problems. The report is an interesting and informative one and the patrol should have had a beneficial effect.

4. At page eleven of the report reference is made to a rape case being heard and reserved for Mr. Wright I suggest if the case was adultery the Assistant District Officer, Porgera explains the difference to Mr. Hora.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary
Department of the Administrator.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams
Telephone
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Department of the Administrator,
Division of District
Administration,
Southern Highlands Dist.
MENDI.

3rd April, 1970.

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

POROMA PATROL NO 8 of 1969/70.

Please find enclosed the original and one copy of the report submitted by Mr. W. Hera, Patrol Officer.

The Assistant District Commissioner comments cover the various aspects of the report including those that were incorrect, inconsistent or careless. In General however, the report is interesting and informative.

It was decided in April, 1968 that a permanent transceiver was not required at this stage in this area; due to the lack of available supervisory skills. This instruction can now be reviewed in separate correspondance.

D J Clancy

(D.J. CLANCY)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
NIPA.

Mr. W. Hera,
Patrol Officer,
NIPA.

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Patrol Post,
POROMA
Southern Highlands District.

20th January,1970.

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

Poroma Patrol No.8/69-70

Attached herewith please find four copies of the above report on a special patrol carried out by Mr.W.Hora,Patrol Officer, to the Foi'i Census Division.

My comments are :-

Work on the Pimaga airstrip is progressing very well, the continued enthusiasm of the Kutubu people towards this project is heartening.

The final design for the airstrip is expected from the District Airport Inspector in the near future.

The cases referred to under Law and Order have since been attended to by myself,these resulted in convictions for 'unlawfully laying hold of' and adultery.

It is understood that the oil company intends returning to the area in the near future though nothing definite is to hand.

This report which is well set out and contains much worthwhile information is marred by poor grammer and construction. It appears that Mr.Hora has written the report without preparing a draft first, I feel that if Mr.Hora were to work from a draft many of the mistakes in this report would not have occurred.

The report is accompanied by an excellent map.

Mr.Hora is to be commended on the way the patrol carried out its assigned tasks.

N.Wright,
Assistant District Officer

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It is hoped that the Citrus project is brought well under way by the end of this year. The land investigation report has been done and the land purchase will be completed on receipt of the documents.

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Department of the Administrator,
MIPA. Southern Highlands.

22nd March, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Department of the Administrator,
MENDI.

Subject:- Poroma Patrol Report No. 8-69/70 - Mr. S. Hera, Patrol Officer.

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

Mr. Hera appears to have achieved the aims of the patrol as per instructions given to him by the Assistant District Officer, Poroma, Mr. R. Wright, and has compiled a very informative report. As mentioned in the A.D.O's. covering memo, the report is well set out and contains much worthwhile information.

I agree with the Assistant District Officer, that Mr. Hera should have drafted the report first or if he did draft it first, spent a considerable time more on improving the grammer of the report and this, no doubt, would have also cut down on the numerous, careless spelling mistakes in the report.

Patrol Diary and Map : Reference should be made to the official Village Directory for the correct village names to be used and for the correct spelling of their names. Unless amendments have been forwarded prior to the patrol, the spelling and names of villages must remain as given in the Directory.

For Example: KUNDUNU (in the diary) is given as KUNJULU on the map.
IRIKAI should be KRAGAHUGU as given on the map and in the V.D.
DOGOBARI is spelt incorrectly, should be DOGABARI according to the V.D..
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Situation Report:

Political: From the report it appears that no political education was carried out on this patrol, although some must have been done during the process of gathering the information contained in the report. By now all officers should be aware of your 26-5-1 of 3rd February, 1970, that the immediate policy is to give the majority of villagers some understanding of:

The House of Assembly
Members of the House of Assembly
the way laws are made
Independence
National Unity
The Public Service
Local Government Councils
Voting
Taxes

A full report of what topics have actually been discussed with the villagers will be required in future reports.

Economic: The rugged topography and the difficulty of a suitable access route into the area will always be a hinderance to economic development. A lot will now depend on the airstrip, the results of the oil exploration and prospecting outcomes.

Social: Health - No comments required.

Education - With the completion of the airstrip it is hoped that an Administration School will be opened again in the area.

Mission - When a person insists on taking a second wife according to local custom, antagonism as mentioned, must be expected. The interpreter KONEFABU can only be advised to take one wife only although if he insists on taking a second wife it should not be held against him, providing he fully understands that the Administration only recognises one wife, in relation to wages, housing, etc..

Law and Order:- A close scrutiny must be kept at all times by patrols to ensure that Councillors and Mission workers do not misuse their authority when settling disputes between parties eg. accept bribes, charge fees, etc..

General Services -An effort will be made to locate a reasonably educated local and with supervision and guidance establish a local run store, although whether he can compete with Mission store prices will have to be investigated.

The only radio communication is through Mission skeds and I feel it is becoming most important that PIMAGA is supplied with a radio transmitter for direct contact with Mendi, Nipa, Poroma and Magen. This has been discussed and written about on numerous occasions.

Miscellaneous: British Petroleum and United Geophysics Corporation have now completed their seismic tests in the Nipa/Mutubu area, and their return will depend on the outcome of these tests.

A further request for an army (PIR) patrol through this area has been made by the Officer-in-Charge at Poroma.

The patrol has been well reported and Mr. Hera is to be commended on the way he gathered the information although, as mentioned previously, it was marred only through careless spelling mistakes which are unexcusable. Mr. Hera has been advised to take greater care with his grammer and seek assistance if he is uncertain of sentence construction.

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

cc. OIC, POROMA.

Mr. W. Hera, NIPA. A well compiled report and would have been well above the average standard if you would have taken greater care, with your grammer and spelling. The above comments are for your future reference and don't hesitate to ask for assistance re gramm

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams.....
Our Reference 67[illegible]-4
If calling ask for
Mr.....

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

28th November,1969

Mr.W.Hora,
Patrol Officer,
Sub District Office,
NIPA

Patrol Instructions - Poroma Patrol No.8

Dear Win,

As per verbal instructions from the Assistant District Commissioner,Nipa, Mr.P.Leibried, please prepare to depart on patrol to Pimaga, in the Fei'i Census Division , on the 29th of November,1969. You will be accompanied by Constable 1/c Punbi and Interpreter Konofabu Ierei. You and your patrol will be transported from Poroma to Teiavara by tractor, at Teiavara you will recruit carriers for the walk to Pimaga. Te be care when crossing the Mubi and Wage Rivers both of which may be in flood at present.

The objects of this patrol are;

1. To continue construction and clearing of Pimaga airstrip as per verbal instructions.

2. To assist the District Airport Inspector,Mr.D.Hope, if and when he arrives to carry out a final survey of the strip site.

3. Supervise clearing of council citrus block.

4. Carry out general administration as and where necessary, where court action appears necessary have persons involved at the council house when I visit on the 19th of December.

Plea se advise all Councillors that a council meeting will be held on the 19th of December , I will be arriving on that date by aircraft , you and your party will then return to Poroma with me by aircraft on the 20th of December.

As you are due for leave on the 1st of January,1970 please ensure that your patrol report is submitted and anything else arrising out of this patrol is finalised before your departure.

The best of luck on your patrol.

N.Wright,
Assistant District Officer

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams
Our Reference 67 - 1 - 1
If calling ask for
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Department of District Administration
Division
Poroma Patrol Post,
Nipa Sub-District,
Southern Highlands District.

23rd December, 1969.

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

POROMA PATROL REPORT No.8 OF 1969/70.
SPECIAL PATROL - PART FOI'I CENSUS DIVISION.

SUB-DISTRICT: +Nipa.

DISTRICT: +Southern Highlands District.

TYPE OF PATROL: +Special Patrol.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: +W. Hera. (Patrol Officer)

AREA PATROLLED: +Foi'i Census Division. (Part only)

COUNCIL/NON COUNCIL AREA: +Lake Kutubu Local Government Council.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL: +Intrepreter - Konefabu. Iorei.
1 R.P.N.G.C. - Const. C/o Pumbi.

DURATION OF PATROL: +28/11/69 to 22/12/69 (25 days)

LAST PATROL TO AREA: +November, 1969.

MAP REFERENCE: +Sketch Map attached.

OBJECTS OF PATROL:

+1. To continue construction & clearing of Pinaga airstrip.

2. To supervise clearing of Council Citrus Block.

3. General Administration.

4. To assist the District Airport Inspector on survey of the strip site.

(W. Hera)
Patrol Officer.

(A) INTRODUCTION.

Briefly, the Patrol was to CONTINUE construction and clearing of Pimaga airstrip plus supervise clearing of Council citrus garden as per verbal instruction from Brian Munn (P.O.) of Poroma on the 19th November, 1969.

Furthermore, to carry out general administration where necessary and to assist District Airport Inspector, Mr.D. Hope when he arrives to carry out a final survey of the strip site, also to inform all Councillors of a proposed Council meeting on the 19th December, as per Patrol Instructions. (see Appendix A - Patrol Instructions)

A report on the Airstrip and Citrus Block which gave rise to this Special Patrol is also embodied in the Report.

A statement describing the stage of Economic, Social and Political development obtained in the area patrolled is dealth with in some detail under the heading, Situation Report.

The Patrol was situated at the Council House near Pimaga village which is in the Lake Kutubu area. The area is administered from Poroma Patrol Post.
Pimaga, as well as other villages of the area, lies in the Mubi valley fringed by the ranges of Dagorobo (N.W.) and Kome (S.E.) which stretches along the entire valley. The ranges gently slope into the valley for Mubi and Wage Rivers both of ~~mink~~ which flow South-easterly direction.

The climate may be described as mid-altitude type of about some 2,500 feet above sea level and where both the coastal and highlands type of climatic conditions is exprienced. The ~~xxxxx~~ rainfall is pretty high about some 200 points of rain annually.
Vegetation is of tropical rain forest type where huge trees and sago palms are the main ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ characteristics.

(B) PATROL DIARY.

28th November, 1969.(Fri)

The Patrol left Station by tractor at 1145 hrs. to Toiawaka (end of motor road) arriving at 1245 hrs. Carriers recruited for walk to Kunduru rest-house. Arriving at 1500 hrs. (Track time 2 hrs)

Slept at Kunduru.

29th November, 1969. (Sat)

Left at 0730 hrs for Pimaga (Council House). Reached Orobana at 1430 hrs. and reached our destination at 1500 hrs.
(walking time 7½ hrs) . Track condition is bad at some parts only.

Slept at Council House.

30th November, 1969. (Sun)

Week-end stayed at the Council House . Met people from the neibouring villages.

Slept at Council House.

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1st December, 1969. (Mon)

All labourers were assembled by Waiabo/Awa (labour supervisor at 0730 hrs and I gave a talk on the aims of the Patrol. About 110 labour line was recruited by Brian/Munn in November for work on the airstrip and citrus garden.
All started work at 0800 hrs. on digging tunnel in order to divert the river system.
Waiabo showed me around the strip. Lunch break at 1200 hrs. and resumed at 1300 hrs. Work ended at 1600 hrs.

Slept at Council House.

2nd December, 1969. (Tue)

Waiabo called the Labour-roll and despatched everyone to work. No complaints etc.
Work started in the afternoon at 1300 hrs. The day's ended at 1600 hrs.

Slept at Council House.

3rd December, 1969. (Wed)

All workers started work at 0800 hrs. Work was as previously. Some progress made today at the drainage system and the citrus garden.
Day's work ended at 1600 hrs.

Slept at Council House.

4th December, 1969. (Thur)

Everybody started work at 0800 hrs after roll-call. No absentees. A court case was presented and settled. Rain hindered work about an hour. Finished at 1600 hrs.

Slept at Council House.

5th December, 1969. (Fri)

All worked at 0800 hrs. A Councillor brought a case for court actions. The case was heard and transfered for Mr. N. Wright. Work progressed at a slow rate. No disturbances to date.
Work ended at 1600 hrs.

Slept at Coutil House.

6th December, 1969. (Sat)

Today I made a day visit to familiarize my self of the area. Left Pimaga at 0900 hrs to Ipigi, Irikai, Dogobari, Harabaiu and Idmesi villages. Met people and general administration.
Intrepreter Konefabu accompanied.
Returned to Council House at 1500 hrs.

Slept at Council House.

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7th December, 1969. (Sun)

Observed at the Council House . No disturbances to date.

Slept at Council House.

8th December, 1969. (Mon)

The District Airport Inspector [illegible]ed today, in the morning. He was given the assisted by the Patrol party. The entire length of the Strip was surveyed by 1800 hrs. The strip is about some 3,300 ft. in length.

The labourers were still continuing on the work started last week. They all knock-off at 1600 hrs. No problems.

Slept at Council House.

9th December, 1969. (Tue)

Work started at 0300 hrs. No absentees to date. Airstrip surveying continued today. Mr. D. Hope left at 1230 hrs. to Orokana to catch plane.

Work progressed well today. Rain hindered work for an hour. Day's work ended at 1600 hrs.

Slept at Council House.

10th December, 1969. (Wed)

Labour Supervisor called the roll and detected a few absenteeism. Despite this labourers are showing keeness. No accidents or complaints to date.
Work finished at 1600 hrs.

Slept at Council House.

11th December, 1969. (Thur)

All labourers assembled at the C/House for roll-call and despatched them to work.
The following villeges were visited : Tunuhagu, Dereiu, Pinaga and Kenagaibu. General situation is excellent at all villagges. No complaints were presented.
Returned to work-site at 1100 hrs. All workers are working well.
Day's work ended at 1600 hrs.

Slept at Council House.

12th December, 1969. (Fri)

Work at the garden and strip progressed fairly well. A discrepancy was heard and settled.

Slept at Council House.

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13th December, 1969. (Sat)

Familiarisation visit to Lake Kutubu area and to meet people. The Party left Pimaga at 09300 hrs. On route visited Herebu, Hexoa and Keseke villages. (Walking times 1hr, 20 mins. and 2½ hrs respectively - 3½ hrs to the Lake from Pimaga)

From Keseke got motor boat to Wasame Island despatched cargo and Interpreter and I proceeded to Inu mission station by and meet Mr. M. Rule (Missionary). Returned to Wasame Is. at 1900 hrs.

Slept at Wasame Island.

14th December, 1969. (Sun)

Attended church service at Inu, returned to Wasame at 1200 hrs Rest of the afternoon observed at the Island. No complaints etc. presented.

Slept at Wasame Island.

15th December, 1969. (Mon)

The Party retreated to Pimaga at 09302 hrs. On route visited Tugiri/Iogobi Island. General condition of the village etc. is good. Nothing was reported to me. The Councillor was told to repair the rest-house. We reached Keseke at 1230 hrs. and walked to Pimaga. Arriving at 1600 hrs.
Labourers were at work when we arrived. Nothing was reported to me by the Labour Supervisor.

Slept at Council House.

16th December, 1969. (Tue)

Rain hindered work today this morning. Started work at 0900 hrs. Lots of progress achieved to date. Finished work at 1600 hrs.

Slept at Council House.

17th December, 1969. (Wed)

Despatched the workers by 0800 hrs.
I commenced preparing my Patrol Report. Worked on it all day.

Slept at Council House.

18th December, 1969. (Thur)

Due to complaints from the labour line, I assembled everybody and heard their complaints. I managed to reach an agreement.
I continued working on my Patrol Report all day.

Slept at Council House.

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19th December, 1969. (Fri)

All labourers assembled for roll-call and started work at 0800 hrs.

All Councillors assembled today for Council meeting and waiting for Mr. Wright. Waited all day for him till 4.00 pm. and send them away and told them to re-assemble tomorrow morning in case Noel arrives.

A court case was presented and reserved for Noel's hearing. Political discussions with the Councillors at the Council House, they showed interest.

Work involved at the Citrus Block and at tunnel were completed today. However, a final clearing to be done at the garden.

Waiabo was shown or instructed the sections to be fixed after New Year.

Slept at Council House.

20th December, 1969. (Sat)

All Councillors re-assembled. Mr. Wright arrived today at 1230 hrs. He paid all labourers for work done to date plus the Councillors . C.S.B. service was rendered for the public. He inspected the strip with me.

Waited for aircraft at the Orokana airstrip to return to Poroma. Return to Council House.

Slept at Council House.

21st December, 1969. (Sun)

Waited all day for plane at Orokana.
Return to Pimaga.

Slept at Council House.

22nd December, 1969. (Mon)

Left Pimaga at 0800 hrs for Orokana strip. Aircraft arrived at 1030 hrs. The Patrol Party and Noel returned to Poroma.

Patrol Stood down.

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(C) SPECIAL REPORT.

Airstrip - The Strip is officially known as 'Pimaga Airstrip' which is situated near Pimaga village and alongside Sura creek immediately infront of the Council Chambers. (see Map).

The Patrol arrived on Saturday (29/11/69) and learnt that the labour line were at work at the Strip and the Citrus garden for a fortnight. A total of some 110 young boys were employed, almost all of whom are from villages in the Foi'i Census Division and a few from Fasu area. Since then Waiabo/Awa was incharge of the work-force as charged to him by Brian/Munn when he last visited the area in November this year. Waiabo is rather popular young man in his village and in the area generally.

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He was previously an employee of the Department of Lands, Surveys and Mines at Port Moresby.
Waiabo maintains a 'Temprorery-roll' where all names of recruits are recorded and he keeps a record of daily attendance of every worker.

I also learnt that all labourers are to provide their own food and accommodation. All of them dwell at the neighbouring villages such as Pimaga, Tununugu, Ipigi and Harabaiu, just to name a few, and attend work daily.

The main task since then at the strip was just digging tunnel in order to divert the course of Sura creek which in fact flows alongside the airstrip and thus interfers with the strip. As a consequence, drains were dug to change the course of the creek and try to keep the water out and away from the strip.

The effort directed towards altering the course of the creek was considered to be very important and necessary for the strip at this initial stage of strip construction. Thus, the Patrol set to work at the drains.
The old river route have been blocked and the course of the creek been altered completely. However, the drains have to bigger to allow for flood during the wet seasons. The labour line have really worked to achieve this intention.
The work involved was colossal therefore work was slow however, work got done.
A tunnel was dug to some 15 to 20 feet in width to permit flood and hoped that it will be the permanent drainage system of the river in future.

The labourers worked with crowbars, spades and picks to remove soil and cart them away by barks of tree and 5 only wheelbarrows. Work was done by man-power only and job got done by mere determination.
As this kind of undertakings is so called 'self help project' with the intention to develop the area by the inhabitants themselves, people concerned seems to comprehend this part of the argument and did not create any problem. People were understood to be prepared to continue with the Strip construction at the later dates. People showed interest and are unreluctant to work at the Pimaga strip with the assumption that they understood the advantages and benefits that will eventually come if and when the airstrip is in operation. The author agrees that self-help projects are rather the only means of really getting anything underway or done in an area, and unless the people participate with the job, there is no other alternative means of assistance readily available to be rendered for the people by the Administration. Thus, people are aware of this conclusion.

On the 8th December, the District Airport Inspector, Mr. D. Hope arrived at Pimaga to carry out a final survey of the airstrip. We helped him survey the entire strip. He also indicated certain jobs to be done as soon as practicable.
Up to 2,000 feet of the strip from the Eastern end was previously cleared and the surface of the soil is reasonably hard and dry. Another 1,300 feet was later cleared at the Westward direction of the strip. This section still remains to be cleared. The surface is still swampy with lots of tree stamps and sago palms yet to be removed and swamp to be drained out. When this section is cleared, the total length of the Strip should come to some 3,300 ft. and width about 150 to 200 ft.
When the airstrip is operative, I guess it would be able to handle Categories D to B aircrafts.

As the work at the drains have been completed I instructed Waiabo and the work line to commence work at the sections indicated in January. Also at the Citrus Block.

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Citrus Block - The block have been marked by Mr. Munn and it is intended to plant citrus seeds as a Council project. The block is about some 12.16 acres and lies next to the Council Chambers. The actual preparation of the garden commenced 2 weeks before the arrival of the Patrol.
The task involved to date was chopping trees and clearing undergrowths. This job was completed within a fortnight after the patrol arrived. Up to end of the patrol, work that remained to be done at the garden before actual planting activities is - to burn the debris and cart away branches, logs and stumps to leave the soil clear for planting.

It is the Reporting Officer's opinion that the work should be really completed by the end of February next year. I hope a patrol to the area within March/April period should be ready to plant seeds or at least should consider the matter.

It was mentioned that a bigger block of land have been made available for the Council to plant more citrus plants if this present block when planted is successfull . The writer considers this, a good show of interest and participation by the people towards their Council.

I was approached a few times by the people, demanding pay for the land where the airstrip is built, but I argued that it is best to complete the task and see whether the job is a success then seeking payment at this stage. People were eventually satisfied with my argument. Apart from this, the Patrol is a good one and a success.

(D) SITUATION REPORT.

This section of the Report covers only a part of the Koi'i Census Division. About a dozen villages were visited in the Mubi and Lake Kutubu areas of the Census Division were visited over the week-ends during this patrol and the following information were gathered to report the current position of Economic, Political and Social progress.

Note: Mubi area consist of, to name a few, Tunuhugu, Demeiu, Irikai, Dogobari and Harabaui villages. (see Appendix B - Patrol Map)

(a) Political... Generally speaking, the current political situation is rather stable and peaceful. No distubbances or irritations from outside sources. People are at freedom to manouver wherever they please. Community relationship with the adjacent groups or villages is good and without friction. No regrettable past feelings have risen amongst the people.

Generally, the area is peaceful and free of irritations. Even the intruders are welcomed and respected.

Attitude towards Mission and Administration is impressive. The Patrol was respected and the party got on fairly with the people.

Local Government -The Reporter wants to point out that Lake Kutubu Local Government is active and plays a major role in the area. The Councillors are highly respected and the people understand that they are the direct representatives and are responsible to interpret their wishes to Administration. It is pleasing to see that people are obedient and do respond well to instructions from their Councillors.

Some examples are: Tunuhugu and Pisaga villagers were out on road-work with their Councillors at Kutubu road, and where there is a court case, the Councillors usually preside to hear the case before presenting the matter for formal court actions. (see Law and Order)

Besides the Councillors, there are other village officials such as old Hanua Police (Village Constables) and Committees are very much looked upon as leaders.

Note: All books etc. for Lake Kutubu Council are held at Poroma.

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House of Assembly - During the year, the Member of House of Assembly, Mr. Tegi. Ebei'al visited the area and according the informant, he had a discussions with the Councillors and other village people. Tegi informed people about the activities at the House Of Assembly and part he played for the Electorate. I was told that people reacted well to his talks. In return, people fired questions at him. I am sure Tegi is pretty positive about his talks and I guess he must have appreciated the reaction of this people for his effort.

I would like to add that Mr. Ebei'al is very influential and populer with the people. He has been around the whole Sub-District and talking to people.
Incidently, Tegi was accompanied by Interpreter Konofabu Larei of Poroma during this tour.

Political Education - Geography and the terrain of the country is the draw back for development advantages in the area. People really have inadequate knowledge about political events such maybe, news from other Territory centers or activities of the Administration and even the House of Assembly. Therefore, I claim that Political Education amongst the people is relatively limited.

In spite of this inevitable position, there are Missionaries who out of their religious teachings do spare time for general news items to people. In addition, the Government Patrols who generally make the point of Political Education the continuing process.
Mr. Ebei'al (MHA) must also be included in this category for his part.

To add, Printed Matters such as News Letters, Our News, Circulars and other Bulletins are often supplied to the Council for general information. So the position is not as bad as it looked.

(b) Economic ... In the economical point of view, there is nil cash cropping activities undertaken by the people of the area. Of the villages visited, I have not seen or noticed any introduced cash crops and if there is, are not being practised even in the general subsistence pattern. Certainly, fresh food is plentiful at all villages produced on the subsistence pattern for use at the family level. If, however, some fresh food are committed for sale to satisfy the common necessity of all men to acquire a little cash, the supply is rather inadequate to continue such a process at any grater length of time.

It is the Author's proposition that at least a few introduced crops should be introduced in the area such as Coffee, citrus or tea. Even stock should fairly well here. In the advent, the D.A.S.F. staff should maintain the affairs and thus guide or teach the indigenous people to widen their know-how and they themselves should eventually manage the whole deal and thus enjoy benefits out of it.

Even if there is such a farming or business activities, there is a obvious marketing problem facing the growers or producers for marketing.

Because of the topography and the local geographical distance to any suitable market at Nipa, Mendi or elsewhere, overland route is thus inadviceable and there remains the solution, the aircrafts. However, there remains the common necessity of all men to acquire a little. So someone should eventually figure out a solution to solve the problem.

During the visit to Lake Kutubu area on th 13th December, I noted some 20 heads of goat for Rev. M. Rule of U.F.M. at Inu.
He hopes to purchase 2 or 3 cows later when his pasture improves.

Also at Orokana mission, about 15 to 20 herds of cattle and a small holder near Herebo village which has 4 beasts.

Apart from the Missions, the indigenes enterprise in this sphere is thus uncertain.

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Despite, non-existence of introduced cash crops, citrus planting for small holders was encouraged by the patrol in addition with the Council's project, and people responded with interest.

It is most likely that cibrus will be the promissing cash crop for the entire area.

Commercial activities such as basket ware, mining, lumbering or trade store are non-existence. None of the people are engaged in these ventures, therefore individual cash earning is nil.

However, basket weaving should be a good occupation because of the availability of cane in large quantity and a suggestion to establish a saw-mill enterprise should be a valid and worthwhile undertaking.

I gathered that a Petrolium Company will be due again in the area for further investigation, and it is most likely that many young lads will participate, apart from the recruited labourers for the airstrip.

Consequently, activities of Development Departments in the area, observed to be nil and therefore, cash crop extension and foreign development activities are thus none.

All villages are connected by an access road. Motor vehicles are nil to really serve the road its purpose. Bridges are semi-permanent as anywhere else in the Sub-District.

But, Lake Kutubu is not yet linked by an access motor road with Nipa, Poroma or other areas due th the critibal topography disadvantage. However, attempts are still being made, to date people are obviously carrying out their statutory obligation of maintenance.

It is valid to comment that people do try occassionally to obatain some cash in one way or the other. They sell feathers and juice of a particular tree, which is used for decorations, feasts or sing sing (celebrations). Note .... these are the main sources of obtaining cash and to acquire this people walk long journeys to Poroma, Nipa, Mendi or Kagua to fulfil their wants. Often people from these areas come around to barter with the people.

(c) Social ...

Health - Health services are satisfactory at present for the sparse population of the area.

There are 3 Administration Aid Posts operating in the Foi'i Census Division and are evenly distributed. The only Aid Post at Fasu area is still under construction.

In addition, Inu and Orokana mission settlements provide health facilities for the public.

As well as the Government Aid Posts, Missions hospitals do hospitalize serious case patients in native material wards and are under good care.

The missionaries also give supply of medicine to their employees (Pastors) stationed at various villages to help people who are in need. However, for Public Health Department Aid Posts, the Aid Post Orderlies are responsible for reimbursing medicine supplies from Nipa hospital.

Mr. Daddley Yariyari, Assistant Medical Officer for Nipa, have been in the area during mid this year. He visited all the Rural Health Centers.

No reported complaints received from the Aid Post Orderlies.

Generally speaking, rural health services are reasonably adequate and the general health situation of the people is excellent. Medical services are available for people who want it and response is quite impressive. Sanitation and hygiene of the villages visited is good.

Health of the Patrol Personnel was fine.

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Education - The only Administration Primary 'T' School operating during the establishment of Lake Kutubu Patrol Post was terminated when the administrative headquarter was transferd to Poroma during 1966. Since then the area is without an Administartion school.

Besides this regrettable position, the U.F.M. do conduct schools(mission).
Orokana Primary 'T' School has classes from Preparatory to Standard 4 and it hoped to have Std.5 in 1970 school year. The current enrolment for the School is about some 150 children. The school has 5 indigenous staff members.

For Inu school, it has 3 teachers with classes up to Std.2 and Std.3 will be commenced in 1970. Mr. M. Rule is now trying to build a new classroom to allow for more enrolment in future. He is quite satisfied with his school administration at present.

Nothing extraordinary was reported from these schools and I assumed that they are without worries.

While reporting the educational situation of the area, the Reporter wishes to argue that a move towards re-establishing a Government school, at least one for the whole area, should definitely stand a valid subject matter. This claim embraces the fact that lots of school-age kids of 5 to 12 years are definitely been deprived of a chance to attend a school and the existing schools can only enrol enough.

When the educational position is thus, there is no hope or priveledge of a Technical or Manual Art schools.

Mission - The only denomination in the area is the Unevangelised Fields Mission stationed at Orokana and Inu, with its Pastors stationed in some of the villages. The 2 expatriate Missionaries have been in the area for good many years and fluent with the local language. Both are very popular and influential.
Half the population are the Christains converts and morale is generally high.

The Patrol did not establish complaints etc. with the Missions or in the area generally.

I understood that there are some previous frictions between Mr. B. Hicks and the natives and I gathered that some of these clashes were heard by Mr. B. Munn (P.O) of Poroma during his last visit into the area. However, the Patrolling Officer did not encounter any of these discrepancies, eventhough rumours were heard.

There is still antagonism between Mr. Hicks and the Interpreter, Konefabu. Iorei. He is still pressing hard to prevent the Interpreter from associating with a young girl. But as I understand the situation her parents and relatives might be willing unless consequences are that ther parents should seek court actions at the first sight.
I think lezgally, there is no other way of laying a charge against Konefabu because unless the girl's parents claim the act is an adultry there is no way of preventing the matter. But in the first instance, Konefabu was advised by Noel. Wright, Officer-in-Charge, and Brian Munn why he cannot marry more than one wife while serving in the Administration.

It must also be pointed out that act of polygamy is the native custom of the area and the Highlands as a whole. When the custom is thus, there is no way of adjusting the practice otherwise the native situation is disturbed. However, as mentioned earlier Konefabu was advised why he is forbidden to do this.
I understand that this is the first time Mr. Hicks has openly involved himself in local affairs. If the situation gets worse between him and Konefabu and the local people in general, the friction will be investigated in some detail.

Interpreter Konefabu. Iorei is the capable and efficient employee and moves towards dismissing him inadviceable.

Apart from this, the general situation in the Fbi'i area is good.

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Law and Order - It is pleasing to see people seeking justice from the Administration personnels. Having the opportunity, Law and Order as well as Political knowledge is fostered in the process.

By the end of the Patrol, only 5 cases were presented for legal actions. Councillor Tarabore of Herebo, Councillor Tari of Erea and Councillor of Marabani villages were some of the Councillors who brought the cases. Three of these were of trivial nature and settled however, the other couple were involving 'Unlawful laying hold of' and rape. These two were heard and reserved for Mr. Wright for formal court hearing because I am still without ~~magisterial powers~~ magisterial powers. FIRST ?

As mentioned earlier, complaints are reported to the Councillor of the villages who makes the preliminary hearing. This leads to the fact that Councillors are regarded as the responsible representatives and people are law abiding.

At times, as I have heard, the Missionaries do intervene in some of these matters.

Cults and unrest - These were not heard of or if there were, were not reported. Generally, social relationship in the entire area is marvelous and people are at freedom and quite sociable with neibouring groups. Even the relationships with the Missionaries and Administration is generally good.

The Patrolling Officer did not ~~did not~~ experience any sign of unrest or cargo cults and their sources either from external or internal sources. No significant groupings, trends in thought and attitude are WERE IN evident for comment. Generally, the area is peaceful and free of irritations.

Community Education - Such a isolated area such as this need a little comment on this subject. At this point I must stress that, in view of community educational activities, such things as Women Club or Youth Organisations are non-existent.

However, the Government Patrols generally encourage communities to try and participate in this sphere. As this been the continuing process in every patrol I attempted to encourage the point.

People are at ease and enjoying the normal everyday life. Obviously, more attention directed towards maintaining gardens and other daily wants.

People live in large communities similar to those at them coastal areas. People are quite different in outlook and character, and tribal customs are fairly different from Porcma, Nipa and Margarima people.

General remark for the standard of living in the Kutubu area, is better and has improved a great deal since from the early penetration.

General Services - People are well served by the Mission Trade Stores. None of the local people own stores Konefabu. Korei of Wasame Island.

Radio telecommunications, C.S.B., mails and Aircrafts servives are also available. Division of District Administration Field Staff are responsible for most of these services. So generally, people are not neglected.

(d) Miscellaneous ....

During the year a Petroliun Company have been in the area in search for oil etc., and I understand that they are due back in the near future, maybe in 1970 for further investigation.

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A few Army patrols have also roamed the area during the peak of the feared influenza epidemic ~~period~~ invading the Highlands in mid-October of this year.

I gathered that local people helped, cooprated and appreciated the Army civil action.

No rumours or intentions are in evident to really assess of its possible effects upon future Administration activities.

Response to both the Army and the Company was heard to be excellent. I am sure this kind of non-Administration penetration will not hinder any future Administration activities.

It is the Author's opinion that this kind of patrols into the area will still be welcomed by the local people.

(E) CONCLUSION.

Please note that this Patrol was not intented to complete construction and clearing of Pisaga Airstrip and Council Citrus Block.

I am sure future patrols to the area will still be engaged either with the Airstrip or the Citrus garden until both are completed.

Work at the Strip is still long way to go before it can be ready for operations. It is most likely that 2,000 feet of the Airstrip from the Eastern end will be ready for operations by mid-next year.

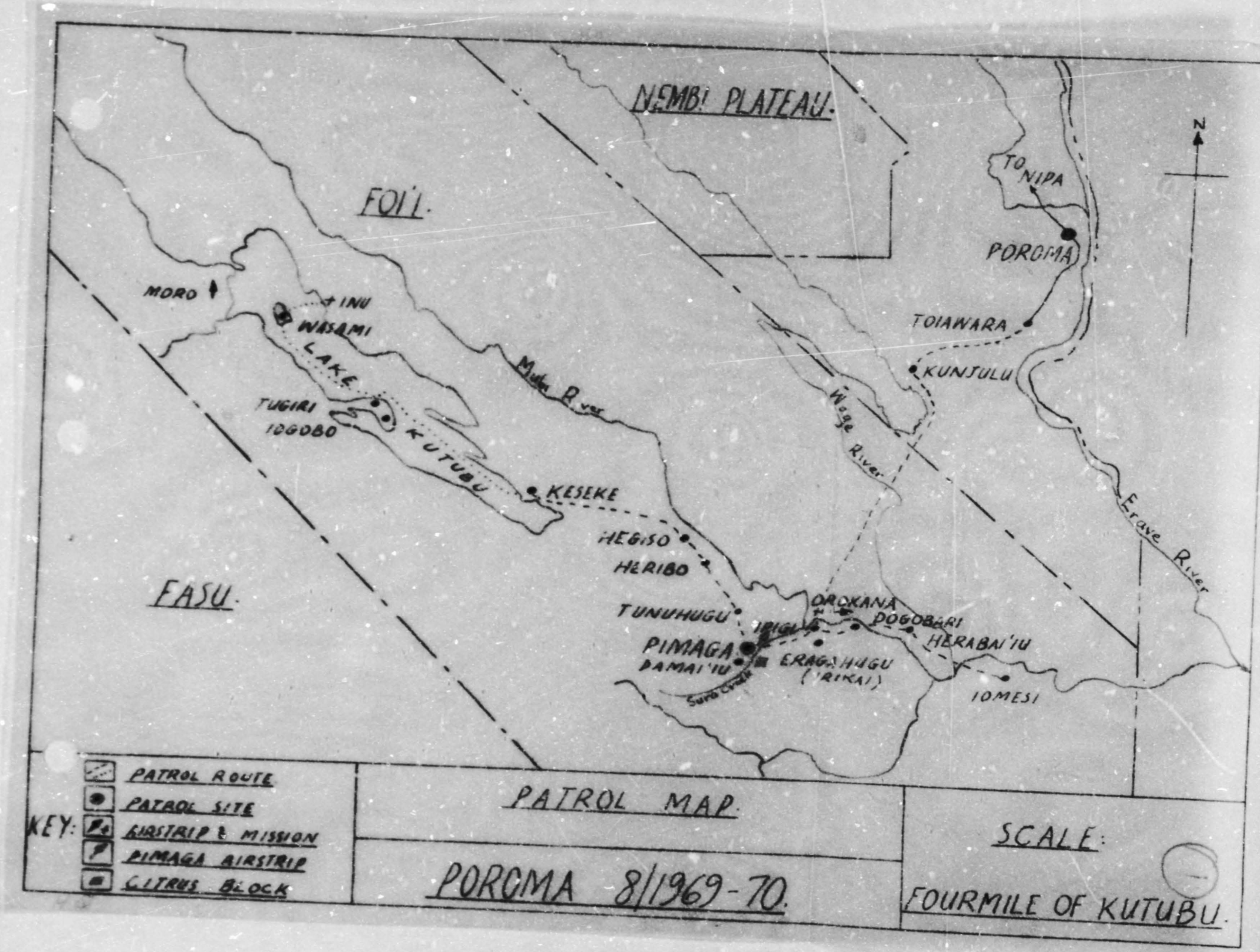
It is the Patrolling Officer's opinion that the Patrol has coincide with the verbal instructions obtained from Brian. Munn regarding the Airstrip and Citrus Block and per Patrol Instructions issued by Mcel. Wright, Officer-in-Charge.

Please also note that Mr. Wright has paid people who have worked on the airstrip to date.

Report compiled for your information, please.

(W. Hera)
Patrol Officer.

Appendix A - Patrol Instructions.
Appendix B - Patrol Map.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PATROL ROUTE
PATROL SITE
AIRSTRIP & MISSION
PIMAGA AIRSTRIP
CITRUS BLOCK
PATROL MAP.
POROMA 8/1969-70.
SCALE:
FOURMILE OF KUTUBU.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Southern Highlands Report No. Poroma 9/69-70

Patrol Conducted by N.Wright, Assistant District Officer

Area Patrolled Part Foi'i Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Mr.J.Glucksman, Fisheries Biologist, DASF

Natives 1 Interpreter

Duration—From 13 / 1 /1970 to 16/ 1 /1970

Number of Days 4

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? no

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / 12/1970

Medical / /19

Map Reference Map attached

Objects of Patrol 1.Accompany Fisheries Biologist 2.Council Meeting 3.General Administration

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Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation .... $

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund .... $

Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund

(5)

GFB:SK

Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.....Papua.

67-15-61

20th April, 1970

District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

PATROL NO. POROMA 9/69-70.

Your reference 67-3-12 of 3/4/70.

2. I acknowledge with thanks, receipt of Special Report by Mr. N. Wright, A.D.O., of part Foi'i Census Division.

3. Please keep me informed of Mr. Glucksman's final recommendations.

(T. W. Ellis)
Secretary
Department of the Administrator.

c.c. Mr. N. Wright,
Patrol Post,
POROMA.....Southern Highlands District.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-15-6 (4)

Telegrams
Telephone
Our Reference 67-3-12
If calling ask for
Mr.

In Reply
Please Quote
No.

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

3rd April, 1970.

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

POROMA PATROL NO 9 of 1969/70.

Attached are two copies of the above mentioned report.

The Assistant District Commissioners comments are pertinent.

The final recommendations of Mr. J. Glucksmen will be awaited with interest.

D J Clancy

(D.J.CLANCY)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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J. Hornabrook. Chief Archivist. 4/3/87

67-2-3

Department of the Administrator,
NIPA. Southern Highlands.

22nd March, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Department of the Administrator,
MENDI.

Subject:- Poroma Patrol No. 9 -69/70. - Mr. M. Wright, A.D.O..

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

The actual contents of this report is straight forward and requires no further comment.

Attention is drawn to the spelling of village names in accordance with the Village Directory, for example TUJIRI is spelt TUGURI in the official Village Directory and the village KESEKE is known as KESE in the V.D., KERIBO on the Map is spelt KERIBI in the V.D..

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

O.I.C., POROMA.

Reference is made to the Secretary's 67-1-0 of 21st June, 1970 which requires Special Reports to be set out as follows:

DIARY -

SPECIAL REPORT - a. Fisheries Survey:
b. Council Meeting:

SITUATION REPORT - a. Political:
b. Economic:
c. Social:
d. Miscellaneous:

These headings are to appear on every report, in the above order as listed, with the necessary sub-headings under SITUATION REPORT. No matter how short the patrol is a Situation Report is required even if it is covered by one sentence only.

This has been covered under Native Situation but should be recorded under the above headings F.L.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

(1)

Telegrams

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

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

29th January, 1970.

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

Poroma Patrol No.9/1969-70

Part Foi'i Census Division - Special Patrol

This patrol was mounted following a request from the District Rural Development Officer, Mr.J.Wallis, to accompany and assist with local knowledge etc. a fresh water fisheries biologist, from the Department of Agriculture, Stock, and Fisheries research and Survey station at Kamadi, Mr.J.Gluckaman, to Lake Kutubu, where he wished to carry out some experiments and catch various speches of fish.

The purpose of Mr.Gluckaman's visit was to follow up a previous survey carried out in 1962 and make a final decision on the Lake's potential and the possibility of stocking the Lake with fish, taking into the account the diet of the people and the obvious tourist potential of the area.

At present there are five main species of fish to be found in the Lake; gudgeons (glossogobius), hardyheads (craterocephalus lacustris), rainbow fish (rhombosoma goldei), Adamson's grunter (therapon adamsone), and eel tailed catfish (neosiberus). Of these the former three grow to 3-4" in length only, though they are widely eaten by the Lake people. Of the la tter two, the catfish grows up to 2lb in weight and the grunter to about 1lb, both these species are quite edible.

Some time ago golden carp were put in the lake, these have not been a success as they haved proved all but impossible to catch, they would a ppear to be more suited to pond culture.

During the parties stay at the lake Mr.Glucksman carried out several experiments and caught specimens using a gill net and poison.

The gill net excited quite a bit of interest and a number of enquiries were made as to the possibility of purchasing similar nets. It was suggested by Mr.Glucksman that I contact the Fisheries Division of D.A.S.F. who would probably be able to advise me where these nets could be purchased, also they may be able to supply a net to be used to educate people in their use. Mr.Glucksman was of the opinion that the use of nets would have no detrimental effect on the lakes fish population.

Mr.Glucksman hopes to return to the lake in the near future to complete his survey, at which stage he will make final recommendations. These recommendations will be awaited with interest as fish play an important part in the otherwise sago diet of the lake people also, as they trade smoked fish to the people living in the areas adjacent to the lake, a large fast breeding fish could be a good source of revenue for the area and, in the forseeable future, the basis for a small fresh water fishing industry exporting its produce to the larger centers in the District and possibly as far as Mt.Hagen.

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Loca l Government;

A general meeting of the Lake Kutubu Council was held during the patrol, minutes of which have been forwarded through the a ppropriate channels.

This meeting was attended by the District Commissioner, Mr.D.J.Clancy, Mr.Togi Ebial, MHA for Nipa and Mr.Matiabe Yuvi,MHA for Tari and Member of the Committee for Constitutional Development.

Mr.Yuvi addressed the meeting on the duties of his committee and asked for opinions on various points; national flag, voting age,Territory name,ministerial system etc. In most cases the Councillors were in favour of maintainging the status quo.

Mr.Clancy and Mr.Ebial also addressed the meeting on various matters pertaining to the above and other matters relating to the Kutubu area.

Native Situation;

The length of the patrol precludes any searching analysis of the native situation, which, from observation, has maintained a satisfactory level.

The Pimaga strip is progressing well and providing paid employment for quite a large number of people.

Two local court cases and several minor complaints were attended to during the patrol.

Patrol Officer Mr.J.Kabisch will be going to the area in mid January for two months to supervise council projects, including the airstrip and to patrol the Fasu Census Division to advise the people of the pending visit of the B.P. oil company and Kennecott Exploration Company.

Diary;

13th January,1970
0900 Departed Poroma by aircraft for Orokana with Mr.J.Glucksman,Fisheries Biologist,D.A.S.F.
0945 Departed Orokana
1420 Arrived Koseke
1500 Departed Koseke by speedboat.
1545 Arrived Tagiri
Gill net set by Mr.Glucksman,to Imu Mission for discussions with M.. Bale re lake phenomena.
Slept Tagiri.

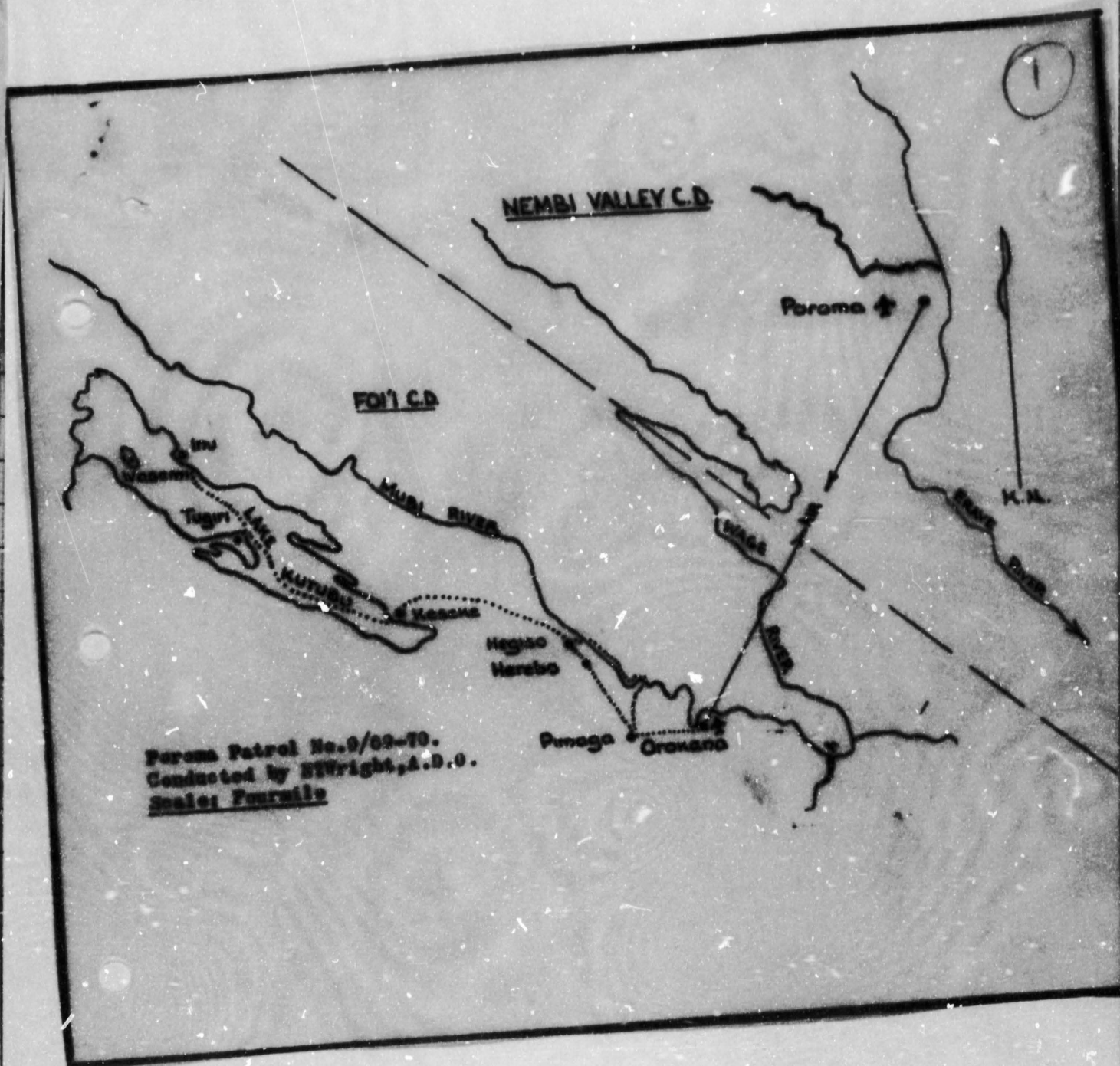
14th Ja nuary

Morning spent with biologist carrying out experiments.
1145 Departed Koseke
1[illegible]00 Arrived Hegisi
Party transferred to canoe on Mubi River.
1630 Arrived Pimaga
Slept Pimaga.

15th January
0945 District Commissioner,Mr.Togi Ebial MHA and Mr.Matiabe Yuvi arrived from Mendi ,returned to Council Chambers, meeting held,inspected strip.
1530 D.C. and party returned to Mendi
Council meeting continued,paid airstrip labour,heard complaints.
Slept Pimaga.

16th January
0830 - 1715 At Orokan awaiting aircraft to return to Poroma
1730 Arrived Poroma.

N.Wright, A.D.O.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FOI'I C.D.
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LAKE
KUTUBU
MUBI RIVER
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Herebo
Pimaga
Orokana
WAGE
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ERAVE
RIVER
Poroma Patrol No.9/69-70.
Conducted by NTWright,A.D.O.
Scale: Fourmile

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. POROMA No. 10 / 1969-70.

Patrol Conducted by J. KABISCH.

Area Patrolled FOI'I AND FASU CENSUS DIVISIONS.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans

Natives 1A.P.O. 1L.G.A. 1 INTERPRETER. 1R.P.N.G.C.

Duration—From 21 /1/1970 to 20/2/1970.

Number of Days 31 Days.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services ...../12./1969.

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

Map Reference FOURMIL OF KUTUBU.

Objects of Patrol 1. TALKS ON MINING EXPLORATION. 2. SUPERVISE CONSTRUCTION PIMAGA AIRSTRIP. 3. CLEARING OF COUNCIL CIRRUS BLOCK. 4. CONSTRUCTION OF AID POSTS.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund .... $.....

Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund ....

GFB:JO

67-15-92

Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

31st July, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

PATROL NO. POROMA 10/69-70.

Your reference 67-3-12 of 2nd July, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report by Mr. J. Kabisch, Patrol Officer, of FOI'I and PASU Census Divisions.

Your covering comments are noted. Please let me have a copy of the Assistant District Commissioner's comments.

Mr. Kabisch's report gives a generally informative picture of the area patrolled. Clearly there is a need for increased political and local government education; however, the poor communications obviously restrict the level of assistance that can be given in this field.

Mr. Gamogab's accompanying report is a worthwhile effort. His comments about explosives under the heading "Recommendations" are noted. To whom is he referring?

A patrol map should have been submitted.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary,
Department of the Administrator.

c.c.
Mr. J. Kabisch,
Patrol Post,
POROMA.
Southern Highlands District.

Mr. P. Gamogab,
Patrol Post,
POROMA.
Southern Highlands District.

67-15-92

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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

2nd July, 1970.

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

PATROL REPORTS POROMA NO 10 of 1969/70.

Attached are copies of the report of the above patrol conducted by Mr. J. Kabisch, Patrol Officer who was accompanied by Mr. P. Gamogab, Trainee Patrol Officer.

The onforwarding of this report was held up waiting for extra copies of the report, as insufficient copies were forwarded in the first instance.

The patrol was carried out well though a large area that is spasely populated and whose Council is low level.

There is a necessity for increased education in the Local Government field both in the role of Councillors and the reason for Local Government in general. Naturally where a council cannot do much in the area the interest of the people cannot be properly raised to a high level of comprehension.

With difficult communications new ideas and concepts do not readily flow.

The eventual completion of Pimaga airstrip will give a better identity to this group of people who are still conscious that Lake Kutubu used to be an Administration Post in this area.

In his report by Mr. Gamogab is interesting in his observations although it is obvious that he will benefit from attending an Political Education Seminar.

(D.J. CLANCY)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

(27) (32)

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POROMA.
Southern Highlands District.

18th April 1970.

Assistant District Comm ssioner,
NIPA.
Southern Highlands District.

POROMA PATROL REPORT No. 10 Of 1969/70.

Attached please find four copies of a supplementary report by Mr. P. Gamogab Patrol Officer.

This is Mr. Gamogabs first formal patrol report. The format of the situation type report has been followed. Mr. Gamogab has obviously gathered his informationin the field and has pr esented his thoughts and opinions in the body of the report. The patrol report is well set out and is a commendable first effort.

The resetting up of the Lake Kutubu Patrol Post or the establishment of a new patrol post is uppermost in the thoughts of the people.

I feel it would be advantageous for this department to arrange formal typing lessons when officers receive their basic training.

For Your information.

J.Kabisch
Patrol Officer.

(26) (55)

67-1-4

Patrol Post,
POROMA
Southern Highlands District.

20th January,1970.

Mr.J.Kabisch,
Patrol Officer,
Patrol Post,
POROMA

Dear John,

Please prepare to depart on patrol to the Foi'i and Fasu Census Divisions on the 21st of January,1970. You will be accompanied by Local Government Assistant Mr.A.Vinoko, who will conduct tax payers meetings and give general council education talks , Trainee Patrol Officer P.Gamogab,Constable Papiani and Interpreter Kunefabu Iorei.

Aircraft have been arranged to transport your party from Poroma to Orokana.

The objects of this patrol are ;-

1. To visit all villages in the Foi'i and Fasu Census Divisions and advise them of the impending visit by Kennicott Exploration to the area to prospect for minerals. Please ensure that you explain fully what is involved and the benefits which can be gained if minerals are found in exploitable quantities. You are referred to the District Commissioner's 35-58-1 of the 11th November,1969 and Lands Circular 67/142 of the 3rd November,1969.

2. Continue construction of Pimaga airstrip as per verbal instructions.

3. Complete clearing of Council citrus block.

4. Commence construction of Council Aid Posts at Horebo, Tagiri and Soreta gi as per verbal instructions.

5.Give politics education talks at every opportunity.

6. Carry out general administration when and where necessary.

Please advise all Councillors that the next meeting of the Lake Kutubu Council will be Wednesday,18th of February. I will be flying to Orokana on that day to conduct the meeting, Mr.Gamogab will return to Poroma on the same day aircraft. Mr.Vinoko will return with me to Poroma on the following day.

At every opportunity pass on any information and advice to Mr.Gamogab which will assist with his training.

You will return to Poroma after the March meeting of the Council, this date will be set after the February meeting.

For your information and action,please.

N.Wright,

Assistant District Officer

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IORGMA PATROL REPORT No. 10 of 1969/70.

SUB DISTRICT	NIPA
DISTRICT	SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS
TYPE OF PATROL	SITUATION REPORT.
PATROL CONDUCTED BY	J.KABISCH
DESIGNATION	PATROL OFFICER
AREA PATROLLED	FOI'I AND FASU OFASUS DIVISIONS
COUNCIL AREA	LAKE KUTUBU LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL.
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL	MR. P.GAMOGAB A.P.O. MR. A VINCKO L.G.A. MR. K IOREI INTERPRETER 1 MEMBER R.P.N.G.C.
DURATION OF PATROL	21-1-70 to 14-3-70. (53 days)
LAST PATROL TO AREA	DECEMBER 1969.
MAP REFERENCE	FOURMIL OF KUTUBU.
OBJECTS OF PATROL.	1.TALKS ON MINING EXPLORATION. 2.SUPERVISE CONSTRUCTION PIN-AGA AIRSTRIP. 3.CLEARING OF COUNCIL CITRUS. BLOCK. 4.CONSTRUCTION OF AID POSTS.

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KOROMA PATROL REPORT No. 10 of 1969/70.

INTRODUCTION.

The main object of this patrol was to visit the Foi'i and Fasu census divisions and give talks on the forthcoming mining and oil company exploration work.

The patrol was accompanied by Mr. A. Vinoke Local Government Assistant who conducted the annual tax payers meetings for the Lake Kutubu Local Governemnt Council. Also with the patrol were Mr. P.Gamogab, Trainee Patrol Officer, one member of the Royal Papuan and New Guinea Constabulary and an interpeter.

After visiting villages in the Foi'i and Fasu census divisions the patrol spent three weeks at Pimaga supervising the continued construction of the Pimaga air trip, clearing of the council citrus block and construction of an aid post at Heribu. Two other aid posts, one at Sorotage and one at Tugiri were not, owing to a shortage of time, started by this patrol.

Apart from this, all objects of the patrol were successfully met.

--- given an afternoon. Slept Menu.

Thursday 5th February 1970. Departed Menu 0815 hours for Tamadigá camp, arriving 1600 hours. Overnight Tamadigá camp.

Friday 6th February 1970. 1000 hrs departed Tamadigi for Kobe per canoe arriving1300 hours. Slept Kobe.

Saturday 7th February 1970. Talks on mining and oil company activities and tax payers meeting conducted 0800 hours to 0930 hours. Departed Kobe 1000 hours for Sorotagá, arriving 1315 hours. Slept Sorotagá.

Sunday 8th February 1970. Observed. Slept Sorotagá

(23) (22)

POROMA PATROL REPORT No. 10 of 1969/70.

DIARY.

Wednesday 21st January 1970. Departed Poroma for Lake Kutubu patrol in four aircraft shuttles. Moved cargo from Orokana to Pimaga. Slept Pimaga.

Thursday 22nd January 1970. Inspected airstrip site, orchard site and talked with supervisor of the work re progress of airstrip construction.

Friday 23d January 1970. Travelled along the road to Lake Kutubu to look at work on roads and bridges. Slept Pimaga

Saturday 24th January 1970. Observed. Slept Pimaga.

Sunday 25th January 1970. Observed. Slept Pimaga.

Monday 26th January 1970. 0900 hours departed Pimaga for Kese arriving 1300 hours. Talks on mining company activities and tax payers meeting conducted in the afternoon. Slept Kese.

Tuesday 27th January 1970. 0800 hours departed kese for Tugiri per outboard motor. Arrived Tugiri 1000 hours. Courtesy visit paid to Mission. New police house built in afternoon and early evening as old house insanitary. Slept Tugiri.

Wednesday 28th January 1970. Conducted tax payers meeting and gave talks on mining and oilcompany activities in morning. Departed Tugiri for Wasemi 1000 hours, arriving at 1200 hours. Talks on mining and oil company activities given in afternoon. Tax payers meeting conducted. Slept Wasemi.

Thursday 29th January 1970. Departed Wasemi for road head per outboard motor at 0800 hrs. Departed road head for Kaipu at 0930 hours, arriving Kaipu at 1330 hours. Tax payers meeting conducted and talks given on mining and oil company activities in afternoon. Slept Kaipu.

Friday 30th January 1970. 0730 hours departedKaipu for overnight camp at Papato. Arrived Papato 1330 hours. Slept Papato.

Saturday 31st January 1970. 0730 hours departed Papato for Iorogabai'iu arriving 1430 hours. Slept Iorogabai'iu.

Sunday 1st February 1970. Observed. Slept Iorogabai'iu.

Monday 2nd February 1970. Talks given on Mining and oil exploration and tax payers meeting conducted till 1030 hours. 1030 hours departed for Hebai'iu, arriving 1230 hours. Talks given on mining and oil company activities, and tax payers meeting conducted in afternoon. Slept Iorogabai'iu

Tuesday 3d February 1970. Departed Hebai'iu 0800 hours for Ai'iu, arriving 0930 hours. Tax payers meeting and talks on mining and oil company activities given in afternoon. Slept Ai'iu.

Wednesday 4th February 1970. 0815 hours departed Ai'iu for Manu arriving 0915 hours. Tax payers meeting, talks on mining and oil company activities given in afternoon. Slept Manu.

Thursday 5th February 1970. Departed Manu 0815 hours for Tamadigi camp, arriving 1600 hours. Overnight Tamadigi camp.

Friday 6th February 1970. 1000 hrs departed Tamadigi for Kobe per canoe arriving1300 hours. Slept Kobe.

Saturday 7th February 1970. Talks on mining and oil company activities and tax payers meeting conducted 0800 hours to 0930 hours. Departed Kobe 1000 hours for Sorotagi, arriving 1315 hours. Slept Sorotagi.

Sunday 8th February 1970. Observed. Slept Sorotagi

POROMA PATROL REPORT No. 10 of 1969/70.

DAIRY. (Continued).

Monday 9th February 1970. 0800 hours to 0930 hours talks given on mining and oil company activities and tax payers meeting conducted. Rest of day spent in clearing aid post site and groups sent out to cut posts for building. Slept Sorotagi.

Tuesday 10th February 1970. 0800 hours departed Sorotagi for Kafa, arriving 1130 hours. Afternoon gave talks on mining and oil company exploration. Tax payers meeting conducted. Slept Kafa.

Wednesday 11th February 1970. Stayed at Kafa and heard numerous complaints. Slept Kafa.

Thursday 12th February 1970. 0740 hours departed Kafa for Pimaga arriving 1130 hours. Checked work on citrus block and airstrip in afternoon. Slept Pimaga.

Friday

Friday 13th February 1970. Pimaga, Getagaipu, Damai'iu, Tuuhugu, Eragahugu, Herebu, Baurutagi and Hegiso assembled at council house for talks on mining and oil company activities and to attend tax payers meeting in morning. Yomesi, Marabai'iu, Dogoabri, Ipigi, assembled for same talks in afternoon. Slept Pimaga.

Saturday 14th February 1970. Observed. Slept Council House Pimaga.

Sunday 15th February 1970. Observed Slept Pimaga.

Monday 16th February 1970. Supervised work on airstrip and citus block. Inspected drainage syutem for airstrip in afternoon. Heard court cases in evening. Slept Pimaga.

Tuesday 17th February 1970. Supervised work on airstrip. Slept Pimaga.

Wednesday 18th February 1970. Supervised work on airstrip. Slept Pimaga.

Thursday 19th February 1970. With A.D.C., Nipa and A.D.O., Poroma to airstrip site. Attended council meeting in afternoon. Slept Pimaga.

Friday 20th February 1970. Supervised work on airstrip. started preparing citrus block for seed planting. Arranged to get equipment from Orokana to Pimaga. Distributed seeds and coconuts to councillors. Paid labourers in afternoon. Slept Pimaga.

Saturday 21st February 1970. Observed. Slept Pimaga.

Sunday 22nd February 1970. 1330 hours to Orokana to meet P.W.D. inspection party. Inspected airstrip construction and departed 1630 hours. Slept Pimaga.

Monday 23d February 1970. 0330 hours to airstrip to check on work. 0930 hours to Heribu to start work on Aid Post construction. Area marked out for stump positions by lunch time. 1300 hours to 1430 hours cutting out ant caps at Orokana Mission. Returned to Heribu with ant caps, and rechecked stump positions. Returned to Pimaga. Slept Pimaga.

Tuesday 24th February 1970. 0800 hours to 1030 hours at airstrip checking drainage. 1030 hours to 1200 hours at heribu aligning stumps. All ~~posts stood in ground~~ and levelling of tops of posts begun. 1300 hours to ~~1600 hours levelling complet~~ and positioning of bearers begun.

Wednesday 25th February 1970. 0800 hours to 0900 hours at airstrip checking labour. 0900 hour to 1200 hours at Heribu. All posts stood in ground and levelling of tops of posts begun. 1300 hours to 1600 hours levelling of tops complet d and positioning of bearers begun. Slept Pimaga.

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POROMA PATROL REPORT No. 10 of 1969/70/

DAIRY.(Continued).

Thursday 26th February 1970. 0800 to 0900 hours at airstrip. 0900 hours to 1200 hours and 1300 hours to 1530 hours bearers and runners completed and rear wall started. Slept Pimaga.

Friday 27th February 1970. 0800 to 1200 hours and 1300 to 1600 hours at Heribu. Rear wall completed and front wall started. Slept Pimaga.

Saturday 28th February 1970. Observed. Slept Pimaga.

Sunday 1st March 1970. Observed. Slept Pimaga.

Monday 2nd March 1970. At Heribu front and two end walls completed.

Tuesday 3d March 1970. Completed two internal wall and started gables for roofing. Slept Pimaga.

Wednesday 4th March 1970. Gables completed and started roofing. Slept Pimaga.

Thursday 5th March 1970. Roofing completed and all flooring cut to size. Afternoon inspected progress on airstrip. Slept Pimaga.

Friday 6th March 1970. Planed flooring and constructed steps. Limbom walls trimmed to size. General clean up of vegetation in the immediate vicinity of the aid post. Slept Pimaga.

Saturday 7th March 1970. Observed. Slept Pimaga.

Sunday 8th March 1970. Observed. Slept Pimaga.

Monday 9th March 1970. Completed rear outside wall of aid post, set up door and window frames. Self and interpreter to Kese 4e per motor cycle to inspect roads and bridges work. Slept Pimaga.

Tuesday 10th March 1970. End wall and half front wall covered with Limbom. Door made and fitted and windows started. Internal walls of sago blind started.Slept Pimaga.

Wednesday 11th March 1970. Front wall and second end wall lined with limbom. Facia boards placed. Slept Pimaga.

Thursday 12th March 1970. Attended Council Meeting. Slept Pimaga.

Friday 13th March 1970. Awaiting air transport from Orokana to Poroma. Slept Orokana.

Saturday 14th March 1970. Transported from Orokana to Poroma per aircraft. Slept Poroma.

PATROL STOOD DOWN.

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A. POLITICAL.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

1. The Lake Kutubu Local Government Council has been in existence for some four years now, However due to limited finance, its presence, apart from name, has hardly been felt in the area, particularly in the Fasu census division. In spite of this, the concept of Local Government is well received in both census divisions.

2. At each village visited by the patrol, a tax payers meeting was held to discuss the forth-coming years tax rate. For the past four years the tax rate has remained static at 50¢ for men and 20¢ for women. During this patrol however, tax rate suggestions varried from $1.00 for men and 50c/ for women to $3.00 for men and the women be exempt from tax. This represents suggested overall increases from over 100% to over 400% increase in the tax rate. This indicates an awakening in their attitude towards the council and an awareness that for a strong council to be established there is a need for an inflow of capital.

3. At a meeting of the Lake Kutubu Local Government Council later during the patrols visit to the area, a tax rate of $1.00 for men and 50¢ for women was established. This will double the councils revenue from tax and should enable the council to make some positive steps in establishing its self in the area.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILLORS.

4. Unfortunately there is a tendency for most councillors to be dictatorial in their approach to their job. One councillor was warned in the strongest terms to keep his hands to himself. The villager involved in the assault did not lay a complaint to the patrol and so no charge was brought about. This I think indicates also that to a certain extent the average villager is afraid of the councillor or afraid of reprisals the councillor may bring. Where incidents such as described above were brOUGHT TO THE PATROLS NOTICE, steps were taken to explain to both the councillor and the people that a councillor had no power to assault people when they disobeyed him.

5. Steps were also taken to explain in each village and to the councillors the correct way in which to conduct themselves and where and when their authority stopped.

6. The people have little desire to differ the councillor/villager relationship. They are quite content to allow ' what ever the council says is good enough for us' attitude to prevail. This partic-

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ULar aspect was emphasised in the tax payers meetings, where, after the councillor had had his say, the people would remain silent, and only after repeated requests that everyone should have a say because it was after all their meeting, that a few of the more bold would add anything to the discussion.

7. Constant patrolling with an emphasis on Local Government talks by future patrols should ensure a changing attitude by the councillors and an awareness of the aims and means of local government.

8. A small section of the community complained to the patrol that some councillors showed no interest in being councillors except for the prestige value. They further complained that these councillors swayed and bent to every whim and want in the village and showed no aptitude for the job with which they were entrusted. I do not find this difficult to believe, and this attitude is not confined to the Lake Kutubu Local Government Council. Pains were taken by the patrol to explain to these people that they were, after all, the electors of the councillors and the only way to overcome this problem was to elect a new councillor at the next elections.

9. In general however, most councillors appear keen about their jobs even if they do not have a very good idea what their job really entails.

10. As mentioned above, constant patrolling and educational talks on the subject of Local Government will improve this situation.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

11. Most people in the area have heard of the House of Assembly, but are fairly vague as to what it does. This is discussed more fully in the Political Education section.

The peoples' knowledge of the House of Assembly varied considerably from area to area. Those near the Council House had a clearer idea than those in the Fasu Census Division. This is probably brought about by the visits to the council house and nearby villages by the member for Nipa Mr. Tegi E'bial.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBERS.

13. Mr. E'bial has made several visits to the area in the immediate vicinity of the council house. However he has not ventured

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past the lake and consequently is practically unknown in the lower Foi'i and Fasu census divisions. It would indeed take a keen person to treck over that particular area for the sake of a few hundred votes.

14. Mr. Matiabe Yuwe attended a council meeting at Pimaga to explain and investigate constitutional development. To date this has been his only visit.

POLITICAL EDUCATION.

15. This patrol was accompanied by a Local Government Assistant to conduct tax payers meetings in each village. It was then expediant that the main theme of political education was local government, its aims and functions.

16. Prior to each discussion on forth-coming tax rates a long discussion was held with assembled villagers. In this discussion the patrol pointed out what had previously been achieved by the council on the finances which were available. It then pointed out what more might be achieved with more finance available.

17. The patrol gave talks on what the duties of a councillor were, when and where his authority ended. This was aimed at both the councillor, so he would not overstep his authority, and the people, so that they might rightly get from the councillor services to which they were entitled.

18. Due to what appeared to be a disinterest in the tax-payers meetings, the patrol explained the reason for holding them and pointed out that each person was entitled to have his say, and that by not doing so they may be liable to commit themselves to a higher tax rate than they can afford or wish to pay. It was stated that it was not much point in arguing for a different tax rate because the villages before had voted for a specific tax rate. It was then pointed out that each councillor brought his village's view to the council house and a vote was taken to see which rate had the most supporters. If these people decided on a particular tax rate there may be several villages yet to be visited which would agree with their own tax rate, so their decission would be important in the overall result.

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19. The fact that the people could infact influence the tax rate created a certain ammount of interest and then some people expressed their opinions, and finally overall three different tax rates throughout the area were suggested. The general theme of tax rate discussions was that to improve the area more tax money would need to be paid. As stated previously the tax rate was raised to $1.00 for men, from 50¢ and 50¢ for women from 20¢, an overall rise of over 100%.

20. During discussions on exploration work, the term 'government'8 was used in various aspects of the talk. It became apparent that the people in the area had no conception of the 'government'. To them it was some alien body with which they were not associated. The Patrol briefly outlined the way in which people elected members to the House of Assembly, how the members met in Pt. Moresby, had debates and made laws for the country. It was shown how the people themselves were responsible for the laws of the land country and how they ran the country through their elected spokesmen the Members of the House of Assembly.

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B.ECONOMIC.

GENERAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

Rural development at this stage is dependant soley upon communications. The Lake Kutubu Local Government Council is presently constructing an airstrip with the aid of rural development funds. This should to some extent assist the people of this isolated area to get their produce to market, probabaly Mendi. There appears little chance of a road connecting Orokana to Poroma thence Mendi as the country between Orokana and Poroma is quite inhospitable.

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22. Within the patrol areas of the Fasu and Foi'i census divisions there are very few roads and little chance of many more being constructed. The road from Orokana to Lake Kutubu is now open to motor bikes, with all rivers bridged. Between villages which lie in valleys tracks have been constructed which could be up graded to vehicular roads, but roads joining one valley to the next over the mountains are quite improbable. The majority of these mountains have large outcrops of limestone through which the making of a road is next to impossible without explosives and heavy machinery.

ACTIVITIES OF DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS.

23.The Lake Kutubu Council has just finished clearing an area of ground in which it intends establishing a citrus industry. Once this area is ready for planting it would be advantageous for an officer of the Department of Agriculture, stock and Fisheries to spend some time at the council's block to ensure that the trees are correctly planted and the industry gets off to a good start. At this time a small nursey could be established which would be later used to furnish local villages with supplies of citrus fruits. When the time has come for this village extention it would be necessary for an officer of D.A.S.F. to spend considerable time in the area assisting these p people.

24.Apart from this suggestion for future development there is nothing to comment upon development departments as there are none established in the area.

PROCESSING AND MARKETING.

25. Fresh foods are marketed to patrols which pass through the area.

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26. Tigasse oil, tapped from a variety of tree is marketed all over the Southern Highlands. The council has voted a sum of money with which to purchase this oil at Foroma. However much of the oil is sold to Nipa and Mendi directly by the producers.

27. Bird feathers are sold to some extent to other highland areas as are cassowaries, both bringing high prices.

VILLAGE CASH CROP EXTENTION.

28. As stated under Activities of Developmental Departments, the council is establishing a citrus industry in the area. At this stage the project is a future consideration, but a worth while one, and could be the start of a flourishing and financially sound cash crop.

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C.SOCIAL.

EDUCATION.

29. Education facilities are provided by the U.F.M. at Orokana and Inu Mission stations.

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30. Orokana has again this year only up to standard ~~five~~ four. This was brought about because the mission was unable to secure another teacher to commence standard five. Standard fours from last year were sent to Tari to further their education.

31. Inu Mission has up to standard three. Mr. Rule is still trying to complete an additional classroom from timber purchased from the defunct Kutubu Patrol Post. The timber is presently at the mission station and it is hoped that building will commence shortly.

32. With the introduction of the national education scheme I doubt very much wether another school is warranted near the council house site near Pimaga. Mr. Hicks O.I.C., Orokana Mission has stated that 82% of eligable children are enrolled at school this year. No doubt many of the 18% remaining are unwilling to attend. I feel sure that the mission would take all the children of school age that were willing to attend.

HEALTH

33. Health within the area during the patrols visit was good. The council has four aid posts in the area. One at Herebu, of permanant materials was newly constructed by this patrol. Aid posts at Tugiri, Sorotage and Hebai'iu are of native materials. The aid posts at Tugiri and Sorotage are to be shortly replaced by permanant materials buildings. The aid post at Hebai'iu remains unstaffed. It is hoped that this situation will shortly be rectified.

34. The mission stations at Inu and Orokana provide medical care to the needy and have a good range of medicine to dispense. Medical supplies for the council aid posts can now be procured at Orokana, saving four days walk for the people carrying the medicine.

35. When the aid post at Hebai'iu is staffed all the people in the area will have ready access to medical centres.

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LAW AND ORDER.

36. Five cases resulting in detention were heard by the patrol during its stay in the field. Many civil disputes were arbitrated, involving mainly non-payments of bride pride.

37. The disputes mentioned in previous patrol reports between the mission at Orokana and the local people were not noticed by this patrol. Although no ill-feeling was noticed, it could easily arise, as many disputes are taken to the Mission for settlement. Whilst it is to my knowledge quite legal for any body to arbitrate on a dispute, I have no doubt at times the mission does become involved in disputes which should be bought before a magistrate. If suggestions or orders were issued by the mission, offending one party, it could quite easily cause ill-feeling.

38. I feel that many of the disputes are taken to the mission as there is no resident member of D.D.A. in the Kutubu area and it is two days walk to Poroma.

39. Mr. Hicks and I talked at some length on troubles arising at Orokana and I suggested to him that the most amiable solution was for D.D.A. staff only to become involved in the local disputes.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

The only service provided by the government, apart from administering the council is a monthly banking service provided by the C.I.C. Poroma on his visits to Orokana as adviser to the Council. This service is taken advantage of by the local population.

MISSIONS

40. There are two mission stations in the area. One is situated at Orokana and provides the services of a trade store educational and medical facilities as well as spiritual guidande. This mission also runs a herd of some 25 cattle. Milk from the herd is made available to the locals. Thsi is apparently well received.

41. The second station is at Inu, situated near the old Lake Kutubu Patrol Post, next to Lake Kutubu. Again this station provides a trade store, Medical and educational facilities. The station also boasts an finboard motor-driven boat.

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There are two S.I.L. women based at Kaipu, recording the local language. They were at the time of the patrol at Manu extending their knowledge of village-to-village variations of the Lodal dialect.

42. Catechedists are scattered at various villages in both census divisions.

CULTS AND UNREST.

43. No cults were noticed by the patrol.

44.The only unrest is the very strong feeling by the people that the Administration has deserted them. This is indeed a very isolated area and I think it will be a long time before the peoples' attitude change.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES.

45. These are non-existent in the area. However a select group are taught sewing by the U.F.M. at Orokana. There are three local girls employed by the mission at Orokana as domestic servants. These girls are taught the basics of cooking and laundry etc. while they are employed.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Pimaga Airstrip.

46.At the time of the Patrol's departure plans for the construction of the airstrip were still not to hand. Consequently the patrol only supervised the continued clearing of the airstrip site and the digging of drains on the outer perimeter of the airstrip. Filling of an erosioned section of the airstrip was completed by the patrol.

Citrus Block.

47. The clearing of this block was completed while the patrol was at Pimaga.

48. Several hundred seeds were planted on this block to enable the starting of a sericulture project at Pimaga. It will be approximately five months before the tree leaves are ready for silk worm feeding.

Oil and Mining Company Activities.

49. At each village visited talks on the above were

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Mining and Oil Company Activities.

given. Considerable time was spent explaining all the implications of the exploration work. This was well received by the people. Benefits which could be derived from full scale operation were also explained. This too was well received by the people, as they feel it could be one way of them becoming less isolated.

50. As suggested in the lands circular 67/142, certain individuals did not readily accept that minerals were state owned. Their attitude was that the top of the groud was theirs and so is what is underneath the ground. They were especially strong on this point in relation to oil discoveries. Apparently there are small oil seepages in the ar a and their argument is that they discovered the oil and it should be theirs.

51. These people were in a minority in all villages visited, and were in the main semi-educated villagers who had travelled out of the area. They were overruled by the elders of the villages who seemed to accept quite readily the concept of state-ownership of minerals. It was impressed upon the dissenters that they had neither the resources the knowledge or the finance to even find the minerals let alone mine them and process them. At this point the benefits of commercial operation were again pointed out to the people and the minority grudgingly accepted that for the benefit of the area it was best for state ownership of minerals.

J.Kabisch

Patrol Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR
7 JUL 1970
KONEDOBU

SUB DISTRICT	NIPA.
DISTRICT	SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS.
TYPE OF PATROL	SITUATION REPORT.
PATROL CONDUCTED BY	J.KABISCH.
DESIGNATION	PATROL OFFICER.
AREA PATROLLED	FOI'I AND FASU CENSUS DIVISIONS.
COUNCIL AREA	LAKE KUTUBU LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL.
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL	MR. P.GAMOGAB A.P.O MR. A.VINOKO L.G.A MR. K.IORRI INTERPRETER & MEMBER R.P.N.G.C
DURATION OF PATROL	21-1-70 to 20-2-70. (31 DAYS).
LAST PATROL TO AREA	DECEMBER 1969.
MAP REFERENCE	FOURMIL OF KUTUBU.
OBJECTS OF PATROL	1. TALKS ON MINING EXPLORATION. 2. SUPERVISE CONSTRUCTION PIMAGA AIRSTRIP. 3. CLEARING OF COUNCIL CITRUS BLOCK. 4. CONSTRUCTION OF AID POSTS.

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PENDE GAMOGAB.
TRAINEE PATROL OFFICER.

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=OF FASU AND FOI'I CENSUS DIVISIONS.

DIARY.

Wednesday.
21.1.70. - 0745 Hours reported to the Office and cargo weighed 1100 hours left Poroma on TAL, arrived Orokana at 1200 hours. Walked to Pimaga Council Chambers. In the afternoon went to see the work in the Council citrus Block and Airstrip.
Overnight Pimaga.

Thursday
22.1.70. - 0800 Hours supervised work in the Citrus Block.0900H Hrs Went to the Airstrip with J.Kabisch and assembled wheelbarrows. After lunch worked in the citrus Block til 1600 hours. Overnight Pimaga Council Chambers.

Friday
23.1.70. - ~~1x~~ 0930 Hours supervised work in the Airstrip til 1245 hrs. 1310 Hours supervised work in the Citrus Block til 1600 Hrs. Overnight Pimaga Council Chambers.

Saturday
24.1.70. - Arbitrated or ~~xxx xx~~ watched the hearing of the Civil Complaints. Overnight Pimaga Council Chambers.

Sunday
25.1.70. - Observed . Overnight Pimaga Council Chambers.

Monday
26.1.70. - 0800 Hours got Carriers for Patrol. 0900Hrs left Pimaga for Keseke. On the ~~way~~ to Keseke, a Patrol went to a village and found the girl dead, killed by a falling sago palm. Proceeded arriving Keseke at 1300 Hrs. Afternoon gave talks on Mining, conducted Council Tax Payers Meeting and Carriers Paid. Overnight Keseke.

Tuesday
27.1.70. - 0800 Hours left Keseke on the outboard motor. Arrived Tugiri at 1000 hours. 1030 hours courteousy visit to Iau Unevangelised Fields Mission. 1300 hours returned to Tugiri. Constructed new Police Rest House. Carriers paid. Overnight Tugiri Rest House.

Wednesday
28.1.70. - 0830 Hours informed councillor of Council Meeting. Gathered local villagers at Tugiri. Talks on Mining and conducted Council Tax Payers Meeting til 1000 hours. 1100 Hours departed Tugiri arriving Wasami 1200 hours. 1200 hours gave talks on Mining, conducted Council Tax Payers Meeting, til 1600 hours. Carriers paid. Watched hearing of civil complaints til 1830 hours. Overnight Wasami.

Thursday
29.1.70. - Departed Wasami at 0800 hours arriving Kaipu at 1330hours. Afternoon gave talks on mining, conducted Council Tax Payers Meeting. Carriers paid. Watched hearing of the civil complaints til 1830 hours. Overnight Kaipu.

Friday
30.1.70. - 0730 Hours departed Kaipu arriving~~xx~~ Papato(Bush Camp) at 1530 hours. Carriers paid. Camped Overnight Papato.

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Saturday
31.1.70. - 0730 Hours departed Papato arriving Iorogobai'iu 1430hours. Carriers paid. Overnight Iorogobai'iu Rest House.

Sunday
1.2.70. - Observed. Watched the hearing of civil complaints. Overnight Iorogobai'iu Rest House.

Monday
2.2.70. - 0830 Hours at Iorogobai'iu gave talks on mining, conducted Council Tax Payers Meeting. 1030hours departed Iorogobai'iu arrived Hebai'iu 1230 hours. Afternoon gave talks on mining and conducted Tax payers meeting, til 1630 hours. Carriers paid. Overnight Hebai'iu Rest house.

Tuesday
3.2.70. - 0800Hours departed Hebai'iu, passed through Hedinia arriving Ai'iu at 1200 hours. Watched in settlement of civil complaints. Carriers paid. Gave talks on mining, conducted Council Tax payers meeting. Overnight Ai'iu Rest House.

Wednesday
4.2.70. - 0815 Hours departed Ai'iu arriving Manu 0915 hours. Afternoon gave talks on mining conducted Council Tax Payers meeting. Carriers paid . Watched settlement of civil complaints. Overnight Manu Rest House.

Thursday
5.2.70. - 0815 Hours departed Manu arriving Tamatigi (Bush Camp) at 1600 hours. Carriers paid . Camped Overnight at Tamatigi.

Friday
6.2.70. - 1000 Hours departed Tamatigi on canoes, arriving Kobe at 1300 hours. Paddlers paid. Overnight Kobe Rest House.

Saturday
7.2.70. - 0800 Hours at Kobe talks on mining and conducted Council tax payers meeting, til 0930 hours. 1000 Hours departed Kobe on canoe arriving Sorotage 1315 hours. Carriers paid. Overnight Sorotage Rest House.

Sunday
8.2.70. - Observed and Overnight Sorotage Rest House.

Monday
9.2.70. - 0800 Hours gathered localvillagers at Sorotage and talks on mining, conducted Council Tax Payers meeting, til 0930 hours. Supervised work in the new Aid Post site and renovating of the Rest House. Knocked off at 1600 hours. 1630 Hours watched the settling of civil complaints til 1900 hours. Overnight Sorotage Rest House.

Tuesday
10.2.70. - 0800 Hours departed Sorotage and arrived Kapa at 1130 hours. After lunch gave talks on mining, conducted Council Tax Payers Meeting. Watched settlement of civil complaints. Overnight Kapa Rest House.

Wednesday
11.2.70. - At Kapa Watched the settlement of civil complaints. Overnight Kapa Rest House.

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Thursday
12.2.70. - 0740 Hours departed Kapo arriving Pimaga Council House at 1130 hours. Afternoon supervised work in the Citrus Block and the work in the airstrip til 1600 hours. Overnight Pimaga Council House.

Friday
13.2.70. - In the morning gathered local villagers from Pimaga, Genagaipu, Damai'iu, Tunuhugu, Herobo, Baurutage, and Hegimo at Pimaga Council House. Gave talks on mining, conducted Council Tax Payers Meeting. In the afternoon, gathered villagers villagers of Iomesi, Harabai'iu, Dugobari, Ipigi, and Kragahugu. Gave talks on mining, conducted Council Tax Payers Meeting til 1630hours. 1700 Hours watched settlement of civil complaints. Overnight Pimaga.

Saturday
14.2.70. - Observed. Overnight Pimaga Council Chambers.

Sunday
15.2.70. - Observed. Overnight Pimaga Council House.

Monday
16.2.70. - In the morning supervised work in the Citrus Block and airstrip and airstrip til lunch. After lunch, again and supervised work in the Citrus Block and Airstrip til 1530 hours. 1600 Hours watched the settlement of civil complaints til 1745 hours. Overnight Pimaga.

Tuesday
17.2.70. - Supervised work in the Citrus Block and Airstrip. Overnight Pimaga.

Wednesday
18.2.70. - Waited at Orokana Mission Airstrip for the plane until 1730 hours. No plane returned to Pimaga. Overnight Pimaga Council House.

Thursday
19.2.70. - 0800 Hours went to the Airstrip with A.D.C Nipa, A.D.O Poroma, J.Kabisch. After lunch attended the Lake Kutubu Council meeting at Pimaga Council Chambers. Overnight Pimaga.

Friday
20.2.70. - Left Orokana on TAL at 1400 hours arriving Poroma at 1415 hours.

END OF THE PATROL.

Gamogab

PENDE GAMOGAB.

TRAINEE PATROL OFFICER.

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INTRODUCTION.

The object of the Patrol was to visit the villages in the Lake Kutubu Council area, comprising the Foi'i and Fasu Census Divisions and to inform the people of Kennicott's visit to the area.

The Patrol also conducted Tax Payers Meeting and performed any administrative function in compliance with the verbal instructions.

The Patrol was conducted by JOHN KABISCH (P.O), accompanied by PENDE GAMOGAB(T.P.O& Writer), ANDREW YINOKO (L.G.A), KONEYABU YORE (Interpreter), and PAPIANI a member of the Royal Papua-New Guinea Constabulary.

The Patrolling took place on the area within the co-ordinates 143-144 degrees longitudes and approximately 5-6 degrees latitudes and itôs located on the foothills of the Papua-New Guinea Central Cordillera at a altitude on the vacinity of 2000-3,000feet above sea level.

Topogarphy.

The area is monotonously mountainous with jagged limestone peaks and ridges, deep gorges, rigid slopes with chasms, sago swamps on the slopes and very thin covering of soil due to the continueous process of mountain and slope erosion. Walking on the country of such terrain is very tough and not really enjoyable.

I would classify the Soil types under three catagories. Chernozem found on the mountains, slopes and ridges. Alluvium found on the flood-plains,river banks and creeks. The third and the last type of soil is a soil formed from fragments of eroded and weathered rocks. This last soil type is found anywhere where the two previous soil types are found.

Vegetation.

The area Patrolled has predominance of Tropical Rainforest. The vegetation ranges from scrubs and bushes to the trees of a mountainous Rainforest canopy.

Climate.

Rainfall is usually fairly heavy and falls late in the afternoon or at night. At this time of the year, the area is affected by South West Westerlies. Both the highlands and the lowlands or the coastal climates are experienced here. Usually the days are warm and the nights are cool.
Ground in the forest during most of the times lyes wet and muddy, the sun cannot penetrate through the forest canopy to the [redacted]t forest floor.

Prevalance of Fauna , Insects and birds of all sorts including the bird of paradise and cassowaries.

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INHABITANTS.

The area is sparsely populated and it has an even distribution of people. Most people live in villages as a group and most villages are located on the banks of Mubi River, and along the shores of Lake Kutubu.

People are poor, unsophisticated economically, educationally, and politically in comparasion to the people of the other parts of the Territory. However comparing this group with their nearest neighbours(people of Poroma area),they would be better off socially. Besides Sago being their staple food, they grow vegetables, yams, bananas, groundnuts,potatoes,and fruit.
Plenty of wild animals supply meat for the area. Wild animals are hunted more for the meat than for the purpose of taming.

This area is now under the Lake kutubu Local Goverament, and it's administered from Poroma Patrol Post. The only means of access to Poroma is by foot about two to three full days walking, and about twenty minutes flying in an aeroplane.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

This area came under Local Government in 1966 with the establishment of the Lake Kutubu Local Government,which comprises the Foi'i and Fasu Census units. Now this Council is in itsm fourth year of operation. Atthis sta ge there is no real capital work or project being completed by the Council. However very recently it had undertaken two major projects, namely the Pimaga Council Airstrip and the Citrus Block . Also at this stage the council Should be praised for the grant of free medication to the villages, though none of the proposed Aid Post have actually being built. The Patrol by Law conducted Tax Payers Meeting, and assessed the opinion of the people before the meeting of the full Council at Pimaga.

COUNCILLORS.

All of the Councillors are illiterate persons with the exception of the Council President and the Council Vice President who through personal observation showed some knowledge of the Council work . Councillors are respected and obeyed by the villagersmm as their leaders. But people loose interest on them when they do such things as hearing court cases which is logically wrong in the opinions of the people and in the eyes of the Law. Because of illiteracy most of the councillors do not fully understand the overall work of the Council,and Political Education in here can only be taught Orally.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

This area is under NIPA OPEN ELECTORATE and is represented in the House Of Assembly by the elected member- TEGI EBI'IAL. People are vague on Politics and the Officers within the Administrator's Department in the Division of District Administration have and are still endeavouring with great difficulties in conducting regular Patrols around the area , so as to remedy the situation . TEGI has conducted Patrol around this area and has informed the people of his roll in the House of Assembly. TEGI also told the people or spoke to the people about the Goverament.

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POLITICAL EDUCATION.

Administrator's Department is engaged in modifying the primitive village Organization to Western form of Local Government. The Officers concerned in the Division of the District Administration, are the Patrol Officers and the Assistant District Officers. Our job is to introduce, elaborate and implement the functions of the Local Government, and educate the people in the Field of Political Education to the level where the people themselves will undertake and control the operation of the Local Government.
People are interested in the Local Government Council, but seem to oppose the idea of raising the current Tax Rate. This was shown by the fact that during Tax Payers Meeting most people voted against the raising of the Council Tax for this year.
They seem parochial and think of individual family welfare and wealth important than that of a Community. Preferential system of voting was and is still used in both the Council and the House of Assembly Elections.

ECONOMICS.

A/- General Rural Development.

There is no Business of a commercial venture being undertaken by the indigeneous of the area. However the Unevangelised Fields Mission and the Lake Kutubu Local Government have strived with difficulty in improving the economy of the area. Firstly the Council is constructing four thousand feet Airstrip at Pimaga, which has to be finished about the end of June.
The Council simultaneously has a Citrus Block, which is about five acres in area. Work on the Citrus Block is completed and is to be planted with citrus seeds immediately after the assistance and Consultation of the Agricultural Officer.
Mission developments will be discussed under Mission.
Department of Agriculture Stocks and Fisheries is now merely an Advisery Body.

B/- Market and Process.

There is no processing plant in the area being patrolled, as mentioned previously that no one or no one group has undertaken a business of a commercial venture. People of the area have no cash crop. However people of this region sell plumbs, of birds, cascus furs, Oil(sap of a tree), to the people of higher Southern Highlands. It is this that supports the present Cash Economy of this particular area.

C/- Village Cash Crop Extension.

There is practically no village cash crop extension activity on the area being patrolled. Council has cleared some five acres at Pimaga. It will be planted with citrus seeds, and if it succeeded then later it will send out seeds, to the villages to be grown in the gardens which will be subsidery cash crop (product) to the nucleus at Pimaga.

ECONOMICS (Continued).

D/- Non-Indigeneous Development.

The only Non-Indigeneous sector of the community which endeavours developing the economy of the area would be the Unevangelised Fields Mission Missionaries. Unevangelised Fields Mission has monopolised this area and has Stores, Aid Post, and cattle paddocks at Orokana, Inu and Wabo. The cattle paddocks at Orokana and Inu are experimental paddocks. These paddocks were installed to find and produce a suitable breed for the future cash economy of that area.

While Tage existed an important Administrative Post for governing of the whole District of Southern Highlands, Administration for the operation of that station constructed airstrip at Moro and made Tage a station. With headquarters at Tage, rest of the District was opened . Administration loose its interest and neglected the station with the establishment of new Administrative Headquarters for Southern Highlands District at Mendi. Now the station of Tage is a ghost station. Moro airstrip has been renovated and it's used by the Unevangelised Fields Mission.

Unevangelised Fields Mission too has a sawmill at Orokana. Sawn timber is sold to the Council and the surplus is used in building of classrooms at the Mission Primary T School at Orokana. Kennicotts and B.P Company have just began carrying out minor geological surveys.

SOCIAL.

A/- Education.

As Unevangelised Fields Mission is the only denomination in the area, it has the monopoly of Schools in the area. Classes are conducted in local vanicular for the first two years of Mission education. However the two bigger missions Primary T Schools at Orokana and Inu conduct their classes in English from Prep to standard four, and at Inu English is taught from Prep to standard Two. The Unevangelised Fields Mission at Inu intends to put up standard Three this year with the construction of a new classroom which is to be built with the financial assistance of $100.00 by Kutubu Council.

The teachers for the schools are employed by the Mission. Some of the teachers at Orokana and Inu possess the educational qualification of "Intermediate Certificate".

Mature persons are educationally unsophisticated known by the fact that through the fact that they can't read or write in local or foreign vanicular. Most children eligible for schooling don't want to attend Mission schools. A few interested children from each village attend some of the mission schools mentioned previously. Pupils who gain good passes at the final standard four examinations are sent to do standard five at Awaba in the Western District.

SOCIAL.(Continued).

B/- Health.

At present medical services are provided by the Unevangelised Fields Mission, with a little assistance in form of medicine by the Council. The Unevangelised Fields Mission has Aid Posts at Orokana, Keseke, Inu, Walo, Kapa and Damai'iu. Lake Kutubu Local Government Council has planned to build permanent Aid Posts at Tugiri, Kaipu, Hebai'iu, Sorotage and Herobo. So it would not be long before these medical services are operated by the Council. All of the proposed Aid Posts are under construction. Council will supply material for the buildings. Besides that the Council will build the actual houses. The Administration will supply medicine and Aid Post Orderlies.

So the medical care will probably be bourne by the Council. All people had houses and most families had their own toilets. Pig and dog turds made the villages unhealthy. The only sickness observed was elephant thieslegs. Rubbish is all burried in the holes.

C/- Law and Order.

This area is administered from Poroma Patrol Post. To preserve and to see the justice is maintained Officer incharge did take legal court actions, on the persons who were brouhgt before him. Most of the disputes and complaints heard was settled and solved by the Patrol. On the matters relating to the breaking of a council rule, we had to sit down and spend some time in explaining the rules of the council. This was mainly to avoid future breaking of council rules and to give others a clear understanding of the council rules.

To ensure that Queen's ~~xx xxxxxxx~~ peace is extended with Administration influence, the patrol had one member of the Royal Papua-New Guinea Constabulary. Any major cases over which we had no juristiction was sent to Poroma Patrol Post.

D/- Mission.

As Unevangelised Fields Mission is the only denomination in the area, It is accountable for the teaching of Christian religious activities in the area. The mission is very friendly with the people and the administration. There is no ~~xxxxx~~ cultural or ~~xxxxx~~ pholosophy being reported or heard of which could threaten the religious activities of Unevangelised Fields Mission. Mission health, education were previously discussed under health and education. Mission commercial activities were discussed under Economic Development.

E/- Community Education.

People here do live in communities or as a group in villages. As people are conservative and not willing to accept the Western concepts of modern living, and as the area is far away from where its administered from such activities do not exist. People are contented wih the everyday life that their adopted and that their forefathers led long ago.

I think one way to solve this problem would be to have a Welfare Officer who could well start and get people interested in such organization.

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SOCIAL.(Continued) .

F/- Rest Houses.

Nearly every village a Patrol visited had a Rest House all in good condition, with the exception of the one at Sorotage. Patrol was detered by this, and we spent few days here, supervising the renovating ~~thm~~ of the Rest House and constructing of a new toilet.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The main object of the Patrol was to inform the villages about the coming of the Kennicotts Exploration Company. They were told all about the benefits of the coming of ~~the~~ mining companies. All the information Patrol gave was accepted, but ~~their opinion on the~~ they reacted with uproar and shouts of anger, when the Patrol elaborated the ownership of the land when mining Companies work on it. They rejected the Paying of royalties or tax to the ~~by the companies concerned on~~ Administration by the companies concerned. Most people at Tugiri, Wasami and Ai'iu made seditious reply on Administration policy relating to land.

Patrol told the villages that they be compensated if ~~the~~ the gardens, trees of economical importance or any property of a sort was destroyed or destructed. Besides, the people who at present do not work for money, would be able to get jobs when the mining companies came in.

SERVICES.

Bank, Mail, and the Aircraft services for the entire Kutubu area is provided by the Administration.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I recommend that the Administration or the Administrative Arm of the Administration, namely the Administrator's Department take some consideration in re-establishing and renovating the old Government station of Tage. It would mean that supervising of Council work and consultation on some administrative matters could be solved immediately. This would mean that the Administration would be able to exercise its influence in this area quickly through Kutubu Council and through Administration personels.

I think if possible the Blasting of the explosive Charges be done on the edges of the Lake rather than in the Lake itself, so as to avoid destroying of fish supply in the Lake.

Some complaints the Patrol heard were about the ways they councillors behaved at home. This means that people did'nt really realized the value or the importance of voting during the Elections. So future patrols be advised to make emphasis on the matter.

CONCLUSION.

[illegible] stages, there is no progress. The area patrolled and the people [illegible] are economically, politically, and educationally unsophisticated. [illegible]oming of the Kennicotts will slightly bounce up the living [illegible] of the people. ~~so of the far~~ Some of the factors that hinder development in this area are the Mountain terrain and the remoteness of the area.

P. GAMOGAL.
TRAINEE PATROL OFFICER.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number Porona No 11/69-70

Subdistrict Nipa

District Southern Highlands

Type of Patrol Special

Patrol Conducted by N. Weight Ado.

Area Patrolled (Council and/or Census Division/s.) Nembi Valley (Now Council)

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

Ad Sogri

Const Sugari
Const Malaupi

Duration of Patrol—from 2/3/70 To 26/3/70 Broken Period

No. of Days 20

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area : December, 1970

Date Duration 23

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) Road Work

Total Population of Area Patrolled

Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner.

GFB:MJ

67-13-94

Konedobu.

3rd August, 1970.

District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

PATROL NO. KUTUBA 11/69-70.

Your reference 67-5-12 of 13th July, 1970.

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

This patrol appears to have achieved its objects quite effectively.

The delay in the submission of the short report is excessive.

(P.J. MILES)
Secretary.

c.c. Mr. N. Wright,
Sub-District Office,
YALLEY.
Southern Highlands District.

Patrol Post,
PORGMA.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of the Administrator,
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Southern Highlands District,
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13th July, 1970.

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

PATROL NUMBER POROMA 11/1969-70.

Attached please find two copies of a report of a patrol conducted by Mr. N. Wright, for the purposes of road repairs.

Sandwiched as it is between councils, the area to be included in the porposed Poroma Council will not benefit by any delay in its establishment. Any procrastiration can only be harmful and will not improve the political understanding of these people.

The intention of the patrol was achieved.

(D.J. CLANCY)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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

Mr. N. Wright,
Patrol Post,
POROMA.

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Department of the Administrator,
Hipa, Southern Highlands.

20th May, 1970. (Lake Kutulu)

The District Commissioner,
Department of the Administrator,
Mendi, Southern Highlands.

Subject:- Porome Patrol Report No. 11 - 69/70. - Mr. H. Wright, A.D.O..

The above mentioned report, attached three (3) copies, was received yesterday from Porome. The report is forwarded to you from Kutulu where I am carrying out Porome Patrol No. 12 - 69/70.

Special Report: The report is self-explanatory. The Porome-Hipa Road is being assisted financially from Rural Development Funds (1969/70 - $2,000.00 for Porome - Hipa Border section). This road is being continuously improved but certainly requires patrols as this to upgrade certain sections.

Situation Report: With the establishment of the Porome Council in the near future, it is agreed that the emphasis on political education should be Local Government and its functions.

It is important to remember, that political education must be carried out on a continuous organized basis. The next patrol should question the people on Local Government, to see how much has been remembered and report as to what has been absorbed and if necessary report explanations and expand on the topic. If the people are reasonably familiar with the previous discussions then proceed onto the next topic, eg: House of Assembly and its Members.

It is hoped that Mr. Wright will be reposted to Porome after his acting/ADC appointment at Jalilu and continue his excellent work at Porome and interest he has shown in the area.

F.L. Leilfried,
a/Assistant District Commissioner.

Mr. H. Wright,
Department of the Administrator,
Jalilu.

Camping Allowance claim has been returned herewith for correction:
Should read: 2.3.70 to 11.3.70 = 9 nights
17.3.70 to 20.3.70 = 3 nights
22.3.70 to 26.3.70 = 4 nights Total 16 nights.

NOT 18 nights as claimed on contingency.

F.L.

cc: O.J.C., Porome. S.H.B..

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Patrol Post,
POROMA
Southern Highlands District.

7th April, 1970.

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

POROMA Special Patrol Number 11/69-70

Port Nembi Valley Census Division

Special Report:

Roads and Bridges:

A patrol was mounted for the specific purpose of repairing and upgrading a two mile section of road near KESU. This section of road is the last major section of the Nipa/Poroma road not surfaced.

The task of the patrol was to surface and gravel the unsurfaced sections, rebuild drains and construct a detour around a difficult hill. To this end the two groups on either side of KESU were also employed, HUSA and UISRIL. This was necessary as the KESU group is quite small, 288 persons, and has about six miles of road to maintain. Approximately 150 young men and women were employed on this project. These groups were paid for their work out of funds provided for the purpose under Rural Development.

The patrol spent the duration camped at the new KESU rest house, which is situated on the Poroma/Nipa road in the middle of the section repaired, the rest house having been moved from its previous position atop the ridge abovethe road.

When the patrol departed about 75% of the work had been completed, some section still require gravelling, the detour around the hill has been completed but requires surfacing.

It is planned that an Officer will spend the necessary time in the area to complete the job after Easter. The completion of this task will leave only three hundred yards of the Nipa/poroma road unsurfaced.

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Situation Report;

1. Political Development;

Local Government;

During the patrol Local Government Assistant Mr.A. Vinoto spent a day addressing the three groups working with the patrol on matters pertaining to the establishment of local government in the Poroma area. The system of electing Councillors, collection and use of tax and the general responsibilities of Councillors and Councils were among the subjects discussed and explained.

Interest in local government remains high and the people indicated by the questions asked that they now have some grasp of the local government system.

Wards have now been re drawn for a Poroma Council instead of a combined Poroma/Ehtuhu Council as originally proposed. Maps and new ward descriptions were forwarded to the Assistant District Commissioner, Mipa for his recommendations and onforwarding to the District Commissioner, Kendi. It is to be hoped that the Council can be established within the next six months.

As one of the last areas oft the District without local government, the increasing use of Councils by the Administration to carry out developmental and maintainance projects, roads, bridges, schools, aid posts etc., has meant some difficulties for this area, especially where the cooperation of the school has been concerned.

No political education in relation to the House of Assembly was given, it is felt at this stage with the establishment of a local government council in the area imminent that its is better to concentrate on local government education to avoid confusion.

2. Social Development;

Law and Order;

Much of the patrol's time, in common with most patrols in this area, was taken up with debt cases. Most of these were amicably settled by the patrol.

A number of Local Court cases under the Police Offences Ordinance were heard.

Native Situation;

Though the patrol spent 21 days in the field all of this time was spent at KESU so an overall assessment of the local situation would largely be supposition, for such an assessment see Poroma Report

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No.7/88-90, which covered the whole census division.

Within the groups working under the patrol the situation is very good. There was some argument when the KUSA and UBERIL groups were requested to work on KESU land, these arguments were soon put aside when it was explained that they were to be paid for the work.

If this area is indicative of the general native situation in the area then the situation remains at its previous high level.

Diary:

2nd March,1970
0805 Departed Porona by Land Rover.
1013 Arrived Kesu
Supervised Kesu,Kesu,Uberil groups on roadwork.
One local court case, several other minor complaints.
Slept Kesu.

3rd March.
Supervised roadworks at Kesu.
Inspected roadworks at Mala and Uijabir in afternoon.
Slept Kesu.

4th March
Supervised roadworks at Kesu.
Inspected roadworks a t Pombadi,Waramesa and Pabarenga.
Slept Kesu.

5th March
To Niya to discuss transfer to Kalibu with APC.
Other matters pertaining to area discussed.
Returned to Kesu. Slep t.

6th March
Supervised roadworks.
Slept Kesu.

8th March
To Porona for banking and station pays
Returned to Kesu.
Slept Kesu.

9th March
Observed.
Slept Kesu.

10th March.
Supervised roadworks.
Slept Kesu.

10th March
Supervised roadworks.
Slept Kesu.

11th March
Supervised roadworks
Returned to Porona

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12th March.

16th March / at Porona

17th March
To Kosu by Land Rover
Supervised roadworks at Kosu, Udjabia and Mala.
Slept Kosu

18th March
Supervised roadworks.
Slept Kosu.

19th March
Supervised roadworks
Slept Kosu.

20th March
Supervised roadworks.
Slept Kosu. Returned to Porona in afternoon.

22nd March
Returned to Kosu
Slept Kosu.

23rd March
Supervised roadworks
Several minor complaints heard.
Slept Kosu.

24th March
Supervised roadworks.
Several Local Court cases heard.
Slept Kosu.

~~Supervised roadworks~~
25th March
Supervised roadworks.
To Mala to pay for roadworks.
Slept Kosu.

26th March
Supervised roadworks
Returned to Porona in afternoon.
Patrol Stood Down.

N. Wright

Assistant District Officer

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. POROMA NO 12 of 1969/70.

Patrol Conducted by Leibfried, Frank L. A/ Assistant District Commissioner,

Area Patrolled Lake Kutubu Local Government Council
(Foi'i anD Fasu Census Divisions)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans

Natives 2 members of R.P.N.G.Constabulary
1 Interpreter (Fr. Konifabu)

Duration—From 7./..4./1970...to...27/...5../19..70.

Number of Days 51 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services ...../...../19....D.D.A. JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1970

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

Map Reference Fourmil ; Kutubu

Objects of Patrol Situation Report.

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Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

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District Commissioner

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

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund .... $.....

Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund ....

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GFB:MJ

67-15-91

Konedobu.

3rd August, 1970.

District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
M E N D I.

PATROL NO. PORONA 12/69-70:

Your reference 67-3-12 of 13th July, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report by Mr. F.L. Leibfried a/Assistant District Commissioner, of POI'I and FASU Census Divisions.

Whilst the material provided by Mr. Leibfried is quite good value, it is considered that this report should have been more informative, particularly as the patrol was in the field for 51 days.

Other than a mention of the people's thinking about self government and Independence, there is a lack of information about attitudes generally, and little about the level of support being given the Lake Kutubu Council. Information of this nature is essential if a true picture of an area is to be obtained.

The proposed changes to the Village Directory are being studied and the matter will be followed up in separate correspondence.

(T.W. [illegible])
Secretary.

67-15-91.

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13th July, 1970.

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

PATROL NUMBER POROMA 12 of 1969-70.

Attached please find two copies of a report of a patrol conducted by Mr. F. Leibfried, acting Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa.

The area is sparsely populated, and as can be seen from the report political understanding is low. As with several other areas in the District there is difficulty in these people comprehending abstract ideas. Mr. Leibfried in his final paragraph in para 6 is rather harsh as it is difficult to assess if his discussions were geared to a low enough level to be comprehended.

The reasons for some of the name changes in the Appendix "A" are relevant and consideration should be given to amending the Dirctory.

For your information, please.

(D.J. CLANCY)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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

Officer-in-Charge,
Patrol Post,
POROMA.

Mr. F. Leibfried,
SubDistrict Office,
NIPA.

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67-15-91

URGENT - ADSEC
KONEDOBU

1 REPORT TAGE INCIDENT DESPATCHED TODAY

DISTROFF

COL 1 TAGE

[redacted] - Leibfried P.I.R., ADC.

On 3rd May, 1970, whilst on patrol in the Kutubu area I was met by a platoon of the P.I.R, enroute from Kerave to Orokana. The patrol overnighted with myself at Seretage.

The various routes were discussed with the Sergeant (whose name I cannot recall)and the various Rest Houses marked on the map. The patrol continued the following morning to Orokana and the following day to the Lake where they should have overnighted at Wasemi R.H. (half an hour by canoe from Tage).

Tage was visited by myself on 15th April, 1970, and the old government station was looked over. I tried to gain entry into the former O.I.C. residence but found it securely locked and closed down. I was informed that the Mission had purchased it and locked it. As Mr. Murray Rule from U.F.M. Mission, Inu, was absent at the time I continued my patrol.

I returned to Tage with Mr. Rule on 21st May, 1970, to discuss the buildings, the future of the Administration land, etc. and with him inspected the residence, and the following was observed:

1. All windows in the lounge room were found open, with one window smashed.

2. Mr Rule and myself then approached the front door to open it with the keys (it had a padlock) and I noticed that it had been forced open and the door was only held closed by a partly inserted rusty 4 inch nail.

3. A highly polished table was found broken in one of the rooms with no legs.

4. The centre of the lounge room had a fire lit on it and a 6 inch approx hole burnt through it.

Signs showed that the fire must have been lit fairly recently.

5.The legs of the table (of which remnents remained) were used for fireweed.

Mr. Rule stated that he did not particularly wish to lay any charges against any of the PIR members, but was disgusted that this happened.

Mr Rule mentioned to me that a Mr. Kin Duffy visited him at Lae and mentioned to him that the whole detachment overnighted at Tage, and when Mr. Rule mentioned that the Mission had purchased the residence, Mr. Duffy looked surprised.

There is no real proof that the PIR caused the damage but I cannot imagine the damage to be caused by locals as someone would have noticed stray people in the house. The only known fact is that everything was in tact when I first visited the residence, that the PIR had slept in the residence and had occupied it illegally and failed to respect ownership, whether it was Administration or Mission.

The damage is hard to estimate in anisolated place such as Tage but could be calculated in excess of $100.00 and could be as high as $200.00 depending air freight charges into Mere airstrip.

I feel that the damage was done by the PIR team and compensation should be paid to the Mission. The patrol should have slept at Wasemi as advised by myself, if the aim of the patrol was to contact the people.

By overnighting at Tagethey had no intention to contact the people and failed in what I feel are the major aims of such a patrol.

In general, the people were quite impressed by the patrols prior to the Tage incident cropping up but did not have a chance to find out the feelings of the people after the Tage visit.

For your information and please.

F.L. Leibfried.
Assistant District Commissioner.

cc. District Commissioner.
Mendi.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No.: Porama No. 12 - 69/70.

Patrol Conducted by:	Leibfried, Frank L., a/Assistant District Commissioner.
Area Patrolled:	Lake Kutubu Local Government Council (Fai'i and Fasu Census Divisions)
Patrol Accompanied by:	2 members of R.P.& N.G. Constabulary 1 Interpreter (Mr. Konifabu)
Duration:	7.4.70 to 27.5.70
Number of Days:	51 days
Last Patrol to Area:	DDA - January/February, 1970.
Map Reference:	Fourmil - KUTUBU
Object:	Situation Report.

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

POROMA Patrol Report No. 12 - 69/70.

DIARY:

7th April, 1970 - At Poroma Patrol Post, organizing movement of patrol equipment to Orohana U.F. Mission airstrip by T.A.L. chartrns. Departed Poroma on last charter at 4.30 pm arrived Orohana at 4.40 pm. 5.00 pm departed Orohana Mission for Pimaga, arrived 5.30 pm. Camped PIMAGA.

8th " " - At Pimaga. With Mr. Kalisch, O.I.C., Poroma P.P. discussing patrol route, Council Projects ie. construction of Aid Posts, airstrip and citrus project. Organized continuation of airstrip construction and proceeded with Mr. Kalisch to Heribu (45 minutes) to inspect completed Aid Post. Checking Shotgun Licences for renewal.
Camped PIMAGA.

9th " " - At Pimaga. Attended Lake Kutubu Local Government Council Monthly Meeting.
Camped PIMAGA.

10th " " - At Pimaga. Supervising work on airstrip and in the clearing of the citrus block. Discussing the patrol route with the various Councillors.
Camped PIMAGA.

11th " " - At Pimaga. Saturday Observed.
Camped PIMAGA.

12th " " - At Pimaga. Sunday Observed.
Camped PIMAGA.

13th " " - At Pimaga. Organizing work on airstrip and citrus block. 11.30 am departed Pimaga for Heribu, arrived 12.15 pm. Political Education (on House of Assembly and its Members; National Unity and Independence; Electorates and Voting; the way laws are made; taxes; Public Service and Local Government Councils) talks given to the villagers of Heribu, Hegiso and Bamutagi.
Camped HERIBU.

14th " " - 7.30 am departed Heribu for Keseke, arrived 10.15 am. Political Education talks given (as above).
Camped KESE.

15th " " - 7.00 am departed Kese for Waseni, arrived 9.00 am (by dinghy with outboard). Political Education (as above) talks given. 12.15 pm departed for Toge (old site of Lake Kutubu P.Post), arrived 12.25 pm. Inspected old station.
3.00 pm departed Toge for Tuguri, arrived 3.15 pm. Heavy rain washed out the meeting with villagers of Tuguri and Yogaso.
Camped TUGURI.

Diary. (continued)

16th April, 1970 - 7.00 am departed Tuguri for Tage, arrived 8.00 am. Prepared for patrol to Pagware (former village of Tari L.G. Council). 10.00 am departed Tage for Pagware, arrived 4.00 pm. Political Education (as above) talks given.
CAMPED PAGWARE.

17th April, 1970 - At Pagware. Settling of minor marriage and land disputes. 10.00 am departed Pagware for Tage and Wasemi, arrived 5.00 pm.
Camped WASEMI.

18th " " - At Wasemi. Saturday Observed.
Camped WASEMI.

19th " " - At Wasemi. Sunday Observed.
Camped WASEMI.

20th " " - 7.00 am departed Wasemi for Tuguri, arrived 7.30 am. Political Education talks given (as above) to the villagers of Tuguri and Yogoso.
10.00 am departed Tuguri for Soro River, arrived 10.30 am (by outboard). Continued onto Kaipu, arrived 1.30 pm. At 2.30 pm proceeded to Sisibia, arrived 4.30 pm. Heavy rain.
Camped SISIBIA.

21st " " - At Sisibia. Political Education talks given (as above). 10.00 am departed Sisibia for Kaipu, arrived 12 noon. Political Education talks given (as above).
Camped KAIPU.

22nd " " - 7.30 am departed Kaipu for Papato Bush Camp, arrived 12.30 pm.
Camped Papato B.C..

23rd " " - 7.30 am departed Papato B.C. for Jorogabai'iu, arrived 11.30 am. Political Education talks given (as above), to villagers of Jorogabai'iu, Anuwabai'iu & Hebai'iu.
Camped JOROGABAI'IU.

24th " " - 8.00 am departed ~~fr~~ Jorogabai'iu for Hedinia, via Walo U.F. Mission, Anuwabai'iu and Hebai'iu, arrived 3.30 pm. (actual travelling time 1½ hours on foot/ 2 hours by canoe = 3½ hours). Heavy rain.
Camped HEDINIA.

25th " " - At Hedinia. Political Education talks given (as above), to villagers of Hedinia and Ai'iu.
11.00 am departed Hedinia for Manu via Ai'iu, arrived 1.00 pm. Political Education talks given (as above) to villagers of Manu and Anuwabi.
Camped MANU.

Diary. (continued)

26th April, 1970 – At Manu. Sunday Observed.
Camped MANU.

27th " " – At Manu. Heavy Rain all day, departure postponed.
Camped MANU.

28th " " – 7.00 am departed Manu for Tamadigi Bush Camp, arrived 3.00 pm.
Camped Tamadigi B.C.

29th " " – 7.30 am departed Tamadigi B.C. for Kobe (by canoe), arrived 11.30 am. Political Education talks given (as above).
Camped KOBE.

30th " " – 7.30 am departed Kobe for Sonotagi (by canoe), arrived 10.30 am. Political Education talks given (as above) to villagers of Sonotagi and Oto.
Camped SOROTAGI.

1st May, 1970 – At Sonotagi. Construction of Aid Post.
Camped SOROTAGI.

2nd " " – At Sonotagi. Construction of Aid Post.
Camped SOROTAGI.

3nd " " – At Sonotagi. Sunday Observed.
Camped SOROTAGI.

4th " " – At Sonotagi. Construction of Aid Post.
Camped SOROTAGI.

5th " " – 7.30 am departed Sonotagi for Kafa, arrived 11.30 am. Political Education talks given (as above).
Camped KAFA.

6th " " – 7.30 am departed Kafa for Pimaga, arrived 12.30 pm. Inspected progress on airstrip construction, and clearing of citrus block.
Camped PIMAGA.

7th " " – At Pimaga. Political Education talks given (as above) to villagers of Turuhugu, Pimaga, Catagaipu and Doeai'iu. Supervising work on airstrip. Settling minor complaints and disputes.
Camped PIMAGA.

8th " " – 8.00 am departed Pimaga for Eragahugu, arrived 8.30 am. Political Education talks given (as above) to villagers of Eragahugu and Ipigi.
11.30 am departed Eragahugu for Dogabari, arrived 12 noon. Political Education talks given (as above).
Camped DOGABARI.

Diary. (continued)

9th May, 1970 - 7.30 am departed Dogabari for Harabai'iu, arrived 8.30 am. Political Education talks given (as above), to villagers of Jomesi & Harabai'iu.
Camped HARABAI'IU.

10th " " - At Harabai'iu. Sunday Observed.
Camped HARABAI'IU.

11th " " - 7.00 am departed Harabai'iu for Pimaga, arrived 9.00 am. Supervision of airstrip construction, clearing of citrus block and settling minor disputes. Heavy Rain all day.
Camped PIMAGA.

12th " " - At Pimaga. Supervision of construction of airstrip.
11.30 am departed Pimaga for Orokana U.F. Mission, arrived 12 noon. Political Education talks given (as above) to teachers and pastors of the Mission. Returned to Pimaga at 5.00 pm.
Camped PIMAGA.

13th " " - At Pimaga. Discussions with pastors, teachers and interested individuals on the constitutional development of Papua-New Guinea. Airstrip work supervision. Settling disputes and minor complaints.
Camped PIMAGA.

14th " " - At Pimaga. Discussions with individuals re Select Committees visit on Constitutional Development. 9.30 am departed Pimaga for Orokana Mission, arrived 10.00 am. Meeting held by Select Committee with Councillors and villagers, etc. from Lake Kutuku Council area. 2.00 pm Committee departed for Mendi.
At Orokana Mission, discussions with Mr. Hicks and Mr. Rale from Orokana and Inu U.F. Mission, respectively, on general topics such as the Council and its people, development projects, council assistance to Missions, etc.. Returned to Pimaga at 6.15 pm.
Camped PIMAGA.

15th " " - At Pimaga. Attended Lake Kutuku Local Government Council's Monthly Meeting.
Camped PIMAGA.

16th " " - At Pimaga. Local Courts, checking airstrip labour and finances, planting and distributing coconuts with Mr. Nicholas K Ne, D.A.S.F. field worker at Pimaga.
Camped PIMAGA.

17th " " - At Pimaga. Sunday Observed.
Camped PIMAGA.

Diary. (continued)

18th May, 1970 - At Pimaga. Attended Lake Kutubu Local Government Council's Monthly Meeting continued from Friday, 15th May, 1970.
Camped PIMAGA.

19th " " - At Pimaga. Checking Council books and finances with Mr. Penie C. T/P.O. Checking work on airstrip progress. Writing Patrol Report.
Camped PIMAGA.

20th " " - At Pimaga. Writing Patrol Report. Re Organizing airstrip work, complaints and disputes settled.
Camped PIMAGA.

21st " " - 6.30 am departed Pimaga for Inu U.F. Mission via Tuguri. Arrived 3.00 pm at Inu. Checking building materials for Tuguri aid post, and sorting out building materials at Tuge handed over by Administration to Council.
Camped INU Mission.

22nd " " - At Inu Mission. Discussion with Mr. Rule re building materials and purchase same from Council. 11.00 am departed Inu for Pimaga, arrived 6.15 pm..
Camped PIMAGA.

23rd " " - At Pimaga. Writing Patrol Report, repairing shotguns for local owners.
Camped PIMAGA.

24th " " - At Pimaga. Sunday Observed.
Camped PIMAGA.

25th " " - At Pimaga. Writing Patrol Report. Final check on airstrip work.
Camped PIMAGA.

26th " " - 7.30 am departed Pimaga for Wage River, arrived 1.00 pm.
Camped WAGE RIVER Bush Camp.

27th " " - 7.30 am departed Wage River B.C., for Kunjulu, arrived 11.00 am. Patrol stood down.

N.B. From Kunjulu Paroma Patrol No. 13 - 69/70 was commenced.

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SITUATION REPORT.

The whole of the Lake Kutubu Local Government Council area was covered by this patrol with meetings of villagers and missions conducted at, at least one or more centres within each ward. The main theme of each meeting was on Political Education in preparation for the visit of the Select Committee on Constitutional Development, who visited the area during the duration of this patrol, namely 14th May, 1970.

The questionaire was not received until after the Committee's visit to Orokara, but most points were covered by the patrol.

(a) Political:

The functions of Local Government Councils in comparison to the House of Assembly, the duties of Councillors and Members, and the various type of taxes to Local Government and Central Government; and the type of laws and rules made by the House of Assembly and Councils respectively were explained to the people. A number of individuals in each group appear to have a slight knowledge on the above topics and others grasp the fundamentals of them.

The fear of the words, independence and self government, was in everyone's mind, mainly through a lack of thorough understanding of what it implies. Lengthy explanations were given but doubt still appeared as to whether the Europeans would remain after self government or not.

Knowledge of the Public Service went only as far as that it is the name given to all those employed by the Government. It was decided not to expand on this as it would have only confused the minds of the people.

One or two people in each group knew that the House of Assembly comprised 94 members of which 69 were elected and needed no qualifications of any description, 15 required a minimum education standard of Form 4 and 10 were members from the Government. Some still were under the impression that the 15 regional members were Europeans only. The ratio of members per head of population was explained and comprehended by some.

The duties of Ministerial Members was entered into with some pastors and teachers and interested individuals only, but as to how much was clearly understood by them is doubtful. Some had heard of the Administrator's Executive Council but no one appeared to know its functions, these were briefly entered into.

No Councillor contributed any knowledge to the meetings and appeared in all cases amongst the least interested in political education. Some Councillors were taken to several of these meetings and after having heard everything at least three times, still had no knowledge at to what had been discussed. This mental indolence seems to be a characteristic feature of these people and certainly does not stem from lack of explanations but exist from their general environment. This difficulty of retaining knowledge is far more notable in this area than in other parts of the Sub-District.

Select Committee on Constitutional Development : Lake Kutubu L. G. Council area was visited by Mr. Lussick, MHA (Manus-New Ireland Regional Electorate) and Mr. Ebia Olewale, MHA (South Fly Open Electorate). The major points that were brought up to the Committee were:

1. Self Government is not to be considered until at least some of the remotest areas have people of Form 4 or higher educational qualifications,
2. An increase in Regional Members to have more educated members in the House of Assembly (2 from each of the present Regional Electorates),
3. An increase of Open Members (1 for every 10,000-15,000),
4. A unicameral system of Government mainly due to the lack of finance at present available in the Territory, and
5. The House of Assembly must at all times have both local and European Members working side by side in the House

(b) Economic:

The Council is at present constructing an airstrip at Pimaga with the assistance of Rural Development funds . Some time was spent at Pimaga to supervise the construction. Up to 15th May, approximately 170 labourers have been employed but due to delays in receiving the final plans, work is being held up and the labour line was cut down to 50. It is hoped that the plans will be forthcoming shortly to complete this most important project.

Whilst at Pimaga an area of land was re-cleared for the establishment of a citrus nursery but unfortunately, the Agricultural expert who was to commence this project did not arrive. An agricultural field worker arrived with coconuts from Rondi and these were planted out on the Council block. The fieldworker was a Mr. Nicholas Er. Due to delays (and probably poor quality) in having them sent to Pimaga and planted out, some 50% were found dried out or rotten.

The castor and a local variety of bushes that were planted some two months ago for a trial Silk Worm project, are both growing well.

A motorcycle track from Orukana to Kesehe (on the Lake) is well underway, approximately 75% complete, and to have this widened and upgraded to vehicular road will become one of the major projects in the area on completion of the airstrip. All villages are connected by reasonable walking tracks.

The existing cash crops are negligible, limited to few individuals with orange, pawpaw, lemon and coconut (for eating only) trees.

(c) Social :

The only social work carried out was the commencement of construction of an Aid Post at Sorotagi (Size 12ft x 23ft). Only the foundations were set out and planted and on completion of laying the floor bearers, work was discontinued due to a shortage of pitsaw 3 x 2 timber. The next patrol will complete this project.

Materials are all ready for the construction of a further Aid Post at Tuguri but the siting will have to be reconsidered as the villagers are planning

Social. (continued)

of moving to the shores of the Lake, near the Inu U.F. Mission. Similar plans are made considered by Waseni. If Tuguri confirms these plans it would be wiser to move the Aid Post to Keseke as Inu Mission has an Aid Post-Hospital centre.

Furthermore, the Aid Post at Helai'iu is not staffed and before any permanent building is constructed, thought should be given to assist the U.F. Mission in the construction of an Aid Post at Haro and abandon the Helai'iu Aid Post completely. This is recommended due to the continuous and ever increasing difficulty for P.H.D. to staff Aid Posts.

Village Names- Several Councillors, individuals and pastors from the U.F. Mission have approached the patrol re the village names that appear and are used by the Administration. It was stated that most names were spelt and pronounced incorrectly, a number are outdated and no longer exist, others have a new meaning, although used before, are no longer used by the locals and Missions. The revision of ~~village~~ village names was discussed at the May Meeting of the Lake Kutuku Local Government Council with Councillors, literate locals in the Fasu and Foi'i Languages and both the U.F. Mission. The amendments acceptable to the Community appear in Appendix "A". The spelling of names were compiled with the assistance of Mr. Rule and Mr. Hicks and literated pastors and individuals studying the language at the Unevangelized Field (U.F.) Mission at Inu and Orokara. Miss Jean May and companion from the Summer Institute of Linguistics studying the Fasu language were not in the area at the time to assist but Mr. Rule stood in and gave assistance in their compilation.

Law and Order- Minor complaints were settled in each village with several Local Courts being heard for offensive behaviour, adultery and failure to comply with the Road Maintenance Ordinance.

Schools- Both schools at Inu and Orokara were on holidays at the time of visit but were visited briefly before the patrol returned to Porora. Both schools have lodged applications for membership to Cat. 'A' under the new system.

Local Government Council- Both the April and May Monthly Meetings were attended to during the patrol (see Minutes of Meetings)

(d) Miscellaneous :

Two platoons of the Pacific Island Regiment carried out patrols in the area at the same time. One platoon came through from Erave and the other from Nipa. The platoon from Erave was met at Soratagi on Sunday, 3rd May, 1970, the otherone was not met. Both patrols seemed to have been well met in the area.

No further rumours, such as the P.I.R. specializes in taking all young men to the coast under guard (ref. Patrol Report Porora 2 - 69/70 - Area Study), came to the notice of this patrol. These rumours that had gone through the area, especially the Fasu Census Division, were brought to the notice of the platoon from Erave, to have this matter settled with the locals.

For your information, please.

Frank L. Leilfried.
a/Assistant District Commissioner.

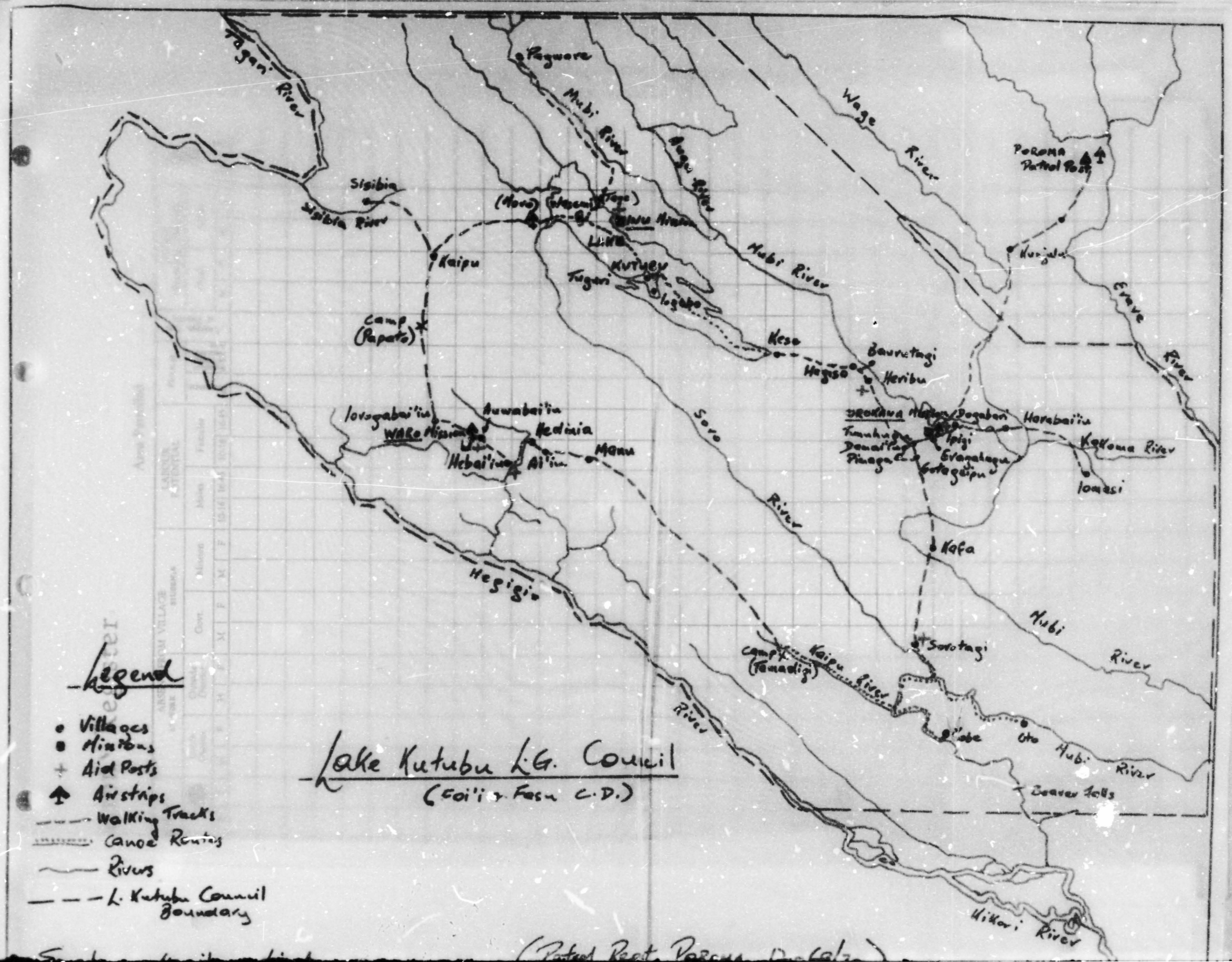
28th May, 1970.

Note: Correspondance arising from this report will be dealt with under separate correspondance.

POROMA Patrol Report No. 12 - 69/70. -- APPENDIX 'A'

Recommended amendments to Village Directory 1968 - Lake Kutubu L.G. Council.

1968 V. Directory	Amendment	Reason
~~Baurutagi~~	~~Barutagex~~	
Census Division: Foi, 20. Approx. Area: 936 sq. miles Population: 3504		no glotial stop (previously Foi'i)
Baurutagi	Barutage	spelling
Damai'iu	Damayu	"
Dogabari	Du'ubari	" - glottal stop
Eragahugu	Irakai	a rude name - changed for politeness
~~Gatagaipu~~	Gena'abo	~~Spelling~~ glottal stop - no p in lang.
Harabai'iu	Harabuyu	"
Hegiso	Hegeso	"
Heribu	Herebo	"
Ipigi	Ifigi	"
Kafa	Kafa	
Kese	Gesege	new village name.
Kobe	Gobe	Spelling
Oto	Humane	new village name
Piraga	Fiwaga	spelling
Sorotagi	Sorotage	"
Tuguri	Tugiri	"
Turuhugu	Ibu Taba	rude name - changed for politeness
Wasemi	Wasami	spelling
Yogoso	Yo'obo	" - glottal stop
Yomesi	Yimasi	"
Pagware (from Tari C.D. 16.)	Baguale	see Benaria CD, 16 (Tari S/D) migrated into Foi CD.
Census Division: Fusu. 21. Approx Area: 640 sq. miles Population: 692		
Ai'iu	Ayo	spelling
Anuwabi	-	migrated into Manu
Auwabai'iu	Ubogo	new village site
Hebai'iu	Hebaya	spelling
Hedinia	Hedinihia	spelling
Jorogabai'iu	Yorogobayu	spelling
Kaipu	Kaipu	
Kewodigi	-	migrated into Sisibia
Manu	~~Manu~~ Mano	
Sisibia	Sisibia	
Sonagadigi	-	migrated into Hedinia
Tamadigi	-	migrated out to Gulf District.


Lake Kutubu L.G. Council
(Foi'i & Fasu C.D.)
Legend
Villages
Missions
Aid Posts
Airstrips
Walking Tracks
Canoe Routes
Rivers
L. Kutubu Council Boundary
Tagari River
Sisibia
Sisibia River
Kaipu
Camp (Papato)
Pagwore
Mubi River
Wage River
Poroma Patrol Post
Erave River
Kutubu
Tugari
Kese
Bauretagi
Heribu
Harabai'iu
Kokoma River
Iomasi
Kafa
Sorotagi
Mubi River
Soro River
Hegigio River
Kikori River
Beaver Falls
Hebai'iu
Ai'iu
Manu
Hedinia
Auwabai'iu
Iorogabai'iu
WARO Mission
Camp (Tamadigi)
Kaipu River
Oto
Mubi River

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS Report No. 13 Of 1969/70

Patrol Conducted by J.KABISCH

Area Patrolled PART NEMBI VALLEY

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO

Natives 2 MEMBERS R.P.N.G.C.

Duration—From 1 /6/19 70 to 18/6/19 70

Number of Days 18

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

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

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

Map Reference Attached.

Objects of Patrol Road Work

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Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund .... $.....

Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund ....

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Division of District Administration,

KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

4th November, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Southern Highlands District,
MENDI.

POROMA PATROL NO. 13/69-70

Your reference 67-3-12 of 26th October, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. J. Kabisch, Patrol Officer, of part KEMBI VALLEY Census Division.

The covering comment is noted. I fail to understand why there was a lengthy delay in the submission of this meagre report. Please ensure that the Assistant District Commissioner, Nipa and Mr. Kabisch are aware of the need to forward reports promptly.

(T.E. ELLIS)
Departmental Head.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telephone
Telegrams
Our Reference 67-3-12
If calling ask for
Mr. BMK/RJV

In Reply
Please Quote
No.

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

26th October, 1970

The Departmental Head,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU

POROMA PATROL NO. 13/1969-70

Forwarded herewith 2 copies of the report for the abovementioned patrol submitted by Mr. J. Kabisch, P.O.

The report is of little consequence as it covers routine but very necessary road work on the Nipa-Poroma Road. This is progressing satisfactorily and the road is gradually being upgraded as corners are straightened and stoning of all sections continues.

In view of the fact that a political education patrol was planned in conjunction with this patrol although it did not eventuate, I consider the omission of a section on political education justified.

For your information.

H. S. Pegg

H. S. PEGG
a/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

c.c. A.D.C. Nipa

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MIPA. Southern Highlands.

4th September, 1970.

The District Commissioner,
Department of the Administrator,
MENDI.

Subject:- POROMA Patrol Report No. 13 - 69/70 - Mr. J. Kabisch, Patrol Officer.

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

The report requires little comment. The section of road has been inspected by myself, and Mr. Kabisch can be commended for a very good job on the road.

As I was doing a patrol myself of the area, although it had to be interrupted, the Officer was instructed to concentrate fulltime on the particular section of road. Mr. Wright who has now returned to Poroma continued the political education propaganda on his present patrol of the area, to be completed in stages over the next month.

Greater care could have been taken inthe drawing of the map.

F.L. Leitfried.
Assistant District Commissioner.

cc O.I.C., Poroma.

cc Mr. J. Kabisch,
Patrol Officer, Poroma.

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POROMA PATROL REPORT No. 13 of 1969/70.

NIPA SUB DISTRICT

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT.

NON COUNCIL AREA

J.KABISCH

PATROL OFFICER

PART NEMBI VALLEY CENSUS DIVISION

2MEMBERS R.P.N.G.C.

1/6/70 to 12/6/70 (Broker) 10 DAYS

MARCH 1970 for 20DAYS

ROAD WORK.

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POROMA PATROL REPORT No. 13 of 1969/70.

Diary.

Monday 1st June 1970.

Proceeded to Kesu and sent word for all villagers of Ubrit, Kesu and Kusa to assembel the following day to complete cutting
Slept Kesu /

Tuesday2nd June 1970.

Work started on finishing of cutting on new section of road. 40 labourers put on at Udjubis to cut new section of road.
Slept Kesu /

Wednesday 3d June 1970.

To Poroma in Morning for Supreme Court commitals. Returned Kesu in afternoon
Slept Kesu. /

Thursday 4th June 1970.

Work continuing as on Tuesday. To Nipa for staff conference.
Slept Nipa.

Friday 5th June 1970.

Lining of stone on new section. Returned to Poroma in late afternoon
Slept Poroma.

Saturday 6th June 1970
Observed.
Slept Poroma

Sunday 7th June 1970.
Observed
Slept Poroma.

Monday 8th June 1970.

Stoning continued. One bridge at Kar removed and new bearers palced. Returned to Kesu in afternoon.
Slept Kesu. /

Tuesday 9th June 1970.

Stoning continuing. Returned to Poroma for Supreme Court Commitals.
Slept Poroma.

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POROMA PATROL REPORT No. 13 of 1969/70.

Diary(Continued)

Wednesday 10th June 1970.

Returned to Kesu thence Kar to complete bridge. Returned to Kesu.
Slept Kesu.

Thursday 11th June 1970.

Work on coronusing continued.
Slept Kesu.

Friday 12th June 1970.

Work continuing. Returned to Poroma to collect labourers pay, and collect A.D.C's gear. Returned to Kesu and Kar to pay labourers, and thence to Nipa.
Slept Nipa.

Patrol Completed.

PORORA PATROL REPORT No. 11 of 1969/70.

Introduction.

This patrol departed Poroma primarily for the purpose of constructing a cutting on the Poroma - Nipa road to eliminate a steep climb and descent situated on this road.

The patrol also replaced a bridge near Kar Mission and initiated the construction of a new section of road at Udjubia eliminating a winding section of the old route.

Mr. F Liebfried had anticipated patrolling the whole Poroma area to give political education talks and so this patrol concerntrated soley on road works.

It should be noted that the villagers were working from 0700 hours to 1730 hours to fully utilize a P.W.D. tractor which was supplied to assist them in the work and so even if political education talks had been given to the villagers they would have been so tired at the end of a days work, I'm sure none of what would have been told to them would have sunk in.

Roads and Bridges.

Patrol No. 11 of Poroma had almost completed cutting a section of road near Kesu and it was the job of this patrol to complete the cutting, line the section with stone and corronus the top of the stone.

The cutting was completed within three days and lining with stone took another five days. The coronusing of the sectionwas completed bar about twenty yards which was to be undertakenby the villagers upon the patrols departure.

The use of all the villagers of Kesu, Kusa and Ubril villages within the one cutting was not practicle, but all were put to good use. An estimated two miles of road was cleaned, the gutters cleaned, and minor patchwork carried out, as well as the removal of a landslide area in conjunction with the completing of the cutting.

I would estimate that this work would have taken up to twelve weeks had there not been adequate supervision and a tractor/trailer available, and the co-operation of the villagers. This co-operation was brought about a good deal by the fact that a tractor was there to help the villagers.

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POROMA PATROL REPORT No. 13 of 1969/70.

Roads and Bridges (continued)

A new bridge approximately 25' long was constructed n near the Kar Mission station. Sawn timber decking was used to finish the job. The tractor was made availabel for two days to assist the kar people to carry stones to build up the Nipa end of the bridge and make the bridge horizontal. Prior to this the bridge had a slope , which when wet by rain made the crossing of the bridge a hazardous process.

At Udjubia a new section of road was started, which, when complete will eliminate two rightangle bends on the Poroma Nipa road near Udjubia. On this section of road the patrol employed 40 labourers full time for two weeks with the rest of the village assisting Mondays to Wednesdays. At the time of the Patrols departure the road had been cut and levalled and the gutters dug. The stoning of th e surface and the coronusing of the stones was to be undertaken by the villagers upon the patrols departure.

Whilst in the field the patrol took the opportunity of inspecting the whole of the Poroma to Tindom hill section of the Poroma -Nipa road. and the Pabaronga Det Mission road. Work is progressing satisfactorily if slowly on these sections.

Native Situation.

Little can be stated on the native situation as the patrol was situated in only one rest house, that being Kesu. As has been stated co operation was very good and I feel that this was brought about mainly by a tractor working with the people.

Conclusion

Although this patrol report does not satisfy the directive of the District Commissioner Southern Highlands, that all patrol do Political Education and report upon same, I feel that the situation amply justifies in this case the non inclusion of a political education section. i.e. that it was the intention of the A.D.C. Nipa to conduct a patrol in conjunction with patrol No. 13 for the purposes of political education and in which case each of the villages would have been stood down for the day in which his patrol visited that village. One village was in fact stood down before I was informed what due to pressure of other work the A.D.C. would not be patrolling at this time.

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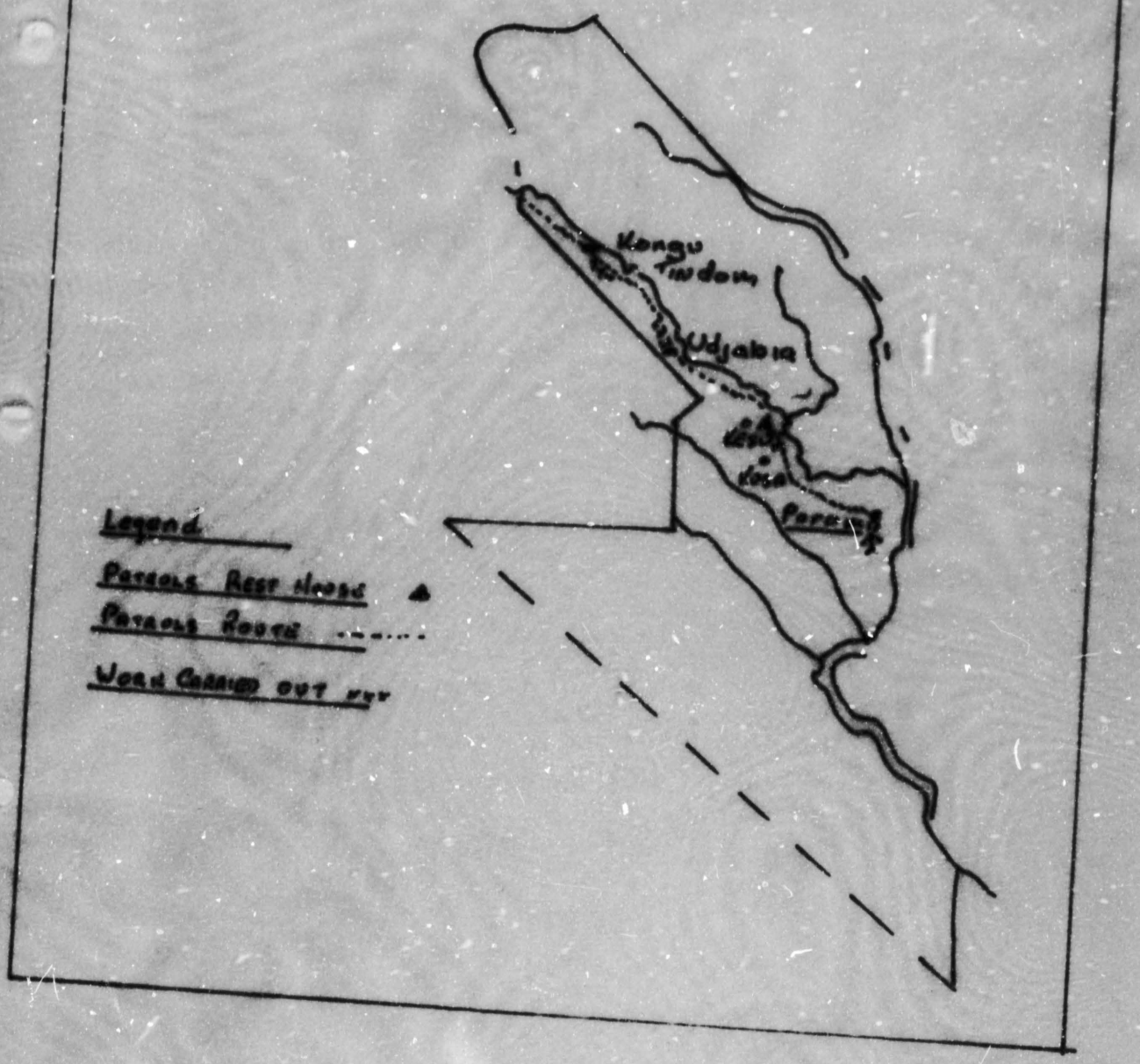
Poroma Patrol No. 12 1969/70.

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