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GULF DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1965/1966

KAIMTIBA

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
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2 - 1965/1966	R.E. Weber	Part Upper West Bank Tauri, Ivori, Swanson & Lohiki Rivers
3 - 1965/1966	G.C. Connor	We'abi Census Div.
4 - 1965/1966	R.A. Deverell	Upper West Bank Tauri Census Div.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

READ 20/1/66

District of GULF Report No. KAINIIBA I-65/66

Patrol Conducted by R.E. WEBER, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Upper West Bank Tauri Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

5 members R.P. & N.G.C.
Natives 1 Aid Post Orderly

Duration—From 23 / 7 / 19 65 to 5 / 8 / 19 65

Number of Days 14

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 2 / 7 / 19 63

Medical NIL / / 19

Map Reference Fourmil of WAU; sketch attached

Objects of Patrol Revision census, consolidation, 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

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67-2-4

29th October, 1965.

District Commissioner,
Gulf District,
KEREMA.

Kaintiba Patrol Report No. a/1965-66

1. Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a patrol report by Mr. Weber, covered by your memorandum 67-7-6/398 of 13th October, 1965.
2. Your comments only were noted.
3. Mr. Weber has concluded a hard patrol in very rugged country and he has accomplished all the objects of the patrol. He writes a readable prose and the report was informative.
4. With constant patrolling from Kaintiba this area will change rapidly and before long these people will be participating in Local Government Councils. It is quite true that Missions have a very settling effect on primitive people. I am sure both the local people and the Administration have benefited a great deal from Mr. Weber's close contact for 14 days.

(T.G. Aitchison),
a/DIRECTOR.

67-2-4¹⁰



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

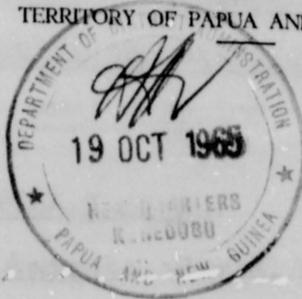
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Our Reference..... 67-7-4/208

If calling ask for

Mr..... GL:LS



Department of District Administration,
District Office,
Kerema,
GULF DISTRICT.
13th October, 1965.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT KAINTIBA - 1/65-66.

Attached please find copy of the above.

This area forms part of the Kaberope Census Division but for convenience was patrolled from Kaintiba. The lower villages of the Kaberope will be patrolled within the next six months. The 7 lower villages have an enumerated population of 712 which gives a total enumerated population of 2498 for the Kaberope. This is in excess of original estimates and still not the whole population.

It will be necessary to redefine Census Division Bounderies in the Kaintiba area. Mr. Weber will be visiting Kerema at the conclusion of his current patrol and the matter will be discussed with him prior to forwarding any recommendations.

Due to the isolation and rugged terrain of this area it will be sometime before much development can take place.

The sickness mentioned under Health will be discussed with the District Medical Officer.

For your information please.

John J. Murphy
(JOHN J. MURPHY)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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KAINTIBA PATROL REPORT

KUKIPI SUB-DISTRICT

GULF DISTRICT

Patrol Report KAINTIBA I-65/66

Officer Conducting Patrol: Ray E. Weber, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled: Upper West Bank Tauri Census Division

Personnel Accompanying:

Const. I/C	WAHI No.	7975
Constable	MOSMON	10503
"	KONGORU	10219
"	JAPI	10544
C/Bugler	KENAH	11352
I Aid Post Orderly	MEREA	FAREAPO

Duration: 23rd July, 1965, to 5th August, 1965.
14 days

Last Patrol To Area: 2/7/63 D.D.A.
Nil P.H.D.

Objects of Patrol: Census Revision
Consolidation
General Administration

Map Reference: Fourmil of WAU, Milinch of KARAUWI.
Sketch attached.

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INTRODUCTION

This patrol completed the census for the Upper West Bank Tauri Census Division, which is situated on the west side of the Tauri River and runs up to the New Guinea border (Menyanya Sub-district). The two villages of KOMAKO and KWAIYU were censused (initial) during patrol Kaintiba I-64/65 in April this year.

The patrol was fairly routine, although the area is comparatively new to patrols. Mr. Whitehead was the first to cover the whole area (except KOMAKO and KWAIYU) during patrol Kaintiba I-63/64 in 196.

A large increase in the population, 657^{new names} out of 1153, shows that the people are coming out of the bush. An increase of mission activity in the area probably accounts for much of this.

The area covered is very mountainous, and as there are not yet any graded walking tracks on the west side of the Tauri, much of the walking is difficult.

The patrol was completed during the relatively dry season, and no difficulty was experienced in crossing the Tauri River (per temporary bridges), but several showers made some of the walking unpleasant.

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OBSERVATIONS

District Administration

This was the second patrol to fully cover the area in the lower portion of the Upper West Bank Tauri Census Division (the top two villages being patrolled only once, as per my report Kaintiba I-64/65). However, there have been other patrols pass through the general area during the investigation into the YABA massacre in 1961. It can be expected that the people are still very primitive and have a long way to go before they can have much appreciation of the Administration's aims and Laws.

✓ Since the last patrol in 1963, Catholic missionaries have become active in the area and seem to have a settling effect on the population which has always been noted for the number of killings and general fighting in the area. There was only one murder reported on this patrol, but upon investigation it was found that the death was from natural causes not attributed to sorcery. Complaints in the Court for Native Matters were very few, but this is probably due to the fact that the area is still new and not to the lack of unlawfulness. Once the people have a greater appreciation of the Administration, the number of complaints brought forward will surely increase.

The patrol was well received at each village, and for a large number of the population, it was the first time they had seen a Government patrol.

Agriculture, Livestock

Agriculture in the area is wholly subsistence, and the prospects of introducing economic agriculture are poor.

The west bank of the Tauri seems to be more fertile than the general Kaintiba area. Large amounts of fresh foods were brought to the patrol. Kau kau, bananas form the main diet, and is supplemented with sugar cane, wild cabbage and various wild fruits and nuts, including the ~~pp~~ palatable okari nut. The protein diet is poor. A few pigs are eaten and wild animals such as 'possums, groundhogs, rats and lizards and also a few birds make up the rest of the meat in their diet. A few fish are speared in the Tauri, but the Kukukuku are not good fishermen.

Health

An Aid Post Orderly accompanied the patrol and a medical inspection ~~was~~ held at each village. Minor sores and sicknesses were treated and in general the ~~health~~ people appeared to be reasonably healthy.

This can be deceiving. A common complaint amongst the Kukukuku is a type of pneumonia or respiratory complaint that can cause sudden death, often to several persons within a short time. The health in a village may seem to be good at the time of the patrol but a few weeks later several people may die suddenly from this complaint. Penicillin appears to save the victim if administered in time, but because the villages are so isolated many die before they can ever reach the aidpost.

Education

The Catholic Mission and Seventh Day Adventist Mission each have schools in the area, but these are below the Education Department's standard, being small village schools.

Villages and Village Officials

Villages are non-existent, the word 'village' being used for a group of people. The KUKUKUKU live mostly in single houses scattered over the countryside, or sometimes in small hamlets. Because of mission influence, larger hamlets are being formed around the mission schools and Government rest houses. The hamlets seen were in reasonable order and a few even had latrines.

There ~~is~~ only ~~one~~ village Constable in the area (~~was~~ appointed for village in another C/D but migrated to PAU area), but he appears to be contributing very little to the area. Village Councillors are found in each village, and a few seemed to be reasonably competent. At each village, their duties were explained to them and the assembled people.

Courts and Complaints

As mentioned, few complaints were brought to the patrol. One person was imprisoned for unlawful striking and a couple of complaints dealing with marriage and adultery were also heard.

Roads and Bridges

There are no vehicular roads on the west side of the Tauri and only a few miles of motorcycle track near Kaintiba.

Walking tracks have not been graded, the patrol tracks consisting of native pads that have been slightly improved by clearing the scrub. The Catholic Mission Father has since marked a few miles of graded track and intends doing more in the future. The next patrol may find some of the track completed.

The Tauri River was crossed in two places, both by low level temporary bridges. As mentioned in previous reports, it would be a major task to build any permanent bridge because of the high flood level.

Airfields

The possible site at HAUWABANGA (mentioned in Kaintiba I-64/65) was examined more thoroughly and marked out. A report has been submitted on the survey, and it appears that the site is not very satisfactory, but it would require an expert to decide if it is suitable for a light airstrip.

Labour

Except for EWYNYA, which has 13 men absent at work outside the district, there are few men at work. Recruiters from Menyanya have not penetrated further than Ewynya, and this accounts for the difference between Ewynya and the remainder.

Consequently there is a large number of healthy males left and these could greatly assist in improving walking tracks etc.

Recommendations

As mentioned, walking tracks in the area are very poor, and it is suggested that future patrols emphasise the importance of improving these.

Also, this patrol made an unsuccessful attempt to obtain some vegetable seeds for distribution. The next Officer may be successful.

Census

Village Population Register sheets are attached.

The Villages of KOMAKO and KWAIYU were censused in April and the figures were forwarded with the report Kaintiba # I-64/65. However, as they are in the Upper West Bank Tauri C/D they are also included in the figures attached.

The population of the six villages censused this patrol is 1153, and shows an increase of 657 from the initial census in 1963. The population of KOMAKO and KWAIYU brings the total population for the C/D to 1786. As there was no census last year, the birth rate etc could not be calculated.

Conclusion

This patrol helped disprove the general belief that the inland Kukukuku area of the Gulf District ~~is~~ has negligible population. Initial patrols find very few people, because of their traditional way of living in scattered groups, but once the initial census is made, the people come out of the bush, and as in this case, the census figures are doubled the following census. The total censused population in the Kaintiba administered area is 7,500, with an estimated population of another 1,500 or more, bringing the total population to about 9,000, which is worthy of a patrol post, particularly in such difficult ~~rocky~~ country as this.

✓ The patrol achieved what it set out to do. It appears that little else can be done for this area apart from maintaining law and order and routine administration as done on this patrol. However, it is felt that the Department of Agriculture could make some contribution to improving the lot of the people, namely by supplying a generous amount of corn and other vegetable seeds.

R. E. Weber
(R. E. WEBER)
Patrol Officer

REPORT ON POLICE ACCOMPANYING PATROL

Const. I/C WAHI Reg. No. 7975

Appearance and conduct very good but lacks ~~authority~~
influence over his men.

Constable WOSMON Reg. No. 10503

Capable, appearance and conduct good.

Constable KONGORU Reg. No. 10219

Appearance very good, conduct good and seems
reasonably intelligent.

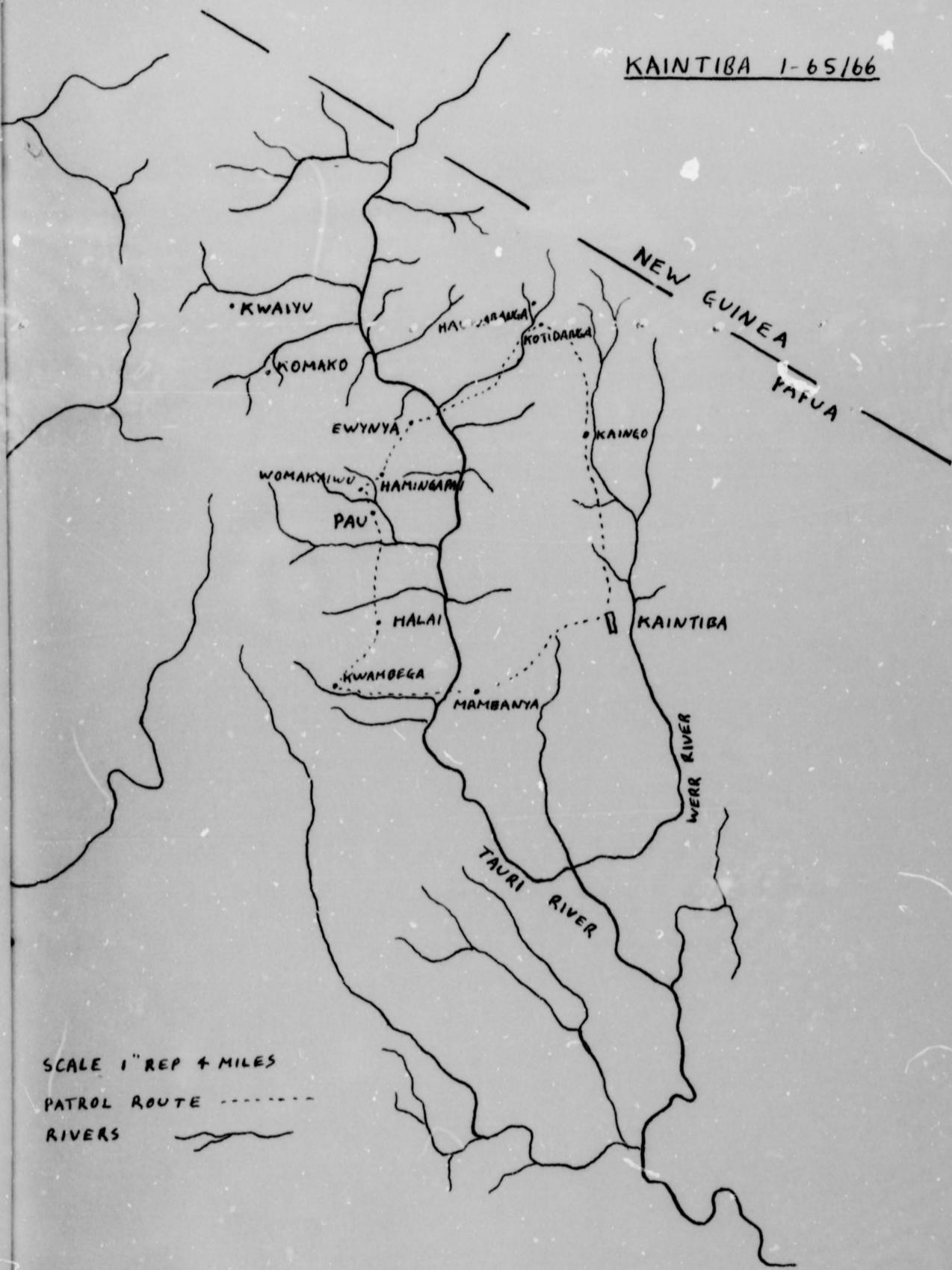
Constable JAPI Reg. No. 10544

Appearance good, conduct satisfactory.

Constable/Bugler KENAH Reg. No. 11352

Appearance and conduct good.

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KAIN TIBA 1-65/66



SCALE 1" REP 4 MILES

PATROL ROUTE - - - - -

RIVERS ~~~~~

R. E. W.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of GULU Report No. KAINTIBA 2-65/66

Patrol Conducted by R.E.WEBER, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Part Upper West Bank Tauri, thence Ivori, Swanson and Lohiki Rivers with patrol IHU 3-65/66.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil
4 members R.P. & N.G.C.
Natives I Interpreter
I Aid Post Orderly

Duration—From 28/9/1965 to 7/10/1965
Number of Days 10, plus 14 with IHU patrol

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 26/4/1965 Upper West Bank Tauri
Medical Nil / / 19.....

Map Reference Fourmil. of WAU; patrol map attached

Objects of Patrol To rendezvous with patrol from IHU (IHU 3-65/66),
investigate patrol tracks and population west of Tauri River.

Director of Native Affairs,
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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67-2-15

4th July, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Gulf District,
KIRIMA.

KAIMTIRA PATROL REPORT NO. 2/65-65:

Thank you for your memorandum 67-7-7/1071 of 9th May 1966, together with Mr. Weber's Patrol Report.

2. Your comments and those of Mr. Howard have been noted.

3. A map entitled "WAU" has been despatched to you. The upper reaches of Mbwel River and Staniforth Range are clearly marked on it and I hope it is of some use to you. I shall also send you in a week or so some copies prepared by the Forestry Department of a map similar to the one presented by Mr. Weber.

4. Mr. Weber has accomplished a difficult and arduous patrol and submitted an interesting and informative report.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

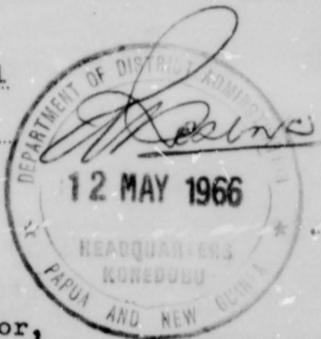


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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams DISADVISED
Telephone
Our Reference... 67-7-7/1071
If calling ask for WJGL/MM.
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
KEREMA,
GULF DISTRICT.



9th May, 1966.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

KAINTEBA PATROL REPORT 2/65/66.

The original and one copy of the above, together with a copy of the Assistant District Commissioner's comments are forwarded for your information please.

This report should be read in conjunction with Ihu Patrol Report 3/65-66 submitted by Mr. O'Brien.

This area will, in future, be visited from Kinteba as it is too remote from the coastal station of Ihu and Kerema.

One pleasing aspect of the report is the action of the KWINYI people who had built a rest house in expectation of their first patrol. It seems that our message is getting through to these people.

Until communications into Kainteba are improved, there is little that can be done in Education fields. The Pilatus Porter may be our answer.

If Forestry Department hold spare copies of the maps mentioned by Mr. Weber, could six sets be obtained for this district please.

A good report, but somewhat marred by the late submission. This was not the fault of the Officer submitting the report, nor the present Assistant District Commissioner, Kukipi.

John J. Murphy
(John J. Murphy)
District Commissioner,
GULF DISTRICT.

c.c. Assistant District Commissioner, KUKIPI.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference... File: 87-2-5

If calling ask for

Mr.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KUKIPI, I.D.

20th April, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Gulf District,
KEREMA.

PATROL REPORT - KAINTIBA No. 2 of 1965/66.

Attached herewith please find three copies of the above Patrol Report, submitted by Mr. Weber, in respect of a joint Patrol, which he and Mr. O'Brian, A.D.O. of Ihu, conducted in to the area west of the Kaintiba Kerema line. This Report of Mr. Weber's is to serve as a supplement to the more comprehensive Report which Mr. O'Brian is expected to submit.

It is sincerely regretted that this Report is so late in reaching your Office, however it appears that a number of Files no longer in use were recently stored in the Government Store at Kukipi, by some inexplicable chance this Report and KAINTIBA Patrol Report No. 3 of 1965/66 were apparently filed with these. I have since checked and can find no further instances of this nature.

Mr. Weber has made an interesting contribution towards the more exact compilation of a District Map, he also makes a worthy recommendation concerning the acquisition of Forestry Department maps of this and other remote area in the District. Could this matter be taken further, with an official request to Forests, for maps at least of the general area controlled by Kaintiba, please.

If the promised visits of Fatair's Pilatus Porter aircraft to Kaintiba does eventuate, could an approach be made to the Department of Education, for the later establishment of a Station school on the Post, when the number of dependant children on the Post, warrants this.

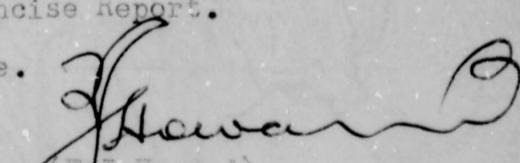
Under the heading of Village Officials, the Report Officer notes that the people are commencing to move closer to points of greater contact in the more settled areas, surely a hopeful sign, in this still fairly new area.

Mr. Weber has shown a realistic attitude in not pursuing past fallings from grace, in the area visited. Such matter, I feel you would agree can only be satisfactorily settled on more consolidated contact.

Mr. Weber makes the statement, and I strongly support him, that this general group of Gulf District, KUKUKUKU population can only be adequately and effectively controlled from Kaintiba. The previous system of elongated Patrols from various coastal stations, I feel has satisfactorily proved this point, and it is a matter of false economy to consider the situation otherwise. Once a reasonable air service can be provided for this station, it is felt that a large majority of our problems are near solution.

The reporting Officer has completed a difficult and arduous Patrol, and presented a neat and concise Report.

For your information, please.


(F. J. Howard)

Assistant District Commissioner.

KAINIIBA PATROL POST

KUKIPI SUB-DISTRICT

GULF DISTRICT

Patrol Report KAINIIBA 2-65/66

Officer Conducting Patrol: Ray E. Weber, Patrol Officer

Area patrolled: part upper west Bank Tauri , thence Ivori, Swanson and Lohiki Rivers with patrol IHU 3-65/66

Personnel Accompanying: Constable MAIKAO No. 9415
" HAPINA 9773
" MOSMAN IO503
" WASHINGTON IO707
I Interpreter
I Aid Post Orderly

Duration: 28/9/65 to 7/10/65
10 days plus 14 days with IHU 3-65/66

Last Patrol to Area: 26/4/65 D.D.A. Upper West Bank Tauri
nil P.H.D.

Map Reference: Fourmil of WAU
Sketch attached

Objects of Patrol: To rendezvous with patrol from IHU (IHU 3-65/66); investigate patrol tracks and population west of Tauri River.

INTRODUCTION

The object of this patrol was to rendezvous with a patrol from IHU patrol Post, which was led by Assistant District Officer Mr. K. O'Brien. Mr. O'Brien is submitting a comprehensive report for his patrol, therefore to prevent much unnecessary repetition, this Report covers the part of my patrol from Kaintiba Patrol Post to the rendezvous point with the IHU patrol. I spent a further 14 days accompanying Mr. O'Brien's patrol and this period should be adequately covered in his report.

Although the first four days of the patrol were routine the second half involved making initial contact with small hamlets at the headwaters of the Swanson River, and also acted as a follow up patrol to my KAINIIBA I-64/65.

The patrol headed due north from Kaintiba to the New Guinea border, thence due west across the Tauri River, covering the northern part of the Upper West Bank Tauri Census Division. From there the patrol headed west over the dividing range between the Tauri and the Vailala headwaters. This route involved crossing over some rugged terrain in the latter stages.

Except for a couple of days of heavy rain, the patrol experienced good weather.

DIARY

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- Tuesday
28th September 0900 hrs sent carriers ahead to KAINGO, together with two police. 1030 hrs self departed for KAINGO, arriving 1450 hrs after calling in at Catholic Mission. Paid carriers, bought fresh food.
- Wednesday
29th September 0700 hrs rang IHU patrol per A510 transceiver. 0830 hrs departed KAINGO, arriving KOTIDANGA approx. 1130 hrs. Inspected aid post/medical base camp, then on to HAUWABANGA. Steep climb to gap in heavy rain thence down to KWOI'IMNGA, arriving 1600 hrs. Heard minor complaints, slept night.
- Thursday
30th September 0815 hrs patrol departed for KWAIYU. Followed down creek to Tauri River, crossed temporary bridge, thence up to KWAIYU, arriving 1345 hrs. Heard minor complaints, bought food.
- Friday
1st October 0700 hrs rang IHU patrol and KUKIPI. 0830 hrs departed for KOMAKO in southerly direction. Had intended to continue due west up this creek but people claim no knowledge of population west of here. Arrived KOMAKO 1030 hrs. Next camp site too far, decided to sleep at KOMAKO and catch up with washing. Heard complaints, bought fresh food.
- Saturday
2nd October 0800 hrs patrol departed for KWINYI which has never been patrolled. Four hours climb up creek to top of range west of KOMAKO then down to KWINYI, arriving 1600 hrs. As suspected, KWINYI is obviously on the headwaters of the Swanson River and not the Mbwei as previously thought. This general area known as KWINYI, this particular hamlet being called POA. Slept in rest house which had been constructed by the people in expectation of the first Government patrol. A few people came in and fresh food purchased.
- Sunday
3rd October 0700 hrs rang IHU patrol and advised my position. IHU patrol is at YERIPA on the Mbwei approx. due north of here. Cleared alternate airdrop site in case Mbwei clouded in, but this site not very satisfactory. Some more people brought in large amounts of food.
- Monday
4th October 0700 hrs contacted IHU patrol, IHU, KUKIPI and MENYAMYA per A510. About 40 people came in, most of whom had never seen an European. Gave general talk and informed people that prevalent fighting and killing in this area must cease. 1700 hrs sighted Cessna which made three runs dropping from too high up, several bags overshooting ridge and dropping several hundred feet down into the valley. Carriers recovered 15 packages.
- Tuesday
5th October Sent carriers to retrieve remainder of airdrop packages. A total of 19 recovered. 0920 hrs patrol moved down west bank of Swanson to a large tributary running due south from the "Nipple". Found camp site and set up tents 1530 hrs. Several houses and gardens seen but not many people. This site called MENU.

1600 hrs rang IHU patrol, which reported having received airdrop in morning. Reported my position.

Wednesday
6th October

At MENU waiting for IHU patrol. Cleared around camp site. About 25 people came in with food. Gave general talk and firearms demonstration. These people are enemies of the POA and continue to have regular fights. 1600 hrs rang IHU patrol, which expects to arrive tomorrow.

Thursday
7th October

At MENU. Sent two police and carriers to attempt to meet IHU patrol. About 25 more people came in to camp. Afternoon heard rifle shots and returned shots to guide in patrol. 1500 hrs A.D.O. Mr. K. O'Brien from IHU arrived with his patrol. Set up additional tents. My police returned to camp having missed Mr. O'Brien. 1600 hrs rang IHU Patrol Post and advised that rendezvous completed. Compared maps (learnt that my map is about six miles out), discussions.

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From this point, I continued with Mr. O'Brien down the Swanson to the Ivori and Lohiki Rivers thence to Kerema, arriving 21st October. My carriers, except for a few for my personal gear, plus the Kaintiba police, returned to Kaintiba from MENU.

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OBSERVATIONS

District Administration

During my patrol KAINTEIBA I-64/65 to the villages of KOMAKO and KWAIYU, it was reported to me that there was a large population to the west of these villages. Having no accurate maps, I assumed they ~~were located~~ this population was situated on the Mbwei River. This patrol to meet up with the ITHU patrol gave me the opportunity of investigating these reports. The people at KWAIYU and KOMAKO did not recognise the name YERIPA, which is at the headwaters of the Mbwei River. Also, because the people to the north and northwest are traditional enemies, they claimed to have no knowledge of any tracks west except to a place called KWINYI. It was thought that this was probably another name for YERIPA, since the YERIPA people have a different dialect to the KOMAKO and KWAIYU. Also, my map, which is now found to be highly inaccurate, showed the Mbwei as being approximately in the direction of KWINYI.

The patrol to KWAIYU and KOMAKO (although being the second Papuan patrol to ~~visit~~ visit the area, which was previously administered from Menyama), was routine and acted as a follow up to KAINTEIBA I-64/65 in April this year. From KOMAKO the patrol headed west over the dividing range to the KWINYI area, which was found to be situated at the headwaters of the Swanson River, not the Mbwei. Here, initial contact was made with several small hamlets, many of the occupants having never before seen an European. Early patrols from Ith and Kerema had not reached the headwaters of the Swanson, and patrols from Menyama had followed the dividing range east of KWINYI.

The people in the KWINYI area, except for ~~one~~ one or two who had been to work at Menyama, have had no contact with Europeans, and are living and fighting in their traditional manner. The houses are all guarded by a network of fences to prevent sneak attacks - this practice has ceased in the Kaintiba area. There were reports of many killings in the past, all between hamlets living only an hour or so walk apart. An example of this is the hamlet of MENU, which is the traditional enemy of POA. The patrol passed over a battle ground where only a few weeks previously the people were said to have had a fight. Contact was made with approximately 150 people in this area and a general talk was given to each group. The people have had some contact with the settled villages of KOMAKO and KWAIYU and can see the benefits of Administration, and they expressed their desire to stop their traditional fights if the Administration can offer protection from their enemies.

At no time was the patrol threatened or badly received in the villages. The POA claimed that the MENU people intended to attack the patrol, however the patrol arrived at MENU without incident. This is a common trick of the Kukukuku to blame some other group re fighting etc.

Agriculture, Livestock

Agriculture in the area is 100% subsistence, and the prospects of future economic agriculture are poor, due mainly to poor access to the area.

Taro appeared to be the staple diet in the KWINYI area, and this is supplemented with some sweet potato, bananas, sugar cane etc. At the time, the Kaintiba area was experiencing food shortages mainly due to drought conditions, but there ~~appeared~~ appeared to be ample food in the KWINYI area.

Health

An Aidpost Orderly, stationed at KOMAKO, accompanied the patrol as far as MENU.

Little can be concluded about Health in the KWINYI area because this was an initial patrol. The people seen all appeared to be in good health, except for the usual minor sores, but it is expected that any serious case would have been hidden from the patrol.

Education

Small mission schools, Roman Catholic, Lutheran and Seventh Day Adventist, are found at most villages as far west as KWAIYU and KOMAKO. Missions have not yet reached the KWINYI area but it is expected that they shall soon do so.

I understand that in the whole KUKUKUKU area of Papua and New Guinea, there is only one Government school (Hiakwata near Aseki Patrol Post) and it therefore appears most unlikely that the Kaintiba area will receive much assistance from the Education Department in the foreseeable future.

Villages and Village Officials

The KUKUKUKU do not live in villages but each family builds its house near its garden land. In the more contacted areas, the people are building small villages/hamlets near the mission schools and Government rest houses to facilitate contact. In the KWINYI area, which has not had mission or Government contact, the people live in their traditionally scattered houses and small hamlets. As mentioned, these were well fortified to prevent sneak attacks by their neighbours. The barricades are link-up to each house in a hamlet (usually no more than three or four houses) by an intricate system of tunnels formed by fenced-in tracks leading through the ~~pit~~ pit pit and surrounding bush. These tracks are invisible from the air.

The traditional KUKUKUKU house, with its well known high conical roof, is reasonably hygienic, and no attempt should be made to change the design. To enter the house, a person must get down on hands and knees to enter the outside opening and then in a crouched position, do an almost complete circuit of the house along a sort of ~~va~~ outside passage or verandah to reach the inner opening. This is designed to prevent surprise attacks, and in contacted areas, the design has been slightly changed.

There are no village officials in the KWINYI area. Perhaps the next patrol may appoint provisional Village Councillors.

Courts and Complaints

Several minor complaints were dealt with in the Court of Native Matters during the patrol as far as KOMAKO. No complaints were received at KWINYI, nor were any expected to be made.

As mentioned, the people in the KWINYI area were fighting and carrying out raids in their traditional manner up to the time of the patrol's arrival. As this was an initial patrol to that area, no action was taken to investigate killings that ~~were~~ occurred prior to the patrol's arrival. To have done so would have ruined any attempts at friendly contact. A general talk was given to each group that visited the patrol and a warning was given that any future fighting was forbidden and patrols would arrest any person doing so. Of course, this depends

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on the future of the Kaintiba Patrol Post, as the KWINYI area, and in fact nearly 100% of the whole Gulf KUKUKUKU area, can only be effectively administered from KAINIIBA.

Roads and Bridges

Apart from the motorcycle track from Kaintiba to the Catholic Mission two hours walk up the Werr Valley, there are no vehicular tracks in the Kaintiba area. A reasonable patrol bridle path runs right to the border (a small section not completed) and a fair patrol route then runs west across the Tauri River to KOMAKO. During my last patrol to the KOMAKO and KWAIYU area, I encouraged the construction of bridle paths and was pleased to see that some work had been carried out since then (April).

The Tauri was crossed between KWOI'IMNGA and KWAIYU. A few days later, a woman and her two children were drowned while making a crossing in the same area. (Patrol Officer F. Anderson was drowned in 1961 while crossing lower down). There is an obvious need for a high level permanent bridge to be erected at some crossing. The bridges at present (I have crossed in three places) are low level temporary constructions that are washed away in the first flood. The KWOI'IMNGA/KWAIYU crossing appears to be the best site for a bridge, but a second bridge should also be constructed further down to prevent miles of ~~back-tracking~~ back-tracking. It was intended to send a special patrol to find a bridge site, but this may have to be deferred depending on the staff situation at Kaintiba.

Airdrops and Airfields

Because Kaintiba appears to be unsuitable for commercial operations, the patrol kept a lookout for possible airstrip sites. The terrain, which can only be appreciated after actually seeing it, is unsuitable for any type of airstrip.

One airdrop was received at POA. A good recovery was made when considering the rugged terrain. Exact figures are not known, but it was estimated that only 70 pounds of rice and about six tins of meat were lost. These overshot the drop site and plunged several hundred feet into the valley below.

Maps

As mentioned, the patrol missed its rendezvous point mainly because of the highly inaccurate map (Foumil of Wau, Lands Dept.) that it held. On the other hand, Mr. O'Brien of the IHU patrol had very accurate maps which assisted him greatly. He obtained several copies of a foumil map from the Forestry Department, and it is understood that the Forestry Department has similar maps, taken from aerial photographs, of the whole Territory.

obtain

Would it be possible to obtain such maps for the whole Kaintiba area, and possibly the whole Gulf District, as these would be invaluable for future patrols into little known areas?

Carriers

Sufficient carriers were found on a village to village basis as far as MENU. However, if patrols from Kaintiba intend going beyond MENU (see later) they should take a small line of ~~permanent~~ permanent carriers to supplement these.

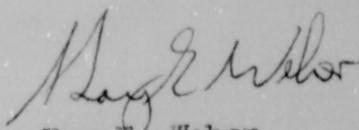
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Recommendations and Conclusions

The patrol was successful in finding a patrol route across the dividing range between the Tauri River and the Vailala headwaters. The present track is poor, entailing an eight hour walk, but could be improved considerably for patrol purposes. The camp sites (hamlets) of POA and MBNU could be made into village and rest house sites.

Mr. O'Brien shall submit a more comprehensive report on this subject of who should administer the area. In my opinion, and Mr. O'Brien shares this, ~~the~~ almost all of the KUKUKUKU area should be, and can only be, effectively administered from an inland station, which is KAINTIBA. There is little comparison between the KUKUKUKU and coastal people. Each ~~hamlet~~ have their own customs and own particular problems, and a patrol from the coast can achieve little in the KUKUKUKU area. The best means of administering the Swanson and Ivori headwaters would be from Kaintiba, the patrol following my route and then crossing back to Kaintiba below Mt. ERUKI. The Mbwei area may ~~be~~ possibly be able to be administered from Menyamya, as the people seem to have more contact with the Menyamya people, or else could ~~also~~ also be reached from Kaintiba. However, this can ONLY be done if Kaintiba is developed into an effective two man station. At present, mainly due to difficulties in maintaining supplies, and also shortage of staff, Kaintiba has a full time task administering its present area.

In conclusion, the patrol achieved what it set out to do by ~~rendevous~~ joining up with the IHU patrol. Although the intended rendezvous point was missed, the patrol contacted a few hamlets that would have been missed if the intended rendezvous had been kept.


Ray E. Weber
Patrol Officer
8/11/65

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REPORT ON R.P. & N.G.C. MEMBERS ACCOMPANYING PATROL

Constable MAIKAO Reg. No. 9415

Appearance and conduct good. Loyal, doesn't complain under hard conditions, however, he doesn't appear very intelligent. Suitable for patrol, trustworthy.

Constable PAPINA Reg. no. 9773

Appearance and conduct good. Not very impressive in his work.

Constable MOSMAN Reg. No. 10503

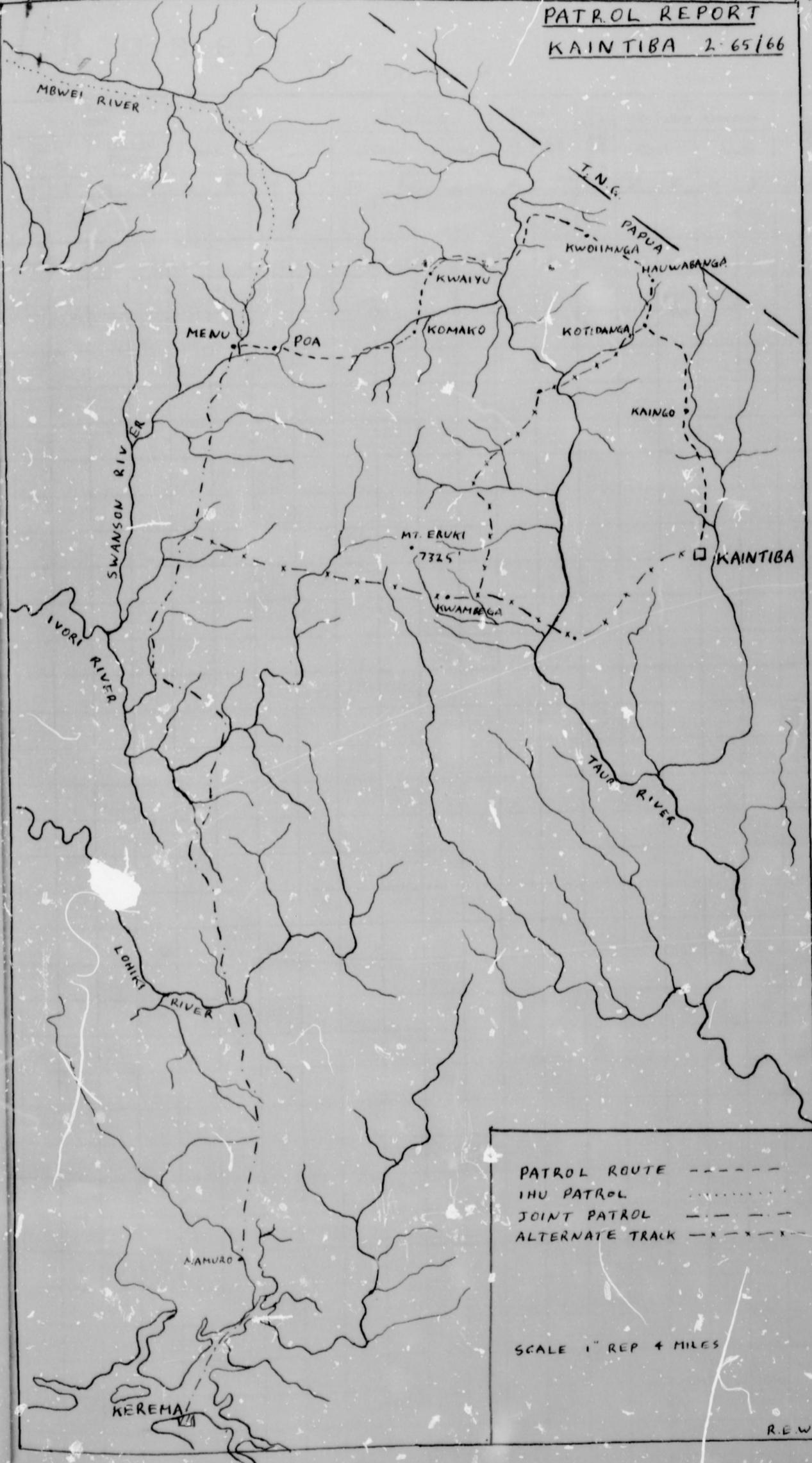
Appearance and conduct reasonable. Not very intelligent, fair for patrol, appears loyal.

Constable WASHINGTON Reg. No. 10707

Appearance and conduct very good. Intelligent. Very good for patrol. The best Constable I have met for some time.

PATROL REPORT
KAIN TIBA 2:65/66

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PATROL ROUTE - - - - -
IHU PATROL
JOINT PATROL - . - . -
ALTERNATE TRACK - x - x -

SCALE 1" REP 4 MILES

R.E.W.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of GULF Report No. KAITIDA NO. 3-1965/66

Patrol Conducted by G.C. GONNOR Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled WEIABI CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 3 MEMBERS R.P.N.G.C., 1 MEDICAL ORDERLY 1 INTERPRETER

Duration—From 12./10./1965 to 17./10./1965

Number of Days 5 1/2

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 15./8./1965

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

Map Reference FOURMIL. OF MAU SKETCH MAP ATTACHED.

Objects of Patrol TO COMPLETE CENSUS REVISION OF WEIABI DIVISION, CONSOLIDATION AND ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

Director of Native Affairs,
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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1st July, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Gulf District,
KERIMA.

KALINTIBA PATROL REPORT NO. 3/1965-1966.

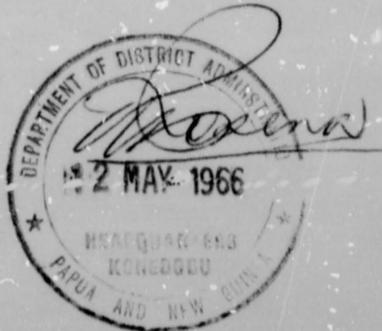
Thank you for your memorandum 67-7-8/1070 of 9th May, 1966, together with Mr. Connor's patrol report.

2. A very short patrol was adequately accomplished by Mr. Connor, and a reasonably long report, neatly typed, was submitted.
3. The inordinate delay in submission of this report detracts from its value.

(J. K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



WJGL/MM.

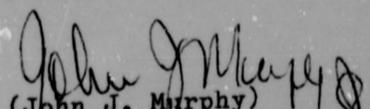
The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

KAINTEBA PATROL REPORT 3/1965-66.

The original of the above report, together with the Assistant District Commissioner's comments, is forwarded for your information please.

The section dealing with Health has been passed to the District Medical Officer for his comments.

All stations are being circularised concerning early submission of Patrol Report.


(John J. Murphy)
District Commissioner,
GULF DISTRICT.

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*In Reply
Please Quote*

No. 67-7-8/1070

Department of the Administrator,
District Administration,
KEREMA,
GULF DISTRICT.

9th May, 1966.



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Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference.....

If calling ask for

Mr.....

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KUKUPI, G.D.

20th April, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Gulf District,
KEREMA.

PATROL REPORT KAINTIBA NO. 3 1965-66.

Attached herewith are three copies of a Patrol Report submitted by Mr. G. Connor, Cadet Patrol Officer, relating to patrol visiting villages in the WE'ABI census division in order to complete the revision of census for 1965.

It is regretted that this report has been so late in submission, however it appears to have been mislaid until recently.

It is worthy of note that for the whole of the division 41 deaths all told were recorded while only 19 births were noted. These deaths seemed to be largely from the malarial pneumonia type sickness mentioned in the report.

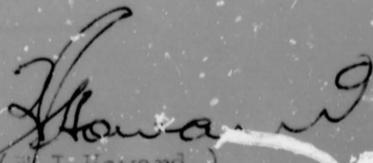
Could this be brought to the notice of the Public Health Dept. for the possible furtherance of aid post facilities in this area, mentioned also under health.

An interesting item is the movement of the YABA people to PATAEWA village which is quite close to Kaintiba station. This move has apparently taken place since the return from prison of those Hauwabanga men responsible for the infamous "Yaba massacre" of 1961. Evidently the Yaba's feel safer being close to a Government post as well as being friendly with the Pataewa's who are the largest group in the entire census division.

Once again the question on the patrol posts future now that the airstrip has been closed to Cessna aircraft has been brought up, but this time by the people of the area. This I feel shows an interest being taken by the KUKUKUKU in the Administration as is mentioned by Mr. Connor when he points out the drop in crime rate since the post has been re-opened.

The report is reasonably well presented with a fairly clear picture of presentation matter though I feel sure that this will improve with future report writing.

For your information please.


(F.J. Howard)
Assistant District Commissioner.

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KAINTIBA PATROL POST

KUKIPI SUB-DISTRICT

GULF DISTRICT

Patrol Report KAINTIBA 3-1965/66

Officer conducting patrol: G.C.Connor, Cadet Patrol Officer

Area patrolled: Parts of WE'ABI Census Division.

Personnel accompanying:

- Constable FELIX No. 10734
- Constable KONGORU 10219
- Const/Bugler KENAH 11352
- 1 Interpreter
- 1 Medical Orderly

Duration: 12/10/65 to 17/10/65 - 5 1/2 days.

Last patrol to Area: D.D.A. 15/8/65 en route KUKIPI to KAINTIBA.

Map reference: Fourall of WAU - Sketch attached

Objects of Patrol: To complete census revision of the WE'ABI Division, Consolidation, Routine Administration.

DIARY.

Tuesday
October 12th

Carriers arrived 0830 and after operating radio "sked" with LAE departed for HAPAIDAMANGA village some 6 hours walk away on first leg of patrol. Road in poor condition due to heavy rain last night thus walking difficult. Arrived HAPAIDAMANGA 1605 and told Councillor that the patrol would be going straight through to TUWIN tomorrow but would be back on Saturday to revise census. Purchased fresh food and paid off carriers. Slept in rest house.

Wednesday
October 13th

Departed HAPAIDAMANGA for TUWIN 0745 passing through NANGONAI at 1000 telling village that I would be revising census on Friday, thence continued on to TUWIN crossing the Werr river which was very low and after some strenuous walking arrived TUWIN 1615. Paid carriers then slept in rest house.

Thursday
October 14th

0800 commenced revision of census with quite a good line up in attendance. Finished census 1130 thence talked to whole village on the state of the roads and bridges, plus general talk on Administration policy with them all seeming to understand what I was trying to get across. Medical orderly accompanying patrol treated numerous sores during afternoon. Purchased a large pig for the patrol personnel plus a quantity of fresh food, then after further talks prepared for walk back to NANGONAI tomorrow. Slept in rest house.

Friday
October 15th

0730 patrol departed for NANGONAI some 4 1/2 hours walk away arriving destination 1145. Had lunch then started revision of census, this time a poor line up with 6 people refusing to attend. Will deal with these people later as I have their names. Completed census thence held informal talks with the 3 councillors and village elders re state of roads and bridges as well as health as once again the medical orderly treated many sores and infections. Slept in rest house after buying a quantity of fresh food and paying off carriers.

Saturday
October 16th

0800 departed NANGONAI for HAPAIDAMANGA the last village on the patrol programme, arriving there at 1015 after again crossing the Werr easily although it is now about 2 1/2 feet deep at the ford after heavy rain last night. Revised census from a good line up then talked to entire village during afternoon re Administration policy, roads, bridges etc. Noticed that some malaria was present in the village which is unusual for this area. It is probably being introduced by the coastal people walking up to KAINTEIBA from KUKUPI. It is not on a significant scale to cause alarm and anti malarial pills were issued.

Sunday
October 17th

Decided to return to station as the rainy season is approaching which does untold damage to the roads. Departed amid drizzle 0700 arriving KAINTEIBA 1230. Paid off carriers, sorted out patrol gear thence rested. Heavy rain again at night. Census revision for all the Kaintiba area is now completed.

PATROL REPORT

KAINTIBA NO. 3 - 1965/1966

INTRODUCTION.

The object of this patrol was to complete the census revision of the WE'ABI census division.

This report covers only the villages visited by this particular patrol, that is NANGONAI, HAPAI DAMANGA and TUWIN. The remaining villages in this census division, IKOHEA, YABA PATAEWA and MAMBANYA were covered in short day patrols by previous officers from this station thus they are not mentioned to any great length in this report.

The people of YABA are now living in PATAEWA village some three miles from Kaintiba station but they are still censused separately. The reason for their move to PATAEWA is probably that they are still afraid of the returned HAUWABANGA men following the infamous "Yaba Massacre" of 1961.

The patrol itself was of a routine nature as the villages visited have had quite a deal of contact with the Administration as they are on the main route leading to KUKIPI but this does not mean in any way that they are coherent with the Administration's aims.

Patrolling at this time of the year is difficult due to the fact that it is now the "wet season", thus tracks are difficult to traverse and small creeks and rivers are running rapidly thus making them hard to cross although not impassable as yet.

A. CENSUS REVISION.

The attendance for the census revision was, on the whole quite good but there was no significant increase in population recorded at any of the villages visited.

It was noted that 11 deaths took place at the village of HAPADAMANGA and that nil births were recorded. This will be discussed further under "Health".

The population of NANGONAI appeared the most stable with an overall decrease of 3 being recorded. TUWIN village recorded no births for the year since the last census was taken but 7 deaths were recorded. This occurrence was investigated with an on the spot of the younger population of the village, but no newly born children were to be found, thus discounting the possibility that someone arrivals were being hidden from the patrol. This type of thing has evidently happened before and is another one of the strange ways of these primitive people.

IKOHEA village census figures show 19 migrations out of the village. These 19 have moved out to YAKITANGWA on the Northern boundary of KAJINTIBA station in the belief that the soil there is more suitable for subsistence farming. This is a debatable however, the majority of the soil I have seen in this area is all extremely infertile.

The usual difficulty of people refusing to answer their names through some peculiar belief they have was encountered to some extent but not on the same scale that it has been in previous years, so I am told by previous officers stationed at KAJINTIBA. One way to get around this is to call the name of the wife first as she is usually more ready to answer than the husband.

B. NATIVE SITUATION.

The situation on the whole seems to be quite stable with no complaints or allegations being brought to the attention of the patrol in all of the villages visited.

As mentioned in the introduction the people in this particular group have had quite a deal of contact compared to the other areas in the Kajintiba Patrol Post area. This then was probably why no complaints were recorded.

Some questions were asked as to whether or not KAJINTIBA station would be closed due to the inspection by the Department of Civil Aviation and the subsequent closure of the airstrip. The answer given was "no" which pleased those who asked. I feel that the presence of this post has been instrumental in the slackening of the crime rate - large and small, and that these people realize it only too well as they know that they have somewhere to take their complaints instead of resorting to violence.

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C. HEALTH.

AS stated previously a large number of deaths were recorded presumably from an unknown disease which passed through the area patrolled some 4 weeks ago. Some examples were seen by the patrol and we gathered that it seemed like a combination of malaria and pneumonia. The Father at the Catholic Mission station at NEMA some two hours ^{west} from KAINTEBA had also noticed this and had come to the same conclusion. During the period and for some weeks before the patrol the weather was extremely cold after changing suddenly from heat-wave conditions in a matter of days. This then seems to indicate pneumonia as these people have very few articles of clothing to keep them warm and do have a high susceptibility to disease.

This was the first time that I had heard of this disease that was going around so I advised the people to come to the station to receive treatment if they felt the symptoms of it in the future. At the time of writing of this report no further cases had been brought to my notice.

Anti-malarial tablets were issued in all villages those that needed them and the sickness explained to them by the medical orderly accompanying the patrol.

It is worth noting that the diet of these people is extremely poor and lacks vitamins. The main diet is of sweet potato and sugar cane, which does not give them the necessary minerals to fight off illness.

I myself contracted a mild dose of malaria on the patrol, but this was quickly overcome with the taking of a few camoquin tablets. Those who saw me ill said that it was the same type of illness that they had been getting, thus I tried to impress upon them the need to come to the station to get tablets when they contracted malaria.

Malaria is not normally found in the KAINTEBA area but it has been introduced mainly I feel by carriers coming up from the coast with patrols and by visitors to the coast bringing it back with them to the various villages.

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D. ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Mostly all of these were in very poor condition. The road leading to these three villages is nothing more than an extremely rough bush track taking the usual course of going up and down mountains instead of around them where it is possible. Most of the tracks are narrow and overgrown thus making them difficult to walk upon after any amount of rainfall. Bridges are non-existent save for the occasional rotten log which has more often than not fallen into place rather than been placed there.

A talk on maintenance of roads and bridges was given at all villages and the advantages stressed and at the present time work is being done to improve them. This work will be inspected by the next patrol into this area.

E. AGRICULTURE.

As mentioned under "Health" the main subsistence crops are sweet potato and sugar cane. The sweet potato crop is normally a stunted variety at any time, due to the late coming of the "wet-season" this year the crop is even poorer.

The reason for the poor crops in this area is that most of the gardens are built on the sides of hills which are rather infertile due to the fact that the heavy rainfall in the "wet season" leaches away all the good lateritic soil and carries it away in the many small creeks, leaving only the poor subsoil.

F. MISSIONS.

The Catholic Mission from BEMA has native missionaries at TUWIN and NANGONAI while the Lutherans have a man at the HAPAIAMANGA village.

They all seem to be reasonable men but I fail to see what work they do as there are no schools in any of the 3 villages visited nor mission operated aid posts.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

There are no Village Policemen in the area, only councillors of which there are usually 2 in each village. Considering that they do not get paid for the work that they do their standard of work is quite reasonable.

Their badge of office is quite a status symbol in the area and they are the envy of most of the village people. When a patrol is in the village, the councillors on the whole work rather hard and have some organizing ability but at other times their life is one of leisure.

It is surprising the amount of influence they have in their villages, not because they are connected with the Administration but mainly due to the fact that they are usually headmen of the village or a relation of such, and when they get around to thinking that some work has to be done then they will organise the village to work nearly non stop until the job is completed. The only drawback here is that the work is usually done to benefit the councillor himself and not the village as a whole, however ideas channeled through the councillor usually bring quick results as far as the Administration goes.

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COMPLAINTS.

No complaints at all were brought to the attention of the patrol, possibility indicating that the influence of the Administration is expanding thus the reduction in the crime rate.

EDUCATION.

There are no schools at all in the area patrolled but some children from this area attend school either at the Catholic Mission station at BEMA or at the Lutheran Mission school which adjoins KAINTEBA station. These are the only 2 schools in the area and between them teach up to standard 2. The total enrollment at these schools would be in the vicinity of 70 pupils.

CONCLUSION.

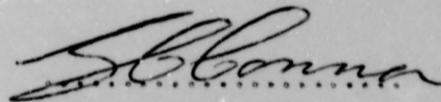
The patrol on the whole was a successful one except for a few absenteeisms in the census revision.

These three groups of people are living on the direct route to KUKIPI station and thus have seen a good deal of the Administration through its many employees which pass along the road between KUKIPI and KAINTEBA, and therefore they have now a rather good idea of what they can expect from the Administration and vice versa.

The patrol was to some extent marred by bad weather and poor walking tracks but this was made up for by the good reception the patrol received in all villages visited.

To sum up, all the aims of the patrol were carried out successfully and the area visited was very pro Administration on the whole.

END OF PATROL



G.C. Connor
Cadet Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX "A"

REPORT ON R.P.N.G.C MEMBERS ACCOMPANYING THE PATROL

Constable FELIX Reg no. 10734

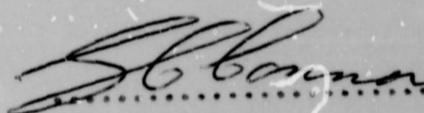
Conduct and appearance good. Keen and alert. Intelligent. Excellent for patrol and promotion to Constable 1st class in due course.

Constable KONGORU Reg no. 10219

Conduct and appearance good. Suitable for patrol.

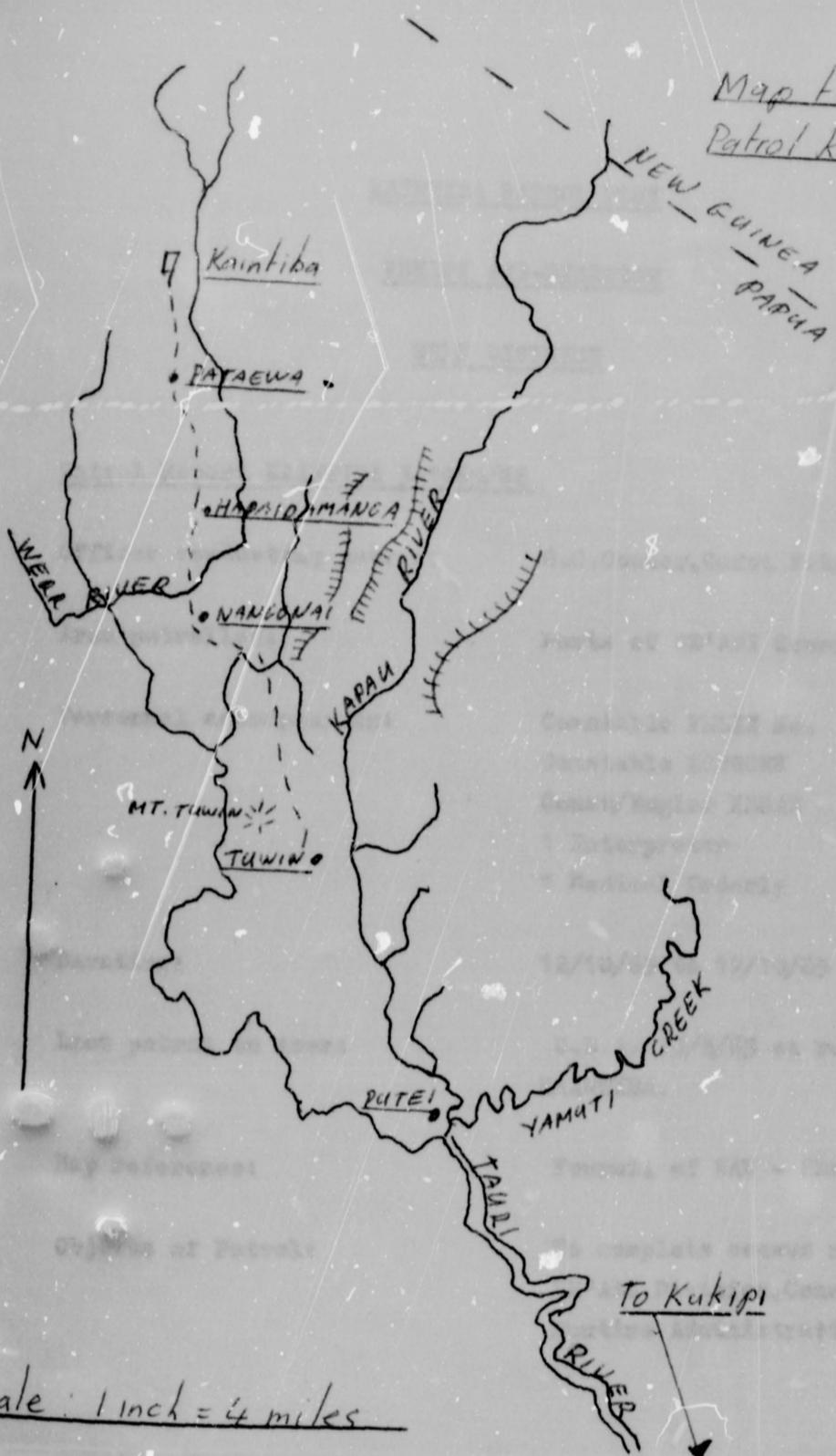
Constable/Bugler KEHAH

Appearance good. Conduct satisfactory. Suitable for patrol.

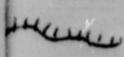
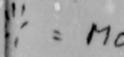


G.C. Connor
Officer R.P.N.G.C

Map to accompany
Patrol Report KAI-3-65/66



Scale: 1 inch = 4 miles

-  = Limestone cliffs
-  = Patrol route
-  = Mountains of significance

KAINTIBA PATROL POST

KUKIPI SUB-DISTRICT

GULF DISTRICT

Patrol Report KAINTIBA 3-1965/66

Officer conducting patrol: G.C.Connor, Cadet Patrol Officer

Area patrolled: Parts of WE'ABI Census Division.

Personnel accompanying:

Constable FELIX No.	10734
Constable KONGORU	10219
Const/Bugler KENAH	11352
1 Interpreter	
1 Medical Orderly	

Duration: 12/10/65 to 17/10/65 -5 1/2 days.

Last patrol to Area: D.D.A. 15/8/65 en route KUKIPI to KAINTIBA.

Map reference: Fourmil of WAF - Sketch attached

Objects of Patrol: To complete census revision of the WE'ABI Division, Consolidation, Routine Administration.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Gulf Report No. KAINTIBA 4 65/66

Patrol Conducted by R.A. Deverell Assistant District Officer

Area Patrolled Upper West Bank Tauri Census Division, part of Haudei
Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 3 members R.P.N.G.C.
1 medical orderly

Duration—From 13/4/1966 to 23/4/1966

Number of Days 11

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 26/4/1966

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

Map Reference Fourmil of Wau

Objects of Patrol To visit areas selected for the forthcoming Territory
Census, and other matters of 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

67-7-9/1347

AGJ:wd

Gulf District,
KEREMA.

June 30, 1966.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
KUKUPI

KAINTIBA PATROL REPORT No. 4 of 1965/66.

Thank you for the abovementioned Report which was received on even date, approximately nine weeks after the completion of the patrol. I note that you accept a measure of responsibility for its late submission but the Report should have been in your hands on about May 2nd. Your absence at Moresby did not commence until May 27. Please note that all Officers returning from patrol are to be given one clear day free of all duties. Then three days in which to compile and submit their Patrol Reports, maps, financial vouchers, etc. You are then to submit the Report to me with your comments so that it reaches me within fourteen days of the completion of the patrol. In addition, please instruct all Field Staff under your control to study Departmental Standing Instructions, Chapter 4 in toto.

Mr. Deverall has submitted a neat Report but has failed to comply with Standing Instructions. In view of the fact that the last D.D.A. patrol to visit this area was twelve months previous, the lack of information supplied detracts seriously from the value of the patrol.

Mr. Deverall should not place undue significance on the public demonstration of loyalty by the S.D.A. teachers - para. 3, page 4 - he should in fact be extremely prudent in his relationships with these 'missionaries', it is not unknown for unscrupulous use to be made of an over emphasised and grossly exaggerated 'friendship' with the 'Kiap'. I am not suggesting these particular teachers were being deceitful but I am advising caution. Details of the complaints against the Catholic teachers should have been investigated and detailed in the Report. Similarly whenever submitting any conclusion I require the supporting facts that led the writer to those conclusions.

I await with interest the submission concerning over recruiting.

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cc. Officer in Charge,
KAINTIBA.

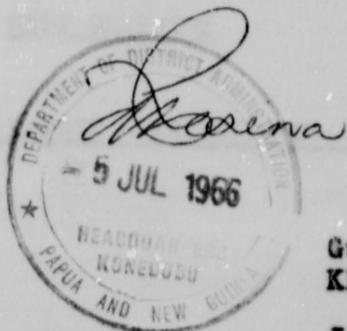
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(John J. Murphy)
District Commissioner.

NOTE TO: The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

For your information and comment, please.

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District Commissioner.

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67-7-9/1347

ACJ:wd

Gulf District,
KEREMA.

June 30, 1966.

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4th August, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Gulf District,
KEREMA.

KAINTIBA PATROL REPORT NO.4/1965-66:

Receipt of the above named patrol report by Mr. Deverell which is covered by your memorandum 67-7-9/1347 of the 30th June, 1966 is acknowledged with thanks. The Assistant District Commissioner's comments apparently have been lost in transit. Could I please have a copy.

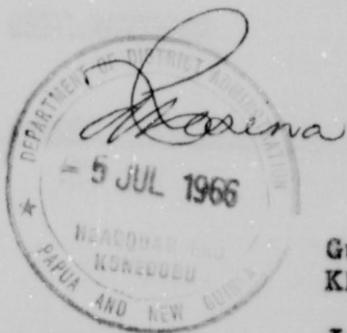
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3. Although Mr. Deverell has submitted an interesting report on general administration work done on this patrol, he does not submit any relevant comments in respect of the education of these people on the significance of the Territory wide Census and their reaction to his talks.

(J. K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

J. K. McCarthy /
District Commissioner.

67. 2. 23 (11)



67-7-9/1347

ACJ:wd

Gulf District,
KEREMA.

June 30, 1966.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
KUKUPI

KAINTIBA PATROL REPORT No. 4 of 1965/66.

Thank you for the abovementioned Report which was received on even date, approximately nine weeks after the completion of the patrol. I note that you accept a measure of responsibility for its late submission but the Report should have been in your hands on about May 2nd. Your absence at Moresby did not commence until May 27. Please note that all Officers returning from patrol are to be given one clear day free of all duties. Then three days in which to compile and submit their Patrol Reports, maps, financial vouchers, etc. You are then to submit the Report to me with your comments so that it reaches me within fourteen days of the completion of the patrol. In addition, please instruct all Field Staff under your control to study Departmental Standing Instructions, Chapter 4 in toto.

Mr. Deverall has submitted a neat Report but has failed to comply with Standing Instructions. In view of the fact that the last D.D.A. patrol to visit this area was twelve months previous, the lack of information supplied detracts seriously from the value of the patrol.

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J.J. Murphy 115
(John J. Murphy)
District Commissioner.

GULF DISTRICT

PATROL REPORT - KAINIPIA NO 4 65/66

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Patrol Post KAINIPIA
Gulf District

23rd May 1966.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Kukup Sub-District,
KURUPI

PATROL REPORT - KAINIPIA NO 4 65/66

Herewith are 4 copies of the above report. Three copies are for the District Commissioner Kerem.

The purpose of this patrol was to visit the sample areas selected for the forthcoming Territory Census in June as advised in the Gulf Commissioners memorandum 14-5-2/962 of the 15th April 1966.

I intend to submit a separate report on labour recruiting with the view of having certain areas restricted or closed to recruiting, after the matter has been discussed with the Officer at Henyarya during my Census course in June. Part of the Henyarya Sub-District has already been closed to recruiting.

At the same time the land dispute between the people of Kwainga and Fahnol Villages will be discussed.

At present there are sufficient materials at Kalutiba to construct a swing bridge at Eyrya consisting of three wire cables. However an extra 300' X 1/2" diameter wire rope is required for a fourth cable. This matter has already been discussed with you on the radio.

For your information please.


(R.A. Doversell)
Officer-in-Charge

GULF DISTRICT

PATROL REPORT - KAINIIBA NO 4 65/66

Patrol Conducted by: R.A. Deverell Assistant District Officer

Area Patrolled: Upper West Bank Tauri Census Division, part of
Fondri Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by: 3 members R.P.N.G.C.
1 medical orderly

Duration From 13/4/1966 to 23/4/66

Number of Days: 11

Last Patrol to Area by - District Admin: 26/4/1966

Medical: Nil

Map reference : Fournal of Nau

Objects of Patrol: To visit areas selected for the forthcoming
Territory Census, and other matters of
general administration.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams DISADM

Telephone

Our Reference... 67-1-1

If calling ask for

Mr.....

Department of District Administration,

Patrol Post KAINIPIBA
Gulf District

23rd May 1966.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Kukipi Sub-District,
KUKIPI

PATROL REPORT - KAINIPIBA NO 4 65/66

Herewith are 4 copies of the above report. Three copies are for the District Commissioner Kerema.

The purpose of this patrol was to visit the sample areas selected for the forthcoming Territory Census in June as advised in the Gulf Enumerators memorandum 14-5-2/982 of the 13th April 1966.

I intend to submit a separate report on labour recruiting with the view of having certain areas restricted or closed to recruiting, after the matter has been discussed with the Officer at Menyamya during my Census course in June. Part of the Menyamya Sub-District has already been closed to recruiting.

At the same time the land dispute between the people of Binnga and Fakar Villages will be discussed.

At present there are sufficient materials at Kaintiba to construct a swing bridge at Ewynya consisting of three wire cables. However an extra 300' X 1/2" diameter wire rope is required for a fourth cable. This matter has already been discussed with you on the radio.

For your information please.


(R.A. Deverall)
Officer-in-Charge

GULF DISTRICT

PATROL REPORT - KAIN TIBA NO 4 65/66

Patrol Conducted by: R.A. Deverell Assistant District Officer

Area Patrolled: Upper West Bank Tauri Census Division, part of Hamdei Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by: 3 members R.P.N.G.C.
1 medical orderly

Duration From 13/4/1966 to 23/4/66

Number of Days: 11

Last Patrol to Area by - District Admin: 26/4/1966

Medical: Nil

Map reference : Fourmil of Wau

Objects of Patrol: To visit areas selected for the forthcoming Territory Census, and other matters of general administration.

The response and reception to the patrol was very good, the standard of housing was reasonable, and the area is being well maintained, and the post house was in good repair. Some people who have been influenced by disease have returned to the home and the work on the coast and building work was similar to the coastal section. There was no malaria at all, and the people for this district were very healthy. The food was brought for sale and this was purchased with money.

The Catholic Mission have been at Wau for about 10 years however all they seem to do is for the welfare of a newly constructed temporary house and this is a very good example of the people's attitude towards the Mission. Furthermore the presence of the Mission is a very good thing and the people have been very cooperative in the past. As yet no complaints have been received of the cattle dipping gardens, indeed most of the gardens are in the dry season and out of range. The people were informed that this problem must be reported immediately to the District Officer and interested in the future the Mission intend to sell their land for building and at present this is very low and the only complaint is the area near the Catholic Mission and the immediate vicinity of the post house.

The District Officer is very interested in the area and about a half mile further along the road.

Sightings of kangaroos.

PATROL DIARY

The purpose of this patrol was to inform the people of the Upper West Bank Tauri Census Division, and those people of the Hamdei Census Division living on the Upper East Bank of the Tauri River, of the forthcoming Territory Census in June 1966. As previously advised by the Guli Enumerator in his memorandum 14-5-2/982 of the 13th April 1966, the above had been selected as sample areas for the Territory Census and should be visited within the next month.

Also during the patrol possible bridge sites in the Upper Tauri River area were inspected and other matters of general administration were attended to. A hospital orderly accompanied the patrol.

Wednesday 13th April.

Departed Kaintiba 10 am arrived Bema Catholic Mission Station 11.45am. Lunched with a bottle of home made beer. Departed Bema 1.30 pm and finally arrived Kaingo 3.30pm. Rained heavily for the rest of the afternoon.

Kaingo is not one of the villages included in the Territory Census however the people were informed of the Census. The hamlets in the area were inspected, and matters of general administration were discussed including roads and housing.

The response and reception to the patrol were very good, the standard of housing was reasonable, the main road is being well maintained, and the rest house was in good repair. Some people who have been influenced by mission built houses or who have worked on the coast are breaking away from the traditional round house design and are building houses more similar to the coastal design. These houses however are less suitable for this climate because of their low pitched roofs. Ample food was brought for sale and this was purchased with money.

The Catholic Mission have been at Kaingo for about two years however all they have to show for their efforts is a poorly constructed teacher's house and this is apparently a reflection of the peoples' attitude towards the Mission. Furthermore the presence of the Mission cattle in the area does not help relations between the Mission and the people as the Mission have been making many complaints of the animals being attacked. As yet no complaints have been received of the cattle damaging gardens, indeed most of the gardens are on the steep slopes and out of range. The people were informed that this practice must cease and any legitimate complaints about the cattle must be reported immediately to me. This is within their own interests as in future the Mission intend to sell cattle for breeding and at present this appears to be one of the only potentials this area has. The Lutheran Mission had the same difficulty at Mengmya however their cattle are now unmolested.

The Lutheran Mission are established at Sugawianga about a half mile further along the main road.

Overnight at Kaingo.

Thursday 14th April

Departed Kaingo 9 am arrived Iemepango 11am.

This road leaves the Werr Valley and proceeds straight over the range into the Tauri Valley. As the road has seldom been used by previous officers it is no more than a bush track. However as it leads to the Tauri crossing near Ewynya which is the most likely place for a cable suspension bridge, then considerable work will have to be done to improve it.

The patrol was well received and a new rest house had recently been constructed. Ample fresh food was purchased for the patrol with money. Also a small quantity of beans were offered for sale by one of the recently returned Yaba massacre detainees. The seeds had been brought from Port Moresby and planted in an old fire bed where there was plenty of potash. Bean seeds which had been distributed by previous patrols had not been successful in this area.

The forthcoming census was discussed with the people together with improvement work on the road and other minor matters. Two minor complaints were heard. The medical orderly reported no serious illnesses, although I believe neglected colds often develop into pneumonia.

The Catholic Mission have a teacher at Iemepango however during my visit he was at Bema together with all the other teachers in the area assisting with a building project. The Mission buildings at Iemepango were showing signs of neglect.

Overnight at Iemepango.

Friday 15th April

Departed Iemepango 7.45 am arrived Tauri River 9.15 crossed without any difficulty, finally arrived Ewynya 10.15am. Rained heavily for the rest of the day.

On arrival at the Tauri the River was well down and a bridge which had been constructed a month earlier by a police patrol was still intact. Usually periods of heavy rain during the afternoon or evening cause any bridge to be swept away. Here the river narrows between two rock faces about 180' wide and 60' high, and when the flow of water is sufficiently low enough to expose two large rocks in centre stream, these are bridged to afford a crossing. A swinging bridge could be constructed above the rock faces which would be above flood level. It would be more preferable that a bridge be sited in the Mambanya area further downstream so that it would provide more direct access to the people on the West bank of the Tauri. However as yet a suitable location above flood level has not been located. A location in the Mambanya area mentioned in a previous report by Mr. Whitehead does not appear to be as suitable as the one at Ewynya.

Ewynya has a relatively large population however the majority of the people are still living in their gardens. The S.D.A. Mission have been at Ewynya for two years and this village appears to be the boundary of their activities on the West Bank of the Tauri. The Catholic Mission have a teacher at Kwoimnga about one hour away.

The response and reception to the patrol were poor and little food was offered. The forthcoming census was discussed with other matters of general administration. The people were warned that everyone must present themselves at the census and their present attitude would not be tolerated. Unfortunately the councillor who has been effective in bringing many of the people into the village and improving conditions is at present in the Kaintiba Lockup, and during his stay at Kaintiba many of the people have left the village.

Saturday 16th April

Departed Ewynya 9.15am arrived Komago 3pm.

The road is only a bush track and it crosses two large creeks, it also follows the Tauri River and in places is subject to flooding. As the New Guinea border is approached the virgin bush gives away to large areas of grasslands which possibly indicates that at some time the area has been heavily populated.

Most of the people are living in the village area. The S.D.A. Mission are established at Komago and apparently have the support of the people and all the Mission buildings were in good repair. The Administration also maintains an aid post at Komago which is supplied from Menyamya.

In the past, this village has been heavily recruited, for plantation labourers and prior to my arrival a line of twenty five labourers had recently returned. Most of the recruiting is done by C. Chee of Lae who has a native trader and recruiter at Menyamya, and as part of the Menyamya Sub-District has been closed to recruiting, they have been recruiting many people on the Papuan side of the border. Furthermore anyone looking for work (or trying to escape the law at Kaintiba), only has a two day walk to Menyamya from where their airfare is paid out of the area. Most of the labourers are being sent as far as Rabaul and Wewak. Furthermore the main supporters of the Mission are people who have been away at work and so are more susceptible to new ideas, and change.

The S.D.A. Mission have been looking at Komagu as a possible airstrip site. The longitudinal slope is about 11% and only 900' X 150' is available, considerable cut and fill is also involved. Even as a private airstrip it would be too short.

The forthcoming Territory Census was discussed with the people and other matters including work which is required on the roads. There were no complaints. Ample food was offered for sale which included, kaka, sugar cane, pitpit, corn, spring onions, Australian pumpkin, tomatoes and passionfruit.

Overnight at Komagu.

Sunday 17th April

Observed at Komagu.

Monday 18th April

Departed Komagu 9.15am arrived Kwaiyu 11am, which is situated in an adjacent valley.

Most of the people are now living in the village however there are still a few isolated families living in the hills. About 30 men were away at work.

The S.D.A. Mission have been established at Kwaiyu for about 2-3 years, and the teacher is in the process of completing a large and impressive church building similar to a coastal Papuan design. The teacher comes from Abau. Many people influenced by Mission buildings and buildings they have seen on the coast whilst away at work, are breaking away from the traditional round house design and building houses ~~more~~ similar to coastal designs. Unfortunately they have little idea of constructing them properly and they are less suitable for mountain climates.

The response and reception to the patrol was good and a considerable amount of food was offered for sale and purchased with money. Some people preferred salt and girigiri. The forthcoming census was discussed with the people and other matters including roadwork, housing and recruiting. One small complaint was heard. No serious illnesses were reported by the medical orderly.

Overnight at Kwaiyu.

Tuesday 19th April

Departed Kwaiyu 9am arrived Kwoimnga 2.30pm.

Apart from a small section of the road near Kwaiyu, the rest of the road passes through grasslands. About 2 hours from Kwaiyu the Tauri River was re-crossed and here the river passes through a rock gorge about 60' wide, and is an ideal location for a wire suspension bridge. Any lumber for the construction however would have to be carried for some distance.

Kwoimnga is the closest village to the border and only a days walk from Menyama. A considerable number of hamlets are scattered around the small villages of Kwoimnga and Ata.

The S.D.A. teacher at Kwoimnga has built an impressive church building and two classrooms, and this is the only S.D.A. school which teaches standard I. The teacher at Kwoimnga has also imported a small herd of goats. The S.D.A. Mission in the area generally has the support of the people and this is mainly due to the quality of its teachers. Three teachers are from Abau on the Central coast, one from Chimbu and two from Buka. All except two are married and seem suitable for missionary work. On the other hand all the Catholic teachers are Goilalas, are single, and not as suitable for missionary work as during the patrol many complaints were made against them. Furthermore the S.D.A. teachers are very pro Admin. as demonstrated by much shaking of hands, flying the national flag, and singing the national anthem.

The response and reception to the patrol were very good and ample food was offered for money salt and girigiri. The forthcoming Territory Census was discussed with the people and other matters including roadwork, housing, recruiting. There were no complaints and the medical orderly reported no serious illnesses. An excellent rest house had recently been completed.

Overnight at Kwoimnga.

Wednesday 20th April

Heard a land ownership dispute between the people of Fakamei and Kwoimnga Villages. The people of Fakamei, who usually census at Karanga on the New Guinea side have recently moved to within a mile of Kwoimnga and are claiming that Iavi creek near Kwoimnga is their land boundary. The Kwoimnga's do not agree. Before any action is taken I intend to take the matter up with the Officer at Menyama to gain more background information. Both parties were warned that any fighting over the matter would not be tolerated.

Thursday 21st April

Departed Kwoimnga 9.30am arrived Huwawia 12.30pm.

About 2 miles of graded road from Kwoimnga and a further 3 miles of graded road into Huwawia has recently been constructed mainly due to the efforts of the respective councillors. Even though the road has not been previously pegged the grading work has been well done.

Recruiting has depleted the village completely of all its young men and during my visit the village was represented by 12 old men together with 60 women and their children. The total population of the village is 180. In all villages the matter of 'big line' was discussed with the people, and they were instructed that in future those wishing to work outside this area must first report to the Officer at Keintiba. Such a system however is hard to implement because of the back door through Menyama. During my visit to Menyama in June, I intend to discuss the matter with him with a view of eventually having this area restricted or closed to recruiting. Part of the Menyama sub-district is now closed to recruiting.

The S.D.A. Mission have had a post at Huwawia for the past two years. The station was being well maintained.

Response and reception to the patrol were very good and ample food was offered for sale which was purchased with money. The rest house was in good order. The forthcoming Territory census was discussed with the people together with other matters including; roadwork, housing labour, and health. Two court matters were attended to. The medical orderly attended to a multitude of small ulcers.

Overnight at Huwawia.

Friday 22nd April

Departed Huwawia 8.30am arrived Karangae 9.30am.

The people of Huwawia have completed a further mile of graded road out of the village however the people of Karangae have done no roadwork at all.

Prior to my arrival 8 'big line' had recently returned and during their absence the village had fallen into a state of disrepair and a number of women and their children were living in partially collapsed houses. The necessary instructions were given to the owners of these houses. As there was no rest house in the village a site was selected for one to be built.

A number of complaints were heard against the Catholic Mission teacher stationed at Huwawia, in whom they appeared to have little confidence and would prefer an S.D.A. missionary instead. At the time this teacher was working at Bema.

The census was discussed with the people together with other matters including roadwork, housing and health.

Departed Karangae 12 noon arrived Kotidanga 2.30pm. No work has been done to improve this road.

A new rest house has been constructed at Kotidanga as it is central to the other villages in the area. Hawabanga, Udidanga and Ewau are each only half an hours walk from Kotidanga.

The S.D.A. Mission has teachers at Hawabanga and Udidanga while the Catholic Mission has a teacher at Ewau. The teacher at Ewau did not visit the patrol until he was asked to.

At present the aid post ~~is~~ at Kotidanga is not permanently staffed, however the area is visited by regular medical patrols.

The airstrip site at Hawabanga has been reported previously in detail by Mr Weber, however I consider it no better than the present site at Kaintiba.

The forthcoming Territory census was discussed with the people of Hawabanga Udidanga and Ewau. Kodidanga is not being included in the census. Other matters including roadwork, housing, health and labour were discussed, and one small land matter was attended to.

Overnight at Kotidanga.

Saturday 23rd April

Departed Kotidanga 8.30am arrived Bema Mission station 12.30pm. Downed a couple of strong home made beers and staggered back to Kaintiba arriving 2.30pm.

End of Patrol.

The attached map shows the selected areas for the two patrols which will be conducted for the Territory Census in June.

R. D. [Signature]

APPENDIX A

Those policemen who accompanied the patrol were:-

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|-------|---------|-------------------|--|
| 10099 | SUVI | Constable 5th Yr. | Loyal and helpful, however
lack initiative and leadership. |
| 11352 | KENAH | Trainee 3rd Yr. | Shows good initiative and
helpful on patrol, however
sometimes lacks discipline. |
| 11461 | SOHEMBO | Trainee 2nd Yr. | Young, keen and helpful. |

