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PATROL REPORT OF: LAE MOROBE

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REPORT No: <u>LAE</u>	FOLIO	OFFICER CONDUCTING PATROL	AREA PATROLLED	MAPS, PTS	PERIOD OF PATROL	FICHE No:
[1] 1 OF 1963/64	1-19	P. T. WORSLEY P.O	WAIN CENSUS DIVISION.		23.9.63 - 13.10.63	
[2] 6 OF 1963/64	1-9	R. D. DONOVAN P.O	MOMALILI CENSUS DIVISION.		17.12.63 - 23.12.63	
[] WAU						
[] 1 OF 1963/64	1-11	A. R. JAMES P.O	ELGA.	MAP	15.7.63 - 24.7.63	
[] MENYAMYA						
[] 6 OF 1963/64	1-12	G. D. WAITE P.O	PART WAPI CENSUS DIVISION	MAP	1.6.64 - 13.6.64	
[] MUMENG						
[] 1 OF 1963/64	1-22	P. MAYNARD G.P.O	BUANG CENSUS DIVISION	MAP	1.7.63 - 19.7.63	
[] 7 OF 1963/64	1-15	V. J. WRIGHT	BUANG, MUMENG X MIDDLE KATUT	MAP	5.6.64 - 8.7.64	
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PATROL REPORTS MOROBE DISTRICT 1963/64

LAE, WAU, MENYAMBA, and MUMENE

<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled.</u>
<u>LAE</u>		
1-63/64	P. T. Worsley	Wain Census Division
6-63/64	R. D. Donovan	Komalili Census Division
<u>WAU</u>		
1-63/64	A. R. Jones	Eloa
<u>MENYAMBA</u>		
6-63/64	C. D. Waite	Part Wapi Census Division
<u>MUMENE</u>		
1-63/64	P. Hayward	Buang Census Division
7-63/64	P. J. Wright	Buang, Mumeng and Middle Watut C/Ds



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of MOROBE Report No. MENYAMYA No. 6 1963/64

Patrol Conducted by C.D. WAITE Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Part WAPI

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans J.E. MOYES Cadet Patrol Officer

Natives 4 Members R.P. & N.G.C. 1 Interpreter

Duration—From 1/6/1964 to 13/6/1964

Number of Days 13

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 3/4/1963

Medical 19/3/1964

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol 1. To encourage road work on the MENYAMYA- KABONG road .

2. Informal economic and social survey. 3. Routine Administration.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY

Forwarded, please.

3/8/64
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District Commissioner

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

Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund £.....

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Dept. of Native Affairs,
Fonedobu. Papua.

24th August, 1964.

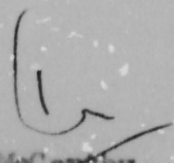
District Officer,
Morobe District,
LAE.

PATROL REPORT NO. 6-63/64 - MENYANYA.

Receipt of the abovementioned report and accompanying comment is acknowledged with thanks.

The content of the report is adequately covered in the comment provided by the Officer In Charge at Menyanya.

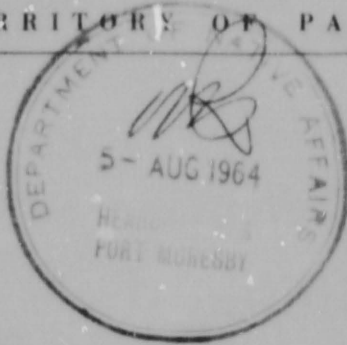
I see very little hope for extensive economic development in the area because of limited communications and the nature of the country. It appears that in such areas we can only give the people minimum law and order and health facilities at this stage.


J. K. McCarthy,
DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



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Our Reference
If calling ask for
Mr.

Department of Native Affairs,
District Office,
L A E ... Morobe District.
3rd August, 1964.

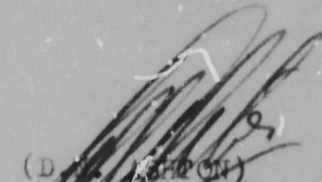
The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU

MENYAMYA PATROL No. 6 of 1963/64

I attach for your information a patrol report submitted by Mr. J.E. Moyes, Cadet Patrol Officer who accompanied Mr. C.D. Waite on a patrol of the Wapi Division.

Mr. Moyes has only been in the Territory for a brief period and this is his first patrol. He has submitted a reasonable report which has been adequately covered in Mr. Waite's memorandum of the 21st July.

The report has been shown to the District Commissioner and relevant extracts have been forwarded to the Regional Medical Officer, District Agricultural Officer and District Inspector.


(D. ...)
District Officer

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Sub-District Office,
MENYAMBA.

21st July, 1964

The District Officer,
Morobe District,
L A E.

MENYAMBA PATROL No. 6/63-64

Please find enclosed three copies of a Patrol Report submitted by Cadet Patrol Officer, MR. J. E. Moyes, covering the abovementioned patrol.

The lateness is due to me not realising that a report was also required from Mr. Moyes in addition to my own Memorandum of Patrol - your 67-2-5, of 2nd July, refers to this matter.

Comments:-

Introduction. The reference to inactivity on a communal basis refers to indifference towards inter-group projects rather than a breaking down of established reciprocity - see General Situation below.

Diary. A factual account.

General Situation. The lassitude of the people can be ~~pin-pointed~~ pointed to there being very little worthwhile at which they can direct their energies. Current roadwork should help. And if they can be given some direction towards a cash economy their attitudes should brighten up further. It is hoped that the survey of the Sub-District being undertaken by the Department of Agriculture will turn up with something.

Health. As to the goitres; the story goes that someone from SIKWONG had his throat opened at Madang and died.

Law and Justice. Mr. Moyes' observation is valid.

Agriculture. Agricultural Officer, Mr. D. J. Ross, may be able to do something about the problems mentioned when he visits the Wapi.

Education. The position should improve with the opening of the Mission school at KABONG; not that this will be enough.

Village Officials. An investigation was made of the position of TANOI No. 1. There did not appear to be any material to justify a change in village officials.


Housing. A good example of how a change invariably effects the whole structure of a traditional way of life.

Missions. The Australian Lutheran Mission is doing an excellent job with its secular work.

Roads and Bridges. Work on the proposed Menyanyx-KABONG road has accelerated as a result of the patrol.

Conclusion. The 6/- given is a Sub-District figure. It is estimated that the per capita income in the Wapi Division would be closer to 3/-

Mr. Meyce has shown that he is able to report objectively and be reasonably constructive in comment. His typing should improve with practice.


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(C. D. Waite)
Officer-in-Charge.

c.c. Mr. J. E. Meyce LENYANYA.

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PATROL REPORT - MENYAMYA No. 6 1963/64.

OFFICER CONDUCTING THE PATROL. C.D. Waite P.O.

OFFICERS ACCOMPANYING PATROL. J.E. Moyes C.P.O.

NATIVE PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING. 4 MEMBERS of R.P.&N.G.C.
1 Interpreter.

DURATION OF PATROL. 23 Days.

OBJECT OF PATROL.
1. To encourage road work on the Menyamya-KABONG road.
2. Informal economic and social survey.
3. Routine Administration.

J.E. Moyes
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J.E. Moyes. C.P.O.

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INTRODUCTION.

The area patrolled has been regularly contacted by Native Affairs patrols in the last few years. The aim of this patrol was to recruit a work-force to assist in the construction of a road from Menyamya to the Lutheran Mission station at KABONG. This work-force was to be drawn from villages close to the proposed route. At the same time it was hoped that participation in a project such as this would promote interest in and lead to further activities of a communal nature, an aspect of these peoples' village life which seems to be sadly lacking. Generally response was good and the people willing to work. Future encouragement along these lines would help considerably in the advancement of this still relatively underdeveloped area.

PATROL DIARY.

June 1964.
Monday 1st.

Departed Menyamya 1315hrs.
Arrived TAMOI No1 1600hrs.
Village unprepared for our arrival despite knowledge of our coming. Rest house poor so used Mission building. Short walk to hill above village to observe surrounding country and villages to be visited.

Tuesday 2nd.

At TAMOI No1.
Village assembled in the morning. Talk by P.O. Waite on community projects, primarily the construction of the road and benefits from this. Attempt to induce villagers to think for themselves and formulate their own ideas and plans. Followed by talk by luluai of KUMAI on conditions as he had observed them at SIASSI. Rain interrupted afternoon activities. Final talk with villagers and arrangements made to work on the road and mark further extensions on the Wednesday.

Wednesday 3rd.

Departed TAMOI No1 0900hrs.
Arrived TAMOI No2 1000hrs.
Rest house quite good. Village addressed by P.O. Waite and luluai of KUMAI. Villagers then held their own meeting, deciding which days of the week they preferred to work on the road. Radio and P.O. Waite's movie camera provoked much interest and amusement.

Thursday 4th

Departed TAMOI No 2 1230hrs.
Arrived SIKWONG 1430hrs.
Departure delayed by late arrival of carriers. Rest house at SIKWONG good. Village addressed same afternoon and 80 or so men recruited. One man who had worked at Wau had tried to interest the other people in planting coffee but with little success. A couple of plots that we looked at were poorly set out or looked after accentuating the need for proper guidance from an Agricultural officer.

Friday 5th

At SIKWONG.
P.C. Waite and myself accompanied about 70 villagers to the road head. A number of people from TAMOI No.1 and No.2 working there under supervision of members of the Lutheran Mission. Inspected work then set out with one of the mission workers Mr. Nitzke to survey a possible route to KABONG. Surveyed as far as AIOGA then returned to SIKWONG.

Saturday 6th

Went to road head again. Good number of workers. Supervised and inspected work then returned to SIKWONG.

- Sunday 7th. At SIKWONG.
Sunday observed.
- Monday 8th. Departed SIKWONG 0900hrs.
Arrived AIOGA 1200hrs.
Met resident Lutheran Missionary Mr. J. Strelan at KWAIGUMA (across a gully from AIOGA) Rest house at AIOGA very roomy but in danger of falling down. Some hasty propping had obviously been done shortly before our arrival. Village adressed by P.O. Waite who also distributed some vegetable seed creating some interest. Some lettuce brought to the rest house. Generally poor having no heart despite information that they had been planted in a reasonable place. Probably picked a bit prematurely.
- Tuesday 9th Final talk and organisation of about 60 to 70 labourers for road work. DEparted AIOGA 1400hrs arrived KABONG 1600hrs. Met resident mission medic Mr. K. Cramer.
- Wednesday 10th At KABONG.
Villagers of KABONG and AKWANJE assembled. Adressed by P.O. Waite and luluai of KUMAI. Combined work-force of both villages approximately 160 men. The villagers held their own meeting and decided to work on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. In the afternoon while P.O. Waite and a mission worker Mr. Pfeiffer surveyed an approach for the road into KABONG, I, accompanied by native constable GANATO walked to the top of the range observing the village of HIMERKA on the far side. Descent to HIMERKA very steep, little possibility of a road. Returned to KABONG.
- Thursday 11th At KABONG.
Accompanied by Mr. Pfeiffer set out for the road head. Arrived about 0900hrs. Only some 12 orso TAMOIs working there. A death in the village was the reason offered for the absentees. Met Mr. Ram, the missionary supervising the construction of the road and completed a survey of the road into KABONG.
- Friday 12th At KABONG.
Local natives cleared kunai grass in initial section of the road at KABONG. More detailed survey for about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile approaching KABONG.
- Saturday 13th Departed KABONG 0930hrs.
Arrived Menyamya 1230hrs.

END OF DIARY.

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS.GENERAL SITUATION.

Reception of the patrol in all villages was friendly. Response to talks given by P.O. Waite was varied but generally enthusiastic. The people of TAMOI No1 were at first rather indifferent to the presence of the patrol and responded least of all the villages.- possibly due to poor inter-lineage cohesion.

One of the growing problems is arising out of the lack of activity, agriculturally or otherwise in the Sub-District. Workers returning from plantations are stagnating in their villages. Some of these people have made attempts to grow coffee or other plants but with nothing of this nature already in the Sub-District most attempts are half-hearted or the persons knowledge insufficient to allow him to make a success of his venture. These instances however are isolated, the majority of workers returning to their village and the old way of life.

It was gratifying to hear one of the elders at TAMOI No2 criticising the young people for their inactivity and their being content to live as their parents did. This, coupled with their willingness to partake in the construction of the road does seem to demonstrate that these people are interested in doing something if only we can direct and channel this interest.

HEALTH.

All villagers observed appeared in good health and sufficiently well fed. Hygiene still leaves much to be desired but missionaries and their evangelists seem to be some influence in their villages, these being noticeably cleaner and neater. At SIKWONG quite a number of men had goitres. Evidently they will not consent to surgery.

LAW AND JUSTICE.

Only one complaint was brought to the notice of the patrol. This does not necessarily indicate an improvement in law-abidance. The writer felt that the village officials, sensing the main purpose of the patrol, withheld disputes they might have otherwise have brought forward.

AGRICULTURE.

Subsistence agriculture appears to be satisfactory (see HEALTH). With cash cropping, very little seems to have been done. Some villagers, who had returned from plantations, had attempted to plant coffee but lack of knowledge and guidance had rendered these projects virtual failures. Agriculture is one field which could provide the income necessary to a development of the area.

European vegetables as well as being an addition to traditional diet of the people are also a small source of income.

EDUCATION.

The only educational facilities in this area are at KWAIGUMA station of the Lutheran Mission. The Mission school there caters for preparatory grade only. The Mission plans to have a European teacher at KABONG by the end of the year but at the moment pupils from Standard 1 and over are accommodated at the already crowded Mission school at Menyanya. The present school facilities are obviously inadequate for the needs of this Census Division. And if the Sub-District is to be

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developed education will be one of its primary needs;

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

The luluais of TAMOI NO 4 and No 2 had little influence in their villages and were of no real assistance. All other Village Officials were helpful and interested even if not outstanding in the execution of their duties.

The proposed course for these people could well promote better relations and understanding between them and the Administration.

HOUSING.

The majority of houses were of conical design with few coastal style buildings. These were mainly mission buildings or in areas under mission influence. No immediate change in design can be seen, for until these people can afford clothes they will continue to build houses of such a design as to ensure warmth.

MISSIONS.

The Australian Lutheran Mission has resident Europeans at KWAIGUMA and KABONG. Stationed at KWAIGUMA is Mr. J. Strelan and at KABONG, medic MR. K. Cramer. The Mission also have evangelists at TAMOI No 2 and SIKWONG. The good work they are doing is reflected in the general village neatness and some coastal design buildings in areas under their influence.

At KABONG for about 12 months is Mission worker Mr. D. Pfeiffer who will supervise roadwork from that station to link up with the road from Menyamya.

The Mission is doing invaluable work in the area; work which could not have been conceivably done by the Administration on its own.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Approximately 2-3 miles of the Menyamya-KABONG road has now been completed and with the work-force recruited on the patrol the road should be completed in 9-10 months. When completed ~~it~~ it will be 8-9 miles in length. Up till now lack of equipment and funds for bridges has been a prohibiting factor in the construction.

The walking tracks between villages were well defined with some attempt being made to cut and form those on hillsides.

CONCLUSION.

The first aim of the patrol was successfully fulfilled with the recruiting of some 300 men to assist in the construction of the Menyamya-KABONG road.

In respect of the second object of the patrol, this area is economically poor in natural resources. The statistics show the annual income of the Sub-District to be 6/- per head per annum. This factor, in the development of the people is naturally a hinderance and much hope is placed in the Agricultural survey, now underway, finding some way of raising this figure.

The lack of income earning activity is suspending the social development of the Sub-District.

Only one complaint was brought forward in the line of routine Administration.

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APPENDIX "A".

REPORT ON THE MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL PAPUAN AND NEW GUINEA
CONSTABULARY ON PATROL. MENYAMYA NO 6 1963/64.

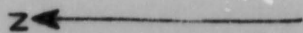
6741	Const. 1/C ALUGI.	Intelligent. Good camp organiser.
	Const. 5 KUMUN.	Good bush policeman. Reliable, shows initiative.
9744	Const. 5 GANATO	Reliable, shows good initiative. Good bush policeman. Useful interpreter.
9083	Const. 5 KAMAR.	Tends to look for the easy way out.

MENYAMBA PATROL
No 6. 63/64.

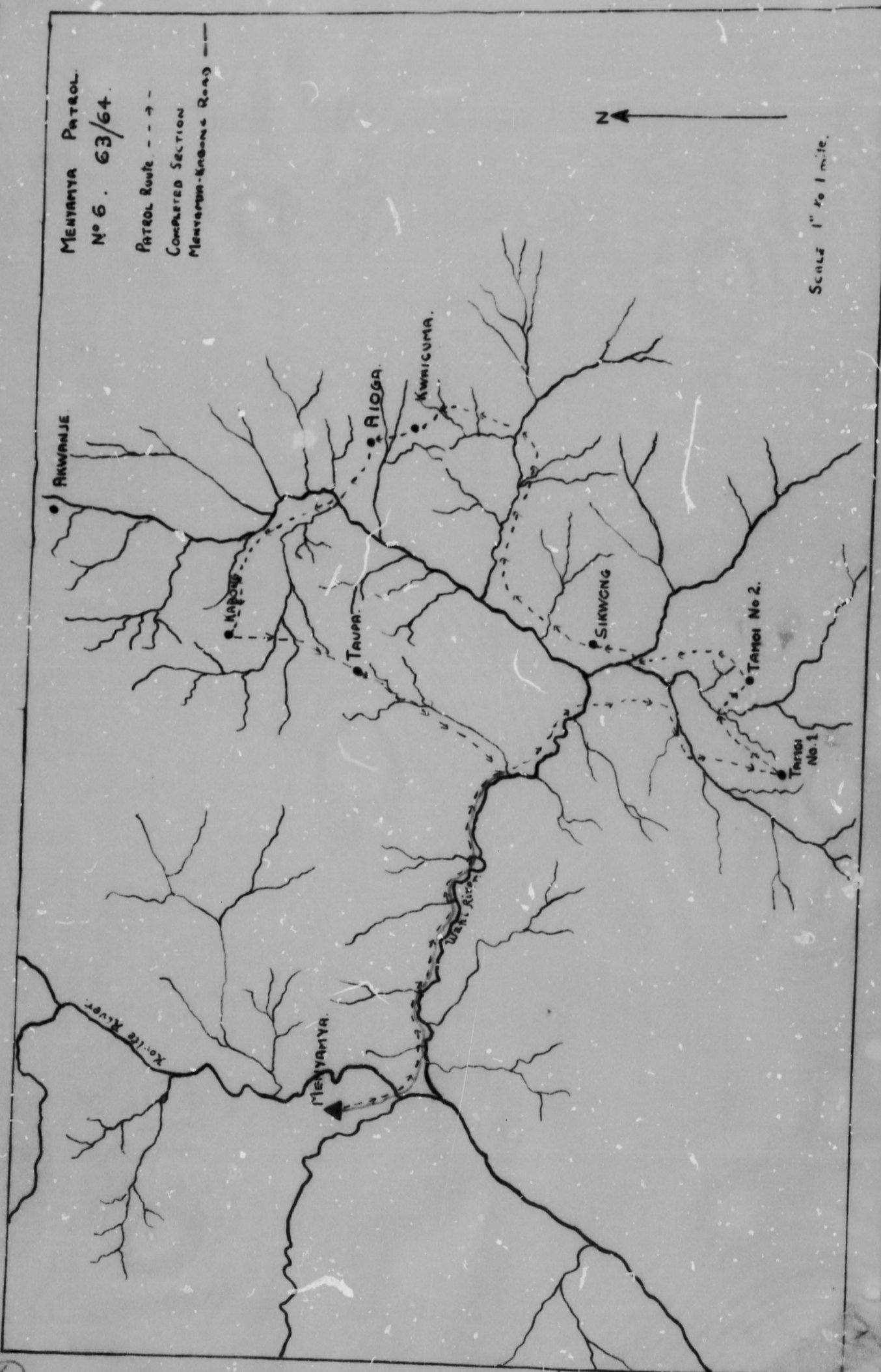
PATROL ROUTE - - - -

COMPLETED SECTION

MENYAMBA-KNOBONE ROAD - - - -



Scale 1" to 1 mile.



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