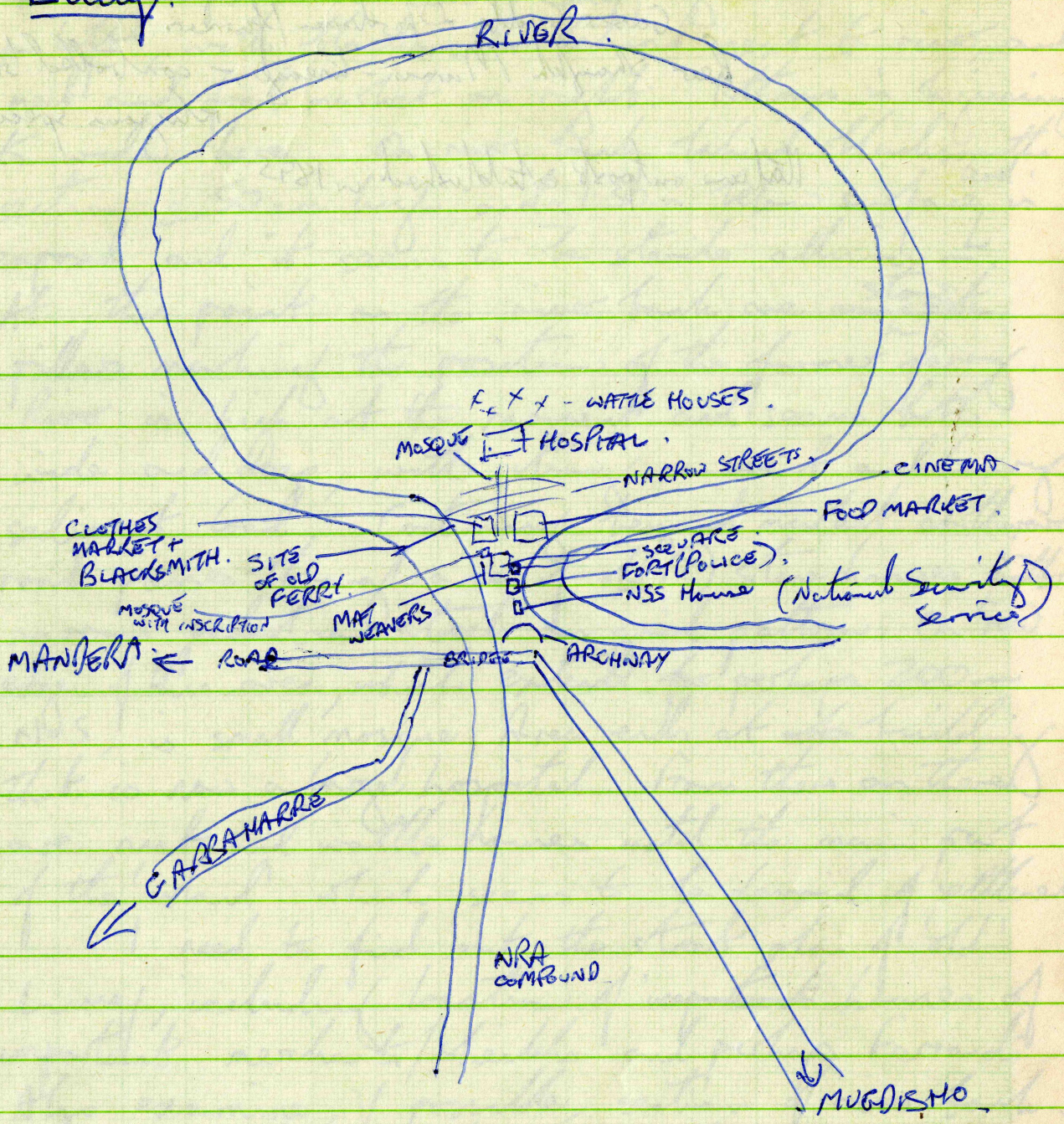


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Lungu



Arrived about 3 p.m. Staying at compound on E. bank (details below)

Old part of town with tree-lined streets is north of triumphal arch, beginning at or just before narrowest part of neck. First (travelling S → N) are Govt. buildings, including old Italian fort on right, which is now police station. V. narrow section continues north and includes square with concrete structure in centre, mat-weavers on left and cafes on right. About

Gobawein - Neigoid, hunter-farmer.
Gases Buddha - herdsman/farmer.
Kees Shuyfah Mamin - lineage - controlled trade as
religious specialists.
Italian outpost established in 1895.

^{5 less}
100m further on is central shopping area with clothes
on left, with blacksmiths behind next to river, and
meat and food market on right. Isthmus is beginning
to widen here. On river bank behind blacksmiths
section c. 50cm high and c. 1.30m below surface ^{level} is
exposed and it seems to be sterile alluvium.
At this point on the river bank are ^{stone} concrete
pillars marking the position of the former ferry.
River is high at the moment and seems both
wide and deep, with strong current and heavy
sediment load. Continuing beyond market northwards
road passes through area of old(?) stone houses ^{with}
narrow pedestrian streets on grid pattern. On NW
edge of this area, which extends for perhaps 200m
N-S, is small mosque. Area ends at ~~the~~ building
that is now a large hospital. From there on there
are mat and wattle houses until the main part
of the 'island' which seems to be devoid of settlement.

I need to find out the street plan of 'old'
Luney, including location of important houses of
important merchants/sheikhs and perhaps Ferrandi.
Also examine, if possible, sections of river bank.
Compound at which we are staying belongs to
National Range Agency (manager? M. Daar), a division
of Ministry of Livestock and Range. Project up to '86
funded by Inter-Church Response and for '86 only by
'World Service Church' (?), next year it should be taken
over by Somali Govt. but project and compound
should continue. Part of project or ? sister-project based
on same compound is funded by USAID. Best to
obtain permission for compound-use from NRA in
Mogadishu.

Grad Khalaf
Liban

21/9/86.

Lunaf.

People v. suspicious about my questions but
o.k. after seeing NSS men and the mayor.
Italians part of ~~town~~ town all ~~but~~ "forest" presumably.

From market to north end of town was all "forest"
From the gate to the wall just past Police Station
was settled by Gassar Giddle.

Grad Khalaf was first governor in AD. 1410.
He was a Gassar Giddle. When he came area was
settled by Bawan (Orono). Grad governed area as
far as Mayale and had control over Orono.
Grad Khalaf's house roughly on site of cinema,
opposite mosque, which is said to incorporate (?) his
grave. There is an inscription in the mosque (on the
grave?) with a date of AH. 855 (according to my
translation).

Grad Liban was eldest of 6 children of Grad Khalaf.
Used canoes to cross river. Canoes can hold 2-3 persons
(supposedly).

No stone building before Italians.
Grad Khalaf and his followers lived in the area between
the police station and the market centred on the cinema
and mosque. Area from PS to gate was "forest" until
Italians came.

I have searched the river bank behind cinema and that
behind the old mosque opposite the cinema. There are
extensive exposures of archaeologically sterile cemented
alluvium, together with recent garbage with much
ash. Banks here are about 1m high. There seem to
be no pre-modern archaeological deposits.

Inscription on tomb in mosque at Lugh.

Qasid Khalaf ~~is dead~~ ^{is dead} 855 A.H.

His full name was Qasid, Khalaf, Giran, Giran,
Rasbi, Riban, Mohammed, Buzgadle.

These are his name, then his father's, then his grandfather's,
etc.