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GULF DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1958/59

KEREMA

Report No.	Officer Conducting Patrol	Area Patrolled
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1 - 5 6 /59 (Special)	B.A.Hull	Mamuro Village, Punga Hamlet
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of	Report NoSPECIAL No. 1 of 1958/59
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rea Patrolled	Integral Totton Indiana.
atrol Accompanied by Europeans	NIL
Natives	POLICE, 1 N.M.O
Ouration—From 13/12/19 ⁵⁸	to/19.58
Numbe	er of Days EIGHT.
Did Medical Assistant Accompany?	110.
ast Patrol to Area by—District Se	ervices/195.9
Medical	/.3/195.6
Map Reference Sketch map at	tached.
Objects of Patrol. To stimulate	e by instruction and example, the interest
of the people in the continue that	struction of an improved track into the interi
DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES AND NATIVE AFFAIRS, ORT MORESBY.	
	Forwarded, please.
4 40	
/ /19	District Commissioner
Amount Paid for War Damage Co	ompensation £
Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fu	und £
Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust	Fund £
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INTRODUCTION:

This is a report of a special patrol to Mamuro Village and the hamlet of Purga, situated in the lower foothills, directly North of Kerema. The object of the patrol was to stimulate, by instruction and example, the interst of the people in the construction of an improved track into the interior inhabited regions of this Sub-District.

PATROL DIAVY.

SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER:

0740 We departed Kerema on rising tide by two village canoes. Constables Gegera and Taita, Medical Grderly Grake, ten Kerema Prisoners and Personal servant accompanying me. Three village men from the hamlet of Punga also accompanied us.

1100 arrived Mamuro and gained permission to place gear and self in the L.M.S. teacher's house. Prisoners settled into small adjacent house.

After informing the village Councillor of our desire to improve the track to Punga, he proceeded to tell me of a place where it was possible to make a good track, without at any stage having to cross a river or creek - at all times running on ridges.

1400 departed Mamuro to inspect improved portion of existing track. After one hours walking we come to end of this and so returned to the village arriving at 1600 hours.

In the evening a request was made to the village councillor that all the villagers come to the mission house on Sunday Morning to be Medically inspected.

Orders were also given to Constable Taita to accompony the village Councillor and Ferryman, the following day, on a quick visit to Punga, by new track to ascertain its suitability.

SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER:

O600 Myself, Constable Gegera and four prisoners accomponied constable Taita and his guides on first hour of their track. The five remaining prisoners being given orders to commence improverments at start of track. The Prisoners cook remaining behid at the village.

For the whole distance that we accomponied constable Taita the walking was very easy and the track followed the ridges.

On reaching the summit of a hill where the Matupe track joins the Punga track, Constable Taita and party parted from us, whilst we spent some time clearing heavy timber to gain a vue in order to ascertain our position.

I noted that there were may large hardwood trees in the area.

We returned to Mamuro at 1200, noting on the way that the prisoners and villagers had done some excellant work making steps and clearing bush.

The Medical Orderly reported to me that the whole village had lined for inspection and that he had treated 25 people for small sores and ulcers.

In the afternoon stayed in the village and worked with the prisoners and village people making the track. It was noted that six of the village people working with us were from the hamlet of Punga. These wen had come in earlier in the week to work on the new Aid Post being constructed.

1800 Constable Taita and party returned with a good report on the potentials of the new track. He also reported that the Punga village policeman had been requested to send word out to some of the surraurding hamlets that I would be at runga on Wednesday.

a story that most of the villagers, including escaped prisoner Sobea, had gone into the mountains at the news of my coming but that three men were coming in on Monday to help with and inspect the road working.

MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER:

0600 Prisoners and Villagers started work on track.
0700 myself, Constable Gegera and two Prisoners deported for Sori.

o830 We arrived at Sori, a beautiful spot with an abundant water supply and good garden land. Talked to the Villagers and then inspected their gardens and old Village site. I also noted the beginings of a garden and house being built by escaped prisoner Sobea. He was reputably five days walk away in the mountains. As for as I could ascertain five men, four women and five children live at Sori.

1200 We returned to Mamuro.

1300 I started work with the Villagers and prisoners on the road.

1600 We finished work for the day.

TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER:

Worked all day on road making steps, removing stumps, digging drains etc., In all completed approxamately 150 yards of fully improved track.

At night the villagers sang and danced.

WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER:

O700 Deported for Punga, myself Constable Taita, a Punga Village man and personal servant going by new track, whilst Constable Gegera led the Prisoners and Carriers by old track. One prisoner remained at Mamuro to guard the gear left behind.

1000 Constable Gegera and party arrived at Punga and praceeded to make camp.

1400 myself and party arrived at Punga. The new track is completely unsuitable due to its length!

I myself camped in a tent whilst Police and Prisoners were camped in a shelter constructed the previous day by the village people.

1600 Prisoners started clearing track

1800 We finished work.

THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER:

O500 Prisoners and Village men commenced Work on track to by pass large patch of boulders reputedly on the usual road.

O800 I visited the Hamlet which consisted of about four or five widely seattered houses. The conditions seemed very good and the gardens were just beginning to bear.

1000 Worked with Prisoners and Villagers on clearing the track and traversed for some distance the uncleared portion. At all times the track stayed on the ridges which afforded very good walking.

1330 We finished work after eight and a half hours solid work on the villagers and Prisoners part.

2000 Thirteen Bushmen came to Punga to talk to us. The prisoners were very frightered and as a safety precaution against theft, these people were worned that my dogs were likely to attack if anyone came into the camp whilst I was asleep.

FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER:

0200 Deported Punga for Mamuro via route to bypass baulders.

1000 We Arrived Mamuro

I did not inspect old track but according to Constable Gegera and the prisoners, the bypass is rather long and thus in my opinion is not worth the effort although it affords easy walking.

1130 We began work on the road

1300 Stopped work and had lunch

1400 Started work again and finished at 1700

Villagers sang and danced all night.

SATURDAY 20TH:

O200 We deported Mamuro for Kerema arriving at 1010.

On arrival at the station I reported to Mr. District Officer

A. K. Jackson.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

(a) VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Village Constable Matawa of Mamuro is a young and active man who speaks good Motu and is capable of comprehending very poor Mctu.

He was at all times extremely helpful and seems to have quite a bit of power in the village due to his official position.

Village constable Lohogi of Punga understands very little Motu and does not seem to have a full appreciation of his official duties. I understand on reliable information that he, in his own rights is a powerful man.

Village councillor Mambare of Mamuro wasat all times very helpful. He is an old man and I gather, is the leader of the village.

(b) NATIVE ATTITUDES.

- 1. The peoples attitude towards me as a European at all times appeared very friendly.
- Their attitude towards the prisoners was like wise friendly but the prisoners who were coastal people were extremely frightened.
- 3. Again their attitude towards the Government was friendly.

At no time did I have any difficulty in securing labour or carriers as there was always a line of volunteers at my house each morning. They seem to realize that this road and the Aid Fost which the Government is trying to build is primairily intended for their advancement and thus are giving willingly of both Labour and Materials. In my opinion if a Government Officer goes to Mamuro in early February he will find that the Aid Fost is completed and may be, also, there has been some work done on the road.

The Top raphy of this area is extremely rugged. hills rise steeply from the velley floors to about four dy five hundred feet. There seems to be no particular pattern as to the Direction in which the ridges run. Anumber of the valleys which I saw had high ridges crossing them at about the Mid way point, thus sending the water in two different directions - one way draining into the Mamuro River and the other into the Mature River.

As far as I can ascertain it would be quite feasable to put a jeep road through to Punga. I think that if properly surveyed a number of possibilities would be found, either following the river valleys or the mountain ridges.

FOODS:

The main foods grown are Taro, Sweet Police, Bananas, Sugar and a form of Cabbage

I have been told that there is, at all 11 as an abundant supply and that the seasons live very little effect on it.

The form of agriculture is rotational fallow gardening and I should say with a little more effort this area would be capable of supplying Kerema with aconstant flow of fresh foods. For this to be possible, though, a good access road would have to be built first.

ANTHROPOLOTY.

Division of Labour.

When preparing new garden land the men do all the clearing and heavy work in general. Once the land is prepared the women take over, plant the crops, tend them and harvest.

Land Tenure.

Each man has his own land which he passes on to his male children, who, if he has more than one, will work it jointly. A woman has no rights to the land and if her husband dies, is expected to return to her father, or if he is dead, to her brother

HEALTH:

The health of the people of Namuro, Sori and Punga seemed on the whole, extremely good.

At Mamuro 25 people were treated for small sores or ulcers, but these were only minor. At Punga the number treated was much smaller but there was one case of scabies.

I understand that the percentage of children who die in their first year is very high.

NMO ORAKE:

A very young but extremely reliable and conscientious worker. He is a product of the L.M.S. School at Koaru and speaks and reads a considerable amount of english. He was always cheerful and willing and in general a most pleasant person to have on Patrol,

Attach to Kerema Fatrol Report No / of 58/59 Mamuro - Punga - Kukukuku Area.

Constable Gegera.

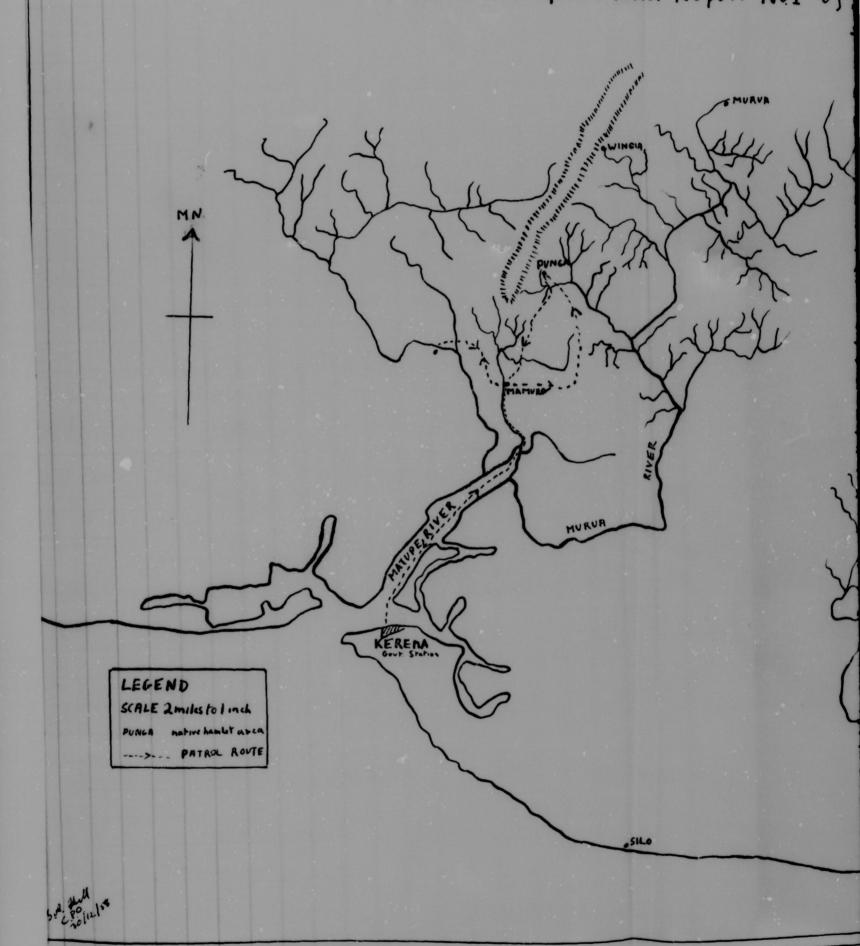
An older member of the R.P. and N.G.C., who speaks no English or Pidgin but whose powers of comprehension are very good. He is a Kukukuku who knows the people and area. At all times he was extremely reliable and helpful.

Constable Taita.

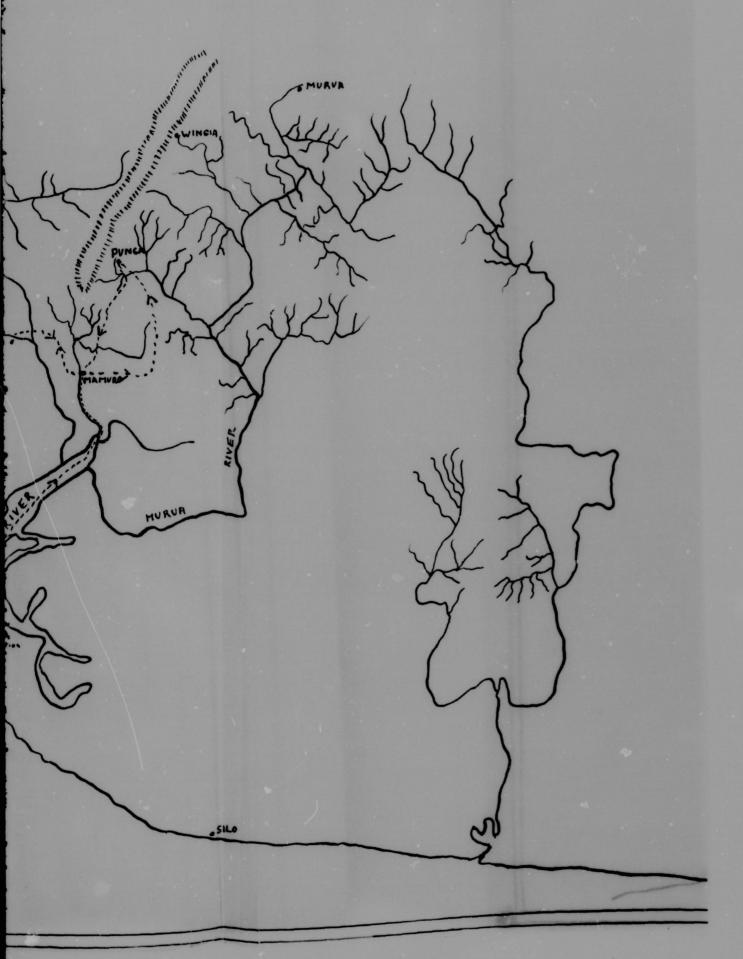
A young man who comes from this area. He speaks good Motu Pidgin and Kukuku. He knows the people and commands great respect amongst them. He was always reliable and helpful although I should say, quite prepared to take advantage of my inexperience

THE MAMURO VILLAGE PUNGA HAM.

(Attach To Ker. Special Patrol Report NoT of



M URO VILLAGE PUNGA HAMLET AREA h To Ker. Special Patrol Report NoT of 58/59.)





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District offULF		Report No	1 of 1958-59.
Area Patrolled	KAIPI CENSUS DIV	ISION.	
	Europeans		
1	Natives 4 members R.	P.& N.G.C. 1	Interpreter, 1 Clerk
Duration—From/	7 /19.58 to 28 7 /1	9	
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Did Medical Assistant A	Accompany ?No		
Last Patrol to Area by-	-District Services/9.	/1957.	
	Medical//	0./1957	
Map ReferenceA	rmy Strat Series,4	miles to 1	inch. Yule Sheet.
Objects of Patrol2	. Collection of 'e	ax Census Sn rsonal Tax e	eets:
DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT AND NATIVE AFFAIRS, PORT MORESBY.			
	For	warded, please.	
/ /19			District Commissioner
		(1)	
Amount Paid for War I	Damage Compensation	£	
Amount Paid from D.N.	E. Trust Fund	£	
Amount Paid from P.E.I	D.P. Trust Fund	· £	······

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12th September, 1958.

The District Commissioner, Gulf District, KIKORI.

PATROL REPORT No. 1, 1958-59 - KERIEJA.

Receipt of the above mentioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

It is gratifying to notice that it is recorded "that the situation in the area is quite satisfactory".

I agree that there has been a lot of writing concerning plans etc. and not much actual achievement.

Whilst recording is essential it is necessary to have something to record.

I have no doubt you have made arrangements to personally visit the area and conduct an intensive inspection, giving guidance and direction where necessary.

Jan Jahren Jahren Jang

(A.A. Roberts)



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

30/2/12

In Reply Please Quote

No. 30-1-388



Department of the Administrator,
District Headquarters,
Gulf District,

1st September, 1958.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

KEREMA PATROL REPORT NO. 1 1958-59

The enclosed Report is forwarded together with claim for Camping Allowance.

I am not st all satisfied with the Agricultural position in this District. Much has been written (and is bei written) of plans etc. I do not observe much actual achieve ent.

I have asked Mr Jackson, Assistant District Officer, Kerema to make me a complete report on achievement of production and plentings by natives and will inform you when I receive the information.

District Commissioner.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL REPORT.

DISTRICT OF.

GULF.

REPORT No. 1 of 1958-59.

SUB-DISTRICT.

KEREMA.

AREA PATROLLED. KAIPI CENSUS DIVISION.

PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY:

Europeans.

Nil.

Natives .

4 members R.P & N.G.6.

1.e. 2264 Cpl JEI.

1649 Const TAVAILOGO.

6911 " MERAVEKA.

9078 " MUME.

MALAISA- Administration Interpreter.

SAREA - Clerk Grade 2.

DURATION.

From. 2.7.58 to 28.7.58,.

Number of Days. 27.

DID MEDICAL ASSISTANT ACCOMPANY? No.

LAST PATROL BY- D.N.A Sept.1957.

P.H.D. Oct. 1957:

MAP REFERENCE. Army Strat Series 4 miles to 1 inch. Yule.

OBJECTS OF PATROL.

- 1. Census and Routine Administration.
- 2. Compilation of Tax Census Sheets.
- 3. Collection of Personal Tax, Taxa tion Tribunal etc.
- 4. Encourage economic development.

Wednesday 2 nd July 1958.

Dept. KEREMA Station approx. 10 am per Land Rover. Left vehicle some two miles past EPO turn off and walked to SILO Not village, arr. Rest House at 1330 hrs. Assembled Village Officials of the area advised of the purpose of the patrol. Census of SILO Nol.

Thursday 3 rd July.

Finalised census figures. Compiled and typed out Tax Census Sheets in am. Afternoon tax discussed and explained. £75 collected. All taxable males in the village paid their dues. Good reception.

Friday 4 th.
Inspected SILO No 1 hamlets-clean and tidy. Proceeded by cance to the village Plantation to inspect coconuts. Returned to Rest House at Noon. Proceeded to SILO No2 village for census revision and village inspection.

Saturday 5 th.

Compiled Tax Census Sheets for SILO No 2, in morning and collected £67 tax in afternoon. Again 100% collections for taxable males present in the village. Discussions with both SILO villages on economic matters.

Sunday 6 th. Observed.

Monday 7 th.

Dept. SILO for UAMAI. inspected village hamlets of UAMAI en route to the Rest House. Census revision of UAMAI No 2 village. Tax matters discussed with all UAMAI people late afternoon. Dr Calvert of L.M.S Mission, passed through en route for KOARU.

Tuesday 8 th. Census of all UAMAI No 1 hamlets. ensus figures adjusted for both UAMAI No 1 and 2. Commonced compilation of Tax Census Sheets for both villages.

Wednesday 9 th.

Day taken up with Tax Census Sheets. Dr Russell of P.H.D, and Sister Phillips of L.M.S, remained overnight here- en route for

Thursday 10 th.
U900 hrs Dr and Sister departed for KARAMA village. Worked again on the Tax Census Sheets. Tax discussions late afternoon.

Friday 11 th.

Tax collections from UAMAI No 1 and 2 villages. A total of £212 collected. All taxable males present in the village paid on damand.

Saturday 12 th.

Dept UAMAI Rest House after final inspection of UAMAI No 1 village. Arrived KARAMA Rest House at 1130 hrs. A thorough inspection of all of the twelve hamlets which comprised villages of KARAMA No 1, 2 and 3. Returned to the Rest House at 1745 hrs.

Sunday 13 th. Observed.

Census of KARAMA No 1 village, hamlets of PARAKU, KIOAVAFIRU, IVORIKA and TOARI. Disputes and discussions in afternoon. Finalised census figures and commenced Tax Census Sheets. Dr Calvert and Mrs Yates of KOARU visited patrol.

Tuesday 15 th. Worked all day on tax Census Sheets for KARAMA No 1.

Wednesday 16 th.

Tax discussions etc. Collection of Tax. £132 collected.

Thursday 17 th.

Census revision of KARAMA No2, hamlets of KEREMA, LAUKIAVA and LAVAIVICPATERA. Afternoon discussions on various matters and settlement of minor disputes. Commenced Tax Census Sheets.

Friday 18 th.

Completed Tax Census Sheets, census returns and figures for KARAMA No 2 village. Dept Rest House at 1400. Took cance up KARAMA creek to inspect all gardens in the area. Rice garden of IVORIKA hamlets visited. Returned to Rest House at 1830 hrs.

Saturday 19 th.

Collection of tax monies from the three KAPAMA No 2 hamlets. Discussions. The sum of Ci24 collected, representing 100% payments from all taxable males present in the village.

Sunday 20 th. Observed.

Monday 21 st.

Census of KARAMA No 3, village hamlets of MOROI, OFOSA,
PUKARI, ARU and URU. Census completed by 1400hrs. Minor complaints
heard. Commenced compilation of Tax Census Sheets.

Tuesday 22 nd.
Worked all day on Tax Census Sheets and Census figures for KARAMA No 3.

Collection of tax from all KARAMA No 3 hamlets. £151 collected-76 receipts issued. Absentee lists prepared. All records completed -patrol gear made ready for the move to KOARU.

Thursday 24 th.

Dept KARAMA Rest House for KOARU at 0800. Village of ERAVA reached 0915. Inspection etc. thence to KOARU Rest House arriving about Noon. Village inspected. Census of both ERAVA and KOARU villages. Commenced Tax Census Sheets.

Friday 25 th.

Day spent on Tax Census Sheets, Census figures and Absentee lists. Minor complaints heard.

Saturday 26 th.

Tax Discussions and collection of tax from ERAVA and KOARU villages. Total collections £168-10-0. Mr A.D.O. Jackson of KEREMA and Mr C.Orr, Treasury Inspector arrived at Rest House and remained overnight en route to KUKIPI.

Sunday 27 th. 0800 hrs Messrs Jackson and Orr departed. All records, returns and correspondence relating to tax matters finalised this day.

Monday 28 th. Dept. KOARU for KARAMA, where minor dispute settled. Dept KARAMA at 1100 hrs. for KEREMA arriving station at 1745 hrs.

END OF PATROL.

The area patrolled - the MAIPI Census Division of the MEREMA Sub District, is located some five miles to the East of Kerema. The nine villages which comprise this Division are all located on the located on the coast at the estuaries of the creeks and rivers after which the villages take their names.

Although the people of the area are quite frequent visitors to the Station at Kerema, there is not a great deal of commerce with Kerema, this is no doubt due to the fact that the Cupola range, which continues right to the sea, entails some effort to cross. There is a road across the Cupola, but access to this from the le end may be gained only at low tide. Communicatetion between the villages within the Division is simply a matter of walking along the beach. The Administration provides a ferry service at all helessary estuaries.

Alt of the KAIPI area is and has been for many years under complete Administration and Mission influence. The London Missionary Society, with its local headquarters at KOARU, is the sole mission in the area and its influence appears outwardly to be very strong.

In addition to the routine administration and census revision activities of the patrol, Tax Census Sheets were compiled Tax collected, exemptions determined, etc- all without incident. The main emphasis of the patrol activity was all en to the encouragement wherever possible, of the introduction of new cash encouragement at the attimulation of the production of sample. crops and the stimulation of the production of copra.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The Native Situation in the area is quite satisfactory.

At all times and at all places the patrol received very commendable co-operation from all sections of the community. On the whole the people in the area appear to be happy and contented, each living peaceably with his neighbour. Complaints received by the patrol were of a minor nature only and in most cases confined solely to

were of a minor nature only and in most cases confined solely condensatic squabbles.

In the UAMAI -KARAMA groups namerous complaints were made by the Village Officials that they were finding it increasingly difficult to keep the attention of the people as far as carrying out requests and suggestions made by them to the people. In other words the people did not want to listen to them. I did not find any undue the people did not want to listen to them. I did not find any undue In other words resentment by the people towards these Officials and none whatsoever resentment by the people towards these Officials and none whatsoever towards the Administration. It would appear that the people tend to blame the Officials (who are the older people in the village) for their (the peoples) lack of development. Perhaps the choice of words their (the peoples) lack of development to be the choice of words their too strong for the situation as it stands, but I did feel that there was a definite tendency, especially on the part of the younger set many of whom are literate, to belittle their Official men, because many of them still cling to somany of their old ideas. A considerable amount of time was devoted to this aspect, and in addition to given a verbal boost to the authority of these officials they were advised to try to lead their people to greater economic advancement by the introduction of new cash crops to their areas. advancement by the introduction of new cash crops to their areas. More details of economic prospects and potential of the area will be given under the appropriate Sub heading.

Certain ther leaders are emerging in the KAIPI area, these from two sources. The first group which today has a large say in the affairs of the area, are leaders elected by the members of the affairs of the area, are leaders elected by the members of the L.M.S Church. It is not possible to say after one visit to the area L.M.S Church the extent to which these Mission leaders influence the community the extent to which these mission but there is no doubt that in fields other than that of religion, but there is no doubt that these men are quite highly respected by the Church adherants,

The second group of leaders who appear to be making considerable gains in an authoratative shhere are the me i who have gained recognition through their economic prowness. These men might well be termed 'Co-operative' leaders, because it is largely through the Co-operative Society that these men have had the chance to shine.

It does seem highly improbable that there is to be in the forseeable future; Akshes between these leaders, because of their differing spheres of influence; however this is merely speculation, The Kaipi area continues to produce copra. Production has fallen off at this time of the year- the South East, mainly due the inclement weather which plays havor with their sole method of making copra- the sun. A further problem brought about by the season, is the difficulty of transport. It is often impossible to take copra through the heavy surf to a waiting vessel without having the product ruined by salt water. The bulk of the copra being produced at the moment comes from the village groups in the KARAMA-KOARU area, but all of the other villages are producing. These people fully realise that copra is their present main source of income, particularly since the price falls, which have effected them quite considerably. In undertable support of this statement we may turn to the increase in the number of males who have recently left their homes for more gainful work in Port Moresby. The suggestion was put forward that many of these recent departees had not sufficient money to pay their £2 Personal Tax and sought to earn that money in Moresby. This I can not accept, for to the Kaipi people in general, the sum of two bounds represents only a small fraction of their normal annual income. It is my contention that due to the price fall in their sole economic crop-copra, coupled with the difficulties at this time of the year in drying the meat, the people have either had to reduce their standard of living or seek more renumerative employment elsewhere. On the instructions of the A.D.O. Kerema, who is fully aware of this situation, special attention was paid to this matter. The needs requiring fulfilment as soon as possible are as follows. 1. The erection of hot air or smoke dryers to enable an all the year production.

2. The introduction of more efficient sun drying methods, for instance the use of sun drying sheds would be a great time saver for the people.

A step up in the number of new plantings of nuts, both from the point of view of replacing declining trees, those from the point of view of replacing declining trees, those lost due to erosion, and to increase the production capacity for future years.

The introduction of new cash crops.eg.rice and peanuts (peanuts which are of little economic value to be used by the people to improve their diet their main function however being the rejuvenation of the soil following rice cropping) The introduction of more profitable crops such as cocoa or robusta coffee. All of these suggestions are feasible as well as being practicable. Discussions with the villages have been based on this plan of action. It is now proposed to deal a little more fully with the points listed above.

1. The Local Native Co-operative Societies which are affiliated with the Toaripi Association of Native Societies, intend in the near future to send the necessay tradesmen to KARAMA to erect a hot air dryer. This is a least a start and will presumably lead to the installation of other such dryers at other points ie. UAMAI and KOARU. 2. The idea was suggested to the KOARU people, who I feel are the most likely to carry out the work, that they select say ten or fifteen volunteers, to erect a low shelter, under which is to be constructed sufficient beds to slide on poles- one for each of the workers. Copre placed on these beds can be readily slide under workers. the Circle of had weather. This method saves the product being gathered up each night or when rain threatens, and eliminates entirely the tedious task of spreading out the partially dried copra every day. At KOARU the location and position (having due regard to the path of the sun) of the shelter were indicated

and the project left in the hands of a councillor who has had experience with this type of dryer. Ample bush materials are readily available - the whole scheme requiring only labour to mut into effect. There is no reason why this will not work here just as well as I have seen it working in the Madang District.

3. A step up in the planting of new nuts will perhaps be the most difficult to realise. It is a question of education - the people seem to find this type of work disheartening because most of them are unable to think in terms of seven or ten years hence. In this field the Co-operative Society seems to be making good progress for I would say that it is largely due to their on the spot encouragement that there are so many new palms in the area.

4.A real effort has been made to get these natives to plant up rice. The flat, fertile areas at the back of KARAMA and KOARU seem to offer excellent potential. There is only one rice garden in the area, this has been planted by the IVORIKA (Karama Nol) group. The rice seed was obtained from Kerema and is almost ready to harvest. The Agricultural Officer, has rice seed in sufficient quantity to meet the immediate needs. A expensive plant has recently been installed at Kerema to process the rice.

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Rice is a crop which I think will be successfully grown in the Kaipi area- the people have already begun to show some enthusiasm. To further the introduction of this crop the Agricultural Officer Kerema has agreed to send two Field Assistants to the area in the next few days to explain and demonstrate the requirements of

The problem of transporting the rice to Kerema for processing was solved by the people themselves suggesting that they could bring their crop here in their large canoes which they normally use for trading expeditions to Port Moresby. This will be quite suitable for the immediate future but the possibility of installing a machine at either KARAMA or KOARU must be considered, as and when production warrants.

5. Cocoa. Locking through remarks made in the KOARU Village Book, it appears that the District Agric. Officer had intended to plant a demonstration plot of 500 cocoa trees, inland of KOARU. As these comments were made in Sept. 1957 it seems that the experts consider the area suitable for cocoa production. Indeed shade trees grownfrom seed obtained at Kerema have now reached the height of ten to twelve feet. I strongly recommend that further action be taken to obtain beans for these people so that they may alleast be given the chance to try their hand at cocoa production. At the moment these people feel rather badly let down over the whole moment these people feel rather badly let down over the whole business of cocoa, for there were several men who were taken by business of cocoa, for there were several men who were taken by Rabaul, and these men feel that having been encouraged, they should now be assisted. I fully sympathise with their argument.

An experimental plot of Robusta coffee is being An experimental plot of Robusta coffee is being planted at Kerema-presumgably the introduction of the crop depends on the results obtained. From my own observations the soil and rainfall at Kerema are quite different from conditions to be found in the Kaipi Inland areas, and a failure at Kerema would not necessisarily indicate a failure elsewhere.

The Local Co-operative Societies continue to make good progress in the area.

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The great deal of publicity given to the provisions of the Personal Taxation Ordinance over the past few months seems to have born fruit. Although a great deal of the patrols time was have born explaining the purpose of taxation the people were quite spent in explaining the purpose of taxation the people were quite

prepared to pay their Personal Tax. Collections were 100% in every village throughout the area, (excluding absentees of course). If we can look forward to this type of reception in ather areas, then indeed the collection of Personal Tax will be a simple matter. Below are set out certain statistical details which may

Worthy of comment are remarks made by a spokesman from the village of SILO Nol, which I know reflect the sentiments expressed by all the people living in the Kaipi area, the gist of the speech given by the Silo man after they had paid their tax, were that they wished me to tell the Government in Port Moresby that they realised that the tax was for their own benefit and that they were glad that they had been given the change to assist the Government pay for the medical and educational facilities they enjoyed especially the technical training which had been given to many of their young men at Iduabada enabling them to make a good living.

Statistics.

be of use elsewhere.

Number of taxable males in area. Taxable males absent at work. Number of total Exemptions granted. Number of partial Exemption.

8. £132-0-0.

903.

Amount of Total Exemptions. Amount of Partial Exemption.

8-0-0. £140-0-0.

There are 612 taxable male present-representing £1224 -0 Less amount of Exemptions granted.

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14 males paid tax in Moresby amounting to

£1057-10 - 0.

Amount to be collected

Amount collected this patrol

£1057-10 -0.

To all intents this represents 100% payments on demand, however, from the total collections the sum of £2 must be deducted being payment of tax by a man from another area. The man who has not yet paid his tax is an LMS Mission Teacher for whom an Appeal for Exemption is pending.

AGRICULTURE.

These people have been noted for some time as being the possessors of very small gardens. Not many sizable garden areas were seen by this patrol. It is quite obvious that there are many more gardens than those seen for they in the main scattered about the inland bush which covers many square miles. Ample sage areas are evident and the peoples basic diet at present consists of sago, bananas, breadfruit(both the flesh and the nuts), to which is added sea fish and very tiny shrimps.

Remarks under the heading 'Economic Development' very

much apply to this section of the report, however it is not proposed

to repeat the same suggestions.

There is no shortage of native foods in this area.

VILLAGES & HOUSING ... Without doubt the village of KOARU is the best of the whole lot in many respects - lay out, standard of buildings, cleanliness etc. however SILO Nol, runs a close second. As for the rest a great deal of work needs to be carried out to bring them up to standard. I must say the people worked extremely well under patrol supervision and a great deal of work was completed

whilst the patrol remained in the area.

Two men from KCARU, who had been ordered to rebuild their houses under an order given under Regulation 101 (9) dated ?Sept 1957, had not yet completed the task, in fact they have not started. Some two days prior to the arrival of the patrol at the village these two me took a boat to Moresby. A letter has been written to the District Officer, Mcresby, giving full details, in the hope that these men might be returned to Kerema where they will be charged. This seems to me to be very important from an administrative point of view and it is hoped that it will be success -fully concluded.

Latest figures are attached to this Report as Appendix 'A'.
Also attached are details of the break up of the larger villages into their respective hamlets.

Since the last census a year ago, the population has

increased by 56.

The obvious fact of these figures when compared with those of last year, is the striking relation between the increase in males away at work and the decline in the number of births.

The number of females who died during child birth is still far too high. I have recorded only those as such where there was no doubt that they died in child birth, however there were at least four other cases where if the true facts were known, they would be recorded and and a true of the true facts were known, they would be recorded and and a true of the true facts were known, they would be recorded and and a true of the true facts were known, they would be recorded and and a true of the true facts were known, they would be recorded and and a true of the true facts were known, they would be recorded and and a true of the true facts were known, they would be recorded and and a true of the true facts were known, they would be recorded and and a true of the true facts were known, they would be recorded and a true of the true facts were known, they would be recorded and a true of the true facts were known, they would be recorded and a true of the true facts were known, they would be recorded and a true of the true facts were known. ed under this column.

Other than the two cases mentioned in the Heading 'Villages' & Housing', there were no evasions of the census.

ROADS, TRACKS & BRIDGES.

As mentioned in the Introduction of this report, a road runs across the Cupola range. Owing to erosion it is not possible to take a vehicle many miles cast Cupola Rubber Estate. To bring this road to a standard suitable for vehicular traffice a lot of this road to a standard suitable for vehicular traffice a lot of work is necessary. Much of the road would require blasting. My work is necessary. Much of the road would require blasting. If instead of terminating at the first small beach as it does. If instead of terminating at the first small beach as it does. If the road were completed it would mean free access between Kerema and Kukipi at all times, at least as far as the Kerema end is concern

There is also a road suitable for use by a tractor, running from Silo to Epo plantation. It was apparently but in by the late
Manager of Epo who had ideas of purchasing copra from the coastal
villages. This road could be very important later on for it provides
the means by which produce from the area can be shipped out irrespective of the season.

Tracks run for the most part of the area along the coast as just above the high water mark, these were generally they are in continual use by the people of the area.

Bridges are located at UAMAI where the footbridges link up the various hamlets. These foot-bridges were in very poor shape, -dangerous because of the many rotten timbers which have long required replacement. These people have commenced reconstruction.

Unless there is a follow up to this patrol within a few months the work already started will quickly slide. It is my suggestion, staff and other commitzments permitting, that there is need for at least a bi-monthly inspection visit to the area. Not necessarily by Native Affairs only, but by the Departments of Agriculture and Health There is considerably more notantial. Agriculture and Health. There is considerably more potential for development in this area than there is in the Kerema Bay Division.

G.H. Brown.

Patrol Officer.

Appendix 'A' and 'A (a)', Census returns. Attachments. Missions and Education. 101 11 Medical and Health.

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Appendix 'B'. Attach to Patrol Report No 1 of 1958-59.
KEREMA

REPORT ON POLICE ACCOMPANYING PATROL.

Cpl JEI. Reg.No.2264.

Knows his job, is reliable and keen.

Unfortunately he is not very intelligent.

Conduct. Good.

Appearance. Good.

Discipline. Fair.

Const. TAVAILOGO Reg. No 1649.

Although a Kukukuku he is quiet and dependable.

Conduct. Good.

Appearance. Good.

Discipline. Good.

Const. MERAVEKA Reg No. 6911.

Despite the fact that he is a local man, with all the attendant disadvantages he did a fair job.

Conduct. Fair.

Appearance. Fair.

Discipline. Fair.

Const. MUME Reg. No 9078.

A Highland man, who finds the coastal climate a little overbearing.

Conduct. Good.

Appearance. Fair.

Discipline. Good?

G.H.Brown.

Patrol Officer.

Appendix 'C' . Attach to Kerema Patrol Report No 1 of 1958-59. MISSION & EDUCATION. Education at the village level is in the hands of the London Missionary Society who have their local headquarters at KOARU, whilst in every village there is an LMS school run by a native teacher. The standard of the Village schools is not very high. More intelligent purils either attend the Mission school at KOARU F or the Administration School at Kerema. The recent census reveals that there are at present some 22 boys and 3 girls attending Mission School and 34 boys and 2 girls attending the Administration School. The District Education Officer has advised that he intends opening an Administration school at KARAMA, possibly next Jamuary when a Trained Native Teacher is expected to be available. The local people who are aquainted with this proposition are prepared to erect suitable buildings for the purpose. There are no other Missions in the area. 1210mm G.H.Brown. Patrol Officer. Appendix 'D'. Attach to Kerema Patrol Meport No 1 of 1958-59. MEDICAL & HEALTH.

In the Kaipi area the Administration has established Village Aid Posts at SILO and KARAMA villages. The people at Koaru are able to obtain medical aid from the LMS Mis sion close The villages of UAMAI No1 & 2, are at present without an Aid Post and have either to travel to SILO or KARAMA(either way it takes over an hour), and it seems that they just find the effort a little too much. There seems to an apathy towards medical aids, often the village people wait until their children are on deaths door before seeking aid, then of course it is too late. Hygiene and general village cleanliness leave much to be desired, some efforts were made by the patrol to get things a little cleaner. With 3625 people in the area, the Kaiapi warrants more than one medical patrol per year. G.H. Brown. Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

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27th August, 1959

District Officer, Gulf District, KEREMA.

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Special Patrol KER, 2 of 1958/59

Your ultimate paragraph has been brought to the notice of the Senior Administrative Officer of this Headquarters in order that a copy maybe placed upon Mr. Cooper's personal file.

The cadet has at least indicated that when he is experienced enough he is capable of adequately reporting on his more interesting experiences.

(A.A. (Rosorts)

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



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District Office, Gulf District, KEREMA. 13th May, 1959.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
K O N E D O B U.

SPECIAL PATROL KER. 2 OF 1958/59.

Enclosed is a report of an excursion by Cadet S.M. Cooper, accompanying Mr.H. Zieck on a Survey of the Waste and Vacant Land on the Murua River some ten miles North of Kerema.

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Mr. Cooper comments that the land is poor in general.

This is a half truth for there are alluvial flats of very high

fertility. However the land is dissected by ridges and swamps and

thus not a European' commercial proposition.

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This is a half truth for there are alluvial flats of very high

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2nd January, 1959.

The District Officer, Gulf District, KIKORI.

Patrol No.3. 1958/59 - Kerema.

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(A.A.Roberts.)
Director.

Defortund of Water Afford Port Moverly 30-1/259

Sub-District Office, Kerema.

5th December, 1958.

The District Commissioner, Kikori.

Memorandum of Patrol

Patrol No 3 of 1958/59 Kerema, Gulf

Officer Conducting Patrol:

A.K. Jackson

Census Division Patrolled:-

Kaipi

Objects of Patrol:-

Investigation riotous behaviour, Koaru natives; encouragement of copra production by installing model sun-drier; routine inspection.

Date patrol commenced:

21/11/58 Completed 29/11/58.

Duration:

5 days.

Correspondence Arising from Patrol

42-1/258 of 5/12/58

Addressee
The Co-operative
Inspector, Kukipi

Copra Production.

Assistant District Officer

I certify that all necessary local administrative action has been taken on matters arising out of this patrol.

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District Commissioner

Defortmenty No P. A. Morely

Kenru intives. On 47th November 27 women of Nouro entered Kenru L.K.S. Mission station and offered to fight with group of Lelefirm women who had been given permission to fish there. (Normally, the Kenru women alone have been given permission). The Menru women were restrained by the Damonn Pastor and wife. That night 23 Kenru men entered h.M.S. Mission land and threatened violence. Sentenced from two weeks to three norths. Koaru to Karama. Proceeded by canoe(% hr) and by foot (% hr) to Kupa, up the Karama River, and inspected two acres of rice there. Are I have been marked out for coffee, on harvesting rice crop. Inspected Karama Cooperative Store and hot air drier recently built there. Many complaints received that the Tosripi Association and the Cooperative Inspector have instructed the Society Storeman not to purchase any sun-dried copra, because hot air Storeman not to purchase any sun-dried copra, because hot air per year whilst the society produced had bags in 1956 alone. Der year whilst the society produced had bags in 1956 alone. Large stacks of sprouting coconuts everywhere because hot-air large stacks of sprouting coconuts everywhere because hot-air drier alone inadequate. See my 42-1/258 of 5th December, 1956. drier alone inadequate. See my 42-1/258 of 5th December, 1956. drier alone inadequate. See my 42-1/258 of 5th December, 1956. drier alone inadequate. See my 42-1/258 of 5th December, 1956. drier alone inadequate. See my 42-1/258 of 5th December, 1956. Thursday 27th Rovember In late p.m. tried cut a hand-auguring outfit for sinking wells in the area. Discovered that in besch send a casing must be used once water level is reached. All Usmai hamlets inspected and housing instructions given. To Silo hamlets likewise inspected. Priday 28th November To Kerema in early monring.

12th September, 1958.

The District Commissioner, Gulf District, KIKORI.

Patrol Report No.3. 1957/58 - Kukipi.

Receipt of memorandum covering the abovementioned Patrol is acknowledged with thanks.

It is noted that all necessary action has been taken at District level and memoranda raised on matters arising from the Report.

ho (A.A.Roberts.)

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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In Reply
Please Quote
No. 30-1-387



rtment of the Administrator, District Headquarters, Culf District, KIKORI.

1st September, 1958.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
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KUKIPI Patrol Report No. 3 1957/58

The above report is forwarded please. This report is most unsatisfactory and as Mellor has been so informed.

(J.R. WHITE)
District Commissioner.



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Korema Patrol Report No. 2 1958/59

Forwarded with claim for Camping Allowance.

Carried out with Mr Jackson's usual drive and efficiency. He visited this station during the week and all relevant matters were discussed.

District Commissioner.

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The District Commissioner, KIKORI.

MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No 2 of 1958/59 Kerema, Gulf

A.K. Jackson Officer Conductiong Patrol:

Census Division Patrolled: Toaripi

Council elections, routine duties. Objects of Patrol:-

Date patrol Commenced 26.7.58

Date Completed

14.8.58

Duration - days:

20

Summary of Correspondence Arising from Patrol

		Addressee Subject
14-3	of 11th August	Director Native Affairs. Toaripi L.G. Council.
32-1	of 11th August	(sent ahead) The Registrar Cooperatives. Economic Progress Kukipi.
2-1	of 11th August	The Director of Civil Aviation. Airstrips Kukipi.
2-1/	57 of 16th August	The District Commissioner, Kikori. Otter Landing Kukipi.

The District Commissioner, Kikori. Land Pressure Kukipi. 34-1/59 of 18th August

Patrolling Officer's Signature.

I certify that all necessary local administrative action has been taken on matters arising out of this patrol and that the correspondence indicated by a 'tick' has been forwarded to Headquarters, Department of Native Affairs, Port Moresby.

Motion carried that Council should be renamed the Moviave-Touripi NLG Council. Estimates examined matches being used to represent revenue. Estimates amended and approved. Names of six Council Constables submitted for approval by Assistant District Officer. Discussion on site for Council Chambers postponed so Members can discuss with constituents.

Meeting adjourned of pm.

Thursday 14th. Returned Kerema by mv. KAIA.

Assistant District Officer.

Water is the most urgent need on this densely populated sandspit, both for drinking and ablutions and ideally for for gardening. All pigs have been removed and it is possible to cultivate (intensively). Consider that water should be purged from Lakekamu at freshwater point under two miles distant, and piped to Kukipi Government Station, thence to Uritai and Mirivase. A relatively small bore pipe could be used by feeding to tanks at Kukipi. With water, Kukipi Government Station and surrounding villages could be transformed from barren wastes to flourishing gardens. This project should be immediately considered by Toaripi Local Government Council and money set aside annually for it. Strongly recommend Administration bear half cost as will benefit equally. The following rough estimate is given:-

2 miles 2 inch pipe 1 mile 1 inch pipe 4 x 5000 gal. tanks 4" pump and engine Incidentals, fittings etc Labour \$2012. -- --528. -- --400. -- --500. -- --

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Friday 8th.

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Saturday 9th.

Held elections at Marakea village. As eleswhere water is chief need. Consider new bulk copra shed be built with iron roof as catchment for underground cement tank. Returned Government station for weekend.

Monday 11th.

Proceeded to Hamuhamu by motor bike and held elections, ene-woman-elected-to-Tearipi-Souncilv-Inspected-inspected village. One woman elected to Toaripi Council. Narrowly missed being bitten by a taipan which dropped on my chair from shelter-house roof during elections! Proceeded Lelefiru and held sections. An LMS church seventy feet long and thirty feet to ridge cap being built. Adzed timber indistinguishable from machine-dressed timber. Assisted villagers in in Stimating roofing iron etc still required. Recommend Council install cement tanks, using church roof as catchment. Returned Kukipi, arriving 9 pm.

Tuesds/ 12th.

Inspection of Kukipi Station. Routine correspondence.

Wednesday 13th.

Preparations for First Council Meeting of Toaripi Council for 1 pm today. Tentative estimates for 1958 drawn up.

Well long discussion with Directors of Toaripi Association of Native Societies, in which I made suggestions for economic Progress.

Council meeting at 1 pm. After preliminary address official bearers elected. MIRIA-ERAVO of Heavala, President. Tax Rule for 1958 passed, Tax Collection Committee, ratification of Clerk as Tax Collector, Tax Appeal Tribunal drawn up.

Instructions given for Tapala people to clear fifty yards around village. Request for malariot refused until this work done. (Mosquitoes bad.) Proceeded Kukipi via Heavals, h hours paddle.

Monday 4th.

Departed per motor bike to Paiko River and thence by outboard motor to Popo Villages - 5 hours by out board. MALARA, Village Constable of LVILVAFO, anxious for Administration school in area. At present Hission schools only teach to Grade IV and Administration school required for higher standards. Consider should be an early council commitment.

Tuesday 5th.

Visited Mikafiru village. Urged natives to make pontoon bridges over two crossings of the Popo. River not swift, quite narrow. Alternatively have given plans for a suspension bridge.

Elections held at Luluapo Village. Returned by out board motor to Paino, visiting the remaining Popo village, KAISAVA, en route.

There appear to be excellent agricultural possibilities in the Popo area. The land is level, well drained alluvial, and gardens flourishing.

Throughout the Moviave and Popo areas I am reliably informed hundreds of sago palms are allowed to run to seed because there are more than the people care to process, the work being most arduous. Consider a more effectual method of processing would allow it to become a valuable export. Will take up with local DASF.

Returned to Kukipi.

Wednesday 6th.

Kukipi to Lalapipi. Elections held. Consider Lalapipi excellent site for Council House. On East bank of Lakekamu is not too close to the pressure groups in large villages, of Uritai and Heavala, yet near Government Station.

It is suggested that to save money only one Section of Council House be built immediately. Consider it would be excellent idea for Council House Tower to be erected and navigation light installed, as it commands Lakekamu habour. My 26-1 to OIC Marine Branch refers.

Examined airstrip site alongside LALAPIPI.

Consider excellent strip could be constructed but would require removal of 2000 coconut palms, for a 2500 ft strip. Request DCA inspect. My 2-1 of 11th August refers.

In the afternoon held elections, inspected housing at Mirivase. This Village exceedingly short of housing sites, having squatted on Uritai land. Their garden land in vicinity Lalapipi also very poor and swampy. Population (250) has nearly doubled since 1949 (140), without any immigrations. Community anxious to take up land at Malalaua, already the subject of correspondence. My 34-1/6, of 18th August refers.

Thursday 7th.

Proceeded for Urital for elections. Waited an hour for village to assemble, for which I strongly upbraided them. Later inspected new village site. Houses spread over a large area and kunal had not been cut down. Whole village put on the task of cutting down grass. Though at first ill-disposed, people finally enthusiastically in favour of enforced "Working Bee". They decided they liked being organised:

Heatoare in afternoon. Long explanations of elections given. A simple system of preferential voting and recret verbal ballot adopted quite successfully. Tousa-Edminora, of cargo cult fame, elected for Teatoare. This possibility had been foreseen and I had advised the community that I intended seeking amendment of the Council Proclamation to allow for two mambers from Reatoare; because of animosity, Noviewe representation on council should be increased. allow for two mambers from Restoure; because of animosi Moviave representation on council should be increased. Consider four instead of three members should represent Heavala. These changes unfortunate, but believe early modification most advisable.

Friday 1st Aug.

Government work day. V.C. of Heavala told me people would not come up for work. Warning given that anyone not appearing within 15 minutes would be punished. CI-EVERAVE sentenced 2 weeks imprisonment for failing keep clean area of village allotted to him. Villagers all placed on filling in drain on outskirts village. Task completed in day. SARBA-NATORO sentenced four months imprisonment for insulting Constable MEDURI. Village inspected: housing instructions have been ignored and village filthy, old tins and rubbish littering village area. Consider a firm hand is essential with these people. They definitely consider by weight of numbers they can brow beat the official and Administration. In their own interests they will be convinced they cannot, and that a truculent attitude will not be tolerated. not be tolerated.

Work of rebuilding heavala village going well.

Project closely inspected and instructions to individuals given. Heavala natives rebuilt police barracks in the day.

Administration school at Heavala inspected.

In afternoon meeting held of all natives who have contributed to purchase of a vessel for Moviave. Books checked and Apamara Society accepted as name of group. Will apply for registration under N.E.D.O.. Registrar fully informed. The meeting agreed to invest £450 so far collected in a sound fixed deposit for two years.

In evening proceeded by cance to SAVAIVIRI.

Saturday 2nd.

After usual long discussions, elections held at SAVAIVIRI. Very attractive village but most of the people living in terrible shacks, as houses in village never completed. Seven men sentenced to two weeks imprisonment for neglecting to obey order given eighteen months ago to erect decent dwellings. Tauri River Society store inspected. Prices seem exorbitantly high - 3/- for 1 b tea, 3/8 for tincheese, 1/5d per 1b sugar, Velvet soap 4/9 2 lb bar. Store has shown £82 profit in last six months, however I very much doubt that, taking rebate into consideration, the people are receiving goods at reasonable prices. The store has a reserve fund of £651, shares in the Toaripi Association of £660, and a reserve fund with the Federation of Native Societies of £400, totalling £1711. This seems an inordinate amount of money to be tied up. Is it bearing interest? My 42-1 of 11th August refers.

In late afternoon proceeded Tapala. Gave spirited address on Gouncil work, followed by exposition of functions. In all villages have been stressing the need for greater copra production. Only 100 bags produced for Savaiviri-Tapala in last six months. Have urged the people to double this, to more than compensate for drop in price.

Sunday

Further discussions at Tapala. Complaint received that excellent Aid Post built by the people has been abandoned by NMO OAVETA of POPO without good reason. Appears he was annoyed because canoe was not provided immediately when he desired to go to Kukipi. My 16-2-of 16th Aug., refe

Corelused preliminary hearing and departed for Muklyi arriving midday. Radio conversation with DCA concerning opining of Malalaua airstrip. Air communication with Kuripi is most essential. Consider Otter should at least tall fortnightly (on Wednesday ?) Plane landing on Lakekeru alongaide station appears ideal. See my 2-1/57. Discussion with Corneil Clerk (elect) SEAZA-IRIOFS on preliminary work to establishing Tourist Council. Radio sent to South Facific Fost for supply Debit Notes, to be issued to absentees as tax advices. Three h: r discussion with Motu Motu Group Village Officials on the setting up of the Council. Monday 28th. Departed by campe for Heatoure, Noviave group of Took Bearers. All Moviave people desiring attend a feast that night at Savaiviri held by LMS following annual collections. Meld discussion in afternoon with all Heav adults. Full attendance but atmosphere of meeting a athusiactic. Long explanation but few questions. Village advised elections will be held on Thursday. MAYORAPO-MALARA advises that he will have eighty bags of rice ready for hulling in five the. States District Agricultural Officer had readist to arrange hulling. Complains Tourist Association has cofused to sell him bags. Matter under investigation. Most villagers at feast. Made oblique reference to lack of enthusiasm at meeting yesterday. Discovered that Mevieve people not happy at joining coastal people in Commil. Also desire retain separate identity by alteration of Council name to Moviave-Toaripi. Consider this should be done. See my Mr-3 of August, 58, sent separately. Unfortunate that community had not advised Mr. Mellor during initial survey when he specifically asked in mame acceptable. Further discussions of Local Government principles on much more satisfactly hasis. 10 am Proceeded Terapo to acquaint Catholic Mission of Local Government principles. Also inspected Terapo strip, returning 2 pm. Met Rey. Brown Ionion Missionary Society and over lunch discussed local Tovernment implications. He stressed that Moviave is notoriously conservative evils acced by only-remaining men's house (eravos), and perhap caused by the fact that it is the traditional name of Townspi-Jorigis and the fact that it has not been subject to constant rebuilding and replanning of impermanent coastal villages. Vadnesday 30th. villages. In evening Makao Oi, who for nine years has beer gaining wide experience as a sawyer, held long discussion in which he urged that sawmill be set up on the Tauri a mile upstream from Heavala, and be run exclusively as a Moviave venture.

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