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PATROL REPORTS WESTERN DISTRICT 1962/63

BALIMO & DARU

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Conducted by:</u>	<u>Area Patrolled.</u>
Balimo 2-62/63	D.V.R.Claassen and M.J.O'Connor	Gogodala N.L.G.C. area
" 4-62/63	R.I.Becke	Lower Bamu
Daru 4-62/63	D.J.Fanning	Oriona and Bituri Census Div.
" 5-62/63	P.J.Russell	Part Kiwai Census Division
" 6-62/63	P.W.J.McKenzie	Part Kiwai Census Division
" 8-62/63	C.Viner-Smith	Bituri Census Division
Border Survey Patrol	G.J.Reid	West New Guinea villages: Opka and Ingembit



67-3-8

18th February, 1963.

The District Officer,  
Western District,  
DARU.

PATROL REPORT NO. 2 - 62/61 - BALIMO.

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report  
is acknowledged with thanks.

The Report is adequately covered in the very  
good accompanying comment from the Assistant District  
Officer, Balimo.

The remarks in your final paragraph when  
addressing the Assistant District Officer, Balimo  
should be read and followed by all officers.

A very good report and very good covering  
memoranda.

  
(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

67-3-8

c.s. D.N.A. Konedabu.

Copy for your information, please.



(E. Flower)  
District Officer.

67-1-2

District Office  
DARU.

5th December, 1962.

The Assistant District Officer,  
BALIMO.

Balimo Patrol No. 2/62-63

I refer to your 67-1-2 of 8th October, enclosing the above mentioned Patrol Report. Unfortunately this was inadvertently filed away and was just brought to my notice. I regret the delay.

Mr. Claassen has submitted quite a good report and shows evidence of giving thought to problems as they arise, and suggesting answers.

The only section calling for specific comment is the suggestion of a ward system as referred to at P. 6 in connection with Local Government elections. I doubt if this would, in itself, create any more interest in the elections. Experience shows that natives tend always to vote parochially. I feel that interest in elections bears a very direct relationship usually to the enthusiasm and vigor put into the pre-election campaign.

Whilst the report is quite good, it is still on the old 'Villages Clean' style. What we want to-day is more emphasis on what the people themselves are thinking - about everything - what they feel their needs are, and generally spending much more time in getting through to the people rather than seeing that everything is neat and tidy. This must, at the moment, be an adjunct to our work, but please see that your officers put this in it's correct perspective, which makes it of much lesser importance. To this end I would ask that all future Reports should contain a section on 'Native Thought'.

*Agree //*

*T.A. [Signature]*

(E. Flower)  
District Officer.



67-1-2

Sub-district Office,  
Balimo, W.D.

8th. October, 1962.

The District Officer,  
Western District,  
DARU.

Subject: Balimo Patrol No.2/62-63.

Inclosed herewith the above report.

2. Late submission is regretted but Mr. Claasen was posted to Morehead before he had time to submit the report here.
3. Native Affairs P.4. Good housekeeping will certainly be a subject for the next adult education course which is due to start here shortly.
4. Native Affairs P.4. The census sheets and an analysis of the labour figures were forwarded with Mr. O'Connor's report.
5. Native Affairs P.5. The village re-building programmes will be followed up on the next patrol - that is if the Native Regulation Ordinance is still in force and such orders can be enforced.
6. Native Affairs P.5. The P.I.R. rumours have been the subject of a good deal of separate confidential correspondence.
7. Native Affairs P.5. The indifference of the Gogodala people towards economic development is certainly perturbing. A demonstration frier which costs less than £5, is to be constructed on the station and is to be used for adult education courses. An agricultural extension officer is shortly to be posted here and this, no doubt, will stimulate cash crop production.
8. Local Government P.6. The ward system does have appeal. However it is felt that if some of the non-Gogodala villages did not have direct village representation there is a danger that they would drift away from the Council. I would like your further comments on this.
9. Community (adult) Education Course P.6. Mr. Claasen's criticisms have been noted. The effects of such a course will certainly not be obvious until many such courses have been held and the general level of formal school instruction has raised local ability to comprehend the material offered. Selection for the last course was based on leadership potential.
10. Agriculture P.7. The posting of an agricultural officer here, shortly, will solve many of the problems raised by Mr. Claasen. Extension work in the sub-district is a must if cash crop production is to receive the attention it warrants.
11. Transport P.8. The 40 h.p. Johnson will not be used again.

.....  
(C.E.De'Ath) S/A.D.O.



COPY.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

In Reply Please  
Quote No. 67-1-2

SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE

5 OCT 1962

BA. N. D.

Sub-district Office,  
Balimo, N.D.

30-7-62.

1962

DARU

Mr. M.J. O'Connor, P/O.  
Mr. J.V.R. Glassen, CPO.  
BALIMO.

Subject: Patrol Cogodala N.L.C.C. area.

Please be prepared to leave on an election/census patrol as soon as possible after the last meeting of the present Council on 2nd August.

2. The patrol should last no longer than 35 days. This should give you ample time in each village.

3. The villages you will patrol will be Wain, Subwai, Kobsai, Konom, Kala, Gladu, Koma, Kotalo, Aketa, Dadi, Pici, Pidi, Ingo, Mamasai, Manap, Ali, Fai, Dogman, Icu, Iko, Adibe, Haku, and Kima. Graham and I will do the remaining 16 villages.

4. The pre-election propaganda through Council meetings, taxpayers meetings at various points, and via the Gilala should have been reasonably effective. However, take care that plenty of time is given for lobbying for candidature and encourage women to offer themselves for election.

5. Read through C.I. No. 315 carefully and through other correspondence on file 41-2-2. To avoid conflicting with the wishes of the District Officer please use the whisper vote again with 1st, 2nd and 3rd preferences. 100 election summary sheets have been prepared. Use these and consolidate the results on the appropriate pro form with those of the villages.

6. Note the contents of para 5 of the Director's memo of 10/7/62. Lists of course members will be found on file 30-4-4. For some of these people and try to assess the impact of the course under the following headings:

- (a) Improvements and changes in agricultural techniques.
- (b) Improvements in housekeeping and child care.
- (c) Changes in ideas on political and economic development.

Don't expect the results of such a short course to be obvious. The mere fact that some people have heard about the course and what was taught on it should give an indication of its popularity or otherwise.

7. For transport use the Archimedes outboard. Check the underwater gear oil and obtain two more spark plugs.

8. Make an analysis of your census labour figures and comment on effects of the present recruiting restrictions.

9. Check shotguns and compile a register.

10. Give the people an indication of what the Council is doing and what it proposes to do over the next few years. This should properly be the function of the Council and/or the Executive Committee but for the duration of the patrol there will, in effect, be no functioning Council.

11. Take copies of the Gilala, Iseda Sivara and documents.

11. estimated -

Coffee and Rice booklets with you for distribution. See how the Council radios are functioning.

12. Check the effects of the native rumors about happenings to P.I.R. personnel in the Sepik. Leago seems to be the trouble spot. Browse through file 91-1-3 and advise those interested of the true facts.

13. Take with you which ever members of the RP & NCC and interpreters you wish.

I hope you have a good patrol.

(Sgd) C.E. Do'ath  
.....  
(C.E. Do'ath) a/A.S.O.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Patrol Post,  
MORUWAD,  
Western District.

18th September, 1962.

The Assistant District Officer,  
BALIMO.

Report of Balimo Patrol No. 2 of 1962/63

PREAMBLE: Report of a patrol to the Gogodala  
N.L.G.C. Area.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: Mr H.J. O'Connor. This report written  
by D. Van Ravenswaay Classen, J.F.C.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING:  
Europeans : D. Van R. Classen, C.F.O.  
Natives : Samui Wavi, Interpreter.  
Const. Kom. R.P.S.G.C.

DURATION OF PATROL: 6/8/62 to 3/9/62.

NUMBER OF DAYS ON PATROL: 28 days.

LAST D.N.A. PATROL: February, 1962.

LAST P.H.D. PATROL: August, 1962. (Only part of the Area)

MAP REFERENCES: Lands Form 11 of ANORWA.

OBJECTS OF PATROL: Census Revision.  
Gogodala N.L.G.C. Elections.

RESULT OF PATROL: None-in.

*D. Van Ravenswaay Classen*  
(D. Van Ravenswaay Classen)  
Cadet Patrol Officer.



Patsol Blaxya

Monday 6th August.

Departed Balimo at 0930. Travelled most of the day arriving Saiwasi 1430. Engaged canoe and travelled to Wais. Inspected Village. Returned to Saiwasi. Slept.

Tuesday 7th August.

Elections held and Census Revised. Previous Councillor ousted. Departed Saiwasi for Kebani. Elections held and Census revised. Again a new Councillor. Slept.

Wednesday 8th August.

Put up Census Register. Departed Kebani by paddle canoe as outboard broke down. 4 hours paddle to Kala. Inspected village. Slept.

Thursday 9th August.

Elections held and Census revised. Bush people have gone to The Wawai to shoot crocodiles. Departed Kala, met the M.V. Hedura on the river. Towed the canoe to Uladu creek. Arrived Uladu. Slept.

Friday 10th August.

Elections held and Census revised. One woman candidate. Bush people from here have gone to the Wawai too. Departed Uladu and arrived Kewa 3 hours later. Slept.

Saturday 11th August.

Elections held and Census revised. Previous Councillor re-elected. Departed Kewa and reached Kotale after 1 1/2 hours. Slept.

Sunday 12th August.

Departed Kotale for Balimo. Attended church. Departed Balimo for Kotale. Slept.

Monday 13th August.

Elections and Census revision. Departed Kotale for Akota which was reached after 3 1/2 hours. Slept.

Tuesday 14th August.

Elections held and Census revised. Departed Akota. Arrived Awaba U.P.M. station and reached. Departed Awaba and arrived Pisi. Slept.

Wednesday 15th August.

Census revised and Elections held. Departed Pisi and arrived Pikiwa after two hours. Slept.

Thursday 16th August.

Census revised and Elections held. Man found with badly gangrenous leg. Sent to Balimo. Departed Pikiwa and reached Isago. Slept.

Friday 17th August.

Census revised and Elections at Isago. Departed for Mumbani via short-cut. Arrived Mumbani and encountered E.M.A. Wrigley en route Balimo. Slept.

Saturday 18th August.

Elections held and Census revised. Departed Mumuni for Makap. Arrived there after 1 1/2 hours paddle. Inspected village and slept.

Sunday 19th August.

Elections and Census revision at Makap. One migration in from the Kamura Nomads. Inspected bush behind village. Gathered material for Anthropology Assignment. Slept.

Monday 20th August.

Departed Makap for Mumuni. Arrived Mumuni and walked thirty minutes to Isago canoes. Thence to Awabe, a 3 hour journey. Lunched and continued to Dadi. Slept.

Tuesday 21st August.

Census and Elections at Dadi. Departed Dadi thence by canoe and foot to Ima. Slept.

Wednesday 22nd August.

Revised Census and Elections held. Inspected Both Iou and Ike villages. Departed Ima by canoe for Adiba No. 2. Arrived after a two hour journey. Inspected Adiba No. 1. New buildings being erected. Slept.

Thursday 23rd August.

Elections held and Census revised. Population is down from last years figures. Departed Adiba and arrived Dogono. Slept.

Friday 23rd August.

Elections at Dogono. Census revised. Departed on foot for Tai. Arrived Tai and held elections and revised Census. Returned to Balimo per bicycle.

Saturday 25th August.

At Balimo.

Sunday 26th August.

Observed at Balimo.

Monday 27th August.

Census revised and Elections held at Balimo village. Wrote up Census Register.

Tuesday 28th August.

Departed Balimo Station for Kimama. Arrived Kimama and held elections. Revised Census. Iago Pasiyr elected Councillor, a good choice as he has been the Legislative Council Observer for the past two years. Returned to Balimo.

Wednesday 29th August.

At Balimo Station.

Thursday 30th August.

At Balimo. Preparing for patrol. Checking 40 HP Johnson motor.

Friday 31st August.

see over/ ...

Friday 31st August.

Departed Balimo per 16 foot dinghy and 40 HP Outboard. Arrived Awaba U.P.M. and lunched. Continued on encountering the H.V. EMERALD with Mr A Quinlan en route. Arrived Muzuni at sundown. A lot of petrol expended. Slept.

Saturday 1st September.

Continued on to Ali. An uneventful and slow trip. Encountered Ali Councillor about three hours canoe paddle from Ali. Took him back. Census revised. A lot of people not seen as they were absent in the bush. Population in both groups, Peawa and Miguunaga, is up. Slept.

Sunday 2nd September.

Elections held at Ali. Departed at 0930. An uneventful trip to Awaba Mission stopping only at Muzuni to take on fuel. Performance a little better but not outstanding. Slept at Awaba.

Monday 3rd September.

Departed Awaba for Balimo. Reported to A.D.O. Patrol stood down.

END OF DIARY



INTRODUCTION :

The patrol mounted was a Census Revision and Council Elections patrol to the Aramia river area of the Gogodala Native Local Government Council. As per your instructions the patrol was completed in under 35 days. All villages mentioned in your instructions were visited with the exception of You in the West Gogodala and Kenewa in the East Gogodala Census Divisions.

The area patrolled, in common with most of the sub-district, is made up of swamps, lagoons, and flat stretches of land separated by ridges from 30 to 50 feet in height. Most of the lagoons are connected by channels to the Aramia river which provides the main drainage outlet for this area. Grass has been a problem in the past, especially in the lagoons, but this has to some extent been solved by the high water and the strong winds which have cleared large areas of open water.

Although a transport problem was caused by breakdown of the Archi mages Out-b card motor, the patrol was not forced to change its programme unduly except to re-route the patrol in its later stages. Time between villages was considerably lengthened.

NATIVE AFFAIRS :

On the whole the native situation throughout the area patrolled was good. Most villages were reasonably clean although far from what could be desired. Housing throughout the area is mediocre with the exception of one or two places. Attention should be paid to giving the people a greater interest in keeping their houses in good repair. Perhaps this could be made the subject of a lecture in the next Community Education Course. Long Houses, although still in favour in some villages, are falling into dis-repair and in the cases where they have given up the ghost and collapsed the people are tending to build the smaller, family houses. This has been the case in Dogono, while in Gladu, Dadi and Adiba No 2 the people are preparing for the event by building the smaller houses mentioned above.

The attitude towards the Administration continues to be one of friendliness and outward agreement although they do not seem to be keen to work at schemes not to their liking. It looks as if this attitude will prevail in and during the near future. It was interesting to note that the older men were eager to help and of a more friendly disposition towards the European members of the patrol than the younger generations. It must be noted that this is only a comparison between young and old as the general attitude is still one of friendliness.

The nomadic Kamara people that were at Makap in February of this year have gone back to the jungles, however they have kindly left word with the people of the village that they will come in next year and put their names in the village books. There was no migration in to this village, a Kamara girl.

The population in the East and West Gogodala Census Divisions is still on the increase. Unfortunately, owing to my transfer and not having a copy of the figures I am unable to make an analysis of the Labour Figures. However I would say

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that the present recruiting restrictions are having a good effect in that the men are now able to partake in economic ventures within the sub-district. Whether they will take advantage of this remains to be seen. It was encouraging to note the return of quite a number of young men at Zai village which has been chronically short of manpower over the last few years.

Adiba has lost its position as the largest village in the Gogodala Council to Balimo, mainly through several migrations outward. Kewa, Pisi, Isago and Kinsama are still increasing and it should not be long before Pisi and Kinsama also reach the 500 mark.

The people of Mamuni village have announced their intention of moving up the river from their present site to a new spot near the Soani river. This will add to the difficulty of travel but the move was encouraged because they are at present squatting on Isago land, and with the condition that they build good houses and not hovels such as they are living in now. This was agreed to by the villagers. Aketa village people were also told to get to work and build new houses by the new year as the houses they are living in now do not encourage clean and healthy living. All people are still at work on their long house but as yet have not made much progress. They could do with some supervision. I would suggest that the next patrol to Ali take a policeman to supervise the building should no further progress have been made.

At Isago the native rumour of the P.I.R. personnel in the Sepik was investigated. The people seemed not unduly worried. The true facts of the case were made known and the people advised that should any rumours come their way again then they should refer them first to the Government Authorities.

The economic potential of the area has been static over the past twelve months mainly because the people show no interest in money making schemes. Little copra is being dried now, Kotale being the only one that produces any worth noting. Hot Air driers in all villages are in a state of dis-repair. Perhaps a campaign by the Department of Agriculture may be of some use.

Crocodile skins remain a lucrative source of monetary gain and with the advance of the dry season may provide the means of bringing some money into the sub-district. I do feel though that a more stable source of income should be provided as one can never be sure that the market will always be what it is today.

The money that is earned in the sub-district is still being taken out of the area again by means of Mr Day's store. Mr Bender has also indicated his desire to open a store and while this may be of some benefit to the people it will not put their money back into the area. This could only be done through a Co-Operative or Buyers Society.

The people continue to be a comparatively Law abiding group, no real courts or complaints being brought to the notice of the patrol.

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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT :

Elections were held, and as per your instructions the whisper vote was used in accordance with the wishes of the District Officer. Third preferences were used only in the cases where there were more than three candidates.

Candidates were generally called for the afternoon prior to the Elections and opportunities were again given at the actual time of the elections for any late minute entries. The people were given every opportunity to come forward as candidates. Although women were encouraged in almost all villages only one woman, from Ulado, offered herself to stand for election. She was defeated, polling not even one first preference vote. On the whole the people seemed reluctant to vote for new faces.

Pre-Election talks through the Council Meetings and Tax-Payers Meetings, seem to have been quite effective and as most of the people have taken part in several elections before, no difficulties were experienced.

The present system of election, if I may say so, does not seem to be giving the people any great interest apart from his or her village. A Councillor is elected for their village and interest stops there. It seems to me that the Ward System of Election would be a preferable method. By using that system the interest of the people would be drawn away from their own "little back-yard", so to speak, and be focussed on a larger area. I feel that this would give them a greater understanding of the democratic principle of Elections.

*Has interest with education in outwards*

## COMMUNITY EDUCATION COURSE :

During the time the patrol was in the field members of the above course were sought out and questioned as to the effects of the course. In the area patrolled there were only a few of the families that attended the course.

### (a) Improvements & Changes in Agricultural Techniques.

As only a few months have elapsed since the end of the course it may, perhaps, be too early to comment on this. However no enthusiasm has yet been shown for any of the cash crops, i.e. Copra. I think that the people who attended did not have the ability or the motivation to impart what they had learnt.

### (b) Improvements in Housekeeping & Child Care :

This item is one which could be expected to catch on quite quickly in the houses of those who attended the course. Although houses were not inspected the people concerned did not seem to have a very sure idea of what they had learnt and certainly, from all outward appearances, had not transferred their knowledge to the local populace.

### (c) Changes in ideas on Political & Economic Development :

There were no visible signs of any changes in these fields.

The results of the course were not obvious. On the whole I think the course was popular with those who did attend and most of the people would be keen on attending should another one be held. If I may be permitted a criticism



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It is that the people who attended the first course were largely those who had previous experience with European methods. Among those who attended were station people, who would have very little direct contact with their home villages, Mission people who again would have no real contact and also some of the more sophisticated people from the nearby villages. This left only a few who would have a real contact inside their own particular village. I would suggest that in future courses the people chosen would be those who have a normal every day contact with the people around them.

## AGRICULTURE :

Agriculturally the area is at a standstill. From the perusal of all patrol reports it would seem that in the past the Gogodala could boast of extensive and good gardens. Today there is little evidence of these past glories. Only at Makap did the patrol inspect any extensive gardens and even these could not be called good. Perhaps the Agriculture Officers could endeavour to raise some enthusiasm in this field.

Cocoa continues to be the only paying Cash Crop but few people are bothering to produce it. As mentioned before only a few people are bothering to produce it with any regularity.

Coffee pilot plots are still growing in several places but are not bearing yet. I doubt the wisdom of continuing to grow coffees as the market for coffee does not seem to be as sure as it was. I would re-iterate my statement in Balimo Patrol No. 1 of 1962/63, that a long range project in good rubber could be investigated.

Mr Quinlan of the Fisheries Department has been investigating in the area and seems to have been meeting with moderate success.

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The proposed farm training school at Balimo may provide considerable enthusiasm in the sub-District. Books on 'Growing Good Copra' were issued to each Councillor.

## MEDICAL & HEALTH :

The general health of the people in all villages visited continues to be good. One very serious case was encountered at Pikiwa where a man was found suffering with a badly gangrenous leg. He was despatched post haste to Balimo by the Councillor and several men for examination by the European Medical Assistant.

No Medical Assistant or Orderly accompanied the patrol.

## Aid Posts :-

Several of the villages had Aid Posts. It would be expected that these would be the cleanest and best kept. However this was not the case. Mumi continues to be an eyesore and not overclean even under the watchful eye of the Aid Post Orderly. One of the cleanest villages encountered, Ktala, did not have the benefit of these enlightened gentlemen.

## EDUCATION :

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A teacher Training Group has been in operation at Awaba during this year.

## ROADS & WATERWAYS :

Waterways continue to be used and are in a better condition than a year ago. However the channel from the Aramia River to Balimo station continues to be blocked by floating grasses. Perhaps the weedkiller ordered some months ago may have an improving effect.

The patrol traversed only two roads or tracks. One section between Badi and Ibe Villages, is rarely used although dry. The track between Dogom and Tai is firm and good even in wet weather but all the 'cut-walks' across the sago swamps have fallen down with old age. This tends to make walking this way rather unpleasant.

## TRANSPORT :

The patrol began by using the Administration Double Canoe powered by the Archimedes Outboard Motor. Unfortunately this broke down at Kebani and had to be sent back to Balimo. The majority of the patrol was thus covered by paddle canoe.

The final stage of the patrol was covered by using a 16 foot dinghy powered by a 40 HP Johnson Outboard. I would, however, advise against using this again if there are any alternatives, as it uses too much fuel without a corresponding gain in travelling time.

The whole patrol except for the two sections mentioned above was covered by water transport.

## MISSIONS :

The Unevangelised Fields Mission at Awaba and Balimo continues as the only Mission in the area. They continue to hold the favour and co-operation of the people.

As well as its normal religious functions the Mission has medical clinics and operates weekly store days at both stations.

## CONCLUSION :

Census and Elections were all carried out with no complications.

Agriculturally the area needs to be concentrated upon, especially on the Economic Development side. This should be left in the hands of the Department of Agriculture as Native Affairs Officers do not have the ~~same~~ technical knowledge that is required to educate these people in the techniques of better standards.

The patrol achieved all its aims.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of WESTERN Report No. 4 8/62/63

Patrol Conducted by R. I. BECKE

Area Patrolled LOWER BAMU

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 5

Duration—From 15/1/1963 to 24/1/1963

Number of Days 10

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 6 8/1962

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

Map Reference SEE ATTACHED MAP

Objects of Patrol .....

TO INSPECT BAMU PATROL POST SITES

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.



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20th February, 1963.

The District Officer,  
Eastern District,  
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PATROL REPORT NO. 4-52/63 - BALINDA

Receipt of the abovementioned Report is  
acknowledged with thanks.

It appears to me that ICWA might be the  
most desirable site for a Base Camp.

(J.K. McCarthy)  
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District Office,  
P.O. Box 100,  
W.A.P.

11th February, 1963.

The Assistant District Officer,  
BALIMO.

BALIMO PATROL REPORT No. 4 OF 1962/63.

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

It calls for little comment but I endorse your remarks and agree to the proposed site.

(E. Flower)  
(District Officer)

C.C.  
The Director of Native Affairs.

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REPORT ON PROPOSED PATROL POST SITES.

REPORT No. 4 of 1962/63.

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(R. BECKE)  
Patrol Officer

Diary

Tuesday 15th January

Departed Balimo at 1000 on the M.V. Jade  
Arrived Kuria 1730 and walked overland to the canoe place. Paddled  
up river and arrived Bamu Mission at 1845.  
M.V. Jade arrived 2300

Wednesday 16th January

Day spent inspecting proposed airstrip and station sites at Iowa  
and Gogora

Thursday 17th January

Departed Bamu Mission at 0900 and arrived Buniki at 1515  
M.V. Jade left patrol here and departed for Daru  
Inspected proposed Buniki site.

Friday 18th January

Morning spent repairing dinghy.  
Departed Buniki 1400 and arrived Torobina at 1430 after rough crossing.  
Inspected Torobina site.

Saturday 19th January

Departed Torobina 0900.  
Arrived Warie at 1015  
Inspected proposed site.

Sunday 20th January

Departed Warie 1000  
Arrived Orepai 1150  
Inspected proposed site.

Monday 21st January

Day spent inspecting Sisiume site. Returned to Orepai to sleep.

Tuesday 22nd January

Day spent waiting for Jade

Wednesday 23rd January

Day spent waiting for M.V. Jade  
Jade arrived 1900

Thursday 24th January

Departed on M.V. Jade at 0900 and arrived Balimo at 1900.

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#### INTRODUCTION.

The purpose of this patrol was to select a patrol post site in the Bamu area. The sites inspected have been recommended by various officers over a number of years.

The advantages and disadvantages of each suggested site have been weighed and I consider that the strip of land between Iona and Gogora is by far the most suitable site for a new patrol post.

The patrol was carried out under the verbal instructions of Mr. C. F. De'Ath a/Assistant District Officer.

#### REPORT ON PROPOSED SITES.

##### BUNIKI

The site at Buniki is situated about half a mile up a small creek which runs past the village which is at the mouth of the creek. This site is in the centre of the population and affords good deep anchorage to a "K" type ship at high water. At low water a ship can sit safely on the mud, refloating quickly on the turn of the tide. This site is protected from south-east and north-west winds and is not subject to bores.

All sites inspected in the Lower Bamu are subject to flooding at King tides and Buniki is no exception.

There is no possibility of an airstrip site being found in this area. Similarly it would be extremely hazardous for a seaplane to land in this area.

I consider that the proposed site at Buniki is unsuitable for the following reasons:-

- a) it is subject to inundation at King tides
- b) there are no aircraft alighting areas.

##### TOROBINA

This site is directly across the Bebea River from Buniki and has the same advantages and attendant disadvantages as Buniki. My only other remark on this site is that the present village of Torobina would have to be moved across a small creek on the southern boundary to make way for the station. The Torobina people are willing to make this move.



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#### WARIO

The site at Wario is on a seventy-five yard strip of land bounded on one side by sago swamp and on the other side by the open sea.

This site is in a very exposed position to the south - east winds and the anchorage is both risky and shallow. The area is subject to continual flooding and is inundated to a depth of three feet at King tides.

There are no airstrip alighting areas.

The only point in favour of Wario is that it is in the ~~centre~~ centre of the population.

#### OREPAI

This site is located opposite the villages of Sisiam 1 and Sisiam 2 on the Upumba Island in the Bina River which is one of the mouths of the Bamu River. It was used during the 50's as an A.P.C. camp site.

Good deep anchorage sheltered from the south east and north west winds is available.

It is subject to flooding at King tides and there are no possible airstrip sites. The Bina River could possibly be used as a Catalina alighting place but it would be hazardous.

It is within easy reach of the bulk of the Bamu population.

#### SISIAME No2 OR AHA

This site has been described quite ably by Mr. J.E. Wakford -reBMO.31/3-11 of 26th April, 1957. I might add that the Police Barracks and Rest House have collapsed and in my opinion it is far from being the best site.

#### IOWA

This site is situated approximately two miles downstream from where the Bamu River branches into the Wswoi and Aworra rivers. It consists of a 30 ft ridge which runs parallel to the Bamu River for approximately one mile. The width of the ridge is estimated at 200 yards. At one end of the ridge is IOWA village and at the other end is GCGORA village. Each village lays claim to a portion of the ridge and the respective portions are divided by the BuriBuri Creek.

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I consider that this is the best possible site because, 1)it has a good deep anchorage,2)it is sheltered from the north-west and south east winds,3)there is an abundance of good building materials available(a number of Bendora trees were sighted)4)the site is not periodically flooded,5)it has a possible airstrip site, 6)it has a reported surveyed Catalina alighting site,7)it will be the natural area for the Bamu people to move to if the controversial resettlement scheme is ever augmented.

The main disadvantages of this site are,1)in this area the river is subjected to bores,2)it is off the regular shipping route, 3)its proximity to the Bamu Mission,4)it is some distance from the bulk of the population.

Native attitude towards the proposed post.

The Bamu people are,without a doubt,overjoyed at the prospect of having a patrol post established in the <sup>21A</sup> area. Their attitude was demonstrated by the peoples willingness to give the Administration the site <sup>AND to</sup> supply the labour and building materials without charge.

Mission attitude towards the proposed post.

The Bamu River Mission is delighted at the prospect of having an Administration Station in the area but would prefer it to be established further away from the Mission for obvious reasons.

CONCLUSION

The establishment of this patrol post will allow regular and frequent patrols to be conducted in the Bamu area,instead of the previous annual patrols.Such a program will considerably raise the Bamu standard of living.

I feel sure that the site selected is the best possible in this hostile environment.

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