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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

CENTRAL DISTRICT

MEKEO SUB DISTRICT REPORTS 1957/1958

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



PATROL REPORT

District of CENTRAL Report No. 1 - 57/58

Patrol Conducted by Herbert F. Franz, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled M E K E O Census Sub-Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 2 Members RPNGC, 1 Interpreter.

Duration—From 3/7/1957 to 15/7/1957 and 5/8/1957 " 24/8/1957.

Number of Days 31

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services May/1957

Medical October/1956

Map Reference Yule Island 4 Mile Series.

Objects of Patrol Routine Native Administration and Supervision of work on the St. Joseph (Angabanga) River breakthrough.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES AND NATIVE AFFAIRS, PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation	£.....
Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund	£.....
Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund	£.....
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this occurs there is a reasonable likelihood that two more flood seasons could result in the river returning to its old bed.

The measures taken represent a sterling effort to deal with a serious local problem but their effectiveness cannot be tested until the next flood season. Nevertheless the Mekeo people and Mr. Frang have done a great deal of hard work towards river control and made a sustained attempt to deal with a most difficult problem.

Land which has been permanently flooded by the river break-through extends over part of the Agricultural Station at Epe, a section of the Angabanga Plantation and part of the Roman Catholic Mission property. This formerly fertile land is now covered by swamps and lagoons.

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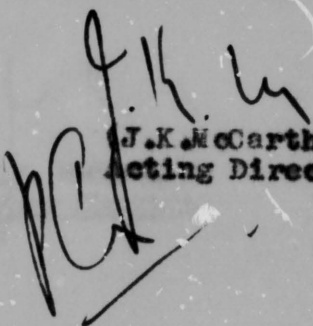
11th November, 1957.

Miss. V. Jones,
The Public Relations Officer,
Department of the Administrator,
FORT MORREBY.

This is the Patrol Report concerning
river diversion I referred to earlier : Patrol
Report No.1. 1957/58 - Kairuki.

Patrol Report No.7. of 1956/1957 is also
appended (concerning North Wahgi) as it concerns
the same type of work.

I would be grateful if you would let me
have these Reports back at your earliest convenience,
as each require further action from this Department.


(J.K. McCarthy)
Acting Director.

THE DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AFFAIRS.

MINUTE

File No. NA.30-1-67

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SUBJECT

PATROL REPORT NO.1 - 1957/58 : KAIRUKU.

Your attention is invited to the contents of this Patrol Report. I suggest there might be a news item in the diversion of the river from its new course to its original course.

(T.G. Aitchison)
A/Chief of Division
(Government and Research)

CID (G.9R)

I agree. Please make statement for Press & radio

J. V. ...
ADONA.

6.11.57.

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5th November, 1957.

The District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT NO.1 - 1957/58 - KAIRUKU.

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

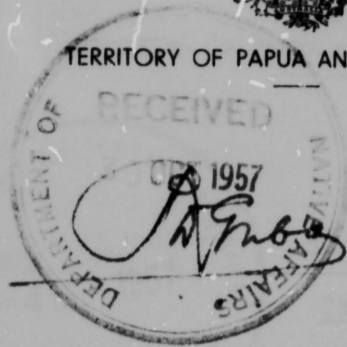
The Patrol Report is most valuable insofar as it contains information concerning this Department's attempts to materially assist the native people. The co-operation between Departments is laudable, and I would like you to thank all those officers concerned.

Please thank Mr. Frans for including the photographs, which are most valuable.

J. K. G.
p.c.
(J. K. McCarthy)
Acting Director.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



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In Reply
Please Quote

No. P/R 1 of 57-58/383

District Office
Port Moresby

9th September, 1957

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY

P/R NO. 1/57-58 KAIRUKU

The partial success achieved to date in this project is misleading because it has been achieved in the dry season, however I would praise the sterling effort that has been made and hope that it will permanently divert part of the flood waters and so lessen the present annual inundation about Epo Agricultural Station.

The incident of refusing to carry by the Beifa men was overcome when some of the reasons for administration were explained, but the statement by some that they would grow no more rice has my support as it is the basic cause of the present distrust of the Administration in the Mekeo area.

Mr. K.A. Brown continues to handle his Sub-district very ably and it is a pity that he has had to expend so much time and energy on such constant fights with the elements of nature.

L.R. Marsh
(L.R. MARSH) *(RM)*
Acting District Officer



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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In Reply
Please Quote

No. P/R 1 of 57-58



Sub-District Office,
KAIRUKU:
Central District.

3rd September, 1957.

District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT KAI. 1. Mr. H. FRANZ.

Two copies of above report for your information and comment please. Several photos and camping allowance claim are also attached.

50 officer days have now been spent in an attempt to divert the St Joseph into its original bed.

Success depends a great deal on how much work can be carried out in both diversion channels with machinery during September-October. The TD 9 promised by DASF Epo is still undergoing repairs and at the present time both DNA tractors are unserviceable.

The work is important from Native Affairs viewpoint because success will re-establish the Mekeo trade route thus considerably improving the economy. The increase to Administration prestige for its part will have desirable results.

I sincerely hope that a Senior Officer of the Department of Works will visit the site of activity and assist with technical advice.

Roads are steadily improving in the Mekeo area and I am happy to report that all sections of the European community are rendering assistance.

Housing and general village conditions are good. The Mekeo as a whole are a proud people and their response to things of obvious benefits is so reflected.

Mr. Franz is a conscientious officer who carried out this unenviable task with tact and much patience.

(K.A. Brown.).
Assistant District Officer.

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Sub-District Office,
KAIRUKU, C.D.

27th August, 1957.

The main reason for this patrol was to attempt to divert the Angabanga (St. Joseph) river by means of the channels into its original bed, or to close the breakthrough, which occurred in 1953/54, on the right bank, east of the old village site. The Assistant District Officer Kairuku

The Assistant District Officer,
KAIRUKU, C.D.

Patrol Report KAI 1-57/58

Mekeo Census Sub-Division.

Officer conducting
the Patrol

:- Herb. F. Franz, Patrol Officer.

Area patrolled

:- Mekeo Census Sub-Division.

Personnel accompanying :-

First Part :-

Reg. No. 2136 Const. Sama,
Reg. No. 3155 Const. Vasenufa,
Opu-Maino, Interpreter.

Second Part :-

Reg. No. 7230 L/Cpl. Vugo,
Reg. No. 9098 Const. Lakoko,
Peter-Aua, Interpreter.

Duration :-

From: 3 - 7 - 57 to 13 - 7 - 57 and
" 5 - 8 - 57 to 24 - 8 - 57.

A total of 31 days spent on patrol.

Last patrol to
this Area :-

By DNA May 1957,

By PHD October 1956.

Map Reference :-

Yule Island 4 Mile Series.

Objects of Patrol :-

a. Supervision of work on the Angabanga
(St. Joseph) River Breakthrough.

b. Routine Native Administration.

Thursday, July, 7th.

Observed at Seipa's.

Monday, July, 8th.

Left at 07.00 hrs for breakthrough to superv-
ise work and returned to Seipa's at 17.45 hrs.
Stayed overnight.

Tuesday, July, 9th.

As previous day.

Wednesday, July, 10th.

As previous day.

INTRODUCTION:-

The main reason for this patrol was an attempt to re-divert the Angabanga (St. Joseph) river by means of two channels into its original bed , or to close the breakthrough , which occurred in 1953/54 , on the right bank , east of the old Inawae village site . The Assistant District Officer Kairuku was approached early in the year by numerous Mekeo people with the request to come himself or send one of his officers to assist the people in their attempt to bring the river back into its old bed , by either of the above means , in order to open up their old trade route and also to supply various villages , situated in the vicinity of the now dry river bed , with healthy water .

A constant supervision and advise was not required and the writer visited numerous villages for routine native administration purposes during the patrol . Houses , Roads and Bridges were inspected and instructions given as to their maintenance . Various minor quarrels were settled and an alleged outbreak of Cargo Cult in the Waima/Kivori Census Sub-Division was investigated. The latter being covered by separate report .

The interruption of the patrol was due to the writer being recalled for station duties .

DIARY:-

- Wednesday , July , 3rd. Departed Kairuku per M/L Tentivi for Ararana Landing at 07.00 hrs. Arrived there at 08.40 hrs. Transferred cargo onto Tractor and Trailer and proceeded to the DASF Station at Epo. From Epo to Beipa'a per DASF Landrover . Arrived there at 17.00 hrs. and stayed overnight.
- Thursday , July , 4th. Assembled VC's and Councillors of the Mekeo villages and proceeded to the breakthrough with them . Work to be done pointed out and sections marked for each village . Returned to Beipa'a at 17.45 hrs. Stayed overnight.
- Friday , July , 5th. 07.00 hrs left for breakthrough were work commenced on the northern channel . Supervised work till 16.30 hrs. and then returned to Beipa'a and stayed overnight.
- Saturday , July , 6th All men returned to their villages in order to attend Sunday church services . Self proceeded in company with Mr. L.F. Green DASF to Rarai , AmoAmo , Gnaignai , and Inawauni village for inspection . Returned late pm to Beipa'a and stayed there overnight.
- Sunday , July , 7th. Observed at Beipa'a .
- Monday , July , 8th. Left at 07.00 hrs for breakthrough to supervise work and returned to Beipa'a at 17.45 hrs. Stayed overnight.
- Tuesday , July , 9th As previous day.
- Wednesday , July , 10th. As previous day .

DIARY (cont'd):-

- Thursday, July, 11th. Left for breakthrough at 07.00 hrs. and from there at 10.00 hrs. per bicycle for Toku, Inawaia, Eboa, and Inuabui village for inspection. Returned to Beipa'a at 18.00 hrs stayed overnight.
- Friday, July, 12th. 07.00 hrs. proceeded to Epo and from there to the We'ma/Kivori C-S-D to investigate alleged Cargo Cult uprising. Returned to Epo at 23.00 hrs and stayed there overnight.
- Saturday, July, 13th. Left Epo at 10.00 hrs. for Kairuku via Ararana Landing. Returned to Kairuku at 16.00 hrs.
- Sunday, July, 14th. Writer recalled to Kairuku for station duties.
- Sunday, August, 4th.
- Monday, August, 5th. Left Kairuku at 07.08 hrs for Biotou village and arrived there at 09.55 hrs. From Biotou Landing to Inawaia village per Admin. Jeep arriving at 12.00 hrs. Mr. J. Fenton, CPO, accompanying. Meeting with VC's and Councillors till 23.00 hrs. Retired.
- Tuesday, August, 6th. Supervised work on the breakthrough from 07.30 hrs till 15.45 hrs. Mr. Fenton to Eboa and Orirepetana village.
- Wednesday, August, 7th. Am. carted timber and iron from the Biotou Landing to the breakthrough with RC Mission tractor and trailer. Pm. supervised work on the breakthrough. Mr. L.F. Green DASF Beipa'a arrived at 23.00 hrs. Stayed overnight.
- Thursday, August, 8th. Mr. L.F. Green, Mr J. Fenton, and writer proceeded to Kubuna to make arrangements to bring machinery across to Beipa'a. Returned to Inawaia and stayed overnight.
- Friday, August, 9th. Am. supervised work on the breakthrough. Pm. departed in company with Mr. Green and Mr. Fenton for Beipa'a. Arrived there at 15.00 hrs. Stayed overnight.
- Saturday, August, 10th. Visited Epo and returned to Beipa'a.
- Sunday, August, 11th. Observed at Beipa'a.
- Monday, August, 12th. Returned to Inawaia in company with Messrs. Green and Harley, both Dasf.
- Tuesday, August, 13th. Am. supervised work at breakthrough. Messrs. Green and Harley inspecting DASF Machinery. Pm. Messrs. Green and Harley left for Beipa'a. Self proceeded to Biotou to pick up Mr. L. Whiteman, DFW. Stayed overnight at Inawaia.
- Wednesday, August, 14th. Supervised work on breakthrough all day. Mr. L Whiteman sprayed house.
- Thursday, August, 15th. Mission feast. No work on the breakthrough. Returned Mr. L. Whiteman to Biotou.

DIARY (cont'd.):-

Friday, August , 16th. Villagers cleaning their roads . Inspected the latter and bridges.

Saturday , August , 17th. Heard minor complaints at Inawaia , Yeku , and Eboa village.

Sunday , August , 18th. Observed at Inawaia .

Monday , August , 19th. Am. carted the remainder of materials from the landing at Bietou to the breakthrough.
Pm. supervised work on the breakthrough.

Tuesday , August , 20th. At the breakthrough all day.

Wednesday , August , 21st. As previous day .

Thursday , August , 22nd. Departed from Inawaia for Epo via Beipa'a. Arrived there at 16.00 hrs. Stayed overnight.

Friday , August , 23rd. Am. Went to the Waima/Kiveri to check re Cargo Cult.
Pm. Went to Babiko village to gather witnesses for court.

Saturday , August , 24th. Left Epo for Kairuku via Arrerana Landing. Reported back to the Assistant District Officer at Kairuku at 10.15 hrs.

END OF DIARY

ANGABANGA (ST. JOSEPH) RIVER BREAKTHROUGH :-

In 1953/54 the above river broke through its right bank approx. 1 mile to the east of Inawaie village , then inhabited . The cause of the break was a well worn track from the village to the bank of the river and a general slope of the right bank area towards the west. The original break opening was only about six feet wide and immediate repairs , which then could have prevented a complete alteration of the course of the river , were neglected . With every following flood , aided by the fine silty nature of the ground , the opening widened and became deeper . At present the break has widened to 180 feet and the former task of closing a breakthrough has now become a case of diverting the natural run of a river . Running west from the breakthrough the river forms a natural bed for approx. $\frac{3}{4}$ mile the, due to a rise in the ground the water spreads over a large area of land , south of the headwaters of the Mainohana Creek and west of the original Angabanga bed , turning former fertile and productive land of the DASF Station at Epo, the Angabanga Plt. , and R.C. Mission land into a swamp and lagoon country . Approx. 2000 acres are now constantly flooded .

Before the occurrence of the breakthrough the Angabanga river was used as main trade route by the Mekeo people . On large double canoes and bamboo rafts native produce such as Bananas , Oranges , betelnuts were shipped to the coast and from there to Port Moresby where the above products brought high prices . This trade was and still would be the Mekeos main source of income . The present lack of money in the villages is easily seen in the steep drop of turnover in the village co-operative stores in the area .

ANGANBANGA (ST. JOSEPH) RIVER BREAKTHROUGH (cont'd) :-

Yeku , Inawaia , Nikura , and Pinupaka village drew their water from the Angabanga river . This source now completely dried up , the villagers are forced to draw their water from swamps , water-holes , and in the case of Pinupaka village from Kairuku , involving long and arduous walks or paddling across Hall Sound .

Various attempts were made during the last three years to bring the river back into its original bed and all of them in vain . A fence was built across the mouth of the breakthrough , which was washed away by the first flood and a channel was dug which proved neither wide nor deep enough to redirect the river .

The breakthrough occurred in an S-shaped part of the river . The river approaches the S from the north in a near straight southerly course for approx. 1500 yards before turning east for approx. 600 yards , thence , in a tight bend , it swings to the west forming a straight run for approx. 1000 yards , thence in a wide bend , in which the breakthrough occurred forming a near straight run with the 1000 yard westerly stretch , it runs south and then east .

Upon the writers arrival at the river a strip of bush, 30 yards wide , was cleared forming a near straight line with the river as it approaches the first turn . Running for 250 yards south , this strip meets the second and westerly leg of the first turn . Upon completion of the clearing work work commenced on a channel 18 feet wide , tapered towards the bottom , and 10 feet deep , running the length of the clearing . The bottom level of the channel is at present 4 feet above river water level , the latter being its lowest presently . The clearing and digging was done by about 250 villagers working on both for six days , averaging about nine hours per day each . Working on Dept. of Works rates at 8/6 per man per day this channel represents work to the value of approx. £650 .

Whilst the channel was under construction 70 men started on a bush timber fence across the mouth of the break . A vertical frame work was erected by driving poles into the river bed , four feet apart , which were interconnected by horizontal crosspieces , which in turn were braced by posts driven into the river bed on an angle on the downstream site of the fence . On the upstream site of the fence, approx. three feet distance from the fence bamboo poles were driven into the river bed at twelve inch distance parallel to the entire fence . these bamboos were then tilted back till they come to rest on the top row of crosspieces . In order to reduce the speed of the water and thereby depositing its floating silt , coconut mats were placed on the bamboos . This fence was completed in four days and since then a silt deposit of 16 inches along the fence has been noted . A second fence , of the above structure , 20 feet down stream from the existing one is at present under construction . During his recent visit to Kairuku Mr. F. A. Champion , District Commissioner , was approached by the Assistant District Officer Kairuku with the suggestion to ask the Shell company for 400 of their unserviceable 44 gals. drums . In case these drums are obtainable ; upright , filled with gravel , and placed between the two fences , they would make a very rigid barrier .

A second channel , previously dug by Mr. B. Wales DASF , in 1955 , cutting the second , southerly turn , is to be deepened and widened shortly . For this channel the Assistant District Officer Kairuku authorized the use of the DNA owned Ferguson tractor and scoop . Due to the recent breakdown of the tractor the commencement of work was delayed . An estimated 70 working hours should widen and deepen the channel enough to be effective .

Judging by the high velocity of the water in the river the complete closing of the breakthrough , by means of fences and drums etc. appears to be impossible . However those measures will help to redirect part of the river back into its bed and reduce the flow through the break.

ANGABANGA (ST. JOSEPH) RIVER BREAKTHROUGH (cont'd) :-

The only possible way of bringing the river back into its old bed appears to be by means of diversion channels . The two channels under construction form a near straight line the river stretch approaching the S-shaped turn from the north should easily widen and deepen themselves due to the silty type of soil through which they are dug . Two flood seasons should see the river back into its old bed .

NATIVE AFFAIRS :-

The patrol was greeted quite enthusiastically when it first arrived and the call for volunteers brought about 330 villagers to the scene of activities . However this enthusiasm were quickly off after a few days hard work , and numerous excuses were proffered in order to stay away from work . I was assured by various councillors that they realized how important the work on the Angabanga river was for their own benefit and they were most sympathetic when the working force in the last two weeks of the writers patrol dwindled to a mere twenty . Apparently the opinion of a councillor or a VC hardly matters to the average Mekeo .

Carriers throughout the patrol were readily available except for Beipa'a village , where the writer's request for ten carriers was greeted with : ' We don't have to carry for you any longer ' .

A variety of fresh vegetables was offered to the patrol and reasonable prices asked for in return .

During a discussion with village councillors Dom Yeku and Inawaia rice growing was brought up . Councillors from both villages assured me that under no circumstances their villages would ever grow rice again . They explained that the production of rice costs them more than they would gain from the sale of paddy rice . It is their custom to enlist the help of their friends for any larger sort of task , such as the clearing of bush for rice fields and the picking of the ripe heads . After completion of each separate task , the owner of the field has to give a feast for those who assisted him ; requiring highly priced pigs , which in the Mekeo cost from £30 to £45 , and vegetables . Apart from this expenditure seeds and ploughing of the fields has to be paid for . At Inawaia village a rice mill was bought by the villagers upon recommendation of an Admin. officer . The crop milled by this machine was rejected as being of to inferior quality . The latter was checked with Father Vergas of the Inawaia RC Mission station and confirmed .

Most of the Mekeo village co-operative stores visited showed very little turnover during the last months . When the cause of this drop of business was asked most storekeepers replied that there was no money in the villages because the people's trade route to Port Moresby was interrupted by the breakthrough in the Angabanga river .

All produce for sale at Port Moresby has now to be carried to either the Biotou Landing or the Ararana Landing . This involves long hours of carrying and the quantities taken to the landings are insufficient to realize a good profit when sold .

HOUSING :-

Most of the houses throughout the Mekeo Census Sub-Division were in reasonable repair . Wherever necessary instructions were left for repairs or rebuilding . At Oriropetana three new houses were built in the last six months. They are of excellent design and built in a very solid and clean way . The writer considered these houses as those of model type and suggested to numerous villagers , who were in need of new houses , to see the owners of the above house and ask for their advice .

Three villagers were sent to Kairuku for prosecution under section 101 (6) of the NRO's . They had been instructed in January 1955 , by a magistrate , to build new houses within six months. When the writer inspected their village the house of the above were only half completed . The writer considered prosecution warranted.

ROADS AND BRIDGES :-

Approx. 55 miles of roads and six bridges were inspected by the writer during the patrol . The road from the Arapokina Landing to Ukua Est. is presently undergoing major repairs under the supervision of Mr. J. Edwards , CPO , and will be dealt with by separate report .

Approx. 21 miles of road connect the Biotou Landing with Oriropetana village via Inuabui , Eboa , Inawaia , and Yeku . It connects all Mekeo villages west of the Ethel river and east of the Angabanga river . The road itself was sound and in good repair , but due to the fact that it has hardly any camber nor drains will be unserviceable during the wet season . The two bridges between Inuabui and Biotou are in need of repairs . Their piles are solid but need bracing . The decking on both bridges is well worn and should be replaced in the near future . Neither of the bridges has any runners left.

Repairs are urgently required on the road from Arapokina to Biotou . The road shows deep furrows and vehicles are bogging down even during the dry season . The three small bridges on this road also need new decking .

The Inawauni - Epe road is at present undergoing extensive repairs by means of a five ton grader and D2 Caterpillar under the supervision of Mr. L.F. Green , DASF Beipa'a . A separate report on this road will be submitted .

HEALTH AND HYGIENE :-

The writer did not investigate this subject thoroughly due to the special nature of the patrol . Villages appeared clean and sores and ailments of its people were found tended to mainly by the Aid Posts of the RC Mission . M

CONCLUSION: -

As instructed by the Assistant District Officer Kairuku the writer spent most of his time during the patrol at the breakthrough but as things were running smoothly and work progressed well time was found to visit villages and to cover certain but not all activities usually dealt with by routine patrols . The Mekeo Census Sub-Division is patrolled at regular intervals and no drastic changes were noted since the last patrol covered by KAI 7-56/57.

Herb. F. Franz

(Herb. F. Franz)
Patrol Officer

ANGABANGA BREAKTHROUGH



Looking downstream from mouth
of 250 yard channel



x Breakthrough. Looking downstream.



Fences under construction
x location of breakthrough.



Old river bed showing first flow
after work on fences.



1955 channel after clearing



Work on short channel.

The Assistant Administrator

9th October, 1957.

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SUBJECT CULTS - MOVIAVE AREA

NOTE: Subsequent Correspondence

On 14/10/57

By
11/11/57

Your attention is invited to Pages 3 and 6 of this Patrol Report.

The remarks in hand writing by the Anthropologist are pertinent.

J. K. McCarthy

(J.K. McCarthy)
Acting Director

P/A

Director - please
for info. 11/12

Notes
11/12

Handwritten note: H.H. for information - his situation is being well handled now
Jaquie 16/10 15/10.

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9th October, 1957.

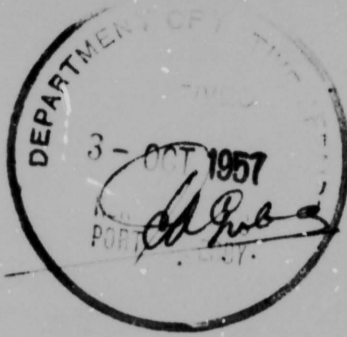
The District Officer,
PORT MORESBY

PATROL REPORT NO. 2 1957/58 = KAIRUKU

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged. The following comments are offered concerning remarks under the heading "Native Affairs".

1. In view of the relationship between the Mission Societies operating in the area, all reports from these bodies should be carefully studied and the information contained in the report checked before any action is taken.
2. So far as TOREA is concerned, he is most unpopular with FEU-NOSEA, the MOVIAVA L.M.S. Pastor, and seems prepared to flirt with any Mission society which has material gains to offer him.
3. TOREA is at present busily occupied in constructing a new house and large scale gardens.
4. I feel there is no close connection between TOREA and his brother TOARIPI.
5. TOREA has, from reports, been rejected by the MOVIAVE people generally and he should not be given too much attention by our officers. They must observe and report only in the present situation. Too much probing will only stir up dormant cult thoughts.
6. It appears to me that AIVA-KERE is an hysterical young woman. Has any action been taken to have her medically examined?
7. The commendation of the teacher HEHUNI is appreciated. Has action been taken to advise his superiors?
8. The suicide was most unfortunate.
9. I am pleased to note that the accommodation on the plantations in the area is excellent.
10. I suggest the Native Lands Commissioner might be interested in your remarks on Page 6 under the heading "Mixed Blood Problem".

J.K.M.
J.K.M.
(J.K. McCarthy)
Acting Director



30/1/63 ✓

P.R. No. 2/57-58/429

DDM/JK

30th September, 1957

Assistant District Officer,
KAIRUKU

KAIRUKU P/R NO. 2/57-58

Thank you for this report. You are to be complimented on your handling of the matter and I would appreciate you compliment the teacher on his restraint also.

I will endeavour to get an experienced officer to take over the Galley Beach area. It would appear to be the only answer to obtaining a satisfactory administration of the area.

(D.R. MARSH)
Acting District Officer

→ C.C. The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY

30/1/63

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PR No. 2/57-58-428

30th September, 1957

DRM/JK

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY

KAIRUKU P/R No. 2/57-58

Reference your NA 14-6-7 of the 13th September, 1957.

The attached report for your information please.

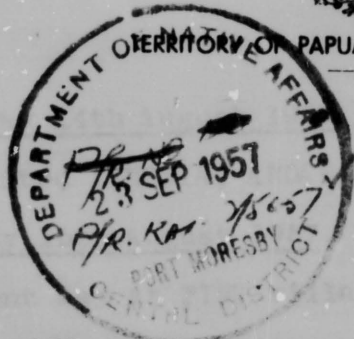
The cult appears to have died out and the area is back to normal. I feel that it would be best to leave TOREA and TOARIPI in their villages rather than recognise their importance by bringing them to Moresby for an educational tour.

The report indicates the importance of a post in the area and a full report on this is being submitted shortly.

To bring Torra to Port Moresby would probably "unbalance" *D.R. Marsh*
Acting District Officer

but, above all, it would cause resentment and confusion among large numbers of Moresby people, who consider Torra to be a nuisance who brought trouble to their village.
C.C. Assistant District Officer,
KAIRUKU

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Sub-District Office, KAIRUKU: Central District. No. P/R 2 of 57/58.

In Reply Please Quote

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District Officer, Central District, PORT MORESBY.

KAIRUKU PATROL REPORT No. 2 OF 1957-1958.

HISIU - GALLEY REACH PLANTATION AREA AND KABADI CENSUS DIVISION.

Officer Conducting : K.A. BROWN A.D.O.

Personnel Accompanying: No. 7230 L/Cpl. WUGO (part)
9237 Const. KAMBOB "
9747 Const. HARO "
9131 Const. POKBULU
2267 Const. MAREA
X Driver WILLIE MIRIA. X

Duration : Monday 12th August 1957 to Wednesday 28th August 1957. 17 days.

Last D.N.A. Patrol: Mr. A.D.O. HUMPHREYS July 1957.

Last P.H.D. Patrol: December 1954.

Purpose of Patrol : (1) Investigate report of cargo cult at PINU - MANUMANU.
(2) Land matters.
(3) Native Labour Matters.
(4) General Administration.

Introduction:

The original purpose of patrol was attention to many long-standing and pressing land problems connected with mixed blood people of Galley Reach. Although something was achieved in this sphere nearly all matters were left after I received reports of an outbreak of cargo cult in Kabadi villages.]

The latter days of patrol were devoted entirely to PINU village where people were most affected by events.

DIARY.

Monday 12th August 1957.

By landrover to HISIU village arriving 10.30 am. C.N.M. until 11 pm.

Tuesday 13th August 1957.

7 am crossed AROA River at mouth. Paid short visit to PINU UKAUKANA, KOPUANA and KEVIONA. Spent night at LCLORUA after visiting DOA.

Wednesday 14th August 1957.

Visited KANOSIA, AROANA Timber Coy and AROANA Rubber Estate.

Thursday 15th August 1957.

Spent day at PINU village slept KANOSIA.

Friday 16th August 1957.

To VEIMAURI via MARIBOI looking into land matters.

Saturday 17th August 1957.

To VEIA village returning to Rubberlands late afternoon.

Sunday 18th August 1957.

At Rubberlands until noon. Visited Catholic Mission BOIMENU and slept KANOSIA.

Monday 19th August 1957.

At KEVEONA village when report received of death of PINU Councillor by suicide. Investigated.

Tuesday 20th August 1957.

At HISIU village.

Wednesday 21st August 1957.

To MANUMANU from TOUTOU returned HISIU 6pm.

Thursday 22nd August 1957.

To UKAUKANA to apprehend escaped prisoner. Another visit to PINU. Left for KAIRUKU 9.30 arriving about midnight.

Friday 23rd August 1957.

At KAIRUKU.

Saturday 24th August 1957.

Left KAIRUKU a/m. Spent day at HISIU.

Sunday 25th August 1957.

At PINU.

Monday 26th August 1957.

At PINU.

Tuesday 27th August 1957.

At PINU.

Wednesday 28th August 1957.

PINU left for KAIRUKU noon arriving 3 pm.

END OF DIARY.

So far as Moriana was concerned, it seems clear that the Catholic Mission exaggerated a trivial situation - perhaps because Torea had been associated with the C.M.S.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The first report of the activities of a Novivi man called TOARIFI reached me through the Father in Charge of the Catholic Mission station at WAIMA.

Mr. Patrol Officer Franz who was conducting a patrol of the Mekeo was recalled to investigate the report immediately. He advised that whatever had been circulated by Toaripi had had little effect on the majority of the people. It appears that only a small section of the London Missionary Society's followers (mainly within a group known as the Torchbearers) paid any attention to the man. The only visible sign was the exceptionally tidy state of cemeteries.

When reports reached me of similar activity in the KABADI area I instructed Mr Franz to return to WAIMA and check. He reported a normal state of affairs.

My investigations in the KABADI villages and MANUMANU of the Port Moresby Sub-District revealed the following facts:-

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1. Toaripi had made a tour of nearly every coastal village of the KAIRUKU Sub-District in May-June. He conducted church meetings mainly attended by Torchbearers. At these meetings he preached that :-

(a) People must pray regularly at their cemeteries to please the spirits of their ancestors who would one day rise and herald good times for them.

He stressed that people must pray to God and not to

(b) Cemeteries must be kept clean at all times as ancestors would be angry if they rose among dirty surroundings.

Emphasis was laid on the fact that it was Government law to keep cemeteries clean.

2. Torchbearers from many villages in the Kairuku Sub-District had attended a meeting in the Kerema Sub-District a little before Toaripi's tour.

3. Toaripi was acting as mouthpiece for his brother TOREA. TOREA led a cargo cult movement in the Eastern section of the Kerema Sub-District several years ago. The movement had reached several villages of this sub-district.

Whether Toaripi was acting on Torea's instructions or his own initiative I was unable to ascertain but it is certain that some people believe that Torea is their chosen leader.

4. Some Torchbearers believe that Torea was to visit them sometime in June or August. At Manumanu a date had been fixed as 22nd August. When I arrived at Manumanu I found everything normal. Most of the village people were already away in their gardens and most of the remainder were preparing to leave.

VC ENO ATO and village elders assured me the people were not particularly worried about Torea or Toaripi. They had attended Toaripi's meeting and gave me the following information :-

1. Toaripi had said that if people did not listen to his talk a fire would glow throughout the length of MANUMANU but the village houses would not fire nor would people be burnt.

As with praying on cemeteries and cleaning graves Toaripi seems to have taken great care to make sure the people understand he does not want them to break the law.

It seems strange that the idea of cleaning cemeteries, and praying in them, should have come from Moriana. That village has no cemeteries - only scattered graves and isolated burial places, which are very neglected.

2. The elders indicated to Toaripi that they did not approve of his preaching. One deacon is alleged to have told Toaripi that Papuan people were normally frightened to go near cemeteries therefore it was unnatural for them to be praying there all the time. Toaripi is supposed to have replied that they should watch what they say otherwise they would miss out on the good things to come.

3. The LMS teacher had openly encouraged Toaripi.

Mr. Murray Groves who has spent a considerable period at MANUMANU studying their lives was of the opinion that these people had not been seriously affected by what Toaripi had said.

The fact that they were leaving on a long gardening expedition at the supposed time of Torea's visit indicates this.

With the exception of PINU I found the same situation in all the KABADI villages.

At Catholic Mission station BOIMENU a story that Torea had been shot was heard. The Father in Charge told me he had heard that a story had been circulating in the KABADI Villages that a bullet had passed through Torea's head chest and abdomen. He was then tied up in a copra sacker, put in an aeroplane and dropped off the end of the world. Later he was to return from the dead not as a spirit but as a normal man. With him would come much cargo. I could not substantiate this story in any of the Kabadi villages. I believe some native has just made it up, probably one of the few who believe Torea has supernatural powers.

The PINU people were visibly affected by the circulation of stories associated with return of ancestors. AIVA KERE a young married woman was the main cause of upset in the village.

Following is a diary kept by the Native teacher Hehuni, in charge of the Administration school at PINU.

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8th August. I was interrupted by AIVA KERE in my school work. At 8.30 am I rang the school bell. During that time AIVA stopped all the children from coming to school. When she had done this she sent word for me to go out and listen to her talks. She said that school children were hers so they could only go to school when she let them. I did not start school until 9.30.

On this day she mentioned that she will go to Moresby. Later she will take her brother and they will go to the Queen. Then they will go to a place where there is a big tub filled with water. This water is unknown to all men. It is the water in which the spirit of the dead wash. After having a bath they will go to the people who send all the cargo to natives of Papua and New Guinea. From there they will come back to PINU. On their arrival at PINU the ground will change by her power. She also said that a new Bible will be written in which her name will appear. She thinks she is one of the powerful women in the world today.

12th August. On this day AIVA KERE came into my school room while I was having lessons and she told me that there is no Government man in front of her. She could easily talk to him. She also said that if I do not obey her my son will die and be buried at PINU. The people at PINU are very discontented because of this woman. She told the people that if anyone betrayed her they could easily lose their lives. She said through her power the land on which disobedient people lived could turn to water.

14th August. On this day Aiva Kere told me that I have no power on this land, and my job is worth nothing. If I try to see the government about her foolishness I will lose my life by her power. She also said that this is her own land and only herself has power to tell people to work.

The people of this village are too worried about their lives because she tells them that the end of the world is very close and they must not make any new gardens but only eat up all the food in their gardens. She also tells them to use up all their money they have. They must not buy clothes only foodstuffs. When this happens those who do well during their lives will not die but the wrongdoer will die.

By listening to this silly talk we are weary and our lives are too difficult and we cannot control ourselves well.

On the 15th August I arrived at PINU while a church meeting was in progress. I did not interrupt but waited until it was finished. There was nothing unusual about it and I ascertained that one was held every week about this time.

After the service I spoke to the people and later tried to question AIVA who had been close by most of the time. She appeared to be in some kind of trance. She spoke in a high pitched unintelligible voice. After speaking with Village Officials and Chiefs for some time I decided to take the woman into custody. I informed them of my decision and they showed relief at the decision. It was noticeable at the time of the questioning that some people particularly three women and a young man were awed when AIVA spoke, even though it was nonsense. AIVA was accompanied by her husband and housed at Kanosia Plantation.

On Monday 19th August, 1957 I received a report from VC of PINU that the Chief Councillor had shot himself. I was inspecting KEVEONA village at the time. I went to PINU and viewed the body. The deceased man KERE BANIGE had a hole about 4 inches in diameter over his right breast, obviously caused by a 12 gauge shot gun at close range. I conducted an Inquiry and returned a finding of death by self inflicted wound.

KERE BANIGE was a man who enjoyed an excellent reputation. All the Chiefs and Village officials agreed he enjoyed the greatest prestige in the village even though he was not the major Chief. He was well known as a fair and honest man. Hehuni the school teacher believed KERE worried a lot when things were not going too well in the village. It is possible that he had worried himself into a state of melancholia over the recent events.

I contacted the District Officer on 20th August from Hisiu radio and advised him of the position. He concurred with my decision not to return Aiva to the village until things had settled down. I sent her with her husband to Kairuku.

I returned to Pinu to find things quiet normal except for three women and a man who persisted in conducting little meetings and praying a lot. Two police were left with School Teacher and I returned to Kairuku after assuring officials I would return and spend some time in the village. On Sunday 25th August I arrived back at Pinu and remained there until 28th August. Aiva also returned to the village.

When I left the previous tension had relaxed, children were attending school and people were carrying on normal village work. A concert was held one evening and work was started on repairing the school.

The Native Teacher HEHUNI is to be commended on his sane approach to the problem. He was a great help by remaining at his post despite the threats made to his family. At one stage it

was obvious that he had undergone a terrific strain. My visit was timely as it was possible he may have succumbed.

It must be expected from time to time that a person or persons will endeavour to start some form of cult. In this particular case, except for the suicide, little harm was done. I do not think movements of this kind are dangerous until they reach the stage where they destroy gardens and kill all their pigs.

I had the opportunity of speaking with Mr Julius, the Government Anthropologist, shortly after returning from PINU. He assured me that TOREA was still at Moviavi and that his people were taking little or no notice of him.

It is possible that he has lost prestige in his own group and is endeavouring to foster it elsewhere.

All officials have been instructed to report to me immediately anything unusual in the village. All patrols will be instructed to report and investigate any renewed activity in this sphere.

The Kabadi Census Division has good villages. With the exception of one or two they are well kept and attractive.

Instructions were left in one or two cases for repairs on lands to houses.

Several cases were conducted in the Court or Native Matters.

Highland labourers complained that many Kabadi natives were charging high prices for Bird of Paradise plumes. I gave a talk in all villages on this matter as it is causing some discontent in the big labour lines of the Galley Reach Plantations.

Another practice by some unscrupulous men is to promise labourers (who are at the end of their Agreement) Bird of Paradise plumes by taking a deposit of one or two pounds. After collecting the money they disappear until the labourer or labourers have been repatriated.

MIXED BLOOD PROBLEM.

There are about 30 mixed blood people engaged on either crocodile shooting or copra production in the Galley Reach area. A few work permanently as artisans on nearby plantations but most of them prefer work of a semi-permanent nature. Some have small leases and have made little or no attempt to improve them.

The number of applications for land and disputes over land in this area has now reached the point where it will take an experienced officer a full term to finalise them. Pressure of work elsewhere in the Sub-District precludes the possibility of detaching the one experienced officer on the station.

A long standing dispute between the ARUA brothers and VAGI VAGI of VEIYA Village was investigated. A recommendation concerning the survey of two separate blocks has been submitted by memorandum.

The amount of work in the Galley Reach area connected with the land problems of the mixed blood people is a good point in favour of the establishment of a Patrol Post.

NATIVE LABOUR.

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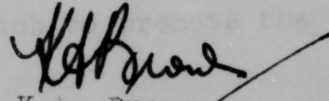
were visited. A number of complaints made by labourers under agreement were heard.

Mr ADO Humphries conducted a thorough inspection of the area in July and as a result the native labour work to be carried out was considerably less than normal.

The standard of accommodation of the plantations is excellent.

CONCLUSION.

A routine census patrol of the KABADI NARA Census Division is scheduled for December. In view of recent events a patrol will be sent earlier.

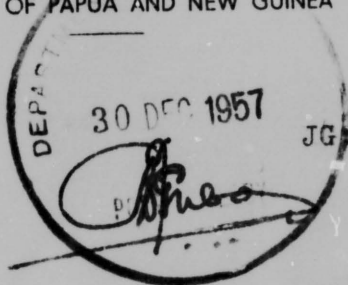


K.A. Brown,
Assistant District Officer.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



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No. PW62/2/3/47

Public Works Department,
Port Moresby.

24th December, 1957

A/Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Aropokina/Kubuna Road - Kairuku

C.P.O. Gibbins' Special Report on the above road has been read with interest. Continuation of activities such as is evidenced here will do much to promote the development of the Territory.

James Glen
JAMES GLEN
DIRECTOR

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17th December, 1957.

The Director,
Department of Public Works,
PORT MORESBY.

Special Report No.3.1957/58- Kairuku.

Copy of the abovementioned Patrol Report
is forwarded to you for your information please.

I would be grateful to receive your early
acknowledgment in order that I may pass your comment
to the officer performing the work.

J.K.McCarthy
(J.K. McCarthy)
Acting Director.

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30-1-70.

17th December, 1957.

The District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

Special Patrol Report No. 3. 1957/58-Kairuku.

Receipt of the abovementioned report is
acknowledged with thanks.

Will you please convey my thanks to the
Catholic Mission and Mr. Dexter for their assist-
ance in this project.

Mr. Gibbins has done a good job in road
and bridge construction.

Copy of the Report has been forwarded to
the Director of Public Works.

(J.K. McCarthy)
Acting Director.

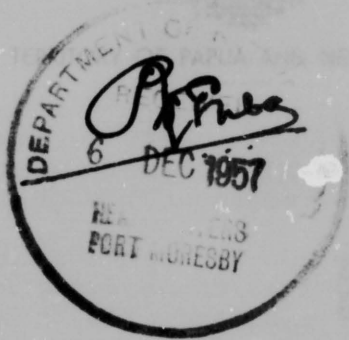
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FILE : 31.1.1/161

Sub-District Office,
KAIRUKU, C.D.

27th November, 1957.



District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY

SPECIAL REPORT NO. KAIRUKU 3/57-58

Three copies of above Report for their information and comment, please. Relevant camping allowance claims are attached for approval. ✓

From the figures it proved quite an inexpensive task in relation to its importance. The ready assistance afforded by both the Catholic Mission and Mr. Dexter is much appreciated. It displays an energetic co-operation, without which this office would have been able to do little. ✓

The KUBUNA road is now in good condition. It has absorbed most of our roads funds, which, however, have been carefully and wisely spent. ✓

Mr. Gibbins is to be commended on his supervision and interest in his first sole effort in the field. ✓

(K.A. Brown)
Assistant District Officer

A.D.O. Kairuku,

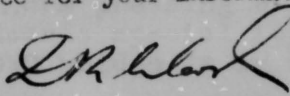
Reference your 31-1-1/161 of the 27th November, 1957.

Mr. Gibbins is certainly to be commended. I am very impressed with his efforts to date. You might extend our thanks to the private people and the natives who assisted.

(D.R. MARSH)
Acting District Officer

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY

Copy of report and camping allowance for your information and action please.


(D.R. MARSH)
Acting District Officer



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
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No. 31-1-1

Sub-District Office,
KAIRUKU.

27th November, 1957.

The Assistant District Officer,
Kairuku,
CENTRAL DISTRICT.

SPECIAL REPORT - AROPOKINA/KUBUNA ROAD
KAIRUKU REPORT 3/57-58.

Officer Conducting the Patrol:-	I. D. GIBBINS Cadet Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled:-	Kuni (Census Division) Makeo " ") Part only.
Personnel Accompanying:-	Reg. No. 9902 Constable DAUPA.
Duration:-	Out. Tuesday 5th November. In. Monday 25th November.

Introduction:-

During the recent Kuni census sub-division patrol conducted by Mr. A. D. O. Brown, (refer Kairuku Patrol Report No. 3 of 1957-58) four remaining jobs were deemed necessary for the completion of repairs to the AROPOKIN-KUBUNA Road.

1. Clearing of vegetation beside the KUBUNA-WANONO Road.
2. Level causeway across KUBUNA River at KUBUNA.
3. Building up of narrow ridge near PIKA'A Hill.
4. Construction of new bridge over IAIPA Creek (WANONO).

Completion of job No. 1, clearing of vegetation 30 feet wide and 7 mile long on either side of road from KUBUNA to WANONO bridge, coincided with the completion of the Kuni Patrol and was carried out by the people of IAPEKA village.

Summary of Work Carried Out.

I was instructed to build the WANONO bridge spanning IAIPA Creek ---- this being the more pressing of the remaining three jobs. Refer Mr. C. P. O. Edwards special report No. 1/57-58 in which he states that "The WANONO bridge is in a state of collapse".

Camp was set up at the bridge site and consisted of two tents, while cookhouse and boyhouse were constructed with native material.

The approaches to the bridge badly needed rebuilding for twenty feet at either end, as they had eroded away and were barely wide enough for a truck to pass along. Rebuilding and widening the approaches, therefore, had first to be completed and

this task took two weeks. About a hundred tons of stone and two tons of cement were used in this construction which added a further six feet in width to the new bridge.

The basic strength of the bridge lies in two pekira logs which when adzed measured 35 feet by 15 inches by 18 inches and are placed so as to take the full weight of vehicles. These are assisted by eight railway lines. The decking consists of 4 X 3" Australian hardwood laid at right angles to the logs and secured to them by six inch nails. These are covered by eight 6 X 2" hardwood runners which are placed to cover the tracks of any vehicles be it tractor, jeep or truck.

The logs used are a Papuan hardwood called PEKIRA by the natives. This type of timber is resistant to both decay and attacks by termites. Proof of this was seen in the perfect state of preservation of the two logs used which were said to have been cut some twenty years ago during early clearing at the WANONO Mission farm.

The bridge and approaches measure seventy feet in length by fifteen feet in width and stand some ten feet above the normal level of the creek in dry season.

The cost of the job to the Administration Funds was out of all proportion to the amount of work done, this being due to the free services and use of machinery by the Catholic Mission at WANONO and Mr. L. Dexter of UKUA Estate. It was estimated that without their help an extra £150 would have been added to the cost of the bridge.

The plantation and Mission users of this bridge inspected it on completion and stated that they were very pleased with the job, it being their opinion that it would last for at least another 50 years.

Mr. C.P.O. Edwards accompanied the patrol for seven days to assist in recruitment of labour and to carry out work at PIKA'A Hill. Shortage of labour, which is always experienced in this area, prevented him from completing the job. However a large amount of stone was carried to the site and will hasten completion of this job when time is available.

Expenditure.

Payment of labour	£40.
Transport	£30.
Cement	£50.
Timber	£40.
Creosote	£5.
Nails	£5.

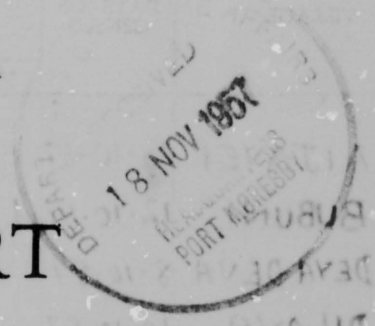
Conclusion:-

Due to the unusual dry being experienced the normal wet weather was luckily absent during the 3 weeks patrol and this allowed work to proceed unhindered.

J. D. Gibbons
J. D. GIBBONS - C.P.O.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



PATROL REPORT

District of CENTRAL, KAIRUKU Report No. KAI 3 of 1957/1958

Patrol Conducted by K.A. BROWN A.D.C.

Area Patrolled KUNI CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Mr. I.D. GIBBINS C.P.O.

Natives 4

Duration—From 20/9/1957 to 15/10/1957

Number of Days 26

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? Nil

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Feb/1957

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Map Reference

Objects of Patrol 1. (a) Census and study of population trend. (b) Establishment of MAIMAI and ILAILAVA as separate villages. (c) Check of Gailala migration to KUNI. 2. Orientation patrol for Mr. Gibbins. 3. Survey of coffee planted.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

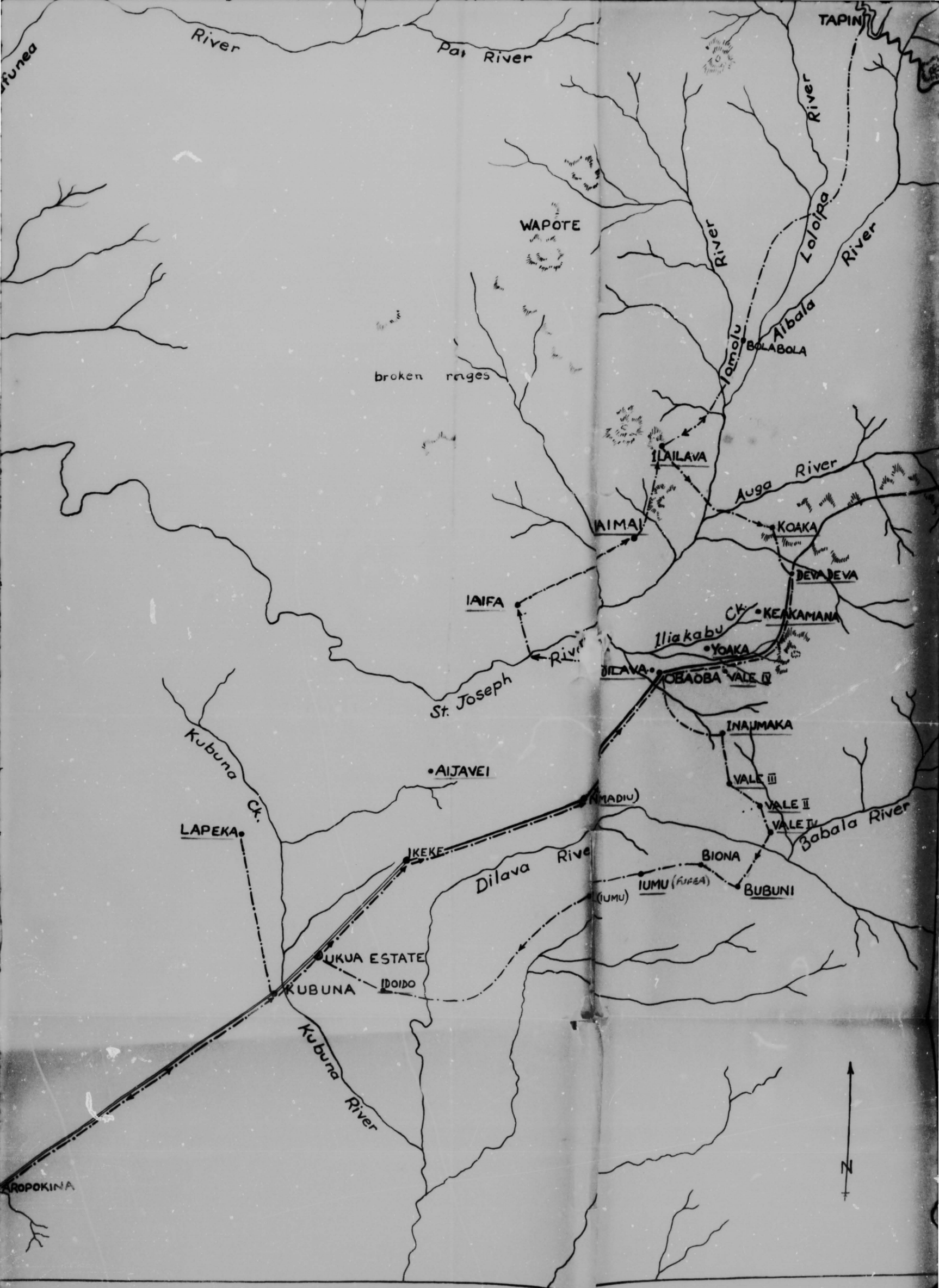
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Year..... 1957-1958.....

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KUNI PATROL.

20.9.57-15.10.57.

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KEY.

- ==== Vehicular Roads.
- ===== Horse Roads.
- Patrol Route.

Tracing of Adamson's Map.
By I.D.Gibbins C.P.O. Kairuku

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14th February, 1958.

The District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

DISTRICT OFFICER RECRUITING - KUALA GENSIS DIVISION,
KAIRNEN.

Receipt of your memorandum 37-7-3(2)/891 dated 12th February, 1958, is acknowledged.

It is presumed that in addition to the information provided therein you are also giving attention to the other aspect referred to in the final paragraph of the memorandum dated 14th January, 1958, i.e., examination of the extent ^{question} of providing some economic or other incentive for the people themselves, with the object of overcoming the current semi-permanent absenteeism.

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J. K. McCarthy
(J. K. McCarthy)
Acting Director

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13 DEC 1957

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File No. NA.30-1-68

SUBJECT

Areas Closed to Recruiting - Kairuku Sub-District

1. Anything that affects the liberty of an individual must be closely examined. Careless examination is not only bad administration, it is, in my opinion, an offence.
2. When I ask His Honour to take the final act that deprives a person of certain rights for the sake of the community as a whole, I must be given full facts and figures and these must be correct.
3. The whole basis for your advice is a quotation from the Patrol Report of the A.D.O., Kairuku. This is contained in your second paragraph.
4. I would suggest that you turn to Mr. Brown's census documents. I would ask you to add up the column "Absent From Village : At Work : Inside District : M". I make it 171, NOT 190. Then I would ask how the following figures can be reconciled: The Village Aijavei At work inside District : 12; Labour Potential 16-45 : 9; Total excluding absentees, Adults, M : 8.
5. Then please examine the figures of all the villages. Of the 19, I would suggest at least 8 are not unreasonable as far as male absenteeism is concerned; three are borderline; I would say that only eight are unreasonable. Especially must you consider; some wives and, I assume, children are absent with their husbands.
6. If my examination is correct, are you justified in preventing the whole census district from obtaining work, seeing that this is their only apparent means of earning money for a cash economy?
7. I do not doubt Mr. Brown's de-population figures; there is obviously something radically wrong that must be corrected. It might be purely a medical problem. Public Health must be asked to examine the situation very thoroughly. You might confer with D.P.H. and bring me a plan for this examination, if he has not already got a full report. Have these people had their anti yaws injections?
8. Recently another recommendation for the closure of Goodenough Island was based on what, in my opinion, was slim evidence. This is not good enough.
9. I would suggest that for you, departmentally, there are disturbing features. These are:-
 - (a) The census:

What is it worth if officers can't add up?

If a mistake was made, it should have been picked up in the chain - Sub District Office, District Office, H.Q. (not in the Administrator's Department).

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 19/12/57

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- (b) False interpretations are made, due to haste.
- (c) Discussions at Sub-District level between your A.D.O. and the representative of P.H.D., might have short-circuited all this. Did they occur?

Did discussions at H.Q. level occur with Health, who are fully competent to discuss population distribution?

10. In conclusion, I do demand that recommendations that interfere with the individual's freedom of movement are not loosely given.



(J.T. Gunther)
Assistant Administrator.

13th December, 1957:

Mr. Nicholson

I do ask, that if you are to me any
~~page~~ name in forwarding correspondence,
 you make every check on the facts.

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NLB 33/16/27-
2571.

9th December, 1957.

The Assistant Administrator,
Department of the Administrator,
PORT MORESBY.

Restrictions of Employment - Kuni
Census Division - Kairuku Sub-District.

I forward herewith for consideration by His Honour the Administrator, a Notice under Section 101 of the Native Labour Ordinance 1950-56 for the imposition of restrictions on the employment of natives from twenty villages in the Kuni Census Division, Kairuku Sub-District, Central District, for a period of two years.

The following is an extract from a recent Patrol to the area by Mr. K. A. Brown, Assistant District Officer, Kairuku :

"The natural decrease in the period under review (March to October, 1957) was 25. ✓ *Dur B. 25.*
Approximately 50% of all children die before reaching the age of 7.
Since March census the number of males away at work has increased from 222 to 250 — (251) and females with them from 13 to 58. This is nearly 54% of 16-45 age group. Most of this rise is due to increased activity on the Catholic Mission farm at WANONO. Some 60 Kuni's are either working there or living with relations. This particular matter is to be subject of discussion with Catholic Mission as I am not happy about it.
The census figures speak for themselves. The solution to most of the Kuni problems would be found in closure of the area to recruiting for a period of 3 to 5 years.
Officers have made strong recommendations to close the area to recruiting and it is hoped that something can be done about it.
The solution may be found in the new Ordinance by refusal, to issue any Kunis with work cards. They would then be forced to return to their villages and play their part in much needed rehabilitation."

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The population in this area is decreasing, while fifty-four per cent. of the adult males are absent in employment. The District Officer, Central District, has recommended that the first step necessary is for the imposition of restrictions on employment in order to increase the number of men available in the village, to be followed as soon as possible by a joint Medical, Agricultural and Native Affairs Patrol to the area for a thorough investigation as to the measures that can be taken to provide local interest and incentive

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for men to remain at home.

There is no doubt that there are considerable difficulties to be solved in this area, not the least of which is that of access to markets for economic crops. Amounts of coffee have been planted, not exceeding ten acres in all.

The Assistant District Officer in his report has stated :

"Until the Administration can construct access horse trails to villages and see that they are maintained by allocation of adequate funds I can see no possibility for a successful cash crop in the Kuni. The possibility of a vehicular road to OBAOBA is out of the question. It would be a major engineering feat and the cost prohibitive. Airstrips are also out of the question.

The minimum maintenance of the Ikeike-Obaoba-Devadeva horse trail is a major proposition pro rata sub-district office road fund allocations.

The above is not a very bright picture but I feel convinced that if we are unable to assist an industry by providing access to it we should not encourage it excepting of course where it can be consumed, as in case of rice.

The Catholic Mission at Obaoba has encouraged rice cultivation for home consumption. They have a little mill where people can have their crop milled for a nominal charge. Last year yield of paddy brought for milling was half a ton. This is an excellent move and every encouragement was given to people to plant rice for their own needs.

Regular rice diet will do much for the Kuni. Vanilla grows well around Obaoba and several areas were inspected and found prolific. DASF are aware of its existence through the Fathers at Obaoba. Apparently processing is elaborate and expensive and so it is too early to consider as native cash crop even if a market and transport could be assured. The staple food of the Kuni is sweet potato and it appeared to be in abundance. Gardens could be larger but they are restricted by absence of such a large number of the able bodied males. Present advice in the Agricultural sphere, I feel should be confined to :-

- (a) Larger gardens with more variety of native foods.
- (b) Introduction of rice as staple food."

The need for a thorough medical patrol into the area is stressed by the Assistant District Officer in his report :

"The Kuni people have been seriously affected by epidemics. Between November 1931 and January, 1932, the Catholic Mission recorded 190 deaths from influenza. Earlier in 1918-9 dysentery and pneumonia caused the deaths of approximately 200. Expert investigation is needed in the medical sphere among the Kuni people. T.B. is prevalent. Concerning diet I am of the same opinion as other officers. It is possible for Native Affairs officers to implement suggestions concerning diet deficiencies, once located. A thorough medical patrol is a real need".

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There is no doubt that restrictions on employment will at least assist in preventing further deterioration. For this reason, the restrictions have been framed in such a way as to ensure those natives now absent in employment will be unemployable after cessation of their current employment and therefore, will need to return home with further recruitment being subject to the discretion of the District Officer of the Central District.

I recommend that approval be given for the imposition of these restrictions and advise that the Notice forwarded herewith has been drafted and initialled by the Secretary for Law as suitable for signature by His Honour the Administrator.

(J.K. McCarthy)
Acting Director.

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SUBJECT

PATROL REPORT NO.3 of 1957/58 - KAIRUKU.

Your attention is invited to the last three sentences in paragraph 9 at folio 27.

There is no doubt that the possession of a shot-gun has considerable political influence.

J.K. McCarthy
(J.K. McCarthy)
Acting Director.
Department of Native Affairs.

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SUBJECT	PATROL REPORT NO.3 of 1957/58 - KAIRUKU.
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Will you please take action as recommended in the District Officer's covering memorandum at folio 33?

Administrative hand in file
 33/46/27
 J.K. McCarthy
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J.K. McCarthy
 (J.K. McCarthy)
 Director of Native Affairs.

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SUBJECT	PATROL REPORT NO.3 OF 1957/58 - KAIRUKU.
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Your attention is invited to folios 23 and 22 of this Patrol Report, for your information and any comments you should wish to make.

*See: Brian of L.M.S.
is also planning to Kuni area.
introduce coffee to
D.O. Central District informed
of this M.D.
25/11/57.*

J.K. McCarthy
(J.K. McCarthy)
Director of Native Affairs.

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30-1-68

20th November, 1957

The Director,
Department of Public Works,
PORT MOHESBY.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Attached is an extract from Patrol Report No.3
of 1957/58, Kairuku, which is passed to you for your in-
formation, please.

J. K. L.
(J. K. McCarthy)
Acting Director.

30-1-68

20th November, 1957.

The District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT NO. 3 - 57/58 : KAIRUKU.

Receipt of the above-mentioned patrol report is acknowledged with thanks.

The historical notes in the introduction I find of interest.

We cannot expect other than fragmentary populations in country where suitable arable land is found only in pockets.

It is about time the young men did a bit of gardening instead of attending feasts.

The remarks under the heading "Census" are noted with interest and necessary action will be taken in separate correspondence.

There is no indication in your covering memorandum that matters of interest to other Departments have been taken up with them by you; please ensure that this action is taken and recorded in the case of every patrol report.

Mr. Edwards (Cadet Patrol Officer) should be congratulated on his re-opening of the road to UKUA including the construction of the cement bridge and installation of culverts.

Mention is made of the purchase of horses to be used as pack animals by the natives. It is suggested donkeys or mules would be more satisfactory as they can withstand the careless handling of natives.

This patrol report is most informative and indicates a realistic approach by Mr. Brown to the problems confronting him in the administration of his sub-district.

PLS *J.K.M.*
(J.K. McCarthy)
Acting Director.

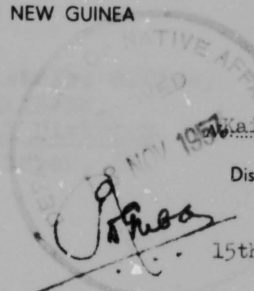


TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Kairuku P/R No. 3/635

District Office
Port Moresby

15th November, 1957

DRM/JK

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY

KAIRUKU P/R No. 3 OF 1957-58

The attached report in duplicate, together with census figures, map and camping and boot allowance claims, for your information and necessary action please.

The important aspects are -

- (1) Need of medical patrol to the KUMI to study disease and dietary needs. ✓
- (2) Need to close KUMI area to recruiting (see NLB 33/16/27-1599 of the 10th August, 1956 and later correspondence.) ✓
- (3) The need for agricultural officers to visit the area and regulate agriculture to the immediate benefit of the people. ✓

It is recommended that the area be closed to recruiting and that when some of the men have returned, a combined medical, agriculture and Native Affairs patrol visit the area to assist the people.

D. R. Marsh

(D. R. MARSH)
Acting District Officer

Copy to:

The Assistant District Officer,
KAIRUKU

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Sub-District Office,
KAIRUKU.
Central District.
24 October, 57.

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District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

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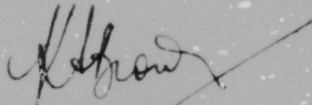
Attached are three copies of above report for your comment please.

The map is 2 miles to 1" sketch but gives a better idea of village location.

I was very impressed by Mr. C.P.O. Gibbin's interest and attitude to patrol work.

His map is a good effort.

Relevant camping allowance claims are attached for your consideration.



(K.A. BROWN.)
Assistant District Officer.

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Sub-District Office,
KAIRUKU.

21st October, 1957.

District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MOKESBI.

REPORT OF PATROL TO KUNI CENSUS DIVISION
KAIRUKU SUB-DISTRICT.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY : K.A. Brown. ADO.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING : Mr. I.D. Gibbins. CPO.
No. 1118 L/Cpl. AYA.
No. 2155 Const. VASENUEA
No. 9309 Const. KANAI
HENRY ONAI Interpreter.

DURATION OF PATROL : 20th September, 1957 to
15th October, 1957.
26 days.

PURPOSE OF PATROL : 1. (a) Census and study of population
trend.
(b) Establishment of MAIMAI and
ILAILAVA as separate villages.
(c) Check of Gailala migration to
KUNI.
2. Orientation patrol for Mr. Gibbins.
3. Survey of coffee planted.

INTRODUCTION.

(a) In Patrol Report No. 6. of 1956/1957, Mr. Sharp made an error concerning the first visit to the KUNI District. Dr. Strong's patrol in 1904 to INAUMAKA was some four years after OBAOBA had been established as a Catholic Mission centre.

It is almost certain that prospectors were in the area by early 1890s but records are very vague. The first real contact was made through the NARA village of VANDAMAI in May 1896. At this time Bishop Navarre was opening a church for the NARA and he met some KUNI visitors. He learned that VANDAMAI people intended to pay a visit to village of ROBUNI to attend a feast. Father Jullian and a companion went with them in July 1896 via the present site of KUBUNA.

Two other patrols by Catholic priests in 1897 and 1899 visited many KUNI villages and travelled as far as the Gollala village of MAPALU. OBAORA was founded in November, 1899, as a result of these visits.

The Government Agent, Amedeo Guillienetti led a punitive expedition to MAPALU in November, 1899, passing through a number of KUNI villages.

(b) The KUNI Census Division is situated in a maze of peaks between 2,000 and 4,000 feet. It covers about 1,000 square miles.

It is possible on a clear day from YULE ISLAND to see several large ridges. These rise to 13,000 feet within 70 miles of the coast beyond a narrow belt of dry undulating hills covered with poor grass and sparse eucalypts. The change from this belt is very marked at a point known as PEKANA Hill on the KUBUNA Road. At IKEIKE (1200 feet) the terrain is rugged but from 2,000 feet onward it is chaotic.

Two rivers the DILAVA and St JOSEPH drain many streams rising in the southern and western spurs of Mt. Albert Edwards (13420 feet).

It is easy to understand the early French Missionary's exclamation, "Ce chien de pays".

DIARY.

Friday 20th September, 1957.

Left KAIRUKU by launch to AROFOKINA. By truck to UKUA. Inspection of road en route.

Saturday 21st September, 1957.

Labour inspection UKUA Estate.

Sunday 22nd September, 1957.

Observed.

Monday 23rd September, 1957.

Census of LAPEKA Village. Inspection of hamlets of ATINI and FOFORO.

Tuesday 24th September, 1957.

Census of IDCIDO at hamlet of MOSILA. Inspection of Kubuna Aid Post.

Wednesday 25th September, 1957.

From KUBUNA to NEA Rest house. Census of MALIU.

Thursday 26th September, 1957.

From NEA to OMOHA. Inspection of horse trail en route.

Friday 27th September, 1957.

Census DILAVA Village and inspection of wild vanilla.

Saturday 28th September, 1957.

Census VALE 4 and inspection of coffee trees near village.

Sunday 29th September, 1957.

At OBAOBA. Attended celebrations to mark 50th Jubilee of Father Rossier in Papua.

Monday 30th September, 1957.

From Obaoba to Iaifa. Crossed St Joseph by suspension bridge. Census and general matters.

Tuesday 1st October, 1957.

Iaifa to Ilaila. Discussions with people, thence to Maimai. Census general matters.

Wednesday 2nd October, 1957.

Maimai to Ilailava thence Solubolu and slept.

Thursday 3rd October, 1957.

Solubolu to Tapini.

Friday 4th October, 1957.

At Tapini. Talks with ADO.

Saturday 5th October, 1957.

Tapini to Ilailava.

Sunday 6th October, 1957.

Observed at Ilailava.

Monday 7th October, 1957.

Ilailava to Koaka. Census general matters.

Tuesday 8th October, 1957.

Koaka to Devadeva. Census and general matters.

Wednesday 9th October, 1957.

Devadeva to Obaoba visiting hamlet of Keakamana en route for census and general matters.

Thursday 10th October, 1957.

Census of Youka village.

Friday 11th October, 1957.

From Obaoba to Matsika via Inaumaka. Census general matters and inspection of coffee stands.

Saturday 12th October, 1957.

Matsika to Iumu. Census of Bubuni en route.

Sunday 13th October, 1957.

Walked Iumu to Uku otherwise observed.

Monday 14th October, 1957.

CNM at IDOIDO and KUMUNA.

TUESDAY 15th October, 1957.

Uku to Aropokina thence Kairuku by launch.

End of Diary.

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NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The KUNI are a law abiding and friendly people and as such the native affairs situation is good. Only two minor breaches of Regulations were heard in the Court for Native Matters. The number of village and domestic disputes were few.

Of the 20 KUNI villages listed in the Census sheets only one or two can be regarded as stable. There are actually about 60 hamlets of 4-12 houses. In many cases the hamlets have split into garden places of 2-3 houses. These are often 3-4 hours walking apart due to the difficult terrain.

The village unit is used only at times of feasting and when an officer or missionary visits the area. This state of affairs would normally preclude healthy social contact. On the other hand it tends to create a trouble free area.

A feast in the KUNI is usually a long drawn out business. I understand that one was held from June to September this year at VALE during the period of a policeman's leave. However the bigger feasts originate in the Goilala Sub-District which the KUNI attend as visitors. It is a well known fact that some young KUNI men do little else but move from one feast to another.

Some propaganda was circulated on the adverse affects of such prolonged festivities.

Houses are inferior to those in other areas of the Sub-District. They appear to meet the needs of the people and the climate but no doubt changes will come.

Rest houses on the whole were in good condition and a number had been enlarged. The Catholic Mission makes its rest houses available to government officers where they are convenient to patrol.

Re-Establishment of MAIMAI.

Vide District Officer's instructions the village of MAIMAI was separated from ILAILAVA and issued with its own census book. A memo will be forwarded covering the appointment of a Village Constable for ILAILAVA. The arrangement is satisfactory and the original recommendation by Mr. Sharp a good one.

ILAILAVA Migration of NI'AIVE people from the Goilala Sub-District to KUNI has been discouraged. Mr. Sharp issued them with their own book last patrol but this has been cancelled as they are already included in Goilala census. A memo to ADO Tapini will be written explaining the position. The migration was instigated by VC TAMA who would go to any lengths to have a gun. Politically it would be a bad move to issue him with an S.A.P. as half the people bordering KUNI would then flock in.

The land question was already causing hair to rise from IAIFA and MAIMAI. The action over TAMA should satisfy the KUNI's concerned.

Considering the long contact with the Catholic Mission I was not particularly impressed by the material progress of these people. However I think progress would take place if fewer young men were away. Their presence would stimulate social intercourse and provide labour for larger gardens and better dwellings.

ROADS & BRIDGES.

(27) (25)

1. AROPOKINA TO IKEIKE (20 miles)

This is a trunk road and is commonly known as the KUBUNA Road. It is present life-line of Catholic Mission stations of KUBUNA, WANONO and Mr. L.S. DEXTER. It is also access road to horse trail which connects the Mission stations of OBAOBA, PANE and ONONGE.

Mr. C.P.O. Edwards has not long completed an excellent task by reforming the road to UKUA, construction of a cement bridge at KUBUNA and the installation of several culverts. In addition several swampy areas were cleared back. Prior to Mr. Edwards work it took 2 hours to travel from UKUA to AROPOKINA under very dry conditions. It is possible now to do the trip on the hour.

It will be necessary to carry out four more tasks and the road will be an excellent condition by local standards. These jobs are:

1. Construction of 35ft bridge over WANONO Creek and straightening of approaches to it.
2. Widening of a dangerous section between WANONO and PEKA'A Hill.
3. Clearing bush either side of road where Mr. Edwards was unable to complete.

A contract was drawn up with Lapoka people to clear between KUBUNA and WANONO bridges. This five mile stretch was completed during the course of the patrol so job (3) is already more than half completed.

4. Level river crossing of KUBUNA River.

* Horse trail IKEIKE to OBAOBA.

In very poor shape and the few people in the area are unable to do much about it. There was a serious landslide OBAOBA side of ETIENNE GAP and it will probably be necessary to find a diversion after this wet season. A native was injured recently by falling stones.

OBAOBA to DEVADEVA.

In fairly good condition. Needs reforming in places but it was well cut. * Funds are urgently required for this trail before it disappears altogether.

NATIVE GRADED TRAILS.

Mostly only recently cut for patrol but the lack of strong men and the difficult nature of the country do not allow more than grass cutting and clearing of more serious landslides.

SUSPENSION BRIDGES.

OBAOBA - IAIFA. Repaired for patrol.

OBAOBA - MAIMAI. Not seen.

MAIMAI - KOAKA. New.

KOAKA - DEVADEVA. New.

MATSIKA - BIONA. New.

Remarks on roads and times (walking).

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N.B. These times were recorded under ideal conditions and may be regarded as fast.

FROM	TO	TIME	REMARKS
KUBONA	IA PEKA	80 Mins.	vehicular road
KUBONA	UKUA	20 Mins.	" "
UKUA	IKEIKE	75 Mins.	" "
IKEIKE	AMENA	45 Mins.	horse trail
AMENA	AYAVEI	2 hours	native track
AMENA	MADIU (NEA)	2½ hours	horse trail
NEA	ORAORA	3½ hours	" "
ORAORA	DILA VA	10 Mins.	native track
ORAORA	VOVAKA	30 Mins.	" "
ORAORA	IA IPA	4 hours	native track to suspension bridge very steep
IA IPA	ILA ILA	80 Mins.	fair track.
ILA ILA	MA IMAI	3 hours	fair native track
MA IMAI	ILA ILA VA	1 hour	" " "
ILA ILA VA	TAPINI	10-12 hours	1 suspension bridge neglected but fair trail.
ILA ILA VA	KOAKA	3½ hours	1 suspension bridge steepest along and decent of patrol, suspension bridge.
KOAKA	DEVADEVA	3 hours	steep, suspension bridge
DEVADEVA	KRAKAMANA	2 hours	fair track
KRAKAMANA	VALE IV	2½ hours	" "
VALE IV.	ORAORA	½ hour	horse trail
DEVADEVA	ORAORA	4 hours	good horse trail
ORAORA	INAUMAKA	1½ to 2½ hours	depending on hamlet visited
ORAORA	MATSIKA	4 hours	good track
MATSIKA	BIONA	80 Mins.	suspension bridge
BIONA	BUSUNI	90 Mins	fair
BIONA	TUMU (PUPEA)	1½ hours	fair
PUPEA	OKU (IUMU)	1½ hours	fair
OKU	PAKU (IDOXDO)	1½ hours	fair
PAKU	UKUA	1½ hours	fair

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CASH ECONOMICS.

Many years ago the Catholic Mission introduced coffee to K villages and a few trees were planted. However very little serious effort was made until 1953 when some people approached Mr. ADO Tomasetti for help. Mr. Tomasetti wisely informed the people to wait until his next patrol when he would be accompanied by an Agricultural Officer. He found on his second visit the interest had not waned. Initial steps were explained and the principles of Mekeo Rice Scheme with certain modifications discussed.

At this stage officers realised that transport difficulties and the possibility of an evaporation of native interest could prevent any serious effort. Since the idea came to the people every assistance was given.

In May 1954 two DASP officers went to VALE after reports indicated large areas had been cleared. Finding the reports false the officers returned to their stations.

Mr. Tomasetti found in December 1954 that 8 acres had been cleared at VALE and interest was real. In 1957 (Feb) Mr. Shan purchased 38 lbs from the first crop. This was ultimately disposed of through Co-operatives at 3/- per lb.

I understand that some Kuni people from Vale had taken a quantity of coffee to Galley Reach plantations for sale. They were unsuccessful and returned to their village after throwing the coffee away.

At DEVADEVA I asked if the people had planted any coffee. I received a negative reply but later learned that they had a small stand. The reason for hiding it from me was undisclosed.

210 lbs of parchment coffee was brought back to Kairuku from VALE and after advice from District Officer purchased for 1/- per lb.

It is difficult to estimate the amount of coffee that could be produced from the scattered stands. In all they would not exceed 10 acres and most of this around the Vale hamlets. The quantity at Vale is already an economic proposition but advice and guidance is needed if the trees are to survive. The majority are unshaded.

The transport problem is a very difficult one. Prices reaching the vehicular road at IHNIKE it is necessary to carry the product 8 hours over native tracks via IUNU or 12 hours by horse trail via OMOBA. The mission operate horse caravans to their mountain stations but they too are planting coffee and as time goes by all their horses will be backloaded with their own product.

The obvious solution is the purchase of horses for the native producers. Again a problem arises as to care and treatment of the animals.

As with the Mekeo Rice Scheme, potential, initial native interest and officer's enthusiasm were allowed to overshadow very formidable barriers to ultimate success, i.e.,

- (a) transport of product from producer to market in notoriously difficult terrain.
- (b) assured price and market.

There are several KUNI villages on the Gollala side of St Joseph River. All inhabitants must cross native cane suspension bridge at least once. These villages are all at least four hours walk over steep native tracks to nearest horse trail, then 12 hours to the nearest vehicular road.

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The minimum maintenance of the IKIKE - OMOBA - DEVADEVA trail is a major proposition pro-rata sub-district office road allocations.

The above is not a very bright picture but I feel convinced that if we are unable to assist an industry by providing access to it we should not encourage it excepting of course where it can be consumed, as in case of rice.

The Catholic Mission at OMOBA has encouraged rice cultivation for home consumption. They have a little mill where people can have their crop milled for a nominal charge. Last year yield of paddy brought for milling was half a ton. This is an excellent move and every encouragement was given to people to plant rice for their own needs.

Regular rice diet will do much for the Kuni.

Vanilla grows well around Obaoba and several areas were inspected and found prolific. DASF are aware of its existence through the Fathers at Obaoba.

Apparently processing is elaborate and expensive and so it is too early to consider as native cash crop even if a market and transport could be assured.

The staple food of the Kuni is sweet potato and it appeared to be in abundance. Gardens could be larger but they are restricted by absence of such a large number of the able bodied males.

Present advice in the agricultural sphere, I feel, should be confined to:-

- (a) Larger gardens with more variety of native foods.
- (b) Introduction of rice as staple food.

HEALTH.

The Kuni people have been seriously affected by epidemic. Between November 1931 and January 1932 the Catholic Mission recorded 190 deaths from influenza. Earlier in 1918-9 dysentery and pneumonia caused the deaths of approximately 200.

Two Aid Posts are available to serve the needs of the people at Vale and Kubuna. The Medical Assistants informed me that they could not keep people for treatment.

Several serious cases were brought to Kairuku and others advised to go for treatment to one or other of the Aid posts.

Expert investigation is needed in the medical sphere among the Kuni people. Typhoid is prevalent. Concerning DINT I am of the same opinion as other officers. It is possible for Native Affairs office to implement suggestions concerning diet deficiencies, once located.

A thorough medical patrol is a real need.

EDUCATION.

Practically all education in the Kuni is carried out by Mission catechists. At Obaoba there is one native teacher who holds a Department of Education Certificate. Attendance at Obaoba is restricted due the distance children have to walk.

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VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Unlike the Roro and Mekeo census divisions Kuni Officials are not overworked. Most of them have standing with their village groups and were co-operative.

SPECIAL ARMS PERMITS.

There are over 60 Special Arms Permits in the Kuni. Far too many. Game is almost non-existent and I believe that Bird of Paradise are becoming very scarce.

I am not renewing permits, as guns become unserviceable.

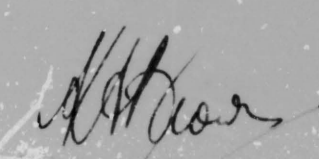
It would be an excellent idea if the area could be declared closed to shooters for two or three years.

CONCLUSION.

The patrol was strenuous but interesting.

An important aspect was the experience gained by Mr Gibbins. He was fortunate that his first patrol gave him an idea of the difficult nature of some country he is likely to patrol.

I found him a good companion, energetic and with a good manner towards natives. He is to accompany Mr Smith on a census patrol of the Roro before Christmas and I hope will be ready for a short patrol early in the New Year.


A. Brown.
Assistant District Officer.

Extract "ROADS AND BRIDGES" sent to the Director of Public
Works on 20th November, 1957.

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Kairuku P/R No. 3/636



15th November, 1957

DM/JK

The Assistant District Officer,
KAIRUKU

P/R NO. 3/1957-58 KAIRUKU

Your report gives a very clear picture of the overall position in Kuni, and I have again recommended that the area be closed to recruiting and that following this a combined medical, agricultural and Native Affairs patrol visit the area with a view to effecting some concrete improvements.

I agree with you about the excessive number of shotguns - even a periodic closed season would help.

I think you have the agriculture and health staff at Kairuku to attempt a joint solution to the Kuni problem, but if you need outside assistance please let me know.

D. S. Marsh
(D. S. MARSH)
Acting District Officer

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Department of Native Affairs,
PORT Moresby

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15th November, 1957

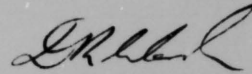
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PORT MORESBY

RESTRICTION ON RECRUITING. KUMI CENSUS
DIVISION - KAIR KU - C.D.

The A.D.O. KAIRUKU in his patrol report No. 3 of 57/58 has given the present position in regard to over-recruitment in the Kumi area.

I attach the relevant extracts for your information. It is considered that the area be closed to recruiting and at the same time it is intended that a joint medical, agriculture and Native Affairs patrol visit the area and endeavour to materially assist these people.

Would you please advise.



(D.R. MARSH)
Acting District Officer



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of KAINIARU Report No. KAI 4/57-58

Patrol Conducted by I. B. GIBBINS Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled KUNI CENSUS SUB-DIVISION.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 4

Duration—From 1/1/1958 to 22/2/1958

Number of Days 33

Did Medical Assistant Accompany NIL

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Sept. /Oct./1957

Medical/...../18.....

Map Reference.....

- Objects of Patrol.....
1. Supervision of repairs on the KUBUNA and OBA OBA roads.
 2. Preparing the KUNI population for the T.B. survey.
 3. Census revision.

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....

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

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

Village Po

Year.....1957-58.....

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

16th May, 1958.

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

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File No. NA.30-1-81

SUBJECT

PATROL REPORT NO.4 - 1957/58 : KAIRUKU.

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Attached Patrol Report passed to you for information, please.
 Enclosed in the envelope are three (3) transparencies which might be of interest to you. I have asked may the transparencies be retained by your Departmental photographic library.

J. K. McCarthy
 (J.K. McCarthy)
 Director of Native Affairs.

*Also seen with 20/5.
 Librarian 6/6 21/5.*

NA.30-1-81

16th May, 1958.

The District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT - KAIRUKU No.4 of 1957/58.

Receipt of the above-mentioned patrol report is acknowledged with thanks.

The covering comment on the report adequately deals with matters raised therein.

The report has been passed to the Public Works Department together with the three (3) transparencies.

May the transparencies be retained by the Department of Public Works for their library, please?

The comments on rice are of particular interest.

Please advise Mr. Gibbins that his report is regarded at this Headquarters as being first class.

J.K. McCarthy
(J.K. McCarthy)
Acting Director.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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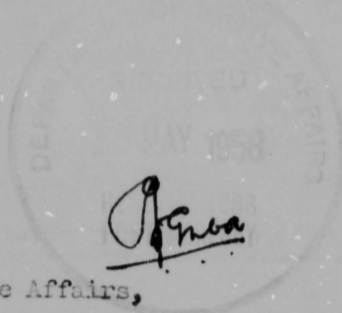
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District Office
Port Moresby

14th May, 1958.

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The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT - KAIRUKU NO. 4 of 57-58

The attached report for your information please. It was conducted before the new system of reporting came in.

The census figures with regard to absentees are of particular interest. There are 206 adult males absent at work out of a total absentee figure of 396. This leaves 1766 people in the villages, which figure includes 498 adult males or a ratio of 1 adult male to 2.5 dependents. It would appear from the face of it, that this is most satisfactory. However, if we deduct 206 workers from the total potential of 555, we get 349 able bodied males looking after 1417 dependents - a ratio of 1 to 4, which is still quite satisfactory.

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23/5

What eases the position to this extent is the large number of wives and children who are absent from the villages with the workers. Consequently, I do not recommend closure of the area. Your NIB 33-16-27-157 of 9/5/58 refers.

Mr. Gibbins has conducted a useful patrol and enabled the T.B. team to work to schedule.

A large tract of Crown Land is at present being surveyed below KUBUNA and it is intended to ask for a section of this to be set aside for the KUNI people, whose own land is most precipitous and whose future chances of advancement are restricted unless they are given suitable land.

D. James
L. 19/5

Mr. Gibbins has enclosed some photographs of the road which are of interest.

It is not intended to exempt the KUNI people from tax, although it is fairly obvious that there will be a number of exemptions due to hardship.

(D. R. MARSU)
ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER.

c.c. Assistant District Officer,
KAIRUKU.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA:

File: 30-3-1.

Sub-District Office,
KAIRUKU. C.D.

9th May, 1958.

District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT KAI4/57-58:

Enclosed are three copies of relevant Patrol Report submitted by Mr. I. Gibbins, C.F.O.

A.P.O. Mr. K.A. Brown, before his departure on leave, made the following notes on "Rice Kuni Area" as follows:

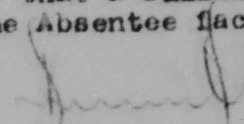
"..... the interest in rice production shown by the people of the KUNI C.S.D. this year is very encouraging and I feel that every assistance should be given to ensure that the rice they produce can be milled. At this stage there is no intention of encouraging people to produce rice as a cash crop, but they are being encouraged to store their rice for year round consumption. Recy
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Mr. Gibbins carried on discussions with the Fathers at OBAOMA Mission concerning the milling of rice, the present mission mill being far too small to cope with the present production. A small huller which is capable of milling a few cwt. per day would be suitable. It would be appreciated if you would approach the Department of Agriculture to make a huller available to this department for exclusive use in the KUNI. Some arrangement could eventually be made for payment of the machine.. "

Further to your discussions with D.A.S.F. Staff at WFO during your recent Sub-District visit, I have been informed that the rice huller mentioned is actually the property of the Co-operatives Association at KAIRUKU. The Co-operative Inspector is due back from leave next week, and it is thought that we will be able to arrange to suitably acquire the huller for the KUNI and send it up for their use as soon as possible. It is believed that rice picking will take place during the latter stages of this month. 60-40

Reference Memo NLE.33/16/27-2706 of 14/1/58 from the Director. The Village Population Register has been thoroughly checked and on examination, the following facts are revealed:

- (i) There is an increase of 13 in the Grand Total over and above the figure shown in Patrol Report No.3. However, in fact, the natural increase due to excess of Births over Deaths and Migrations In over Migrations Out during that interval is only 6.
- (ii) The previous census statistics showed that a total of 289 people were absent at work. The new figures show that the total absent has increased to 382. Mr. Gibbins has shown in individual columns separate figures for Adult and Children absentees, in order that a full analysis may be taken when considering the Absentee factor.


(V.V. Smith)

a/Assistant District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

*In Reply
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No. 30-3-16.

Sub-District Office,
KAIRUKU:
Central District.

27 February 1958.

The Assistant District Officer,
KAIRUKU,
Central District.

PATROL REPORT KAI 4/57-58

KUNI CENSUS SUB-DIVISION.

Officer Conducting the Patrol :- I. D. GIBBINS Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled :- Kuni Census Sub-Division.

Personel Accompanying :- Reg No. 6095 Const. SAWAEBAN
Reg No. 9902 " DAUPA
Reg No. 9098 " LAKOKO (part only)
Interpreter Henry Onai (" ")

Duration :- Out: Tuesday 21st Jan. 1958.
In: Saturday 22nd Feb. 1958.

Introduction.

The objects of this patrol were as follows:-

1. To supervise the cleaning of, and repairs to, the IKEIKE-OBACBA caravan road and examine the landslide blocking the road near OBACBA, ascertaining as to whether or not it could be halted.
2. To repair the AROPOKINA - KUBUNA road at PEKA'A Hill.
3. To prepare the people of the KUNI census sub-division for the forthcoming tuberculosis survey and, on arrival of the Medical team, to conduct them to the two survey points and assist them where ever possible.
4. To carry out a census revision and rewrite the village books, making age corrections from mission birth registers.
5. To announce and explain the Government levy of a one pound head tax for the Kuni census sub-division for 1958.

DAILY.

Tuesday 21st January.

Departed Kairuku 0830 hours, arriving Aropokina 1100 hours. Inspected PEKA 'A Hill enroute UKUA Estate. Arrived UKUA 1300 hours. Meeting with V.C.'s. from IUMU, IBOIDO, LAPEKA and EPA. Slept UKUA.

Wednesday 22nd January.

Labour recruited from LAPEKA and IBOIDO villages.

Thursday 23rd January.

Departed UKUA 0730 hours with labour line. Arrived NEA 1130 hours. Police despatched to AIJAVEI, IUMU, IAIMA and MADIU, summoning villagers to clean their sections of the OBAORA road.

Friday 24th January.

Departed NEA 0600 hours, arriving at the site of OBAORA landslide 0900 hours. Inspected landslide and began survey of new horse road. Slept ETIENE Gap.

Saturday 25th January.

New track cut a distance of one and half miles through dense vegetation. Returned late afternoon to NEA. Slept.

Sunday 26th January.

Observed at NEA.

Monday 27th January.

Repairs to IKIWIKE - OBAORA road.

Tuesday 28th January.

Repairs to IKIWIKE - OBAORA road.

Wednesday 29th January.

Completed road repairs then returned to UKUA Estate in afternoon. Slept UKUA.

Thursday 30th January.

Departed UKUA for PEKA 'A Hill. Camp set up on arrival.

Friday 31st January.

Work on reconstruction of road at PEKA 'A Hill begun.

Saturday 1st February.

Work continued at PEKA 'A.

Sunday 2nd February.

Observed.

Monday 3rd February.

Met TB Medical team at AROPOKINA and proceeded to KUBUNA. Transport provided by Mr. L. Dexter of UKUA Estate.

Monday (continued)

Census check at KEBUNA of NMA, IAPENA, IBOBDO and ALJAVEI villages. Proceeded to UKUA Estate with Doctor Wigley, Mr. D. Eyres (EMA) and Mr. P. Bailey (Radiographer). Doctor Morahan and Mr. A. Macman (EMA) staying at KEBUNA mission station to conduct survey.

Tuesday 4th February.

Departed UKUA with medical team 0730 hours for NEA rest house, arriving there 1230 hours. Slept NEA.

Wednesday 5th February.

Departed NEA 0730 hours, arriving at OBAOBA mission station 1100 hours. Census check of IAIIPA, DIIAVA, VALE I, and YOUAKA villages made in afternoon.

Thursday 6th February.

Assembled natives for TB examination. Census check of MAIMAI, IIAIILAVA, DEVADEVA, KEAKAMANA, BUBUNI, IDOKOAKA, VALE II, VALE III, VALE IV, INAUMAKA and MADIV villages.

Friday 7th February.

Checked dates of birth entered in village census books with mission birth register.

Saturday 8th February.

Assisted medical team in organisation. 'Bride price' disputes settled.

Sunday 9th February.

Observed at OBAOBA.

Monday 10th February.

Departed OBAOBA 0800 hours, arriving at UKUA 1500 hours. Slept UKUA.

Tuesday 11th February.

Departed UKUA 0730 hours, arriving at PEKA'A camp 0930 hours. Work continued.

Wednesday 12th - Friday 21st February.

Worked at PEKA'A Hill.

Saturday 22nd February.

Departed PEKA'A Hill 0800 hours. To AROPOKINA and thence by N.L. 'Tantivy' to KAIRUKU, arriving at 1300 hours.

END OF DAIRY.

ROAD WORKS.

A Labour line from the KUNI Census sub-division who had been engaged on road work at Kairuka and were due to return home, were re-engaged to carry out repairs on the KUBUNA and OBAORA roads. These labourers accompanied me on patrol and on arrival at UKUA Estate, were supplemented with labour from IAPUKA and IDOIBO villages. In order to supervise the repairs, a base camp was set up at NEA rest house on the OBAORA road.

The landslide which is continually blocking the OBAORA caravan road was first inspected and the hopelessness of trying to halt it was evident, as any work done in the vicinity immediately precipitated a fall of rock. The present road passes through the middle of this landslide and for a distance of 25 yards is barely three feet wide. Passage along this section is extremely dangerous and anyone passing risks injury from falling debris. Refer KAI P/R No.3 of 1957-58 "There was a serious landslide OBAORA side of ETIENNE Gap and it will probably be necessary to find a diversion after this wet season. A native was injured recently by falling stones". However as this route is the only access to OBAORA and the further mission stations at FANE and ONOWE, mission users are continually forced to take the risk.

The only solution to the problem, therefore, was a new road to skirt the site of the land fall. Following this conclusion, I surveyed a new track leaving the old road at ETIENNE Gap and winding on a fairly level grade along the sides of two mountain spurs until the old road was again reached about two miles further on. The new track reduces walking time by about ten minutes. To build this new section of road would take approximately two - three months.

The neighbouring villages are waiting to carry out this work as it represents the only means of earning money to fulfill their tax commitments for the year.

All villages responded well in cleaning their section of the OBAORA road and this, together with the additional repairs, have resulted in a twenty mile stretch from IMIKE to OBAORA being in the best condition the mission users have seen it for many years.

PEKA 'A HILL.

This very narrow section of the KUBUNA road was blocked by a fall of earth two months prior to the patrol and had to be cleared by labour from UKUA Estate and WANONO mission farm before vehicles could again pass. However, the work done was only of a temporary nature and altogether two weeks were spent here, widening the road and draining water from the above hill which was the cause of this, and possibly future landslides. The task was completed by a rock and cement retaining wall and the planting of much bamboo in an effort to prevent further erosion.

The solution to this narrow road is difficult as there is no possibility of a diversion being effected in the immediate vicinity. If any future land falls occur here it will present a major task for the Department of Works.

HEALTH.

On arriving in the KUNI a meeting of Village Constables from OBU, IDOIDO, LAPEKA and EPA was held at UKA Estate and the objects of the forthcoming Tuberculosis survey explained. Another meeting of the remaining Village Constables was held during road work near OMOBI. At each meeting it was requested that the entire population of each village be present at KUBUNA or OMOBI mission stations, at which points the survey was to be carried out, on third and fifth of February respectively. The meetings were told that rice would be provided during the necessary four day sojourn at the stations. In response each V.C. promised to present his village for examination, they realising the danger of the disease.

Census ^{revisions} ~~surveys~~ of the villages were carried out in conjunction with the T.B. examinations, each village presenting itself for census and then immediately being given a Mantoux skin test. In this way it could be ensured that a thorough examination was being made. The meeting with the KUNI V.C.'s. prior to the arrival of the medical team had the very pleasing effect of producing a 98% attendance at the two survey centres and they are ~~xx~~ certainly to be commended on their efforts.

It had long been thought, particularly by the missions, that the KUNI area was the worst affected by T.B. in the Kairuku sub-district. However, except for the three villages surrounding KUBUNA in which fifty per cent of the people were found to have been in direct contact with the disease, the overall picture presented by the survey did not bear out the common assumption. Of the 1300 natives examined at OMOBI only 34% contacts were discovered. Of these, the majority were from IAIKA village, which has a common boundary, and thus direct social contacts, with the Mekeo village of INAWAUNI. As the INAWAUNI village had a sixty per cent incidence of T.B. the obvious conclusion was drawn.

In conducting the survey of the KUNI area, Doctor Wigley reported finding a high incidence of chest disease of a non-tuberculous nature and this, he thought, had given rise to the false idea that the KUNI division was "riddled" with tuberculosis.

Thus, in conclusion it may be said that T.B. is not as rife in the KUNI C.S.D. as formerly believed and the area is by no means the worst affected in the Kairuku sub-district.

AGRICULTURE.

It was very encouraging to be informed of the fact that the amount of rice planted in the KUNI area this year is double that of previous years. Large quantities of seed rice were purchased by the natives from the mission farm at WANONO which is now devoted solely to rice production, having some eighty acres under cultivation.

As these people have not yet reached the stage of cultivating sufficient rice for cash cropping, I made no mention of the fact in discussions. If this rice growing on a larger scale is successful a very necessary addition to the poor diet in this area will be provided. The problem of milling this rice now arises and this has been mentioned in separate memo.

TAXATION.

As each village assembled for a census revision an explanatory talk was given regarding the one head tax which has been levied on all males over 18 years of age for 1958 and the various circumstances which would constitute an exemption were enumerated. The presence of the T.B. survey team was used as an excellent example of one way in which their tax money would be used. The unanimous reply to the announcement was in all cases, "we realise the tax money will be used to help us but we have no money. How are we going to pay it?" They were then told that the road work might be provided to help them meet their commitments for the current year, it being carefully explained however, that this was not the purpose for which taxation was introduced.

CENSUS.

The census revision revealed some interesting facts. Firstly was the encouraging feature of an increase in population of 13. Secondly was the disturbing increase in the number of natives absent at work - a total of 382 being away of which 161 were working outside the district. This shows that a further 93 have entered employment since the last census revision. Furthermore, figures show that 20% of the males in the 16-45 age group are absent at work.

The census books for this sub-division were rewritten, as the existing ones were in a shocking state of disrepair and the number of corrections and remarks made census revisions a tiresome procedure. At the same time a check was made of the dates of birth with the mission birth registers - many census ages being found to be some four years less than the true age. Corrections were made in all cases of discrepancy.

LAW AND ORDER.

"Bride price" disputes, which usually dominate the small list of grievances presented to a patrol in this law abiding sub-division are due mainly to the reluctance displayed by the prospective husband to part with the much prized and valuable pig. Due to the fact that it represents the only source of meat for the KUNI, pigs are never plentiful - pig feasts being held only once every two - three years.

For this reason the 'bride payment' is forestalled as long as possible and sometimes as many as ten years elapse after the marriage before the girl's parents, in exasperation, 'court' the offender.

The three disputes presented for settlement on this patrol were all settled amicably.

CONCLUSION.

All the major repairs deemed necessary on the KUBUNA road have now been completed with the exception of the level river crossing over the KUBUNA river.

Mention was made in the report regarding the provision of road work for those people of the KUNI C.S.D. desiring to earn tax money by sale of their labour. It is realised that this is not a good policy and in effect defeating the purpose for which taxation was imposed, but that no other course at present lies open due to the absence of any form of cash crops.

Now that the census books have been rewritten, revisions in this sub-division should be a much simpler task.

Conducting such a patrol as this was a most pleasing task when one could see at first hand the virtual elimination of T.B. being spelled for the future, and the fact that only six children missed receiving the B.C.G. vaccination should write an end to yet another disease in this area.

END OF REPORT.

I. D. Gibbins.

(I. D. Gibbins.)
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Included with MUNI patrol report are three photos taken during recent patrol.

Two show views of the landslide near ETIENNE Gap.

The third is of the new bridge spanning TAIPA Creek.

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ion Register

Area Patrolled..... KUNI C.S.D.

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23rd December, 1957.

The District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

SPECIAL PATROL REPORT NO.4 - 1957/58 : KAIRUKU.

Receipt of the above mentioned patrol report is acknowledged with thanks.

No comment is called for.

J.K.M.
(J.K. McCarthy)
Acting Director.

18/12/57

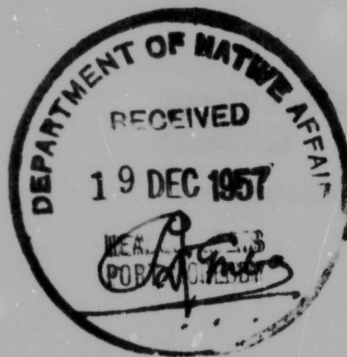
TERRITORY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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Sub-District Office,
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9th December, 1957



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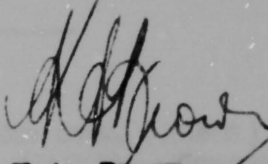
SPECIAL REPORT KAI 4 of 57/58

Attached report for your information and comment please.

There is very little in the report as each matter has been dealt with under separate memorandum.

Mr. Edwards is following up several minor matters I was unable to attend to during the patrol. They will be dealt with in his Census Patrol Report.

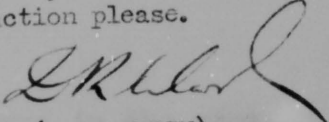
Camping allowance is attached for your consideration please.


K.A. Brown.
Assistant District Officer

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The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY

Special report Kairuku No. 4/57-58 for your information together with camping allowance claim for your action please.


(D.R. MARSH)
Acting District Officer
18/12/57

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Sub-District Office,
KAI IUKU.

9th December, 1957.

District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESEY.

SPECIAL REPORT No.4 OF 1957/58

GALLEY REACH.

Officer Conducting :- K.A. BROWN A.D.O.
Area Patrolled :- Galley Reach.
Personnel Accompanying :- Mr. C.P.O. EDWARDS
Reg. No.1118 L/Cpl. AIA.
Reg. No.2267 Const. MAREA.
Duration :- Out. Thursday 28/11/57.
In. Thursday 5/12/57.
= 8 days.
PURPOSE :- Attention to Galley Reach land
matters.

PORTION 198.

Applications were received from John Orea (HEDOA)
Charlie Selien (TETEINA) and GABI Mangaiva (MIRI). Comments
are made in memorandum with applications.

VEIYA River.

The area was marked out and lines cut for survey. A
separate memorandum and sketch will be forwarded to cover the
difficulties experienced and recommendation for enlargement due
to swamp in centre of blocks.

LABOUR.

A visit was made to all plantations in the area.

1. AROANA Estate.	No complaints.
2. AROANA Timber Coy.	No complaints.
3. DOA Estate	2 C.N.M.
4. LOLORUA Estate	1 C.P.S.
5. KANOSIA Estate	Incest case investigated. Witnesses sent to KAIRUKU.
6. MARIBOI Estate	No complaints.
7. RUBBERLANDS Estate	1 Native complaint.
8. VEIMAURI Estate.	No complaints.

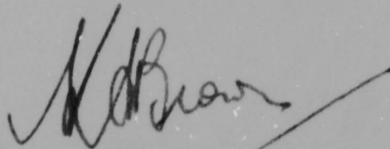
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(K.A. Brown).
Assistant District Officer.

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Central District
Port Moresby

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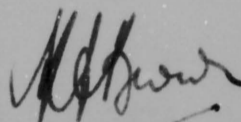
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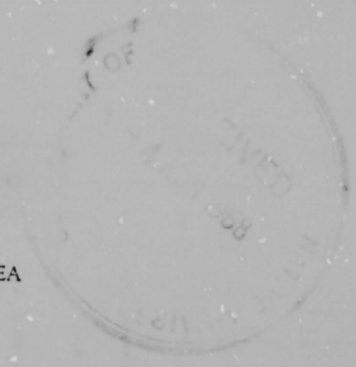
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



PATROL REPORT

District of.....CENTRAL - KAIRUKU. S.D. Report No.....KAI. No.5. of 57/59.
 Patrol Conducted by.....A. / A.D.O. E.V. SMITH. 2 VILLS. D.J. LAWREY. C.P.O. 9 VILLS.
 Area Patrolled.....RORO CENSUS DIVISION / TAX DISTRICT.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....NIL.
 Natives.....2.

Duration—From 5.../...6.../1958...to 24.../...6.../19...58

Number of Days.....II Actual days patrolling.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....NO.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services.....OCTOBER 7 / 1957

Medical FEBRUARY / / 18 1958 T.B. SURVEY.
 4 MILES : 1 INCH. STRAT. SERIES YULE ISLAND.

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....I. CENSUS REVISION.
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Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

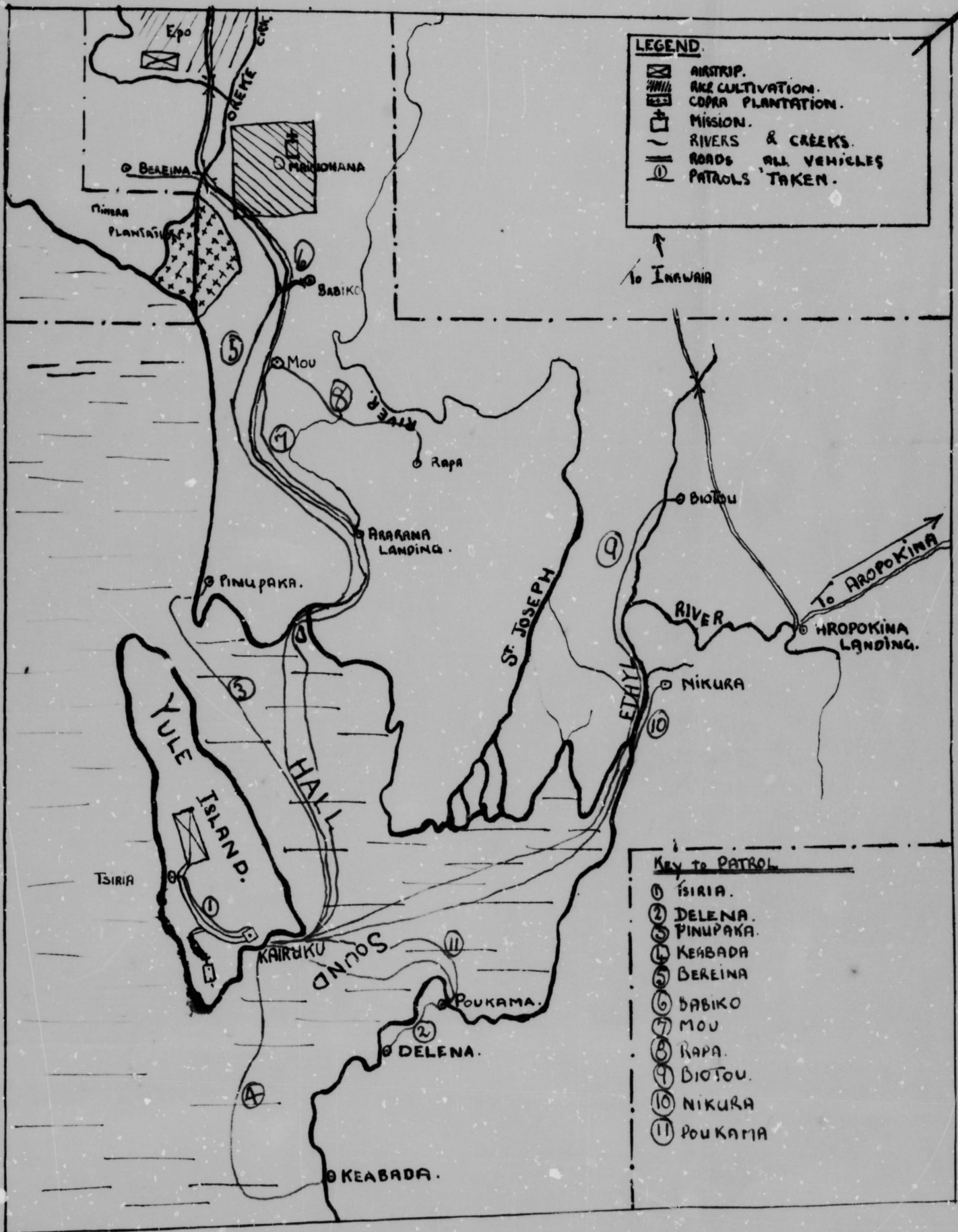
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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....NIL.
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KAIRUKU — RORO.



LEGEND.

- AIRSTRIP.
- RICE CULTIVATION.
- COPRA PLANTATION.
- MISSION.
- RIVERS & CREEKS.
- ROADS ALL VEHICLES
- PATROLS TAKEN.

- Key to PATROL**
- ① ISIRIA.
 - ② DELENA.
 - ③ PINUPAKA.
 - ④ KEABADA.
 - ⑤ BEAUMA.
 - ⑥ BABIKO.
 - ⑦ MOU.
 - ⑧ RAPA.
 - ⑨ BIOTOU.
 - ⑩ NIKURA.
 - ⑪ POUKAMA.

D.J. LAUREY.

SCALE: 2 MILES: 1"

HA.30-1-89

8th August, 1958.

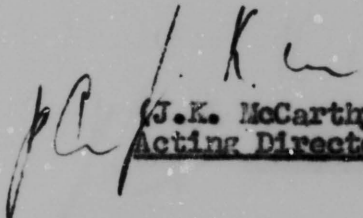
The District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

Patrol Report No. 5 - 1957/58 - KAIRUKU

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

Mr. Lawrey has performed very creditably and is to be congratulated on his mature approach to the Native people.

I am most gratified to note that the tax collection went off smoothly despite the attitude which the Assistant District Officer expected.


(J.K. McCarthy)
Acting Director.

HA 37-4-07

8th August, 1950.

The Commissioner for Taxation,
ROSE MURPHY.

Extract from Internal Report No. 5 - 7/7/50 - Kalamunda

The attached is passed to you for your information.

I do not expect there may be difficulty in tax collection in the area generally. However, it appears to be confined to the WILLI people.

W.A.
W.A.
K.L.
(J.E. McCarthy)
Assistant Director

31/7/58 ✓

KAL. P/R. NO. 5-57-58/

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District Office,
PORT MORESBY.

31st July, 1958.

DM/MR

Assistant District Officer,
KAIRUKU.

KAIRUKU PATROL REPORT NO. 5 - 57-58

Reference the above mentioned report.

Quite a good effort by Mr. Lowney.

I am disturbed by the attitude of the TSIRIA people and you must insist that this tax is paid or else we will proceed according to law.

Please let me know the results of your traverse from AROPOKINA to MOU and its suitability as an alternative for the AROANA landing.

The increase in population speaks volumes for the medical services but is perplexing when the land availability is considered. Perhaps by the time it effects their standard of living, some of them would be prepared to move to Crown Land near KUBUNA. It would appear to be far reaching at present but ultimately I see no other alternative for them.



(D. R. MARSH)
ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER

MINUTE TO:

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

This is Mr. Lowney's first patrol and is a good effort.

There are no outstanding matters for your attention.

(Signature)

(D. R. MARSH)
ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER

ATT

TERRITORY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

B/R 5 of 57-58

Sub-District Office,
KAINUKU.

18th July, 1958.

District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORSEY.

PATROL REPORT KAI 5 of 1957-1958
MR D. J. LAWREY CPO

The above report of Roro Census Division for your comment please.

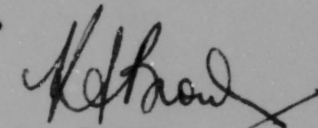
I am very pleased with Mr Lawrey's first report. It displays a mature approach to native affairs.

I anticipated some trouble over collection of taxation in this group but the whole thing went off smoothly. A lot of money has been collected independently of the patrol at Sub-District Office. ||

Census figures indicate the Roro population will reach 4000 before 1960 and 5000 by 1968. This is important consideration in present land investigations.

New bridge is now serviceable to traffic and machinery is working on Ararana- Oreke section of Mekeo access road.

A map of the patrol is attached.



K.A. Brown.

Assistant District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

1958

In Reply
Please Quote

No.

Sub-District Office,
KAIRUKU.

1st. July, 1958.

ASSISTANT
District Officer,
Central District,
KAIRUKU. 188BY.

PATROL REPORT KAIRUKU No. 5. of 1957-1958.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY:

E. V. SMITH. A / A.D.O.
(2vills. - Instruction)
D. J. LAWREY. C.P.O.
(9 vills.)

AREA PATROLLED:

Roro Census Division /
Tax district.

PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY:

814-6 Const. IPAI.
Interpreter: HENRY ONAI.

DURATION OF PATROL:

5th. June, 1958. to
24th. June, 1958.
II actual days patrolling.

OBJECTS OF PATROL:

1. Census Revision.
2. Tax collection.

DIARY.

THURSDAY JUNE 5th. 1958.

Tax and Census of TSIRIA by jeep from the Station.
Departed Kairuku: 0800hrs. with Mr. SMITH. A / A.D.O.
Tax collected to the amount of £ 10 / 0 / 0.
Census revised.
Returned Kairuku: 1800hrs.

FRIDAY JUNE 6th. 1958.

At Kairuku.

SATURDAY JUNE 7th. 1958.

Tax and Census of Delena by launch.
Departed Kairuku: 0900hrs. with Mr. SMITH.
Tax collected to the amount of £36 / 10 / 0.
Census revised.
Returned Kairuku: 1800hrs.

DIARY (CONTD).

SUNDAY JUNE 8th. 1958.

At Kairuku.

MONDAY JUNE 9th. 1958.

Tax and Census of Pinupaka.
Departed Kairuku: 0915hrs. By launch.
Arrived Pinupaka: 1015hrs.
Tax collected to the amount of £ 17 / 0 / 0.
Census revised.
Returned Kairuku: 1815hrs.

TUESDAY JUNE 10th. 1958.

Tax and Census of Keabada.
Departed Kairuku: 1000hrs. By launch.
Arrived Keabada: 1130hrs.
Tax collected to the amount of £50 / 0 / 0.
Census revised.
Returned Kairuku: 1930hrs.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 11th. 1958.

At Kairuku.

THURSDAY JUNE 12th. 1958.

Tax and Census of Bereina Commenced. BY launch.
Departed Kairuku: 1130hrs. Arrived Ararana Landing: 1310hrs.
Departed Ararana Landing: 1315hrs. By tractor. Ferried Oreke.
Arriving Beretsu: 1400hrs. Thence by jeep to Bereina.
Arriving: 1530hrs.
Tax and Census revision commenced.

FRIDAY JUNE 13th. 1958.

Tax collected to the amount of £85 / 0 / 0.
Census revised.
Departed Bereina: 1430hrs. by jeep. Ferried Oreke.
Walked Babiko. Arrived Babiko: 1530hrs.
Tax collection and Census revision commenced.

SATURDAY JUNE 14th. 1958.

Tax collected to the amount of £44 / 0 / 0.
Census revised.
Departed Babiko: 1000hrs. Walked Oreke. Thence by jeep to Epo.
Arrived Epo: 1100hrs.

SUNDAY JUNE 15th. 1958.

At Epo.

MONDAY JUNE 16th. 1958.

Returned Kairuku.

TUESDAY JUNE 17th. 1958.

Tax and Census of Mou.
Departed Kairuku: 1600hrs. by launch.
Arrived Ararana: 1750hrs. By tractor to the Mou Bridge.
Thence by bicycle to Mou, arriving: 1800hrs.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 18th. 1958.

Tax collected to the amount of £62 / 0 / 0.
Census revised.
Departed Mou: 1630hrs. by bicycle. Arrived Rapa: 1700hrs.

DIARY (CONTD.)

THURSDAY JUNE 19th. 1958.

Tax collected Rapa to the amount of £60 / 0 / 0.
Census revised.
Departed Rapa: 1630hrs. By bicycle to Ararana.
Arrived Ararana: 1700hrs.
Launch arrived: 1900hrs.
Arrived Kairuku: 2100hrs.

FRIDAY JUNE 20th. 1958.

Departed Kairuku for Bioto: 0930hrs. Arrived Bioto: 1100hrs.
Large number of the village community at work in their gardens, due mainly to a misunderstanding over the pre-arranged date.
Departed Bioto: 1230hrs.
Arrived Nikura: 1315hrs.
Talked to the people about a plan to make a jeep road from Poukama through Nikura to Aropokina.
Due to low tide, departure was delayed until 2045hrs.
Arrived Kairuku: 2200hrs.

SATURDAY JUNE 21st. 1958.

Departed Kairuku: 1035hrs. by launch. Arrived Nikura: 1130hrs.
Tax collected to the amount of £6 / 0 / 0.
Census revised.
Departed Nikura: 1230hrs.
Arrived Kairuku: 1330hrs.

SUNDAY JUNE 22nd. 1958.

At Kairuku.

MONDAY JUNE ~~22nd~~ 23rd. 1958.

~~XXXXXX~~ Departed Kairuku: 1000hrs. by launch.
Arrived Bioto: 1130hrs.
Tax collected to the amount of £45 / 0 / 0.
Census revised.
Departed Bioto: 1830hrs.
Arrived Kairuku: 2030hrs.

TUESDAY JUNE 24th. 1958.

Departed Kairuku: 1030hrs. by launch.
Arrived Poukama: 1115hrs.
Tax collected to the amount of £32 / 0 / 0.
Census revised.
Departed Poukama: 1300hrs.
Arrived Kairuku: 1345hrs.

END OF DIARY.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

Owing to the lack of staff and the urgent need for immediate action concerning Tax collection and Census revision, it was decided that I would have to carry out the Tax/Census Patrol of the Roro Census Division and Tax District with a minimum of initial instruction.

GENERAL INFORMATION (CONTD)

With this decision in view, I accompanied Acting / Assistant District Officer Mr. Smith for the first two villages, namely, Tsiria and Delena.

Therefore, as I was inexperienced and unable to handle all matters that might arise on such patrols, it was decided that the Patrol be conducted for the specific purposes of collecting the Tax and revising the Census Books.

However in the latter stages of the Patrol it was further decided that I handle several additional matters requiring little experience. These took the form of: a contract proposition to be made to the Mbu people to repair the Causeway on the road from Ararana to the Oreke Crossing; another contract to the Nikura people to make a road from Nikura to Aropokina; and two enquiries into charges made on one Rapa Village Policeman concerning an Adultery case, and on one Mou Villager concerning a Desertion case. Both these cases were sent to Kairuka for Court judgement.

TAX COLLECTION.

The first village visited as shown in the Diary, was Tsiria. This village undoubtedly gave the least co-operation. The amount collected was £10 / 10 / 0. The total population of the village is 552. However, the £2 Tax is imposed only on males over the age of eighteen and who are not eligible for an exemption.

Nevertheless, from the total population figure possibly 150 would come into the Tax-paying category. Therefore it may be safely stated that at least 90% of the Tsiria Tax-payers were either unable or unwilling to part with £2 for their own benefit for the year 1958 - 1959. During the course of the Tax collection Mr Smith made some enquiries into the matter and found that on the day prior to the collection date £400 had been payed out to a group of Tsiria workers all of whom would be eligible to pay the required amount of Tax.

The people of Tsiria and likewise with all Roro villages, who had outstanding Tax-payments were given from one to three months in which to meet the debt.

Throughout the remainder of the Tax Patrol no similar case was experienced.

Overall the Tax collection went smoothly. This being the first Tax imposed since before the War makes it a comparatively new and puzzling system in the minds of many of the indigenous population of the country, and in some cases, many people have adopted an indignant outlook due mainly to the opinion that the Government is incurring expenses on them for no visible reason.

However, these thoughts have been and are still being harboured largely because they have not been told of the value it will have on their welfare.

These were my impressions as I talked with the people of each village.

With this in mind, I explained the reason for imposing the Tax and the advantages it would have to them personally. They appeared interested and when the Tax was collected from each person there were few arguments and many questions as to the nature of the Tax, whether it would be continued in the future, and further questions on why they are forced to pay the Tax.

The total amount received during the Patrol of the Roro Tax District was £448 / 0 / 0.

The following figures show the amounts received from each village in the Roro Tax District and the population of each village.

TAX COLLECTION (CONTD)

BABIKO	£44 / 0 / 0 .	215.
BEREINA	£85 / 0 / 0 .	318.
BIOTO	£45 / 0 / 0 .	336.
DELENA	£36 / 10 / 0 .	350.
KWA BADA	£50 / 0 / 0 .	270.
MOU	£62 / 0 / 0 .	347.
NIKURA	£5 / 0 / 0 .	108.
PINUPAKA	£17 / 0 / 0 .	277.
POUKAMA	£32 / 0 / 0 .	201.
RAPA	£60 / 0 / 0 .	339.
TSIRIA	£10 / 10 / 0 .	552.
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£448 / 0 / 0 .</u>	<u>3313</u>

AVERAGE AMOUNT PER VILLAGE (approx.) £40 / 10 / 0 .

AVERAGE POPULATION PER VILLAGE (approx.) 301.

These figures show only the amounts received on Patrol.

CENSUS REVISION

The total population of the Roro Census Division for 1956 - 1959 totals 3313, showing an increase of 201 on the 1956 - 1957 figures.

The previous Census population figures to the current Patrol showed an increase of just under 3% on the 1955 Census figures. With the increase of 201 on the current Census figures there has been an increase of 6.45%. Therefore, in three years the population of the Roro Census Division has increased by approximately 9.45%. New births have exceeded deaths by 147, constituting an increase of 54 on the previous difference in births and deaths which was 93.

The total number of people absent from their villages due to employment, including wives and children, has increased from 308 in 1956 - 1957 to 596 in 1958 - 1959, showing an increase of 288.

The number of people attending Government schools from the area has increased by three bringing the total to six.

Furthermore, the number of people attending Mission schools from the area has decreased by two. This indicates that the number of people attending schools from the area at the present time is remaining stable.

Therefore, in general, the population trend is satisfactory.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

On inspection of the roads throughout the Roro area, I found them in good repair. The Wet season has done some damage, but in each case moves have been made to have the damage repaired.

While on Patrol I talked with the People of Mou, in the first instance, concerning a contract to repair the Causeway between Ararana and the Mou Bridge. The Mou people agreed to take the contract.

On the same road I took measurements for timber to repair the Mou Bridge which had collapsed during floods and only temporarily repaired.

Together with these, the Nikura people were able to agree to a contract to make a road from Nikura to Aropokina.

BUILDINGS

The standard of buildings throughout the area varies from village to village, and likewise from house to house within certain villages. However, on the whole the houses are good throughout the Roro area. Nevertheless there are exceptions and the people who own these houses appear to have scant regard for the section of the Law covering the proper care of houses. From information contained in the Census Books and Patrol Reports owners of houses have been told to repair their houses and months later nothing has been done.

Taking in to consideration Reports by previous patrolling Officers, the standard of housing is improving.

HEALTH AND HEIGENE.

Health is generally good throughout the area.

Heigene, in the form of toilet facilities is poor. There is practically a total absence of latrines. Where there is a latrine it is a rough palm and bamboo construction with nothing inside except a shallow depression in the ground. The common excuse is, that if they dig a deep pit their pigs would fall in and consequently die.

I have since learned that the influence of 'sorcerers' keep latrines practically non-existent.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETTES

Co-operative Societies are financially healthy in the Roro area.

Bereina however, has been closed since October 1957 because of the generosity of the Native Store-keepers in handing out the goods free of charge whenever a feast was to be held.

Mou also is to lose the economic value of their store in 1958 because of previous losses. During a recent Copra Inspection 90% of their copra was rejected. Furthermore there is a general lack of interest in this district and consequently the authorities have considered it useless to continue operations in the area.

Apart from these villages the Roro Co-operative Stores are operating profitably.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I found the Patrol invaluable to me for the experience gained throughout its entire duration. Had I been accompanied by an experienced Officer I believe I would have taken much longer to learn many of the aspects of a Patrol of this nature.

On the other hand, if an experienced Officer had accompanied me to every village, the work would have been lighter. But; the experience gained overshadows the extra amount of work and the indecision experienced during this Patrol.

David Lawrey
D. J. LAWREY.
C. P. O.

30-1-73

6th February, 1958.

The District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

Patrol Report No.5. 1957/58-Kairuku.

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol
Report is acknowledged with thanks.

The Patrol was of a routine nature
and calls for no comment.

J. K. McCarthy
(J.K. McCarthy)
Acting Director.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

30/1/73 ✓



In Reply
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No. 11-1/512

District Office
Port Moresby

29th January, 1958

DR/UK

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY

SPECIAL REPORT - KAIRUKU NO. 5 OF 57/58

The T.B. Survey team is now operating in the area.
This patrol warrants no comment.

(D. R. MARSH)
Acting District Officer

31-4/842

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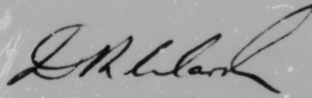
29th January, 1958

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY

SPECIAL REPORT - KALUKU NO. 5 OF 57/58

The T.B. Survey team is now operating in the area.

This patrol warrants no comment.



(D. R. MARSH)
Acting District Officer

31-1-1

Sub-District Office,
KAIKUKU.
20th January, 1958.

District Office,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

SPECIAL REPORT KAI 5 of 57-58

Above report in triplicate with camping allowance claim
for your comment and consideration please.

The purpose of the patrol was achieved. I feel
confident that Mr Gibbins is competent to carry out routine
patrols on his own. His two solo efforts have been of a non-
administrative nature but prove his aptitude and keenness to
field work.

K.A. Brown.
Assistant District Officer.

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Sub-District Office,
KAIRUKU:
Central District.

17 January 58.

The Assistant District Officer,
KAIRUKU,
Central District.

SPECIAL REPORT.

KAIRUKU REPORT No. 5/57-58.

Officer Conducting
the Patrol :- I. B. GIBBINS Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled :- Mekee Census Division.
Bush-Mekee Census Division.

Personell Accompanying :- Reg No. 8432 Const. KAMI
Reg No. 8670 Const. ZIOMY

Duration :- Out: Wednesday 8th January.
In: Thursday 16th January.

Introduction:-

The purpose of this patrol was

- (a) to work as liaison officer for P.H.D. in preparing the Mekee and Bush-Mekee people for the forthcoming T.B. Survey of the district.
- (b) orientation patrol of Mekee and Bush-Mekee areas.

DIARY.

Wednesday, 8th January, 1958.

Departed Kairuku 1130 hours. Arrived Bietou 1230 hours.
Walked to INAWAIA. Slept.

Thursday 9th January.

Per tractor to villages of Bietou, Inauabui, Ehea,
Inawaia and Jesubaibua.

Friday 10th January.

Departed INAWAIA 0800 hours. Visit INAWAE and INAWI
villages en route. Arrived Beipa 1700 hours. Slept at
Agricultural station.

Saturday 11th January.

Visited Beipa and Aipeana villages.

Sunday 12th January.

Rested Beipa.

Monday 13th January.

Left Beipa 0800 hours arrived Babanenge 1030 hours.
Returned to Beipa in afternoon.

Tuesday 14th January.

Tried unsuccessfully to reach INAWAUNI by canoe and
outboard motor.

Wednesday 15th January.

Departed Beipa 0800 hours per tractor to ARARANA. Due to
boat trouble forced to return to EPO. Slept night.

Thursday 16th January.

Departed Epe 0700 hours. Arrived Aviara 0800 hours.
Returned by M.L. Ruby to Kairuku arriving 1030 hours.

End of Patrol.

Summary of Patrol.

In each village visited a meeting of the Village Constable
and Councillors was held and the object of the forthcoming T.B.
survey was explained to them.

The importance of the survey in relation to the subsequent
raising of health standards was stressed on each occasion. They
were instructed to relay the information to the rest of the village
and also to ensure that the whole village was assembled on the days
stipulated in Doctor Wigley's memo of 26th November 1957.

In every case the announcement of the survey was met with
approval and promises of full support and co-operation.

Due to lack of time letters were sent to the more distant
Bush-Meke villages in which the arrangement and dates of the survey
team's patrol were simply and explicitly stated.

Reads.

An inspection of all roads traversed was made and
instructions given to the Inauabui and Aipeana villages to clean
their sections of road.

The patrol served as a good orientation of the district
for the author.

Conclusion.

Following your instructions I did not enter into the
land disputes and courts which were brought before me at some
villages. - the witnesses for two assault cases being brought
back to Kairuku. The people were told that all complaints
would be dealt with by the forthcoming tax-census patrol. ✓

I. D. Gibbins
I. D. Gibbins.
(Cadet Patrol Officer)



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of KAIRUKU Report No. KAI 6/57/58

Patrol Conducted by I. D. GIBBINS CADET PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled BUSH MEKEO CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives THREE

Duration—From 14/5/1958 to 3/6/1958

Number of Days 21

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 8/1956

Medical 1/18.56

Map Reference Yule Island 4 miles 1 inch strat series

Objects of Patrol 1. Census Revision 2 Tax Collection 3. General Administration

Director of Native Affairs,

FORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....

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

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

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Village Pop

Year... 1958

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	Births		DEATHS														
				0-1 Month		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13		Female Child Births		
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F			
AMEIAKA	27/5/58	5	5														2	
APANAIPI	21/5/58	15	15					1	2		2							1
BABANONGO	19/5/58	5	3					1										1
ENGEFA	2/6/58	2	1					1			1	1						2
INAUKINA	29/5/58	7	4						1				1					2
IOI	31/5/58	5	6	1														
MAIPA	30/5/58	3	7					1	1	1			1					2
PIUNGA	24/5/58	5	9							1								1
TOTALS		47	50	1				4	5	1	3	3						5

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of KAIRUKU Report No. KAI 6/57/58

Patrol Conducted by I. D. GIBBINS. CADET PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled MEKEO CENSUS DIVISION.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives THREE

Duration—From 4 / 6 / 1958 to 4 / 7 / 1958

Number of Days 31

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 5 / 1957

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Map Reference 4 miles to inch strat series.

Objects of Patrol 1. Census. 2. Tax. 3. General Administration.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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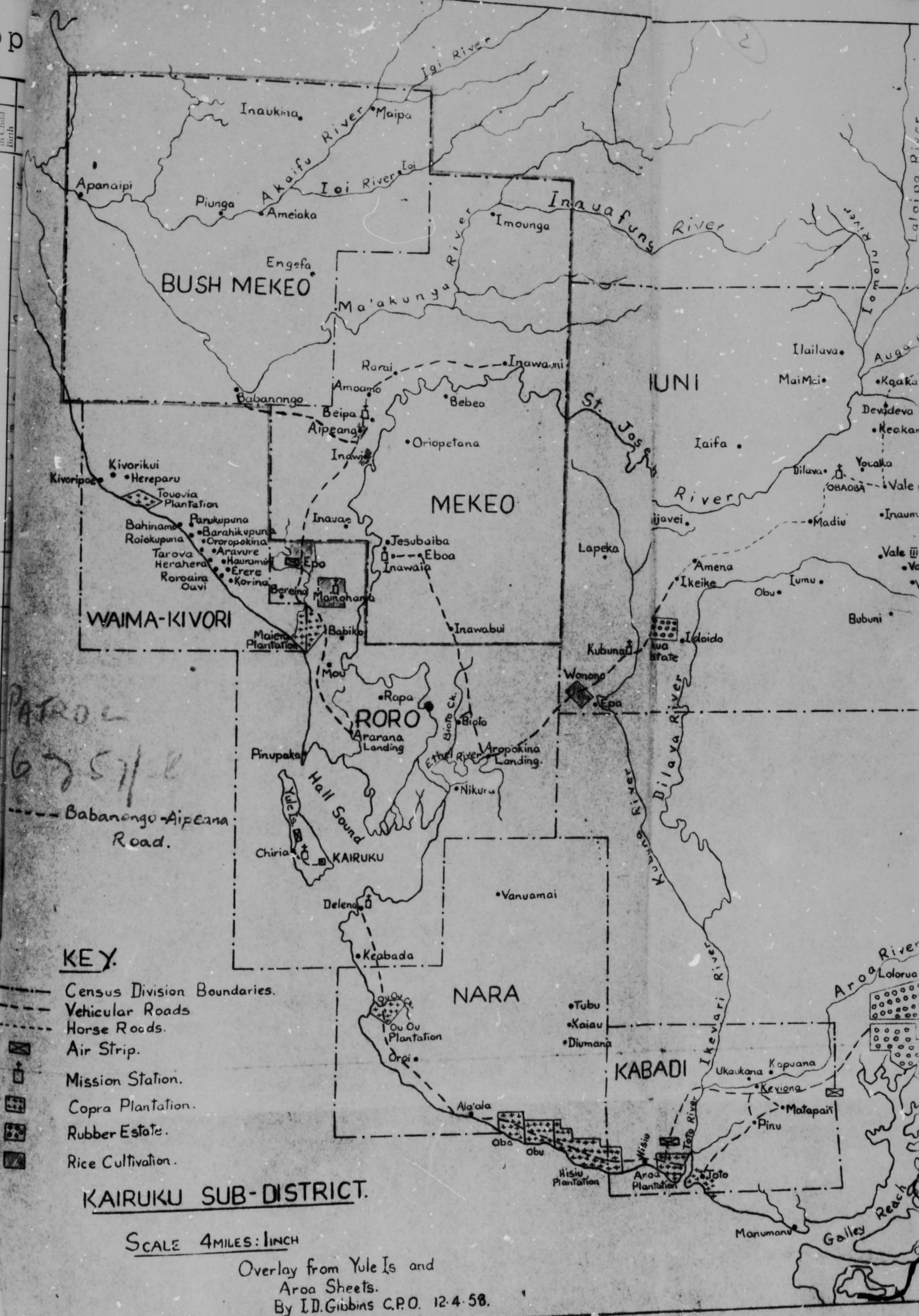
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

REGISTRAR OF CO-OPERATIVES

6th August, 1958.

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SUBJECT

Your attention is invited to the section of this
Patrol Report under the heading "Native Co-operative
Societies" and that under the heading "Taxation".
For your information, please.

T. G. Aitchison

(T.G. Aitchison)
Chief of Division (Government & Research)

*noted thank you
G. Morris.
8/8/58.*

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6th August, 1958.

The District Officer,
Central District,
PORT Moresby.

PATROL REPORT NO. 6 - 1957/58 - KAIRUKI.

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks. The covering memoranda is also acknowledged and adequately deals with matters raised in the Patrol Report.

It is gratifying to note that the people appreciate the suitability of rice as an off-season food.

It is particularly interesting to note that the imposition of the tax on the bush Mekeo is having the desired affect of stimulating interest in cash cropping.

Mr. Gibbins, I am pleased to note, attempts to find a solution when problems arise.

This is particularly evident in his suggestion concerning transport of perishable goods from the bush Mekeo.

A most satisfactory Patrol Report.

J.K. McCarthy
(J.K. McCarthy)
Acting Director.

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KAL.P.R.NO. 6-57/58-113

District Office,
PORT MORESBY.

29th July, 1958.

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Assistant District Officer,
KAINUKU.

KAINUKU PATROL REPORT NO. 6-57/58 - G.P.O. I.D. QIBBI 3

This is certainly a most interesting and comprehensive report by Mr. Gibbins and it is most regrettable that we have to lose such a capable officer.

Although the report records a lot of valuable information, the matters are chiefly already known to us and other Departments concerned.

Without doubt your big problem is transport and I want you to do everything possible - preferably through private enterprise at this stage - to provide shipping facilities for the Bush Mekeo and also for the East and West Mekeo.

Bruno Gini Lai intends to buy a boat and Mr. Slaughter, now that he is concentrated on KAINUKU, may also be prepared to run a suitable vessel. Steamships Trading Company could also be approached.

We have found that the only economic way to handle this produce is for an individual or co-operative group to purchase the produce on the beach from the grower. He is paid cash and the onus is then on the buyer to effect transport and sale in PORT MORESBY. In this way, no undue bookkeeping is necessary.

It is becoming more apparent that the Mekeo does not intend to grow rice as a cash crop and that other economic crops of a permanent nature attract him. We nearly had a political disaster trying to keep him on the rice and now that he knows what he wants, we should let him go ahead.

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29/7/58
KAL.P.R.NO. 6

(D. E. MARSH)
ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

For your information, please. All matters have been discussed with Departments concerned.

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(D. E. MARSH)
ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER

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Sub-District Office,
Kairuku.

23rd July, 1958.

District Officer,
Central District,
Port Moresby.

Patrol Report No 6 of 57-58 Mekeo and
Bush Mekeo Conducted by Mr. I.D. Gibbins.

The above mentioned report forwarded in duplicate
for your information and comment please.

This patrol is the most thorough carried out of Mekeo
and Bush Mekeo for many years and Mr Gibbins is commended
for it.

The Mekeo have a reputation for being hard to handle
and I admit I had considerable doubts on the success of
the first patrol to handle tax matters. The report, however
indicates a firm but sympathetic approach to various problems
met.

Some comments follow:-

1. The courts referred to in diary mean attention to minor
disputes. Two cases were sent to Kairuku and both defendants
were committed for trial in Supreme Court.

2. The rice figures for Bush Mekeo are interesting.
Approximately 10 tons of paddy was produced in hand gardens
without any outside assistance. I understand total yield (Mekeo
for gardens planted with machinery will not exceed 25 tons.
You know my views on Mekeo Rice Scheme and all patrolling
officers seem to agree that rice should be abandoned as
cash crop at least by mechanical means.

3. Both the villages of Apinaipi and Maipa have large
gardens and if transport could be arranged they would have
considerable surpluses for sale. I know the citrus fruit
from Maipa and it is equal to anything grown in mountains.
If the produce could be brought out quickly it would have
ready market in Port Moresby.

4. I inspected the Babanongo road and it is a good effort.
I was pleased to hear that work had also been carried out
on the Enefa-Koi Rd and that other tracks in the Bush Mekeo
and Mekeo were cleaned. Mr Gibbins informs me that the
Scipa-Enefa road should be abandoned as it is too swampy.
Natives of Imounga are prepared to build a road to Inawauni
if tools are supplied. They want to grow coffee and I
believe are already clearing.

5. Census figures are interesting.

6. Mr Gibbins leaves for Deru on transfer on 30th July,
1958 and he will be a great loss to this sub-district.

K.A. Brown
K.A. Brown.
Assistant District Officer

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Sub-District Office
Kairuku.
16th July, 1958.

The Assistant District Officer,
KAIRUKU.
Central District.

REPORT ON DISCOVERY OF UNEXPLODED BOMBS.

Further to Patrol Report Kai 6/57-58 and following on a verbal report by radio conversation to your office, the following detailed account is submitted on the finding of a crashed American bomber. During the weekend spent at Piunga village in the Bush Mekeo, talk was heard that the remains of a wartime crashed bomber lay in thick jungle about half hours walk from the village.

This was investigated, and on the Sunday a small party following a disused track, found the wreckage of an American bomber (Liberator) which had been blown into three sections.

An examination of the surrounding site revealed two unexploded 500lb bombs lying entirely exposed. Numerous unexploded cannon shells lay near the wreckage.

The story of the crash was told by eye witnesses who had lived in fear in the village for two weeks while cannon shells were fired off from the burning plane.

The plane was shot down in a dog fight with Japanese zeros in February, 1945. Two of the crew managed to parachute out and landed in trees. However when the burning plane crashed into some bombs in the bay exploded flattening a square mile of jungle and killing the two parachutists. Apparently an attempt was made to jettison the bombs before landing hence the two in the area unexploded.

Two months after the crash, an American Medical team arrived at Piunga by boat and recovered the remains of ten crew members before departing. While working they kept well clear of the bombs and so did not delouse them.

Apart from the Mission Father at Beipa who visited the site soon after the crash the patrol was only one to examine the area since the war.

I. D. Gibbins
I. D. Gibbins.
Cadet Patrol Officer.

District Officer,
Central District,
Port Moresby.

For your information and necessary action. I understand that advice of these bombs was forwarded from this office after an interim report had been received from Mr. Gibbins on patrol. Do you think an expert from P.I.R could be sent to delouse the bombs please. A bush fire could explode the bombs and cause loss of life at Piunga.

K. A. Brown
K. A. Brown.
A.D.O.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
Please Quote

No. 30-3-1G.

Sub-District Office,
KAIRUKU.
Central District.

16th July 1958.

The Assistant District Officer,
KAIRUKU.
Central District.

PATROL REPORT KAI 6/57-58.

BUSH MEKEO AND MEKEO CENSUS DIVISIONS.

Officer Conducting the Patrol	:-	I.D.GIBBINS Cadet Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled	:-	Bush Mekeo and Mekeo Census Divisions.
Personel Accompanying	:-	Bera Baupua- Interpreter and Clerk. Reg. No.8670 Const. Ziomy Reg. No.9419 Const.Mudai
Duration	:-	Out: Wednesday 14th May, 1958. In : Friday 4th July, 1958. Fifty two days.

Objects of Patrol :

1. Census revision
2. Tax collection
3. General administration.

Introduction.

The villages comprising the Bush Mekeo census division are built on the banks of two large rivers namely the Ma'akunga and Akaifu which have their headwaters in the mountain chain extending east and west from the majestic Iarima or Mt. Yule. The reason for their close proximity to the rivers is the fact that the greater part of the land in the Bush Mekeo is under swamp and mostly only the area bordering the rivers is high enough to cultivate. At the same time the rivers provide excellent means of transport and communication between the villages.

The Mekeo census division lies on the fertile flood plains which have been formed over the years by the continuous deposition of silt from the Angabunga or St. Joseph River. Settlement in this area is divided into east and west Mekeo, they being the groups of villages lying on the respective sides of the Angabunga. They are really two distinct peoples, in so much as the west Mekeo are the more progressive and law abiding as well as living more harmoniously together. An interesting fact is that originally there was only one Mekeo village of about 150 inhabitants situated between the present sites of Inawi and Oriropetana villages. Then, due to constant friction between clans the village slowly divided and individual hamlets were set up at garden sites, which moved further and further away from the old village. These now represent the present day villages.

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DIARY.

Wednesday 14th May, 1958.

Departed Kairuku by M.L. "Ruby" to Aviara Beach, thence by tractor to Epo and Beipa. Slept Beipa agricultural station.

Thursday 15th May.

Supervised cleaning of Aipeana-Babanongo road.

Friday 16th May.

Departed Aipeana for Babanongo. Mediated on Aipeana-Babanongo land boundary dispute.

Saturday 17th May.

Inspected Babanongo rice gardens and village.

Sunday 18th May.

Observed at Babanongo.

Monday 19th May.

Census revised and tax collected at Babanongo.

Tuesday 20th May.

Departed by canoe for Apanaipi down Ma'akunga River.

Wednesday 21st May.

Census revised at Apanaipi. New book compiled.

Thursday 22nd May.

Tax collected and school visited.

Friday 23rd May.

Departed Apanaipi en route Piunga. Slept Piunga.

Saturday 24th May.

Census revised and tax collected. Courts held. School inspected.

Sunday 25th May

Inspected site of crashed Liberator bomber.

Monday 26th May.

Witnessed rice harvesting ceremony, at Piunga then on to Ameiaka. Slept Ameiaka.

Tuesday 27th May.

Census, tax collection and minor courts at Ameiaka.

Wednesday 28th May.

To Inaukina. Inspected school and supervised renovations to rest house.

Thursday 29th May.

Census, tax collection and minor courts.

Friday 30th May.

To Maipa. Inspected school, revised census, collected tax.

Saturday 31st May.

To Ioi. Census and tax collection.

Sunday 1st June.

Observed at Ioi.

Monday 2nd June.

To Engefa. Census, tax and courts.

Tuesday 3rd June.

Returned to Ioi. Supervised road repairs en route. Heavy rain in afternoon prevented continuing to Imounga.

Wednesday 4th June.

To Imounga. Census, tax, school inspection and discussion on cash crops.

Thursday 5th June.

To Inawauni. Census, tax and school inspection.

Friday 6th June.

Minor courts at Inawauni. To Beipa in afternoon.

Saturday 7th June.

Supervised construction of new Aipeana-Babanongo road.

Sunday 8th June.

Observed at Beipa.

Monday 9th June.

To Amamo. Census and tax then on to Rarai.

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Tuesday 10th June.
General administration, census and tax collection at Rarai.
Wednesday 11th June.
To Bebeo. Census and tax.
Thursday 12th June.
Supervised rebuilding of houses at Bebeo. To Oriropetana in afternoon.
Friday 13th June.
Census, tax and courts at Oriropetana.
Saturday 14th June.
To Beipa. Further supervision of Aipeana-Babanongo road construction.
Sunday 15th June.
Observed at Beipa.
Monday 16th June.
Public holiday - Queen's Birthday. Visited Beipa and Aipeana and explained significance of holiday.
Tuesday 17th June.
Census and general administration at Beipa.
Wednesday 18th June.
Tax collection and minor courts at Beipa.
Thursday 19th June.
Land disputes heard at Beipa.
Friday 20th June.
Census and tax collection at Aipeana.
Saturday 21st June.
Supervision of Aipeana-Babanongo road.
Sunday 22nd June.
Observed at Beipa.
Monday 23rd June.
Beipa-Aipeana land disputes and court cases heard at Beipa.
Tuesday 24th June.
Census and tax collection at Inawi.
Wednesday 25th June.
Census and tax collected at Inawae. Courts heard.
Thursday 26th June.
To Inawaia. Inspected Angabunga breakthrough with Mr. A.D.O. Brown and Mr. Mulder A.E.O.
Friday 27th June.
Census and tax collection at Inawaia.
Saturday 28th June.
Courts at Inawaia. Contract made for work on Angabunga breakthrough.
Sunday 29th June.
Observed at Inawaia.
Monday 30th June.
Census, tax and general administration at Jesubaibua.
Tuesday 1st July.
Census and tax at Eboa.
Wednesday 2nd July.
To Inawabui. Census in afternoon. Slept.
Thursday 3rd July.
Tax collection and general administration at Inawabui.
Friday 4th July.
To Bioto and then by launch to Kairuku.
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AGRICULTURE AND CASH CROPPING.

BUSH MEKEO.

Most cultivation in the Bush Mekeo is carried out on a narrow strip about three hundred yards wide on either side of a river banks. This is most noticeable on the four hour journey by canoe from Apanaipi upstream to Piunga.

Rice is grown yearly in every village of the Bush Mekeo as the people have long since realised its storage value during the "wet" season when most of their villages and gardens are under water. With the exception of Babanongo who sell a little to the Catholic Mission, all rice produced is consumed -- the rate of consumption being roughly two meals per week during the 'dry' and daily during the 'wet'.

The production of paddy rice for 1958 in this area is as follows :-

<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>RICE HARVESTED.</u> (copra bags)
Babanongo	40
Apanaipi	60
Piunga } Ameiaka }	30
Inaukina	15
Maipa	15
Ioi	15
Engefa	17

A most noticeable feature in regard to citrus fruits was the large number of orange trees planted at Maipa -- over fifty trees bearing by far the highest quality oranges in the district. This is also the only village in the district which continually replants with the result that a further forty young trees, on maturing, will give the village a fine orange grove.

The imposition of taxation in the Bush Mekeo appears to be having the desired effect of stimulating interest in cash cropping and discussions on the possibilities of same were held in all villages. In every village visited earnest questions were asked as to how and what types of cash crops they could grow, and how transport to market could be arranged. This is a marked change from the attitude adopted by these people towards an agricultural patrol from Kerema in 1955. The agricultural officer reported then that the Bush Mekeo were not interested in proposals to help them with agricultural advice and new crops.

In discussions held at Apanaipi, the largest of the Bush Mekeo villages (368), the people emphasised the fact that although they had fruit and vegetables for sale, long distances had to be travelled to take their produce to Port Moresby via Kairuku and asked if a boat could be sent up the Ma'akunga to transport their vegetables to the market. They were told that if arrangements could be made for a 'X' boat to drop anchor in the mouth of the Biaru River on a return voyage from the West a runner could be sent from Apanaipi notifying Kairuku in advance that their produce was ready. He could then return with the E.D.A. at Biaru of the next boat and their produce could be transported down river to coincide with the boats arrival. It was then suggested that as there is an abundance of sago in the surrounding swamps this would be an ideal type of produce to suit such arrangements for a delay in shipping would not spoil it. This they thought to be a good idea apart from fruit and vegetables they could make at least seventy, ten pound bags of sago for each shipment.

News of this initial discussion spread ahead of the patrol with each village expressing their desire to be included in such a trading trip. If this plan 'bears fruit' an officer would definitely be needed in the area to organise the first shipment.

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AGRICULTURE AND CASH CROPPING. (Cont.)

MEKEO.

After numerous discussions with the villages concerned it is the honest belief of the author that rice production as a source of cash income has reached the closing stages in the Mekeo. As a source of food for themselves, rice will continue to be grown as it has for the past forty years when first introduced by the mission and later boosted by the government.

The village of Beipa, with the availability of machinery and advice from the Beipa Agricultural Extension Station, was the only one to grow rice commercially this season. A total of 500 acres representing thirteen individual gardens was planted and from these a mere twenty five tons of paddy rice were produced. The natives concerned now realise that three main reasons prevent them from growing this crop profitably and these are namely:

(1) the too rapid growth of cane grass which strangles the slower growing rice plants

(2) the cost of hiring machinery for the initial ploughing

(3) the high cost of labour required to harvest the crop.

This latter cost takes the form of feasts which the pickers demand whilst harvesting is in progress and which may cost the employer £50 - 260 in tinned meat and pigs. As wild pig is becoming very scarce in the west Mekeo, pigs for these feasts must be bought at a cost of £15-£20 each.

A factor however which keeps some growers producing is that they cannot understand they are producing at a loss, as they refuse to take into account the cost of the accompanying feast -- regarding the final payment as clear profit.

The patrol was told that most of this year's growers intend planting their former rice gardens with coconuts. Interest in this copra crop has been heightened by the building of smoke houses and the production of smoke-dried copra by Aipeana, Beipa and Inawi villages. The idea originated and took force when a native agricultural assistant from Aipeana returned to the village on leave and built an experimental smoke house. Four have now been built in the three villages and, depending on the success of these, will almost certainly multiply rapidly throughout the Mekeo. Buyers of the copra are the village co-operative societies.

An experimental cocoa plot of five acres has been planted at Inawauni by the mission teacher with the mechanical help and advice from the Agricultural Officer at Beipa. If successful, there is an abundance of suitably undulating land surrounding this plot for increased planting.

Both vanilla and pepper have been grown successfully near Inawauni, thus proving the area suitable to the growth of a range of good cash crops.

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ROADS AND BRIDGES.

BUSH MEKEO.

Roads throughout the Bush Mekeo become quagmires after a mere fifty points of rain have fallen and the fact that they are permanently shaded by overhead foliage does not facilitate drying. The reason given for not clearing this foliage is that the entry of sun would force the growth of grass and thus make road cleaning a harder task. Nevertheless instructions were left in all villages for this heavy growth to be cleaned away.

The Ioi-Engefa road was by far the worst in the area-- one section consisting of long stretches of water, with the thick vegetation on both sides giving one no choice but to wade through it. The whole village combined to clean and drain this section before the patrol departed.

In all road work and repairs carried out under supervision, care was taken to see that all the village worked together in an attempt to imbue in them the spirit of co-operation and its subsequent benefits. It was a noticeable fact that on completion of the various tasks the villagers were always pleased with the amount of work they had accomplished in such a short time simply by working together, eg. a shallow swamp creek near the village of Apanaipi -- obviously a major source of the swarms of mosquitoes present at the time -- was overgrown with thick vegetation, thus preventing the sun from drying it up. All the able bodied in the village combined in a working bee and to their amazement cut all the growth down in a matter of three hours.

MEKEO.

With the exception of the Aipeana-Babanongo 'track' which, although much used was overgrown with cane grass on the patrol's arrival, roads were generally clean and in good condition throughout the Mekeo. The Aipeana-Babanongo road was built during the patrol's sojourns in the area by the people of the two respective villages whose land it traverses. The assistance rendered by Mr. A. E. C. Green of Beipa in lending a D2 caterpillar tractor and plough has now made this former overgrown track into a twenty five feet wide cambered road which only requires the construction of two small bridges to make it trafficable.

The three bridges on the Bioto-Inawaia road are in urgent need of reconstruction. This road is one of the most used in the Sub-District, both by the mission and agricultural tractors and shortly by a tractor being bought by the people of Inawaia village. A mishap is certain to occur if the repairs are not carried out in the near future as all the bridges are some twelve to fifteen feet above the creeks they span.

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TAXATION.

The rather notorious Mekeo paid his tax almost to a man, a mere six having to be given a further month in which to pay before action was taken.

Initial resistance to the payment of tax was first met at the last village visited in the Bush Mekeo -- Engefa. Apart from Beipa and Aipeana, the patrol was 'tried out' in typical Mekeo fashion in every village visited, the before mentioned villages being the only ones to pay willingly. Resistance was most pronounced in the east Mekeo and it was later learned that before the patrol reached this census division word had been sent out from Inawaia telling all the Mekeo to refuse to pay tax. However, they were always won over to the idea after the ringleaders had lost their debates on the subject and the next tax patrol should have no difficulty in the area. Money circulates in large quantities in the Mekeo villages, for a man has only to take a canoe load of betul nut and vegetables to Koki Markets to put £30 in his pocket. As evidence of this, the village of Inawaia recently collected £1,000 in six months with which to buy a tractor for transporting their produce to Bioto where it is taken by boat via Kairuku to Port Moresby.

It was learned during the patrol that the people of the Bush Mekeo had derived their tax money from the sale of oranges, which they grow in abundance, to Iokea village in the Kerema District. They had, however, insisted on Moresby prices eg. three oranges for a shilling, and thus only sold a portion of their produce.

Total tax collected on this patrol:

Bush Mekeo	£115-0-0
Mekeo	£1,208-0-0
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£1,323-0-0.</u>

HOUSING.

Housing throughout the Bush Mekeo was good and an example to some of the larger east Mekeo villages whose dwellings were in a deplorable state of disrepair. For example, a new house had not been built in Inawaia village for thirteen years. In Bebeo, Inawaia and Eboa a house rebuilding and repair programme was carried out under supervision without any ill feeling by the owners who admitted their laziness and the need for someone to make them carry out the repairs.

Rest houses and police barracks were excellent in all Bush Mekeo villages.

EDUCATION.

Four of the Catholic Mission schools in the Mekeo and three in the Bush Mekeo are now staffed by 1958 graduate teachers of the De La Salle College on Yule Island. The training in this school reaches sixth grade standard. Their teaching had only extended over a period of three months when the schools were inspected but a fair degree of progress seemed to be taking place. The most noticeable school in the Bush Mekeo was at Apanaipi village where a 100% attendance is recorded almost every day -- a total of eighty eight pupils. This is a marked contrast to most Mekeo schools where attendance only reaches a peak when a patrol is in the area.

The elders in most Bush Mekeo villages appear to have an entirely different outlook on education to those of the Mekeo. For example while the interpreter was speaking to the author in English at Piunga, some village elders were heard to say to a group of children listening nearby, "See, Bera is talking to our Taubada in English. You must learn to speak it too."

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NATIVE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.

From observations in the field and discussions with Mr. C. O. Pyne the following picture presents itself of the state of the Mekeo Co-operative Societies.

Generally speaking the financial position of the societies in the east and west Mekeo is good. Loans totalling £2,400 to Aipeana and Beipa societies (£1500 and £900 respectively) were granted by the Native Loan Board this year. The Aipeana grant is for the purchase of a tractor and trailer, while the Beipa grant is financial aid to enable the society to continue operations.

Copra production is at an all time low due mainly to the former strict inspection of copra by the Copra Marketing Board in 1957, resulting in heavy rejections which nearly ruined all societies.

Seven hot air driers are in the process of being constructed in the west Mekeo and this should boost copra production at a high standard.

The main obstacle to societies in the west Mekeo--Aipeana, Beipa and Inawi is communication. The fact that there is no bridge over the Oreke Creek means extra handling and subsequently more overhead costs.

LAW AND ORDER.

One of the main reasons behind the upper Mekeo villages land disputes with the Bush Mekeo eg. Aipeana-Babanongo boundary and the Beipa-Engefa boundary, is the Mekeo desire for more land.

This in turn is due to the fact that there are so many shot gun owners in the Mekeo villages (eg. sixteen in Aipeana and seventeen in Beipa) that almost all the game in their own land has been shot out and more is now wanted simply for hunting purposes.

The land dispute causing most discontent at the moment is that between Aipeana and Babanongo and full details of this tracing the history of each claim has been submitted in a separate memo.

Two other land disputes which have been simmering for many years have now been settled by the people concerned. They are the Amoamo-Oriropetana boundary dispute and the Ioi-Imounga boundary site.

The discontent caused by the alleged presence of ~~magical~~ sorcery was brought up on many occasions in the Bush Mekeo. Many old men accused of practising sorcery denied the fact stating that because their forefathers had been well known sorcerers they were also accused. The sorcerers were warned to refuse to treat people and to send them all to the medical orderly ~~or~~ mission aid post. The people at the same time were warned to cease talking about sorcery and the V.C. and councillors to enforce this order.

The well known fact that Jesubaibua and Eboz in the east Mekeo are the breeding grounds for criminals in this census division was evidenced during census by the number of men in gaol.

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HEALTH.

BUSH MEKEO.

Health throughout the Bush Mekeo is generally good and this census division has the distinction of being the only one in the Sub-District which is practically free of tuberculosis. This fact was born out by the recent T.B. Survey through the area.

The skin disease known as suppoma is, however, very prevalent for about sixty percent of the population are infected with it. As there is only one young native medical orderly stationed in the area (at Piunga) it is impossible to expect him to be able to treat all cases effectively. A medical patrol equipped with about fifty gallons of suppoma paint is certainly long overdue in this region.

Only one case of yaws was found during census inspections it being a child aged four from Engafa. The mother and child were sent immediately to the Beipa Mission for treatment.

A young woman, unable to walk due to skin adhesion behind the knees as the result of bad burns received some years ago, was sent to Kairuku and then Moresby in the hope that an operation would restore the use of her otherwise good legs.

MEKEO.

The village of Bebeo in the upper Mekeo is by far the worst affected with tuberculosis in the Sub-District. Approximately fifty percent appear to be active T.B. patients, although only six are at present in Gemo and Kairuku hospitals. It is both an unpleasant and unhealthy sight to see so many people coughing and spitting T.B. sputum about the village. If no hospital accommodation is at present available, I think these people should be made build a small sanatorium adjacent to the village where the affected could be confined under the care and supervision of a native medical orderly with periodic inspections by the E.M.A. Kairuku.

Inawauni also has a high percentage of tuberculosis infections most of whom still reside in the village.

On the whole it would appear that tuberculosis in the Mekeo is concentrated in the upper western section from Beipa to Imounga. However, as the 1958 T.B. Survey Team vaccinated these villages very thoroughly, the rate of infection should show a marked decrease in the coming years.

Apart from T.B. and the occasional suppoma cases, the only other disease noticeable to the layman's eye was three cases of non-infectious leprosy at Amoamo. These patients are continually visiting Gemo for treatment.

CENSUS AND STATISTICS.

The following facts arising from the recent census are of interest.

Total population increase in the Bush Mekeo - 80.
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Absent at work outside the Sub-District from the Bush Mekeo - 175.
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Of the 175 absentees in the Bush Mekeo, 74 are from Apanaipi village which has 50% of its total adult labour potential working in Port Moresby.

Many census books were rewritten and one which had been lost in the Ma'akunga River was renewed with the assistance of the Catholic Mission birth register. All age discrepancies were checked with mission records and adjusted accordingly.

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CONCLUSION.

Over the last hundred or so years the Mekeo has grown from one village with a population of 150, to fourteen villages with a total population of 4, 714 and are at present increasing at the rate of about one hundred per year.

The rather lengthy duration of this patrol allowed the author to become reasonably well acquainted with the problems and way of life of a proud and most interesting people, and friendly relations were maintained with them throughout the patrol. Although there was an initial resistance to tax payment, it was only to be expected from them and they were always won over to re-accept the idea after lengthy explanations and discussions. The fact that every man qualified paid his tax in the Bush Mekeo and all except six in the Mekeo is proof of this.

As regards cash cropping it is thought that the most fertile land for development lies in the Bush Mekeo. While the Mekeo proper, with little transport difficulties, can get high prices for his fruit and vegetables in Moresby he will take a lot of convincing that any other form of cash crops, which may be considered necessary by the Administration are needed by him.

From a layman's viewpoint there is excellent land in the upper Bush Mekeo around Maipa and Iol for the growing of such crops as coffee. The high quality oranges bearing the year round at Maipa would provide these people with ready cash if transport could be arranged.

Complete lists of all absentees and their place of employment were made in all villages and these have been filed at Kairuku for tax information etc.

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