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1958/59

CENTRAL DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS 1958/59

RIGO

<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled.</u>
Rigo 1-58/59	F.Seefeld	Mt.Obree Census Division
" 2-58/59	F.D.Anderson	Maria Census Division
" 3-58/59	E.S.Sharp	Koiari Census Division
" 4-58/59	D.M.Speakman	CR7 - Ormond Census Division
" 5-58/59	D.M.Speakman	CR9 - Mt.Brown Census Division



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of..... Report No. 158-159

Patrol Conducted by MR. SEEFELD

Area Patrolled MT OBREK TAX/CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From...../...../19.....to...../...../19.....

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../...../19.....

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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Year.....1958/1959.....

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	Births		DEATHS												
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BAUKOKOMANA	2-8-58	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
WAREIKA	"	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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KAIKONOMU	5-8-58	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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BADAIKA	7-8-58	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
ADARAIKA	"	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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MIMAI	"	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
ABARO	12-8-58	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SOMORE	"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
HUAVOLO	"	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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7th October, 1958.

The District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

Patrol Report No.1,1958/59- Rigo.

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

I concur in your remarks to the Assistant District Officer, Rigo, concerning amalgamation of the villages. This has been tried time and again and has each time, proved unsatisfactory. Try and discourage these people from amalgamating as land quarrels will arise.

Don't try and awaken these people too quickly as their communications will have to be improved before any real development can take place.

Your covering note to the Assistant District Officer, Rigo, satisfactorily deals with the contents of the Report and I concur in your final paragraph.

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To do County for
certificates and
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A.A.R
(A.A. Roberts.)
Director.

30/1/92 ✓

District Office,
FORT MOSSER.

19th September, 1958.

LTJ/BR

Assistant District Officer,
ELGO.

PATROL REPORT NO. 1/58-59
MR. P. A. J. SHERWOOD

Receipt is acknowledged of the above mentioned report.

Whilst amalgamation of villages is desirable from the personal viewpoint of the patrolling officer, and even more so as an indication of increased movement of the value of larger and stronger groupings, care must be taken to ensure that:-

- (1) these villages do not become mere show places, occupied only when an officer is in the vicinity, and representing mere wasted efforts;
- (2) if genuinely occupied, they do not take people too far from their traditional land, bringing the non-owners to garden on the land of their hosts, on the inevitable loose system of tenure based on the whims of the rightful owners;

The census figures are most disturbing, for an area so long under control, and so (comparatively) close to a government station. Whilst census figures show the percentages of recorded deaths in the 0-1 year age group, against births, as 19.7%, that is not necessarily the true picture, and I would say it certainly is not the true picture. The figures recorded are 89 total births and 17 total deaths under 1 year. Those figures do not take into account unrecorded births and deaths under 1 year. If there were only 5 births and 5 deaths not recorded the percentage rises to 25.4. I mention this, not to disparage Mr. Seefeld's figures and conclusions, but merely to show that the figure of 19.7% is not so much the true percentage as the lowest possibly true figure. In any case, the figure is much too high, and points the need for better notional coverage of this area.

As regards the percentage of absentee eligible males (34.6) there is no denying that this is too high. I feel, though, that closure to recruiting is a negative and inadequate approach, especially in an area so close to possible places of employment. Those people who want employment can readily move out to take it, closure notwithstanding. A much more satisfactory procedure is to make their home area much more attractive to the jobholders. The fact that men stay away for long periods indicates that outside employment is more attractive than life in the village, and it seems our task is to create that condition. In fact, the process has begun, as the comments under Agriculture show. What is the possibility of extension of planting of e.g. coffee into the most northerly part of the area? I note that so far planting has not been done beyond EPALTA in the easterly sector of this area, and TAMBUNU in the westerly section. From the description of "roads", these furthest inland people will need a crop (such as coffee) whose portage is economically possible. In any case, I do not recommend any closure to recruiting.

The education picture is as gloomy as ever, but, however poor, a few involving a smattering of education is better than nothing at all, and we must be content with that until the Administration has the staff to bring education to all.

OVER.....

(2)

This is a clear, well-written report, and is a credit to Mr. Seefeld,
as is the map a credit to Mr. Anderson.

J. Humphries
(A. J. HUMPHRIES)
ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER



MINUTE TO:

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

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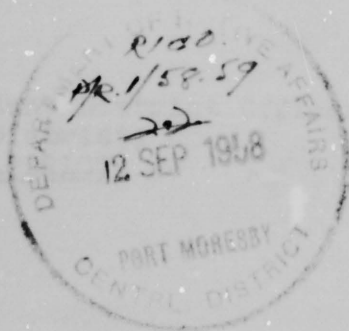
No memoranda arise from the patrol.

J. Humphries
(A. J. HUMPHRIES)
ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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Sub-District Office,
R I G O.
Central District.

11th September, 1958.

The District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

Patrol Report Rigo No. I/58-59.

Enclosed is the above numbered Patrol Report conducted by Mr. Patrol Officer Seefeld, accompanied by Mr. Cadet Patrol Officer Anderson. Going forward under separate cover is a map of the area covered, could copies be made and three forwarded to this office. Again Mr. Anderson has turned out an excellent map. With one more patrol to go to complete the Rigo Sub-District a master map will be compiled with the patrol maps already to hand.

2. The investigation carried out by Patrol Officer Seefeld was purely of a Police investigation resulting from a complaint received from a member of the village. Native Affairs appears to be in a happy position. It is pleasing to note a slight increase in population when a decrease was expected. The question of restrictions of employment was raised in the report, however this has been dealt with earlier in the year as per my NA. 37-2-5/4 dated 1st February.

3. Economic schemes for some of the Mr. Obree are in hand and have been met with enthusiasm as stated. The upper villages will have to be satisfied with their lot coupled with regular patrolling. Coffee planting figures were obtained from the Extension Officer Kapogere and are most interesting. It is a pleasing feature to note a small amount of co-operation creeping in.

4. The patrol was conducted in an orderly, leisurely and efficient manner. The last patrol of the area was in October of 1957. Camping Allowance claims are also enclosed.

5. Census sheets are not to hand even though they have been requisitioned for now for many months.

(E . S . Sharp)
a/Assistant District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA.

Sub-District Office,
RIGO,
Central District.

3rd September, 1958.

The Assistant District Officer,
Rigo Sub-District,
CENTRAL DISTRICT.

RIGO PATROL REPORT NO. 1/1958-59.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY : P.A.F. SEEFELD P.O.

AREA PATROLLED : MT. OBBEE CENSUS DIVISION/TAX DISTRICT.

PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY : F.D. ANDERSON C.P.O.

DURATION OF PATROL : 30/7/58 - 21/8/58 --- 23 DAYS.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING : NO. 901 CPL. MABEWARI.
NO. 9729 CONST. VEKI.
NO. 3199 CONST. OROSOTO.
INTERPRETER HENARI RUEBEN.

LAST PATROLS TO AREA : NATIVE AFFAIRS - OCT/NOV 1957
HEALTH - " " "

APPENDICES : "A" REPORT ON NATIVE CONSTABULARY.
"B" VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER.

MAP REFERENCE : DOMORI/KEMP WELCH RIVER ARMY 1" SERIES

PURPOSE OF PATROL : TAX COLLECTION, CENSUS REVISION AND
ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

INTRODUCTION.

As the geographical position of the Mt. Obree Census Division has been adequately described in previous patrol reports, suffice it to say that the area proved to be a ruggedly interesting and picturesque part of the Sub-District.

Due to the abnormal drought, however, many of the creeks and waterfalls had dried up, and this aspect of the scenery - which so impressed previous patrolling officers - was unfortunately lacking. The main rivers were all at a very low level, making travel down the Kemp Welch River a slow process. The last few days, spent in rafting down this river, were of course the highlight of the patrol. Every bend in the river brought into view a different scene - shallow rapids rushing noisily over water-smoothed stones and boulders; still reaches of water where the river bed was lost to view in the dark shadows of overhanging rocks; acres of tree and bush-covered land, sloping gently to the water's edge, and large areas of sun-baked stones and river gravel left stranded by the receding water.

Hot sunny weather was experienced throughout the patrol, broken only twice by a negligible amount of misty drizzle. At some of the Rest Houses in the Barai area, the nights proved to be quite cool, and blankets were a necessity.

Mr. C.P.O. Anderson, who accompanied the patrol, proved himself energetic and capable of carrying out the functions associated with patrolling.

PATROL DIARY.

Wednesday, 30th July, 1958. Deprted RIG0 by truck at 11.00 hours with all personnel and gear. Met carriers at GOBARAGERE landing. Not sufficient carriers assembled for all the gear. Crossed KEMP WELCH River by ferry at 14.00 hrs. after sending Village Councillor for more carriers. Arrived BOREGAINA village 15.00 hrs. Made camp at excellent Rest House. Inspected village and noted well-constructed houses. Remainder of gear arrived at 18.00 hrs.

Thursday, 31st July, 1958. Dep. Rest House 0800 hrs. Patrol route crossed tree-shaded, undulating grasslands, with many steep climbs into and out of creek beds. Finally, a long steep ascent was made before reaching GEVEROGORO village at 1245 hrs. Inspected village and then continued to Rest House, arriving there at 1310 hrs. Tax/Census of GEVEROGORO and KOKOROGORO villages during afternoon. Worked on books and finalised figures during evening. R.H. adequate.

Friday, 1st August, 1958. Departed R.H. 0815. Mr. C.P.O. Anderson compiled census and collected tax at DEBADOGORO. Self proceeded with bulk of patrol to LIBUNAKOMANA, arriving there 1100 hrs. Good reception, well kept village. Ten minutes later arrived at BOKU Rest House. Made camp; Mr. Anderson arrived 1300 hrs. Tax collection and census of LIBUNAKOMANA completed during afternoon. Minor disputes heard. R.H. fair

PATROL DIARY (cont.)

Saturday, 2nd August, 1958. Left R.H. 0815 hrs. Thirty minutes to BAUKOKOMANA where Mr. Anderson completed Tax/Census work. Remainder of patrol continued to the new site of EFAIKA village, which was reached at 1030 with a final steep descent to the banks of the UMAMAI River. No R.H. yet constructed, so made camp at the Aid Post - a most effective, roomy, substitute. Mr. Anderson re-joined patrol at mid-day. Afternoon spent collecting tax and revising census of EFAIKA, WAURAIKA, AUDUIKA, GCBUNAIKA and WAREIKA villages - all of whom assemble at the 'new' EFAIKA. Work completed by 1800 hrs.

Sunday, 3rd August, 1958. Patrol rested, bathed in adjacent river.

Monday, 4th August, 1958. Dep. EFAIKA 0845 after delay through non-arrival of some carriers. Long, steep, climb out of river bed. Arrived ADU-IKA 1220 and inspected village. ARAFARA Rest House reached 1245. Tax/census of ADU-IKA and TATANOUUMU villages completed by 1630 hrs. R.H. inadequate for two officers.

Tuesday, 5th August, 1958. Patrol moved off at 0820 hrs. Track mainly along boulder strewn creek beds - very rough walking. Arr'd site for new KAIKANOMU village at 1100 hrs. Then on to R.H. which was still at old village and some ten minutes further away. Village taxed and censused during afternoon. General talks about new village houses; discussions with officials etc. Rest House a little cramped.

Wednesday, 6th August, 1958. Left for TOMOROVANUA at 0830. Stopped at KOBATIKA village for 20 minutes en route. TOMOROVANUA reached at 1100 hrs. Tax/census of above two villages during afternoon. TOMOROVANUA being moved some 200 yds. from present position, further along the ridge. Fairly good Rest House.

Thursday, 7th August, 1958. Patrol departed 0830; first stop LOFAIKA (arrived there 1100 hrs.) where Mr. Anderson was left behind to complete Tax/census work. BADAIKA Rest House reached at 1215, and work finished during afternoon. A few reluctant spots of rain came down whilst census in progress. Village inspected and instructions re. housing from previous Officer followed up. Some improvement, but standard still very low. Threatening clouds shrouded Rest House and village during evening, but no further rain during night. R.H. quite satisfactory.

Friday, 8th August, 1958. Dep. R.H. at 0830. Patrol followed rock and root ~~covered~~ covered track for 5½ hours to TABU R.H. Tax/census of TABU, IMIDIRU and IBARADOKU finished by 1730 hrs. Worked on books and figures during evening. R.H. small and instructions given to rebuild.

Saturday, 9th August, 1958. TABU village inspection; houses generally to be improved. Investigation into death of old man - to be covered more fully later in report. Left village 0930. IGONAMO reached 1130 and village inspected. Arrived DOROBISORO, on banks of MIMANI River, at midday to good reception. Tax/census of IGONAMO and DOROBISORO commenced 1400 hrs. and finished at 1730. A good Rest House.

Sunday, 10th August, 1958. Patrol rested.

Monday, 11th August, 1958. Dep. 0815 for ABOWANA (45 mins. walk). On completion of Tax/census, Mr. Anderson proceeded to LALOMI R.H. (to census and collect tax from the villages of MIMAI, IPOIDUBURU, and OIDOBI) with necessary carriers and supplies for overnight stop. Self climbed steep hill to ABOWANA village and made inspection. Housing poor - 2 houses to be rebuilt and one to be completed. Returned to DOROBISORO at 1345. Book work during afternoon.

PATROL DIARY (cont.).

Tuesday, 12th August, 1958. Mr. Anderson returned to DOROBISORO at 0930. Patrol gear re-arranged; left R.H. 1030. Arrived and inspected HUAVOLA/SOMORE composite village at 1145. On to ABARA R.H., arriving there at noon. Tax/census of HUAVOLA, SOMORE and ABARA. Work completed by 1700 hrs. Rest House fairly good.

Wednesday, 13th August, 1958. Left R.H. at 0900 and inspected ABARA Village en route DODI R.H., which was reached at 1030. Tax/census of DODI, IDAGIGOLO and BORO finalised by 1400 hrs. Minor complaints heard. R.H. quite good.

Thursday, 14th August, 1958. Departed R.H. 0830. Tiring walk on hot day. Track very narrow in most parts. Good reception on arrival SORI R.H. at 1245. Tax/census of GURANOMOU and WAUSA (SORIKORI) carried out. New village of GURANOMOU completed since last patrol. R.H. barely large enough for two.

Friday, 15th August, 1958. Dep. SORI 0830. Rough and tiring 5½ hour walk on new track to LAREIKA R.H. People of TATANOUMU now combined with BAREIKA; told to present themselves for census here in future. Work finished 1530 hrs. Minor disputes settled. R.H. good.

Saturday, 16th August, 1958. Left R.H. 0845 for WAIFANOUMU, arriving there 1015. Tax/census of this village and MEIADOBU carried out. People of MEIADOBU plan to combine with GURANOUMU in future. Continued again at midday and reached MUIANOUMU at 1345 hrs. Work finished at 1615; minor complaints heard. R.H. to be enlarged.

Sunday, 17th August, 1958. Patrol rested and bathed. Rafts constructed for journey down river. Talks with people during evening regarding proposed fresh-food marketing scheme - encouraging reaction to suggestions.

Monday, 18th August, 1958. Left R.H. with patrol gear and personnel divided amongst 13 rafts. Arrived DIRINOUMU 1130 and completed tax/census of this village and TABANOUMU by 1330. Village in good order and patrol given fine reception. Talks with people on vegetable scheme. Continued down KIMP WELCH River to BULIDOBU - 1½ hour trip. River very low. Commenced tax/census of NEMONOMO and IARUMENOMU villages. Finished work 1800 hrs; talks with people. Rest House large and in good order.

Tuesday, 19th August, 1958. Tax/census of BULIDOBU. Dep. landing 1015 and arrived NEFENANOMO 1145. Tax/census; talks with villagers. Cont. journey 1315 and arrived GUANOM 1515. Stayed in partly finished new R.H. - should be excellent when completed. Tax/census of WAIRADOBU village. Talks with people. Finished work 1830.

Wednesday, 20th August, 1958. Resumed tax/census of GUANOM at 0800, and left R.H. at 0945. Arrived KUALE 1100. Excellent R.H. here, but unfortunately patrol unable to stay overnight. R.H. attractively sited amongst trees and areas of grass, with view to the river below. On to KAREKEDOBU at 1300, arriving there 1500 hrs. Some delay in starting work, as many people at their gardens. However, all work completed by 1845 hrs.

Thursday, 21st August, 1958. Left RH. by rafts at 0800 hrs. and reached GOBARAGERE landing 0915. Truck from RIGO collected gear and personnel at 1030, and returned to Station by 1230.

END OF PATROL.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The general impression gained, was one of increased awareness by the people of the quickening tempo of activity in the Sub-District. Judging by previous reports, the villagers of the Mt. OEREE area (i.e. the BARAI region) have long been looked on, and have been content to be regarded as merely unsophisticated 'bushies'. Indeed, lacking some of the natural advantages of their more fortunate neighbours, this attitude has been only too realistic. But it can be reported, with some measure of confidence, that the people of the mountain area are beginning to stir themselves from countless years of mere 'existence'.

The first encouraging sign of this, is the move towards amalgamation of villages. Although there are still those who, steeped in tradition cannot yet see the advantages, this new phase of co-existence seems to be taking firm hold. Examples of this are as follows :-

- 1) The villages of EFAIKA, AUDUIKA, WAURAIKA, GOBUNAIIKA and WAREIKA, although not combined in one composite village, have drawn closer together near the banks of the UMAMAI River, and can all be censused at the future EFAIKA Rest House.
- 2) The village of TATANOUUMU has combined with BAREIKA village near the AROKORO Creek.
- 3) The people of MEIADOBU plan to combine with GURANOUMU village within the next 12 months.
- 4) The villages of MIMAI, IPOIDUBURU and OIDOBI have joined together in the vicinity of LALOMI Rest House.

It is hoped that the above moves will serve as encouragement to other villages to combine in closer-knit communities.

Reception to the patrol, although hardly overwhelming, seemed to be genuinely friendly in almost all villages visited. Some Rest Houses were provided with a variety of 'extras' - tables, chairs, mats, tableclothes, curtains and various decorations - and, generally, there were indications that some thought had been given to the arrival of the patrol.

Surprisingly few complaints were brought to the patrol, and nearly all were of a minor nature. However, at TABU, the recent death of an old man was investigated. Two men were brought before the patrol on suspicion of being involved. But it was found that the two had merely been the first on the scene after the death. It appears that the old man, who had a house in the bush some distance from the village, died through natural causes whilst asleep on the ground of his house. Evidence produced by other people on the scene shortly after, indicated that the 'suspicious' injuries on the body were actually burns received when the dead man's arm fell into a nearby fire. None of the evidence of other witnesses gave any grounds for suspecting foul play.

No Courts for Native Matters were convened during the patrol.

Other factors, which one hopes are indicative of an awakening amongst the people, are covered under subsequent headings.

TAX, CENSUS AND STATISTICS.

The census of 50 village books was revised and a total of 2864 names were recorded. This is an increase of only 8 on last year's figure.

The infant mortality rate (ratio of births to deaths in the 0-1 year-old group) has dropped from last year's 24.4% to a still-too-high 19.1%. The figure for eligible males away at work, is 34.6% of the total labour potential (16-45 Yrs.). This high absentee figure is of course hardly conducive to the advancement of the area, especially when it is remembered that the remaining available labour is scattered throughout a wide area. It is therefore recommended that all villages in the Census Division, specially those in the BARAI, be closed to recruitment. In a number of villages, officials requested that steps be taken by the Administration to reduce the numbers away at work. They particularly asked for the repatriation of those who had been absent from their villages for some years. However, it was explained that no powers existed to cover this matter, provided that the people in question were legitimately and gainfully employed. The raising of this matter does indicate, though, that certain thinking members of the community realise that the continuous drain of manpower is a handicap to the future advancement of the region.

A group of seven males and seven females were recorded as 'migrations out' from MEIADONU village, into the MORESEY KOIARI district. These people had previously formed a break-away group in the village, and represented the sole KOIARI language group found in the Census Division. As mentioned in the Diary, the remaining population plans to move to GURANOUMU and there combine with their BARAI-speaking kin.

No difficulties were experienced in the collection of head tax, and the majority of eligible males had their money with them, ready to pay. An amount of £362-10-0 was collected by the patrol.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

There are now two Aid Posts operating in the area - at EFAIKA and DOROBISORO. Both appear to be efficiently run by the respective Orderlies, and the health throughout the division is quite satisfactory. The people seem to be quite willing to seek medical attention for minor ailments, and no cases were noticed which required hospitalization as immediate treatment.

A small number of absentees were reported to be undergoing treatment at RIGO, BOREGAINA, DOROBISORO and EFAIKA.

VILLAGES AND HOUSING.

Going on the comment of the previous patrolling officer, a slight improvement in housing standards was evident.

VILLAGES AND HOUSING (cont).

Instructions given on the last patrol had, in the main, been carried out. But there still remains a great deal of rebuilding before houses in some of the villages could be termed satisfactory.

The above comments apply almost solely to houses in the BARAI. Elsewhere, in lower lying areas and along the KEMP WELCH, houses were generally of good construction - fairly large, airy, with reasonably sized doors and shutters, and built of solid materials.

Wherever it was thought necessary, instructions were given for further replacement or improvement of houses. Comments were noted in the respective Village Books, so that a check can be made by the next officer, and action taken if it is warranted. As there is no lack of timber supplies, especially in the BARAI, it is not unreasonable to expect greater utilization of this commodity.

The grounds and surroundings of all villages had obviously been tidied for the patrol's arrival, and no complaints could be recorded in this matter.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The best that can be said for some of the tracks in the area, is that they were passable - due only to the dry weather! The 'road' between ARAFARA R.H. and KAIKANOMU, and the stretch from BADAIKA to TABU were unpleasantly rough in parts - following as they did mainly along creek beds. But the worst section was the DODI-SORI-BAREIKA one, where the track was not wide enough to put two feet together in many parts. A new route had been cut since last year, between SORI and BAREIKA. Although longer than the old road, we were assured that it was easier. If that is so, it is suggested that no one ever tries the old track again!

As a contrast, the road from BOREGAINA to GEVEROGORO was wide enough in parts for vehicular traffic; considerable work having been done to the road approaching the latter village. Occasionally the patrol route followed sections of the old war-time Army road, which was still in excellent condition.

Enquiries were made of the WAIRADOBU people as to why no road had been cut from their village to BOREGAINA. It had been agreed previously that such a road was practicable and would be ready for this patrol. However, it was reported this time, that those who had agreed to the project last year did not know what they were talking about, and that the country presented too many difficulties for such a road. This matter has not reached a satisfactory conclusion yet, as it is felt that a road could be constructed. But probably lack of tools and manpower have discouraged the people. Further discussions on this matter are to be held at RIGO in the near future, in an effort to finalise the problem.

No great improvement can be expected in the worst sections of the patrol road, due mainly to the mountainous terrain. As mentioned just now, absence of tools, lack of manpower and also the scattered population, are further hindrances.

ROADS AND BRIDGES (cont).

The best that can be expected in the rougher areas, is that the tracks be kept open and passable in the dry season.

All bridges used by the patrol proved quite sound - although at first sight some of them hardly inspired confidence.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE, STOCK AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

As mentioned previously, the patrol encountered an unusually long dry period, and this had a noticeably adverse effect on the food situation. Although not plentiful, there was still a sufficient supply of such native foodstuffs as taro, sweet potatoes, and bananas. Pawpaws and pumpkins proved to be a boring addition to the diet, but such things as sweet corn, cucumbers, pineapples, rock-melons and citrus fruits (mentioned in last year's report) were almost non-existent. The villages along the lower part of the river provided tomatoes towards the end of the patrol, and fresh eggs were also procurable there. Fish (a type of mullet), yabbies, wild pidgeon and an occasional fowl added some variety. But from the European point-of-view, the food situation generally was not good; and even the natives agreed that the position was the worst in years.

In the field of economic development, the tempo is definitely quickening. Figures supplied by the Agricultural Extension Officer, KAPOGERE, on coffee plantings, give the following picture :-

LIBUNAKOMANA	-	1334 seeds planted in nursery
BAUKOKOMANA	-	617 " " " "
		127 trees planted out into gardens
EFAIKA	-	730 and 420 seeds in two nurseries
		400 trees planted out
TABUNOMU	-	600 seeds in nursery
		90 trees planted out
DIRINOUMU	-	470 seeds in nursery
		53 trees planted out
IARUMENOMU	-	450 seeds in nursery
		28 trees planted out
BULIDOBU	-	700 seeds in nursery
		23 trees planted out
NEFENANOMO	-	30 trees planted out
GAUNOM	-	2000 seeds in nursery
		612 seedlings 3 months old
		101 trees planted out
KUALE	-	420 seeds in nursery
KAREKEDOBU	-	700 " " "

Nursery plots had also been prepared at KOKOROGORO (approx 2 acres),

NATIVE AGRICULTURE, STOCK, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (cont).

NEMONOMO, SISIGOLO and NEFENANOMO in preparation for a visit by the Extension Officer, KAPOGERE.

The majority of trees which have been planted out are no more than 9 months old, so any return from this coffee scheme is still some 3 years distant. Community coffee plots were in evidence in only a few isolated cases, and instructions were given to the owner of the land to make settlement with the workers concerned in the planting and preparation of the land. The people were encouraged to proceed with individual gardens, but not with community efforts as this would only lead to arguments once the coffee began to show a monetary return.

Growing of peanuts is mainly in the planning stage, and gardens are under way at EFAIKA, BULIDOBU, and KUALE. Peanuts are at present being cultivated at SORIKORO, but the garden belongs to the S.D.A. Mission teacher and the produce is only sufficient for his own needs.

Three gardens - totalling perhaps six acres - were in course of being prepared for growing pineapples, between WAIFANOUMU and MUIANOUMU. This commodity should find a ready market in future economic schemes.

The only rice growing was at TABUNOMU, where about $\frac{1}{4}$ acre should be ready in a months time. Elsewhere along the KEMP WELCH River, gardens are either ready or planned for the near future - BULIDOBU, NEFENANOMO, WAIRADOBU, NEMONOMO, IARUMENOMU, KUALE and KAREKEDOBU are the villages concerned. It would appear that areas along the river, especially towards its junction with the HUNTER River, would prove suitable for an extension of the HUNTER River rice scheme.

In accordance with patrol instructions, talks were held in all villages from MUIANOUMU to KAREKEDOBU regarding a proposed project for the growing and marketing of native-type fruit and vegetables. The immediate reaction was most encouraging, insofar as the people were willing to discuss the matter and began raising possible objections. They were told, however, that detailed talks would be held at a later date, and that all the pros and cons of the scheme would be thrashed out when all villages were assembled.

Provided an efficient organization can be set up to handle the work involved, the project seems likely to have the support of all the villages along the river. With the advent of taxation, the people no doubt realise the wisdom of obtaining some steady form of income.

MISSIONS AND SCHOOLS.

The census figures reveal that a pathetically low 20.8% of males (10-16 age group) are receiving any kind of education at all. The figure for this group is probably lower, as some of the 'schoolboys' were undoubtedly over 16 years old. The majority of education is provided by the L.M.S. and S.D.A. Missions operating in the area. Those in Government schools attend mostly outside the Sub-District - the majority at PORT MORESBY.

MISSIONS AND SCHOLS (cont).

No recurrence of religious squabbles were encountered on the patrol, and the area seems to have quietened down since Mr. B. Anderson's visit last year.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

The situation is much the same as last year, and many of the Councillors are of little use as such. On the other hand, most of the Village Constables seem to be quite capable men, and performed their various duties throughout the patrol satisfactorily. However, many of them had not taken the trouble to visit the office at RIGO for many months - some had not been to RIGO for as long as 12 months - and the offenders were duly reprimanded on that score.

The comparative lack of complaints and courts during the patrol can, it is hoped, be attributed to the effectiveness of the various Village Constables in settling minor disputes.

CONCLUSION.

Naturally cut-off from much outside contact by the rugged nature of the land, it is not surprising that development has lagged throughout the area in general. The raising of living standards, and the establishment of a cash economy, must inevitably be a slow process. But the people are now awake to the possibilities, and they must receive encouragement and guidance whilst in their present frame of mind.

Transport and communications will always prove a difficulty, and this has been accentuated by the steady drift of labour from the villages to jobs outside the area. Finally, it does seem that future advancement will depend, largely on whether the younger men can be given enough incentive to concentrate their energies within the Census Division.

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A map of the patrol route, prepared and drawn by Mr. F.D. Anderson, is attached.

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P.A.F. Seefeld
P.A.F. Seefeld
(Patrol Officer)

APPENDIX "A".

RIGO PATROL REPORT NO.1 OF 1958/59.

REPORT ON NATIVE CONSTABULARY.

- No. 901 CPL. MABEWARI WALI : Experienced and efficient.
Good control of police under
him.
- No. 9729 CONST. VEKI KATUM : A competent member of the
detachment. Performed all
duties efficiently and
willingly.
- No. 3199 CONST OROSOTO BORUGA : A good patrol constable.
Cheerful and reliable in
all his duties.

N.B. No. 9370 CONST. WABURI DAVITA of the KILA Detachment,
who was on leave at WAIRADOBU, accompanied the patrol for
the last two days. He ably assisted the patrol complement
in its various functions.

P. A. F. Seefeld
P. A. F. Seefeld
(Patrol Officer)

on Register

Area Patrolled... Mt. Obree.....

No.	ABSENT FROM VILLAGE										LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		Average Size of Family	TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL
	AT WORK					STUDENTS					Males		Females		Pregnant	Number of Child Bearing Age		Child		Adults		
	Inside District		Outside District			Govt.		Mission			10-16	16-45	10-16	16-45				M	F	M	F	
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2	6	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	12	21	10	21	1	25	2.6	27	29	19	23	105	
3	9	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	35	8	31	5	33	2.8	37	33	31	39	150	
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-	4	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	7	19	3	12	1	15	1.5	12	10	16	14	58	
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of RIGO... CENTRAL DISTRICT... Report No. 2/58-59

Patrol Conducted by... Fergus D. Anderson, C.P.O.

Area Patrolled... MARIA CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans... -

Natives... 1 Interpreter, 2 Gals R.P.C, 1 Const. 1 N.M.C.

Duration—From 13./10./1958... to.../11./1958...

Number of Days... Twenty

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?... No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services... 22./11./1956...

Medical / 7 / 1957.

Map Reference... Port Moresby 4 Mil. Prov. Strat. Series. Kemp Welch, Kapa Kapa, Hood Bay & Marshall Lagoon Military Milinch Series.

Objects of Patrol... Tax Collection, Census & General Administration.

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 ... -

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Year.....1958.....

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	Births		DEATHS												Female	
				0-1 Month		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13			
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		
BOKUKU	18-10-58	2	1													1	
UDIRI	" " "	2	1														
GABAMANA	" " "	1														1	
OBAHA	19-10-58	4	3	1	1		1										1
GOADA	" " "	3	2	1		1	1		1								1
OKAUKANA	" " "	1	1					1	1							2	1
EINIGORO	" " "								1							1	
NAROKELLI	"															1	1
VARAKOGENA	20-10-58	4	3													2	
GARAMOKOGENA	"	3															
MATPIKO	"	5	3													3	
GOUWO	"		1						1								
KIRU	"	2	2						1							1	1
KAITEBA	21-10-58	1							1							2	
AREMAKA	"	3	5						1	1						1	4
KORUAKOMANA	22-10-58	2	3				1									1	
UNUAGORO	"	2											1				
TABUAKOMANA	"	3	2													1	
KAKIAKOMANA	"	2	4													1	1
ORAI-IA	23-10-58	1	4										4			2	
LI'IBA	"		2													1	
KORU-ORA	24-10-58	2														1	
IAURA	"	7							1			1				3	
MARIA	"	3	5														
BIGETA	25-10-58	2	2						1								2
UWATA	26-10-58	3	3						2								
OMANAGORO	28-10-58	2														1	
MAMATAGORO	"		2		1												3
NENEMAKO-MANA	29-10-58	4														1	
BOKUKOMANA	"	3	2			1										1	
DIDIGA	"								1	2				1		2	1
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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PATROL REPORT

District of..... Report No.....

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Natives.....

Duration—From...../...../19.....to...../...../19.....

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Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

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VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	Births		DEATHS												
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TATKOGENA	30-10-58	3	1									1			1	3
DEVAMANA	"	1													1	
NAGOATEBAKA	"										1				3	1
BOGARAMAKA	31-10-58	1	2					3								
DIRIGORO	"	2	5					2	2	1					2	
BAGUBARA	"		3					1	1							2
MEMEKAKOMANA	1-11-58		3					1								
TOBAROKA	"		5					1								
KOBAROKO	"	4	3					1								
MEIROBU	"	1	1									2			3	2
LEBUGOLO	"	1	2					1		1					3	2
MATAIRUKA	"	5	2	1											5	4
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RIG. P.R. NO. 2-58-59/686

District Office,
PORT MORESBY.

10th December, 1958.

AJH/MR

Assistant District Officer,
RIGO.

PATROL REPORT NO. 2 OF 1958/59

Receipt is acknowledged of report No. 2 of 1958/59, covering a patrol to the MARIA census division by Mr. Anderson, and your covering comments.

Mr. Anderson appears to have carried out a satisfactory patrol through an area which fairly obviously is not one to evoke violent enthusiasm in the breast of a patrolling officer.

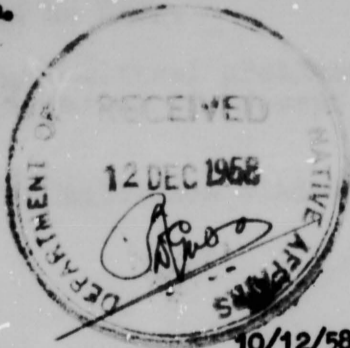
It is unfortunate that tax collection is the sole reason for regular patrolling of this backward area (see Introduction to Report); still, whatever the reason, the fact of regular patrolling is something to be pleased about.

On the face of it there does not seem to be any immediate possibilities for expansive development. It is a fact, though, that once interest is shown in people, they react and improve. The very presence of Aid Posts, and regular patrolling, as evidence of Administration interest, should cause improvement in the mental outlook of the people; add to that the physical improvement which Aid Posts will ensure, and we may very well find that the MARIA people will make their own development. In any case, I hope more frequent patrolling will be possible, and that at least one Aid Post will be established. An improvement in outlook and prospects should also result in decrease in absenteeism.

I note that cash cropping has begun on a fringe of the area, so the people are not entirely apathetic. I know you will insist that cash cropping must be in family plots, and not in communal gardens. In any case, I am sure that between yourself and the RIGO Agricultural Extension Officer, and Mr. Kleckham, the D.A.O., the matter of cash cropping will be well handled.

I note the remarks on amalgamation of villages - voluntary amalgamation is not opposed, but compulsory amalgamation definitely is.

Copies have been made of the map, which is an excellent job, and forwarded herewith.



10/12/58

A. J. Humphries
(A. J. HUMPHRIES)
ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER

FILE: RIG. PR. NO. 2

SEE INDEX
The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Attached is the patrol report mentioned above.
No correspondence arises out of this report.

A. J. Humphries
(A. J. HUMPHRIES)
ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
Please Quote
No. N.A. 30-1-2/28.

Sub-District Office,
RIGO:
Central District.

24th November, 1958.

The District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT RIGO 2/58-59 - MARIA.

Enclosed is the abovementioned report of patrol conducted by Mr. F.D. Anderson, Cadet Patrol Officer. A map of the area is being forwarded under separate cover. Could copies be made and forwarded to this office please? As yet, copies of the MT. BROWN division map have not been received. These copies, together with the MARIA division copies will enable completion of a Sub-District map.

2. The patrol was well conducted and Mr. Anderson takes a keen interest in his work. An understanding approach to the many minor problems presented to a patrolling officer afforded prompt and satisfactory settlement. His first Patrol Report is clear and concise, altogether a job well done.

3. Population trends are probably the most important features of the patrol. An increase was recorded, however the results were most disappointing. It is believed that the Medical Assistant at Rigo has been, or will be granted additional funds with which to establish two more Aid Posts in the Sub-District. I have consulted him regarding the placement of the Posts and the MARIA division has been given top priority. The establishment of these Posts coupled with regular patrolling by Native Affairs and Department of Agriculture Officers should improve the position within two or three years. As stated, the bridging of the Kemp Welch river will bring the area into closer contact.

4. The amalgamation of villages appears to occupy a place in all Census Divisions with the exception of the KOIARI. Nearly all concerned with amalgamation have, in their history, been combined and have split because of petty bickering. Personally, I am not in favour of amalgamation but in an instance such as above, where the amalgamation is originated by the people themselves, I feel an exception could be made.

5. The agricultural problems of the division were discussed with Mr. T. Kleckham during his recent visit and plans were made to improve the position.

6. Camping allowance claim is enclosed for approval.

(E.S. Sharp.)
a/Assistant District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

*In Reply
Please Quote*

No.

Sub-District Office,
RIGO,
Central District.

14th. November, 1958.

The Assistant District Officer,
Rigo Sub-District,
CENTRAL DISTRICT.

RIGO PATROL REPORT No. 2/1958-59

PATROL CONDUCTED BY : FERGUS D. ANDERSON, C.P.O.
AREA PATROLLED : MARIA CENSUS/TAX DIVISION.
PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY
EUROPEANS : NIL
NATIVES : POLICE: 1 Cpl., 1 L/Cpl., 1 Const.
INTERPRETER: Henari Reuben.
N.M.O. : Willie Billie.
DURATION OF PATROL : 13/10/58 to 2/11/58
NUMBER OF DAYS : TWENTY.
PREVIOUS PATROLS TO AREA : NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1956
NATIVE AFFAIRS : JULY, 1957.
P.N.D.
MODE OF TRANSPORT : CANOE, FOOT.
OBJECTS OF PATROL : CENSUS/TAX COMPILATIONS, and
ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.
APPENDICES : "A" VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER.
"B" REPORT ON NATIVE CONSTABULARY.
MAP REFERENCES : PORT MORESBY 4 MIL PROVISIONAL
STRAT SERIES.
KEMP WELCH, KAPAKAPA, HOOD BAY,
MARSHALL LAGOON MILITARY
MIL:INCH SERIES.

INTRODUCTION:

The area covered in this patrol has, compared with other Divisions in the Rigo sub-district, been sadly neglected in as far as any type of development or advancement is concerned. For the most part, the villages are located on or near the Ormond and its tributary creeks and rivers in the mountainous country to the North of Marshall and Hood Lagoons.

Continuous showers of rain throughout the duration of the patrol made walking on the steep mountain tracks an uncomfortable and often hazardous operation.

With the introduction of personal tax, it has now been made necessary to carry out regular patrols into the area, but to give the the Maria people the attention necessary to bring them up to a stage where developmental work in the area would be successful, it would be desirable to arrange the patrolling program so that follow up patrols could be carried out.

PATROL DIARY:

- 13 October : Departed Rigo 7.30 p.m. by Land Rover to Kapakapa where the patrol boarded an outboard motor powered canoe and set off for Hula.
- 14th October: Arrived Hula in the early morning, rested until day break. Canoeed to Kerepuna and came ashore for a meal before moving on to Paramana where heavy seas made further canoeing impossible for the day. Made camp for the night.
- 15th October: Departed Paramana by canoe but after a short time heavy seas forced our return to shore - landing at Pelagi where carriers were obtained. Departed by foot along the beach to Maopa where the patrol was forced to shelter from heavy rain. Changed carriers and walked along the beach to the mouth of the Maureli River where a canoe was waiting to transport patrol gear and personnel across. Proceeded on to Kwapeupa. Camped for the night.
- 16th October: Departed Kwapeupa for Kelerakwa, paid carriers and canoeed across Marshall Lagoon to The O.I.C.'s residence to discuss arrangements for the patrol's onward movement. Spent the night at the residence.
- 17th. October: Sent a constable to recall the carriers who had returned to their villages from Paile after having waited several days for the arrival of the patrol. Spent the night at the residence.
- 18th October: Departed Marshall Lagoon landing by canoe - across the lagoon and up a small creek through the mangrove swamps to the Paile jetty from where the patrol was transported to the plantation by a tractor supplied by the manager- Mr. Ahearn. Obtained carriers at the plantation and walked to Bokuku. Completed Tax/Census work and routine administration duties for Bokuku, Udiri and Gabamana. Camped for the night.

DIARY. (cont.)

- 19th October: Departed Bekuku for Obaha, completed Census/Tax work, then moved on to Goada where all duties were carried out for the villages of Goada, Binigere, Okaukang and Narekelli. Slept.
- 20th October: Departed Goada and walked to Verakogena. Completed all duties for Verakogena and Saramekogena. then moved on to Iwateba Rest House to complete Census/Tax work for Gouwe, Kiru and Maipike. Slept.
- 21st October: Departed Iwateba R.H. inspected Kiru village then proceeded to Aremaka to complete Census/Tax work for Aremaka and Kaiteba. Slept Aremaka.
- 22nd October: Departed Aremaka for Unuagere where all work was carried out for Unuagere and Keruakemana. Moved on, short rest at Unuakemana Rest House before proceeding on to Kakiskemana. Completed all work for Kakiskemana and Tabuakemana. Slept.
- 23rd October: Departed Kakiskemana for Li'iba and Orai'ia. Census/Tax compilations and administration duties completed for these two villages at Orai'ia R.H. Camped for night.
- 24th October: Work completed for Keru-era at Orai'ia R.H. before proceeding on to the Maria R.H. on the River. Duties completed for Maria. Camped for the night.
- 25th October: Departed Maria R.H., walked along banks of river to Bigeia. After villagers returned from gardens, census/tax compilations and administration duties were carried out. Camped for the night.
- 26th October: Departed Bigeia for Ununem R.H. where all work for Uwaia was carried out. Slept Ununem Rest House.
- 27th October: Departed Ununem R.H. for the Mt. Brown village of Maranem. Book work brought up to date. Slept.
- 28th October: Departed Maranem, walked through the Mt. Brown village of Senemaka, then on to Omanagero and Mamatagere. Census/tax compilations and administration duties completed for the latter two villages. Slept Mamatagere rest house.
- 29th October: Departed Mamatagere, walked through Didiga and inspected village, then proceeded on to the combined ^{villages} Bidegabe and Ketagere. All work was completed for Bidegabe, Ketagere, Bekukemana and Nenemakemana. Moved on to Mumuiru and completed all work. Slept.
- 30th October: Departed Mumuiru for Taikegena. Completed duties then on through Devamana to Nagotabaka where the census/tax compilations and administration duties were completed for the latter two villages. Slept.
- 31st October: Departed Nagotabaka for Bogamaka. Completed all work for the latter then proceeded on to Bagubara. All duties carried out. Slept.
- 1st November: Departed Bagubara for Memekakemana. Completed Memekakemana and moved on to Toberoka, inspected village then walked down to Meirobu. Completed census/tax work and administration duties for Meirobu, Toberoka and Koboroka. Camped for night.

DIARY (cont.)

2nd. November: Departed Meirobu for Matairuka. Completed duties for Matairuka, and Lebugolo. Walked to Sivigolo where truck was waiting to transport patrol personnel and equipment to Rigo.

END OF PATROL.NATIVE AFFAIRS:

For many years the only attention the Maria people have received has been the application of an apathetic type of law and order. Patrolling into the area has been spasmodic and has achieved nothing in the way of development or advancement of the natives in this area.

This neglect shows on the people and their villages. In the main, houses are of a low standard - consisting of dirty grass or adzed plank dwellings in uncared for village areas located on high ridges above creeks and rivers. The people themselves are lethargic and showed an almost studied indifference towards the patrol.

Polygamy is practised throughout the area - some men having as many as six wives. This factor tends to offset the possibilities of a decrease in birth rate which might have occurred due to the large number of men absent from their villages at work - especially in the smaller hamlets. The classical example of this is in the village of Devamana :- There are sixteen male names recorded in the village book, eight are absent at work; of the eight remaining, three are infants and two were classified as 'permanently unfit'.

One thing that stood out all through the patrol was the almost complete lack of efficient Village Officials. With the exception of one or two, Village Constables seemed content to sit back and watch their villages fall to pieces around them.

In an area such as this, the amalgamation of some of the smaller isolated villages with others on the main patrol route would be desirable for any future developmental work, but on discussing this point with the peoples of the various villages concerned, I found them most reluctant to move. However this problem might be overcome at a later date when the area begins to receive the same attention as the Mt. Brown and parts of the Mt. Obree.

The main languages in group in the area is that of Tuburame which, with the exception of a few small pockets, extends over the whole division. The exceptions are as follows:- Mamatagoro and Omanagoro villagers speak the Nobone language, a tongue that can be understood throughout the sub-district because of the fact that its vocabulary is made up from words common to most of the main language groups. The Uiga language is spoken only by the immigrant village of Didiga. The Mt. Brown language - Manabara - is spoken by the people of Uwaia close to the division border. The people of Nenemakomana, Iaura, Koru-ora, Garamokogena, Ksaiakomana, Tabuakomana and Udiri all speak the various dialects of the Amota language.

All told there are seventeen different dialects spoken in the division.

The village of Biruma no longer exists as most of the inhabitants migrated out to Uwaia after the occurrence of some unexplained disease which caused several deaths in the village. Those who did not go to Uwaia amalgamated with the nearby village of Bigeia.

LAW & JUSTICE:

Many minor complaints, mostly of a minor nature connected with domestic squabbles, were brought forward during the patrol and settled satisfactorily. Only two cases needed to be heard in the Court of Native Matters and these were sent to Rigo for adjudication.

FINANCE:

Taxation: A total of £332 was collected during the course of the patrol and except for a few isolated cases, all payments were proffered readily.

Before census/tax compilations were made at each village, the various reasons for personal tax and some of the uses to which the money is to be put, were explained. These explanations seemed to be understood and in some cases at least, removed some doubts on the subject.

The general attitude toward the payment of tax seemed to be: "It is something that has to be payed, so let's get it over and done with."

As mentioned in 'NATIVE AFFAIRS' there are far too many men absent from the smaller villages at work on plantations, and now that it has become necessary to pay tax, I feel that during the next few years the problem will become more serious as more and more men leave their villages to earn an income which cannot be gained in their own area with conditions as they are at present.

All Tax Collection Receipts were countersigned by the Assistant District Officer.

Patrol Advance: An advance of £50 was taken out for patrol expenses. £35. 18. 0 was acquitted on Voucher No. 176/58-59.

Banking and General: No Native Monies Trust Account payments were made and no banking business conducted during the course of the patrol.

CENSUS AND STATISTICS:

Census figures for 46 villages were completed and a total of 2570 names recorded. This increase of 151 over the total recorded in 1956 is due mainly to the fact that the villages of Omanagoro and Mamatagoro, which were previously in the Mt. Brown Census Division, are now included in the Maria.

The infant mortality rate, calculated as the ratio of births to deaths up to one year, is 5.8% - an excellent figure if it were at all probable in an area with no air posts. This result, I think, can be put down to the fact that many deaths of unrecorded names are conveniently forgotten by census time.

The total number of deaths recorded is 135, as against 173 births, showing a natural increase of 0.7% each year - an unsatisfactory figure.

The census figures shows that 'migrations out' are greater than 'migrations in'. This is due mainly to the fact that Nenemakomana names which were previously included in Koru-ora census figures, have now been recorded as a separate unit, and have been noted down as 'migrations out' from Koru-ora to balance the census totals.

The number of men away from their villages at work as compared with the labour potential of the 16-45 age group is 35% - an unsatisfactory result when it is remembered that 50% of the villages have total populations of under fifty and that the population is very wide-spread.

AGRICULTURE STOCK AND FISHERIES:

The villages throughout the area are well supplied with the usual subsistence crops, including citrus fruits, as climatical conditions are ideal for almost everything but coconuts.

There has been little or no introduction of European fruits or vegetables except in the more advanced group of villages in the South West corner of the division, where corn, tomatoes, and beans can be found growing quite successfully.

The above area covers the villages of Matairuka, Lebugolo, Memekakomana, Dirigoro and Bagubara, and it is in these villages that the growing of coffee, rice, and peanuts has been introduced as cash crops by the Agricultural Extension Officer at Kapogere. Details may be seen below.

I advised people in the villages concerned, that when the time comes to plant the coffee out from the nurseries, that it would be better to divide the trees up into family plots instead of planting the total number in a large communal garden on any one man's land. The same advice was given concerning peanut and rice planting. This is to insure that no disputes would arise over the distribution of payments when the crops begin to yield cash returns.

Regarding the upper and more isolated regions of the division, it would be undesirable to introduce new cash crops at the present time. It is hoped that early in the new year, the proposed patrols by the Agriculture Extension Officer into the area will help to improve the present subsistence gardening and land utilization methods.

A few pigs and fowls are kept by the villagers, but they are of a low standard.

Details of the distribution of cash crops in the area:

- Matairuka : Preparing coffee - none planted.
- Lebugolo : Ditto.
- Meirobu : Two small coffee nurseries (numbers unknown)
- Toboroka : Four beds coffee (approx 1000 seeds)
- Koboroka : Two beds coffee (approx 550 seeds)
- Memekakomana: $\frac{3}{4}$ acre peanuts (poor germination)
- Bagubara : $\frac{1}{4}$ acre peanuts (Ditto)
- Bogamaka : 1 acre peanuts (good germination)
- Dirigoro : $1\frac{1}{4}$ acres peanuts (Ditto)
- 1 bed coffee (approx 124 seeds)
- Approx 200 coffee trees planted out.
- Taikogena : Two coffee beds. (numbers unknown)

Dirigoro have planted their second crop of rice - about $\frac{1}{4}$ of an acre, and as with the last crop it is doing quite well.

VILLAGES AND HOUSING:

As mentioned in the Introduction, housing in the upper areas generally was of a low standard and seemed to typify the attitude of the people themselves. The worst case in the division was the small hamlet below Orai'ia where each house is merely a tiny box built of roughly adzed planks; poorly constructed and built close to its neighbour. Potential fire risk is high because of the villagers habit of stockpiling bundles of firewood underneath their dwellings.

Housing in the lower regions and close to the more advanced areas of the sub-district were quite good and no instructions for repair and improvements were necessary.

Village areas had obviously been tidied up for the patrol's visit and no complaints good be made on this point.

ROADS & BRIDGES:

Tracks in the low lying areas were excellent, but on the higher and steeper ground the wet weather experienced throughout the patrol made walking an awkward and sometimes difficult job. In some places ~~the~~ the track consisted merely of foot and hand holds in the sides of steep mountain slopes.

The longest, though by no means the hardest walk, was from Bigeia village to the Ununom rest house near Uwaia village which took seven and a half hours altogether.

Because of the rough terrain I do not think any improvement to the patrol tracks could be expected. Villages are generally of low population and widely separated; because of this, road improvement would prove to be a neverending and almost impossible task.

Bridges were sadly lacking in the area and the crossing of numerous creeks and rivers often became a tedious and difficult procedure.

On the completion of the Kemp Welch River Bridge the intended road to the Ormond Division will pass through the villages of Matairuka and Lebugolo, but apart from this and a probable extension through Meirobu to Toboroka, it will be impossible to build vehicular roads in the area.

Details of walking times and conditions.

<u>From.</u>	<u>To.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
Palle Ptn.	Bokuku	1 hr. 15 min.	Flat easy walking, excellent track.
Bokuku	Obaha	3 " 20 "	Ditto.
Obaha	Goada	2 " 40 "	Good track - shaded.
Goada	Vorakogena	2 " 0 "	Ditto.
Vorakogena	Iwateba R.H.	45 "	Good walking Crossed Ormond.
Iwateba R.H.	Aremaka	2 " 0 "	Fair walking, after Kuru crossed Miami Ck. several times.
Aremaka	Unuagoro	2 " 0 "	Undulating track - followed Miami most of the way.
Unuagoro	Kakaiakomana	1 " 30 "	Steep climbs.
Kakaiakomana	Orai'ia	3 " 30 "	Hard walking - steep climb up to village.
Orai'ia	Iaura	1 " 0 "	Difficult walking on slippery tracks.
Iaura	Maria R.H.	1 " 45 "	Long steep climb down to Tole Creek.
Maria R.H.	Bigeia	1 " 30 "	Followed Tole Creek - crossed many times.
Bigeia	Ununom R.H.	7 " 30 "	Fair walking along some of the highest ridges on the Patrol.
Ununom R.H.	Maranom	3 " 30 "	Easy walking along well cleaned tracks.

ROADS AND BRIDGES (cont)

<u>From.</u>	<u>To.</u>	<u>Time.</u>		<u>Remarks.</u>
Maranom	Mamatagoro	3 hr.	30 min.	Easy walking along well cleaned tracks.
Mamatagoro	Bidonagobu	2	15	Flat well cleaned tracks.
Bidonagobu	Mumuiru		45	Ditto. Crossed Ormond three times.
Mumuiru	Taikogena	1	0	Easy walking along well cut tracks. Crossed Ormond three times.
Taikogena	Nagoetebaka	1	15	Easy walking - excellent track along course of the Ormond. No shade.
Nagoetebaka	Bogamaka	1	45	Ditto.
Bogamaka	Bagubara	1	0	Ditto. Crossed Ormond near Bagubara.
Bagubara	Memekakomara	1	0	Good walking for twenty minutes, then a long gradual climb to village.
Memekakomara	Toboroka	2	0	Well cleared tracks fair walking.
Toboroka	Meirobu		20	Easy climb down to village.
Meirobu	Matairuka	2	30	Flat, shadeless well cleared track.
Matairuka	Sivigolo Ptn.	1	30	Ditto.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH:

The general health throughout the area was surprisingly good at the time of the patrol; the only complaints being tropical ulcers, sores and a few cases of pneumonia. However during the census it was discovered that many deaths were caused by a fairly wide-spread disease which, from the description of the symptoms, was probably Tuberculosis.

Because of the fact that there are no Medical Aid Posts in the division very few ills are ever treated properly; the result being that those people at present living in the area are those who have never suffered from anything more serious than a tropical ulcer or a mild case of yaws.

Willie Billie, an experienced Native Medical Orderly accompanied the patrol to inspect people present at the time of the census and to treat minor complaints on the spot. Those with complaints requiring more expert attention were instructed to report to the Rigo Hospital as soon as possible.

TRADE AND COMMERCE:

There are no Co-operative Societies in the division and there are very few possibilities of there being one established in the foreseeable future, because apart from the limited area of cash cropping as stated earlier, the potential for economic development is low.

The present means by which the Maria people can gain a cash income is by working in Port Moresby or on plantations in Rigo, Abau, and Sogeri.

On making inquiries it was found that little or no inter-village trading of native produce is carried.

MISSIONS AND SCHOOLS:

The Seventh Day Adventist Mission predominates in the Maria Division and mission schools are scattered throughout. With the exception of the S.D.A. school at Aremaka, instruction is mainly of a religious nature.

A few London Missionary Society Schools have been established and the teaching of basic reading, writing and arithmetic is carried out.

In the main, children who wish to receive educational instruction cross over to the L.M.S. schools in the Mt. Brown division. There are no Government Schools in the area.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

Very few Village Constables or Councillors stood out as being exceptionally strong minded or energetic, in fact the standard of village officials throughout the area was very low. Most were co-operative at the time of the patrol, but village standards proved that in most cases officials were not carrying out their duties.

The worst offender was the Aremaka V.C. who seemed to have no control whatsoever in his village, and was more of a hinderance than a help to the patrol. If he has not improved at the time of the next patrol, I would recommend that an election should be held to replace him.

CONCLUSION:

There is much to be desired in the Maria division, but I think that it would be useless at this stage to introduce economic schemes and large scale cash cropping before present living conditions are improved.

The establishment of aid posts and instructions in village hygiene and house construction would be the first steps in the right direction, but if patrolling in the future will be as spasmodic as it has been in the past, any efforts made in the Maria Division will be wasted.

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Fergus D. Anderson
(FERGUS D. ANDERSON.)
CADET PATROL OFFICER.

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Area Patrolled.....MARTA.....

Hire of Canoes	ABSENT FROM VILLAGE																		GRAND TOTAL		
	AT WORK					STUDENTS				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		Average Size of Family	TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of... CENTRAL - RIGO Report No... PR 3/58-59

Patrol Conducted by... E. S. SHARP

Area Patrolled... KOLARI CENSUS/TAX DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans... F. D. ANDERSON

Natives... 4

Duration—From 23./2./1959 to 1./3./1959...

Number of Days... SEVEN

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services. 17./2./1958...

Medical ... -...../5...../1858...

Map Reference... MILINCH GAILE & KEMP WELCH RIVER

Objects of Patrol... ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION, CENSUS & TAX COLLECTION

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

A. Wakeron
.....
District Commissioner

13 13 1959.

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

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

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

Village Pop

Year.....**1958/59**.....

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	Births		DEATHS														Females in Child bed		
				0-1 Month		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13						
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LAGUNE	23/2/59																			
LOUIDAIRI	23/2/59	1																1	1	.
SEREPIWATAI	24/2/59		1															1		
AGITANA	24/2/59																			
BOREBIRE	25/2/59	2	1						1											
MAIANA	26/2/59																			
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13th March, 1959.

Assistant District Officer,
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RIGO PATROL REPORT NO. 3/58-59 - ROTANI

I thank you for the abovementioned report.

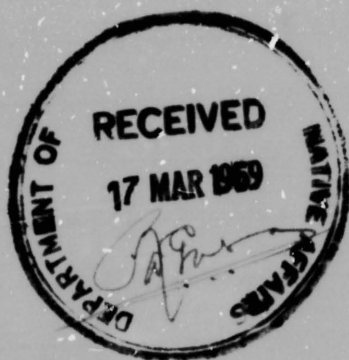
It is pleasing to note that health and hygiene generally was of a high standard.

Your letter concerning the rock carvings has been forwarded to the Director of Native Affairs, and the letter on food shortages is being taken up by the District Agricultural Officer.

Reading through the report it does appear that the population is showing a slight upward trend and it is hoped that this increase can be maintained. It would, I think, be greatly assisted if we could overcome these food shortages.

It was, as usual, a good patrol and carried out with your usual efficiency.

Your signed contingencies are returned herewith.



(J. E. WAKEFORD)
ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER

MINUTE

13/3/59

FILE: RIG. P. R. NO. 3

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

For your information, please

J. E. Wakeford
J. E. WAKEFORD
ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER

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MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

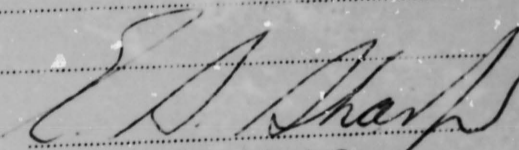
Patrol No. 3 Sub-District RIGO District CENTRAL
Officer Conducting Patrol E. S. SHARP a/ Assistant District Officer.
Census Division Patrolled KOIARI
Objects of Patrol 1. Tax Collection. 2. Routine Administration.
3. Distribution seed Rice. 4. Census revision.
5. To observe the effects of the recent drought
on food supplies.
Date Patrol Commenced 23rd. February, '59 Date Completed 1st. March, 1959.
Duration—days Seven.

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

✓ Observation of Rock carvings, Anthropology, N.A. 14-1-5/2.

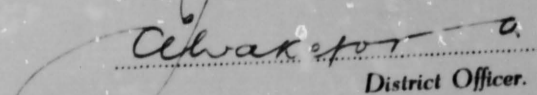
* Agriculture Extension, Subsistence cropping, N.A. 17-1-1/14.

* To be taken up with District Agricultural
Office - see return from patrol file



Patrolling Officer's Signature.

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



District Officer.

Diary of Rigo Patrol Number 3.

Monday 23rd. February. : Departed Rigo for GIRABU per Land Rover. Carriers arranged on to LAGUME via GABUIA. GIRABU and GABUIA villages are to be incorporated in the proposed Rigo N.L.G.C.. LAGUME census revised, and tax collected. One pound rate for this area. No increase in population recorded. Medical Orderly reported health good. Village in good order. Departed for LONIDAIRI. Census revised and tax collected same afternoon. No increase in population.

Tuesday 24th. February. : Village of LONIDAIRI inspected. Village and the health of the people good. Departed for SEREPEWATEI and AGITANA. SEREPEWATEI Village census revised and tax collected. No natural increase in population recorded, 5 migrations in boosted figures. Health good. Food shortage noted. AGITANA village, which virtually adjoins SEREPEWATEI, census revised and tax collected. Again everything in order. Slight increase in population owing to migrations in.

Wednesday 25th. February: Departed for BOREBERE 2 hours out rock carving noticed - my N.A.14-1-5/2 refers. BOREBERE village census revised and tax collected. 5% natural increase in population recorded. Village neat and clean. Housing and health good. Food shortage again apparent.

Thursday 26th. February. : Departed BOREBERE for IOVEI via MAIANA. The Musgrave river is followed for the total journey. MAIANA census revised and tax collected. Decrease in population owing to migrations out. Village conditions and health of people only average. On to IOVEI a delightful village situated on the banks of the Musgrave R. Census revised, tax collected, 4.8% natural increase in population recorded. Village excellent, health good. Seed rice distributed. These people also suffering from a food shortage, my N.A.17-1-1/14 refers.

Friday 27th. February. : Departed for IAUDOBU. Census revised and tax collected. .8% natural decrease in population. Village clean and tidy housing of an excellent standard- health of people good. BUSALAMAGA village census revised tax collected; 3% natural increase in population. Seed rice distributed to both these villages.

Saturday 28th. February : Departed for MEDENE village. Census revised tax collected. Increase in population owing to migrations in. Village in good order, house above average, health average. Departed for KUALE - this village in proposed Rigo N.L.G.C.. Discussions with people regarding proposed council. Rafted down Kemp Welch River to GOBARAGERE Estate. Native Labour work carried out - informal inspection.

Sunday 1st. March. : Departed for Rigo via new station site. Arrived Rigo pm.

Patrol Completed.

I certify that I am single, that I actually camped out for six (6) nights, that no Administration accommodation was available and that no cook was supplied by the Administration.

Jergis B. Anderson
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(Jergis B. Anderson)
S.P.S.

I certify that the above is correct.

E. S. Sharp
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(E. S. Sharp)
Assistant District Officer.

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Report Completed.
Arrived Rigo on Sunday 1st March.
Inspected.

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E.S. SHARP
SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE,
RIGO, CENTRAL DISTRICT.

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To Payment of Patrol Allowance.

to

Koiari Census/Tax Division as per
Rigo Patrol Number 3/58-59.

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Officers Name : E.S. Sharp.

Period : 23/2/59 to 1/3/59.

6 nights

Rate : 17/6 per diem.

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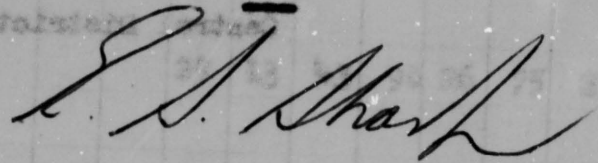
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E. S. Sharp

(E. S. Sharp.)
Assistant District Officer.

I certify that above is correct.

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Inspection.
 Sunday 1st March.
 Arrived Rigo pm.
 Departed for Rigo via new station side.
 Patrol Completed.

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Area Patrolled..... **KOIARI**

No.	ABSENT FROM VILLAGE								LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES			Average Size of Family	TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL
	AT WORK				STUDENTS				Males		Females		Pregnant	Number of Child Bearing Age	Child		Adults				
	Inside District		Outside District		Govt.		Mission		10-16	16-45	10-16	16-45			M		F	M	F	M + F	
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Rigo Central District Report No. 4/58-59

Patrol Conducted by D.M. Speakman, P.O.

Area Patrolled CR7 - ORMOND CENSUS/TAX DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO.

Natives 3 Police 1 NMO

Duration From 13/4/1959 to 25/4/1959

Number of Days 13

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services April/1958

Medical August/1857

Map Reference Milinch provisional army strat. Series Hood Bay, Marshall Lagoon. Kemp Welch and Oveau

Objects of Patrol Tax Collection, Census revision & routine administration.

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 ... £5-16-10

N.M.T.A.

Village Pop

Year..... 1959.....

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	Births		DEATHS													Females in Child Birth	
				0-1 Month		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13				
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Mamalo	15.4.59	2	2						1									
Kore	"	1	2					1									1	
Babagu	"	1	1								1					1		
Kwaibo	"	1						1		1	1					2	1	
Vanua Vamona	17.4.59	2	2														1	
Imairu	"	2	1					2	1							2	1	
Potuna	"	.	1					1								1		
Urigo	"	2	2															
Alepa	18/4/59	4	1					1	1								2	
Geregagea	"	3	4						1							2	1	
Bagugolo	20/4/59	2	1													2		
Molegolo	"	1						1	1									
Konako	21/4/59	2	1														2	1
Gorogoruna	"	1	1						1									
Dubanateboa	"	2	1															
Bagi Bogi	"	1															1	
Boligoro	"	1	1															
Keagolo	24/4/59	2	3			1										2	3	
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13th May, 1959.

Assistant District Officer,
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PATROL REPORT NO. 4/58-59 - CHIMD
D.L. SPEAKMAN

Your SO-1-2/36 of the 11/3/59 refers.

Mr. Speakman has done a good patrol and it is becoming apparent that the CHIMD people, because of their geographic and trading ties with the coastal people, will have to be considered as potential council members.

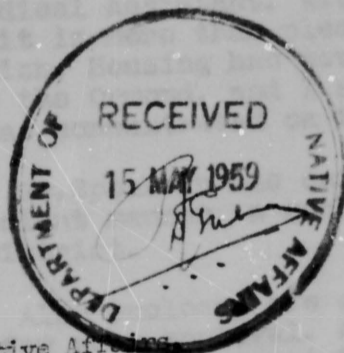
To me, it would appear that if the people desire a Council, all villages from FOUNDA west should be in the RIGO Council and all villages from AENA eastwards should be in the MARSHALL LAGOON Council. In considering this, I assume that the HILA group will ultimately be in the RIGO Council.

You will please let me have your views and advice if the people have themselves suggested a Council.

Please let me know the outcome of the establishment of the aid post.

I have referred the matter of rice mills to the District Agricultural Officer.

Enclosed please find camping allowance and boat claims.

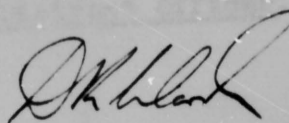


(D. R. MARSH)
ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER

MINUTE TO :

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

The attached report is of a routine nature and outstanding matters will be attended to locally.


(D. R. MARSH)
ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

File : N.A.30-1-2/36.

Sub-District Office,
RIGO:
Central District.

11th. May, 1959.

The District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESEY.

PATROL REPORT RIGO 4/58-59 - ORMOND.

Enclosed is the above mentioned report of a Patrol conducted by Mr.D.M.Speakman Patrol Officer to the ORMOND Census/Tax Division. A sketch map of the area patrolled is enclosed in the report.

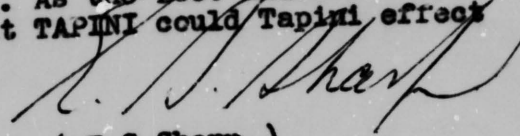
2. A satisfactory liason was established between the L.M.S. - Saroa, and this office regarding Education during the last year. It is pleasing to note that the Education facilities in this area have increased slightly. It is to be hoped that this improves over the next year, there being no reason why it should not providing the backing at present given is maintained.

3. Rice is taking an ever increasing place in the diet of the Rigo people. In accordance with economic progress in the Rigo Sub-District this division is next on the list for the introduction of Rice subsistence cropping. I notice that last year a request was made to D.A.S.F. for the supply of hand rice mills, however nothing has been heard since.

4. Health still remains a problem in this division, and it is hoped to be able to establish an Aid Post at LEBOGOLO in the near future. This post will then be able to serve the Ormond as well as the Maria division. Discussions to this effect have taken place between myself and the Medical Assistant. With poor health facilities available it is more than pleasing to note an increase in population. Housing has never ever been a pleasing feature of the Ormond, and I am glad to see that Mr. Speakman has concentrated on this item.

5. Mr.Speakman has carried out a routine patrol in an efficient manner, a good start to his term in the Rigo Sub-District.

6.. Also enclosed are claims for Camping and Boot allowance for your approval. As the Boot allowance claim covers Mr.Speakman's term at TAPINI could Tapini effect payment.


(E.S.Sharp.)
a/ Assistant District Officer.

Encl.

Sub District Office
RIGO C.D.

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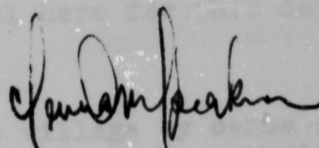
The Assistant District Officer,
RIGO.

In accordance with your instructions please find attached in triplicate patrol report 4/58-59 and accompanying map.

Also enclosed is my claim for Camping Allowance and a claim for Boot Allowance for the years 1957 and 1958.

Rigo Patrol Report. No. 4/58-59.

Patrol conducted by : D.M.SPEAKMAN P.O.
Area Patrolled : Ormond Census/Tax Division
Patrol accompanied by
Europeans : Nil
Natives : Police, 1 L/Cpl; 2 Const. 1 N.M.O.
Duration of Patrol : 13.4.59. to 25.4.59.
No. of Days. : Thirteen
Mode of Transport : Boat, canoe and foot.
Object of Patrol : Vide. N.A. 30-I-2/32.
Tax collection, census revision
and routine administration.
Appendicies : 'A' Report on Native Constabulary
Map reference ; Attached.


(David M. Speakman)
Patrol Officer.

PATROL REPORT.

INTRODUCTION.

Over the last few years the Inland Ormond Census Division has been visited frequently by Officers from the Departments of Native Affairs, Public Health and Agriculture.

No outstanding events have occurred in this area, all patrols being of a purely routine nature amongst a quiet and friendly people. This Patrol was no exception.

It is the only Rigo patrol undertaken in the wet season, as the area is well drained and affords dry walking conditions. However, this year excessive rains fell in March and April which caused the Kemp Welch and Ormond rivers to flood, hence areas of swamp were traversed at the commencement and towards the completion of the patrol. In fact I had to deviate from the usual route (see map) and go through Pailli plantation and Marshall Lagoon Patrol Post to get to Keagolo village, instead of going direct from Bagibogi. In this case the Ormond river was in full flood as heavy rain fell the day before I was due to cross it.

This was my first patrol in the Rigo Sub District, and although short I found it interesting and enjoyable. I was also pleased to have the opportunity of visiting the Marshall Lagoon Local Government Council headquarters and some villages to see for myself the work being done and its various functions. It is hoped that the Rigo Local Government will be Gazetted in the near future.

PATROL DIARY

Monday 13th. April, 1959.

Departed Rigo 0730 hrs. and boarded outboard motor powered canoe 0800 hrs. at Kapakapa. Proceeded to Hula village arriving midday. Hired co-op tractor, Hula village to Kalo village arriving 1400 hrs. Heavy rain and swollen river halted patrol here for this day.

Tuesday 14th. April, 1959.

Departed Kalo village by canoe at 0700 hrs. Left canoe and proceeded on foot through swamp to Kore village. Left Kore village for Kwaibo R/H. Track overgrown and a steep hot climb encountered. Arrived Kwaibo R/H 1300 hrs. Spent afternoon making rest house livable.

Wednesday 15th. April, 1959.

Conducted Tax/Census of Mamalo, Kwaibo, Babagu and Kore villages. Compilation of census figures and heard minor complaints.

Thursday 16th. April, 1959.

Departed Kwaibo R/H 0700 hrs. Hot walk over open undulating grass country to Imairu R/H. Passed through and Vanua Vamona village en route. Arrived Imairu

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R/H 1130 hrs. Inspected village, all in order, conducted routine administration afternoon.

Friday 17th. April, 1959.

Tax/Census Urigo, Vanua Vamona, Imairu and Potuna villages conducted. Compilation of census figures and inspected Urigo and Potuna villages.

Saturday 18th. April, 1959.

Departed Imairu R/H 0700 hrs. for Alepa village. Good track, easy walking with many creek crossings. Arrived Alepa R/H 1000 hrs. Conducted Tax/Census Alepa and Geregagae villages. Compiled statistics pm.

Sunday 19th. April, 1959.

Inspected Alepa village and gardens. Being S.D.A. followers the people agreed to carry to Bagugolo village. Departed Alepa R/H 1400 hrs arrived Bagugolo R/H 1700 hrs. Inspected Geregagae village en route.

Monday 20th. April, 1959.

Tax/Census Bagugolo and Molegoro villages, inspected villages and supervised completion of rest house and barracks. Left Molegoro R/H 1400 hrs. arrived Gorogoruna R/H 1600 hrs. Inspected Konako village en route. Good path easy walking.

Tuesday 21st. April, 1959.

Conducted Tax/Census of Konako, Gorogoruna and Dubanataboa villages. Compiled statistics. Departed Gorogoruna R/H 1400 arrived Bagibogi R/H 1600 hrs. Tax/Census of Bagibogi and Bolegoro villages. (Total population only 65 people.) Heavy rain this night.

Wednesday 22nd. April, 1959.

Departed Bagibogi R/H 0700 hrs. Arrived Ormond river 0800 hrs. after having passed through swamp 1-4ft. deep. The Ormond river being impassable the patrol headed Eastward towards Paili plantation. After a further four hours in swamp and teeming rain arrived at Paili at midday. Departed Paili 1400 hrs, and arrived at Marshall Lagoon Patrol Post at 1600 hrs.

Thursday 23rd, April, 1959.

Departed Marshall Lagoon by canoe and headed for Maopa village. Rough seas caused us to land at Paramana village and walk back along the beach to Maopa R/H. Heavy rain again acosted during afternoon and night.

Friday 24th. April, 1959.

Visited Keagolo village, conducted Tax/Census and routine administration, returning to Maopa village the same day. Travel by canoe on the Maurele river and a short walk to the village.

Saturday 25th. April, 1959.

Departed Maopa village 0900 hrs. and arrived Kapakapa wharf 1700 hrs. Travelled via M.V. Kulau this being the most practicable mode of transport, as carriers are hard to obtain in this area and the sea was too rough to attempt the trip on canoe. The Kulau was in the Aroma area collecting co-op copra. Departed Kapakapa 1730 hrs. arriving Rigo 1800 hrs.

Flag honours all camps.

END OF DIARY.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

Native Affairs.

The Native situation in this area has been previously described as satisfactory. This is quite true, the people are contented and peaceful, however the area is static in matters pertaining to economic and social development.

The communities, who are only just inland to their rapidly advancing contemporaries in the Marshal Lagoon Local Government Council, are content to remain in their traditional way of life. Although the area has little potential, suggestions as to improvement, development or advancement, are met with bland smiles more or less inferring that we are quite happy as we are.

The introduction of personal tax caused some considerable upheaval amongst these people. The taxable males in order to get money joined the labour market, and went to work at surrounding plantations and in Port Moresby. It can be seen in the section 'Census and Statistics' the large rise in absentees at work. Actually it is far too great, as insufficient numbers are left in the village to utilize the potential available for gaining money in things such as cash cropping and general trade with the coastal villages. The absence of the labour potential, in some villages, is disturbing as unnecessary hardships are being encountered by the remaining people.

There are six linguistic groups in this division namely the Kwaibo, Memeka, Alepa, Ganimarupu and Galirubu dialects. Friendly relationships and intermarriage between these groups is prevalent.

No anthropological data was collected this patrol.

Native complaints.

One Native was charged under section 84(2) of the Native Regulations Ordinance and sent to Rigo for court hearing. He was subsequently sentenced to 5 months I.E.L. at Rigo jail. A few minor disputes were adjudicated in various villages, the main complaint being pigs destroying fences and gardens.

Villages and Housing.

A contrast in living conditions was noticed within the area patrolled.

The semi coastal villages of Kore, Kwaibo group Molegolo and Bagugolo were most unsatisfactory. Housing was dilapidated, the village surroundings filthy and litter strewn. The rest houses inhabitable except for pigs and fowl which had apparently been housed there prior to the patrols arrival. In these villages orders were issued to the Village constables and Councillors to clean the villages, rebuild various houses, rest houses and barracks. The cleaning of Kwaibo village was personally supervised whilst at Bagugolo a rest house was rebuilt.

The semi inland villages, on the other hand, presented a pleasing disposition. Villages, housing and patrol paths were excellent, the rest houses comfortable and comparatively new.

Village Officials.

The overall standard of the Village constables and Village councillors was poor, few having an active influence in village affairs. The younger and more versatile men do not wish to be tied down in the village as an official, being able to leave the village as one wishes to find employment has far more glamour. The existing officials then are getting on in years and their sole visits to Rigo station per annum is to receive their pay, and their activities in the village is limited to the old mens house.

A councillor was appointed at Kore village, the previous appointee having discarded his badge and gone to Port Moresby to find work. Also a recommendation for the appointment of a Village constable was made at Dubanateboa village. This matter has been referred to the Assistant District Officer at Rigo.

Census and Statistics.

This year Kore village has been included in the Ormond patrol. Previously it was visited for Tax/Census purposes during the Koiari patrol, but having no affiliations with this area it has been excluded. See also Patrol instructions NA 30-I-2/32.

A total of 1610 people were recorded, this being an increase of 63 people since last census. That is a natural increase of 17 people as 46 are from Kore village. 10 villages have increased their numbers, 4 have decreased and 3 have remained static. Births (53) exceeded deaths (43) by 10.

A total of 134 males and 8 females are absent at work this census, this is an increase of 46 from last census, a rise of 30%.

The infant mortality rate is very low, however, I think the people did not report the children who were born and since deceased between census taking. In the 1-4 years age group 13 deaths were recorded, again an increase on previous figures. The main causes of death- all age groups- were. old age, malaria, influenza/pneumonia and snake bite in

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approximately that order.

Finance and Taxation.

i. Finance.

A cash advance of £50.0.0. was fully used for hire of canoes etc. and payment of carriers.

A total of £5-16-10 was paid from the Native Monies Trust Account.

No banking transactions or other collections were partaken.

ii. Taxation.

£174-0-0 personal tax was collected. Part exemptions were given to persons with numerous dependents. Total exemptions were given for impecunious old age, village officials and meritorious unavoidable hardship cases.

Ability to pay : In 1958 the tax assessment was £2, however the area has now been gazetted for £1. This is reasonable and the people can afford this amount without suffering any financial difficulties.

Attitude to payment : Taxation has been accepted by these people, and there is an understanding as to why the tax is being levied. There were no cases of reluctance to pay or any adverse talk as to its imposition.

In February this year, Alepa village was destroyed by fire. The villagers lost their possessions, houses and gardens in this tragedy. Accordingly a total tax exemption was given covering all eligible taxpayers in this village for the year 1959.

Trade and Commerce.

No co-operatives have been formed in the Ormond division, and there is little prospect for one being initiated during the coming year. Finance is earned mainly from the sale of labour and cash cropping on a small scale. Necessities such as clothing, tools and household equipment are purchased from trade and co-operative stores in the Marshall Lagoon local government council area.

HEALTH & MEDICAL MATTERS.

The patrol was accompanied by Native Medical Orderly Kotana, a native of Maopa village. I cannot speak too highly of his enthusiasm and the manner in which he approached his work. Although he has not had a great deal of experience or any advanced training he performed his medical duties satisfactorily. His local knowledge was of assistance to the patrol.

The health of these people was found to be below average. Numerous tropical ulcers, sores, scabies and grilles were treated. More serious cases were requested to report to Rigo hospital, and others to Hula or Maopa aid-posts.

There are no aid-posts in this division, and as distances to medical centres are great the people do not seek attention until a case becomes serious. At the time of writing this report very few of the people told to come to Rigo have done so.

One female death in childbirth was recorded, the child survived and is being cared for by the father. He received fresh milk from the S.D.A. mission, who in turn get it from Paili plantation.

The last medical patrol through the Ormond was in 1957 conducted by Mr. D.Natt EMA, who conducted the anti-yaws campaign, another patrol would not go amiss.

EDUCATION

The nearest Administration school is at Paramana village in the Marshall Lagoon local government council area, however no students from this area attend.

Education is gained through either the London Missionary Society or the Seven Day Adventist missions. L.M.S. village schools are at Kwaibo and Keogolo villages, whilst S.D.A. teachers are stationed at Urigo, Alepa and Dubanataboa villages. A total of 18 boys and 3 girls have graduated from these village schools and are in attendance at mission higher schools, the majority going to Bautama (Bootless Bay) S.D.A. high school.

MISSIONS & RELIGION.

The area is fairly evenly divided between the L.M.S. and S.D.A. missions. Adherence to the churches is confined mainly to the younger generation, the elders conforming only when it suits their ends.

A better and cleaner standard of living was noticed in villages supporting a mission teacher and relations between followers of each faith are quite friendly.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

No vehicular roads are contained within this division. The patrol route followed native paths, which were generally good. However, due to short notice of my arrival and the lack of labour in the villages some paths were overgrown but quite passable. Instructions were left with village officials to keep these tracks at least four feet wide, as the long grass harbours snakes which have caused numerous deaths recently.

Possible road routings were borne in mind throughout the patrol. An internal road system could be considered containing the semi inland villages, with a view to connect this system to X Lebugolo from Urigo. Lebugolo is the end of the road from the site of the Kemp Welch river bridge. The general topography is undulating grass foothills, well drained but therefore many culverts and creek crossings would be encountered. On leaving the semi inland belt, approaching the coast very flat country is encountered. The Kemp Welch and Ormond rivers drain into this area and flooding is not uncommon, it would not be possible to consider vehicular roads through this particular area.

No bridges or administration ferries are located in this area.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE.

An exceptionally high rainfall was recorded in March/April this year. As a result flooding has occurred on the coastal flats. Many native gardens have suffered, especially those adjacent to the larger streams.

Further inland, however, where the ground is more absorbant and better drained the rain has been beneficial. Prior to this wet season, near drought conditions existed and subsistant crops were declining. At present there is an abundance of foodstuffs and the patrol was well supplied with the following items :- Fruit ; Bananas (cooking and eating) Mango, pineapple, watermelon and citrus fruits. Vegetables :- Pumpkin, echallots, taro, sweet potato, yams, corn and tomatoes.

Cash cropping is slowly being introduced. In the past each village group had a weekly rendezvous place with a coastal village and exchanged vegetables ect. for sea foods. The latest trend is to plant extra gardens for this purpose and in addition to sea foods the people receive cash payments. The coastal people in turn sell this produce at Koki market.

This has been a natural process and as yet is in its infantcy, there are indications however that it will expand.

The semi inland area appears suitable for the introduction of peanuts, some have been grown successfully but they are not popular with the people. All prefer to grow bananas and other staples with which they are more intimate.

Rice has been tried previously (se Rigo P/R 5 57/58) but I saw no evidence of this during the patrol. As I am not conversant with rice production I cannot say whether suitable conditions prevail. Mr. J.Nitche the A.E.O. has visited this area recently and has probably investigated the matter thoroughly.

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Appendix 'A'

Report on members of the Native Constabulary.

One lance corporal and two constables accompanied the patrol.

L/Cpl. DURA. Reg. No. 1863.

A capable N.C.O. Performed his duties well. Conduct and bearing good.

Const. APURU Reg. No. 6066.

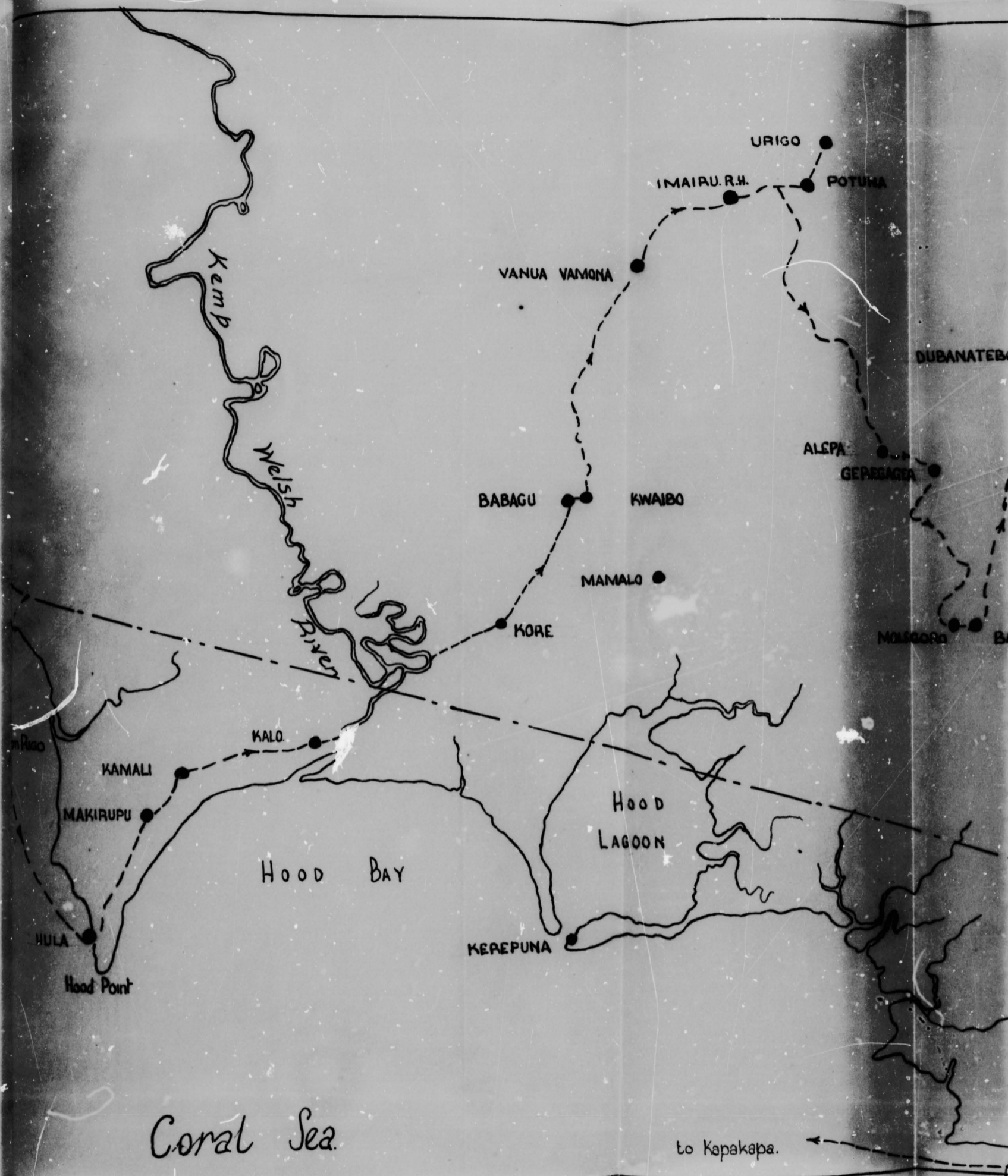
Conducted himself well but showed little initiative. Performed duties satisfactorily.

Const. IWAS. Reg No. 9173.

A vigorous policeman. Enthusiastic, a good patrol member. Conduct very good.

(David M. SPEAKMAN.)
Officer R.P. & N.G.C.

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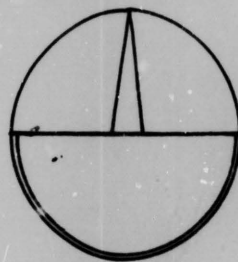
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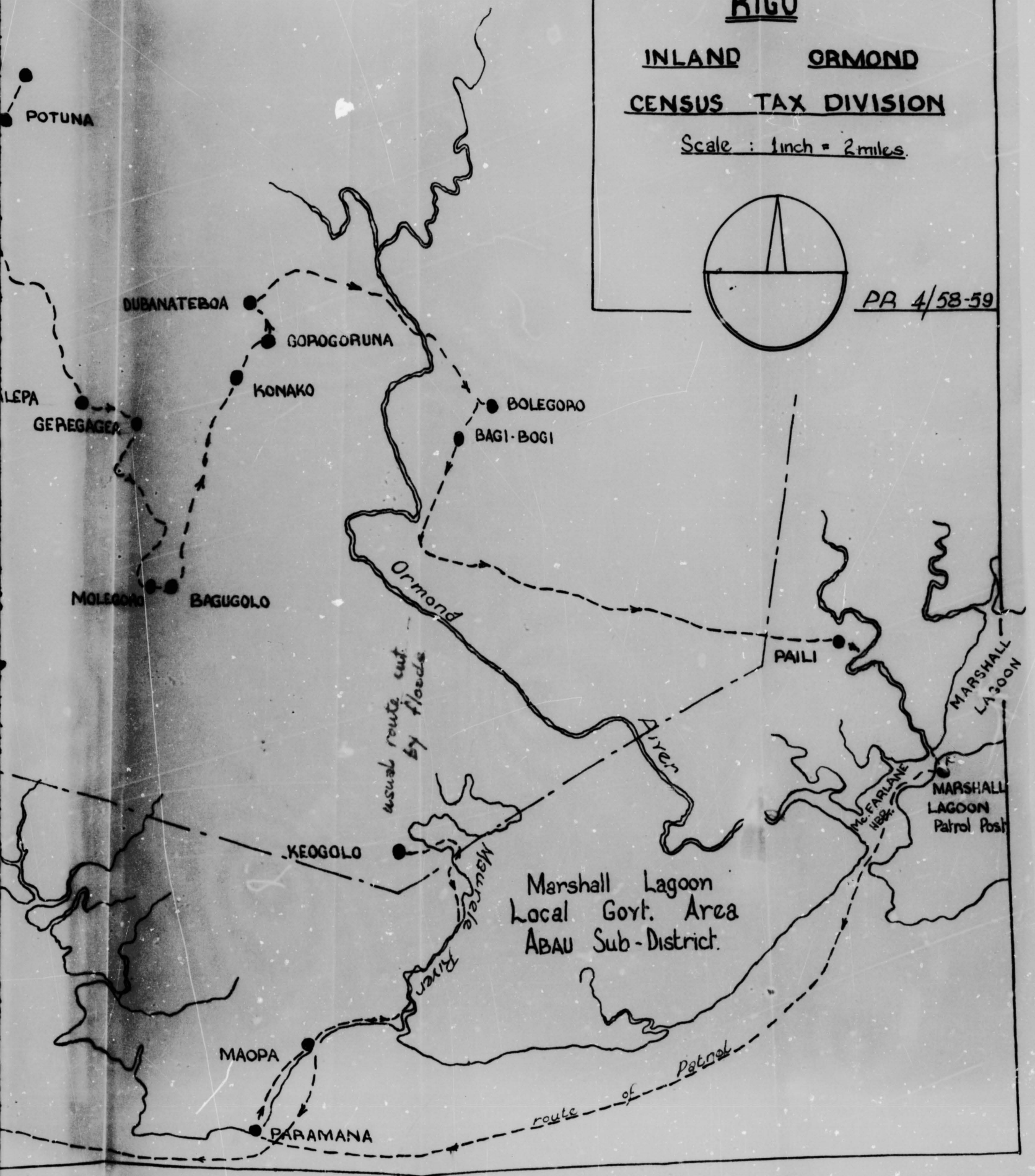
ORMOND

CENSUS TAX DIVISION

Scale : 1 inch = 2 miles.



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on Register

Area Patrolled... INLAND ORMOND

No.	ABSENT FROM VILLAGE								LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		Average Size of Family	TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL
	AT WORK				STUDENTS				Males		Females		Pregnant	Number of Child Bearing Age		Child		Adults		
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Central RIGO Report No. 5/58-59

Patrol Conducted by D.M. SPEAKMAN, P.O.

Area Patrolled MT. BROWN CENSUS/TAX CR9 DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 3 MEMBERS RP&NGC 1 NMO

Duration—From 25./5./1959 to 12./6./1959

Number of Days 19

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 6/1958

Medical 9/1958

Map Reference PT. MORESBY 4 MIL. PROVISIONAL STRAT. SERIES

Objects of Patrol TAX COLLECTION, CENSUS REVISION AND
ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ /19

District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £

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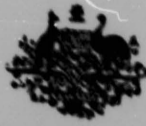
Village Popul

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BOLENOMU	"		1												1	1	
GANIGIU	"		1		1										2		
DIRIKOMANA	28-5-59	2				1			2						1		
GAIGORO	"					1											
MUIAMAGORO	"		3													1	
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of..... Report No.....

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Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From...../...../19.....to...../...../19.....

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../...../19.....

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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KARAIKOMANA	8-6-59	1	3														1		
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BOLAKOMANA	"	1	1																
NOGOMAKA	10-6-59	2	2													1			
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KORAKOMANA	"	2	1	1															
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10th July, 1959.

Assistant District Officer,
RIG.

PATROL REPORT NO. 5/58-59 - MR. D. M. SPEARMAN

A good routine patrol which gives a very clear picture of the coming awareness of these people.

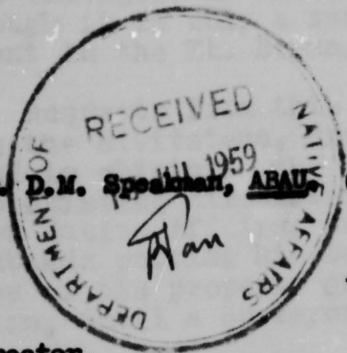
There does not appear to be much hope of a surveyor for the land dispute at present, and you should ask Mr. Rosser to forbear from any precipitous action with his bulldozer.

I am perturbed about the lack of support ^{for} the medical orderly. Please try and establish better relations between him and the people. Medical aid is basic if we wish to advance them.

The Agricultural Extension Officer will, I hope, take a very direct interest in the BOREGAINA leases. It is imperative that these people set a good example for other natives to follow in the future.

(D. R. MARSH)
DISTRICT OFFICER

c.c. Mr. D.M. Spearman, ABAU, (att).



MINUTE

10/7/59

FILE: RIG.P.R.NO. 5-58/59

✓ The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

For your information, please.

DR Marsh
(D. R. MARSH)
DISTRICT OFFICER

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NA: 30-1-2/40.

Sub-District Office,
R I G O.
Central District.

25th June, 1959.

The District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESEBY.

PATROL REPORT RIGO 5/58-59
- MR. BROWN.

Enclosed is the above mentioned report of a Patrol conducted by Mr. D.M. Speakman Patrol Officer to the Mt. Brown Census/Tax Division.

2. In my Annual Report of 1957-58 I made mention that owing to Agricultural frustrations etc. this Division could become a problematical one. It is pleasing to note in Mr. Patrol Officer Speakman's report that the effects of the introduction of rice, peanuts and produce sales have had an ameliorating effect and the area is once more in the satisfactory and happy state generally associated with the Mt. Brown people. With the commencement of the Kemp Welch River Bridge a greater impetus will be placed on roads which will enable these people to play a bigger part in the economy of Rigo.

3. The position in regards to the incorporation of Baukomana and Libunakomana into the Mt. Brown will be looked into during the next patrol of the Mt. Obree which is due to commence in July. Another pleasing feature is the housing position in the villages. Slowly but surely living conditions are being raised and it shouldn't be long before these people are enjoying comparable conditions of living with the lower Mt. Obree villages. An increase in population was again recorded and although it is only a small increase any increase is an achievement in the Mt. Brown.

4. Requests from this Office and from Mr. T.F. Rosser regarding the Sivatana, Sivigolo land dispute have not been successful in obtaining the services of a Surveyor. I feel that under the existing circumstances a Surveyor, rather than an Officer of Native Affairs, is required. I have heard that Mr. Rosser intends putting his Bulldozer to work clearing the boundaries of his property during July. I have advised against such action, until a Surveyor has located the boundaries.

5. The report has been well presented and all told Mr. Speakman has carried out a routine patrol in an efficient and capable manner. Camping Allowance Claim is attached, Mr. Speakman is proceeding to Abau and it would be appreciated if the approved claim could be forwarded to Abau.



(E.S. Sharp)
s/Assistant District Officer.

Territory of Papua and New Guinea.

Sub District Office
R I G O. C.D.

19th. June, 1959.

The Assistant District Officer,
RIGO.

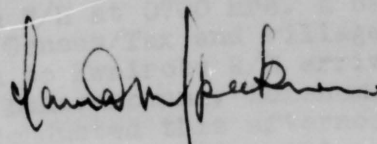
Patrol Report.

In accordance with your instructions please find attached in triplicate Patrol Report No. 5/58-59 and accompanying map.

Also enclosed is my claim for camping allowance covering the period I was absent on patrol.

Rigo Patrol Report. No.5/58-59.

Patrol conducted by : D.M. Speakman P.O.
Area patrolled : Mt. Brown Census/Tax Division
Patrol accompanied by
Europeans : Nil
Natives : Police, 1 L/Cpl; 2 Const. 1 NMO.
Duration of Patrol : 25.5.59 to 12.6.59.
Number of Days : Nineteen.
Mode of Transport : Lorry and foot.
Object of Patrol : Vide NA 30-I-2/37
Tax collection, census revision
and routine administration.
Appendices : Report on Native Constabulary.
Map reference : Attached.



(David M. SPEAKMAN)
Patrol Officer.

PATROL REPORT.

INTRODUCTION.

Prior to 1957 the Mt. Brown census division was visited only at infrequent intervals.. However, over the last three years the Departments of Native Affairs, Public Health and Agriculture Have conducted regular patrols.

The initial Census/Tax patrol was conducted in May-June 1958 by Mr. B. Anderson C.P.O. This patrol was then the second tax collection, and the people were fully prepared and conversant with the new procedure.

The Mt. Brown division is a fully inland area reaching into the ranges of the Owen Stanley mountains. It is the catchment area for the Ormond River, and walking conditions vary from slightly timbered foothills to heavily timbered mountain slopes.

The patrol was of a routine nature, the people friendly and co-operative, one Court for Native Matters was adjudicated and a few domestic disputes settled. Patrol roads and tracks were all found to be in good condition.

PATROL DIARY.

Monday 25th. May, 1959.

Departed Rigo station at 0800 hrs. by government vehicle. Crossed the Kemp Welch River by canoe near Sivigolo plantation and proceeded on foot to Sivitatana village arriving at noon.

Conducted Census/Tax of Sivitatana people and inspected village. Village clean and tidy, Rest House good but police barracks in poor condition. Light rain in evening, slept here this night.

Tuesday 26th. May 1959.

Departed Sivitatana R/H at 0700 hrs. Route ascended steeply to Mukunaroka village. Arrived R/H at 1030. Inspected village and gardens. Afternoon conducted census and collected tax. Heavy rain in evening, remained night at R/H.

Wednesday 27th. May, 1959.

Left Mukunaroka R/H at 0700 hrs. a hard 1 hr. 40 mins to Obakigolo village. Census/Tax and village inspection at Obakigolo conducted, then on to Kwairobu R/H arriving at 1130. Kwairobu is the R/H for Dakevakomana, Bolenomu and Ganigiu villages. Census/tax conducted this afternoon for these villages, and the latter two inspected. All satisfactory, no disputes a very pleasant spot.

Thursday 28th. May, 1959.

Departed Kwairobu R/H at 0730 hrs. passed through

and inspected Dakevakomana village, then on to Dirikomana village. Conducted Census/Tax of people in village then proceeded to Bobogoro R/H.

Afternoon conducted Census/Tax of Gaigoro, Mulamagoro and Bobogoro villages at R/H. Inspected village and Wige Aid-Post. All in good order, some minor disputes settled.

Friday 29th. May, 1959.

Left Bobogoro R/H at 0830 hrs, steep descent to river then vertically up to Onemagoro village arriving at 0930. Conducted Census/Tax of this small hamlet and departed at 1030. Deviated from patrol route to inspect Ioromakomana village, a poor track but the village compensated this. A relatively new village, very clean with excellent accommodation and surrounded by colorful flowers and shrubs. Another 1½ hrs. from here to Bumegolo R/H.

Census/Tax of Wibogoro, Aruo-Idu, Bumegolo, Ioromakomana, Uberegoro and Kemokomana villages conducted at Bumegolo R/H. Stayed here this night.

Saturday 30th. May, 1959.

Morning spent at Bumegolo R/H compiling census statistics. One court for Native Matters heard. Left Bumegolo R/H at 1330 hrs. for the Marounom group of villages. Passed through and inspected Senemaka village en route and arrived Marounom R/H at 1550 hrs. Slept.

Sunday 31st. May, 1959.

All Patrol rested at Marounom. Self, visited villages and gardens, all found to be in good order.

Monday 1st. June, 1959.

Census/Tax of Senemaka and Marounom group (Gorugoro, Karaiworo and Amuramu) conducted at R/H. Afternoon departed Homenomu, conducting Census/Tax at Iguaia village en route. Arrived Homenomu R/H at 1600 hrs. An excellent R/H just finished, stayed here this night.

Tuesday 2nd. June, 1959.

At Homenomu. Census/Tax of Gunaia, Homenomu, Sanoum and Mararoum No. I. P.m. compilation of statistics and routine administration. Villages inspected, accommodation poor standard yet clean and tidy. Slept at Homenomu.

Wednesday 3rd. June, 1959.

Left Homenomu R/H at 0730 hrs. for Airiauka village arriving at 0815. Village inspected and Census/Tax conducted of the Airiauka and Himai'ia peoples. Moved on to Bulidoburu R/H, a three hours walk on a steep track. Arrived Buridoburu, inspected village and garden sites. A few minor disputes settled. Heavy rain in evening, stayed here this night.

Thursday 4th. June, 1959.

At Bulidoburu R/H. Census/Tax of

Bulidoburu, Mararoum No.2 and Waburaika people. Compiled statistics and other routine administration conducted. Remained here this night.

Friday 5th. June, 1959.

Departed Bulidoburu R/H at 0800 hrs. Followed river for 2½ hrs. then sharp climb to Kaikonom village in the Mt. Obree census division. Changed carriers here then another 2½ hrs. over bad track to the Doroum group of villages. Arrived Amuraika R/H at 1420 hrs. Routine administration and remained here this night.

Saturday 6th. June, 1959.

At Amuraika R/H. Conducted Census/Tax of Aramaika, Taburaika and Amuraika people. Afternoon compiled census statistics and attended minor disputes. Rain in evening, slept here this night.

Sunday 7th. June, 1959.

Patrol rested at Amuraika R/H. Some gardens visited and village inspected by self. All found to be in good condition. Discussions with village officials.

Monday 8th. June, 1959.

Departed Amuraika R/H at 0800 hrs. arriving Karaikomana R/H at 1130. En route passed through Baukomana and Libunakomana villages and Boku mission (at present vacated). These people request to be included in the Mt. Brown patrol -see notes on Native Affairs. All villages inspected and found satisfactory.

Afternoon Census/Tax of Karaikomana and Gobukomana people. Some minor complaints attended to. Slept here this night.

Tuesday 9th. June, 1959.

Left Karaikomana R/H at 0800 hrs. Carriers went direct to Nogomaka R/H. N.M.O. and self went via the hamlets of Taitokomana, Koworokomana, Lautakomana, Gogorekomana and Bolokomana. Each village is very small, and within 20 minutes walk of each other. All hamlets in satisfactory order, Census/Tax conducted at each. Arrived Nogomaka R/H at 1500 hrs. Stayed here this night.

Wednesday 10th. June, 1959.

At Nogomaka R/H. Census/Tax of Nogomaka, Tuakomana and Korakomana villages conducted. Compilation of census statistics. Inspected villages and conducted routine administration. Slept here again this night.

Thursday 11th. June, 1959.

Departed Nogomaka R/H at 0700 hrs. arrived Wainomu village at 0800. Census/Tax conducted then on to Alebagiu R/H arriving at 1000. Census/Tax of Alebagiu and Gavagolo people. Departed at midday and arrived at Daroakamana village at 1430. A long hot walk through open grass hills. Compilation of census figures etc. Slept here this night. A new Rest House constructed here as well as many new houses in the village. Village Councillor told to go to Rigo for payment of R/H on completion of police quarters.

Friday 12th. June, 1959.

Census/Tax of Daroakomana people conducted. Left for Boregaina village arriving at 1030. Met Mr. J.Nitsche A.A.O. of Kapagere and Mr. F.Anderson C.P.O. here. A meeting of surrounding villages was held re the supply of foodstuffs for Port Moresby. Afternoon returned to Rigo by motor bike.

Flag honours all camps.

END OF DIARY.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

General.

Throughout this division it was pleasing to find the interest being taken by the people in all facets of administration. All matters pertaining to the Department of Native Affairs were found to be satisfactory.

The 'Mt. Brown' has been regarded in the past - and still is by some coastal villages- as an unintelligent and backward person from the bush. This however, is no longer true. The majority of the people have at some time worked and travelled around the Territory, and have brought back many ideas which they are putting to work in their 'bush' villages. I would like to make special mention of the various Mt. Brown village constables and councillors, who during 1957-58 officially toured the New Guinea highland areas to see various agricultural schemes functioning there. They have without exception gained much valuable knowledge, which they could have gained through no other medium. More important I think is that this group of people, who are more or less obliged to stay in their respective villages, are developing many garden plots with emphasis on coffee, peanuts and rice. New buildings and villages are being constructed and it was noted that many traditional methods are being discarded for more progressive ideas.

Naturally the people in the areas closer to the Kemp Welch River are progressing at a rate faster than that of the upper Mt. Brown region. The main reasons being plain, they are able to transport produce by road both in and out of the area, thereby having continual first-hand experiences in economical procedure and various developments. Boregaina village is included in the proposed Rigo Native Local Government Council, and from present indications the lower Mt. Brown can be considered as the next in line for future council expansion.

There are seven linguistic groups found in the division, and friendly relations and social intercourse exists between each dialect. No anthropological data not recorded previously was collected.

Native Complaints and Inquires.

Many requests for the issue of Special Arms Permits were made throughout the course of the patrol. Only four deserving cases were found, in each case a recommendation was made to the Assistant District Officer Rigo for the issue of same.

The Natives of Sivitatana village complained that Sivigolo plantation is encroaching on their property, removing timber and destroying gardens. This was investigated and it is doubtful that the complaint has any foundation. The matter is subject to previous correspondence which has not been finalized to date.

A number of domestic troubles were brought forward and invariably a peaceful solution was found and accepted by the people concerned.

One Court for Native Matters was conducted at Bumegolo rest house. A brawl involving three natives had occurred prior to my arrival at Mamatagoro village, the Village Constable subsequently laying the complaint. Two males were sentenced to three months and a third to two months IHL at Rigo Corrective Institution.

Villages and Housing.

Having been given over a weeks notice of my arrival, the villages and their surroundings were meticulously cleaned and in many cases decorated. The standard of accommodation within the villages was generally very good, and previous instructions by patrolling officers had been carried out fully.

Rest houses, with one exception at Buridoburu, were excellent. At Homenomu, Daroakomana and Nogomaka villages new rest houses have been constructed, a very creditable job by these people, especially Homenomu villagers who have erected probably the best rest house in the Sub-District. Unfortunately the same cannot be said for the police barracks, the comfort of the police and other patrol personnel is not considered. Requests were made in various villages to repair and reconstruct some of the existing barracks.

Amalgamation of smaller hamlets is progressing rapidly by natural processes. Karaiworo, Gorogoro and Amuraimu villages have joined to form Marounom village; Taburoika, Amuraika and Amaraika hamlets have joined to form Amuraika (or Doroum) village. In the latter case the people have requested the census books be recorded into one book and a Village Constable elected for the village. There are now 156 people in the village and no V.C. At present the village is under the control of the Efaika V.C. from the Mt. Obree census division.

Representations were made by the people of the villages of Baukomana and Libunakomana, who are at present in the Mt. Obree census division, to be included in the Mt. Brown census division. The reasons being (i) They are closely affiliated with Gobukomana, Karaikonana and other Mt. Brown villages. (ii) the present system requires two rest houses within half an hour walking time of each other, whilst one would suffice if these villages were included. (iii) The route of the Mt. Brown patrol at present goes through these two cases. (vi) The people desire the change and say it would alleviate road clearing and carrying for themselves, also it would make the Mt. Obree patrol route shorter.

Village Officials.

A responsible and hardworking man, is typical of comments recorded of a Mt. Brown village official. All village Constables are conducting their duties well and councillors

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controlling the hamlets are reliable. Only one incident of a councillor being absent was noticed, usually they joined the patrol the day before its arrival at their village and followed on for the next day or two.

As mentioned previously, a lot of village officials are at present using ideas they gained from their visit to New Guinea, many queries were received as to the chances of another tour.

A recommendation was made for the appointment of a Village Constable at Amuraika village, the matter has been referred to the Assistant District Officer at Rigo.

Census and Statistics.

This year Boragaina village was excluded, and the census figures not taken. This village will be included in the Rigo Native Local Government Council which should be started shortly, hence census and tax collection has been deferred until the council is functioning.

A total of 3015 people were recorded, this being a natural increase of 40 persons since last census. 24 villages increased their numbers, 15 decreased whilst 9 remained static. Births (105) exceeded deaths (56) by 49. As can be seen there is an overall upward trend in population.

A total of 375 men and 45 women are absent from the area at work. This is a rise of over 50 since last year. For males the percentage of the labour potential absent is 44%, a rather high number. However, as many are working at various plantations on the Kemp Welch River, they visit their villages regularly during the course of a year.

The Infant Mortality rate as far as can be ascertained of this area is 11%. This is a decrease from previous figures, however it is likely that some children who were born and since deceased between census taking were not recorded.

TAXATION and FINANCE.

Taxation.

The Mt. Brown area has been divided into the Upper and Lower regions, the tax recommendations for 1959 was £1 and £2 respectively. It was found that £2 was too much for the people in most villages, and many part exemptions were issued. The taxable males remaining in the villages, are usually village officials, elderly or supporters of large families, that is people who have very little income. The younger men with no obligations go to work and can well afford £2.

A total of £326-10-0 personal tax was collected and a total of 260 exemptions (Part and Total) issued. Total exemptions were given for impecunious old age, village officials and the permanently unfit. Part exemptions were given for meritorious cases of unavoidable hardship and guardians of large families.

Attitude to payment: Taxation has been accepted by these people, and there is an understanding as to why the tax is being levied. There were no cases of reluctance to pay or any adverse talk as to its imposition.

Finance.

A cash advance of £40-0-0. was taken for patrol expenses. £37-2-0. was squitted by voucher and the remaining cash returned.

A total of £24-16-8 was paid from the Native Monies Trust Account. No banking transacticns or other collections were partaken,

TRADE and COMMERSE.

The Sinagoro co-operative society is opperating in parts of the lower Mt. Brown region. Mr. M.Keary made investigations in the Boragaina area in April this year for the commencement of a new society. There are indications that co-operative movemants will spread further inland in the near future

Finance is earned mainly from the sale of labour and cash cropping. Necessities such as clothing, tools and household equipment are purchases from trade and co-operative stores in the Rigo area.

HEALTH and MEDICAL MATTERS.

The patrol was accompanied by Native Medical Orderly Jack Boiga, a native from Bobogoro village. At all times he conducted himself well and did a sterling job. He has had considerable experience and his local knowledge was of assistance to the patrol.

In the lower Mt. Brown the health of the people was generally good. However, in the upper regions this was not so. Numerous people were treated and many told to report to Wiga and Boragaina Aid-Posts or to Rigo hospital. Tropical ulcers, septic sores, goitre, lacerations and tinea imbricator were prevelant.

The ECHO6 virus has raged through the area, returning labour and the close proximity of Port Moresby gave them little protection from the sickness. A few cases of whooping cough were reported.

Aid-Posts are situated at Boregaina, Wiga (Bobogoro) and Marounom villages. The Boregaina post is functioning well. The same cannot be said of the other two. At Wigo the NMO has many complaints. Firstly he does not not like the area and secondly the people are not co-operating with him. The villagers have not organized trips to Rigo for medical supplies or rations for quite a long time. This is the reason that the Morounom Aid-Post was closed down earlier this year.

At both Bobogoro and Marounom villages, meetings were held of all the people and discussions held re the upkeep of these Aid-Posts. It was agreed that the people want and need the posts and in return they are willing to loan land to the orderly to grow food, and make monthly trips to Rigo for medical supplies.

MISSIONS.

The London Missionary Society is the only active mission in the Mt. Brown division. Most villages have at least one representative and a mission teacher (usually a coastal man) at each school. Most people take an active interest in the mission and church attendance is regular.

EDUCATION.

No Government schools have been opened here. There is a move afoot to establish one at Boragaina, and when started many children would attend from the Mt. Brown division.

L.M.S. schools are situated at the following villages :- Boragaina, Sivitatana, Bobogoro, Dakevakomana, Marounom, Homenomu, Bulidoburu, Eraika, Libunakomana and Nogomaka. On attaining standard II at one of these schools the pupil either continues at a mission higher school in Port Moresby or the Government intermediate school at Rigo.

It was pleasing to note the large percentage of children at village schools and also the numbers continuing on to higher standards.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE.

Mr. J. Nitsche the Assistant Agricultural Officer of Kapergere, patrolled the Mt. Brown division a week or so ahead of my patrol. His report will be submitted shortly.

From my own observations I found evidence of a growing interest by these people towards crop production. Many villages have garden plots exclusively for rice, coffee and peanuts, after harvesting the produce is being taken to the Agricultural station for various processes. In most villages the A.A.O's instructions and suggestions are being carried out fully.

There has been an abundance of foodstuffs this year, and the patrol was well supplied with the following items :- Sweet potatoes, tomatoes, yams taro, eschallots, bananas, pineapple, paw-paw, oranges, mandarins, lemons and other seasonal crops.

A co-operative movement is being formed in the lower Mt. Brown to supply Port Moresby with a quantity of fruit and vegetables. The scheme is at present being instituted by the A.A.O. and Mr. F. Anderson CPO.

At Boku village a number of rubber trees were planted some years ago. The people have been given the necessary tools for tapping and a market for latex has been offered by Gobaragere plantation. Most of the people have had plenty of experience with rubber tapping, yet they have done absolutely nothing towards commencement of production. The people were told that there is money to be made here for the minimum of effort.

Generally speaking I think the Mt. Brown area has considerable agricultural potential, and with continued supervision and encouragement the people could become large producers with an aim to supply coastal areas with vegetables and fruit.

ROADS and BRIDGES

At present the only road in this division is from Kapergere Agricultural station to Boragaina village, and in part to Daroakomana village.

The patrol route follows native tracks, usually straight lines between villages, hence most walking is up and down steep grades. With one or two exceptions the patrol tracks were well kept and afforded good walking conditions for the nature of the country traversed.

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(Roads and bridges cont.)

Future road routings will not be an easy job, as creeks and large streams drain the area. The only bridges at the moment are native structures which disappear downstream each flood.

APPENDIX 'A'

Report on members of the Native Constabulary.

One Lance Corporal and two Constables accompanied the patrol.

Reg. No. 5129 L/Cpl. BAGANI.

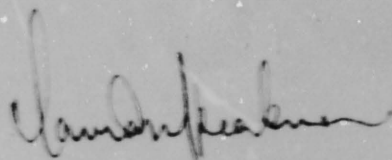
Conducted his duties well. A satisfactory N.C.O., conduct and bearing good.

Reg. No. 8021 Const. KELEMU.

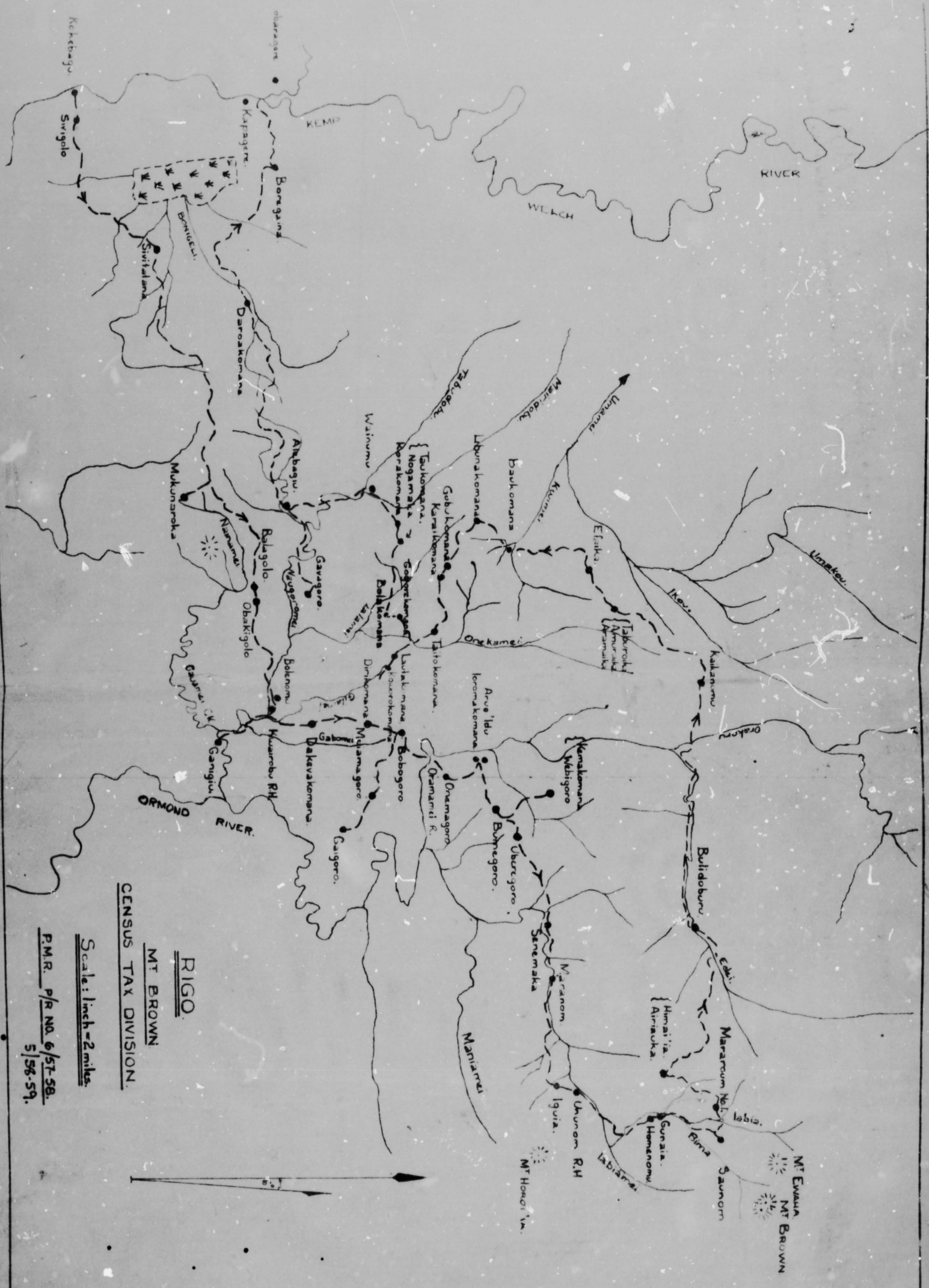
Not impressive, but carried out all allotted duties. Conduct good.

Reg. No. 9915 Const. BENIAS.

A real asset to the patrol. Always enthusiastic and capable. Conduct and Bearing excellent.



(David M. Speakman)
Patrol Officer.



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Area Patrolled MT. BROWN. CR9.

Out	ABSENT FROM VILLAGE								LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		Average Size of Family	TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL
	AT WORK				STUDENTS				Males		Females		Pregnant	Number Child Bearing AGO		Child		Adults		
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Area Patrolled MT. BROWN CRQ

Hire of Canoes	Amount Returned to Store	ABSENT FROM VILLAGE																				GRAND TOTAL
		AT WORK				STUDENTS				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		Average Size of Family	TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)					
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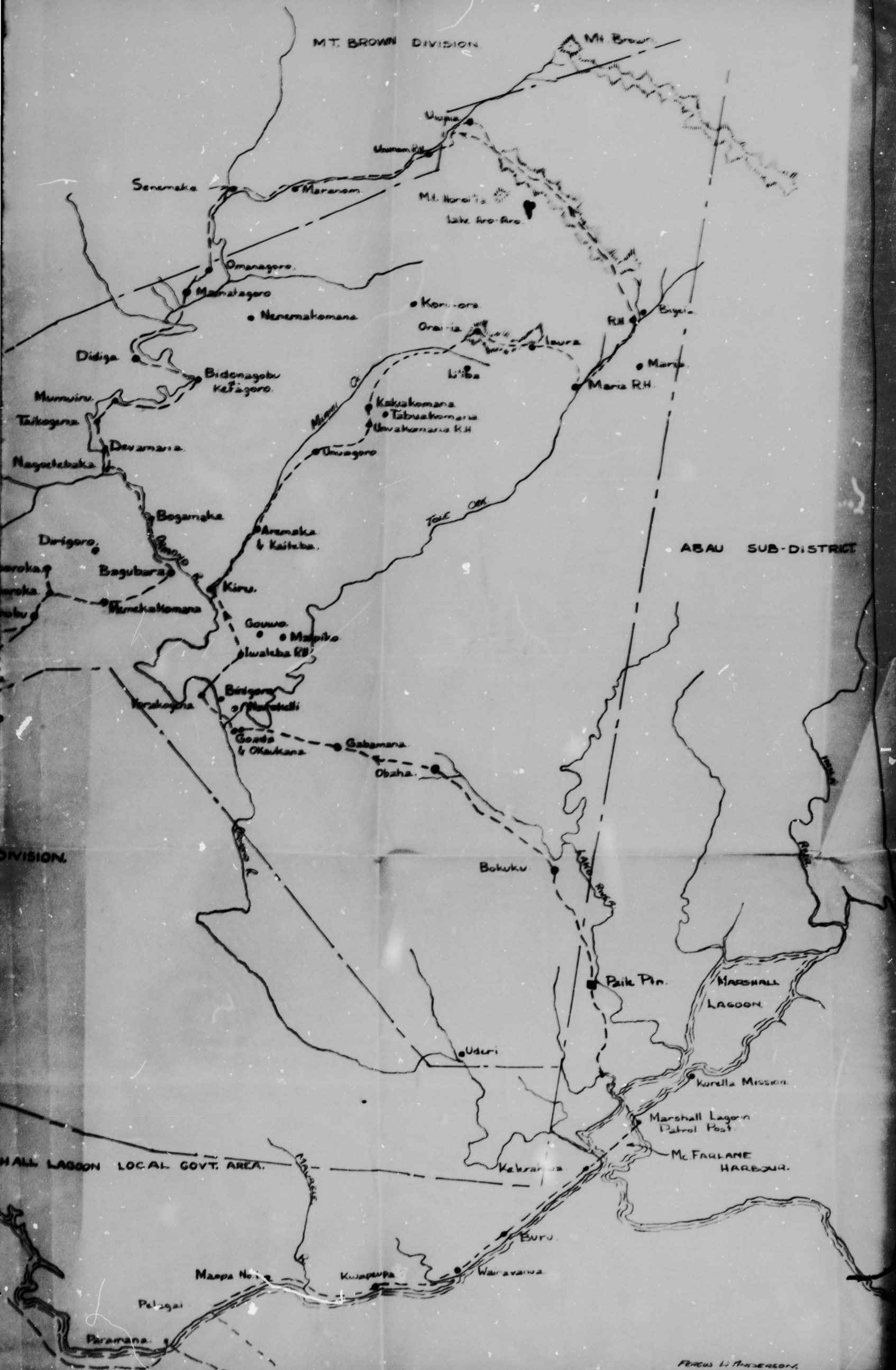
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