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KEREMA SUBDISTRICT

PATROL REPORTS:

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ANGAU  
PORT MORESBY  
24 Sept '45.

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DO KAIRUKU.

P/R KER. NO.1. of 45/46 - LT ROBSON. PO.

Receipt of the a/m report is acknowledged.

2. Remarks by ADO have been noted.

*B. Champion*

Major.  
ADDS & NA.

Copy to: HQ (CA)  
" ADO KEREM. ✓

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AGO's Office,  
MIRAMU,  
LAKEMANU Dist.  
7 Aug 45.

DO LAKEMANU Dist.,  
KAIKORU.

NEW MA Patrol Report 1 - 45/46 by Lieut. Robson, A.L.

Enclosed please find, in triplicate, the above Patrol Report.

2. P. 2 POPO-KOVIO road:- In the days before the Pacific War this was the most used road. KOVIO natives used to raft down to POPO and then walk down to Lees or go down to the river mouth in a village canoe. It is true some of them used to raft down to Novlave, but these were few. Ferryman were placed at both places. I should say that the POPO-KOVIO route would be the better, as it is much shorter and the river does not flow as fast. KOVIO can be reached in two days from POPO whereas, as in this case it took five days. The natives' excuse that the river was too low, is far-fetched, as it is easier to go up the Kepuri when it is low than when it is in flood. Further, POPO people have a section of the road to clean (i.e. the road from the landing to KAWPA Village) and this may be one of the reasons why they may not be so willing to take a Patrol that way.

KOVIO - Administration:- According to the boundaries this area is in the Miramau Sub-district, but it is easier to administer from Kerena, and this has been the case for years past.

3. NATIVE LABOUR RECRUIT:- With the 86 natives from IOKKA and OIAPU we have completed the request for recruits by DO. The other recruits were required here to bring the BFO strength up to 300. Since the patrol more labour are required for BFO, this time to bring up the strength to 250. These will be recruited this month.

4. VILLAGE CONSTABLES:- Recommendations for the dismissal of MAITSEA and the engagement of KAIRI, have already gone forward.

5. P. 4 KOVIO Ferry:- The position will be gone into, and any recommendations made at a later date.

6. STEALING:- For some time past there has been friction between the Mission teacher (IRIARA) at KOVIO and the Vil. Const. In 1941 IRIARA was warned by Mr. R.A. Vivian, R.M. IRIARA is an old member of the R.F.C. and was dismissed for assaulting an Officer. I am of the opinion that IRIARA tries to lord it over the inland KOVIO people, who make KIAPAS, and which, I have no doubt, the teacher buys all of these and sells them to the coastal villages.

7. NEW MARKKA Village:- This village has been established for many years. From evidence I have been able to get here, it was well established in 1935. I intend to do a patrol down that way this coming week, and will report in full.

AUSSEMIAN ETHNOLOGICAL NOTES

LAIKORAU DISTRICT HQ  
KAIKORAU  
27 Aug 45

File 30/2 - 023

HQ SOUTHERN REGION  
ANNAI

ETHNOLOGICAL REPORT No 1/45-46 - Lt NELSON A.L. P.O.

Above report by Lt NELSON A.L. attached in duplicate. One of 7 Aug 45 from ADO KIRIWA also enclosed.

2. ANTHROPOLOGY. Vide last page of report. The WIRE dance to be held next Xmas at HOU HOU is a very interesting revival of a custom, which to my mind most unfortunately had been allowed by the natives to lapse. I hope a report of its performance may be forthcoming in due course.

*W.H.H. Johnson*

Major DO

(W.H.H. JOHNSON)  
DO LAIKORAU DISTRICT

Copy ADO KIRIWA ✓

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8. P.S. HAVI Village:- Like MA'AKA, this village has been established for years, and was included in the previous Census as a village.
9. WAIRO MOKIHI:- The 'WAIRO' should be very interesting, and every effort will be made to attend same, and reports will be written. This dance is similar to the 'WIVAKIHI' west of here.
10. MOKIHI:- The U.S.A. teacher's wife is a trained nurse having had her training in Honolulu. The good work she is doing in the village is greatly appreciated. The U.S.A. will be going into the ~~XXXX~~ area, and will be able to judge the work and report accordingly.
11. WAIRO MOKIHI:- WAIRO MOKIHI of WAIRO is a very good boy, and as Lieut. Robson has said, is comparable with WIVAKIHI. However, as a result of some 3000 of 18 Jan 55 from H. . . . I am unable to engage him in the capacity of Interpreter. Should permission be granted, I will endeavour to engage him as an Interpreter.
12. A good routine Patrol which has covered a lot of country. All matters appear to be in good order, and this is most encouraging.

*H. Atkinson*  
(H. S. Atkinson)  
ADJ. KIRIMA.  
Capt.

Signal - 20/1  
Company Office,  
L. M. DIST.,  
5 Jul 48.

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L. M. DIST.,  
L. M. DIST.

Signal No. 20 1 - 28/48.

Please make arrangements to leave here on Monday 9 Jul 48 on a Patrol to the Eastern Boundary.

3. The following work will be carried out:-
  - (a). Recruiting of 80 natives for M. Area - as per Signal 20430. It will be preferable to recruit these from the M. Area. Recruited natives are to be sent to M. Area for signing on.
  - (b). In other villages warn the natives that they will be recruited in the near future, and to hold themselves in readiness.
  - (c). Inspect all villages and houses.
  - (d). Inspect gardens and go into the M. Area generally.
  - (e). Take a Census of M. Area Villages.
  - (f). Visit M. Area and M. Area areas. To get to the latter you can either go up the M. Area R. from M. Area or also up the M. Area R. from M. Area. Whichever you do, send word ahead to M. Area to have the roads in good order. This sets up the rivers will give you a better opportunity to observe more gardens.
  - (g). Settle minor land problems. (There are some in the M. Area).
  - (h). Hold M. Area, where necessary and send prisoners together with the relevant papers in hand. Mil. Consts. can be used as escort.
  - (i). Pay out M. Area M. Area money where possible. Mil. Consts. have to come in to the station to get their pay.
  - (j). Spread the news contained in para 10/1-021 from the M. Area the success of M. Area, P. I. B.
  - (k). Arrest deserters where possible. List of outstanding deserters can be obtained from the records here.
4. You will be advised which Consts. are to accompany you.
5. Make arrangements with the M. Area for an M. Area to accompany you on this patrol.
6. Arrange for your own stores with M. Area.

*R. H. Kinson*  
Capt.  
(R. H. Kinson)  
L. M. DIST.

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PATROL REPORT:

NO. 1/45 - 46.

PERSONNEL:

KEREMA: SUB - DISTRICT.

Lt. A.L. ROBSON.

Reg. No.	1227	Const.	HAVAKIA	GAIAOALIA
" "	1270	"	SARI	SAUNGOI
" "	1025	"	TURIAI	LELE
" "	2066	"	OVI'I	KAINI
" "	3680	"	SAMABO	KANOMO
HMO "	177.A		KAIRORI	MEREA
INTERPRETER:			SACRI	MITAPAIVA
COOK BOY:			ARGARI	POPORO

PREVIOUS PATROL REPORT: ( KEREMA - LELEFIU - MOVIAMI ) SPECIAL REPORT:  
 ( KEREMA - POPO - BINA - GIAPU ) NO. 8/44 - 45

LAST PATROL TO AREA BY: Capt. K.C. ATKINSON. A.D.O. SPECIAL REPORT:  
 ( 9.6.45. to 12.6.45. )  
 Lt. A.L. ROBSON. P.O. NO. 8/44 - 45  
 (14.3.45. to 22.4.45. )

PATROL MAP: NOT SUBMITTED:  
REF. WAU SERIES STRAT MAP: 1,253,440. 4 MILE-1"

OBJECT: ROUTINE PATROL:  
 (A) TO RECRUIT 25 MALE NATIVES FOR KAINUKU - SIGNAL DS.439.  
 (B) TO TAKE A CENSUS OF HEATOARE VILLAGE - MOVIAMI.  
 (C) TO SPREAD NEWS OF SUCCESS OF 'A' COMPANY - P.I.B.  
 (D) INSPECT ALL VILLAGES, HOUSES, GARDENS ETC;  
 (E) HOLD C.H.M. - SETTLE LOCAL DISPUTES - LAND PROBLEMS.  
 (F) PAYMENT OF WEL & IN MONIES - N/L: DESERTERS & QUERIES.

DURATION: 9th. JULY, 1945. to 31st. JULY, 1945.

ROUTE TRAVERSED: KEREMA thence by beach to GIAPU, returning to KAPURI, by canoe to POPO, KAPURI by beach to MINIVASI, by canoe to KOVIC returning to TERAPO, MOVIAMI, by canoe to KUKUPI, LELEFIU thence returning along beach to KEREMA.

CARRIERS: AVERAGE NO: TWENTY FOUR.

COST OF PATROL: TOBACCO EXPENDED: ISSUES: GRATUITIES: CARRIERS: FOOD:  
 ONE CADDY:

*A.L. Robson* Lt.  
 A.L. ROBSON. P.O. KEREMA

DIARY:MONDAY: 9.7.45.

Obtained from IPISI and KARAITA village twenty eight carriers, departing from KEREMA 0900 hrs., reaching CUPOLA RUBBER ESTATE (CUPOLA RIDGE) at 0950 hrs., 1245 hrs., continued along ridge and descended to the beach at 1430 hrs., SILO 1530 hrs., JAWAI 1630 hrs., KARAMA 1740 hrs. Stayed night.

TUESDAY: 10.7.45.

KARAMA: Departed 0815 hrs., ELANVO 0950 hrs., KOANU 1050 hrs., KOANU Mission (LMS) 1040 hrs., LALAFINU 1100 hrs. Had lunch and continued 1245 hrs., HANUHAMU 1400 hrs., TAVAFINU 1430 hr., KUKIPI rest house (KAILAPI river - SPE'MARAKA Point) 1600 hrs. Stayed night. Met Mr. C. Higginson (Trader KUKIPI) and arranged that on my return I would call and collect monies (2.250..) for onward transmission to ANS PUB through KEREMA Office.

Adjoining the rest house and Mr. C. Higginson's property there is a village called SPE'MARAKA, which has been the subject of many orders made by visiting officers. (see - Villages - Housing) On the seaward side of this village and stretching towards KUKIPI, the sand has built up forming an excellent emergency strip, the KUKIPI people keeping the shrubs and grass cut and on my visit I found it in good order.

WEDNESDAY: 11.7.45.

KUKIPI REST HOUSE: Departed 0745 hrs., KUKIPI 0835 hrs., ISAPRAPE 0930 hrs., UNITAI 1030 hrs. Here I met the Rev. and Mrs. H.A. Brown (LMS BORU) enroute to their station at EDARU. At the invitation of the V/Const., and V/Councillors we inspected the ornaments being constructed for a dance to be held at Xmas. (see - Anthropological) Continued 1130 hrs., MIRIVASI 1215 hrs., lunch. Since my last visit (P.R. K. 8/44 - 45) there has been a big improvement to the housing of the villages of LALAPIPI and MIRIVASI. (see - Villages - Housing) Continued crossing the LAKEKAMU river to LALAPIPI 1335 hrs., ILAVA 1545 hrs., (see - Villages - Housing) LESI 1700 hrs. Stayed night.

THURSDAY: 12.7.45.

LESI: C.N.M. Departed 0900 hrs., MIARU 1000 hrs., investigated local disputes. Continued 1200 hrs., MORISIRAI 1300 hrs., IOKNA 1400 hrs. Stayed night. Since my last visit to this village the rest house has been rebuilt. (see - Housing)

FRIDAY: 13.7.45.

IOKNA: Departed 0800 hrs., MOBU (LMS station) 0830 hrs., SAROTA 0945 hrs., LAUILAVA 1050 hrs., LAUOVO 1055 hrs., MORIO (rest house) 1115 hrs. Recruited twenty two of the twenty five recruits (SAROTA - LOVE area) required by the B.O. KAIRUKU.

SATURDAY: 14.7.45.

MORIO; (CIAFU) Departed 0800 hrs., LOVE 0820 hrs. Inspected fire precautions (cutting of grass etc;) that I had instructed the V/Const., to have executed around the P.A.P. buildings at CIAFU. Returned to MORIO 0910 hrs. Held C.N.M. and settled minor local disputes. Departed 1145 hrs., SAROTA 1300 hrs., IOKNA 1430 hrs. Recruited remainder of natives required for KAIRUKU and arranged for their onward movement. Stayed night.

SUNDAY: 15.7.45.

IOKNA: Despatched recruits under escort to KAIRUKU. Held C.N.M. and adjusted minor disputes. Departed 1430 hrs., MORISIRAI 1530 hrs., MIARU 1630 hrs., LESI 1750 hrs. Stayed night.

MONDAY: 16.7.45.

LESI: RAINING: Departed 0830 hrs., by canoe reaching ILAVA

MONDAY: 16.7.45. (cont.)

0930 hrs., by canoe upstream ITAVORI river, 1045 hrs., by pathway reaching KAPURI river bank at 1100 hrs., continued upstream KAPURI river to KAISAVA 1300 hrs. Lunch, continuing 1400 hrs., reaching POPO rest house at 1430 hrs. Stayed night. Adjusting local disputes. On inquiries being made as to the condition of the POPO - KOVIC route, I was informed that owing to the river being low it would be better for my party to go to KOVIC via the LAKEKAMU river. It appears that the KOVIC people no longer use this route or avail themselves of the canoe ferry stationed here. (see - General)

TUESDAY: 17.7.45.

POPO: (MIKAPIRU) Departed downstream by canoe 0900 hrs., LULUARO 0915 hrs., KAISAVA 0950 hrs., KAPURI (POPO village beach shelter) 1245 hrs., LALAPIPI 1400 hrs., MIRIVASI 1410 hrs. Raining, stayed night.

WEDNESDAY: 18.7.45.

MIRIVASI: Departed 0800 hrs., upstream LAKEKAMU river per canoe reaching TERAPO (ARMY CAMP) 1145 hrs., lunch and continued upstream 1230 hrs., camping at garden house on river bank at 1700 hrs.

THURSDAY: 19.7.45.

LAKEKAMU RIVER CAMP: Departed upstream 0730 hrs., lunch 1230 hrs., continued 1300 hrs., camped on river bank at 1700 hrs.

FRIDAY: 20.7.45.

LAKEKAMU RIVER CAMP: Departed upstream 0630 hrs., KOMU (ANGAU N/L CAMP) 0930 hrs., continued 1100 hrs., leaving canoes at river bank at 1200 hrs., continued 1230 hrs., by pathway to KAVA 1430 hrs. This village of ten houses is used by the KOVIC people as a garden village and a stopping place en-route KOVIC - LAKEKAMU river.

SATURDAY: 21.7.45.

KAVA: Departed 0800 hrs., reaching KAMPAN (KOVIC) rest house at 1200 hrs. This village is comprised of eighteen houses and was found to be clean and tidy. In the past and even now there is friction between the Village people and the Mission teacher, who was absent when I made my visit. The source of the trouble appears to be petty thieving which the village people stoutly denied. The V/Const., controls two villages KAMPAN and KAPUI which is situated in the KUNIMAIPA. When Lt. BERGIN visited this area (approx. 19 months ago) a suggestion was made that KAPUI (of nine houses) move over and join KAMPAN as one village, but to the present the village people have not decided whether they will move. These people speak a type of MEKIO dialect and I am of the opinion that they should come within the area of the LAKEKAMU District, similar to BINA and APANAIFI.

SUNDAY: 22.7.45.

KAMPAN: Departed 0745 hrs., KAVA 1145 hrs., continued 1300 hrs., reaching LAKEKAMU river bank at 1500 hrs., by canoe downstream to KOMU 1530 hrs. Stayed night.

MONDAY: 23.7.45.

KOMU: Departed 0800 hrs., downstream reaching TERAPO 1415 hrs., MOVIAMI 1600 hrs. Stayed night.

TUESDAY: 24.7.45. to

THURSDAY: 26.7.45.

MOVIAMI: Census of HEATOARE called and re-compiled, population 484.

FRIDAY: 27.7.45.

MOVIAMI: Morning: C.N.M.

FRIDAY: 27.7.45 (cont.)

Afternoon: Departed 1430 hrs., per canoe visiting SAVAIVINI and TAPALA, returning to MOVIAMI 1830 hrs.

FALU (LMS SAMOAN TEACHER) continues to do good work at the First Aid Post (LMS) at MOVIAMI. (see - Medical)

SATURDAY: 28.7.45.

MOVIAMI: Departed 0800 hrs., per canoe to KAILAPI 0930 hrs., KUKIPI (LPE MARAKKA) 0950 hrs., continued 1100 hrs., TAVAFI 1145 hrs., HAMUHAMU 1240 hrs., LLELEFI 1345 hrs. Stayed night.

At LLELEFI a new V/Constable was appointed to replace the former V/Const. who was dismissed by the ADC. (see - Village Officials)

SUNDAY: 29.7.45.

LLELEFI: Local disputes and recruiting (HAMUHAMU - TAVAFI-KUKIPI) of fourteen natives for RPO Plantation quota.

MONDAY: 30.7.45.

LLELEFI: Departed 0815 hrs., KOANU 0900 hrs., KALAVO 0930 hrs., KARAKA 1100 hrs., continued 1150 hrs., UAMAI 1250 hrs., continued 1310 hrs., SILO 1400 hrs. Awaiting tide to recede, continued 1545 hrs., CUPOLA ESTATE 1800 hrs. Stayed night.

TUESDAY: 31.7.45.

CUPOLA: Departed 0900 hrs., KEREMA 0945 hrs., reported to ADC and dismissed R.P.C.

GENERAL

PATROL: KAI: 24/44 - 45. (13.6.45 - 23.6.45)

By: Major .H.H. THOMPSON - District Officer:

18.6.45 to 21.6.45.

All coastal villages KEREMA to GIAPU were visited by the District Officer Major .H.H. THOMPSON en route KAIRUKU, who reported favourably on their cleanliness and good order.

NATIVE LABOUR RECRUITS:

Thirty nine male natives were recruited on this patrol to fill outstanding N/L requirements.

CENSUS STATISTICS: HEATOGA VILLAGE (MOVIAMI)

<u>M/ADULTS:</u>	<u>F/ADULTS:</u>	<u>M/CHILD:</u>	<u>F/CHILD:</u>	<u>I/L:</u>	<u>A/E:</u>	<u>TOTAL POPULATION:</u>
114	136	102	93	39	(-6)	- 484

NEWS OF SUCCESS OF 'A' COMPANY - P.I.B.

This news coincided with native mail from members of the abovementioned company. It was received with interest and enthusiasm by the natives of the MOTU MOTU - MOVIAMI area, where many of 'A' company were recruited from.

Sister TASCALL (R.C. MISSION) at TERAPO in the course of the curriculum taught at the school made each pupil an essay write to their friends in the P.I.B.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS:VILLAGE CONSTABLES:

At LELEFIRU a new man KAIRU - HOI was appointed V/Const., to replace the former V/Const., MAITAIISA who had been dismissed in JUNE, 45, by the A.B.C.

VILLAGE COUNSELLERS:

No new appointments were made on this patrol, although there were requests for medals (P.B. KEREMA 8/44 - 45) which we so far are unable to provide.

FOOD SITUATION:

In all villages inquiries were made, food was available in sufficient quantities. All gardens inspected were bearing well.

LAW & JUSTICE:

C.M.M. was held at various places throughout the patrol, but nothing of a serious nature was brought to my notice.

KOVIO GENERAL:FERRYMAN: POPO - KOVIO

The KOVIO people on being asked why they no longer used the ferry service between POPO and their village, replied as their Government was at KEREMA they found the LAKEKANI river route the best.

They suggested that the ferrymen be changed to MOVIAMI as they do not possess any canoes, having to obtain a loan of them from the MOVIAMI people.

If they desire to go to KAIRUKU they can go by road (unused) which I believe was constructed at about the outbreak of the war by the Oil Company or via LAKEKANI river thence by beach.

STEALING:

As it was my first trip to KOVIO and I had not come in contact with either the V/Const., or the mission teacher (similar trouble according to V/C's Register - teacher warned by D.O. re giving orders) I am not in the position to say as to if there was any truth in the so called charge, but from what I observed trading of (KIARA's) string bags and jealousy appeared to be the main trouble. The mission teacher did not avail himself of the opportunity of reporting and bringing his case to me at MOVIAMI, so all I can conclude that it was unfounded.

HOUSING:REST HOUSES:

Three new rest houses have been completed at UAWAI, SAVAIVINI and IOKRA, the latter being outstanding and I am of the opinion that it is the best in the district.

VILLAGE HOUSING:ETE'NARAKA: (KUKUPI POINT)

There have been many orders issued re the housing in this area and since my last visit they have all moved together adjoining MR. C. HIGGINSON's property and made a village consisting of sixteen houses of a good type. A school is in the course of construction and I am given to understand that approx. 40 pupils attend for schooling from KAILAPI and the surrounding area.

I am of the opinion that the village of ETE'NARAKA should be allowed to remain as the natives there are of assistance to all travellers.

VILLAGE HOUSING: (cont.)

for canoes, sa fiers or for discharging of cargo or loading copra.

MIRIVASI - LALAFIPI:

These two villages have almost completed their re-building and the natives living at PAING creek have returned to their parent villages.

ILAVA: (XAVORA)

This village is in a similar position to NPE'BARAKA and is comprised of eighteen houses now in the course of construction and of a good type.

I am of the opinion that they should be allowed to remain, there being a school and also they are a help to travellers between MIRIVASI and LESI.

ANTHROPOLOGICAL:

At NOTU NOTU I was shown the ornaments (head gear) being constructed for the ceremony of SEVESI to be used in the dance (IVONI) to be held at Xasa.

They claim they have moderated portion of the ceremony and that it has not been held at their village since 1919. All the surrounding villages have been invited and are busy preparing for same.

It is the intention of the V/Const. and Councillors to invite all Europeans in the district to witness the staging of this ceremony.

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*A. L. Robson* Lt.  
A. L. ROBSON. (P.O.) KASIMA:



P. R. RER. 1/45 - 46.

REPORT ON R.P.C. ACCOMPANYING PATROL:

I have to report on the native members of the R.P.C. that accompanied this patrol as follows;

APPENDIX: A:

P. R. RER. 1/45 - 46.

M E D I C A L

MOVIAMI: (L.M.S - SAMOAN TEACHER - FALU)

In the MOVIAMI area the rate of infection seems particularly high, why I don't know but I think due to flies.

FALU informed me that he had after deducting cures for the month of JUNE a 116 out patients and his JULY figures were 241 less 90 cures.

He is having difficulty in obtaining sufficient supplies of drugs and bandages owing to short stocks.

He has managed to keep the dysentery under control, there being only three patients left from the JUNE outbreak and these are isolated. With the population (HEAVALA 930 - HEATOARE 484) of 1414. living in such close confinement I am of the opinion that he has done very well.

KOARU & MORU:

Patients were forwarded to KOARU and MORU, (whichever was closest to the native's village) and from my observations these First Aid Post's were being well conducted.

REPORT ON NMO accompanying PATROL:

NMO: No. 177 A. KAISOKE IERTA:

I found this NMO keen, willing and helpful on this patrol.

With further training he should be an acquisition to the medical service

A. L. ROBSON. Lt.  
P. O. KANAKA:

REPORT ON R. P. C. ACCOMPANYING PATROL:

I have to report on the native members of the R. P. C. that accompanied this patrol as follows:

<u>NO:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>CONDUCT:</u>	<u>ABILITY:</u>
Reg. No. 1227	Const. HAVAKIA CALAGALA	GOOD	GOOD

This constable accompanied me on P. R. KER. 9/44 - 45., and as usual I found him willing and helpful.

<u>NO:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>CONDUCT:</u>	<u>ABILITY:</u>
Reg. No. 1270	Const. ZARI BAUNGOI	GOOD	GOOD

I found this constable willing and helpful on this patrol.

<u>NO:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>CONDUCT:</u>	<u>ABILITY:</u>
Reg. No. 1025	Const. TURLAI LEELE	GOOD	GOOD

This constable was the only one of the party that knew the KOVIO area having being previously stationed at EULDOG. I found him very helpful.

<u>NO:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>CONDUCT:</u>	<u>ABILITY:</u>
Reg. No. 2066	Const. OVI'I KAIBI	GOOD	FAIR

This constable has only recently been transferred to this station. He is of a quiet type, but should be alright when he has become acquainted with the area. He is due for leave shortly.

<u>NO:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>CONDUCT:</u>	<u>ABILITY:</u>
Reg. No. 2680	Const. SAMABO KAROMO	GOOD	FAIR

This constable has only recently been transferred to this station. He was only with the patrol for a short period, but I found his work satisfactory.

INTERPRETERSAORI MITAPAIWA: UAMAI VILLAGE:

This native accompanied me P. R. KER. 8/44 - 45. as interpreter. He was formerly employed by the Government and MR. M. BAKER (dead) and consequently he is somewhat similar to KIVAVIA WARA (Interpreter KEREMA) who is a source of local knowledge.

He lives at a village east of the station and is usually taken with all patrols east of KEREMA.

Kerema, Gulf District

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Capt. Atkinson A.D.O.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

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HOBART,  
TASMANIAN DIST.  
12 Oct 45.

D.O. LINDSAY DIST.,  
HOBART

MINORS P/A No. 2 of 45/46  
WATER, TASMANIAN - ADG.

Ref. memo 50/3/43-5020 of 20 Sep 45 from HQMF.

2. Compensation was made at the rate of 8/6 per pulp, the price usually used when buying land before the Pacific War.

*B. C.*

(E.C. Atkinson)  
A.D.O. HOBART.

Capt.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

CE/HJK.

*Kerema*

30/3/46.

HQ  
SOUTHERN REGION  
ANGAU  
PORT MORESBY  
20 Sept '45.

Ref. No.

6820

DO KAIRUKU.

KEREMA P/R NO. 2. of 45/46.

CAPT ATKINSON - ADO.

Receipt of the a/m report is acknowledged.

2. Page 2: Compensation for these palms seems to <sup>be</sup> rather inadequate.

*V. Champion*

Major.  
ADDS & NA.

Copy: HQ ANGAU (CA)  
" ADO KEREMA.

*Wm  
2394*

ADC  
Kerema.

Please see above. Ref para 2 your  
comments required.

*Wm D.O.*  
Major D.O.  
24.9.45

ABERDEEN DEPARTMENT

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LABORATORY DEPARTMENT HQ  
KAMPONG  
27 Aug 45

PLD 50/3 - 004

REPORT

PATROL REPORT NO 8/45-46 - CAMP ABERDEEN I.C.O. A.D.O.

Above report compiled by above Officer attached in duplicate.

I have no comments to offer.

*W.H.H. Thompson*

Major DO  
(W.H.H. THOMPSON)  
DO LABORATORY DEPARTMENT

CO. V AB. KENYA ✓

PATROL REPORT FORM.

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PATROL REPORT NO:- WIR 2 - 45/46.

NAME OF AREA:

CAPT. R.C. WINSTON, A.S.C.

TO:

OROKO.

PURPOSE OF

1. Inspection of villages etc.
2. Taking Inventory estate Late Mr Coghill.

DATE LEFT KIRORI:

Friday 26 Jun 45.

DATE RETURNED KIRORI:

Thursday 26 Jul 45.

NUMBER PERSONNEL BY:

- (a) Europeans Nil.
- (b) Native personnel - 120 - 130 &
- (c) Carriers:- Average 10 village H  
ives.
- (d) OTHERS:- 1 Interpreter; domestic  
& N.S.C.

COST OF PATROL:-

- Rations - European - 1 for 7 days.
- Native - 1 drum rice.
- 21 lbs meat.
- Tp. Tobacco- 1 lb rations.
- 3 lbs. carrier
- 1 lb P.M.F.

VESSEL USED:

Station Whalerboat.

MAP REFERENCE:

KIRORI-SAU Series 4 mile Strat.

LAST PATROL TO AREA:-

18 Jun 45 to 26 Jun 45.

BY:

LIEUT. ROBERT, A.I. Patrol Officer

D.O. WAKIKAWU Dist.,  
KAIRUHI.

Above Patrol Report forwarded in triplicate.

*R. C. Winston*

(R.C. Winston)  
ADO KIRORI

Capt.

Friday 20 Jul 45:- Accompanied by Ser. No. 986 L/Cpl. MANAI; Ser. No. 713 Const. KALANU; Ser. No. 3886 Const. BY SI and Ser. No. 3924 Const. YCBA; Interpreter KIVAVIA; N. C. SAVINA and personal boy, left station at 0900 hrs per station XXXXX whaleboat and crossed to VARIPI. Met by carriers and tied up gear. Proceeded shortly after and arrived HUIVA Plantation at 1300 hrs. Proceeded 1500 hrs and arrived KUNU Rest House about half an hour later. Camped.

Saturday 21 Jul 45:- Departed 0700 hrs, and arrived VAILALA East at 1100 hrs. Lunched and then proceeded to ABA Rest House. Camped.

Sunday 22 Jul 45:- Rain in the morning. Departed 0800 hrs and arrived OROKORO Rest House about 1200 hrs. Camped. Afternoon taken up with listening to minor complaints, all of which were settled out of court.

Monday 23 Jul 45:- Held C.N.M. all morning. Const. BY SI despatched to PANIPOKO to arrest the Village Constable of that village. Departed 1400 hrs and proceeded to VA VISA Plantation via coastal villages. Arrived 1630 hrs. Camped. Heavy rain in afternoon.

Tuesday 24 Jul 45:- Very heavy rain in morning. Departed 0900 hrs per canoe to HAINA Plantation. Some people from IUNI and LPOKWA Villages present with complaints. Settled minor problems and told the others to come to Belepa. S/Cpl. MANAI reported very sick and he was carried. Arrived Belepa 1200 hrs. Camped. Afternoon spent in trying C.N.M. cases.

Wednesday 25 Jul 45:- Heavy rain in morning. Departed 0900 hrs. and proceeded to the coast at KOLALANU via villages. Turned west and proceeded to KUNU Rest House, arriving about 1300 hrs. Camped. The afternoon was spent in C.N.M. Late in the evening the people were medically inspected.

Thursday 26 Jul 45:- Departed 0700 hrs. and arrived HUIVA about 30 minutes later. L/Cpl. MANAI sent straight into the station. At HUIVA held C.N.M. Departed 1200 hrs and arrived VARIPI 1530 hrs. The station whaleboat was waiting. Crossed to station, arriving 1630 hrs. Sgt. Bush reported 'all well.'

GENERAL REMARKS.

ROADS:- All were found to be in good order, though very muddy after the recent heavy rains. The PAKOWABU-VAIVIRI road had been drained. I enquired about shovels etc. It was found out that the village people had three shovels, three spades and three mattocks. No one could tell me what had happened to the shovels etc. that had been loaned to them in 1940 or 1941. The Manager, Vaiviri Plantation, had loaned the people one shovel and one mattock to do the work.

The BUREKA-KIALANU road was very clean. In some places the drains are filling up and it is anticipated that a Patrol will be going into the area in the near future to fix up the road properly, and put in permanent bridges. After this has been done it will rest with the village people to keep the drains and bridges in good order.

VILLAGES:- All were found to be in good order. In some cases houses were ordered to be rebuilt or repaired, as occasion demanded. In the cases where orders were given for the houses to be rebuilt it was found that, in most cases, the owner had already started to rebuild.

Near KIALANU Village, there are some break-aways. These had already been ordered to return to the main village and the construction of the houses had already been commenced.

VARIPI Village is being washed away. In the past three years the beach has receded some 200 yards, and where the Rest House was in 1941 is now deep water. As a result of this washing away, the village is now moving to ards BAYOI Village, on the point opposite Kerema Station. I saw the Village people and told them that I will go across and lay out a village for them as soon as they tell me that they have cleared a new area.

The Vailala East Vil. Const. (Sgt. Const. ZANI) complained that the people would not clear the village - as he had ordered them to do



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so. There were seven said offenders and these were dealt with in the C.M.C. It is pointed out that these people have given similar trouble in the past.

BEST HOUSES:- Though some are of very poor construction, all were found to be in good condition. The best best house seen was at ONKOKO, and this is going to be quoted as an example for the building of future rest houses. At ANAVA recent rains and heavy winds blew down the Rest House - a comparatively recent structure.

Vil. Constables:- All were found to be very helpful. Vil. Const. ARAPE at ANAVA is still in office and will remain until such times as a better man can be found. Vil. Const. ANAVA of PAIVERA was sentenced to six months C.M.C. for indecent assault, and his dismissal will be recommended.

Vil. Councillors:- Some were most useful, but others were found to be very poor. There are still some very young men holding rank but I did not have older men elected as in most cases all the people were not present to conduct the election. This matter will be born in mind and attended to at an early date.

LAND PROBLEM - IOKU AND PAIVERA Villagers:- Ref. report of this by Lieut. Robson in His P/R Ker. 11 - 44/45. This Land Dispute has been brought up before, and settled amicably. The land is owned by the PAIVERA people and the coastal people at IOKU are encroaching. The former ruling was that the IOKU people could make gardens on that land provided they first asked the PAIVERA people and did not destroy sago or coconut palms. In the latest dispute, the IOKU people did not ask permission. PAIVERA let that go, and said that IOKU should give some of the produce to the PAIVERA people in payment. Further, when the garden was finished, IOKU and PAIVERA should join to make a very large garden. This excellent idea was turned down by the IOKU people who say they want the land. Orders were given for the payment of 10/- for the destruction of two coconut and 2 sago trees and the people were reminded of the previous ruling.

ESTATE DATE H. COGHILL OF ONKOKO:- A special report will be submitted about this.

C.M.C. CASES:- In all 24 cases were tried. It was noticed that the number of juvenile cases are on the increase. At ONKOKO four boys were convicted and ordered to be strapped for stealing. At Belepa a case was brought before me, but I did not try this as one of the party was absent. This was a case where a boy aged about 14 (from a pearance -c) indecently assaulted a girl about the same age. Before the case is heard, the respective ages will be locked up in the census book.

I was sorry that I was unable to spend more time in the villages, as I feel that I was getting the confidence of the natives. Many small matters were brought before me for discussion, some having been burning fire for 12 months. The reason why I was unable to spend more time was the fact that it was getting near the end of the month and I was desirous of getting back to the station in order to complete correspondence etc. before the end of the month. Further, prior to my going on Patrol, signals were being received requiring immediate action and, in consequence, it was thought that it would be better to return as soon as possible.

GA DENS:- Owing to the work entailed in holding C.M.C. and listening to complaints I did not have time to see any gardens. Judging by the food brought in for sale, there is no shortage.

*E. S. Atkinson*  
E. S. Atkinson  
Capt.

REPORT ON N.C.O. ACCOMPANYING THE PATROL.

Reg. No. 986 L/Cpl. MANAI:- A good N.C.O. on patrol. Is energetic and willing. Unfortunately he was taken sick half way through the Patrol and had to be carried back to the station.

Reg. No. 713 Const. GAGANU:- An old hand, and very useful on Patrols.

Reg. No. 3860 Const. MVUSI:- New and inexperienced. Present indications are that he will take a long time to learn.

Reg. No. 3924 Const. YOBA:- Another young Const. Inexperienced but is learning quickly. With proper training should make a very good Const., and, perhaps, N.C.O.

*K. C. Atkinson*

(K. C. Atkinson)  
N.C.O. KUREMA

Capt.

Kerema, Gulf District

3 of 45/46

K.C. Atkinson A.D.O.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE.

Ref. 30/1  
A.D.C.'s Office,  
KERIMA,  
LAKEBAH DIST.  
11 Oct 45.

10 D.O. LAKEBAH Dist,  
KAIRUHI.

KERIMA P/R No. 3. of 45/46-  
CAPT. K.G. ATKINSON - ADC.

Ref. memo 30/3/52 - 6803 of 10 Sep 45.

2. Para. 2i:- W.C.I Arup had intended to do a copra Patrol to the NOVIAVE area and when he heard that I was going, asked if he could come with me as far as NOVIAVE. Permission was granted.
3. Para. 3i:- The owner of the land at MIRIV SI does not want the land for use immediately. The rent is 60 per house, and there are 5 houses on the man's land. In my report I forgot to say that this man is part owner of the land, the other man being willing to allow the people to build, and wanted no rent. Under the circumstances the rate of 60 per house was considered sufficient.
4. Para 4i:- Remarks noted.

*K.G.*  
(K.G. Atkinson)  
ADC KERIMA.

Capt.

CC/HJW.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

30/3/52.

HQ  
Southern Region,  
ANGAU,  
PORT MORESBY,  
10 Sept '45.

Ref. No.

DO KAIRUKU.

KEREMA P/R NO.3. of 45/46-  
CAPT K C ATKINSON - ADC.

Receipt of the a/m Report is acknowledged.

2. What was the reason for WO Arup accompanying this patrol.
3. Page 2 - MIRIVASI: If this native wants his land for gardening the owners of these houses should re-build on other land at once. It would appear that the owner of the land had very little option but to accept the meagre rental of 6d per annum.
4. Page 5 - Village Plantations: The shipping position in Moresby is quite hopeless and the chances of lifting the native copra are not bright. However the matter will be referred to P.C.B.
5. Regional Commander comments: "A useful patrol".

*B. Champion*

Major.  
ADDS & NA.

Copy: ADO KEREMA.  
HQ ANGAU (CA)

REPORT OF THE PATROL  
OFFICER  
30 AUG 49

File 30/3 - 330

IN CONNECTION WITH  
ARMY

PATROL REPORT NO. 30/49-49 - CAPT K.C. ALLEN, A.D.O.

Herewith report of above patrol by a/n Officer.

Page 4. VILLAGE GUARDIAN. The identification of the young man goes on, it was a great mistake to cover either man under 30 years of age to act.

Page 5. CO RA BUREAU. Will we get better boat transport I cannot imagine how we can hope to shift this native case. I think the matter deserves very careful consideration from the native's point of view. In that any policy being proposed please.

out patrol.

I think an interesting report of a well carried

*W.H.H. Jhafer*

MAJOR D.  
(W.H.H. JHAFAER)  
DD LACHTA U RESERVE

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ABERDEEN MILITARY FORCE

REPORT No: - 221 3 - 45/46.

REPORT OF PATROL ON:

OPERATIONS IN THE WESTERN DISTRICTS.

PURPOSE OF:

GENERAL INSPECTIONS.

DATE LEFT AREA:

9 AUG 45.

DATE RETURNED AREA:

19 AUG 45.

PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY:

Europeans:- P.174 W.O. H. Matthews, R.N.  
 Native Personnel: 120 - 4  
 Carriers:- Average 20 villages  
 natives.  
 Others:- Interpreter; 3 N.C.s; 3  
 Personal Boys.

COST OF PATROL:-

Rations:- European - 3 For 11 days  
 Native - 1 day's rations.  
 12 lbs meat per day.  
 12 lbs fish.  
 TOBACCO - Rations 3 lbs  
 6 lbs per 6 lbs  
 7 lbs.  
 Cash for carriers:- 22.7.0

VESSEL USED:

NIL.

MAP REFERENCE:

W.D. Series 4 mile Strat.  
 (No map submitted).

LAST PATROL TO AREA:-

Lieut. Gibson, R.N. (2/4 Mer.  
 1 - 45/46)  
 9 Jul 45 to 31 Jul 45.

DIARY OF P.174.

Thursday 9 Aug 45:- Accompanied by P.174 W.O. H. Matthews, R.N. I.M.S. Kerema, and taking with me Reg. No. 1856 Const. UMBAI; Reg. No. 1874 Const. UMBAI; Reg. No. 2034 Const. YOMA; Interpreter UMBAI; two N.C.s and two personal boys departed Kerema 0830 hrs. Arrived UMBAI estate 35 minutes later. Sent carriers ahead and W.O. Matthews and self called on W.O. I Arup who was going to accompany me on this patrol. Departed 1100 hrs and arrived UMBI 1300 hrs. Lunched. Changed carriers and departed an hour later. Arrived UMBI 1600 hrs. Camped.

Friday 10 Aug 45:- Departed 0700 hrs to KOKAI. Called on Rev. and Mrs. Brown of KOKAI while carriers went on to LAI PIPI. Europeans arrived LAI PIPI 1000 hrs. Lunched and then boarded canoe. W.O. I Arup went to Maviave while W.O. Matthews and I continued to MIVAVI. Arrived 1600 hrs and camped.

Saturday 11 Aug 45:- Departed 0700 hrs and proceeded to MIVAVI via LAI PIPI, arriving MIVAVI 1100 hrs. Lunched and then continued to IOMBA arriving 1600 hrs. Camped. Held C.M.

Sunday 12 Aug 45:- Departed 0800 hrs and proceeded to the GIAPU rest house at MOKO which was reached at 1000 hrs. Camped. The remainder of the day was spent in inspecting villages and natives, and also listening to minor complaints made by the villagers. All the complaints were settled out of Court.

Monday 13 Aug 45:- Departed 0700 hrs and returned to MIVAVI. All inspections were completed and Patrol then proceeded to IOMBA. Again inspections were carried out. Lunched and then proceeded to MIVAVI arriving 1600 hrs. Camped. Inspections etc.

Tuesday 14 Aug 45:- Departed 0700 hrs and arrived LAI PIPI on hour later. Carried out inspections etc. and then proceeded to LAI PIPI on the LAI PIPI river. Held inspections and then proceeded to UMBAI via

THURSDAY, August 14. In the afternoon half inspections and listened to complaints. Also received from Kerema of expected capitulation of Japan.

FRIDAY 15 AUG 44:- Departed 0800 hrs and proceeded up-stream to KAVIWA (KAVIWA & KAVIWA) arriving two hours later. Remainder of the day spent in the same as listening to and settling minor complaints.

THURSDAY 16 AUG 44:- Inspections etc. in the morning. At 1100 hrs the Army arrived from KAVIWA, and the three Europeans went to THEBO Mission, returning at 1000 hrs. Completed work.

FRIDAY 17 AUG 44:- Departed 0800 hrs. Went gear to KAVIWA while Europeans went to KAVIWA and then to KAVIWA. Arrived KAVIWA 1200 hrs. Lunched and departed for KAVIWA at 1500 hrs. Arrived KAVIWA an hour later. Received a letter from Kerema telling of the end of the war. Also received official signal re Victory celebrations, and decided to curtail patrol so as not to be caught at KAVIWA. Inspections etc.

SAUNDAY 18 AUG 44:- Departed 0700 hrs per canoe and crossed to KAVIWA. Inspected that village and KAVIWA and then went to KAVIWA where similar inspections were carried out. Continued at KAVIWA, via KAVIWA Mission, arriving 1150 hrs. Inspections etc. Lunched and then left KAVIWA before departing for KAVIWA which was reached at 1500 hrs. Sent carriers on ahead to KAVIWA. Held inspections etc and then went on to KAVIWA and so to KAVIWA. KAVIWA rest house reached at 1800 hrs. In both KAVIWA and KAVIWA inspections were held. Camped.

SUNDAY 19 AUG 44:- Waited for tide to recede before sending carriers off to KAVIWA by the usual route. Europeans departed 0900 hrs and went up the creek by canoe and then crossed to KAVIWA plantation. Lunched with Mr. Preece and then proceeded to Kerema per station whalabout which had been sent to KAVIWA to meet us. Arrived 1530 hrs.

GENERAL REMARKS.

VILLAGES:- The KAVIWA group of villages are, as always, kept clean. Some remains of old village. KAVIWA are in the middle of collecting isolated houses and assembling them in the large village area. This is the village people's idea.

The village of KAVIWA (in the KAVIWA Group) has moved to a new site since my last visit there in 1943. The result is that a pretty little village has been built. Further, the land is dry and not muddy as the original site was. Some houses are still left in the old site and the officers were instructed to move to the new village immediately. Two men from the old site were prosecuted for not cleaning round their houses.

KAVIWA:- This has been rebuilt and good houses have been erected.

KAVIWA:- When it was decided to rebuild the village in its present position, apparently no inquiries were made re land ownership, with the result that the man who owns the land made a complaint to me saying that he had not been approached to see if the people could use the land, and, further, he did not wish the KAVIWA people to build on his land as he wanted it for gardening. The whole question was gone into and this man's claims are correct. After a lengthy discussion (and, at times, a heated discussion) it was arranged that the present houses should not be moved until such times as they fall into disrepair, when they will be shifted to KAVIWA land which borders on the land at present built on. During the period which they occupy the land under dispute, the KAVIWA people have offered to pay rent at the rate of 60 per house per annum. It is pointed out that the land occupied is about 1 acre and there are six buildings on it. The owner of the land wanted 88 per man per annum, but it was finally decided to put the rent at 60.

The general order about the building of this village are very vague, but reference is made to the old Army buildings, which, the order says, may be pulled down in order that the new village can be built. This may be the site originally decided upon, in which case the village people have not heeded the order and built on the other land. I was unable to get anything definite on this point from the village natives or the Council of Vill. Council.



UITE I:- This village is being washed away and now there are new buildings right along the shore between Uite I and extending almost to HAWAII. The people were instructed to decide on a site and build their new village there, and not to go on building houses at odd places all along the coast.

HAWAII & HAWAII (HAWAII):- These two villages are still very crowded, and it appears as if the policy in the past has been to bring more people into the area - i.e. the people from outlying houses. HAWAII is more overcrowded than HAWAII and I think this would account for the fact that dysentery still remains in that village and they have had some six deaths through it, whereas, in HAWAII (a twin village of HAWAII) there had not been a case of dysentery for over a month, and there was not one death caused by dysentery.

Downstream from HAWAII there is an area of land where the village people were encouraged to build, in peace time. This land is similar to the land where the village is now built, and is not covered by water during high floods - as has been stated by previous officers who have instructed the people to return to the old site. Lieut. Robson mentioned the orders to me, and suggested that it would be a bad move to get the people back to the old site. I agree with him, and cancelled the previous orders accordingly, and told the people to spread out a bit, using the land at HAWAII for building.

HAWAII presents a difficult problem, and much hard work will have to be done before much expansion can be undertaken. A site known as HAWAII, on the HAWAII River has been suggested for expanding to, but much work will have to be done in building up the land. In a conference with the Vill. Council and village elders they said that they could build up the area at HAWAII but that it would take a lot of time. Of course the easiest way out of the question would be for some people from HAWAII to build on land at HAWAII (to which place the HAWAII natives are going), but this would depend on whether the HAWAII natives would give the necessary permission. I consider that this step is highly improbable, because, even though the two villages are twin villages there is an inherent hostility between them, and I think I am correct in saying that, in the past, there have been two instances only when a person from one village married someone from the other village.

HAWAII:- This village is situated at the old HAWAII anchorage. Judging from the Vill. Council's books there has been a lot of talk in the past about these natives returning to their old village site at HAWAII. As I remarked in my covering letter for Report 2/A 1-45/46 this matter has been there for years. I support Lieut. Robson's statement that this village should be left there.

HAWAII Village:- This village is situated between HAWAII and HAWAII. The Vill. Council approached me with a request that they move the village to another area as the present one is inundated with water at high tides. I examined the area proposed, and am of the opinion that it is far better than the present one. The new site is further back from the beach than the present one, but adjacent to it. At a meeting of the village people I made the proposition to them, and it was received with mixed feelings. Some said that they had only recently built new houses. In the end it was decided that the move to the new site should be gradual - as one house required to be rebuilt it would be shifted to the new area and built there. I suggested that the carpenters in the village or those from HAWAII should take a leading part in the building of the houses, and so make good structures.

HAWAII:- The Vill. Council complained that there were some people in the village who would not fall into line with the remainder of the village as regards where they should build their houses and the type of house that should be built. I got these people explained to them the reasons behind the village opinion, and the offenders said that they would fall into line with the rest of the village.

HAWAII:- There continue to be a straggling lot of villagers, though I must say that the general outlook is improving, and there is some

scarcity of order.

U-11: These villages are more disorderly than even U-10. The village of U-11 has almost been razed away, and the majority of the people have already drifted to a new site, but some are still remaining in the old site. These were instructed to move to the new site as soon as possible.

U-12: In all villages passed through the vil. Councils approached me requesting that I give orders to the Villagers to the effect that they must keep their pigs outside the village fence. They explained that they found it impossible to keep the villages clean and in order if there are pigs running round inside. For the most part the village natives do keep their pigs outside the fence, but there are a few who will not fall into line with this. In all villages where the above request was made to me, I gave the necessary orders.

ROADS: There are few roads in the area covered, and those that are there were not at all well looked after. The worst area was between U-11 and U-12 where the roads have not been cleared for some months. It may be said that the roads are not used very often, and that they are not necessary. Against this I would like to say that it would have been impossible for my Patrol to pass if it had not been for the road along the beach. This was due to the high tide and high seas running at the time. Those responsible for the upkeep of the roads were prosecuted. Before doing that, I left a Const. in the area to see that the roads were cleaned, and to call the natives to Herby for Court.

FOOD: I did not see any food, but it appeared to be ample in all the villages. This may be seen from the fact that I only used 45 lbs rice on the whole patrol, and brought back a large quantity of fresh foods to the station. At U-11 there were two feasts in progress, and the U-12 people are preparing for a big feast which is to be held in September. Another feast has just been held at U-10, but it was over when I arrived, and I did not see the display of food.

REST HOUSES: The best Rest House was at U-11. This has been built according to the plans in the Vil. Councils' books, and is an excellent structure. The people were congratulated on their effort. Generally speaking the Rest Houses are good, but there is a lot of improvement to be made in the general plan of the majority of these buildings. At all villages I told the people to build it on the same pattern as the Rest House at U-11.

The people of the villages west of the U-11 River had decorated their Rest Houses prior to the arrival of the Patrol, each succeeding Rest House trying to outdo the previous one. I think the best effort was at U-11 which Rest House was excellently decorated and the whole effect was balanced. In all cases different kinds of vegetables were hung round the verandah.

VILLAGE CHIEFS: On the whole they are a good mob, and are doing their work well. There is one instance where I am of the opinion that the Vil. Const. is more interested in getting a stick of tobacco than in attending to his work. This was, Vil. Const. U-11 of U-11 (U-11), who was warned that if he did not pay more attention to his work his dismissal would be recommended.

Vil. Const. U-11 was sentenced for extortion, and his dismissal is being recommended.

VILLAGE COUNCILS: Several new men were elected. These were at U-11 (1); U-12 (2); U-13 (3); U-14 (1). In all cases, old men were elected to take the place of young men.

The effect of the young Councilors was noticed especially at U-11 where I was inquiring into a land problem. The young Councilors all supported the claim made by a man from their village. On calling in the older men and tracing back the history it was found that the young Councilors were all wrong. Inquiries showed that the dispute was between the representatives of two different Missions. The young Councilors were members of the same Mission as the claimant and were supporting him. The old men, even though of different Missions, all agreed that the young men were all wrong.

Every effort was made to get 50 recruits for IGO from the villages within the 50 mile limit, but this was not possible if the balance was to be kept in the villages. To date only those without children have been recruited, and all villages within the 50 mile limit have already been recruited. A signal was sent to S. S. R. asking permission to recruit from areas outside the 50 mile radius. The reply was received to this effect instructions had been received to sign on only the volunteers. I think it will be very hard to get the necessary number for IGO under this system, but every effort is being made.

COMPLAINTS AND REQUESTS - In all villages the people were asked if they had any complaints or requests to make. Many people came forward, and the complaints and requests varied from that of a Vill. Council who asked if they could move their village (it is at ULIHAI) to a woman who asked me to instruct her son (who is in the P.I.S.) to send her a photograph of himself. There were numerous requests for the return of relatives from the 1400 line, and all cases were carefully inquired into. Those with good grounds were told that the necessary application would be made. This will be made the subject of a special letter.

VILLAGE PLANTING - These were very poorly looked after. WO I Arup was able to tender some very good advice about the care of coconuts, and this was most acceptable. In all cases it was passed onto the natives concerned. A lamentable fact is that a lot of people, when passing a coconut tree, cannot resist the temptation to have a chop at the tree as they pass. The result is that the trees in some areas have been badly cut about - in some cases almost cut through. This was particularly noticeable in the ROAD area where the main offenders are the school children who do the chopping as on their way to school. The people were told that this practice had to cease and that every effort should be made to catch the culprits.

Copra making is in full swing around the Rovivve area, and the output is increasing. At long last the natives can see why, in the days ~~xxxxxxxx~~ before the war, the Administration encouraged them to plant coconut trees. WO I Arup informed me that the people of the Rovivve-ULIHAI area are making up to 200 bags of copra a month. The difficulty is not to get the natives to take the copra but to get boats to pick it up. Could anything be done to assist these natives in getting their copra away? It was suggested to me that they would wait until the dry season when they would take the copra to Kororoo on their own large canoes. Surely this can be avoided.

ANTHROPOLOGICAL - Ref. the report made by Lieut. Robson in P/A Ker. 1 - 45/48 on the proposed dance at ULIHAI. I was also shown the masks. They number four, are about 3 feet long and six feet high. Unfortunately the man, KULIAT, who made the masks did not live to see them used. KULIAT was also a chief.

REMARKS - P.O. H. Matthews accompanied me and did medical work in all villages. He will be reporting on it.

*B. Atkinson*  
Capt.  
(B. C. Atkinson)  
P.O. H. Matthews.  
28 Aug 48.

REPORT ON THE PATROL - 3 - 20/46.

REPORT ON THE PATROL.

Reg. No. 1883 Const. P. O. I:- A very poor Const. Is inclined to be lazy, and has not much knowledge of duties to be performed on a Patrol.

Reg. No. 1874 Const. U. I:- A very average Const. Inexperienced. I think he should improve.

Reg. No. 2157 Const. U. I:- Going to address this Const. did not join the patrol until 10 Aug 46. I found him very casual and he has a fair knowledge of his duties. May be getting a bit old for long patrols, but is of the type who will go until he falls.

Reg. No. 3034 Const. U. I:- This Const. accompanied me on my previous patrol (17/1. Dec. 45 - 15/16). Again I found this man very good indeed. He did more work than the rest of the Constables put together, has a lot of sense, has not got to be told to do things but sees them out and does them without having to be told. His command and control is excellent, even over brother Constables. I am of the opinion that, even though he has only been in the Force since 29 Feb 44 he would make an excellent N.C.O.

Reg. No. 3103 Const. U. I:- This Const. met the patrol at MUMI, and returned with me. He is one of the most useful Constables I have ever had. On two occasions he disobeyed orders - the first was when he was put in charge of a canoe-load of cargo and told to go to LILAWIRU. He left the canoe and went to the village. On the second occasion he was told to accompany the carriers. Instead he left the carriers and again went to the village. On this occasion he did not reach the Rest House until 2000 hrs when the patrol reached it at 1800 hrs. On another occasion he was found eating betelnut while on duty. He will be prosecuted in the near future.

*H. H. H. H.*

Capt.

(H. H. H. H.)  
N.C.O. MUMI.

Kereme Gulf District

4 of 45/46

A.L. Robson P.O.

AFRICAN MILITARY DISTRICT  
AFRICAN MILITARY DISTRICT

AFRICAN DISTRICT HQ  
KAMPUNJ  
1 Oct 45

File 30/2 - 1012

NO SOUTHERN REGION  
AFRICAN

PASSPORT REPORT - SER 4-15/46 - LT. A. J. ROBERTSON, P.O.

Herewith please find attached in duplicate above report by Lt. A. J. ROBERTSON,  
with covering memo dated 19 Sept 45 f on A/O SER 11A.

2. I have no comments to offer.

*W.H.H. Thompson*

Major DO  
(W.H.H. THOMPSON)  
DO AFRICAN DISTRICT

Copy ADD KAMPUNJ ✓

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ABERDEEN MILITARY DISTRICT

LARGAN DISTRICT HQ  
KARNAR  
17 Sept 45

File 1/5 - 973

HQ SOUVENIR SECTION  
ALAN

SPECIAL REPORT - INTER-DEPARTMENTAL - HQ HQ BIRMINGHAM A.I.

This report by above officer filed in duplicate

I have no comments to offer on the report and agree with policy outlined in para 2 of ADO's finding memo dated 8 Sept 45.

*W H H Simpson*

Major DO  
(W.H.H. SIMPSON)  
DO LARGAN DISTRICT

COY ADO BIRMINGHAM ✓

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE.

Ref:-30/1  
ADO's Office,  
Koroma,  
LAKKAMU Dist.  
19 Sep 45.

B.O. LAKKAMU Dist.,

KALINUM.

PATROL REPORT - KER. 4 - 45/46.

Herewith, in triplicate, please find the a/a Patrol Report.

2. Only a quick Patrol was done owing to the expected move of Lieut. Robson. The instructions for his move came during the Patrol - See 18.9.45.
3. LAW & JUSTICE:- Keys owned by Mr. Howell were returned to him the following night. Remainder of gear retained by thief.
4. ORCKLES INDUSTRIES:- Lieut. Robson tells me that Sgt. Burke has given Mr. Howell a Power of Attorney. Under these circumstances I take it that Mr. Howell will make arrangements for upkeep etc.

*K. O. Atkinson*

(K. O. Atkinson)  
ADO KERRIA.

Capt.



AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

File:- 80/1  
ADC's Office,  
FERREIRA,  
LAKEBAHU Dist.  
10 Sep 46.

Lieut. Robson, A.S.  
PATROL OFFICER,  
FERREIRA.

FERREIRA PATROL No. 4 - 46/46.

Please make arrangements to leave here tomorrow morning on a Patrol to the western Boundary. This patrol will take you not more than seven days, in accordance with Signal DS 5643.

2. The following work will be carried out:-
  - (a). Inspection of villages.
  - (b). Inspection of roads.
  - (c). At KAIBUKABU INQUIRE into what is being done for the insane male native, KAIVA'ORIHAI. Again you are to impress on the Vil. Const. and Vil. Consts. that it is their responsibility to see that he is looked after.
3. It will not be necessary to visit VAIVIRI or BELEPA areas.
4. The following police will accompany you:- Reg. No. 938 Const. HARERE; Reg. No. 9066 Const. OVI'I-KAIBI and Reg. No. 2109 Const. OVE.
5. You will have to use Const. HARERE as an interpreter or one of the Vil. Consts.
6. Rations will be issued for the Patrol.

*H. C. Atkinson*

Capt.

(H. C. Atkinson).  
A.D.C. FERREIRA.

PATROL REPORT:

No. 4/45 - 46.

PERSONNEL:

KEREMA: sub - DISTRICT.

Lt. A.L. ROBSON.

Reg. No.	988	Const.	MARRRE	IRUA
" "	2066	"	OVI'I	KAIRI
" "	2168	"	OVE	OMARO

INTERPRETER: MAKAU HOI (C/E. 5334 KVR.)

COOK BOY: MARGAU KOFORO

PREVIOUS PATROL REPORT: ( KEREMA - OKOLOLO ) No. 2/45 - 46.

LAST PATROL TO AREA BY: ( KEREMA - BELEPA ) SPECIAL REPORT:  
( 14.8.45-31.8.45 ) Lt. A.L. ROBSON:  
( No. 2/45 - 46. ) Capt. K.C. ATKINSON:  
( 20.7.45-26.7.45 ) ( A.D.C. )

PATROL MAP:

NOT SUBMITTED:

REF. KIKORI - PAU: SERIES STRAT MAP:

1,253,440. 4 MILE - 1"

OBJECT:

ROUTINE PATROL:

- (A) TO INSPECT ALL VILLAGES.
- (B) INSPECTION OF ROADS.
- (C) MAKE INQUIRIES REGARDING CARE OF KAIVA'ORIHAI OF KAIBUKABU (INSANE MALE NATIVE)
- (D) HOLD C.N.M. - SETTLE LOCAL DISPUTES.

DURATION:

10th. SEPTEMBER, 1945 to 17th. SEPTEMBER, 1945.

ROUTE TRAVERSED:

KEREMA: by canoe to MEI thence by beach to AUMA - VAIVIRI, returning to beach and continuing to AREHAVA. From AREHAVA by beach to VAIVIRI, by canoe to KOIALAHU then by beach to MEI, canoe to KEREMA.

CARRIERS:

AVERAGE NO: TWELVE

COST OF PATROL:

TOBACCO EXPENDED: ISSUES: GRATUITIES: CARRIERS:  
TEN POUNDS:

A.L. Robson Lt.  
A.L. ROBSON. P.O. KEREMA

DIARY:

TUESDAY: 11.9.45.

KIREMA: Departed 0900 hrs., per canoe to MUI 1100 hrs., continued 1115 hrs., the BLUFF 1245 hrs., AKIPIHU 1430 hrs., and HUIVA 1500 hrs. stayed night.

WEDNESDAY: 12.9.45.

HUIVA: Departed 0930 hrs., OBAHUU 1030 hrs., KEAKEA 1120 hrs., PEBUARO 1140 hrs., and KOIALAHU 1220 hrs. Despatched gear 1320 hrs., per canoe to VAIVIRI, myself and party continuing to VAILALA EAST 1425 hrs. Continued 1500 hrs., VAILALA WEST 1510 hrs., AUMA 1550 hrs., and VAIVIRI 1645 hrs. Stayed night.

THURSDAY: 13.9.45.

VAIVIRI: CNM: Departed 0945 hrs., reaching the beach at 1015 hrs., continued to OROKOLO 1205 hrs. Visited Rev. & Mrs. S. DE DUNY. (LMS) Continued 1600 hrs., reaching ANAHAVA 1645 hrs. Here Mr. L. HOWELL (SDA) was staying en-route PIKONI. Stayed night.

FRIDAY: 14.9.45.

ANEHAYA: CNM: Departed 1630 hrs., and reached OROKOLO 1730 hrs. Stayed night.

SATURDAY: 15.9.45.

OROKOLO: Inspected property of OROKOLO INDUSTRIES. Departed 1430 hrs., 1530 hrs., messenger with memo (HQ S/R sig. D/S 6650 of the 14.9.45.) with reference to my movement to PORT MORISBY. Continued to VAIVIRI 1715 hrs. Stayed night.

SUNDAY: 16.9.45.

VAIVIRI: Called for volunteer recruits to work at VAIVIRI. Departed 1200 hrs., by canoe to KOIALAHU 1345 hrs. Continued 1430 hrs. to HUIVA 1715 hrs. Stayed night.

MONDAY: 17.9.45.

HUIVA: Heard and settled out of Court local disputes. Departed 0945 hrs., the BLUFF 1130 hrs., MUI 1310 hrs. Canoe obtained and departed 1345 hrs., for KIREMA which was reached at 1600 hrs. Reported to ADC and dismissed NPC.

GENERAL

HOUSING-FENCING:

Due to the S.E. season the housing and fencing of the coastal villages has suffered.

At ANEHAVA (PR. KEB. 2/45 - 46) a new rest house of good design has been erected. Here I supervised the erection of the fence surrounding same.

In general fencing and housing is comparatively good, taking into consideration the damage that is caused from time to time by the heavy seas running.

NATIVE LABOUR RECRUITS:

Whilst at VAIVIRI Plantation, five local male natives volunteered to engage under S/E and work at the aforesaid plantation.

ROADS:

The roads used by this patrol were found to be in fair order. On a number of instances orders were issued for the improvement of roads, and on return when inspected it was found that they had been carried out.

KAIVA CRIMINAL of KAIBUKABU (INSANE MALE NATIVE)

Inquiries instituted revealed, that this native was absent from his village and on my return I found he was at KEREMA receiving wages due.

The village people claim that whilst he is in the village he is quiet and that he helps his relations in the gardens.

It was pointed out to the V/Const., V/Couns., and people that it was their responsibility to care for and feed this native. They replied that he was being well cared for.

LAW and JUSTICE:

CNM was held at various places throughout the patrol. At ARHAVA Mr. L. HONELL reported the loss of a "GILLET" razor, case, lock and keys. Investigations were conducted and to the present the thief has not been located, although it is hoped an early arrest will be made.

INSPECTION OF OROKOLO INDUSTRIES:

Whilst at OROKOLO an inspection was made of the property and it was found (caretaker) that there had been no further instances of breaking and entering or stealing.

Mr. (Rev) S. DENDREY offered his assistance in the care of the property until the owner returns.

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*A. L. Robson Lt.*  
A. L. ROBSON. P.O. KEREMA

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P. R. KER. 4/45 - 46.

REPORT ON NATIVE MEMBERS OF THE BPC WHO ACCOMPANIED THIS PATROL:

Reg. No. 938 Const. NAISE ISUA:

This Const., had not previously accompanied me on patrol, but I had seen his work and conduct whilst on the station. I found that he was quick, attentive and reliable. His conduct was good.

Reg. No. 2066 Const. OVI'I KAINI:

This Const., has accompanied me on a number of occasions and I have always found him satisfactory. On this patrol I found him at his best and possibly with further patrolling, it will be found he will be an asset to the force.

Reg. No. 2108 Const. OVI' OMARO:

As reported in PR. KER. 2/45 - 46. this Const., walks about in a daze. I would suggest that when his engagement expires shortly (1945) that he be discharged as he suffers from fever from time to time which may account for his condition.

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INTERPRETER

C/E. 5334 KER. MAKAU HOI:

This native whilst only a learner is keen and I consider he should be given every opportunity to accompany patrols. By doing this in time he will become conversant with the various dialects as at present his knowledge is confined to the dialects east of KEREMA.

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Lt. A.L. ROBSON. P.O.

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REPORT ON NATIVE MEMBERS OF THE IRO WHO ACCOMPANIED THIS PATROL:

Reg. No. 938 Const. NAKHE IMA:

This Const., had not previously accompanied me on patrol, but I had seen his work and conduct whilst on the station. I found that he was quick, attentive and reliable. His conduct was good.

Reg. No. 2366 Const. SVI' SAH:

This Const., has accompanied me on a number of occasions and I have always found him satisfactory. On this patrol I found him at his best and possibly with further patrolling, it will be found he will be an asset to the force.

Reg. No. 2106 Const. SVI' SAH:

As reported in PR. No. 2/45 - 46. this Const., walks about in a daze. I would suggest that when his engagement expires shortly (1945) that he be discharged as he suffers from fever from time to time which may account for his condition.

INTERPRETERS

S/ . 5334 KSE. NAKAU HOI:

This native whilst only a learner is keen and I consider he should be given every opportunity to accompany patrols etc. By doing this in time he will become conversant with the various dialects and at present his knowledge is confined to the dialects east of KAKMA.

M. A. L. COBURN. P.O.

*Office Copy*      *File 30*

PATROL REPORT.

Station Number

KER. 5 - 45/46.

KEREMA STATION.

Report of a Patrol made by K.C. ATKINSON a/ADO TO

CFAO for the purpose of

General Inspection of all villages; checking Census; investigating claims for War Damage; investigating claims for wages either Civil or ANGAU Contracts; holding Council Meeting; General matters.

Left Station:- 14th June, 1946. Returned 19th June, 1946.

Number of carriers employed..Av. 6 Number of police taken .4.&.C.I.....

Name of vessel used and Officer in charge.....NIL.....

VILLAGES VISITED:- HANHOROI: BIRAKERA: HEVAVIRI: IRAVAIRI:

HAVIHUHU: KAPIRI: ABUIPI: NAUPOIA.....

Forwarded to DDS

*26 June 1946.*

*C. Champion*

a/ S.O. C.D.  
Officer in charge of station.

COST OF PATROL.

Article	Qty. Taken on Patrol.	Police.	Carriers	Others	Total	Returned	Cost.
Rice	155 lbs	45	15		60	75	18. 6.
Meat	9 lbs	6			6	3	5. 6.
Fish	18 lbs	12			12	6	17. 6.
Sugar	5 "	5			5	-	1. 8.
Soap	1 1/2 "	1 1/2			1 1/2	-	5 1/2
Tobacco	7 "	5 1/2	26	VCs.V.CS1s 3 1/2 PNF	5	2	1. 7. 6.
Matches	5 "	5			5	-	2. 1.
Kerosene	1 gal.	1			1	-	1. 6.
Lamps	2	2				2	
Flies	1	1				1	
Buckets	1	1				1	
Axes	1	1				1	
Tomahawks	1	1				1	XXXXXXXXXX.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA - NEW GUINEA.

File 30.  
District Office,  
Kerema C.D.  
13 June 1946.

Mr. F. Atkinson,  
ASISA.

Kerema Patrol No. 5 of 45/46 - OPAU Sub-district.

As already discussed, please be prepared to leave on the 14 June 1946 for the above patrol.

Please attend to the following matters:-

1. General inspection of all villages.
2. Check Census (Papuan) - keep notes of alterations for office copy.
3. Make lists of claims for wages under Civil and ANGAN contracts. Check where native signed on, where working, and whether they passed through KILA M/L Camp before being returned home. Get approximate dates if at all possible.
4. Deal with Claims for War Damages - see DS C.I.No. 8/46 attached.
5. If feasible hold a Council Meeting. You should get their views re the probable re-introduction of Native Taxation & Family Bonus etc.
6. Deal with any other matters requiring attention.
7. The selection of Police for the patrol will be left to you.

*B. Champion*  
A/D.O. Kerema.

KEREMA PATROL REPORT No. 5 of 1945/46 TO

CPAO SUB-DISTRICT - K. C. ATKINSON A/A. D. O.

Comments on the above Report:-

ROADS & VILLAGES: page 2 & 3. As will be seen, a large number of natives were sentenced to varying terms of imprisonment. These natives, through the Village Constable, have been repeatedly warned that if no attempt was made to improve conditions they would most likely go to gaol when the first patrol visited their area. Fines in the past have had no effect. Owing to the shortage of staff at Kerema the sub-district had not been visited for many months and the natives just neglected everything

GARDENS: Page 3. A Papuan native has no idea of tilling the soil. His forefathers planted taro by just putting the tops in a hole made by the black palm garden stick. They managed, so why change the method? An Agricultural expert could spend many months initiating these people in the methods of agriculture. Vegetable seeds are on order.

VILLAGE CONSTABLES: Page 4. An additional one will be appointed.

ANTHROPOLOGICAL Page 5: I'm afraid that in most districts of the Territory these old customs are being forgotten. The old men usually say it is the Missions fault but this is a very moot question. I think the young bucks who have "seen the world" have little time for these old customs and consequently there is no one to carry on when the old men die.

NATIVE TAXATION Page 7: Before the war, most if not all, coastal villages in this district were taxed 21 per head (males between ages 16-36). There are tremendous areas of native coconuts and many tons of copra can be produced. None is being made at the moment because it cannot be shipped. The question of re-introduction of taxation and the amount is of course a Policy Matter. However no taxation should be introduced here until ample shipping is available to lift the native produce.

CENSUS: Population seems to be static.

An interesting patrol carried out with thoroughness.

*B. Champion*

A/D.O. Kerema 20/10/46

REPORT OF A PATROL MADE BY K.C. ATKINSON TO THE OPAO SUB-DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHECKING THE CENSUS: ASCERTAINING THE CLAIMS (IF ANY) FOR COMPENSATION FOR WAR DAMAGE: AND FOR GENERAL PURPOSES.

Friday 14th June, 1946:- Despatched Constables MARERE: HOIA and MAUDJAI at 6 A.M. Accompanied by my wife and taking with me Const. YOBA: Court Interpreter KIVAVIA and N.M.O. HEKI departed at 2 p.m. per canoe. Crossed Kerema Basin to PETOI and then continued up KARAVURE Creek to the landing which was reached at 3.30 P.M. Shortly after arriving, Const. MARERE reported with carriers. Tied up and departed at 4 P.M. Arrived Rest House at BIRAKERA (Ref. LV 2709) arriving 4.45 P.M. Camped. Const. HOIA reported on my arrival and Const. MAUDJAI reported at 5.30 P.M. Vil. Const. HEVI and Village Councillors reported. Instructions given for the checking of the census of HEVAVIRI: BIRAKERA and IRAVAPAIRI Villages the next day. Heavy rain at night.

Saturday 15th June:- The morning spent checking the census of HEVAVIRI: BIRAKERA and IRAVAPAIRI Villages. The afternoon was spent in settling minor disputes and discussing with the chief AHEHE/NAURA, the reasons for the discontinuation of big village dances. Arrangements made for the checking of the census of HAUPOLA: NAMOHOROI and HAVIHURU the next day after the Mission services had concluded. Also arranged to have a Village Councillor Meeting the following afternoon.

Sunday 16th June:- Heavy rain in the morning continued until 9.30 a.m. After the rain had ceased, checked the census of HAUPOLA: NAMOHOROI and HAVIHURU Villages. At 12 noon Const. HAVAKIA arrived from Kerema. He left again on his return at 2.30 p.m. Council meeting commenced at 2.30 p.m. and ended at 5.45 p.m. Arrangements made for the checking of the KAPIRI and ABUIPI Census the next morning.

Monday 17th June:- Checked the census of KAPIRI and ABUIPI Villages. In the afternoon listened to ten minor complaints, the majority of which dealt with marriage payments and these were referred to the Village Councillors. Other complaints settled out of Court. Inspected KAPIRI NAMOHOROI and HAUPOLA Villages.

Tuesday 18th June:- Inspected HAVIHURU: HEVAVIRI: IRAVAPAIRI AND BIRAKERA Villages early in the morning. At 9 a.m. started C.N.M. and this continued until 5.45 P.M. 71 natives received sentenced for not having cleaned their roads and 43 for not having cleaned their village.

Wednesday 19th June:- Departed 8.45 a.m. per canoe and followed the OPAO River down to the coast and then crossed to Kerema. Reported to S.O.

GENERAL REMARKS.

ROADS:- These were all found to be in a disgusting state. No attempt had been made to have them cleaned, and all drains had closed up. The road from the landing to the Rest House was deep in mud. I realise, of course, that this is the wet season, but I have been to OPAO before in the wet season and the roads were good. The excuse for not having cleaned out the drains was that they had no tools. The reason most of the people gave for not having cleaned the roads was that it had been too wet. Others said that they had not cleaned the roads at all, even though they had been told to do so by the Village Constable on numerous occasions. These people said that, instead of cleaning the roads they had gone hunting, or out to their gardens or fishing. As soon as I arrived I gave orders for the roads to be cleaned immediately, but no attempt was made to do so. The roads in the OPAO Sub-District have, for the past two years at least, been badly neglected with the result that it will take a lot of time and hard work to get them back into order again. 71 natives were sentenced to imprisonment for not having cleaned their roads.

VILLAGES:- These, too, were filthy. All except KAPIRI had made no attempt whatever to keep their villages clean, and all fences had fallen into disrepair. There was long grass all over the villages, and pig and dog droppings were everywhere. The areas outside the villages had not been touched. These areas had ~~not~~ been cleaned back for a distance of fifty yards from the nearest house in May last year, but appeared as if they had not been touched since. Rubbish had been dumped just outside the fences or on the river bank. NANOHOROI Village had had a flood through it about two months ago when two houses were washed away, and the other houses had been damaged. When I arrived in the area, I told the people that I would give them an opportunity to clean their villages while I was there, but, if they had not been cleaned by Tuesday morning, they would be charged. A few made attempts to clean their villages, but these were very half-hearted. It was interesting to note that the cleanest part of any of the villages was that part of IRAVAKAIRI occupied by the chief, AHEHE/NAURA and his family. At all times this was clean, the grass had been cut short and the rubbish had been thrown into the river or burnt. On Tuesday

43 natives were prosecuted and sentenced for not having cleaned their villages. Sentences ranged from seven days to two months.

HOUSES:- These are of very poor structure, and design. In all villages, nine houses were ordered to be rebuilt, and a house which was being built in BIR KERA by HALA was given as an example. This house is still in the course of construction and it can be seen that HALA is taking great care over it. It is strong and has good timbers in it. As figures which will be given in the summary of the Census figures will show, there is no overcrowding.

GARDENS:- Considering that the country has rich garden soil, the size of the gardens in the Opae area are disappointing. As is the case with most Gulf Villages, the main diet is sago, of which there is an abundance. The main vegetable is the banana, and there are any amount of these, mostly around the villages. The gardens themselves contain banana, taro, yam and Taitu. Of these the yams and taitu are nearly ready for digging, but the bananas and taro have not matured yet. I think better results would be obtained if the ground was dug more than at present. The method of planting taro is to dig a hole and put the taro top in the hole. I forgot to mention that sweet potato, corn and pumpkins grow well and are ripening now. The quality of the corn is very poor, and I think new seed in the area would make the world of difference. The pumpkins, too are of poor quality and are very watery. I estimate that the gardens will be in full production in another two or three months.

HEALTH:- Considering the filthy conditions under which the people are living they are a very healthy crowd. In all the villages, only 26 hospital cases were found, and, with the exception of two or three bad cases of yaws and one of tropical ulcer, they were of a minor nature and will be cleaned up quickly. Scabies which was bad in the area at the beginning of last year, has cleaned up remarkably and only five cases were found. Of the 26 cases, four were adults - one being a woman with what appeared to me to be an ulcer on the breast - and the remainder were children. Some bad colds were noticed, but they are to be expected during this wet weather. While in the area two people died. One died at childbirth, and the other died after a long illness. The latter was a very old woman. The child of the former was taken by another woman who has offered to feed and look after it.

CLAIMS FOR WAGES UNDER CIVIL AND ANGANI CONTRACTS:- Though all natives were asked if they had any claims, none was forthcoming and I think it is certain that there are no claims from this area.

CLAIMS FOR WAR DAMAGE:- No claims were made. As the war did not effect the Opao area, except for recruiting and the making of sage (for which they were paid when ~~km~~ they brought it in), I do not think there will be any, as no one lost his life and there was no damage to property.

VILLAGE CONSTABLES:- There is only one village constable in the area and his name is HIVI. He is very weak and has no control whatever. Vil. Councillor OE asked for a separate Village Constable for KAPIRI, saying that his village, KAPIRI was too far from where the present Village Constable is located, with the result that it does not receive the proper attention. I do not consider that the area warrants two Village Constables, containing, as it does a population of 644. In the years before the war, the area was controlled very well by one man, who has since been dismissed for disobedience. I consider that this man, HAIPARA, is the man who should be the Village Constable in spite of his previous dismissal. He is an elderly man, but has a lot of control. The natives in the OPAO area take more notice of an elderly man than they do of a young man, and this may be one of the reasons why Vil. Const. HIVI has no control. In view of the above I recommend that HAIPARA be re-instated.

VILLAGE COUNCILLORS:- There are eight in the area - one in each village. Of these, one remained in his village during the whole of my stay there because his wife had died. He sent word that, as his wife had died, he wished to resign as he would not be able to carry on his duties and look after his family. A new man was elected. Councillor HARE was the most useful of the remainder, and I found him most useful all the time. Councillor HAIO/HAKIRI of ABUIPI was absent up the MURUA River, and reports said that he had been there for some time.

SEATION PITSAW:- This was not in the area covered by the Patrol, so I was unable to check on the work. However, many of the natives from IRAVAPARI and BIRAKERA spend most of their time at the pitsaw place at HAPARI. Reports show that a small village has begun to spring up there. As the majority of the pitsaw boys are from OPAO it can be seen that there is a great likelihood of their relatives and friends going across to the pit-saw.

ANTHROPOLOGICAL:- On Saturday, 15th June, I was able to have a long talk with AMNE/NAURA the old chief of IRAVAPAI Village. The main purpose of the talk was to find out, if possible, the reason why big dances in the villages had stopped. AMNE said that the large dances had stopped with the advent of the Missions because the Missions said that all the beliefs in the dances were wrong. Further, he stated that the Missions had explained the contents of the dances, including the secrets, to the women and children. Instances were given where big dances had been proposed, and the elders were discussing the best time, when they were interrupted by the young boys who told the elders that there was nothing in the dance. This finally broke up the meetings because the elders were too ashamed to carry on. I pointed out that the dances could be carried on, but the old beliefs need not be taken seriously - that the dance should be carried on either in memory of their forefathers or more as a kind of farce. I pointed out that the MAORIS and the FIJIANs still have their old tribal dances, and still did them when the occasion arose. It so happened that I had with me a copy of 'FIK' in which were photos of a dance put on in Fiji - the MESE Dance - to welcome Lieut-Col. Batu Sir Lala Sukuna, and, in the dance, fans and spears are used. This was shown to Interpreter KIVAVIA who explained it to the old chief.

AMNE said that there was difficulty in having the initiation Ceremony to accompany the dance, because the boys had to go to school. I suggested that, as the boys were usually big when initiated that the ceremony could wait until after they had finished school, and then could take place. It was also pointed out that there would be some boys who would go on to higher education, and they would have to go on, in all fairness to themselves, in which case perhaps a shorter ceremony could take place.

The advantages of holding large dances - such as the increasing or furthering of friendships with other tribes who were invited to the dance - were emphasised.

After this, some Village Councillors who had been present all the time suggested that they should hold a large dance, and would approach the SO Kereka for permission. It was pointed out to them that the matter was one for themselves, and, if they so desired, they could

put on a dance whenever they so desired.

Other discussions were as follows:-

CHIEFS: The system of chiefs is sometimes carried on in the various areas, but only in a nominal way. The system really stopped after the outbreak of the Vailala Madness some years ago and which was investigated by the late F.A. Williams. WHELI said he still had some duties to perform, amongst which were the ordering of a big dance, the planting of large gardens in preparation for a large dance and feast etc.

I also asked about the heredit; in families; tribal marriages; burials; trading; marriage; dowry and land. These were more of a personal interest and a guide to myself for future use should the occasion arise than of general interest.

R.R.C.: Reg. No. 983 Const. KUMER: A good average Constable. Very useful on Patrol, but has not got much initiative.

Reg. No. 1234 Const. HOI: Like Const. KUMER is a good average Constable. Is useful in areas West of Kerani, a part of his knowledge of the language.

Reg. No. 1528 Const. H. C. J. I.: A KUMER U. very willing but has not got the same 'go' as either Const. KUMER or Const. HOI.

Reg. No. 1924 Const. YODI: An excellent Constable with initiative and excellent control. Reliable. Should have a good N.C.C.

REPORT ON N.C.C. HEI: Interested in his work by I consider that he has not had sufficient training to carry on Medical Work without the supervision of an European. Is energetic and thorough. With further training, I think he will turn into a very good orderly.

MEETING ON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING: This was held on the afternoon of Sunday 16th Dec, 1946.

PRESENT: Vill. Const. HEVI of BERAVIA: Vill. Const. ANURA/SO'U of HEAVIRI: BOI/NEA of IRAVAPARI: HAU/MOJA of PILKUPU: MAC/H'VEHE of HAVIHUR: HAU/INA of HAUPOLA: OS/INA of KU-1. Vill. Const. KOREA/KUKI of MAHOHORO was in his village, as his wife had died the previous Friday. Vill. Const. HAIO/H'KI of BUIPI was absent from the area.

SUBJECTS: Native Taxation; Family Bonus; Village matters; General.



TAXATION:- Q. What are your opinions about Native Taxation and the probable re-introduction?

Vil. Counc. JIRA:- When war broke out many boys went away to work, and these have money. Those who remained behind have none.

Vil. Counc. OB:- We helped the Government during the War and now wonder why the Government has not got compassion on us and dispense with Taxation. We got money but can't buy things like ramie, plates, tobacco, billicans and matches as we could before. The other day when the Trade Store at FetoI opened we went down and spent all our money.

I think ~~that if the~~ taxation is re-introduced we should only be taxed 5/- and the coastal natives 10/-.

Vil. Counc. MAO:- I know ~~that~~ we are taxed because the Government came and stopped the inter tribal fights with the result that we have to pay for this protection.

Vil. Counc. HARE:- We have ~~not~~ got together for discussions, but have just walked round like bush pigs with the result that we have not discussed the matter. Consequently we have no questions or thoughts re taxation.

Vil. Coast. HIVI:- We thought Native Taxation had stopped altogether as from the outbreak of the War.

After these answers I decided that the best way to get further ideas from the meeting was to ask them questions on the answers they had made. The following are the questions and the answers.

Q. to Vil. Counc. ANRA:- Why have those who stayed behind in the villages during the war get no money? Did they not make sago and sell it to Kerema?

A. Yes, we made and sold the sago but spent it all when the Trade Store opened.

Q. How did you obtain money before the War?

A. Some went to work while others sold sago.

Q. In those days did you not buy from the Trade Store?

A. Yes. Sometimes if we had no money we sold armshells to Sinabada (Mrs. D.M. Baker) and bought trade with the cash.

Q. During the war only the young men went away. They are the ones who pay tax and you say have money. Why are those who remained in the village worrying about money to pay Tax?

A. I was referring to those who have just grown up and have just left school. These have not been to work yet, and are taxable.

Q. to Vil. Counc. OH:- You say you cannot buy things at the Trade Store, yet Vil. Counc. AHURA said that you have spent all your money. Who is correct?

A. Before the war there were two Trade Stores, but now there is only one. Further, things were cheaper and our money these days brings us very little return.

Q. Why do you think your Tax should be reduced to 5/- p.a.?

A. I thought that because we were inland people.

Q. Even though you are inland people, can't you get work, or do you find it hard to do so?

A. If we give 40/- tax and then give money to the Missions we have no money left. That is why I suggested 5/-.

Q. What amounts do you give to the Missions, and what is the purpose of such donations?

A. We give 3 or 4/- to the Missions. We give it because the Missions have come to teach our children to read and write.

Q. to Vil. Counc. HAD:- Who told you that you were being taxed because the Government has given you protection?

A. That is only what I think. Boys who returned from the War have talked about it and I thought that they were correct.

Q. Were you a Village Councillor before the war?

A. No, I was elected last year.

Q. Did not your Councillor tell you the purpose of Taxation?

A. No.

Q. to Vil. Counc. HARE:- Why don't the Village Councillors get together for Conferences?

A. Since the system of chiefs has more or less been dispensed with, we find it very difficult to settle down to discussions. If the system had continued, the Chief would have called us together for conferences and presided at the conference.

Q. If you do not hold meetings, either amongst your fellow Councillors or amongst the people in your village, how do you tell the people what you are told by visiting Magistrates?

A. If we are told anything to pass onto the village people we go from

house to house telling the occupants of each house separately

Q. Would it not be easier to call a meeting in the village and tell them all at one time?

A. Yes, but we don't do that.

Q. to Vil. Const. HIVI:- When there was no taxation after the outbreak of the war, did you not think of any possible reasons? If so, what were they?

A. I only repeated what some village people have said.

Q. to Vil. Coun. OE:- Why do you think the Tax should be 5/- for Opao but 10/- for coastal Villages?

A. Originally we were taxed \$1. It was then reduced to 10/-. I thought that it may be reduced again to 5/-. I also thought that the Government would have pity on the Opao people.

Q. Why the Opao people in particular?

A. I don't know. I just said that?

FAMILY BONUS:- Q. What are your opinions about Family Bonus?

A. Vil. Coun. MORA:- The tax is paid and the money returns to the women in the form of Family Bonus. I think that is because the Government is pleased with the large number of children.

A. Vil. Const. HIVI:- I think that when the Government sees a woman with a lot of children it is glad and gives the money to encourage the people.

A. Vil. Coun. HAU:- When money is paid out in family bonus, a taxable native who has not got sufficient money to pay his tax sells armshells to the woman and so gets his money. In this way, the woman is able to get more armshells etc. to hand down to her children.

No further answers were received.

Q. Do you think that the system of family bonus is good?

A. Vil. Coun. HAU:- Yes, it is a good idea.

Q. Why?

A. Because it helps the mother to look after the children better and so they are more liable to grow up into strong men and women.

A. Vil. Coun. HRE:- The Government is sorry for the mother and so gives her money to assist her in bringing up her children.

Q. Does the thought of Family Bonus and the end of Taxation encourage the natives to have large families?

A. Vil. Counc. HARE:- Yes, all newly married couples think of it and want large families.

A. Vil. Const. MAO:- It encourages the young men to marry as soon as possible.

Q. Does not the thought of large families and the populating of the country occur to the couples?

A. Sometimes, but their main thought is for the end of taxation.

No more answers.

VILLAGE MATTERS:- Q. Do you think the idea of fences round villages is good?

A. Vil. Counc. HARE:- It is a good idea. Originally each family lived in the bush on their own. The house was surrounded by scrub and all rubbish was thrown just outside the house. Anyone who died was buried under the house. Now we are all assembled in one village, and have the fence round the village. All rubbish is thrown outside the fence.

A. Vil. Counc. HARE:- The Government started it and we think it is a good idea because it shows us that our old ways were no good.

Q. Why are these fences built?

A. Vil. Counc. HAU:- If there were no fences everyone would live on his own. There would be pig and dog droppings all over the place, and there would be a lot of smell. That is why the Government told us to build fences round our villages.

A. Vil. Counc. OE:- If there were no fences, snakes would get into the village and bite people.

A. Vil. Counc. HARE & MOI:- If there were no fences there would be pig and dog droppings all over the place and disease would spread. If there are fences the area within them is kept clean and so avoids disease.

A. Vil. Counc. MAO:- Before the Govt. came all rubbish was thrown at the bottom of the steps and disease spread. Now we have fences and the rubbish is thrown outside the fence.

A. Vil. Counc. HARE:- Fences were ordered to be built so that we could live under better conditions.

Q. DOES THE building of a fence round a village increase or decrease the work in the village?

A. Vil. Const. HIVI:- It decreases the work.

A. Vil. Counc. AHURA:- It increases the work because we have a larger area to clean.

After this there were no more answers forthcoming, so I told them the reason for Native Taxation, payment of Family Bonus and the reason why fences are built round villages. It was also pointed out that they have not got a larger area of village ground to keep clean adding that the fifty yard limit from the nearest house was an added precaution against the spread of disease. At the end of this questions were invited.

Q. Vil. Counc. OS:- Could a Vil. Const. be appointed in KAPIRI Village to control KAPIRI and ABUIPI Villages. These two villages are some distance from where the present Village Constable is living and I do not think they get the attention they should.

Vil. Counc. OS was told that the matter would be taken up with the D.O. on my return. At the same time it was pointed out that the population did not warrant two village Constables, but, of Vil. Const. HIVI was not satisfactory, it may be possible to find one in a more central village. (After discussion with the D.O. it was decided to appoint HAIPARA KI of ABUIPI as Village Constable of OPAO in preference to Village Constable HIVI who has little or no control.)

Vil. Const. HIVI:- When I take people into Kerema for not cleaning their roads or villages, they are not prosecuted. Instead I am told to return to my village and wait until a Patrol comes round. As a result of this the people laugh at me when I give them orders to clean their roads or villages.

These two were the only statements or questions asked, and the meeting adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

In conclusion I would like to thank His Honour, the Administrator and Mr. G. Champion, D.O. Kerema, for having given me verbal permission to take my wife on this Patrol.

*K. C. Atkinson*  
(K.C. Atkinson)

a/ADO

21/6/46

TABLE OF CENSUS FIGURES, FIGURES, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES. OPAN SUB-DISTRICT.

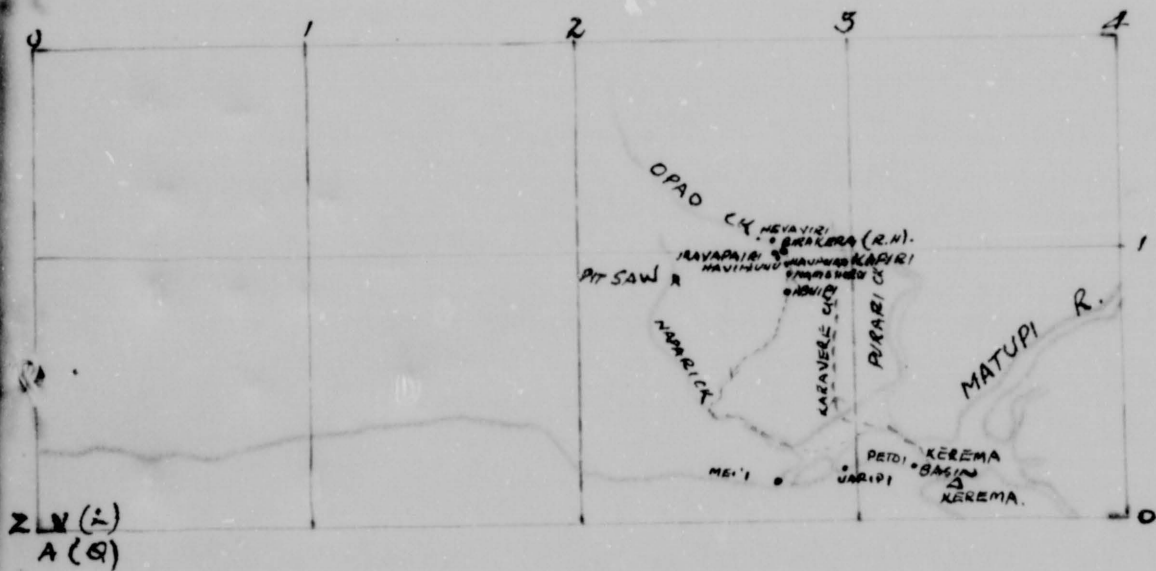
MALES.

VILLAGE	Male.	Total.	Married.	Single.	Widowed.	Orphan.	Blind.	Deaf.	Paralyzed.
BATAVIA	3	13	8	10	9	43	3	3	10
MILABETA	16	16	22	21	19	92	7	3	19
ILAVAPALAI	6	22	25	30	16	103	9	9	17
IONGIBO	5	14	15	15	17	67	4	10	14
THALAMBOL	7	19	13	19	17	75	6	7	15
EMBOGA	3	13	11	15	10	92	2	4	16
ARUPI	6	9	23	19	17	76	5	2	15
KAPILI	6	20	17	31	21	105	12	6	32
TOTAL:-	58	154	135	160	127	644	50	24	156

NOTE: Census figures (births and deaths) are those which have taken place in the villages since 1943/4, the last time the old Roman Census was conducted.

*A. S. Robinson*  
 (K. S. Robinson) e/ADD  
 20th June, 1946.

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MAP TO ACCOMPANY KEREMA PATROL REPORT 6-45/46

*K. H. R. ...*  
*of ADP Kerema*  
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Gulf District

Kerema

No. 6 of 1945/46

D.F.M.Rutledge A/ A.D.O.



File 3/1

District Office,  
Gulf District,  
Kerema.  
1 August 1946.

A. D. S.,  
Kerema.

KERMA P/R. No. 6 of 1945/46 - Rutledge A/A. D. S.

Please find enclosed two copies of the above Report.

PAYMENTS AWARDS: I agree with the A. D. S. in regard to the non-payment of wages. During the last six months many claims have been sent to the D. F. S. but so far very few indeed have been finalised. There are hundreds of claims yet to come. The same applies to ANGAN contracts.

DEATHS DURING WAR: Needs further investigation.

COMPENSATION: There is no doubt in my mind that many natives imagine they can see an easy way to get "money for nothing" but I'm afraid many of them are in for a shock. I will ask O. O. Kairuku if he still holds these vouchers.

ROADS. The road in question was built by the Oil Company but was later maintained by the N. V. I. people as a village road under the N. S. O., and therefore, in my opinion, no payment is due for this work. The natives in this District are indeed fortunate in that most of the walking is done along the beaches and roads are usually not necessary. In the Northern Division the natives keep in order hundreds of miles of village roads.

*B. Chamberlain*

A. D. S. Kerema.

noon.  
p.m.  
to

*Kerema P/R. No. 6.*

REPORT OF A PATROL undertaken by D/F/M/Rutledge A/A.D.C (on transfer to PORT MORESBY) from KEREMA to KAIRUKU - the officer having volunteered to endeavour to completely list all claimants for "peace-time" wages and to list all claims for wages outstanding for work during the ANGAU regime

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DIARY.

Saturday 22 June 46: The original intention was to leave on Thursday 20 June but rain was continuous and there was no point in leaving in rain. With 44 carriers supplied by SIVIRI villages left Kerema at 8.30 a.m. and arrived SILO Rest House 11.45 a.m. Worked during the afternoon.

Sunday 23 June 46: Inspected all SILO villages during the morning and held minor Court for Native Matters. Moved on at 2.30 p.m. to WAMAI, inspecting villages en route, and arrived there within an hour.

Monday 24 June 46: Worked during the morning. Left WAMAI at 2.30 p.m. and continued on to KARAMA which was reached at about 4 p.m.

Tuesday 25 June 46: Remained the whole day at KARAMA working on various claims etc.

Wednesday 26 June 46: Left KARAMA at 8 a.m. and moved to KOARU arriving there at 9.30 a.m. Worked there for the remainder of the day.

Thursday 27 June 46: Left KOARU at 8.30 a.m. and arrived at LELEPIRU within an hour, inspecting KOARU village, and LELEPIRU villages en route. Worked at LELEPIRU for remainder of the day.

Friday 28 June 46: Moved to HABUHABU by canoe, the trip taking one hour. Worked at HABUHABU for the remainder of the day.

Saturday 29 June 46: By canoe to KUKIPI taking about 1½ hours. Worked on KUKIPI matters for the remainder of the day.

Sunday 30 June 46: At KUKIPI - completed KUKIPI matters in the morning and in the afternoon worked on MOVIAMI claims.

Monday 1 July 46: At KUKIPI - worked on MOVIAMI claims all day.

Tuesday 2 July 46: Left KUKIPI at 9 a.m. by canoe and arrived at ISAPEAPE at 10.15 a.m. continuing along the beach with the same carriers to ULITAI Rest House. Worked on ISAPEAPE matters all afternoon.

Wednesday 3 July 46: At ULITAI all day working on remainder of MOPUMOTU claims. Moved on late afternoon to LALAIPIPI.

Thursday 4 July 46:

Worked on POPO, MIRIVASI and LALAIPIPI claims until nearly noon, and then moved on to LESE, the movement taking about 4 hours.

Friday 5 July 46: Worked in the morning on LESE claims and at noon moved on to BIARU - about ¾ hour walk. Worked in the afternoon on BIARU claims.

Saturday 6 July 46: Left BIARU at 9 a.m. and proceeded to IOKEA arriving there 10.45 a.m. Worked on IOKEA matters all afternoon.

Sunday 7 July 46: Moved from IOKEA to LOVE - passing SAROTA Rest House - movement taking about 2½ hours. Worked on claims all afternoon.

Monday 8 July 46: Moved from LOVE at 8 a.m. - arrived at KIVORI POE at 10.45 a.m. and there learned D/O/Kairuku had denuded the village of carriers, and perforce had to continue on to WAIMA arriving there at noon.

Tuesday 9 July 46: Left WAIMA at 9 a.m. and arrived at PINAPAKA at 1 p.m.

Wednesday 10 July 46: By canoe across to KAIRUKU and there reported to A.D.O. O'Malley at 11 a.m.

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GENERAL REMARKS:

Peace-time wages: There was a very large number of these and the big majority were for work done at 9 mile quarry. A complete list (in duplicate) has been typed and has been forwarded to D/O/ Kerema for his action. Though the natives do not openly say so, I think the continued non-payment of these overdue wages has a bearing on the apparent indifference of natives to re-enter engagements.

Male deaths during War: A complete list was made of natives who had been at work during A/N/G/A/U/ and who had died at work or after their return to their villages, and the list was a surprisingly long one. The list has been typed in duplicate and forwarded separately to D.O.Kerema for his information and action.

ANGAU Unpaid Wages: The many hundreds of claims have been typed in duplicate and the lists have been forwarded to D.O. Kerema for his information and action.

I think the big majority of the claims are genuine - it has been admitted that the native labour records of natives employed in the Terapo-Bulldog area were extremely muddled and haphazard - desertions were the order of the day - natives changed places without knowledge of the overseers, etc.

A check should be made against the long list of Kerema outstanding contracts, and a further check should be made at Kairuku for many natives in the area patrolled were signed on under Kairuku contracts.

Mr C.H.Rich informed me at Kairuku that he had spent much time and money trying to clean up all back payments when he was stationed in the area and it is possible that a check could be made against his vouchers, but with all the checks I think it will be found that many of the claims will be impossible to prove or disprove.

Compensation: The amount of work involved in this would have been far too much for me to have handled without considerably lengthening the duration of the patrol, but out of curiosity some of the claims were listed and they were found to be mostly claims for canoe paddles and for canoes. It would appear that when canoes and paddles were needed for the river traffic, the canoes were impressed, used and discarded, so that while many of the canoes were total losses to the owners, many of the canoes were later located by rightful owners and retained by them. I happened to mention this matter to Mr Rich at Kairuku and he informed me that so far as he was aware all the canoes, paddles, oars etc taken from the natives were paid for by him at the rate of 10/- for canoes and 1/- for paddles, and that all claims were paid. His vouchers should be referred to when the work of compensation is started.

Villages: The villages of SILO and WAMAI are in very poor condition but most of the other villages were in good shape and regularly cleaned.

Roads, Tracks: The road over the Cupola was clean and in good condition. Draining and repairs are needed between the station and the plantation.

For most of the way from SILO to LELEFIRU there is a cleared track just in off the beach, and though rough, it is mostly shaded and the walking is infinitely preferable to the open beach.

Rounding Cape Possession was done along the beach, but there is a road built by the Papuan Aponapi Oil Coy Ltd from OIAPU to KIVORI POE - a distance I believe of some eight miles. The LOVE people claim that they have kept the road clean and in good repair during the war years and they made claim for payment for this work. It is possible that a contract was made by the Company.

Rest Houses & Barracks: Rest Houses and Barracks at SILO, WAMAI and KARAMA were definitely bad and new ones were ordered. Many of the other rest houses were poor. During the war years the standard of Rest Houses has been lowered and the designs are very varied.

Village Officials: Most of the Village Constables are doing good work and the Councillors seem to give them full assistance. One point worthy of note was that the previous D/O/ had given instructions that Councillors were to be over tax age, yet BIARU has very youthful Councillors and their village was outstandingly the best seen on the patrol!

Ferryman: All ferrymen were at their posts and their canoes were good.

Carriers: Carriers were obtained without any trouble but any following patrol should be warned that there is no need of a change of carriers at ISAPEAPE when moving between KUKIPI and ULITAI, and that only a few carriers are available if carriers are changed between IALAIPIPI and LESE at a small village called ERAVA. The change is not necessary, the additional carry being no more than half an hour at the very outside.

P/I/B: ex members seen were still wearing their uniforms, ribbons etc and seem to be settling down again to normal village life.

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