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PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN (IOMA) Report No. 1 OF 43/44

Patrol Conducted by J. B McKENNA A.D.O.

Area Patrolled EIA, GIRA AND MAMBA RIVERS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 10/6/19 43 to 2/7/19 43

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....

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DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

District of Mambare,
IOMA SUB-DISTRICT.

DISTRICT OFFICER,
MAMBARE DISTRICT,
HIGATURU.

PATROL REPORT NO. 1 of 43/44.

Personnel: Capt. John. B. McKenna, A.D.O.

Cpl. ORESI
AC. WAJIMA
" KISA
" JUSTIN
" IRANGI
" ADAVI
" HUNGIRI

Court Interpreter VEIO.

Objects: (1) General inspection of EIA, GIRA and MAMBA RIVERS areas, and coastal villages to IAUGA(Douglas Harb).

(2) Compilation of census throughout.

(3) Addition to topographical detail to strat maps for N.G.F.

Duration: 10.6.43 to 2.7.43 (23 days).

Route traversed: All main tracks in area.

--------D I A R Y.--------

10.6.43 - Thursday.

Had intended making an early start but last night downpour continued on into mid morning. Left station 1100 hrs to ferry across the WARIA. Went on the 3 hours to the WUWU RIVER which was in semi-flood. Forded and made camp on eastern bank.

Little work has been done on road by GOMENA-FOFOEI people despite recent instructions.

11.6.43 - Friday.

Broke camp and set off for BOVERA, normally a 4 hour stage. Track very wet and muddy, due to recent daily rains. Signs of very recent road work on last mile of GOMENA section of track - but a poor effort and little bridge repair work done. EIA section of trail in good order and the people have done some good work in improvements within past four weeks.

Arrived BOVERA and had late lunch. Then recorded census

	Adults.	Children	R.P.C.	Ind.Lab.	P.I.B.	
Male	16	16	2	8	2	
Female	22	15	-	-	-	
	38	31	2	8	2	- 81.

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Walked into SIAU, about 10 minutes, and recorded census:-

	Adults.	Children	R.P.C.	Indep.Lab.	
Male	10	5	1	3	
	10	6	-	-	
		11	1	3	- 35.

Returned to rest house and enquired into rambling complaint of a SIRA RIVER man that his recently acquired SIA wife had deserted him, returning here with the wherewithall to sorcer him. He has been twice widowed, both former spouses enjoyed only very short lives after their marriage to her. The SIRA man's concern is understandable!! However, there was not a shred of evidence against the woman and the matter was dropped. There were no other complaints.

12.6.43 - Saturday.

Walked up river to MATAIRU - ordinarily a 1½ hour walk, but track had been neglected entirely and our progress was slow. Instructed villagers to re-open and constantly maintain the trail. At MATAIRU, found signs suggesting a dirty village cleaned overnight. Impressed, once again, upon the people the necessity and benefits of a clean settlement.

Recorded census:-

	Adults.	Children.	Indep.Lab.	R.P.C.	
Male	19	15	6	2	
Female	22	16	-	-	
	41	31	6	2	- 80.

Four dilipadated, deserted houses to be destroyed. Three new buildings to be erected and ordered that these be strong and well built. Some cleaning up work to be done about the village area. One complaint - sorcery - about which nothing could be done, the complainant have no evidence to offer.

Spent some time on mapping hill features, etc., then made slow canoe journey back to SIAU, thence walking to BOVERA. Inhabitants of latter village given final warning re dilipidated appearance of houses, rubbish disposal etc.

In afternoon, worked on "Mambare Delta West" Special map marking in amendments and additions. The map had MATAIRU and other SIA RIVER villages marked on: but their positions as shown, had caused me much thought, appearing to be too far down stream. Was able to check thoroughly today, and new, corrected positions marked.

13.6.43 - Sunday.

Sent gear with carriers to DABARI direct. Self to TAJE, to inspect village and record census:-

	Adult.	Children.	R.P.C.	Ind.Lab.	R.I.B.
Male	19	22	7	3	4
Female	22	17	-	-	-
	41	39	7	3	4 - 94.

Village reasonably clean but has only very recently been re-inhabited, the people having been living in gardens for some months past. Majority of houses in poor repair and necessary renewals to be carried out promptly.

Crossed river and walked down to BOKE, a very neat little settlement in excellent order. Recorded census:-

	Adult.	Children.	Ind.Lab.
Male	8	10	1
Female	9	9	-
	17	19	1 - 37.

Continued down Ea[illegible] bank, over good road, to INA - also in A.1. order. Recorded census:-

	Adult.	Children	R.P.C.	Imen. Lab.	
Male	4	3	1	2	
Female	5	2	-	-	
	9	5	1	2	- 17

These people had a scare one night about two months ago when a fire in garden on opposite bank of river attracted an airman's attention - 3 bombs were dropped, causing no casualties. People today proudly brought out innumerable bomb fragments as souvenirs! Despite this visitation, the few people continued to live in their rather pretty hill top settlement.

Moved on down trail, which has been well kept, to make DABARI - spotlessly clean and buildings good. Village constable, DABARI seems an energetic type and is vast improvement on his predecessor. Recorded census:-

	Adult.	Children	R.P.C.	Ind.Lab.	
Male	14	11	1	4	
Female	15	11	-	-	
	29	22	1	4	- 56.

During course of day obtained geographical details for maps.

The DAMBERODE (Coastal River South) people living for past two months about 4 miles below DABARI, at place known as DANANA - their coastal village was hurriedly deserted about 3 months ago upon the death, by aircraft machine gun fire, of a villager. The people have returned however, within past 10 days and are said now to be re-occupying DAMBERODE - doubtfully safe, with Japanese scouring coast at night, firing upon anything suggesting human occupation.

14.6.43 - Monday.

Leaving DABARI struck off to South East, following trail which has seldom been used by patrols but is regularly covered by villagers. An approx. 3 hrs saw us to TABARA, on the GIRA RIVER. En route, only two slight rises, neither more than 100'; track, for most part good travelling. Two swamps - one of 800 yards, the other about 1 mile in width - where progress is slow, the corduroy cause way being in disrepair. Definitely a better crossing the commonly used NINDEWA-RI - SOVERA main track, though the lower trail, in the swamps gets up to waist deep in flood periods.

TABARA village in good order, as usual. Village Constable AIMA a steady, reliable man. People instructed to repair their causeway across swamp on the TABARA-DABARI road. Recorded census:-

	Adults.	Children.	R.P.C.	P.I.B.	Ind.Lab.	
Male	22	30	2	5	13	
Female	31	31	-	-	-	
	53	61	2	5	13	- 134.

Lunched and then walked up-stream to TAIRE. Sent gear on to AINSI while I inspected village and recorded census:-

	Adults.	Children.	Ind.Lab.	
Male	24	31	4	
Female	27	26	-	
	51	57	4	- 112.

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Yaws and ulcers prevalant here - they are the worst on the river. I have been endeavouring to obtain local supplies of "Bismuth", for injection purposes.

Village fair only and houses generally in poor state of repair - necessary orders given. A complaint which proved groundless - a dog, trespassing on land, bit a pig which was with litter, and the sow promptly "bit" and killed the dog - dog's owner claimed compansation.

Moved up on river, did not cross stream and follow "main road", but went up West bank along good native "pad" and crossed river at AINSI itself. This native route a shorter and better track. Villagers instructed to open it up and maintain it in lieu of former road on other bank.

AINSI village in good order, one broken down, deserted structure to be destroyed at once. Rest House in last stages of collapse - a new one to be erected.

15.6.43 - Tuesday.

Recorded census of AINSI:-

	Adult.	Children	P.I.B.	Ind.Lab.	
Male	23	26	1	3	
Female	27	20	-	-	
	50	46	1	3	- 100.

Mover on ferrying across river and walking on to KARUDE - a new hamlet, the third in 18 months, though they express satisfaction with present site and suggest a degree of permanency. Good new houses and area reasonably clean. Recorded census:-

	Adult.	Children	R.P.C.	P.I.B.	Ind.Lab.	
Male	18	12	1	1	5	
Female	15	17	-	-	-	
	33	29	1	1	5	- 69.

Moved on to ONOMBATUTU, found to be in good order. Recorded census:-

	Adult.	Children	Ind.Lab.	
Male	8	19	2	
Female	16	21	-	
	24	40	2	- 66

One family of three men each with his own family, accounts for over 50 per cent of the population - of them, one of them, one alone has 17 in his menage!

Then moved on to NINDEWARI - village in good order, but soon will have to shift to new site as floods are encroaching. Recorded census:-

	Adult.	Children	R.P.C.	P.I.B.	Ind.Lab.	
Males	15	21	1	1	5	
Female	17	22	-	-	-	
	32	43	1	1	5	- 82

At NINDEWARI, found Lieut.W. Kienzle with his party of 2 ORs and 200 odd indentured labourers, en route to WAU. They are spending the day here.

16.6.43 - Wednesday.

Lieut. W. Kienzle and party set off for BOVERA at 0715 hrs.

Self leaving gear in camp, walked up valley to WAGADARI and UBUTU - both hamlets new and as tidy as could be expected. In a grass area the settlements are oppressively hot towards noon.

Recorded census of WAGADARI:-

	Adult.	Children.	R.P.C.	P.I.B.	Ind.Lab.	
Male	12	13	1	1	1	
Female	13	9	-	-	-	
	25	22	1	1	1	- 50.

AND OBUTU.

16.3.43 - Wednesday (Cont).

UBUTU.	Adult.	Children.	R.P.C.	P.I.B.	Ind.Lab.	
Male	8	7	1	-	5	
Female	8	11	-	-	-	
	16	18	1	-	5	- 40

Moved on to USI, the village in reasonably good order. Some immediate work required on track and instructions given. Anglican Mission has a school here, under native teachers who receive little co-operation from the people, school attendance being poor. Endeavoured to point out to the people the material and mental advantages to their children in education - but the general atmosphere suggests that my harangue was a wasted effort.

Recorded census:-

	Adult	Children	R.P.C.	Ind.Lab.	
Male	25	27	2	7	
Female	27	29	-	-	
	52	56	2	7	- 117.

Continued on up East bank for approx 1 hour, then crossing to GIU and BADAI adjoining villages. Neither as clean and orderly as required and people instructed to rectify matters at once. The USI village constable, who controls these few people, complains of an inattention to required duties, these concerned warned that prosecution would follow further lapses.

Two trivial civil claims adjusted. Recorded census:-

BADAI	Adults.	Children,	Ind.Lab.	
Male	2	8	4	
Female	10	10	-	
	12	18	4	- 34.

GIU.				
Male	8	21	10	
Female	18	16	-	
	26	37	10	- 73.

The high proportion of indentured males from GIU caused by the young men offering themselves for work in recent months and at various centers, a "wanderlust" seems to have affected them!

Boarded canoe and returned down stream to NINDEWARI, noting topographical data en route.

17.3.43 - Thursday.

Crossed river to WADE, village neat and clean. The new village Constable has more drive than his predecessor and the district shows marked improvement. Recorded census:-

	Adult.	Children	Ind.Lab.	R.P.C.	P.I.B.	
Male	18	11	8	1	1	
Female	23	8	-	-	-	
	41	19	8	1	1	- 70.

Moved on eventually halting 4¾ [illegible] later on APOCHE CREEK for a late lunch. The 8 G wire suspension bridge in last stages of collapse, poats rotted through and flooring poor. Shall arrange re immediate renewal. Continued on to GINEMAI, where camped. Mosquitoes ferocious.

18.6.43 - Friday.

Recorded census:-

	Adult.	Children.	R.P.C.	
Male	22	21	4	
Female	21	8	-	
	43	29	4	- 76.

New housing programme going ahead well and the general appearance of the village is good. Arranged that the men, with the Interpreter VEIO and Armed Constable KISA (both excellent "bush" carpenters), will re-new APOCHE CREEK bridge, work to commence on Monday next - a week's work should do it.

Custody of orphaned children a highly controversial subject among these MAMBA RIVER people - and the custody of the late Sgt. JINGA's numerous progeny has to be settled as soon as all the litigants can be brought together.

Moved on up river, to IAUDARI, where made camp under canvas. Called on the Rev. Archdeacon S.R.M. Gill, Anglican Mission, who is established here.

19.6.43 - Saturday.

Assembled IAUDARI villagers and recorded census:-

	Adult.	Children	R.P.C.	
Male	18	30	8	
Female	26	16	-	
	44	46	8	- 98.

Several petty complaints attended to, not requiring Court attention. Two sorcery charges laid, sent out for parties concerned. A complaint from Rev. Gill that local natives had stolen, about 3 weeks ago, about 36 cans U.S. "C" ration given him by U.S. patrol recently stationed at IOMA. Preliminary investigation suggests the BARARA village constable as culprit.

Lieut. Bennett and one Pte, with 12 carriers arrived 1330 hrs, from KURERERDA. Surveying route for heavy telephone line DOBODURA - MOROBE. Gave him details of route ahead, suitability for local streams for water, transport stores, etc.

20.6.43 - Sunday.

In camp. Lieut. Bennett and party stayed the day.

21.6.43 - Monday.

Interpreter VEIO and Constable KISA detached from patrol, with GINEMAI men, set off to commence work on re-newal of APOCHE CREEK bridge.

Lieut. Bennett and party left 0730 hours, en route MOROBE. Self in bed with fever developed during the night.

22.6.43 - Tuesday.

In bed with fever.

23.6.43 - Wednesday.

As yesterday but beginning to improve.

24.6.43 - Thursday.

Feel better but weak. Walked one mile up to IOMA, to "visit" spotters, small Constabulary detail etc. Lunched with Sigs and

returned to IAUDARI.

Rev. Gill concerned about his supply and transport problem. No goods have arrived for him. Asked for my assistance and arranged to do my utmost to draw rations etc., for him and get them here to him.

25.6.43 - Friday.

In Court proceedings, four local natives, including the BARARA village constable, convicted of stealing (see Rev.Gill's complaint, under date 19.6.43) and sentenced to 3 months I.H.L. Two sorcery complaints enquired into but no proceedings due to total lack of evidence.

Broke camp and with local carriers, moved down to CINEMAI. Canoes not assembled in readiness, despite lengthy warning; last 3½ hrs awaiting them.

Ex W.N.L.A/c paid out £9, in two amounts, to men concerned. Paid to CINEMAI, POGADUMA & DEMBURITUTU people 3½ lbs tobacco for work about 1 months ago in cutting grass on IOMA Airstrip.

Several small canoes finally arrived and we set off down stream. Visited in turn BARARA, OROTUTU, WAI'IE and MANATU, to camp in latter. No census recorded, the majority of the people being away sago making, having heard that I would not be patrolling the main river till next month.

The villages in fair order except BARARA which has suffered severely from flood erosion. Inspected and approved proposed site for their new village.

Mosquitoes fierce all day, but from 1730 hrs, they became impossible.

26.6.43 - Saturday.

Aboard canoes, paddled the hour down toPEU, a new village on opposite bank to original settlement. A tiny hamlet in good order.

A further three hours and arrived BEBEWA, where landed for lunch. Village Constable DUNA a solid man, not overdowered with brains but a steady, paddling type who keeps his own area in good order and is invariably of great assistance to patrols and travellers.

Villagers at home so recorded census:-

	Adults	Children	P.I.B.	Ind.Lab.	
Male	13	16	1	5	
Female	19	8	-	-	
	32	24	1	5	- 62.

Small but good new Rest House recently erected. Lunched, all th-e subject to fierce mosquito attacks. No complaints.

Moved on down to SIA and recorded census:-

	Adults	Children	Ind.Lab.	
Male	7	6	2	
Female	12	8	-	
	19	14	2	- 35

Thence on the long canoe trip down to TAUTUTU, where we landed and made late camp. No mosquitoes - a welcome respite.

At 1900 hrs an Armed Constable arrived in from DOUGLAS HARBOUR. Reports thatthree indentured labourers have deserted again from DOUGLAS HARBOUR. Local information suggests that at least two went through to BEBEWA this afternoon. At 1945 hrs, despatched canoe with 3 constables to BEBEWA, to arrest deserters.

These three lower MAMBA villages (TAUTUTU, SIA & BEBEWA) have been doing quite a lot of casual work of late, ferrying canoe loads stores for U.S. units from DOUGLAS HARBOUR to dump on MAMBA RIVER. Payment being made through Cpl. Derbyshire, A.N.G.A.U., Labour Overseer at DOUGLAS HARBOUR.

27.6.43 - Sunday.

Boarded canoes and left at 0730 hrs, accompanied by a number of small canoes who will take the Rev. Gill's stores etc., back up the river to him - if I am able to draw them. A cold dreary trip, in heavy rain, down to coast at eastern mouth of river, where canoes were beached. Walked shorline to GAUORA. People very recently re-occupied this village (as have the PUBETARI, DEWADE and IAUGA folk in their respective settlements) and the grounds showed indications of earnest attempts to clean the area. Recorded census:-

	Males	Females	Totals.
Adult	21	20	41
Children	19	8	27
Ind.Lab.	3	-	3
			71

Herefound three deserters from the Kokoda L of C Carrier lines - placed them under arrest and will take them on.

Moved along coast track to PUBETARI where census was taken:-

	Adult.	Children	R.P.C.	P.I.B.	
Male	15	14	I	I	
Female	24	11	-	-	
	39	25	I	I	- 66

Another 4 deserters from Dobodura Central lines arrested - they will be sent to Labour Headquarters, Dobodura under arrest. These men deserted front line carrying near Kokoda, some time ago, and state they were, part of a group of 10 Mambare Deserters, but that at least four of their number were murdered by unknown Kokoda Orokaivas.

No Court matters for attention, one trivial civil claim aimicably adjusted out of Court. These people are in the midst of an intensive gardening campaign. For months they lived in the forest covered hills inland, from fear of the Japs, and bombing - but there is no food shortage despite the abandoning of some gardens. Sago is plentiful.

Lunched late, then moved on, climbing the ridge behind Cape Ward Hunt, and descending to IAUGA on DOUGLAS HARBOUR. Went to ANGAU labour camp and found that Cpl.Derbyshire had been recalled to DOBODURA several days ago - an American Sgt in charge of the small labour line.

Capt. H.T. Kienzle, ADNL, DOBODURA area, at DOUGLAS HARBOUR, en route MOROBE and decided to go up with him to see Capt. ROBERTS re recruitments etc., having received, two days ago, a long disjointed letter from a Lieut. J.L.ROBINSON, (who, it seems, is now at MOROBE; Lieut Maclean having gone!) to the effect that

Capt. Roberts was doing all manner undesirable things in recruiting. Detailed Corporal and squad to return overland to FOFOEI whilst I boarded barge and left DOUGLAS HARBOUR at dusk.

28.6.43 - Monday.

Travelled throughout night, sleep impossible, and landed MOROBE 0700 hrs. Capt.Kienzle and I proceeded to Labour Camp where found Capt.Roberts and party encamped.

With Capt.Kienzle and Capt.Roberts discussing local labour issues, recruitments etc., soon discovered that Lieut. Robinson's frantic letter to me was hasty and ill advised.

29.6.43 - Tuesday.

Saw Capt.Husk re our July issues and arranged to draw our requirements. Later with Major Reid (U.S., Q.M. Staff), to whom I showed the Rev.Gill's detailed list of rations, stores and medical requirements, also his authority, from N.G.F., to draw from 41st Division U.S. A signal sent to 41st U.S. Div.,HQ asking if Rev. Gill's rations had been or were about to be shipped from that point and Major Reid said he would advise me of the reply - which had not come by dusk. Arranged that our issues would be dropped at WARIA RIVER mouth by barge on Tuesday next.

Med. Heard that Sgt. Upton, Medical Assistant, had vacated the area and was reported to be attached to forward P.I.B. elements beyond NASSAU BAY.

30.6.43 - Wednesday.

Left Labour Camp and moved to EWARRI village, where Lieut. Robinson had established himself. With Lieut.Robinson, discussing future work for him, arranging patrols etc. - and at 1600 hrs., received signal of his immediate transfer to the labour control party. Robinson quite inexperienced but does not appreciate the fact - and his judgements are usually hasty and ill-informed.

With Major Baldy, Australian C.O. of Base Area(Sub) discussing various native matters, possibilities of villagers supplying enormous amount of sawn birri roofing requirements etc. Then to the 21st Aust. Topo. Survey. Co.Unit, to discuss local and other tracks etc., with Major Lambert.

To MOROBE to see Major Reid once more - but still no signal from 41st U.S. Div.HQ. re Rev. Gill's stores, though a second signal sent them early this morning. However, Major Reid agreed, in the event of not having received definite advice by Monday midday, to ship Rev. Gill's stores as per list submitted, with ours on Tuesday.

1.7.43 - Thursday.

Lieut. Robinson moved off to MOROBE, to commence new duties under Capt. Aitchison.

Self left for WARIA 1030 hrs, taking MOROBE police squad with me to hold them at FOFOEI till such time as a relief for Robinson arrives. Lunched at SAPPA, then moved on, finally to camp at ZARIBARI, where found U.S. 4 man patrol also encamped.

2.7.43 - Friday.

Moved on to FOFOEI, a five hour trek, accompanied by the four U.S. troops - who are in search of wild edible growths, of which they take samples, sketches and details.

Sgt. Chester reported "all well" on station and delivered accumulated mails. Cpl. KAAE, Patrol Officer, who arrived yesterday from HIGATUMU, also reported.

P.R. No 12 - 1943.

GENERAL REMARKS. Ioma.

1. NATIVE SITUATION.

The people have returned to their former calm life and appear to consider any further enemy attack an impossibility - recent allied troop movements along coast, and the daily sight of nothing but Allied Aircraft has caused this attitude. Coastal villages, formerly deserted, are now re-occupied and normal village routine has resumed.

The patrol was well received throughout and the people give the impression of welcoming its advent.

Several complaints of sorcery were dropped because of lack of evidence, but there is reason to believe that sorcery, freely indulged in, it seems, during past months, is becoming a common practice and a close watch is being maintained to ensure that the defeat of any attempt to re-introduce the infamous GI-EMBO cult. There is much "rumour" alleging that KURSKEDA boasted its intention of staging an initiation ceremony, but no concrete facts upon which one may work. However the potential leaders are under close surveillance. On the EIA RIVER, another hot-bed of sorcery and where a GI-EMBO clan attempted to form early last year, appears quiet.

2. VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Village Constables generally doing good work - outstanding members are Village Constables AIWA of TABARA and DUMA of BEBEWA both men of many years R.P.C. service.

Councillors have yet to learn the principles behind their appointment - and a "school" is essential and is planned.

3. VILLAGES.

BOVERA and MATAIKU alone earned censure - and they were in a very poor state. Strict instructions given to rectify matters at once.

Elsewhere, villages were well kept. Rubbish tip disposal is a problem gradually being overcome now that the people themselves can see and appreciate the undoubted benefits of a clean sanitary area.

Several GIRA villages have had to re-build in new sites, due to flood erosions.

--Water Supply.-- With the exception of the Middle and Lower MAMBA RIVER villages, the settlements all have inexhaustable sources of clean, fresh water from nearby creeks. On the MAMBA, those villages below GINEMAI are dependent on the river itself - and it usually is muddy and carrying heavy sediment.

--Rest Houses and Police Barracks-- are maintained at:-

EIA area	....	BOVERA, DABARI.
GIRA "	....	NINDEWARI, AINSI, TABARA.
MAMBA	....	IOMA, GINEMAI, MANATU, BEBEWA, TAUTUTU.
COAST "	....	PUBETARI, LAUCA.

4. HOUSING.

Campaign in progress, urging the construction of slightly larger stronger buildings when replacements are ordered or become necessary. The GIRA folk build good houses, and so do the Upper and Lower MAMBA people - the EIA and Middle MAMBA villagers, however have much to do and learn in this connection. Too much is not to be expected however, owing to the absence of such large numbers of men.

5. NATIVE AGRICULTURE.

Taro, banana and pumpkin provide the main diet throughout. Corn is established and all available seed is distributed upon arrival here.

All the villages have ample food supplies and the future is assured. Apart from garden products, all have limitless areas of sago from which supplementary supplies are drawn.

Of all the villages under discussion on the Middle MAMBA river settlements (i.e., BARARA, SOROTUTU, WAI-IE, MANATU and PEU) are the least provided for - lack of suitable ground (tis mainly swampy on either side of the river in that section) precludes the extensive cultivation practiced elsewhere, so that sago forms a major part of their diet rather than supplementary as elsewhere. These five villages, alone are unable provide passing patrols with food - elsewhere foods are plentiful and readily obtainable.

Further supplies of corn and pumpkin seed, if available would be of great value.

ADMS 6. HEALTH.

Yaws, ulcers and sores are very frequent. If supplies of "Bismuth" or other injection could be procured, we could do inestimable good during our routine patrols. Prior to the Japanese drive last year, the incidence of yaws etc., has been reduced to a very small percentage, by systematic check on all cases first brought up. The people are eager for treatment.

Isolated cases of dysentery are continually being reported, from widely scattered centres. Treatment is given where ever possible -- and the villagers observe a police of self isolation in all cases. A close watch is being maintained against possibility of epidemic.

Unfortunately, all existing Census records were lost and destroyed last year so I cannot give figures to support my contention - but observation of the past 2 months years convinces me that the people of the MAMBA from GINEMAI to MAMBATUTU inclusive are rapidly dying out. The numbers are obviously, startlingly so, less than 2 years ago; and deaths are outnumbering births out of all proportion to the other, more normal areas. One can sense as well as see, a lack of "interest" in life" among the people, most of whom continually wear a depressed, lethargic appearance; the adults look ill, and are constantly suffering fever; the children on the whole, are thin, anaemic in appearance.

I have discussed this with the Rev.Archdeacon S.R.M.Gill, of 20 odd years knowledge of the river, and he agrees with my views.

So far as I can ascertain, there are two main contributing factors causing the decline:-

(1) General unhealthy atmosphere of the area, foetid air, swamps all about, and

(2) The extremely high incidence of fever. Mosquitoes are a year-long pest and fever is always laying the people low.

NL Also, it is now some 18 months since the bulk of the few young men were taken away for what was thought to be a 1 year period. It is strongly recommended that ALL men from the MAMBA be released and returned home. Their absence is definitely being felt now, owing to the deaths among the men originally left to maintain essential gardens etc. And the young men's presence is certainly desirable with a thought to future generations.

HEALTH (Cont.)

I have devoted much thought to this problem and can see only one remedy, a step which would need to be taken quickly. That is, to transfer the affected section, en masse, to another more healthy climate, with adequateagricultural lands. Such areas are available within IOMA sub-district itself - on the Upper MAMBA, and on the Upper GIRA, and the Upper EIA. Each of these areas is "waste land" at present, thousands of acres of land without a soul using them - and, in each case, capable of carrying a population many times greater than is the present MAMBA tribe.

Such a mass migration would have to be a compulsory one; the native adheres very strongly to customs pertaining to ground ownership and use. And the question of title to the new area would require prior attention, to obviate later ill feeling. With careful and constant supervision, the inevitable bickering between the "usurpers" and the traditional owners of the waste land would be smoothed over and, in the course of several years, the matter would automatically become accepted fact.

The step suggested is a serious one, I know, - but I see no other way to save the tribe from rapid extinction.

7. ROADS & BRIDGES.

All main tracks are being maintained and bridges also. The APOCHE CREEK suspension bridge, a key structure, was renewed.

8. INDENTURED LABOUR.

NL.

No further labour should be drawn from these areas - they have been reduced in manpower to the minimum. Apart from the middle and lower MAMBARE area(see under 6 Health above), the absence of the recruited men is causing no hardships.

9. MAPS.

Tracks, native pads, all usable pads, have been plotted on to relevant strat maps; also topographical details where possible. A separate report on tracks etc., giving routes travelling times, nature of ground traversed, etc., is almost completed and will go forward with amended maps in several days time.

10. ARMED CONSTABULARY.

RPC

All performed duties satisfactorily. Cpl. ORESI a very efficient, dependable NCO.

Those with special knowledge of areas:-

Cpl.ORESI --------- For some years has constantly patrolled this entire area and has intimate knowledge of all main trails and practica--lly all the minor tracks.

AC JUSTIN --------- Native of GINEMAI. Thorough knowledge of Upper and Middle MAMBA RIVER areas and country round about IOMA as far as the GIRA RIVER.

AC KISA. ------- Native of IAUDARI. Intimate knowledge of MAMBA and GIRA RIVERS areas and coast to IAUGA (DOUGLAS HARBOUR). Knows well all other main and most secondary tracks between GIRA and EIA RIVERS.

(sgd) John.B. McKenna,
CAPT., & A.D.C.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

District Office,
HIGATURU,
18 Aug 43

Quote: MH.19/2c

H.Q.,
A.N.G.A.U.

IOMA PATROL REPORT No.1 of 43/44 - Capt. J.B.McKenna.

The above patrol report, which is a most comprehensive one, is forwarded herewith.

27/6/43.

In regard to the allegation made by native labour deserters that at least four of their number were murdered by unknown Kokoda Orokaivas - the ADO, Kokoda has been instructed to investigate the matter.

HEALTH.

In view of the ADO's remarks anent the rapid decrease in population in the five villages situated in the Middle Mamba area, due to unhealthy surroundings, I recommend for approval his proposal to transfer the people to a locality which combines a healthy climate with adequate agricultural lands. If they are transferred to the KUREREDA area on the same river above Ioma station, they will still be amongst their own people and be able to maintain their tribal contacts and associations.

It will be noted that the Ven. Archdeacon Gill, who has had over 30 years knowledge of the river, agrees with the ADO's views.

Attention is invited to ADO's remarks concerning the young men who were taken away last year for work in the labour lines. These natives were engaged for a period of one year by Lieut. Owen-Turner and taken by him to Port Moresby during May/June. It is recommended that they be paid off and sent home.

NL

GOC

1) A very thorough patrol & clear concise report.
2) The census is a good effort, especially in an area so lately occupied & devastated by the Japanese.
3. Report - particularly the de-population & suggested remedy, will be discussed with NAG on his return.
Chm 1/9

Major,
(T.GRAHAMSLAW) DISTRICT OFFICER.

Chm 1/9

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Duplicate sent to Central Board

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN (IOMA) Report No. 2 OF 43/44

Patrol Conducted by WOII F KAAD

Area Patrolled IOMA, NARIA AND SMALL GOILALA.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 22/8/1943 to 15/9/1943

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....

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DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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DISTRICT OF MAMBARE.
IOMA SUBSTATION.
21st September 43.

The District Officer,
Mambare District;
HIGATURU.

PATROL REPORT NO. 2 of 1943/44
BY W. O. 11 KAAD - D. O.

TO: MIDDLE WARIA and SMALL GOILALA.

DATE LEFT STATION: 22. 8.43

DATE RETURNED: 15. 9.43

PURPOSES OF PATROL:
1. General inspection.
2. Census.
3. Encourage the planting of Government Gardens.
4. Arrest DONOMA of TAKINUMU a P.N.B. deserter.

PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY:
R.P.C. 6
C.I. VEIO
Med. Ord. SALESIO
Nat. Carr. 18

ROUTE TRAVERSED: Main. IOMA-LOROBE road to FOFEI thence up the WARIA valley to SMALL GOILALA. Return via same route.

REFERENCE MAP:

LAST PATROL MADE BY: W.O. 11 GEELAN - District Services Field Staff in April-May, 1943.

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D I A R Y.

Sunday - 22.9.43.
Left station at 3 p.m. inspected LAUDARI, which was in fair condition at 3130 p.m. and camped the night at GINEMAI (const. SEBASTIAN) which is clean and in fair condition, although little attention has been paid to tracks, which I ordered to be cleared immediately.

Monday - 23.9.43.
With an half-hour halt at TATAPI Rest House, which is in need of maintenance and cleaning, reached WADI, on the banks of the GIRA. Vill. Const. DOGIO has kept the village clean and progressive with five new houses under construction. Crossed river to NINDEWARI aslo policed by DOGIO, but showing signs of lack of care. Grass has been allowed to grow to within five feet of the rear of the houses, and small heaps of rubbish were noticed on the outskirts. The assembled GIRA officials were ordered to build - and told of benefits to be gained from the immediate implementation of government gardens. The necessity for cleaner tracks and villages and the digging of refuse pits was stressed and NINDEWARI held up as an example of what was not wanted. The people stated that the land adjacent to the Rest House was unsuitable for agriculture and owing to the number of pigs in the neighbourhood, was liable to damage; and requested that they beallowed to build the government garden beside their village garden, where it could be guarded more readily. The request was acceded to, provided a fence was built to separate the two gardens. Rest House and barracks were good and food was plentiful, though not varied, taro being the stapel commodity. Tracks today were only fair, and cleaning and bridge building were ordered. No crimes were reported.

Tuesday - 24. 9.43.
Half an hour upstream is WAGADARI where one has to fight one's way through a jungle of tobacco growing in the middle of

the village, and a field of corn two or three feet in the rear of the houses. Commended the Vill. Const. upon his industry but pointed out the danger of unrestricted growith on village sites and ordered him to remove it as soom as it had been harvested. The road here leaves the river and leads North. Ten minutes on is UBUTU, controlled by , which has recently been built on a new site, about two hundred yards from the old one. Ordered undergrowth to be cleared to the proper distance and advised that cocomuts be planted as soon as "dries" were obtainable. After four hours crossed the EIA and five minutes later reached BOVERA where all the village officials were assembled. Spoke regarding government gardens, cleanliness, digging of refuse pits, and warned them of W.O. BITMEAD'S approaching visit. They were also severely admonished for not keeping their roads in repair, especially the TAVE people whose portion of the track was very bad. Heavy rain had been falling all day but ceased about 5 p.m. and BOVERA village took advantage of the lull to continue a "pig-dance". I was glad to seethis, as it showed that all fear of the JAPANESE had gone and that pig production was rising to pre-war levels. Abundant supplies of food were brought in, but again, only of the staple varieties such as taro or pumpkin. Tracks everywhere could do with attention. No crimes reported.

Wednesday - 25. 9.43.

Due to recent rains the villagers and police say that the WU WU would be impossible to ford in safety, so decided to stay here. The Rest House is good, but grass has been allowed to grow too high and the barracks roof allowed to rot. The TAVE people were called together and told that they had to obey the village policeman's (IAPURO'S) orders in village matters and for their ~~MMMMX~~ negligence in repairing their road and the barracks they were put to work immediately to repair the barracks and clear a site forthe government garden. Made a minute inspection of BOVERA, (CONST.MISIKALA) which was in a very bad state I believe that at one time it was more or less a show place, but it has been allowed to go to wrack and ruin. Undergrowth and grass have encroached on all sides. All but two houses were old and decrepit and far too close together while little attempt had been made to dispose of rubbish. Of five uninhabited houses three were destroyed at once and the other two are to suffer a similar fate as soon as custom has been satisfied. I understand that if a man dies here, it is the usual practice to wait until a village pig has been killed before destroying his house. Believing that to convince is better than to force I explained the benefits of sanitation and good, widely spaced houses i.e. lessening the possibility or spreading of disease, eradication of dampness (which leads to rheumatism) and more comfort. The people were given until my return in three weeks time to bring the village up to scratch, build new houses and dig refuse pits. I think that they are aware that the government has come to stay and that they will have to resume ordinary village routine according to regulations. An old, diseased dog was destroyed and buried, for once without wailing from the owner - he was dead. But the incident goes to show the apathy of a people who are too tired to destroy an ownerless dog even to protect their own health.

Thursday - 26. 9.43.

Four hours to the WU WU which was forded in safety, although the river was still up. Track was good except for two small overgrown stretches, which were ordered to be cleared. Entered NEW GUINEA territory and 2½ hours later reached GOMENA. Crossed WARIA and stayed the night at the ex-govt station at FOFEI.

Friday - 27. 9.43.

Three hours to PEMA where the line was held up at the river crossing (There is only one canoe available and the return journey takes at least ten minutes.) Here for the first time I saw an example of MIDDLE WARIA co-operation with patrols - boys had come down of their own accord from AGOTAME (PAPUA) to help with the carrying. Once again in PAPUA, followed South bank of WARIA along a much improved road and after 2½ hours reached SARA (CONST. DIMEGI) well situated 20 feet above the river. Two new and one old garden were passed en route. This first PAPUAN village on the WARIA has been rebuilt

on a new site. The twelve houses are all new but two temporary houses built on the ground will have to be removed. Cleanliness was outstanding, especially after visiting the lower villages. Went on ten minutes to AGOTAME, a large village well sited on a slope high above the river and watered by a small mountain stream fifty yards away. Of the eighteen houses three are new and three are mission buildings. One uninhabited house was ordered destroyed and one built on the ground ordered to be rebuilt on stilts. Rest House and barracks are in good condition and food was plentiful and varied. Sugar bananas, sugar cane, taro, sweet potatoes, corn, coconuts, pawpaws, pineapples, grenadillas, chokos, cucumbers, spring onions are all met with from here up to SEDEMA. Government garden is under cultivation. No crimes were reported. Const. DIMEGI seems to be doing a good job here, both as regards keeping order and keeping his village in good condition. Began census of SARA and AGOTAME peoples.

Saturday - 28. 9.43.

Finished census. Noticed several particularly bad cases of ulcers and told them to report to FOFOEI and await W.O. BITMEAD'S arrival. On over a hilly, fair road to GOBI Rest House and barracks, which were in good condition. Journey taking about two and a half hours. Took census and noticed yaws and ulcers to be very prevalent. Two yound children are very bad cases and if they are no better on my return I shall take them to IOMA for further treatment, although with the meagre medical supplies we have that won't be much. Crossed to North side of the WARIA over an excellent new kunda suspension bridge, and went downstream over a road pitted with landslides. Ordered road to be repaired and dangerous spots to be timbered. After ten minutes walk came tothe village situated on top of a steep 150 ft. cliff. Water is supplies by a small creek about one hundred yards back down the road. There are 19 houses of which five are new and two are boys' houses. One with a 45 degrees lean is to be destroyed. The site was none too clean and dampness was noticed under most houses, in fact one end of the village was marsh! Probably these conditions had a lot to do with the amount of sickness here. Explained this to the villagers and ordered them to follow the fashion of cleaning their ground once a day and to build drains around their houses. Investigated the cause of the marshy ground and found that a spring just above the village was the cause of the trouble. I ordered a long drain to be dug above the village to catch both the rainwater from the hillside above and from the spring. This, I think, will be sufficient. Vill. Const. BORE reported that two men, despite warnings from W.O. GEELAN were still living in the bush and refused to come back to the village. Decided to take them back to the Station for CAPT. MCKENNA'S attention, and sent out No. 2477 Const. GIRIRI to bring them back. Returned to main road and continued over a patchy track. After 15 minutes passed a well kept government garden cultivated by GOBE. An hour further on (20 minutes before IEMA) left road and climbed to IEMA SPOTTINGSTATION where there were only two signallers - the other was at MOROBE allegedly getting rations. I repeated CAPT. MCKENNA'S instructions re staying on stations and warned them that further"walking tours" were to cease. Obtained particulars of contract of the cook boy, but could get no information about their policemen as one was in hospital at MOROBE, and the other at KASU where he had taken a damaged radio receiver. From this vantage point I saw both the old and new government gardens planted by the villagers. Ther former is still bearing. Descended on the other side to IEMA village, situated about 25 feet above the WARIA. Of the 25 houses only 3 are new but the others are all in good condition. An old woman has been living in a house built on the ground as she is too feeble to climb steps. Told Vill. Const. HA-ONO that she could stay there until she died, but that the house would then have to be destroyed. The site was clean except for old coconut fronds and banana leaves which were being used to fill in rain channels. Warned the people that this would have to be done with earth, rocks and wood to have any effect and besides that rubbish was to be dumped well wasy, not in the village. Erosion here is an urgent problem - already the village is divided in two by an eroded channel and the banks on all sides are crumbling with every downfall of heavy rain. I ordered a long large drain be built (the length of the site) at the base of the hill beside which the village stands. This would divert the large amount of water running down the hillside and the soil dug up con-

could be used for filling in channels. The banks were to be buttressed by logs and small shrubs such as the "babaga" which once they had taken root, would prevent further crumbling. Also ordered the present eroded channels to be filled in with logs, stones and dirt and more drains to be dug. An old man and three women were reported to be living in the bush so Reg. No. 3203 Const. PANA was sent to bring them back. Water supply here is very good, IEMA CREEK flowing beside the village less than 30 yards away. Rest House and barracks were good, but needed some slight repairs to the roofs. These and the tracks were ordered to be attended to, and refuse pits dug, by my return. Country traversed today was hilly and well watered by small streams. The track followed the windings of the river which in this area is hedged by high hills which make the WARIA valley nothing more than a deep ravine. The roads were, in the main, quite fair, but marred by landslides. Food was plentiful with many gardens in evidence. At GOBI and IEMA I noticed small 6' X 4' houses built on the ground next to several large houses. After enquiring I discovered that it is the custom here to build these small houses to accomodate pregnant women. A much more hygenic practice than child bearing in the main house, which is the custom of the other peoples of this sub-district. At IEMA I saw for the first time, a number of small houses in the village. This habit could well be adopted by all villages.

<u>Sunday - 29. 9.43.</u>

Took census and left about 8.30 a.m. Crossed a well constructed kunda bridge over IEMA CREEK and after two and a half hours over a stony track, reached IWANIA Rest House set in a clean grassy patch above the junction of IWANIA RIVER and the WARIA. The buildings which are under the control of UPUPURO (Const. SIOSIO) are in good condition but the grass had been allowed to grow up to about two feet. Ordered SIOSIO to have it cleared immediately. Crossed to a good kunda bridge over the IWANIA and after an hour and a quarter's steady climbing reached UPUPURO, having left the WARIA and cut across diagonally to the KODE RIVER, which joins the WARIA half an hour further down. UPUPURO is highly placed about 70 feet above the KODE but is watered by a small stream about 100 yards from the village. Of the 12 houses 2 are new and three uninhabited. The latter I ordered destroyed. One old house, built about 3 feet from the neighbouring one, I ordered rebuilt on a better site, and the same to happen to two fowl houses built integral with the houses/ To the immediate rear of the village the ground was marshy with no attempt being made to drain it. Marked out a drain and ordered them to be dug and the houses finished by my return. Erosion was again evident so I ordered drains to be dug, banks buttressed and the planting of shrubs. Cleanliness was good, although here afain rubbish was being dumped within the village limits to fill in erosion channels. Ordered this to cease and dirt and stone rubble to be used for filling purposes. Took census and lunched, food was plentiful in all varieties and both the old and the new govt. garden can be seen from the village. Crossed KODE RIVER by a good, small kunda bridge and leaving river struck out along good road to AI-I CREEK, which is forded three times at knee depth and then crossed by a good kunda bridge. Then up a fifty foot hill on the far bank of the creek to WAKADU, an hour from UPUPURO. Councillor WIPU has kept the people at work, the village being clean and well looked after. Of the 15 houses 4 are new and one uninhabited the latter was ordered destroyed. A fowl house built into a large house also to be destroyed. Buildings are very congested on one side of the village, so I ordered two houses to be rebuilt on other sites to relieve this. Erosion becoming evident so new and more drains etc. insisted upon. Also suggested the planting of coconuts as the people here have none. Down the valley, AI-I CREEK across an old but good bridge and then up again (five minutes in all) to UROWO, administered by village constable PALU of KILA. Three of the 13 houses were new. One old one was ordered destroyed before it fell of its own accord. Congestion noticed again and another house to be destroyed to relieve this, the occupants to move to a new empty house belonging to a signed boy. One old confinement cabin and a "built-in" fowl house were ordered destroyed. Then two minutes to KILA on top of the hill, passing a grove of 24 rubber trees. Plenty of food in all varieties brought for purchase in every village. Roads traversed today were only fari except between UPUPORU and AI-I CREEK, which was good. A warning to improve their tracks was given to the village constables concerned. Until UPUPORO the road followed the WARIA valley hemmed in by towering peaks.

However, as it followed the KOBI and AI-I the country became more even, though still hilly. No crimes were reported. Census of WAKADU, UROWO, GIMINI and KILA, all controlled by PALU.

Monday - 30. 9.43.

Const. GIRIRI arrived back from GOBI with one prisoner. The other was on a walkabout, but I shall get him on my return. KILA, consists of 32 houses ten of which are new. Crowding together of buildings was very marked but ordered the destruction of 3 old empty ones and the rebuilding on a better site of two other in the course of construction. One "inbuilt" fowl house was to be destroyed and another moved further away from the house. Erosion is evident once again and drains, buttresses etc were ordered. The steep slopes on two sides of the village was crumbling rapidly, so told village officials to plant plenty of pineapple in an endeavour to hold the ground together. An old woman was living in a hovel built on the ground on the outskirts of the village as she is too old to walk far or climb. Told the constable that she could stay there but that the building would have to be destroyed as soon as she died. Village clean and tidy. Told village officials that only in some instances was their disposal of rubbish hygenic and that they would have to build refuse pits. Rest house is really excellent and has just been rebuilt. Barracks are also good. On again for ½ hour over a good track to GIMINI a village of 10 houses of which two are new, is sited on top of a cliff 60 feet above the AI-I CREEK. It was very clean and the only suggestion I had to make was the planting of more coconuts. Vill. Const. PAIGARA has been absent for some months. He went to WAU with his N/L and has not been heard of since. Half an hours further on over a good wide road is JUWERA Rest House & barracks both in good condition. In this stretch the AI-I is again crossed by a small bridge, immediately below the Rest House. Lunched here and took census of JUWERA & OLOUWA then made an inspection of the village which is about 200 yards away. The site is stockaded, has a gradual slope and is on the edge, of a 70 feet cliff above. There were 23 houses, five of which were new. One very old one was ordered destroyed. Here again there was a noticeable tendency to crowd together. Village was clean but undergrowth had been allowed to grow on one side - this was being cleared on my arrival. Ordered drains to be dug roudn the houses and transversely above the village to help prevent erosion. Coconuts were noticeable by their absence, although there were several small ones to be seen. Suggested that it would be a good thing to add to these. A special confinement house has been built just outside the stockade but it was nearly overgrown, although still in use. Ordered Vill. Const. KASAU to clear it immediately and also to clear the area close to stockade which was to be repaired. The old government garden has ceased production but a new one has been recently planted. Then on ten minutes to OLOUWA which I will inspect in the morning. Another five minutes to AVIHASA overlooking which is the Rest House. Tracks traversed today were good and led through hilly, well watered fertile land. Gardens were plentiful, two or three being seen from every hill top.

Tuesday - 31.9.43.

Census of AVIHASA people then down to inspect the village. My last night's impression of passing through a pig-sty rather human habitations was confirmed. It seemed that pigs were of more imprtance than people here. 6 out of 7 houses were built on top of muddy refuse littered stys, each with its own marshy filthy fenced area running from the house to the stockade. Piles of taro and other food leavings were found all along the inside of the stockade waiting for consumption by the pigs. Pools of mud and water were the rule rather than the exception. It was definitely the most slothful village I have yet seen. Did not think the village constable SAHALI was efficient, so I called the people together and gave them a severe lecture on cleanliness and village work threatening them with prosecution if the village wasn't up to standard on my return in abour five days, or if it was ever foudn in a similar condition. There were 30 houses only one of which was new. Two old empty ones were ordered to be destroyed. The stockade had to be repaired, pigstys moved out of the village, drains dug, village cleaned and refuse pits dug and used. Back along the road five minutes is OLOUA (controlled by KASAU) which is built on top of a 40 foot cliff above the AI-I. There were 12 houses

one of which was new. The site was clean and the only orders necessary were digging of refuse pits and the moving of a fowl house further away from the owner's house. Returned to AVIHASA and lunched. I only

wish these people would keep their village as well as they do the Rest House and barracks - they are excellent. From IEMA on I have noticed that there were very few fowls or pigs to be seen although fowl houses and pens were plentiful. I understand that depredations and threats (to shoot live stock) by an American patrol and some spotters have caused the villagers to keep their livestock in the bush. I shall investigate this matter on my return to UPUPURO where I believe, these incidents occurred. WAI, father SAPAU of AVIHASA complained although his brother SIGUIA an R.P. C. Sergeant at MORESBY, had died some time ago as yet he had received none of his effects. I said I would write to MORESBY re this matter.

Wednesday - 1.10.43.

Two and a half hours along an ill-kept road to KODE Rest House and barracks, 50 yards from the river of that name. Both these buildings and the road were in urgent need of repair and orders were accordingly given to the AVIHASA constable. Crossed river by a restored but sound bridge and after 1½ hours along on improved road reached SEDEMA. This village is built on top of a 40 feet hill situated between two small streams which both provide good drinking water. It was well swept and several small houses were noticed. One or two heaps of rubbish were seen on the outskirts so I ordered refuse pits to be dug and rubbish disposed of. Of the 14 houses 6 were new. One ramshackle place is to be pulled down and another removed to the end of the village to relieve congestion. The councillor was building a new house and with the destruction of his odl one, the housing should be good. Rest house, barracks and carrier house were in good condition. Banks were begining to crumble so I ordered these to be buttressed and small bushes planted along their edges. Took census of this village and WAINAWO, both of which are controlled by Vill.Const. LALO of SEDEMA. Food was again plentiful in all varieties, and instructions were issued re the planting of a government garden. Roads today were bad to begin with, but improved on the SEDEMA side. Country traversed was rough and mountainous, with many small streams. Leaving AI-I Ck. the next large water is KODE CREEK (the lower part of which flows by UPUPURO). SEDEMA is on the GIUMU which when it joins the WARIA is known as the IANIA. No crimes were reported. Reg. No. 2218 Const. ISEMBO arrived from IOMA with mail and instructions. DONOMA (P.I.B.) was taken into custoday as per instructions from Dist. Officer and a request sent to IARIVA spotting station for a statement concerning orders given DONOMA instructing him to search for a crashed plane.

Thursday - 2.10.43.

Left gear at SEDEMA and set out to visit the new village site (made by old TAKINUMU people) known as SAWA. After five minutes crossed the GIUMU by a new kunda bridge the footway of which I orderd to be braced and widened by cross-slats. On the far bank is WAINAWO a small clean village of 6 houses settled by a small overflow from SEDEMA and old TAKINUMU. Then after an hour and a quarter along a terrific native pad over a 500 0600 feet mountain to SAWA Ck. - but the new village had not been built as ordered. This is the place where the village was ordered to be built and would make an excellent site. On again over, if possible, a worse pad made very dangerous with landslides and loose stones. An hour and three quarters over an ever higher mountain to OIBO CREEK where the TAKINUMU people have settled. OIBO is well sited 10 feet above the banks of the creek and consisted of eleven houses three of which were new. The village was clean and both the Rest House and barracks in good condition. Upon enquiring reason for not building a road it was stated that no patrols had yet visited the area and they didn't think it necessary to build a road. Food was plentiful and two gardens would be seen from the village. As settling on the OIBO was in direct contravention to CAPT. MCKENNA'S instructions to move to SAWA CREEK, I ordered the village constable, NA-ULI, to move there forthwith giving him three months to do so. Other factors which influenced this order was the equally good site at SAWA

CREEK and the shortening of the length of the road which it will be necessary to make from SEDEMA. Considering the terrain, even this 1 hour stretch will be all that these people will be able to build and maintain until their N/L men return. Took census and returned to SEDEMA. The statement re DONOMA had arrived so he was sent to IOMA escorted by Reg. No. 3203 Const. PANA and Reg. No. ? Const. SAMANAPA

Friday - 3.10.43.

Arrived IARIWA after a hard 5 hours climb along a rough stony track cut into the side of the hill, for the most part following the course of the GIUMU. Spent remainder of the day enquiring about SEROGI people and the crashed plane. Spotters say that a Liberator crashed somewhere near here about a month ago, disappearing close to some coconuts, according to other pilots of the squardron. Sent BUBURI (ex R.P.C.) of SEDEMA via an old track to tell Consts. PANA and SAMANAPA to investigate any old garden or village sites on their way to IOMA. Then he was to get men from OIBO and search the vicinity of old TAKINUMU, which seemed the most likely area to area to search, especially as the spotters claim to have heard automatic fire from that direction about five nights ago. All the BORUA people and most of the SEREGIS were living at IARIWA. However approximately ten were reported to be still living in garden houses. Arranged for R.P.C. squad accompanied by Vill. Const. KONIWE to leave in the early hours of the morning in an attempt to round up these ten people. Began Census.

Saturday - 4.10.43.

Police left at 3 a.m. and returned at noon with one old woman and a young girl. Six men and two women had fled to GARIMA five days ago saying they were frightened that the government was going to punish them and put them in prison. I instructed the vill. const. to keep the two women at IARIWA and send word to GARIMA that all the government wanted them to do was to live together in the village. If they did that they would not have anything to fear. Lunched then finished census, afterwards making an inspection. IARIWA is situated on top of the mountain of that name and overlooks the valley of the GIUMU. Due to the cold climate and the scarcity of varied building materials the houses here completely change. Although still built up from the ground they are small and stuffy with steeply-pitched roofs of "gerigeri" or bark. There are twelve of these houses and a spotting station -cum-Rest House, with police barracks and two guest houses, in the vicinity. It is a clean, well kept village and the only orders I gave were for the destruction of one uninhabited house and the building of pits to be used for the disposal of rubbish, which hitherto has been dumped over a small cliff. The credit for the well being of this community should fall to a large extent upon CPL. LANGTRY of the A.W.W.S. Acting merely as a councillor and a spur, and not interfering in any other way he has made a praiseworthy change in the village and his influence has been instrumental in persuading these people to live together in one settlement. The area has been completely re-drained, running water "piped"into the only mosquito pool harbouring mosquitoes, and by means of a bark conduit pure drinking water has been carried to within 100 yards of the village. He has persuaded the people to build and use two "small-houses" and has started a government garden to give a practical lesson in modern methods of agriculture. I went into the trouble previously reported in the GOILALA, but received no further information. Attached herewith a statement similar to the one previously sent to A.D.O. GARAINA. When taking census I remarked that the wife of every N/L was in mourning for her husband. and even had every detail concerning his death. On the other hand, indicating a happier spirit, a dancing ground was being levelled in readiness for big celebrations at Xmas.

Sunday - 5.10.43.

Reg. No. 1524 Cpl. ORESI and Reg. No. 3189 Const. ADAVI the latter has an excellent knowledge of the District, were sent to take charge of and help in the search for the missing plane. On thursday they will proceed via a native pad, meeting me at IEMA. At 8 a.m. proceeded to BORUA an empty village of seven houses, about 1½ hours over a rough, stony, precipitous track. One house is used as a "garden house" and another is a shleter for pigs, the others were ordered destroyed. Directly across the APANOA valley - an hours walk - are two small houses,

the begining of the SEREGI "village", which is actually no more than a series of bush houses sprawling along the side of the valley for nearly two miles. Most of the people from here have moved to IARIWA, but 8 are still holding out - at present reputed to be at GARIMA, two days march away. The cold has its effect on agriculture and variery is limited, although there is quite enough staples such as sweet potatoes, coconuts do not grow at all, while paws paws and bananas are retarded in growth. However there are plenty of English potatoes and passion fruit. Pigs are plentiful but fowls as yet have not been introduced. Arranged with LANGTRY to remedy this with young stock from the lower villages. As this altitude a sweater is required during the day if not walking and at least three blankets at night.

Monday - 6.10.43.

Accompanied by Cpl. LANGTERY who is going to JUWERA to hasten delivery of stores and finalise the question of identification of IARIWA and IEMA cargoes, I left on return journey at 6 a.m. arriving SEDEMA at noon - the improved, downhill track making the descent much faster. Lunched, then ispected village which is now drained and cleared. The old house had been pulled down and refuse pits were being dug.

Tuesday - 7.10.43.

SEDEMA track again cleared. KODE Rest House area cleared and part of road maintained by AVIHASA. Four new log bridges had beenput in along this stretch. Early lunch at AVIHASA then inspection of village which was barely recognisable as the place through which I had come a week ago. All instructions had been carried out and the place was again habitable. Three styes were still under the houses although they had been cleaned out quite well. Upon enquiry I found that they belonged to aged or ailing women relatives of N/L's. I called the people together and told them that they must cooperate and help one another until their absent men returned and for a start they were to destroy the styes. This community has worked really well to get their roads and village into order. In fact as far as drians are concerned they worked too well, and dug miniature valleys. These I ordered to be filled in a little and lined with rocks. On five minutes to OLOUWA where everything was now in good condition. Another ten minutes to JUWERA and here again I could make no complaint against the villagers' response to orders and suggestions. A young man PUOWA was building a new house with adzed walls and flooring and complete with veranaah and bathroom. I held this up as an example to the others and suggested that they build all their new houses in that manner. Cpl. LANGTRY who was straightening out the question of cargoes from KSAU came to me with a message stating that IEMA spotting station was unattended. I asked him to go to IEMA tomorrow and wait there until someone came to relieve him.

Wednesday - 8.10.43.

Cpl. LANGTRY left very early for IEMA. I arrived GIMINI about 9 a.m. and found everything as ordered. Reached KILA to find villagers had followed instructions almost to the letter. The sloping banks leading up to the site had been cleaned bare and were in danger of erosion so the village constable was ordered to plant pineapples there immediately. Rubbish holes were under construction when I arrived and finished during my stay. Also inspected the water supply and ordered it to be cleaned. UROWA was also doing as ordered and no faults were found. After lunch at noon proceeded to WAKADU. Here the drains and rubbish pits had been completed and the three houses destroyed as ordered. Of these two new ones, set at proper distances apart were already nearly three quarters built. Arrived UPUPURO to find another startling transformation. Drains have been dug and old houses destroyed while the site has been cleared up and fowl houses built away from the houses. Complaints were heard against spotters at IEMA alleging under payment and threats. It is also alleged that a party of Americans, including a doctor and a sergeant, camped here one night in July and shot a pig. When they left the next morning the village policeman was given 10/- to cvoer the damage. Whether these stories are true or not the fact remains that the people have been keeping their livestock in the bush rather than near the village. Left at 3.30 p.m. and camped at IWANIA Rest House. Cpl. LANGTRY was

waiting here having heard from a native that there was still one spotter at IEMA. Roads used today were good, all showing signs of work, and the Rest House area had been cleared and cleaned.

Thursday - 9.9.43.

CPL. LANGTRY went back to JUWERA. I proceeded to IEMA where one very badly eroded channel had been filled in and another nearly so. Village was very clean although no rubbish pits had been dug. The old house had been taken down and a start made on the big drain just above the site. Learnt that the station had indeed been deserted and on arrival found that two village boys were in charge. Road traversed today was bad in the part maintained by KILA; vill. const. was notified of this and ordered to clear it. IEMA portion was good.

Friday - 10.9.43.

as Cpl. ORESI and Const. ADAVI had not yet returned and I did not like leaving the spotting station unattended decided to stay here. The villagers finished their work on the rubbish pits while I examined the two government gardens. The old garden is bearing and there are plenty of taro and paw paws available. The new one should be bearing about Xmas. The spotting station area was in need of cleaning and clearing. The whole place having a more or less dilapidated look about it. It appears that when one spotter was "sojourning" in MOROBE, one of two left at IEMA went down with blackwater and had to be evacuated by the other leaving the station unattended. The two police arrived back from TAKINUMU at noon, and reported that they had been unsuccessful in their search. The reason for their late arrival was the roughness of the track which at times was barely traceable. MASULI, the other bush dweller from GOBI was brought in this afternoon. He will carry to IOMA also.

Saturday - 11.9.43.

Left village policeman HA-ONO in charge of station and proceeded to GOBI as natives told me that a wireless taubada slept at AGOTAME last night on his way here. Inspected village where another startling transformation was observed. Condemned house had been destroyed, and a new one built, the site was srupulously clean and the long drain on the upper side of the village almost completed. Already the effects of the latter could be seen as the marshy end of the village was rapidly drying out. Yaws and ulcers hadn't responded too well to treatment and two cases were ordered to go to IOMA for treatment. Returned to Rest House to find CPL. BILNEY, the spotter who had evacuated the blackwater patient. I gave him a lecture on leaving the station unattended and sent him on his way. An hour and a half down the track met CPL. HILL, the spotter returning from his pleasure trip to MOROBE. If this man had obeyed orders and stopped on the station instead of going sightseeing the wireless equipment would never have been left unguarded. He was also given atalking to. Reached AGOTAME for lunch and then made an inspection. The two old empty houses had been destroyed and everything was in tip-top order. These people are not in the habit of using "small-houses" so I explained their benefits and ordered them dug. A start was mde this afternoon. A case of adultery was brought up. The people concerned will accompany me to IOMA for trial there. I was informed that only one of the eight people as instructed had reported to W.O. BITMEAD for treatment at FOFEI. Iasked them how they expected the government to ehelp them if they wouldn't help themselves and told them that now they would have to come all the way to IOMA for treatment.

Sunday - 12.9.43.

After ten minutes came to SAGA where the temporary house built on the ground had been removed and a new, raised one started, and drains dug. Four of these people had slight touches of dysentery so I left Medical Orderly SALESIO and one constable to deal with the outbreak. Reached WARIA crossing at PEMA where I crossed into NEW GUINEA territory. The carriers went overlnad while I proceeded downstream by canoe to FOFOEI. PAPUAN tracks passed through today were mere wide and well cleaned and in several parts lined with bananas and cocounts. At FOFOEI there were three linesmen working on the MOROBE-DOBODURA line.

Monday - 13.9.43.

Leaving FOFOMI and TOMEMI, passed over a slightly improved track to the WUWU RIVER. Linesmen again plentiful at this spot. Lunched at the MAMBU CREEK where there was nother line camp. Another hour and a half's walking and BOVERA was reached. Here again the people have worked well and there were more new houses being built. The village was clean and the site had been cleared further back. The government garden had been cleared and dug mainly owing to the efforts of the TAVI people, who complained that BOVERA was not helping them at all. Criticised policeman MISIKALA for his lack of cooperation in this matter and he promised to rectify it immediately. SIAU and MATTAIRI were building another government garden near SIAU and it was reported that DABARI had also started one. There were more linesmen camped here, which is a dropping point for supplies. Tracks covered today were good except for the part immediately prior to BOVERA village - this was ordered cut. I noticed that when a tree was felled to make way for the line there was tendency to leave it where it was, even if it was directly across the track. I spoke of this to LT. HUGHES who said he would see that the tracks were cleared of this debris before the men left. (I heard later that this had been done.)

Tuesday - 14.9.43.

After an early start found that travelling had been made easy by the efforts of the TAVI villagers on their portion of the track and arrived at UBUTU at 11.30 a.m. Scrub and grass had been cleared well back from the village, which was very clean. Rubbish pits had been dug withing the village, despite my instructions re placing them at a specified point, so orders were given to dig them at the right distance from the houses. On again over a wide, well kept road to WAGADARI which has also been cleared and cleaned. Carriers went overland and I canoed downstream twenty minutes to MINDEWARI, arriving at 12.45. Lunched, then inspected village which had been cleared at the rear and was now in good shape. Rubbish holes had been dug. The government garden had not been started but as the village officials and men were absent at IOMA I could not enquire the reason. Left instructions that the garden was to be built at once. Linesmen were ¼ mile upstream at another dropping ground, preparing to hang their lines over the river. Met CPL. SPEED, ANGAU Labour, who was in charge of the Labour Line here.

Wednesday - 15.9.43.

Crossed GIRA, then ispected WADE which was clean and making use of rubbish pits. After an hour's walk met the returning GIRA officials and told them of my orders regarding government gardens and also praised the use of small houses and ordered their building. Reached TATAPI Rest House to find it overgrown and badly in need of clearing. (These orders were later given to the vill. const.) Carriers and police preferred to reach GINEMARI for lunch so travelled until nearly 2 p.m. Village was clean but noticed that two very small houses had been started less than six feet away from their neighbours. These were ordered to be built in a larger style and at a proper distance from the others. People were at work on their track as I came through. On again at 3.30 p.m. to IAUDARI which has been further cleaned. Afternoon tea with ARCHDEACON GILL then back to IOMA, arriving at 5.30 p.m. where I reported to O.I.C.

NOTE. Walking times are only approximate as no watch was available.

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NATIVE SITUATION.

MORALE.

WARIA.- All traces of fear of the JAPANESE have disappeared but another patrol will improve the position as regards one or two villages such as AVIHASA. The regrettable incidents at UPUPURO and the threats and meagre payments of the IEMA spotters have caused the villagers to keep their livestock in the bush since then but I noticed that quite a few had been brought back by the time I returned.

IARIWA SEREGI (SMALL GOILALA)

These people have become more used to patrols and our methods and, except for 6 men and two women, all are living in the one village at IARIWA. However their morale is very low and they have a poor opinion of the government - they believe that every N/L from the GOILALA is dead. I noticed that the wife of each N/L was in mourning and discovering the reason, I called them together and tried to allay their fears, telling them that the news of their husbands' deaths were only rumours and that they were only to consider them dead when they were officially told by the government. If it is true that the majority of these labourers are dead then those still alive should be employed if possible in a more congenial climate, approximating that in which they lived. If only one or two have died, then prompt notification of the fact to relatives should help to dispel rumours of deaths of others. In my opinion much of the trouble recently experienced with GOILALA people is due to these rumours and some effective step by N.L. Office should be taken to counteract them as soon as possible.

COOPERATION.

The attitude towards, and cooperation with the patrol was excellent. On my return the villagers were all in the act of following my suggestions and orders. Carrying presented no difficulty at all, people coming from near and far to help - and of their own accord. At only one village was the lack of cohesion and common effort on government work very noticeable. That was at AVIHASA, but with an efficient vill. const. to keep them up to the mark this fault would be eliminated..

LAW AND ORDER.

The only serious case met with was at AGOTAME where an adultery charge was laid. Two men despite warnings, were still living in the bush. These were brought back to IOMA to be dealt with.

NOTES.

As far as possible I stayed at different Rest Houses on my return journey to give the lie to complaints that certain villages were being favoured.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

These were generally helpful and efficient. KONIVE of IARIWA has developed into an excellent policeman and seemed to have complete control of his community. He was actually the only contact we had with these people who speak the GOILALA tongue. SAHALI of AVIHASA had let his village go to rack and ruin but on my return had accomplished wonders. If the next patrol sees any tendency on his part to let things slide I would have no hesitation, in recommending his dismissal. Vill. const. PAIGARA of GIMINIM followed the N/L draft from his village to WAU nearly five months ago and has not yet returned. (Will make special mention of this to the A.D.O.) PALU of KILA is carrying on in PAIGARA'S absence and so far has been doing an excellent job. (VILL. COUNCILLOR AILE of JUWERA, is dead.)

VILLAGES.

All villages with the exception of BOVERA, GOBI and AVIHASA were in good condition on my outward patrol. On my return almost all faults had been rectified. Village sites were nearly all healthy and sanitary. The outstanding exception was GOBI which was built on rocky ground where water collected and was mostly mud, especially at the lower end. The banks of the hill upon which it stands were noticed to be giving way in many places. I ordered drains to be dug and the

VILLAGES CONT'D.

banks buttressed, but if these do not hav the required effect I would suggest that the village be moved. Water supplies in every case were good although in one or two places I had to order the cleaning of the stream to facilitate its flow. OIBO was the only village not on the main track and presenting some difficulty to reach. At present it is almost inaccessable, but with its removal to SAWA this will be largely overcome. Rest Houses were mostly in excellent order. The only orders I had to give were for the repari of a small hole in the roof at IEMA and the complete reroofing of the barracks at KODE.

HOUSING.

WARIA.

The structural design and building materials in use were good and the building of verandahs was becoming a widespread habit. Biri and "golu" were in almost universal demand for roofing and flooring but walking materials differed. "Kipa" was most favoured and easily erected, but "belo" a type of woven cane was noticed in several villages. This makes a fine wall and is pliable and easily worked. There was an evident tendency to build on a smaller scale, probably reverting to old styles. Where this was seen the Vill. Const. was given orders to counteract it. In almost every village there was a desire to huddle houses ever closer together forming slum conditions. I pointed out the dangers of this practice, ready spread of disease, dampness, rheumatism etc. and where vitally necessary, ordered the removal of houses to a better site. In a few cases houses, pig styes and hen coops were all built together but these had been attended to on my return.

IARIWA(GOILALA.)

Due to the altitude and consequent coldness these people were restricted in their choice of building materials. "Biri" and "kipa" were unobtainable and "geri geri" (sheets of bark) was in use. To make the roof waterproof it had to be steeply pitched which resulted in lower walls (here about 3 feet) and a consequent lessening of room. For warmth they were built on the small side and had bark covered floors to keep out the wind. Another protection against cold was the long fireplace which ran the length of the house. Although small, these buildings were quite efficeint as houses. From what I could see the people used them very little during the day, so they were quite large enough for sleeping quarters. The number of new houses built in each village was in most cases very gratifying and it showed that the people are following their usual routine. Attached is a graph relating this number, and from it the work done in each village can easily be seen.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE.

EIA & GIRA.

Have never experienced actual difficulty in obtaining food for carriers and police in this area, but it has only been taro, pumpkin or green bananas. These peoples are too lazy to cultivate large gardens of staples and thus they have to eat cooked green bananas and other fruits to obtain enough food.

WARIA.

Here there is an abundance. There were enough staples grown to allow fruits to ripen and to be used as luxuries not as a diet. The following were all grown in every village:- Taro, sweet potatoes, corn, pumpkin, spinich, beans, cucumber, eschalots, chokos, and even tomatoes. Amongst the fruits there were pineapples, sugar bananas, paw paws, coconuts, grenadillas, sugar cane and oranges and water-melons in season.

GOILALA.

The unusual cold restricts the variety of foods grown. Taro, corn, pumpkin and sweet potatoes are the main products. Pineapples, passionfruits, and sugar cane are also grown, but difficulty is experienced with bananas and paw paws. Coconuts do not grow.

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NATIVE AGRICULTURE CONT'D.

RUBBER.

There are 26 trees at KILA, not yet ready for tapping. Also about 40 at SEDEMA.

SUGAR CANE.

The native method of growing this is to place a cutting upright in the ground and let it take root. This not only gives secondary growth sugar but usually produces only one or two sticks for every one planted. The Australian method is to plant a 6" section of cane - with joint and sucker in the middle - horizontally about 4" to 6" below the ground. This will give up to six sticks for each sucker and provides primary growth sugar, which is much better. Could this method be encouraged throughout the district?

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ROADS AND BRIDGES.

On the return journey most roads were good, with the exception of the KILA maintained section of the road between the IWANIA and IEMA and parts of the BOVERA and GINEMAI tracks. The track from OIBO to SEDEMA is nothing more than a dangerous native pad. The distance and terrain forms a difficult obstacle for the limited man power to cross with a road, but with the move to SAWA this will be overcome to a large degree.

Kunda bridges were frequently met, all of good type and only one at all old, though still good. A new one over the GIUMU near SEDEMA required transverse slats across the four strand footway to make it safe for travellers.

From SAGA onwards the roads mostly wind around the sides of hills and precipices. Landslides are common. With the majority of males away this makes track maintenance a hard job.

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INDENTURED LABOUR.

These districts have been exhausted of available man power. Although there were enough men to keep things going, further recruiting would cause dislocation of village life.

Attached is a graph relating the percentage of men absent from each village - it should be remembered that this percentage was of the total adult male population, including cripples and old men.

The serious differences in these numbers can easily be seen but has led to some remarks from the villagers. Would it not be possible to set a maximum percentage to be recruited in each village, this would remove all cause for complaint.

The most serious aspect of the labour question was the rumours which were spreading concerning the number of deaths among GOILALA N/L. For instance at IARIWA it was believed that every labourer from there had died. Naturally this has had a very bad effect upon morale! (see morale report.)

PATROL MAP.

As a watch was not available all travelling times were approximate.

One new native pad was discovered from TAKINULU to IEMA. It led over mountainous country and was difficult to follow. A native does the journey in one and a half days - carriers would take at least two.

SUGGESTIONS.

I would suggest that an aneroid be taken on the next patrol as it is essential for accurate mapping in this mountainous district.

Large quantities of salt should be taken for barter - these people crave this commodity.

Signed.

C. KAAD W.O.11 P.O.

20/5/17

R.P.C. - REPORT.

Reg. No. 3189 Const. ADAVI is a native of AVIHASA and has an excellent knowledge of the District.

At IARIWA the spotters stated that Reg. No. ? Const. EDWIN stole sugar, coffee, 15 shotgun cartridges, 2 fishing lines and a number of ramis. They themselves saw the sugar and coffee in Const. EDWIN'S possession and Reg. No. 3190 Const. OPEU and signed boy TATARA certified that they saw the other things.

Const. EDWIN is at present at KASU. When delivering cargo to IARIWA he always "sits down" at SEDEMA and sends the cargo on without escort. This in itself is a derelection of duty.

Personnel Accompanying Patrol.

Reg.	No.	1524	Cpl. ORESI
"	"	2053	Const. ETANAMDI
"	"	2477	" GIRIRI
"	"	5203	" PANA
"	"	3189	" ADAVI
"	"		" SAMANAPA
"	"	2218	" ISEMBO.

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(Signed.)

C. KAAD. W.O. 11
P. O.

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HEALTH REPORT.

Ulcers and yaws were the main problems met with, especially in the lower districts. Injections and treatments were given in all cases both on the outward and return journey.

The only case of disease met with was at SAGA where four people had dysentery (This has now been cleared up.)

At AGOTAME a girl was found with a large deep fork-shaped hole above the left ear. She was evacuated to MOROBE NATIVE HOSPITAL.

From the same village three ulcer cases were brought back for further injections.

From GOBI two young children with severe yaws were also brought in. The preponderance of sickness in the village was due to its dirtiness and marshy ground.

IEMA had a high percentage of treatments, but these were mostly trivial.

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(Signed.)
C. KAAD, W.O.II
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PATROL REPORT - IOMA NO. 2-43/44 BY
W. O. II KAAD - D. O.

This is the first report submitted by W.O. Kaad, and in my opinion it is a very good effort.

A covering memo from A.D.O. is also enclosed. He knows the Ioma Sub-District particularly well and as will be seen from his comments various matters requiring attention have been dealt with.

Page (2) 13 SMALL GOILALA.

A.D.O. informs me that recruits from this area were sent to Morobe early this year. It appears that 4 of their number died some months ago as the result of an outbreak of dysentery. No doubt exaggerated reports filtered through to their relatives.

The altitude in the Small Goilala country ranges from 3000 to 5000'. Labour was urgently required at the time, otherwise they would not have been recruited.

It would a llay the fears of their relatives and restore confidence in the Government if the remaining men could be paid off and sent home as soon as conditions permit. The total number affected would not be more than 25.

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.....MAJOR.
(T. GRAHAMSLAW) DISTRICT OFFICER.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.
NEW GUINEA FORCE.

Royal Papuan Constabulary,
Headquarters.
28th. December 1943.

ADDS.,

ANGAU.

SUBJECT:- PATROL REPORT W.O.11. KADE.

REFERENCE:- DS.30/8/17. of 25th. December, 1943.

There is no Constable EDWIN recorded at this Hq. It would be appreciated if information could be supplied as to his identity. It is pointed out, that despite all instructions on the matter, no register number is quoted.

C Normoyle

(C. Normoyle) Major.
Commanding Officer, Royal Papuan Constabulary.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

DS 682.

Ref: No.287/37-d/44

17 JAN 1944

District Office,
HIGATURU.
13 Jan 44.

H.Q.
A.N.G.A.U.

CONST KOMIL-SEREGI - R.P.O.

Ref your DS 30/8/17 of 1 Jan 44, para 3.

It is advised that at the time the Patrol Report was submitted the abovenamed constable was stationed at Tomu.

During the time that he was in this District no regimental number was allotted to him thus we cannot supply the necessary details.

It is suggested that as the constable in question is now working at Garina, the D.O., Markham may be able to supply the information required.

John Buckeme ..CAPT.
J. B. MOKENU. A. D. O.

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HIGATURU,
Mambare District.
4.12.1943.

MEMO :-

District Officer,
Mambare District.

Patrol Report. Ioma No. 2 - 43/44: by W.O.ii KAAD, P.O.

The attached Report, in duplicate, for your attention and onward forwarding.

This is the first Report Kaad has submitted: rather lengthy but provides a complete picture of the areas traversed. It is apparent the patrol was opportune and another patrol has already followed in his wake, checking on progress made etc.

Page 2, 'Wednesday, Aug.25'. The P.O. comments upon the 'apathy' of these BOVERA people. I have known them all personally some considerable time and know that they are far from apathetic towards things of their own inclination but are inclined to be defiant towards obligatory duties. Each officer visiting the areadiscovers this attitude and has to impress his authority upon the villagers, after which they cheerfully and cooperatively maintain their area in good condition. Their gardens, hunting campaigns etc. do not suffer, as they always shew earnest enthusiasm in these matters. They are a clan of individualists and the Vill. Constable has an unenviable position until such time as the patrolling officer has made it plain that he whole heartedly supports the official: then the tribesmen, cheerful in their lost 'cause', set to with a will and transform their holdings.

Page 5, 'Monday, Aug. 30'. The D.O., Markham, has been written and requested to check on the presence of Vil. Const. PAIGAMA of GIMINI with the labour lines in the Markham. If the report be true, D.O., Markham has been requested to return PAIGAMA to his village.

Page 6, 'Tuesday, Aug.31'. C.O., R.P.C., has been written, requesting information re the alleged death of Sergeant SIGUIA: the subject matter of the complaint has been notified to the C.O., for his comments thereon.

Page 6, 'Thursday, Sept. 2'. The OIBO settlement remains where it is - on the OIBO. There is no good reason to shift it. When TAKINUMU was originally abandoned, the people informed me they desired to transfer to SAWA, to which I agreed. Subsequently, they selected OIBO : more difficult of access but satisfacotry in every other way.

Page 13, 'Sugar cane'. P.O. advised to proceed with any such attempt at encouraging more productive crops - but to 'advise and encourage' rather than 'order'.

Page -, Report on R.P.C. O.I.C., Ioma, advised to enquire and attend to this matter. A similar complaint laid against EDWIN SEGI some months ago, but enquiry shewed the fault was rather with the 'spotters' than with the constable.

General. Kaad has done a good patrol, and his report shews promise. He has been somewhat insistent, perhaps, upon 'overcrowding' but the rebuilding of theseveral buildings as ordered will benefit the people - however, he has been told to take things a little easier in this matter.

With reference to the two entries reporting the several individuals who insisted upon living in isolated jungle houses. The Waria people are traditionally 'settlement' livers, using a garden house at occasional intervals. When an occasional recluse refuses to participate in the customary communal existence, thus avoiding statutory duties as well as village chores, the villagers themselves complain and request that he be ordered to return to the fold. In these cases, when tis tribal custom, the hermits are instructed to re-occupy positions in the community.

John B. McKenna Capt.
A.d.O.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN (IOMA) Report No. N.R. DF 43/44

Patrol Conducted by S H. YEOMAN

Area Patrolled HIGAIURU TO IOMA.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans

Natives

Duration—From 9 / 9 / 19 43 to 12 / 9 19 43

Number of Days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany ?

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / / 19

Medical / / 19

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £

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

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MAKBARE DISTRICT.
Ioma Sub-district.
22nd. Sept. 1943.

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The District Officer,
HIGATURU.

Report of patrol made from Higaturu to Ioma by S.H.Yeoman P.O., W01l/ANGAU.

Patrol by: S.H.Yeoman W01l/ANGAU.District Services.
Date left station: 9.9.43.
" reported IOMA: 12.9.43
Purpose: Reporting for duty IOMA.
Patrol accompanied by: Cpl.F.Irwin ("spotter" reporting for duty IOMA)
4 constables of RPC.
18 carriers.

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DIARY.

8th.Sept. Received instructions from A.D.O., Capt. J.B.McKenna, to proceed to IOMA and report for duty at that station and to take charge during his absence.
Overhauled patrol gear etc.. Sent for carriers in preparation for departure on the 9th. inst.

9th.Sept. Left Higaturu at 10.15 a.m. and proceeded via Asugahambo, to Awala by main Buna-Kokoda road. This showed signs of recent attention and all bridges had been repaired to cope with "Peep" traffic.
Made enquireies from "sigs" at Ahagenhambo re lamp supposed to have been stolen from a carrier line. Report sent to Capt. McKenna on enquiries here.
Reached Awala at 2 p.m. in heavy rain and on Mr. Searle's invitation decided to stay overnight.

10th.Sept. Left Awala at 9.30 a.m. and leaving main road shortly afterwards traversed a native "pad" until Wasida-Ioma patrol road was reached. Ioma road was then followed to Divinukoiari where patrol arrived at 11.5 a.m. (Vill Const. SINENEPA).
Roads in good order but needed periodical cleaning.
Instructions were given to SU-I people and Divinukoiari policeman to this effect.
Instructions also sent to TOGOHA U policeman to arrest the deserter OHIRA/SAMBAROTA and take him to HIGATURU.
A message sent to rubber tapper KAGENI to report to Mr. Searle at Awala.
L of C sigs have had people of Divinukoiare build a structure,to house men and stores,on the Northern side of the village. No one in habitation but stores left in charge of village councillor.
Had lunch and while here we were joined by R.A.P. Corp. Clinch of L of C. who was returning to KORIGATA. He then joined our party. Left 12.45 p.m..
At 12.55 reached JAVENCHI (Vill Const. SINENEPA). Villagers absent in gardens but noted village was in good condition and clean.
Proceed along main patrol road to:
HURATA which was reached at 5.30 p.m., in a heavy downpour of rain. Rest House occupied by several men and an officer from Artillery Survey party, so pitched tent and camped for night.
Great difficulty experienced in procuring carriers for next day's trip. Was forced to keep some of the Isivita men to make up number.

10th. Sept. Contd. Instructions given re roads and cleaning village. No further warnings for these people. They have been told on previous occasions and apparently no effort is being made to remedy the matter.

11th. Sept. Left 9.15 a.m. Corp. Clinch still with party but shortly after leaving village he received a message from Sgt. Neville at Korisata re rations so returned to arrange despatch from HURATA dump.

GIMATANDI. (V.C. MAI-OKI) Arrived this village at 10.45 a.m. Roads in good condition and no fault found. Village clean & tidy.

Interviewed SI-AI policeman here, re reports of shooting, by ANGAU Labour Line personnel, in his village. He stated that he knew of no such action at Si-AI nor had he heard of any talk about it, among the people. However, he had heard that some cocoanuts had been shot off trees at KORISATA by "Sigs". Subsequently found that Sgt. Chester had enquired into the matter and that sigs. had compensated the villagers to the extent of the damage.

No other sickness or trouble reported. Left 10.45. At KULUSI River crossing met carriers with Capt. McKennaseger. This was hurried on its way as some records were urgently required.

Crossed the KULUSI by ferry at 11.30 a.m.

ARIGAJUSU. (Vill Const. AI-IKI). Reached at 12.5 p.m.. Village clean but people all absent in gardens. Roads still excellent and all cleaned and well defined.

ARURATA. (V.C.AI-IKI). Arrived at 12.35. All houses and village clean and tidy. Was told here that all eligible people were carrying and working for sigs at Korisata. This contrary to instructions and made note to see Sgt.Neville, labour overseer at that village.

Reached KORISATA to find rest house in occupation by Lieut. Menz and linesmen.

Interviewed Neville re casual labour but he denied having any men apart from "sign-on" boys ex Bobuduru, but said that W.O. Gilmour had some locals by arrangement with District Office. They were working on other side of IOMA. This proved to be true on later enquiries.

Passed on to OPI River rest house (PETAKIARI) which was reached at 3 p.m. Again found R.H. occupied by lineman so pitched a tent for the night's camp.

12th.Sept. Left Rest House at 8.30 a.m. and proceeded across river by means of swing bridge. Roads still in A.1.condition.

Arrived old UAIARI at 10 a.m. and after a few minutes spell proceed on journey.

USO swamp was negotiated easily, weather having been dry for some time apparently, and reached Rest house on USO hill at 12 noon. Rest house badly in need of repair so made a note for future reference - as I wasn't sure of the people concerned in its maintenance.

Reached MURUWA on the MAMBARE River at 2.40 p.m. Lieut Menz and party of maintenance men in residence at Rest House. It was reported here that a sig. by the name of Hanlan had been drowned the previous Friday - the ferry having capsized - and the body had not been recovered. Natives from villages on banks of river (Mambare) were warned to look out for the body and were still searching.

12th. Sept. contd. Ferryman wao was witness to tragedy was told to report to Ioma so that a statement could be obtained from him.

Left at 4 p.m.

Road from here well kept and clean. Good walking timewas maintained until Ioma was reached at 5.45 p.m., where I contacted Sgt. Chester , who had been left in charge of station by Capt. McKenna. Cpl Irwin reported to Sgt. Robinson (spotting station)for duty.

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Patrol officer

S.H.Yeoman
WO11/ANGAUS

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES — NEW GUINEA FORCE

DS 1657 1943

Ref: No.122/37-d/43

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Headquarters

District Office,
HIGATURU.
4 Nov 43.

H.Q.
A.N.G.A.U.

PATROL REPORT FROM HIGATURU TO IOMA BY W.O.11 YEOMAN.

Herewith the above patrol report.

I have no comments to make thereon.

C. Champion Capt.
(C. CHAMPION) Actg. D.O.

G.O.C.

S/C.

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DS 1657/43-2779

District Services,
ANGAU.
10 Nov 43.

DO HIGATURU.

Patrol Report - Higaturu to Ioma, WO/II Yeoman S.H.

Receipt is acknowledged of the abovementioned Patrol Report. Please advise the number allotted by you to this report.

HURAFA Village - GOC has noted the remarks of the Patrol Officer in regard to condition of roads and villages. It is assumed that this matter will be followed up.

Lt-Col. ADDS.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN [redacted] (IOMA) Report No. 3 of 43/44

Patrol Conducted by NOIL F. P. KADD

Area Patrolled OPI-KUMUSI AREA

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans

Natives

Duration—From 12/10/1943 to 21/10/1943

Number of Days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?

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

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

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

District of Nambare,
Ioma Sub-Station;
1 Nov 43.

Dup passed to "G" Branch

District Officer,
Nambare District;
HIGATURU.

PATROL REPORT NO.3 OF 43/44
BY W.O. 11 KAAD P.P. + P.O.

Personnel: W.O. 11 Kaad P.P. - Patrol Officer.
One (1) L/Cpl. Royal Papuan Constabulary.
Three (3) Consts. " " "
Twelve (12) Carriers.

Objects:
1. General inspection and census.
2. To choose sites for and begin the erection of maintenance houses for L of C Sigs at the OPI and OITANDI.

Duration: Date left Station: 12.10.43
Date returned Station: 21.10.43

Route Traversed: Main IOMA-HIGATURU road to OPI then a circular traverse of the OPI-KUMUSI area using the main road as diameter. Return from OPI via main road.

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D I A R Y.

12th Oct.

Leaving the station at 1030, in 15 minutes reached the IOMA maintenance station, where linesmen are now in residence, and in two hours arrived at the MAMBA, noticing on the way that the IAUDARI people were out maintaining their road. Ferried across river to KURERERDA where a stop was made for lunch. Checked census and inspected village, which was in excellent condition. BIAGABAI was appointed ferryman in place of KAI-IO who is now Vill. Const. Then on to USO rest House which was being rebuilt by POTOMO and KONIMDA people for use as a maintenance station. Country traversed today was level to hilly, highest point crossed being DIBODARI (or MT. GREEN. Roads very well kept.

13th Oct.

Left about 0730 and two hours later came to the new GAIARI (Vill. Const. BAROHE). The move from the old site has now been completed and the village of 11 new houses was clean. Checked census and discovered a bad case of yaws which was sent to IOMA for treatment. A further 10 minutes on was the old village site and Rest House. Here a taboo sign had been put up near the cocoanuts, probably a result of a little stealing which labour lines recently through here indulged in (See summary - Native Crime.) An hour and a half more and the OPI was reached. Crossed by bridge and lunched at PETAKIARI Rest House, then checked census of ITITI and POTOMO. A site was selected for a building to house a line maintenance crew, and village officials instructed to have it built as soon as possible. Recrossed river and followed SISA Creek for fifteen minutes to ITITI (BAROHE) a first class village of 6 houses, then returned to Rest House. Country traversed today was flat and swampy, but roads were all maintained. In wet weather the stretch from GAIARI to USO is very difficult, sometimes being a foot under water. A small supply of taro was brought in and purchased for the police. Heard rumours of bombing and straffing in this area and will investigate further on, in the meantime warning all people to douse their fires at night.

14th Oct.

14th Oct.

Proceeded along main road to old SEKI, a delapidated village site, which was ordered destroyed as it is now uninhabited. The people ran away in fear of the enemy last Xmas and are now living at KONINIDA. After walking another half hour turned right and in forty five minutes reached UTUKIARI (Vill. Const. AIAKOPA), situated on the far side of OPI which was crossed by raft. Checked census and finding everything in order in this community of 8 houses, recrossed river and went on to AURIDA (AIAKOPA) where census was checked and no cause for complaint found. Leaving this village of 9 houses, 15 minutes later KAKASUSU (Vill. Const. INDARI) was reached and census checked. A side road was taken and in five minutes I stopped at OSAKA (INDARI). Checked census and on inspecting the 6 houses ordered a vacant one to be destroyed. The site was rather brubby but as most of the people are sick, this was excused. Lunched, and then walked for 10 minutes to SOVEVE (INDARI). Checked census and ordered the grass cleared where it had enroached upon the 3 houses. Another ten minutes to TUMASUSU (INDARI) a good, clean village of 8 houses. After checking census, returned to KAKASUSU. Again on the larger road, a halt was made after ten minutes at TEHEKB-ARI where census was taken. The site and 4 houses were good, and no faults discovered. BORUCASUSU No.1 (INDARI), five minutes away was a clean community of 6 houses, and BORUCASUSU No.2, of 11 houses, was in the same category. Took census and made 2 next of kin payments, then walked for ten minutes to IOVOKUTE (INDARI), which was about 100 yards off the track proper. The 8 houses here were in good order and the site clean. Checked census and made another payment. After 20 minutes reached the main road again at AKURUDA (INDARI). Three minutes back along this road camp was made at BORISATA Rest House. Ground covered today was flat and provided easy walking. All roads were maintained. Sufficient taro and pumpkin for patrol requirements were brought in and purchased, but there was no surplus. Throughout all villages visited there were many ill with what appeared to be whooping cough. Decided to send a request to the A.D.O. for the services of the native medical orderly. Three C/S boys found here and as they have already taken from two to three weeks to come from HIGATURU will send them under escort to IOMA where further enquiries can be made. Constable ISEMBO sent to IOMA with deserters and note on medical situation.

15 Oct.

One hour along a side-track leading to POHO brought me to EHENANDA (INDARI) a well kept settlement of 7 houses. Checked census and then looked at the damage done by the bombing last Saturday night. Five bombs had landed about three hundred yards from the village but the only damage was to trees and bushes and the track which had been torn up by straffing. Left this road for a side track and after half an hour over an extremely good track planted on either side with coconuts and paw-paws, reached USUINDARI swamp and village (INDARI). Checked census, inspected this clean collection of 8 houses and ordered the place where drinking water was obtained to be cleaned and fenced. Returning to BORISATA, I lunched then checked census of BORISATA, PAPARATA, ARURUDA, & ONOMBASUSU. 20 minutes back along the main road to IOMA is PAPARATA (INDARI) a village of 5 houses which was clear and tidy, although orders had to be given to have the bush cutback from the site. Came back and inspected BORISATA which is now one community, No. 2 having shifted, with Capt. MCKENNA's acquiescence, to the new site facing the main road. Although still in the throes of construction everything was clean. As no action seemed to have been taken in this direction, I advised the planting of coconuts. Six men were examined for entry into the constabulary, but none passed the requisite physical tests. Country traversed today was flat and swampy, and again all roads were maintained. A bridal payment case was brought up, but under my direction, it was settled amicably by the councillors concerned.

16th Oct.

Again proceeding towards HIGATURU in half an hour a stop was made at ONOMBASUSU, which was in splendid shape. An hour later reached OROBEARI (Vill. Const. MAI-ONI) on the nearbank of the KUMUSI. Checked census and gave orders to have grass cleared to the 20 yard limit from the two buildings of this ferryman's village. Crossed river by canoe and in 15 minutes came to OITATANDI a good settlement of 8 houses. 45 minutes further on was a L of C cargo house where the C/S boy in

16th Oct., cont'd.

charge was warned to keep the area cleared and cleared. Passed the mail runner from HIGATURU to IOKA and in 30 minutes arrived at HURATA. Lunched, checked census and inspected the village of four houses issuing a warning to have the taro cuttings etc. on the outskirts of the site collected and buried. Taking the GONA road in fifteen minutes came to BASAMADA, where census was checked and orders given for the rebuilding of three houses above the ground. 10 minutes further is OROSUSU. Checked census and finding everything in order went on for a few minutes to see that the road had been maintained on the GONA side. There was evidence that it had been maintained so returned to Rest House at HURATA. Country traversed today was very flat and from the road itself I saw three sites which could easily be converted into landing strips. Roads were very fair considering the amount of sickness. Taro was brought in, but only in small quantities - barely enough for requirements.

17th Oct.

Returned to SITATANDI at 0900 and decided to stay the day to enable police to wash etc. Checked census and chose a site for a maintenance house. The village officials were instructed as to plan and that afternoon had already had most of the site cleared. Enough food was purchased for the police and 4 HURATA carriers whom I had to keep on because of the manpower shortage here. At noon a party of 10 women - wives of DOBURURU C/S - under escort of 1 constable passed through on the way to their OPI homes. About 1800 a message was received from the A.D.O. to investigate rumours of an outbreak of dysentery at SIAI.

18th Oct.

Striking towards the coast in three minutes reached an old village site inhabited by three bereaved women. These will move back to the village as soon as their period of mourning is over. On for forty five minutes to BATURU (MAI-ONI) a beautiful, well-kept settlement which was held up as a model for all to follow. The 7 houses are fine examples of native dwellings. Noticed that two men had been buried rather close to the village outskirts so a new burial place was chosen and orders given as to its upkeep. Took census then walked for an hour to the KUMUSI, arriving at 1000 hrs at SIAI (Vill. Const. DIULO). This village was badly in need of attention and instructions were issued for the repair of one house and the general cleaning and clearing of the whole area. Took census and made investigation into the rumours of dysentery. From reports it was only diarrhoea, and in any case had now cleared up. Five deaths in the last two months were reported - due I believe to this pulmonary complaint raging at present. Visited GONA mission out station and found the five buildings in good order, but had to tell the teacher to keep down the grass in the vicinity. The burial ground was inspected and orders given for its upkeep. The lack of attention to necessary work is explained adequately, I think, by the amount of sickness in the area. Lunched and at about 1245 crossed the KUMUSI by canoe and in 15 minutes stopped at DIROU (DIULO). Census was taken and village of 6 houses found to be in good order. PAPAEI (Vill. Const. SIRAIA) is forty five minutes further on and here census was taken and orders given for the destruction of one vacant house. Fifteen minutes more and a stop was made at KIKINONDA (SIRAIA) a good community of 10 houses - the only orders necessary were for the removal of railings around the supports of three houses. Branching off the main road, reached the OPI in 15 minutes and crossing by raft, arrived at INIANDI in 20 minutes. Took census anf finding this village of 3 houses in good order, returned to KIKINONDA. Again following the main road, in 15 minutes - about 1700 hrs - camp was made at POHO (SIRIAIA). Country traversed today was flat and marshy. With the exception of the part maintained by SIAI, the road was good. Plenty of taro was brought in and pumpkin, purchased. At DIROU I noticed KGARI, ex-Vill. Const. who was dismissed because he aided a "Jap-Captain": from enquiries made today it seems that whatever sympathies he did have with the enemy have gone entirely and he is now living a model life.

19th Oct.

Took census of POHO, BEURU and KIKINONDA and made an inspection of the former. The village was well kept and clean, but again orders had to be given for the removal of railings around the lower portions of 3 of the 11 houses.

19th Oct, cont'd.

Lunched, then started along the POHO - MORISAKA road and in two minutes reached POHO No.2 - 3 houses - and in 15 minutes BEUNU. The four houses and site were in good condition, so returned to Rest House, on the way visiting the burial ground which was ordered cleared. Country today was flat, and roads were excellent. More food - taro, sugar cane, paw paw, was purchased. Const. ISAKO returned from IOMA with a note requesting Const. PAKA's presence at the Station. The latter was sent back within the hour.

20th Oct.

After a little trouble with carriers - see Native Crime - left POHO at 0730 hrs and in 45 minutes reached the OPI which was followed upstream for a few minutes to PIRISETA (SIRAIA) a clean village of three houses where census was taken. Crossed OPI by canoe and in five minutes came to KONINIMA (SIRIAEI). This community of 11 houses was up to standards, so began to check the census, finding it very difficult as most of the men are at USO working on the Rest House and roads. 20 minutes upstream was SUPORUSUSU which was deserted about ten months ago in favour of POTOMO. The vacant houses were ordered destroyed. Contuining, POTOMO (AIAKOPA) was reached in 15 minutes. The village and five houses were clean but very little had been done to maintain the road - see "Native Crime". Five minutes later recrossed OPI and camp was made at PETAKIARI Rest House. After lunch discovered that the villagers had got their work priorities mixed and as yet had not started on the maintenance house. Sent out to the people concerned and when they arrived put them to work. Country traversed was flat and well watered. For the first time during the patrol neglect was found on a small portion of the track, otherwise it was quite good. Native medical orderly SALESIO with an escort of 1 constable, arrived from IOMA to deal with outbreak of whooping cough.

21st Oct.

Leaving very early reached GAIARI about 0900 hrs. Although the people had returned only yesterday from getting in a supply of sago for food while they worked, already there was ample evidence that they had been hard at work. The carrier line arrived at USO Rest House in time for an early lunch. The maintenance house had been completed and the men were then busy at work on the roads. On over MT GREEN (DIBODARI) to the MAMBA where I crossed by canoe to visit DAKO, a small settlement of 3 houses which was in good shape. Four people complained of diarrhoea - medicine was sent them on my return to Station. Downstream fifteen minutes by canoe to KUREREDA. All orders and suggestions had been carried out and after a short stay a start was made for the station. Two hours later - 1800 hrs - I arrived at IOMA and reported to the A/A.D.O. - W.O.II S.H. YEOMA.

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S U M M A R Y.

NATIVE SITUATION.

MORALE.

In one area - the Mid OPI - this was the first District Service Routine patrol through since the Japanese had left, but the people had settled back into normal village life, and all signs of fear of the enemy have now disappeared. And this despite the fact that bombs had been dropped, in the district within the last week!

VILLAGES.

Although nearly all villages were clean, and food remnants such as taro and fruit skins had been disposed of, in every case palm fronds had been allowed to accumulate on outskirts. Warnings were given to have this rubbish removed and destroyed. Near each settlement sites were chosen and instructions issued for the digging and erection of refuse pits and "small houses", and propaganda for their use was spread continuously. Rest Houses were usually in good condition, but orders for slight repairs had to be given at PETAKIARI and GIIAKA [illegible], and for a new roof at MURAKA. GAIARI people were informed that for the present the Rest House at the old village site (10 minutes from the present one) would be suitable for Government requirements although it would have to

NATIVE SITUATION - VILLAGE VISIT'.

be repaired.

Propaganda was directed toward the building of burial grounds and where this had been done, instructions were issued to have them maintained according to regulations. Generally, water supplies were good and obtained from running streams. In only two cases, US-UINDARI and OITATANDI, stagnant water was being used. At the former, orders were given to have the watering place cleared and fenced.

HOUSING.

Housing was well up to standard being mainly of the "biri roof and kipa wall" type, although the number of new houses seen was disappointing. There was a noticeabel tendency, especially along the SIAI-KONINDA road, to board - up the area between the ground and the floor of the house. This practice was adversely commented upon as it prevented the free passage of air beneath the structure. At BATURU the people had constructed a fine type of house, roomy and well - made, and their example was held up to other villages as a model to follow.

AGRICULTURE.

Gardens were in evidence along all roads, especially in the area EAST of the main IONA-NIGATURU road. In one or two cases, such as at POTOMO and GAIARI, the people are living mainly on sago until their new gardens begin to bear, but this is causing no hardship. The scarcity of food brought in for purchase was due, in my opinion to the number of labourers recently through here having been given most of the surplus stocks, and does not give a good indication of the amount of time these people do spend on their gardens.

At all Rest House centres an improved method of planting sugar cane was demonstrated and the cultivation of "government gardens" encouraged. With respect to the latter, it was encouraging to note that these had been started already at KUREREDA, GONISATA and OITATANDI.

Rubber trees were noticed growing and following are the locations and number of trees, all of which I consider ready for tapping:-

OROSUSU	27
BASANANDA	43
Between KURATA & OITATANDI	20
" OITATANDI & BATURU	36
" BATURU & SIAI	14
OITATANDI	45
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MISSIONS.

The only mission station in the area is at SIAI. While at the village a visit was paid to the station which was in good order, although due to illness, and shortage of labour grass had overgrown the area somewhat. At all nearby settlements the people were encouraged to send their children to the school as soon as the sickness had passed.

NATIVE CRIME.

The total lack of reports of crimes of any degree was heartening. Two men from POMO were brought to IONA for punishment as per Reg. 127/9B. for neglecting to carry out duties.

At KUREREDA, GAIARI and OITATANDI complaints were laid against C/E engaged in line laying etc. It was alleged that these men had taken cocoanuts without authority or payment. I assured the villagers that nothing similar would occur again and to this end I later contacted C.I.C. of the line who promised to warn his men against further depredations.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Generally, roads were well up to the required standard, the slight lapse in this regard at SIAI and KURATA being explained by sickness. Only at one place - POTOMO - was it necessary to warn villagers because of failure to maintain road. The section between POMO and GAIARI is really is really swamp and needs a great deal of labour and attention to bring it up to a first class road. However the villagers responsible are doing as best they can with their limited manpower - replacing logs as they are needed, and very, very gradually improving

OUTSTANDING ROADS.

the track by corduroying. Propaganda has also been towards the planting of coconuts, paw paws, and shrubs along the roads - the USUINDAI road being given as an example. Every Vill. Const. was ordered to mark off lengths of individual responsibility so that in future there should be no confusion as to who was responsible for non-maintenance of road.

MAP.

My own watch being in need of repair and no other watch being available, all times given herein are necessarily approximate. As a result the map, also, can only be described as approximate.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

The majority of officials were doing a good job, KAI-IO of KUREKURA being outstanding in this respect.

BANGE of GALAI could be much more forceful, but I think that this fault will be remedied as soon as he is fully recovered from his attack of dysentery. There has been much sickness at GIAI, so DIULO had to be given the benefit of the doubt as to his efficiency, nevertheless that doubt still remains and can only be stilled by a favourable report from the next patrol.

The position of Vill. Const at KUBATA is vacant but no selection could be made as there was no one outstanding in the area.

The Const. at POHO died recently so SIMALA was chosen for recommendation. This man speaks some English and has the confidence of all the councillors in his own and surrounding villages and with a little grooming should develope into a fine type.

TUVIRAZA, councillor at ITITI, was a good man and could carry out the duties of a village constable very well. The same applies also to OGOVE of USUINDAI.

DIROU was administered by DIULO of GIAI, EGARI, the former constable, having been dismissed for adiding a "Jap. Captain". (From enquiries made throughout the area, EGARI is now leading a model life.)

Officials at POHO and DIROU handed their uniforms to the "captain" and of the others, their clothes are mostly ragged and wearing necessitating an almost complete re-issue.

Owing to deaths and dismissals over the last two years the responsibilities of some officials have grown, or diminished to such an extent that I consider a re-allotment should take place, and recommendations will be made to this effect.

OBJECTS ACCOMPLISHED.

All objects accomplished. Maintainance houses were started and a general inspection made and census taken, atotal of 1,255 people being recorded.

F. P. Kaad
.....N.O.I.
(F. P. KAAD) PATROL OFFICER.

REPORT ON R.P.C.

The following members accompanied the patrol:-

Reg. No.	1443	L/Cpl.	GABIRI.
" "	2477	Const.	GIRIRI.
" "	3203	"	PANA.
" "	2218	"	ISEMBO.

All members of the detachment gave satisfactory service.

Const. GIRIRI was keen and hard working, and showed promise when used as interpreter to relieve L/Cpl. GABIRI who was suffering from boils.

P P Kaad .....W.O. 11
(P. P. KAAD) PATROL OFFICER.

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H E A L T H.

An epidemic of what appeared to be whooping cough was noticed throughout the OPI district, and in checking and taking census it was found that at least 12 to 15 deaths had occurred within the last few weeks. A message was sent to IOMA requesting the services of the native medical orderly who duly arrived a few days later. In the meantime as far as it was possible I tried to segregate the sick and help prevent the spread of the disease.

The cases of dysentery at SIAI were, I believe, only diarrhoea, and all symptoms had disappeared when I reached the spot.

Several cases of ulcers and yaws were seen and referred to the native medical orderly. There has been an amazing change for the good with these particular troubles, since I last visited the district, but some little work still remains to be done.

Swollen glands indicating the presence of filaria and enlarged spleens are so common as to be almost universal.

F. P. Kaad .....W.O.II
(F. P. KAAD.) PATROL OFFICER.

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DS 30/3/20

District Services,
ANGAU.
14 Jan 44.

DO HIGATURU.

Patrol Report - Ioma No 3-43/44.
WOII Kaad, F.P.

Receipt is acknowledged of the abovementioned Patrol Report forwarded under cover of your memo No 269/37-d/44 of 5 Jan 44.

2. Agriculture. As advised on other papers, Mr. R.E.P. Dwyer, ANG Production Control Board, is now in the Mambare District conducting an inspection.

Lt. Col.,
ADDS.

Lieut Col

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

Ref: No.269/37-6/44 DS 218 District Office,
HIGATURU.
5 Jan 44.

10 JAN 1944

H.Q.
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PATROL REPORT NO. 3 OF 43/44
N.T.O. II AMAU T.P. - P.O.

Above patrol report is forwarded herewith.

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Page 5, AGRICULTURE.
It is thought that the rubber trees are too few and too widely scattered to warrant tapping. The nearest group is about six (6) hours walk from Awala.

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Kurbage area

.....MAJOR.
(E. CRAMAMSLAW) DISTRICT OFFICER.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN (IOMA) Report No. 4 OF 43/44

Patrol Conducted by S H YIOKIAN NGO

Area Patrolled MIDDLE NAKIA, SMALL GOILALA, MAKENUMU AREA.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans

Natives

Duration—From 29/10/1943 to 19/11/1943

Number of Days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?

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

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

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation .... £

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

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

DS 30/8/1

Ioma Sub-District.
LAMBARE DISTRICT.

24th. November 1943.
SHY-37/d.

The District Officer,
Lambare District,
MILNE BAY.

Patrol Report No.4/43-44 - S. . Yeoman.

Patrol Report by	:	E.H.Yeoman, OIC/IOMA WOll/ANGAU.
To	:	Middle Maria, Small Goilala and Takinumu area.
Date left Station	:	28.10.43.
Date Returned	:	19.11.43.
Patrol Purpose	:	General routine inspection.
Patrol accompanied by	:	Mr. McCauley of USA War Department. 1 Cpl and 4 Consts. of RPC 28 Carriers;
Route Traversed	:	Ioma, Bovera, Rofoei, Sedema, Takinumu.
Last Patrol	:	WOll F.P.Kaad of District Services Sept. 43. (Report No.2/43-44) Accompanied by Native Medical Orderly.

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Map	:	Submitted herewith together with panorama drawing of Mt. Groom and surroundings.

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D I A R Y.

27th. Oct. Spent day preparing stores, gear, selecting carriers and police.

28th. Oct. Carriers from Gira area arrived late so utilised 8 station labour to make up required number and set out at 10 a.m.
Direction NNE, which changed shortly afterwards to an easterly direction.
Passing air-strip came to new L of C. house. This has been completed and is now occupied. Lieut. Lauger - OIC - reported everything satisfactory.
Continuing, the road leads down bank of TAMBA River to the village of LAMBARE situated on the banks of the river.
Crossed river at this point and reached village. This is temporary HQ of Anglican Mission in this Sub-District.
Reached village at 10.45 where Rev. R. Gill welcomed us but finding everything in Al order we proceeded at 11 a.m.
At 11.5 we climbed a small incline onto a ridge running in a SE direction, and at 11.25 passed two Maintainance sigs. at work on 'phone line.
MAMBA River Bank was reached at 11.30.
DEMBARATUTU. (Vill.Const.Evia). Situated on opposite bank of river. Crossed in canoe, but found most villagers absent in gardens also the Village Policeman.

28th. Oct. Contd. Village consists of six houses and surroundings all neat and clean. No sickness or trouble.
Left at 11.50 a.m. and after re-crossing river set out once again.
At 12 noon reached new L of C. hut just South of Ginimai village. This is completed but not in occupation. Inspected building and in my opinion it should be ample for needs.
Crossed AVI Ck. at 12.10 and passed through old site of DENBARATUTU and at this point met carriers coming from CIRA. Replaced line boys and proceeded.
GINIMAI.(Vill.Const.MANDATA) Reached at 12.15.
This is a neat village of fourteen houses with two new ones under construction.
No trouble or sickness reported.
Latrines and rubbish pits in course of construction in accordance with District instructions
Roads passed over to this point badly in need of a periodical cleaning but neglect or rather apparent neglect is excusable considering villagers have been engaged on building LofC huts and carrying supplies from Mouth of Mamba to Ioma Station. (Nineteen tons of cargo were shifted by canoe and carriers in month just passed) However, instructions were given re roads.
Large gardens were passed on road and produce should be available for use shortly. Usual crops planted and I noticed fresh areas being cleared and prepared for further cultivation.
Rest house small but large enough for patrol needs.
Mamba approx. 100 yds wide here and swift flowing.
Tobacco leaf in evidence in and about village - healthy looking plants with large leaf.
In village community house noticed drums ,masks and a crocodile effigy. These are all in readiness for Christmas dances. This is a good sign of returning normality.
After a light lunch left at 1.15 p.m.
Road now continues in a N direction with slight variations to NNE and NNW. At 1.45 we reached a slight ridge which was climbed and at 2.17 patrol reached APOM Ck. which was crossed by means of a swing bridge, constructed of bush timber and supported by galv. wire. Some of the latter needs replacing and will have to requisition for wire to do this necessary repair.
After crossing the river we entered hilly country and although going was not difficult it was trying owing to numerous roots on track.
Road good,considering terrain, and passing through densely wooded country - DIJANA and BENDORA trees predominate with a remarkable number of'black palms' sprinkled about.
At 3.7 we arrived at URIO River and the HAURANDARI at 3.37.
Reached Rest House at TATARI at 4.5 where we made camp for night.
All river water seen today, since leaving GINIMAI , dark in colour and sluggish. Should imagine it is not fit for drinking and troops passings through this area would be advised to fill canteens or carry a supply of sterilising tablets.

29th.Oct. Left WATARI at 8 a.m. and proceeded in a northerly direction.
Road still leading through densely forested and hilly country with sago swamps (small) in low lying portions.
Reached GORABADI Ck. at 8.45. This creek flow at right angles to track.
At 8.47 crossed OI-I Ck and later came to more open country with grasslands.
Rested carriers for ten minutes and then proceeded to NOMEN Ck. which was reached at 9.14.
Forests hereabouts thick and consisting mainly of hardwoods - WARIWA and VEMU and large quantities of 'black palm'.
At 9.30 commenced ascent of BARARARI Hill (approx. 800ft.) and reached crest at 9.44.
After reaching WADE Ck. road lead along bank for some distance.
WADE (Vill Const.) Arrived 11.15 a.m.
A large village (17 houses and 1 being erected) situated on Bank of GIRA river.
Village place clean and houses all up to standard.
No sickness or trouble reported.
Rubbish pits and latrines installed and in use.
A good type of village and condition is a credit to the people
Good gardens and plenty of food - usual crops.
Instructed Constable to plant useful trees- cocoanuts paw- paw, and limes, along roads leading in and out of village.
Left 11.30 and crossed GIRA River by canoe ferry.
River approx. 50 yds. wide at this part, shallow and swift flowing.
IL DAZARI.(Vill Const. KATABAI). Reached at 11.45.
A large village of seventeen houses, also on bank of GIRA River and right opposite WADE.
Village place neat and in excellent condition.
No trouble but one man reported ill, with dysentery.
Visited this man and found he was convalescent and that there were no other signs of this sickness in village.
Plenty of pigs and fowls in and about the village and was informed that food was plentiful.
It was decided to camp at this spot and people brought in food which was purchased with salt and tobacco for police and carriers.
Rest house in Al shape and up to standard.
Coloured shrubs and lime trees planted in this village give a well cared for appearance.
At 3.15. left for OKABUTU (Vill Const. GEGERA) which was reached at 3.30.
Village consists of fifteen houses and one being erected.
No epidemic sickness or trouble reported.
Plenty of food in evidence and gardens all producing.
Returned to WINDEWARI and reached camp at 4.15.
All streams crossed and seen today with exception of GIRA , sluggish and brackish in appearance. Water not fit for drinking without sterilising.
All villages visited have installed rubbish pits and latrines in accordance with district instructions.

30th. Oct. Carriers obtained from local villages and set off at 7.50 a.m. in a Westerly direction and proceeding up Bank of GIRA River.
Roads in this area well kept and clean.
At 8.00 crossed UTA Ck. and reached new hut for telephone maintainance men at 8.15. This was inspected and found to be well constructed and ready for occupancy. Left at 8.20 still proceeding upstream.

30th. Oct. Contd. WAGADARE.(Vill Const.MATABAI) This village was reached at 8.25. and consists of eleven houses of the usual type.
Village place clean and neatly fenced gardens of corn were situated right on the boundaries of the village site. Tobacco plants also in great quantities.
One case of mumps reported but patient was found to be almost well again. No trouble or other epidemic sickness reported.
Wagadare is a new village of just a few months' standing.
Left 8.35.
UBUTU.(Vill Const.MATABAI) Arrived 8.40.
A village of eight houses, all newly constructed and site clean but muddy from recent rains. Instructions were given to dig drains to overcome this condition and villagers shown just where to put them.
One case of dysentery reported but was unable to do much about this apart from quarantining house and inmates; also ordered separate latrine to be dug for patient and left a small quantity of salts.
A road leads from this village to BSI further upstream.
Left 8.65.
Road leads in NNW direction and through lightly timbered country - all softwoods.
Commenced ascent of A-IE Hills at 9.12.. These rise to a height of 800 ft. approx. Spelled carriers for a few minutes before descending.
Country very hilly and going is tiring owing to numerous roots overgrowing track. Nothing can be done about this condition of the road.
Crossed DETAI swamp at 11.40. Crossing is made by way of logs supported by saplings with a handrail of cane to steady walker.
Reached MAMANA Ck. at 12-30 and a light lunch was consumed. Resumed journey at 1.20 and ascended DIBIRI hills which, though not high are steep.
Heavy rain overtook patrol at this point.
At 2.15 p.m. reached EI-A River. Roads prior to reaching here in poor condition .
Crossed river by means of canoe ferry. Gear all sent across safely and we reached village of BOVERA in a very heavy downpour of rain, at 2.35 p.m.
Rain continued to fall throughout afternoon so it was decided to camp and visit villages of TAVI, BOKE, INA and DABARI in the morning.
Rest House in good condition and recently repaired. It is situated just outside village and in the centre of a huge garden, cultivated by natives in vicinity for use of patrols and called by them - "The Government Garden" (see note under "Agriculture")
Food of usual crops brought in and purchased for police and carriers with tobacco.
Village policemen from local villages reported and the constable from TAVI village (responsible for portion of road before reching BOVERA) was asked why it had been neglected. He stated that his village was being rebuilt but people would immediately get on with the work. Gave him two weeks to complete the job on the road and warned him of consequences should he fail.
All policemen reported everything well in their villages.

31st. Oct. BOVERA.(V.C. NANAU). A well kept village of ten houses, newly built, 2 under construction and 2 being pulled down for rebuilding.
Village clean and planted with mango, orange and lime trees. Crotons and hibiscus plants give it a well tended appearance.
Policeman sick with bad cold - treated him with Aspirin and cough mixture. Otherwise no illness or trouble reported.
No fault to find with this place
Gardens extensive and carry crops of all usual produce.
Corn and pumpkin seed distributed to people who appeared to appreciate this gift.
Latrines and rubbish pits had been constructed here and in all villages visited yesterday. Inspected these and found them suitable and sanitary.

Rain had fallen heavily during night and villagers assured me road to Dabari would be under water. Sent for canoes and embarked on MI-A River at 9.10 a.m., with Mr. McCauley, one Armed constable and the Interpreter, leaving gear to be dried and aired after previous day's wetting.
River swollen with flood waters and it was soon apparent that surrounding country was under water and almost impassable by road.
Current swift and we soon reached:-
TAVI. (Vill Const.IAPURO) A village of ten houses with four more being built. This village is in the course of being entirely rebuilt and is untidy from building operations but not unclear.
No trouble or epidemic sickness reported.
New gardens have been commenced although old ones are still bearing. Produce from new gardens almost ready for use. An abundance of food in this area.
Banks of river are lined with gardens - where high spots exist.
Again reminded these people about their portion of the main patrol road from Kinde ari to Bovera and instructed V.Const. where to install latrines and rubbish pits.
Left at 9.35. contining downstream by canoe.
BOKE. (Vill const. IAPURO) Arrived 10.00
A small place of seven houses, a large single mens' house and two new ones being erected. One house badly needing repair and left instructions for the entire house to be rebuilt and that rubbish pits and latrines be dug at first opportunity.
No sickness or villages troubles reported.
Village well tended. New gardens being cleared and others, also rather new, have reached production stage.
People also shown where to dig gutters to drain away flood waters.
Proceeded at 10.15 a.m.
INA.(V.C. DABARI) Arrived 10.25.
A small village, situated on a high hill overlooking river. It consists of six houses - all neat and clean but edge of village place was littered with palm fronds and old sago leaf from houses which had been rebuilt. Ordered this to be burnt and this instruction was being carried out as patrol returned later in day.
Flowering shrubs give a colourful and gardenlike appearance to this village.
Rubbish pits and latrines had not been installed here so showed the people where to build and the advantages from a cleanly and healthly point of view were pointed out.
No sickness or trouble here so left at 10.50 a.m.
DABARI.(Vill Const Dabari) A village of three houses and all badly in need of repair.(Arrived 11.[illegible])
Site of village is a bad one and at time of visit all the area was approx. 6" to 1' under water owing to flooded condition of river.
Village policeman who was ill with rheumatism(?) and had some difficulty in getting about informed me that the

31st. Oct. cont. Water always came xxx up like that after heavy rains in the mountains.
There are only six people in this village and I would like to see the ---------- village removed to a other site but surrounding country appears to be all the same.
Suggested that they move to Ia and make one village of the two - retaining their respect gardens which are not far away. This suggestion met with approval from people of both villages.
Rest House here in good condition - much better than village houses but there was 3" of water all around the approaches to it.
Left at 11.40 for BOVERA and arrived at 2.40 after a difficult journey back again against current and rapids to outrigger of the canoe conveying Mr. McCauley. Should say actual walking time - in good weather - from Babari to Bovera would be 2 1/2 hours.
Camped at Bovera again with intention of visiting villages upstream in the morning.
Food brought in by villagers and purchased with usual trade.

1st. November. Left Rest House at 7.45 and proceeding in a Souterly direction came to Lof C hut which was occupied. Inspected house and passed it for payment. Sirs. stationed here expressed themselves satisfied.
Siau Creek crossed at 7.59 a.m. and at 9 a.m. reached:-
SIAU. (Vill Const.NANAU). Consists of eight houses and one being erected.
Latrines and rubbish pits in existence and being used.
Two fever patients reported and these were treated with quinine. No villages disputes or trouble.
Village practically new and was moved from old site because area was adjacent to ground used for dropping cargo to maintainance signallers.
New village surrounded by extensive gardens and all well kept.
New houses are of a good type of construction.
Corn and pumpkin seed distributed.
Left here at 9.15.
Reached SIAU Ck. (for second time) at 9.44. Road still continuing in a Southerly direction and at 9.a.m. reached Bi-A River. Road to this point newly cut. Old one, which was nearer river, was abandoned because of floods.
Crossed River and arrived at:-
MAGAMBA (Vill Const. NANAU) at 9.5.a.m.
This also a new village - five houses being completed and four new ones being built. All are moved owing to constant flooding of old site.
Corn and pumpkin seed distributed.
One case of pleurisy reported and two cases of bad ulcers. Treated pleurisy cases with sulphanilamide (internal and external) and ulcer case with aentrin and gauze dressing. Also told people to keep the latter patient warm and give plenty of hot foods.
Councillor Sodia reported five people living in gardens and not keeping with roads and village orders. These were sent for and instructed to return forthwith.
Left village at 9.25.
Proceeded to Bi River and found current still swift from flood waters but not so muddy in appearance as in Siau River. Bridge would be equally bad. Surrounding country appears to be well populated.
Cases of [illegible] were treated.
Corn and pumpkin seed distributed.
Crossed River and arrived at:-

1st. November cont'd.

Clay pottery of usual type shell and wooden eating bowls show greater skill in construction. All have carved handles with unusual designs. Wooden ladles were also noticed. Shell arm ornaments, feather head-dresses and other items are all well made and unique in pattern.
People themselves are intelligent looking and not dirty way. Some of the elder men have a proud bearing and they are best types of villagers seen on this trip up to date.
On arrival I found villagers from Bovera waiting for me to settle a dispute over marriage price. As this was a matter for themselves to settle and not in what Councillors were handy and had their quote local customs governing the circumstances. Matter was amicably settled. (See notes on VARNY appended at end of this report.)

2nd. November.

Carriers obtained from local villages and set off from Rest House at 8.0 a.m. in a Westerly direction. This changed to NW shortly afterwards and was general direction of trip until TAWAI Peak was reached.
OTI Hill and swamp of Sabe Mane were crossed at 9.35. At 10.5 crossed Mambu Creek and at 11.37 commenced ascent of DAMSI Hills.
Reached WUWU River at 11.22 and at 11.40 crossed DUMSIRI Ck. which is the old boundary mark between what was Mandated Territory and Papua. (The eighth parallel intersects Dumsiri creek at this point).
Reached WUWU River for second time at 1.0 noon, which was crossed by wading, water about thigh deep, and had lunch in vicinity of Lof C maintainance hut. Walking time to here from BOVERA 3½ hours.
Left this spot at 1.25 and at 2.17 commenced the steep ascent of BIASI Ridge. Reaching Biomi Peak on this ridge a view of Warsong Point and Mouth of Bi-e river ~~xxxx~~ was obtained.
At 2.57 the top of TAWAI Peak was created and patrol was able to see WARIA River below.
Left this point at 3.10 after spelling carriers and reached the village of:-
GOUNNA and banks of Waria at 3.45. GOUNNA is situated in Markham district and apart from asking "Tul-Tul" about epidemic sickness and noticing that village was clean and tidy did not interfere.
Gear and party were ferried across Waria by canoe and passing village of FOFOLI proceeded to group of buildings erected by Capt. McKenna (to be used as Govt. Station, prior to old boundaries of Markham and Sambare Districts being resumed.
Food was brought by the villagers of FOFOLI and there appeared to me to be an abundance. Taro was largest seen on trip.
Made payments to next of kin of deceased labourers and had interesting talk (in'pid in') with a police boy who had been in Salamaua at the time it was retaken by our troops. He was a mine of information.
FOFOLI policemen and medical orderly reported and said everything was well with their villages.
Arranged for carriers for morning and camped for night.
Corporal OKEJ of RIC detachment reported that a woman who had taken a liking to one of the police with patrol had just turned up, having followed behind from BEVERA. Sent for her and explained to the Constable concerned and the woman that she would have to be returned and arrangements were made to that effect.

2nd. November contd.

Roads for latter part of journey to LOF C3I were in a shocking state and GUMBA people stated they had all been away working at KOROBE. This part of track comes under the jurisdiction of Markham District and I advised the officer concerned re the matter by phone.
Roads passed over today wend their way through hilly country and at times some very steep portions are encountered. Country heavily timbered.
Waria at KOFOGI splits and should say the portion crossed would be approx 60 yards wide and the water very swift flowing.

3rd. November.

In morning, went back across river to Lof C hut near GUMBA village to contact Korobe station and also Lieut. Moore of maintainance men at AWARI re carriers I was sending to take supplies back to BOVERA.
Some difficulty experienced in getting carriers to take us on and had to break down loads into light 'carries' and use some women and small boys.
Left 9.00 a.m. and proceeded in a SSE direction along bank of Waria River (Markham District side) .
Road follows stream all the way to PEMA and going is rather hilly but apart from MASAGAI ridge nothing steep was met with.
Waria River runs in a deep valley and hills on either bank , although not of great height, are most precipitous and descend right to water's edge.
Stream is swift flowing and at times rapids were noticed.
Many small streams crossed on way.
Reached PEMA No 2 at 12 noon - walking time from KOFOGI 2½ hours -- lunch was consumed and patrol resumed journey at 1.10 p.m. in a NNW direction.
PEMA No 1. was reached at 1.27 and the crossing of Waria made shortly afterwards by canoe ferry.
I should say that this crossing would be hazardous after heavy rains. Even today there were some rather exciting moments but gear was eventually sent across safely. There is always a big delay at this point as one canoe is all that is available.
Proceeding upstream (now in Mambare District again) it was found that although still ascending the going was much easier and good time was made.
SARA (Vill Const. DeMEGI) This village was reached at 3.20.
Policemen reported all well - no illness or village troubles.
Road leading in and out of village clean and well kept, considering country passed through.
All houses (eleven) were in good condition and village place exceptionally neat and tidy.
Plenty of food in evidence in village and gardens passed through on track indicated a place of plenty.
Some pigs noticed but no fowls.
Left at 3.35 p.m.
AGITAI.(Vill.Const. DeMEGI) Arrive here at 3.50 and just after arrival a heavy rain storm broke .
Paid off carriers and villagers brought in hot cooked foods for police. This was purchased with tobacco.
Village neat and tidy. No trouble or epidemic sickness reported.
Consists of seventeen houses. Latrines and rubbish pits installed adjacent to village and in use.
Roads seen today good, considering terrain and doubt if they could be improved on.
Heard that W.C. Ditmead [illegible] assistant, from Korobe was operating [illegible] on his way to Gorgina but he is a few days ahead.

4th. November. Left AGUTAMI at 9 o'clock - patrol delayed by heavy rains - and set off in a fine drizzle of rain and a fog.

Road still following Waria River and in general SW direction.

Track leads around foot of steep hills. At times we ascended to heights of 700 to 900 ft. overlooking river but usually the patrol was moving at a level with the stream.

Many mountain creeks crossed and these were gushing torrents after heavy rains of yesterday and last night. GAMI CK. was really in flood. Usual method of crossing (fording) was impossible. Police and carriers quickly procured logs and a rough bridge was made in no time. Gear was all carried across safely by this means.

Pleasing feature of todays walk was number of pine-apple plants, breadfruit, paw-paw and bananas growing along the road. This is a practice which I am trying to encourage throughout the Sub-District.

Numbers of gardens passed and these are all well kept and plentifully stocked.

GOBI Rest House was reached at 12 noon (actual walking time to this point 2½ hours but stops were made for mapping purposes.

After a light lunch, left rest house at 1.15 and crossed Waria by means of a cane bridge - well constructed and stayed - and with Mr. McCauley, Interpreter and one policeman set out for GOBI village, some ten minutes back towards AGUTAMI but on opposite bank of River.

GOBI (Vill Const. BORI) This village quite a large one but desolate looking owing to lack of cocoanut palms and other trees. It consists of eighteen houses - all of usual type and in good condition. Village place clean and drains dug as per previous patrol's instructions. These have made a considerable difference to drying out surroundings.

Latrines and rubbish pits not constructed as yet but this work is being undertaken now. Lack of men in village used as an excuse for delay in installing.

No sickness or trouble reported.

This village is situated at the foot of MIMI Peak.

Left at 1.40.

Arrived back at Rest House at 1.55 and proceeded upstream on journey at 3 p.m. Road still ascending but not difficult.

Roads in this area well defined and where possible have been cleared to regulation width. Most creeks, of any size are bridged with logs and have cane hand rails attached.

IEMA (Vill Const. HAU-UNO). Reached at 4.10. but actual walking time from Gobi 1 hour 35 mins. Roads to this village excellent and village itself is well kept and cared for. Flowering shrubs and trees and usefultrees also - limes, paw-paw, pandanus, mango and betels make a veritable garden of this place.

It consists of twenty four houses and is really in two sections. Place clean and all orders given on the previous patrol have been carried out as far as I can see.

No sickness or trouble but Village policeman had a small ulcer on his leg which was treated by me.

Rest House excellent and in good position above village and overlooking River. Beds have been made out of bush timbers and a cane mattress attached. This is a good idea and could be well adapted by other villages.

Hospitality of people and their willingness were particularly noticeable.

An abundance of food (cooked) was brought for the police and carriers and also for ourselves. The

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latter included, huge queen Pineapples, banana over ten inches long, cucumbers, spring onions and tomatoes. All very welcome changes to the diet of taro, and sweet potato.
Supplies of corn, pumpkin, bean, tomato, beet and chinese cabbage seeds were given to these people to augment their food supplies.
Houses are well constructed but are rather primitive and a sketch is attached to this report.

5th. November.

Left Rest House at 8 a.m. and set out for "Spotters" camp situated on ITOTO peak.
After a stiff climb of forty five minutes arrived and found Cpl. Bigley and Cpl. Daly (Iariwa station) in residence. Cpl. Bigley reported all well and gave me to understand that Daly was relieving Kitchen of Iema station. Kitchen had gone to Iariwa to recover from a bad attack of malaria (previously reported as Black water fever). Why, I don't know as walk is enough to kill a man with fever and the climatic conditions are exactly alike. These "spotters" appear to have the gift of being where they shouldn't be. W.O. Kead, on a previous patrol found this station deserted by European personnel and secret documents lying about for anyone's perusal.

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Have made a separate report on these two stations ((Iariwa and Iema) which is attached.
Camp was neat in appearance and apparently quite a deal of work had been done since previous patrol . A garden was being cultivated and I noticed fowls which had been purchased from local villagers.
Sig. Daly reported that he had received a message from Corp. Lantry of Iariwa to the effect that people from Garima village in the Goilala District were again threatening local people and had sent messages to Iariwa that they were coming down to kill the people and to fight the spotters also. He has sent a tommy gun and ammunition up to Langtry in case of trouble. No further news of trouble had been received after that message although the two stations had been in communication since. (Later enquiries showed that Daly had grossly exaggerated the rumours and there had been no trouble with Goilala people for months.) Daly has since been returned to Port Moresby or I would have certainly recommended that he be withdrawn from Iariwa as a likely cause of bother. See separate report).
Left this camp at 10.45 and arrived back at camp at 11.15.
Rain commenced to fall on my return so decided to remain camp here for night and proceed in the morning.
Spent afternoon adding data gathered to patrol map and sketching types of houses etc.

6th. November.

Left Iema at 8 a.m. and crossing creek, of same name, by means of a swing bridge - low footway supported with galv. wire strands. Road proceeding SSW.
Patrol continued upstream to Iema boundary - the GORUTU Ck. which was reached at 9.30 a.m.
Carriers were rested here for ten minutes before proceeding on journey.
Road still leading through well timbered and mountainous country. Going not difficult. Tracks well maintained and defined.
Reached Rest house on banks of GIRUU or IWANIA River at 11 o'clock and stopped for light lunch. There is no village here but rest house is maintained by Upuporo and Iema villages.
Journey to this spot had taken us 3 hours 35 mins. allowing for mapping activities and rest.
Set out again at 12.10, crossing IWANIA river by a cane bridge - well constructed and staged.
Road still over mountainous country and some steep pinches were climbed.

6th. November South.

At 12.45 patrol was dropped by sudden do without and lost portion of journey was finished in heavy showers of rain.

MUYONO. (V111 const. SIGGIO). Arrived 1.5 p.m. and decided to stay here overnight.

Village consists of eleven houses. Most of these rather dilapidated but extensive building operations are under way.

Streets, latrines and rubbish pits constructed and in use. Duuporo is attached at junction of IOM and KAMIA River with the AI-3 joining the road a short distance above village.

Large rest house- well constructed and planned. Village policeman an excellent type and has people well in control. He was a member of RIO for years and seems to be to be right man in right job. (On my return to station found myself Deeply wanting for this man and it will be presented on next patrol)

Had out of bee and proceeded at 10.20. Direction est. QUINI. (V111 const. PAIGANO). Reached here 10.30. A small village in comparison with left one but well kept and surrounding all cared for.

No latrines as yet but drains have been dug and rubbish pits are in use.

One woman brought to me. She has had a broken leg but it had been banded to him a much way and some almost completely set. Could do nothing further for her.

No village troubles or cases. Brought to my attention.

Left 10.50 a.m. Direction SE.

DUERA. (V111 const. KAGAR). Arrived 11.15.

This village consists of twenty two houses and an extra large one for housing single men - quite a barracks.

Village dark and clean. Latrines etc. all built as per instructions. Contains of twelve houses, situated on a low ridge above river. Good gardens in violinity and all are well stocked.

No sickness or trouble disclosed on enquiry.

Left 9.55 proceeding east.

KIRA. (V111 Const. PAHU). Arrived 9.27.

A large village of forty houses, in two sections divided by rubber plantation of fifty trees. All these in good condition and could be tapped if necessary.

All houses well constructed and surroundings clean.

One man with pneumonia treated as well as I could but no troubles reported.

Latrines and rubbish pits constructed and in use.

Drains dug in accordance with previous patrol's instructions.

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This village consists of twenty two houses and an extra large one for housing single men - quite a barracks.

7th. November.

Patrol proceeded from rest house at 6 a.m. This morning. Track leading in SW direction and away from the AI-3 and up the AI-K.

KOM River. Just outside the village was crossed by a ford and lor bridge at 9.10 and butterfly until junction with AI-3 was reached. Latter was crossed and re-crossed several times during the journey. Going easy track clear and well defined.

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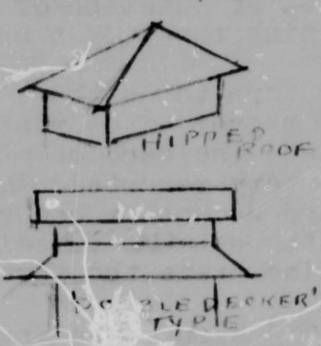
Village fenced for keeping pigs away from houses. Everything in fl condition and no fault to find. Drains, rubbish pits and latrines all built and in use.
Houses of usual mountain type, but here they are built up off ground on stumps. One were noticed with a four hipped roof and rest house was roofed in a 'double decker' style as seen in some villages near Moresby. These fashions in building have been brought back by work boys returning to their villages



Infantile diarrhoea reported but epidemic on wane and only one death reported from this cause. Gave salts to village constable to try and check any further outbreak.
No village disputes or 'cases' presented for settlement.
'Govt. gardens' and huge village gardens all noticed. These were all well stocked.

ORO. (Vill Const. Kassu). Arrived 11.15.
A well situated village of thirteen houses -- all clean and tidy.
Drains dug in accordance with orders given on last patrol
Treatment outlined for one pneumonia case but there were no village troubles reported.
Left at noon.

AVIASA. (Vill Const. SAMARI) Arrived 12.20.
Counted twenty eight houses and village built in the form of a hollow square, and situated on the slopes of Mount NELSON.
Village well drained and some hard work has been put into this job since last patrol. To all appearances drains have made considerable difference to the drying out of ground in vicinity.
Two cases of mumps and one of pneumonia - I say pneumonia as symptoms are similar but sickness does not appear to be as severe. Hot foments were ordered for mumps patients and warmth and hot foods prescribed for the pneumonia case. This was the best I could do.
Rubbish pits and latrines all built in and in use.
Roads have been recently cleaned and are well defined.
Drains have been dug on either side in worst places and this has made a vast improvement to condition of those patches likely to become muddy.
Valleys are now widening out and better views of surroundings can be obtained.
Ai-i river quite a stream and seems to be main water supply for this and other villages below it. Water excellent - clear and cold.
Proceeded to rest house above village and decided to camp for night. Mt. Groom clearly visible here and a panorama drawing was made. Attached to this report.
Cooked food were brought for carriers and police and were purchased with tobacco and salt. Salt being main trade.

8th. November. Completed map and panorama sketch commenced yesterday. Clouds had obscured peaks and interupted mapping on that day.
Left Rest house at 8.45 proceeding in a general SE direction.
Road still over mountainous country and walking slowed up by stoney nature of ground covered. To lose a footing here could cause a nasty fall. Track seems to go up and down over ridges emanating from Mt. Nelson.
Many small streams crossed and these were strong and swift.

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Their volume being obtained in very short distances. They are all tributaries of KODE River.
At 11 a.m. reached Rest House on KODE River and decided to rest carriers and have light lunch. (Two hours walking time from AVIHASA).
Left 12 noon crossing river by cane bridge and then proceeding up bank for a short distance before leaving this stream, and entering the hilly country once again. Rain commenced to fall again and continued throughout remainder of journey to Sedema. Road better here, well kept and tended where nature of country allowed.
Again crossed many small creeks which were quickly rising because of rains.
Finally reached SEDEMA on the banks of the GIUMU River, at 2.5. Walking time from KODE Rest House 1 3/4 hours.
SEDEMA. (Vill Const.IARO). A village of sixteen houses. Place well kept and clean.
This sickness, called pneumonia by me, was very much in evidence here and treated patients as well as I was able. Will arrange medical patrol through this district as soon as I am able to. No Pickwell Medical Assistant being now attached to Iona.
Eight deaths were reported from this complaint. Distance too far to carry these people to Iona and weather too uncertain.
Received complaints that lack of men in village was causing hardship through remaining people not being able to attend gardens etc. Explained that war work was very necessary at the moment and that the women would have to do a bigger share than usual while menfolk were away. Am afraid I didn't get the necessary response.
Carrying supplies from DUVERA - ex Geraina - to 'spotters' camp - at Iariwa is also a drain on these people and they mentioned this fact also.
No other troubles reported to me this day.
Latrines and rubbish pits installed.

9th. November.

Inspected pneumonia patients and they seemed to be improved - wishful thinking perhaps.
Then leaving gear in village in charge of Corporal Oresi, Mr. McCauley and self, 2 police and interpreter set off for OIBO.
Direction SSE until GIUMU River is reached, at 9.50. This was crossed by means of cane bridge - well made and stayed.
WAINAUWO (Vill Const.IARO). A new village composed of six houses and populated by old Tekinumu people who have moved closer to Sedema on instructions previously given by ADO.
Village place well tended and no cause for complaint. Drains, rubbish pits etc all installed.
No sickness here neither was any trouble reported apart from further complaints re lack of man-power and the carrying of cargo from Duvera to Iariwa, preventing them from spending the necessary time on their gardens. For all this I noticed no lack of food either here or in Sedema.
Made same reply to these people as I had to the other villagers.
Left 9.40 and commenced the climbover GOMU KOKO Ridge. Road from here on little better than a bush track but in spots genuine attempts have been made to improve it - steps have been made and sides of hills timbered and path built up level.
Going steep and I should say it is the stiffest climbing of this patrol but not near as bad as parts of the Managalasi mountains, in Buna Sub-District.
Reached SAVA creek at 10.30 and rested for ten minutes.

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OIBO. (Vill Const. MAORI) arrived 12.5.
Comprises ten houses. Village policeman reported no sickness or trouble.
Plenty of food in evidence and there are numerous large pigs running about.
Village place neat and clean and found no fault with this place.
Road leads from here to GIUMU river and thence to Maria which is reached at IVANIA Rest House.
Had fruit lunch and left on return to SEDEMA which was reached after 2½ hours walking.

10th. November. Left Rest House, Sedema at 7.45 a.m. and proceeded South following banks of GIUMU River. at 8.25 we came to the old site of Sedema village and a rubber plantation of some twenty odd trees. These were quite a size but lichen covered and not as healthy looking as those inspected at KIRA village - a much lower altitude.
Track wound round the side of huge mountain peaks and at time going was steep and difficult. Path is little more than a native pad at times and doubt whether it could be improved owing to country traversed, numerous roots and stone outcroppings.
MOSUA Peak was almost perpendicular and carriers had to be rested frequently.
At 10.34 we reached SIRI Ck. and a halt was made for tea and a good hour's rest for carriers.
Setting out again at 11.30 the patrol still continued on the winding path and reached the village of IARIWA at 1.30 p.m.
The Rest House seems to be permanently occupied by the 'Spotters' stationed here. They left the house built for them for no reason at all as far as I was able to make out, and settled in the village Their house has rotted away and will mean new quarters should it be decided to move them back. I think that this should be done and will refer matter to D.O. (See separate report on these Spotting Stations.)
Pitched a tent and shortly after this was done, rain driven by a cold wind poured down and a lot of the gear was soaked. Fly also commenced to leak - a poor outlook. Fortunately rain only lasted an hour or so.
Weather cold and bleak. Should say this village is situated approx. 7000 to 8000 ft. high.

11th. November. Inspected Iariwa and surroundings.
Village consists of fourteen houses all told - primitive in design but suitable for climatic conditions. Walls are of roughly hewn planks and pandanus leaf replaces the sago leaf of the lower regions. (See sketch attached).
Village clean and well tended and rubbish pits and latrines are installed.
Gardens are big and well stocked. Included among usual crops are English Potatoes, ginger plant and passion fruit grow here in profusion.
Noticed a fenced dancing ground. The enclosure would be about 30 yds. by 20 yds. and the palisade is made of logs set upright in the ground. This place is well tended and flowering shrubs have been planted just inside the wall. The red leaf plant known to me as "TAMBU" is well in evidence.
Inquired into the alleged threats made by COILALA people but it appears they were made months ago and there has been no reoccurrence.

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Corporal Lonctry reports that sigs. from the other side of the island - believed to be Americans - came through GOILALA district on a shooting expedition and shots village pigs in GARIMA vicinity. This upset the people and they went bush. This report came to him through natives.

People here are primitive and very timid. They go about in the briefest covering - women with a "G" string and men with very little more. How they stand the climate dressed as they are is difficult to apprehend.

When inspecting this village, villagers all retired into houses and stayed there until inspection was finished but if no apparent notice XXXX was taken of them they went about village tasks as usual.

12th. November.

Inspected site of spotters' old residence with a view to having the house rebuilt and the spotters removed from the village.
Completed mapping activities in the area.
Overhauled patrol gear and checked food supplies.
Made enquiries re old Takinumu road with the intention of returning to Ioma that way but heard that bad landslides had made road impassable so decided to return to SEDEMA and try from there.
This old track had been abandoned as a patrolroad but in view of sickness and possible trouble in area think the road should be reopened to give easy and quick access to this district. The distance from Ioma via FOFORI to Iariwa is approx. 10 days as against four days via TAKINUMU.
I am also of the opinion that quick access would encourage people from villages hereabouts to visit station more often and report troubles and sickness. Should track, after inspection, on return journey prove an easy proposition to XXXXXXX put in order, it is my intention to open the road for above reasons, and visit the Goilala (Small Goilala) regularly by this means.
Paid deceased labourers' wages to next of Kin of Iariwa and Seregi villages.
I find that Seregi people have come to live in this village. They were brought in by sigs. who say instructions were given by Capt. McKenna. Left them there until I contact Capt. McKenna. They have built houses and seem to have settled down permanently.
Food purchased for carriers and police and preparations made for return journey tomorrow morning.

13th. November.

Left Iariwa at 8.15 and retraced steps to Sedema. Road greasy from heavy rainsof last night and previous day. Nothing untoward to report about journey and village was reached after 3½ hours walking.
Rain again threatened so decided to make camp and stay overnight.
Inspected cocoanut palms during afternoon and found two infested with beetles. Ordered these to be dug out and destroyed before other palms become infected.
Pneumonia patients much better so gave them a course of aspirin and prescribed warmth and hot foods.
Heavy rain commenced to fall shortly after arrival here and continued throughout afternoon.

14th. November. Left Sedema for Oibo on the way back to Lome, via Takinumu.
Arrived Oibo and made camp for night. Spent afternoon obtaining information re road, camping spots etc and also mapping surrounding hills etc.

15th. November. Left OIBO at 8.15 a.m. and proceeded up banks of Oibo River, in a SE direction. Track at times was lost and the bed of stream itself was used but going was not difficult.
At 10.5 reached UKA Ck. and track then left OIBO River and commenced to rise over the long and steep climb of GAMADA mountain, - so called by the local natives because of the large quantities of GAMADA palm growing thereon. I have never seen it in such profusion.
At 12.15. we reached junction of KIMU and AU-UNA Creeks where a halt was made for an hour: to rest carriers and brew some tea.
Left this spot at 1.17. and proceeded up bed of KIMU Ck. - still in a SE direction but getting more easterly. After a short distance left creek bed and ascended MONONGA Peak and top was reached at 2.39. and then we proceeded along a razor backed ridge and made descent to IRI River which was reached at 3.20. Track again disappeared and we waded down IRI until Takinumu rest house (on banks of EI-A River) was reached at 4.10 p.m.
Rest House in good order and of unusual design. Villagers have long deserted this spot for OIBO and Maiauwo.
Camp was made for night and shortly afterwards heavy rain fell.

16th. November. Patrol proceeded from Takinumu at 8.15. after making bridge across EIA. Swing bridge having collapsed. Direction SE after passing around Takinumu Peak. Going steep and fairly rough.
At 9.15 a halt was made on AI-A Ck for half an hour to rest carriers and adjust some of the loads.
Proceeding at 9.45 patrol again commenced to climb and track led up and down over ridges for the rest of the journey. Some of them being very steep.
At 10.50 the junction of Takinumu and PEIO creeks was reached and way led up the former for some distance and then we had steep climb over GOSEBADI Peak. This was one of the steepest pitches to date.
At 11.47 patrol halted for one hour and a light lunch was consumed.
At 2.40 we reached the COROA River where it was decided to camp for the night.
Flys were pitched and spent rest of afternoon on patrol notes and maps.
Raining again as night fell.

17th. November. Broke camp on Coroa River and proceeded at 7.45. a.m. Crossed stream and still proceeding in a Southerly direction set out for AIKORA River.
Going the same as yesterday. Numerous small creeks crossed and re-crossed and at times walking was done in the streams themselves.
At 9.5. was informed that a policeman had run a stick into the sole of his foot and that it had broken off. This was extracted with a pair of bandage forceps and a razor blade. The wound was swabbed out treated with sulphanilamide and bandaged. The man was then able to walk with the assistance of another constable.
Reached camping ground shortly after one p.m. Made camp on the banks of AIKORA River and on an old village site. This saved police and carriers erecting bush shelters and only my fly had to be pitched.

17th. November contd.

Spent afternoon airing gear, washing clothes and general camp routine.
Examined surroundings and made additions to patrol map and notes.
Aikora deep and swift flowing at this spot.

18th. November

Left camp on AIKORA at 7.15. but patrol was held up while carr etc. was taken over were swing bridge one carry at a time.
Finally left this point at 7.35 a.m.
The ascent of "Mutton's Fly" commenced immediately on crossing the river. This range running east and west consists of three peaks - The MAPADONGO, TIPIDIN and GORUA joined by narrow ridges. All are steep but GORUA is the main and carriers had to be halted frequently for spells.
After 3½ hours on track the GIRA River was reached and a halt made for an hour.
GIRA is deep and current slow, at this point.
At 12 noon we crossed river by means of another swing bridge (rough planks supported by wire cable and galv. wire) and commenced ascent of MAVARADONGO. This is steepand road slippery. Top of the hill reached at12.20 and the way led along a narrow ridge to MAPALODA Peak. While climbing this patrol was drenched by sudden thunderstorm.
At 1.30 the WONOA creek was reached and we waded down this to the junction with OI-I Ck. where we decided to camp for night at Mr. Geo. Chester's abandoned shack.
Total walking time for today's trip - 6½ hours, and we are now 4½ hours from IOMA.

19th. November.

Broke camp at Chester's shack and proceeded down OI-I creek in a NE direction until junction with WONOA Ck. Track then lead up DIGINO-KOA Hill and continued along ridge until TAMATA River was encountered at 9.7.
Crossed river at DORIRI Ck. Junction and climbed OI-I ridge - a very steep pitch - and at 11.30 a halt was made to rest carriers and brew tea.
At 12.30 left this spot and at 1 p.m. recrossed TAMATA River - swing bridge here badly in need of repair.
Reached Station at 1.30 where I found W.O. Reed absent at Hambare mouth where he was supervising the despatch of stores to IOMA. W.O. Pickwell was in charge and he reported all well.

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NATIVE SITUATION. Natives visited throughout patrol all settling down to normal village life. This was instanced by good condition of roads, building activites, and agricultural pursuits, also all instructions re hygiene etc in villages were accepted without demur and the further evidence of the preparations for Christmas dances etc. - preparing of masks, head-dresses and effigies.

Small GOILALA area is restless but am of the opinion that no trouble will arise in that district, unless from outside interference.

People on this trip showed greatest of hospitality and a willingness to carry out instructions. Carriers were forthcoming quickly where they were asked for but some difficulties were experienced owing to lack of eligible men.

Crimes and disputes - nil, or none were brought to my notice, although every enquiry was made.

Two or three disputes over bridal payments were enquired into but these were settled with aid of village officials.

It is my practice, where I have no jurisdiction according to Native Regulations and where Councillors show more than usual intelligence, to call the local officials together - there are usually three or four village policemen and councillors present at all stops made - and get them to quote, to assembled people, the local customs governing the circumstances presented. Then to ask them whether people concerned in misdemeanour are conforming. If not, they are to adjust according to ruling custom. This method works satisfactorily and gives Councillors a certain standing as representatives of their villages.

Marriage matters are the main items settled this way but occasionally the ownership of a tree or the decision as to who has the use of a piece of ground have been amicable adjusted in this fashion.

W.O. Kead, attached to this station, has been instructed to carry out this practice also.

Villages all have community spirit and I had no complaints from them re Government requirements nor able to find fault where they were able to comply.

Enemy had not visited Middle Waria or small Goilala although some of the villages, particularly on lower AI-A River were deserted during Japanese occupation of BUNA and the housing and gardening suffered accordingly.

Village Constable PARO of KIRA village was outstanding in his loyalty and offering of services to Government Officials and troops in this area but he has already been recommended for "LOYALTY MEDAL' and this has just been received at this station for presentation

GIRA RIVER. These people intelligent and good types. Villages generally well kept and planned. Existance appears normal although lack of young men and predominace of women is noticeable.

AI-A River. Villagers are intelligent and proud people. They seem to have retained their skill in the manufacture of village utensils to a greater degree than other people visited this patrol. Their head-dresses and shell ornaments are also well designed and skilfully made.

Canoes and housing are also solidly constructed and well designed. Have made sketches of some of these and they attached to this report.

The villages themselves are well planted up with useful trees and flowering shrubs and they - the people - seem to me to have a definite 'civic' pride.

While sitting in the Rest House at BOVERA on the night of 1st. November, I heard the Councillor

NATIVE SITUATION. contd.

shouting a kind of chant. At the finish of the outburst the whole village shouted in unison - a long drawn out yell. On making enquiries I found that it was an address on account of the new moon, wherein Councillor expressed the hope that with its advent, the Taro, and other crops would be plentiful and the fruit large during the month. The final yell by people could be rated as a fervent "AMEN" to the oration. This is a monthly occurrence.
Intelligence of KI-A people in skin to that of the lower WARIA villagers - which is also remarkable - and maybe the result of intermarriage between the two clans, in previous times. Instances of this came to my notice during the visit.

MIDDLE WARIA. These people more primitive but it is a remarkable fact, and it is my experience that the further into the Mountains I have been - not only in this district - the better the roads and their maintenance and the cleaner the villages.
This appears to indicate a more industrious people and possible a sense of duty and citizenship.
Their industry is also noticed in the huge gardens they build on the sides of mountains and the delicate work put into feather ornaments and articles of dress.

SMALL COILALA. People here primitive and timid although all Government requirements as regards roads and villages and hygiene have been excellently carried out. They are hospitable and willing and carry on normal tasks if no apparent notice is taken of them.
Was approached by natives of some villages for permission to hold alliance on IOMA station, during the Christmas period. Pointed out Government would not be able to assist with foods as of yore owing to difficulties in getting it. However, they are eager and suggested they bring their own.
I approached D.O. on this matter in a separate letter and feel it would be an excellent means of restoring confidence to these people: if rations are sufficient without imposing normal requirements I have also asked to be allowed to donate a couple of bags of rice. (Permission now obtained and arrangements being made)

VILLAGE OFFICIALS. These are all able men and there are some outstanding ones among them.
Vill Const. PARO of AIRA village (ex RRC)
Councillor BOGINO of MATAERA (ex - Interpreter, IOMA station)
Councillor EWOWO of BOVERA.
The above were live wires. Intelligent, willing and gave us the greatest help and co-operation. They have their villages in control and have great influence in vicinity.
Some of the others have become slightly lax owing to extraordinary conditions prevailing but now patrols are regular and District Service Activities almost normal, these men should improve.
List of Village Constables is recorded against each village name in Diary portion of this report.
Councillors names are already recorded on census sheets and filed in this office.
No dismissals, or deaths reported, this patrol.

VILLAGES. All villages, with exception of two on lower KI-A River, TAVI and DABARI, were up to standard and no serious faults recorded. KI-A villages are subject to flooding but doubt if situation can be improved apart from moving them to higher ground and elevated spots are hard to find in this area.

NATIVE VILLAGES contd.

All inhabited. Sites well chosen and healthy.
Sanitation amply provided for.
DABARI was only village which I would like to see moved, owing to its low lying position. I have recommended the change to IRA which was well received by people of both places.
Latrines, rubbish pits, drains have been installed or are being installed in all villages on this route.
Gardens are all adjacent to villages, within easy walking distance, with exception of Middle Waria where nature of country does not always permit this. These people make gardens, high on the sides of mountains , as a protection against flood waters and to obtain good drainage.
Water for village use is, for most part, obtained from fresh, swift flowing rivers and streams. No wells used or noticed on this trip.
Between MAMBA and EIA rivers, many dark coloured, slow running streams were noticed= but no villages exist in the vicinity. Troops or travellers passing through this area would be advised to take fresh water with them or necessary sterilising tablets.
Villages are situated on main patrol road and are not in out of way places.
Resthouses were all in A1 condition.
Police barracks also excellent and latrines have been erected, in some places, for carriers and police.
The Rest Houses at IWARIA and KODE are unnecessary in my opinion and I have told the people concerned in their maintainence that there is no need for these in the present circumstances but buildings are to be allowed to stand until uninhabitable.

HOUSING.

Re-building is going on in the villages deserted during enemy occupation of BUNA.
Types seen in various areas are well constructed and suitable for climatic conditions that exist.
One or two were outstanding in design and this was particularly noticeable at DUVERA. Hipped roofs and a 'Double-decker' type being in existence here - see rough sketches in diary portion of report.
Houses usually follow a general pattern according to area, but where new houses are built incorporating good features, these are always pointed out as an example when re-building.
At SARA and AGUTAMI villages, also DUVERA the houses are of usual Mountain type constructed of sago leaf roofs and 'KIPA' walls but a few were noticed with roughly hewn planks for walls and floors.
They are built up off the ground on stumps and in majority of cases a section of the underneath portion had been fenced in and the closed area was used as a fire-place to warm houses of a night. A rough bench for sleeping is built near fire and this is for the member of household whose duty it is, to tend fire throughout night. The place is also used at times by the pregnant womenfolk - to save them the climb to the house proper and for greater warmth by proximity to the fires.

AGRICULTURE.

Extracted to "Q" 23/1

All gardens attached to native villages producing the usual crops - taro, sugar cane, pumpkins, bananas etc.
Very little sweet potato or tapioca cultivated.
Villages in coastal strip all have sago supplies.
In the Middle Waria, English potatoes, spring onions and cucumbers also ginger plant, passion fruit and tomatoes are added to usual supplies of foods.
On the patrol, pumpkin, corn, cucumber, marrow seed were distributed to all people and where climatic conditions were suitable, tomatoes, beet, radish, turnip, bean and other seeds were added to the above, and freely given out.

AGRICULTURE. contd.

Extracted to Q 23/1

I should say that sufficient foods are available f villagers' needs in every area visited and the Middle Waria has an abuandance.
GIRA & AE-I River people have enough for their own needs but very little above that quantity at the moment, but new gardens are in course of construction and others have not quite reached production stage, so this condition should improve shortly
Two small rubber plantations were inspected on patrol - one at KIRA and the other outside SEDEMA. The first consists of fifty trees, all healthy and well past the "first-tapping" stage. The second has some twenty odd trees and although these are large and past "first-tapping" stage are lichen covered and not so healthy in appearance as those at KIRA. Transport for such small quantities would hardly make the tapping of these trees worth while)

Extracts to PCB. 24/1

'Patrol Gardens' have been established all along route of this trip. Nearly every village has one and where villages are small, the peoples of two or more places, have made a community effort of these gardens. They are called "Government Gardens" by them but this name is not a good one as it indicates that produce is Government property.
It has been explained to them that this is not the case and they are entitled to produce when not required by patrols or troops passing through and that even then produce would be paid for in usual fashion. These gardens are really made to augment peoples' normal supply and to ensure food for patrols passing through without interfering to any great extent with ordinary native gardens. I am using the tem "Patrol Gardens" whenever I speak of them.
Gardens on EI-A river are well cared for and extensive. They are very productive, the soil being a rich river loam and results of cultivation are excellent.
There is no shortage of food in this area and limes, mangoes and oranges are all in evidence.
Cocoanut plantations, in general, are well kept. Trees clean and healthy looking and bearing good crops of new nuts. Only village where beetle pests were noticed was SEDEMA and two trees were instructed to be dug out and destroyed.
Tobacco leaf growing in villages in coastal strip.
Am encouraging the planting of pine- apples, cocoanuts, paw-paw and breadfruit along main patrol roads as food supplies for travellers, native and European.

Extracts to Q 23/1

ROADS & BRIDGES.

No cause for complaint on this patrol.
GINDAI stretches were in need of periodical cleaning but the extra work - building LofC maintainence huts and carrying food supplies from MAMBA mouth to IOMA- had prevented this work being carried out as usual. The portion before reaching DOVERA and just before GOMENA were in bad state and appropriate steps were taken to have this remedied, otherwise roads were good as could be expected considering the terrain.
Bridges all in order but one or two of the swing bridges could do with some strengthening but wire for the purpose is needed. Will requisition and have this work attended to as soon as possible.
Small streams were bridged with solid logs and cane handrails attached.
DETAI swamp was crossed on raised logs on sapling supports also with cane handrail to steady walker or carriers.
Other smaller swamps have logs anchored on ground with wooden pegs and are quite serviceable.
Roads from OIBO to IOMA - apart from walking in creek beds which cannot be avoided - are surprisingly

ROADS & BRIDGES: contd.

good considering they have not been used or tended properly advent of Japs. at BUNA.
Swing bridges, in most cases still standing and need very few repairs.
Tree roots on tracks are a nuisance and this difficulty if it can be called such cannot be overcome as all surrounding country is the same.
Do not think that it will be possible to open it up for general patrol use as distance is too great for scattered villages to maintain properly, but I intend using this route on occasions, and possibly patrol can tend to necessary bridge repairs etc., so as easy easy access can be maintained with areas in Small GOILALA.

CENSUS.

Previously recorded and filed in this office. A check will be made on next patrol - in January 1944.

Indentured LABOUR.

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District passed through has been recruited to its greatest extent. No more could possibly be taken without hardship to viallagers remaining and a danger of possible food shortage occurring in some parts of this district.
Women and small children in Middle Waria area are already performing many of the mens' tasks and complaints were heard re shortage of eligible men.
This patrol had to utilise women and small children to carry lighter parts of gear from FORUNI to AGUTAMI and UMUPORO.
Lieut. Robinson, of Morobe station, informed me by 'phone that he had been instructed to take 150 recruits from this area and was thinking of a recruiting trip to Waria proper and Middle Waria. This many men taken would cripple village efforts and I have brought the matter to DC's attention in separate letter.

Lt Robinson proceeded on leave 9 Dec 43. No reports received.

MAP.

Sketch map prepared and attached. All information as to hills, peaks, rivers, villages and so on that were gathered have been shown.
Panorama sketch made of Mount Groom from AVINASA, showing intervening country also attached.

Passed to "G" 13/8

RESULTS.

All objects accomplished and I feel confidence is being restored by these frequent visits. This area will be visited six times during year if normal patrol schedule drawn up by me can be maintained.
Vast improvements have been made since last patrol and even in the short time I was in District, instructions given were being put into execution.
An aneroid is an essential, for mapping purposes, on these mountain patrols. I have requisitioned previously for this item but so far it has not come to hand.
Would like to make mention of the Court Interpreter WEIO. This man performed his tasks ably and well.
He is a mine of information re all districts visited and is a native of Middle Waria - IEMA village.
His services were invaluable to me and I feel that I should record the fact.
Mr. McCauley of USA War Department, who accompanied the patrol - in accordance with DO's instructions - was shown every phase of the routine work.
Customs, habits and normal pursuits of villagers were all explained as well as my knowledge permitted.
He expressed himself as interested, and entirely delighted with the journey and was appreciative of the DO's permission for him to accompany patrol.

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DS 20/8/10

HEALTH. General health condition of people seems to be good, but lots of bronchial sickness - coughs, colds and suspected pneumonia. This latter sickness had almost reached the stage of an epidemic in SEDEMA village but am of the opinion that it has been checked.
Dysentery reported - but only isolated cases.
No nutritional diseases in evidence.
FRAMBOESIA and ulcers noticed in GIRA and EIA districts but would not say that ~~it~~ they were more than usual.
Treatments were given where possible and where my supply of drugs were suitable.
Some cases of mumps also brought to my notice but these were at the convalescent stage and no further signs of this complaint were noticed in the villages concerned.
Very little "SIPOMA" noticed but what cases there were, were bad ones.
On my return to station advised MO Pickwell (Medical Assistant) and he has already gone to MAIBA/GIRA/EI-A area and if possible, and drugs hold out, he intends proceeding to Middle Veria district.
Latrines, rubbish pits and drains have been installed in nearly all villages and Village Constable instructed to dig separate ones should dysentery break out. These to be filled in as soon as epidemic disappears. They are also to report to station immediately if disease is suspected even.
No whooping cough noticed or reported in district visited.

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Dup. passed to ADMS

8/1/44

DS 20/8/19

ROYAL PAPUAN CONSTABULARY.

Patrol accompanied by following members of RPC.

Reg. No.1524	Corporal	ORESI
3204	Constable	KEOSAI
1357	"	WAJIMA
1354	"	IRANGI
3[illegible]6	"	NCHUA.

All above performed duties well, and their cheeriness and willingness in carrying out instructions are worthy of note.
On some occasions in the latter stages of journey and after a long day's walk it was sometimes necessary for them to make temporary shelters for themselves - in absence of barracks - and this task was always undertaken in good spirit and without a grumble from any one of them.
Constable NCHUA was injured by a stick entering the sole of his foot and breaking off in there, but in no way did he complain after its withdrawal and with assistance preferred to walk. He is now well again and about his duties.

All members of detachment with exception of Corporal are from Varia (Middle) and have good knowledge of this area.

Corporal had good command and carried out all instructions to the letter.

No cause for complaint with any of these men.

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..... Patrol Officer.
J.H. Yeoman CIC/IOMA.
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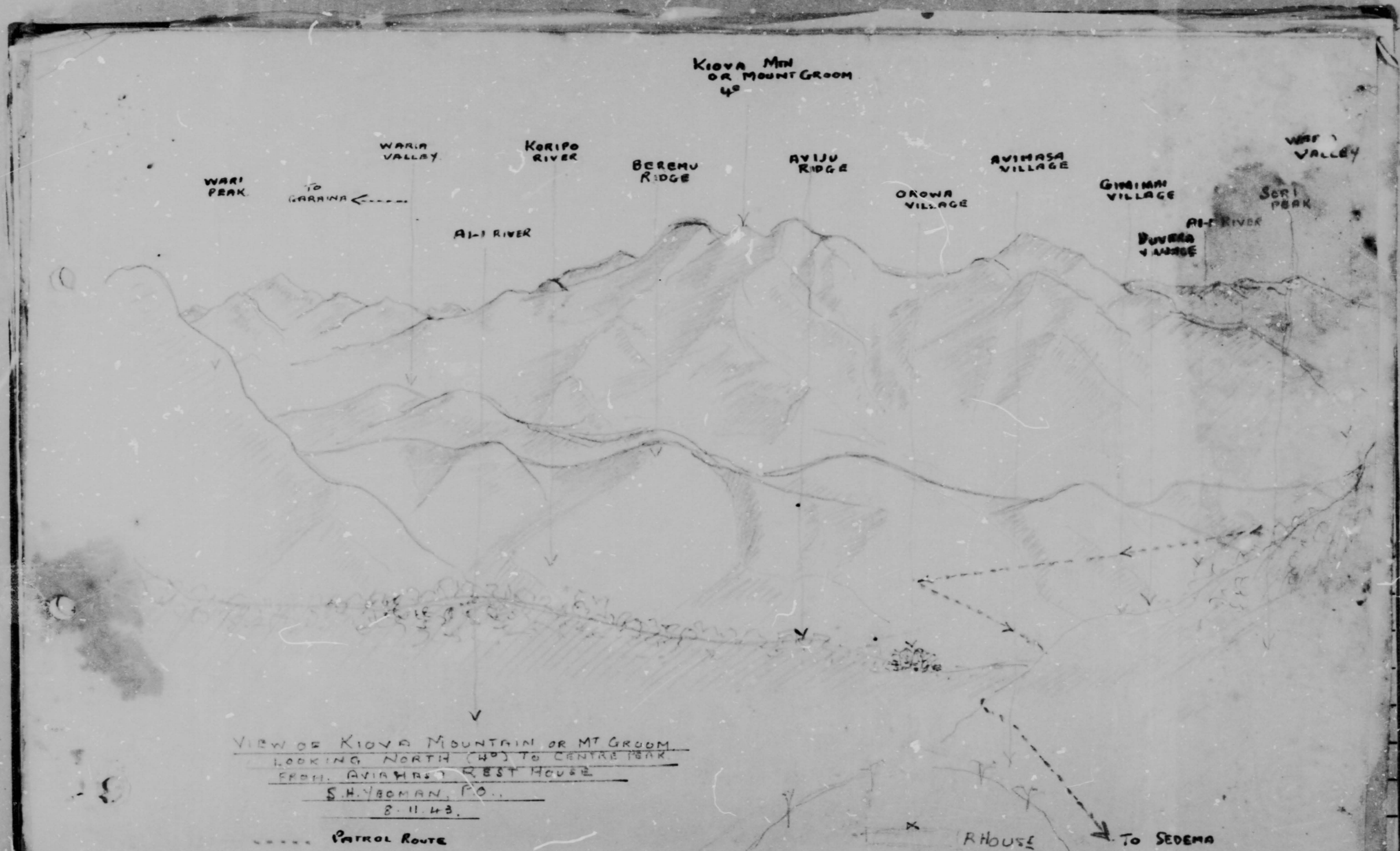

VIEW OF KIOVA MOUNTAIN OR MT GROOM.
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FROM AVIAMASA REST HOUSE
S.H. YEOMAN, P.O.,
8.11.43.

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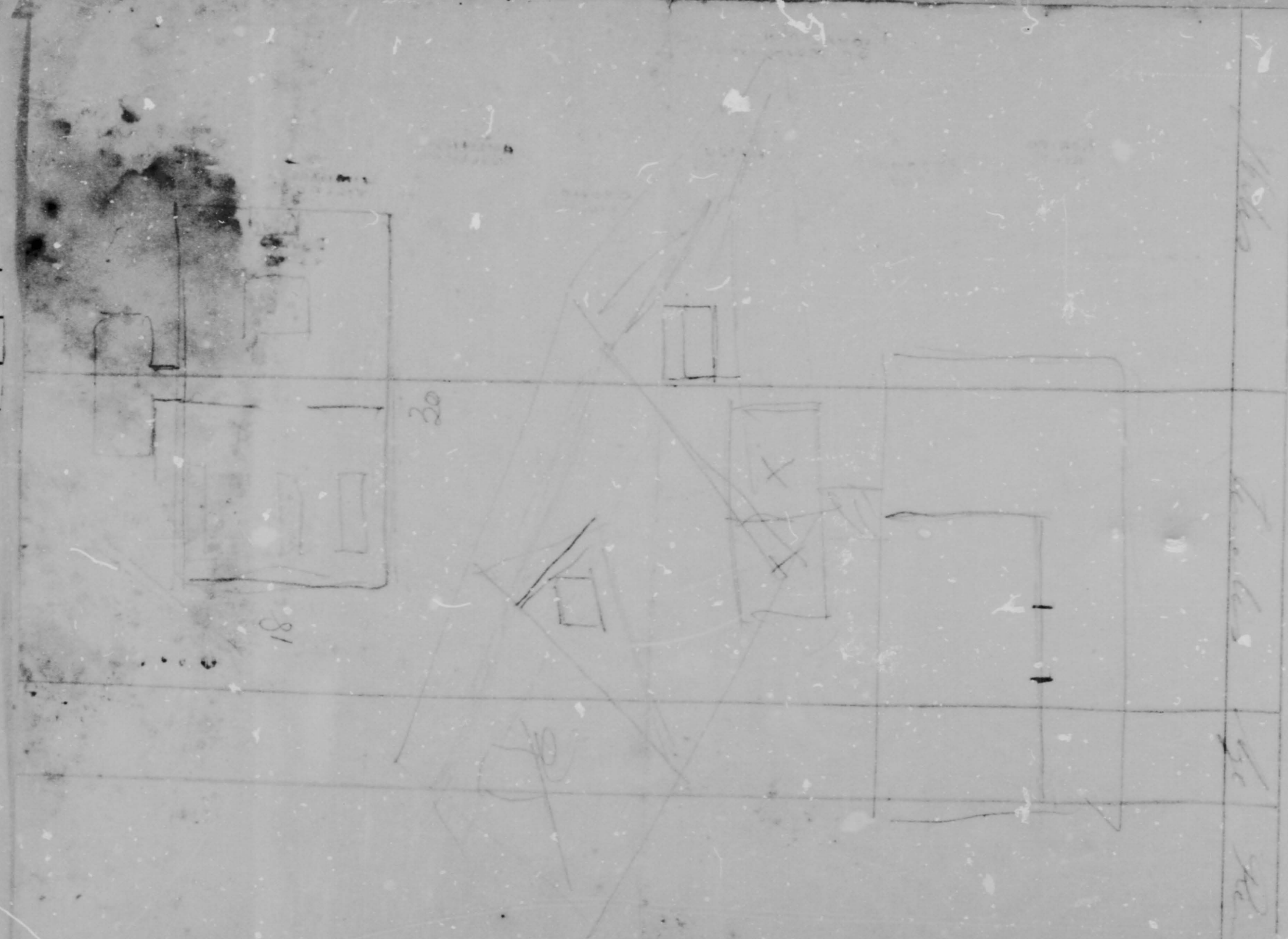

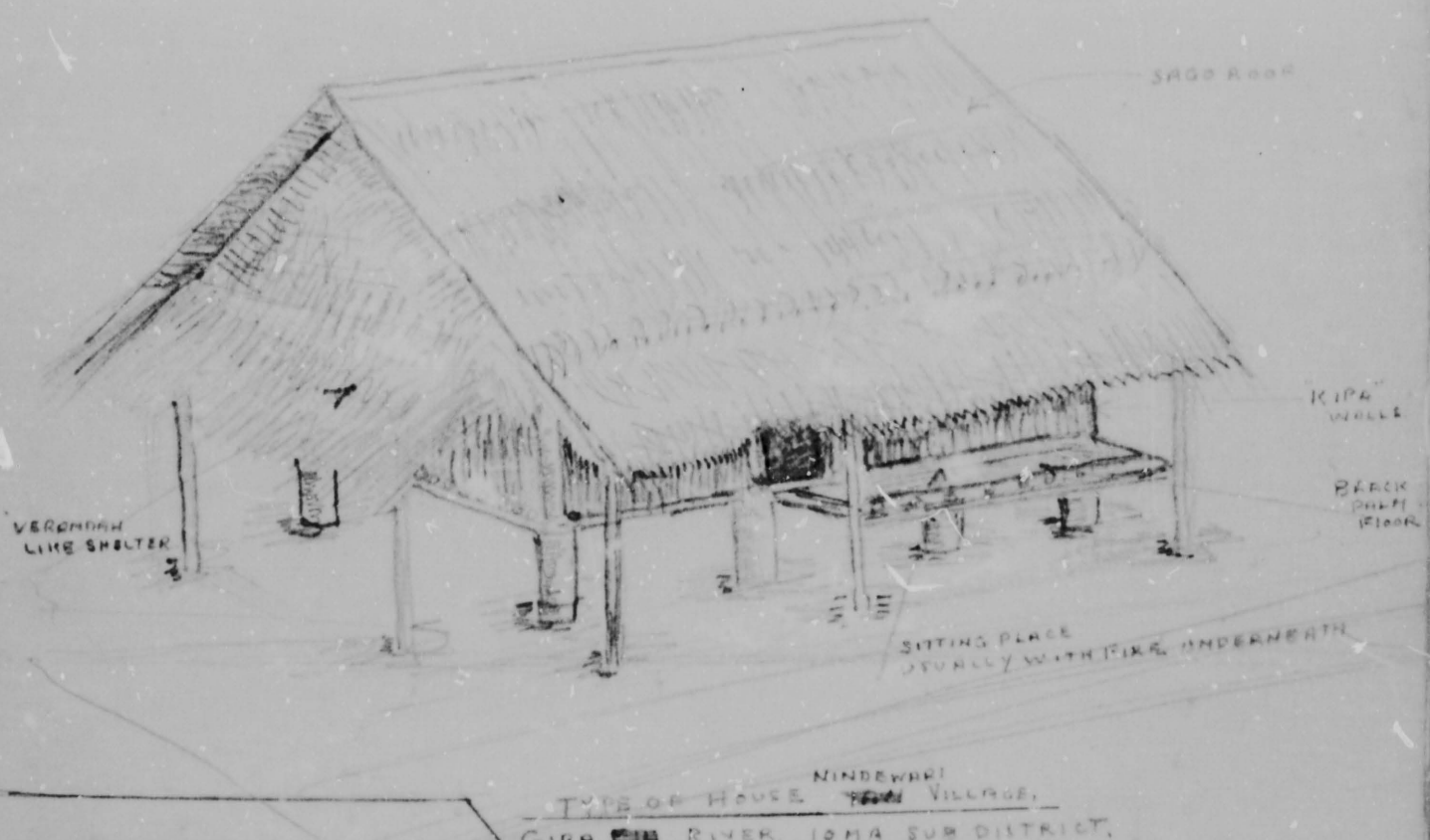

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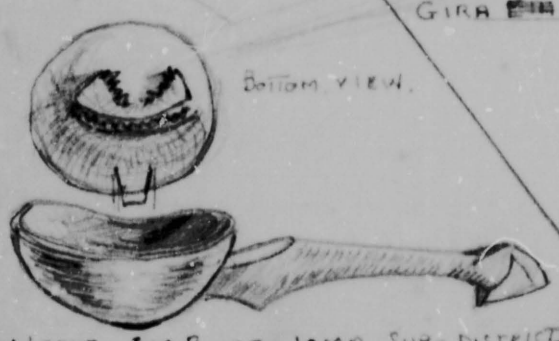

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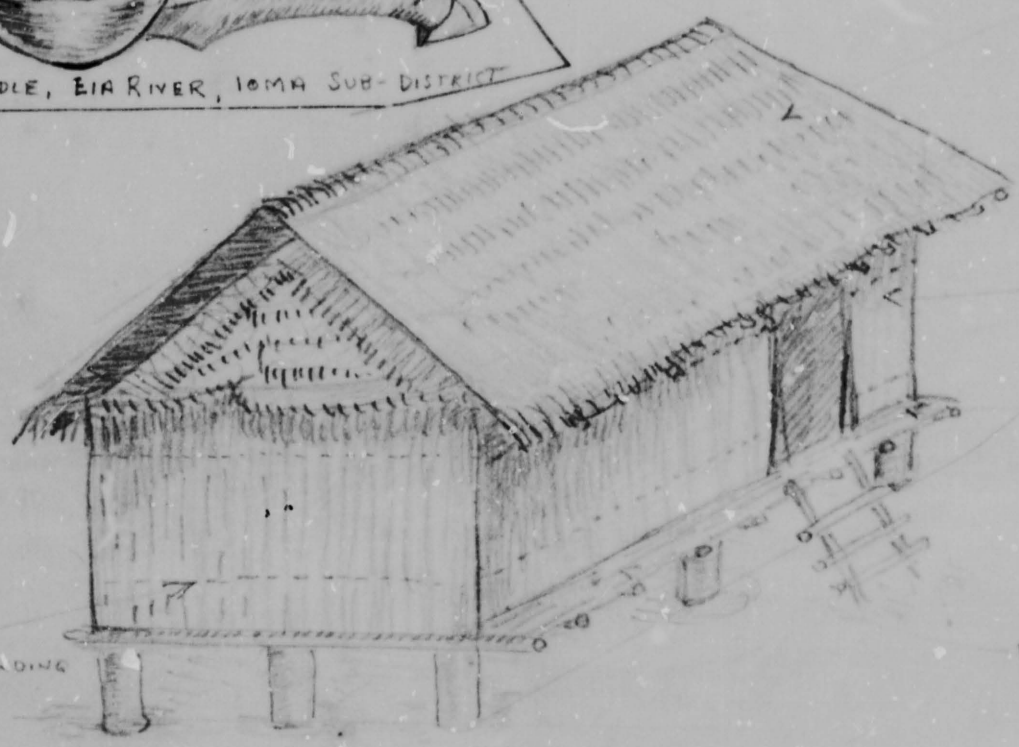

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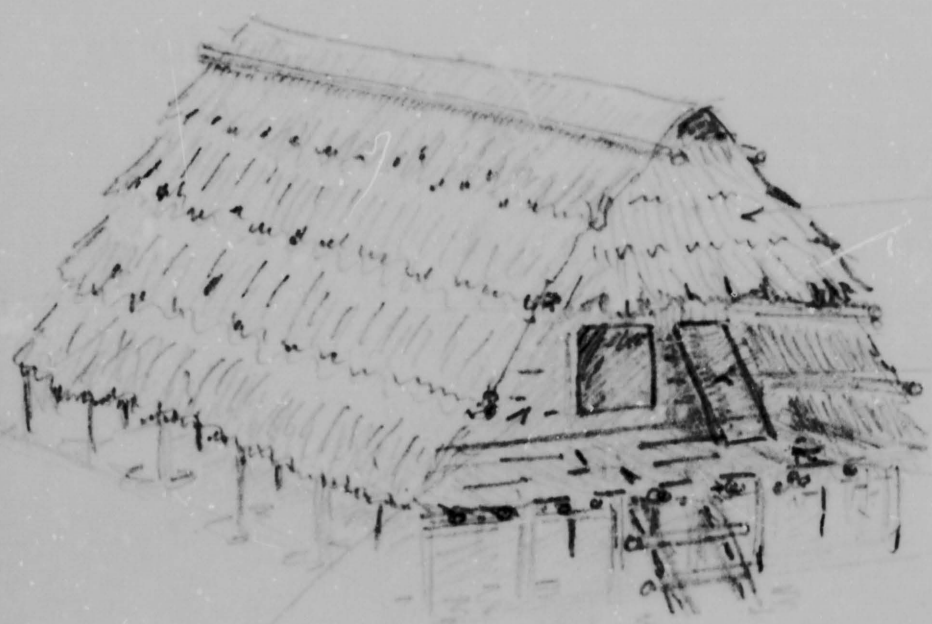

TYPE OF HOUSE, IARIWA VILLAGE.
SMALL GOILALA, IOMA SUB-DISTRICT
MAMBARE DISTRICT S.H. YEOMAN. P.O. 11-11-43.

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TYPE OF IARIWA VILLAGER.
S.H. YEOMAN. P.O., 11.11.43.

Spotting Stations, N.C.A.V.F. Coy.
IOMA SUB-DISTRICT. MAPEARE.

Report made by WO Yeoman S.H., OIC/IOMA on patrol
28.10.43 ----- 19.11.43.

On above patrol to Middle Waria and Small Goilala, two 'Spotting' Stations of the A.V.W.Coy. were visited and I cannot say that I was impressed with personnel or conduct of these men, although I must say, in the case of IEMA station big improvements had been made since visit by previous Officer of our Service.
However, I submit the following report for the DO's perusal.

IEMA Station. Situated on Eastern side of the ITOTO Peak and to the N.E. of Iema village.
Found this station greatly improved, since previous patrol's visit, when W.O. Read reported that it was unattended and surroundings neglected.
W.O. Read reported station absolutely unattended by European personnel. These were absent from area altogether, for various reasons - one being the escort of a sick man, to Porobe Hospital, with Blackwater Fever. This man was not admitted to Hospital with this complaint and is now back in the District.
I found Cpls. Bigley and Daly on station. Daly comes from IARIWA and he informed me he was relieving KITCHEN (the suspect Blackwater case) who had gone to IARIWA to recover from his fever. Why? It is hard to guess, because climatic conditions are much worse - cold and bleak - at Iariwa and the walk is enough to kill a man suffering with bad fever.
These people seem to have the gift of being anywhere but where they should be.
Cpl. Bigley, reported all well as regards personal health but a lack of work was making job monotonous. He has not sighted an enemy plane for weeks and activities are confined to weather reports only.
Although this station is situated on a Peak, view is limited owing to surrounding hills. Planes have to fly almost overhead before they can be seen. Weather reports are practically useless as personnel cannot see further than these confining peaks and such reports indicate weather conditions in immediate vicinity of station only.
It is my opinion that this station is of no great use. Iariwa overlooks this area and has greater vision than this station itself, and could possibly be made to serve the purpose of the two.
Natives of Iema village report that 'sigs' are always making demands on them as messengers, carriers for their journeys to and fro from Iariwa to Iema and this besides ordinary carrying of stores etc from DUVARA - Food is brought to these men ex GARIMA where it is landed by plane and then carried by local natives to IEMA. Natives also say great demands are made on them for certain types of fresh foods and it is not always possible to comply. They are then 'bullied' by the 'Sigs'. Bigley denies this absolutely.

While visiting this station Cpl. Daly reported that Cpl Langtry of Iariwa had sent a radio message to him, to the effect that people from GARIMA (a village in the Big Goilala) were again threatening local people at Iariwa. and had sent messages to say they were coming down to kill them and the SERSOM people. He said that this message had been received four days ago and he had sent ammunition and a "Tommy" gun to Langtry in case of trouble.
No further news had been since received from Langtry although both station had been in subsequent communication.
On enquiries made by myself later, this report was found to be a gross exaggeration and there had been no trouble with GARIMA people for months.
Daly has since been recalled to Moresby by his UNIT but I would have had no hesitation in recommending his withdrawal from District as a possible source of bother and trouble in Small Goilala area.

Report on Iona Sub-District Spotters
Station by L.C. Yeoman S.I.

IARIWA Station. Situated on Iariwa Mountain overlooking OIBU River and an excellent spot for observation. The greater portion of the Waria Valley being visible and large sections of surrounding country. Subject to 'clouding in' but very little (apart from early in morning and late in evenings.

Peculiarly enough, this station is not a "weather station" although Iarwa with its limited outlook is.

Found Cpl. Langtry, Cpl. Kitchen and another man (recently arrived from Moresby to relieve Daly) Kitchen reported that he was again well and intended to return to his station in two days time. Langtry informed me that all was well as regards health and also that there was no truth in Daly's statements about GARIMA people making recent threats, although he stated that natives had informed him that signallers - believed to be Americans - from Moresby side of Island, on a shooting trip through GOILALA had shot pigs in vicinity of Garima and people were upset and had gone 'bush'.

These sigs. have moved from their house which was built for them and are permanently installed in the Government Rest House. Their own place has rotted to the ground without any effort on their part to restore it. They have no reasonable excuse for this move. The fact that they are in Rest House is inconvenient to patrolling officers as weather is uncertain in these parts and it necessitates the erecting of a tent, often in cold driving rain after a strenuous walk. I am making arrangements to have them shifted back to original site which is also much better for their purpose.

These men also state they have not had to report an enemy plane for months and that certain types of allied planes only have to be reported. They have no weather reports to make so actually, at the moment, anyway, they have little to do.
In the two days I was at Iariwa I heard radio going from daylight to dark (and long after) on broadcast stations. Signallers were all inside house listening and owing to music I doubt if they could hear planes if they did come within vicinity. Five planes (allied liberators and transports) passed over village, to my knowledge, without one man appearing to glance at them. Perhaps they can tell type etc. by the sound of the engines.

Stores are also brought from Garaina via Duvera for these men and ~~carriers~~ 'carrys' are frequent and great cause of complaint from villagers of Sedema and Waimauwo. This of course cannot be helped.

These signallers had sent Village Constable and the member of the RPC attached to them out to vicinity of SEREGI village and brought all these villagers in and instructed them to build houses at IARIWA. On asking them who gave these instructions they said that they had understood that Capt. McKenna had given those orders to men previous to their advent. (Capt. McKenna has no knowledge of this whatsoever.) Seregi people have now built houses and settled down and there were no complaints from them, but I feel signallers have overstepped themselves in this matter and should have referred any such move to patrol officers visiting this area before making any such move. Possibly the shifting of these people may be cause of future disputes In view of the fact that these people have made houses and gardens in new area I hesitated about moving them again at the moment and refer this matter to you for instruction.

From obervation, on the spot, I would say that the sigs. are in the habit of demanding service from all villagers in and about and they seem to take a lot for granted. They are not the types to be on their own among natives in such as area, although I must say Langtry is best of group and has done some excellent medical work, but I am afraid he is now being influenced by others with him.

[illegible] men, of both stations, were advised to contact their unit before any inter-station changes were made or before they left their stations at all.
Perhaps these "breaks" from monotony are a help to morale of these men but the difficulty is, that while change is being made one station is left undermanned for at least six days.
I gave instructions to personnel of both stations that Village Policemen and Councillors were not to be used as constant mail runners between stations and that RPC attached was to take mail once a week to mailing point.
They were all instructed that apart from using villagers as carriers for their normal store requirements and requesting them to bring fresh food for their needs, they were not to utilise natives in any fashion as servants or to attend to any of their wants. Both stations have cook boys attached.
I also stressed the point that any further interference with other villages, such as had occurred over the SSRECI people, would be viewed seriously and that disciplinary action would be taken.

Constant supervision of these two stations is impossible owing to their situation - in one case five days' walk and the other seven days walk from this station, but necessary instructions, as above, have been given to all these men.
Is it possible to obtain a copy of their Unit's standing orders governing their regular radio duties, not with any desire to interfere with their routine, but so as an eye can be kept open for irregularities in the absence of visits by their own officers.
If these stations are considered necessary ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ then their work should be kept up to the mark as well as their conduct in area.
These staions have, at one time, carried out most important work but it is my opinion, that at the moment they are serving no very useful purpose, or perhaps I should say, their purpose is being defeated by laxness of some of the personnel attached.
I speak only of the stations in this sub-district, with exception of IOMA and those men who have just arrived - one at IOMA and one LARIMA.

.....Patrol Officer.
OIC/IOMA.

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Dip passed to "G" Branch

MEMO :-

District Officer,
Mambare District.

HIGATUMU,
Mambare District.

11.12.1943.

Patrol Report - IOMA No. 4-43/44, by W.O.ii YEOMAN, P.O.

The attached Report, in duplicate, attached for your attention and onward forwarding.

A routine inspection patrol which had for its main objectives the general inspection of the area and a check on progress made with various instructions issued by the previous Patrol which found certain sections unsatisfactory. Yeoman's report suggests that a satisfactory degree of normalcy has been attained throughout. The Waria folk are naturally industrious and co-operative, and the district should remain calm and in good order.

Page 13, 'Nov. 8'. With reference to complaints by SEDEMA villagers as to shortage of manpower for essential village needs. This may be discounted: the SEDEMA folk are notoriously lazy, and this complaint was invariably advanced, in pre-war days when the menfolk were present, as an 'excuse' for neglected roads etc. ! Once the villagers realise that their plea has been recognised as unfounded, they set to with a will and routine works are carried out with despatch. That a degree of hardship exists is undoubted: but that state exists throughout the country as an unfortunate necessity which has been overcome, as it can and must be done at SEDEMA.

Page 15, 'Nov. 12'. The re-opening of the SEDEMA-IOMA road is not warranted - the Small Goilala people have a traditional fear of the low-land people, and did not visit IOMA in pre-war days when the route was maintained: fear of sorcery and the ill-effects of malaria were effective bars. In addition, the route is a four day one, involving an enormous amount of track maintenance: far beyond the very limited capablities of the few remaining villagers.

Page 15, 'Nov. 12 '. No instructions ever issued by me as to the SEREGI (Small Goilala) people being compelled to live in one village. Unlike the low-land OROKAIVA and BINANDERE peoples, the SEREGI and IARIWA folk are genuine agriculturalists, whose normal state is individual garden houses, in groups of five to ten 'farms' adjoining each other. They construct occasional scattered villages, usually used only for communal dances, and not constantly occupied.

Page 18, 'Native Situation'. The P.O. writes - 'Small Goilala' area is restless but am of the opinion that no trouble will arise in that district ....'. There is nothing in the Report to indicate such a feeling among the people, and the P.O. has been asked to amplify his comment - cause and degree of restlessness, remedies implemented to combat it etc.

Page 21, 'Agriculture'. The name 'Government garden' was one unanimously applied and adopted by the villagers themselves. The scheme was introduced by me at the beginning of last year: and the villagers were quick to see the advantages to themselves (in reserve food supply and in trade), apart from their willingness to co-operate.

The produce of the garden, in the making of which the entire community works, is the natives', essentially for sale to patrols etc., but available for their own needs if necessary. This was fully explained and understood (in fact, during and after the Japanese occupation, these 'government gardens' proved invaluable to the villagers).

Headquarters
ANGAU
O/477
26 Mar 44

DDDS & NA

PATROL REPORT - IOMA

1. Please advise WO II YEOMAN, S.H. that his maps which accompanied his report No 4/43-44 have been returned from NGF minuted as follows:-
   "Returned herewith are sketch maps covering the above report. They have supplied considerable new information."

2. Maps now returned to DDDS & NA.

C L Anthony Capt
(C L ANTHONY) GS ANGAU

P/A

Page 22, 'Indentured labour'.

In connection with reported intention of recruiting labout in the Waria. I know nothing about the Garaina areas, but am definite in saying that not a single man more should be taken ex those areas formerly known as 'Papuan Waria' - i.e., those Waria areas under SAMARE DISTRICT control. Reecruitment originally was to the limit and further indenture from any village would impose a real and drastic hardship upon the remaining villagers.

As it is, the few men necessarily left in the group have had many demands upon their time, so that their lot is far from easy or enviable.

Page 23, 'Health'.

Medical Assistant PICKWELL is at present in the Waria, attending to these and other medical matters.

GENERAL :-

The patrol Report is rather lengthy and, considering the number of patrols whose Reports are already on file, contains a lot of unnecessary detail - such as travelling times between villages, repetition of state of villages and grounds etc. An extract of the Report (a day's 'entry') will be typed and sent to the P.O. (with copies to the other P.Os., for their information and instruction), together with a rewritten version of the extract, shewing the form of condensed 'diary' required.

John B. McKenna Capt.
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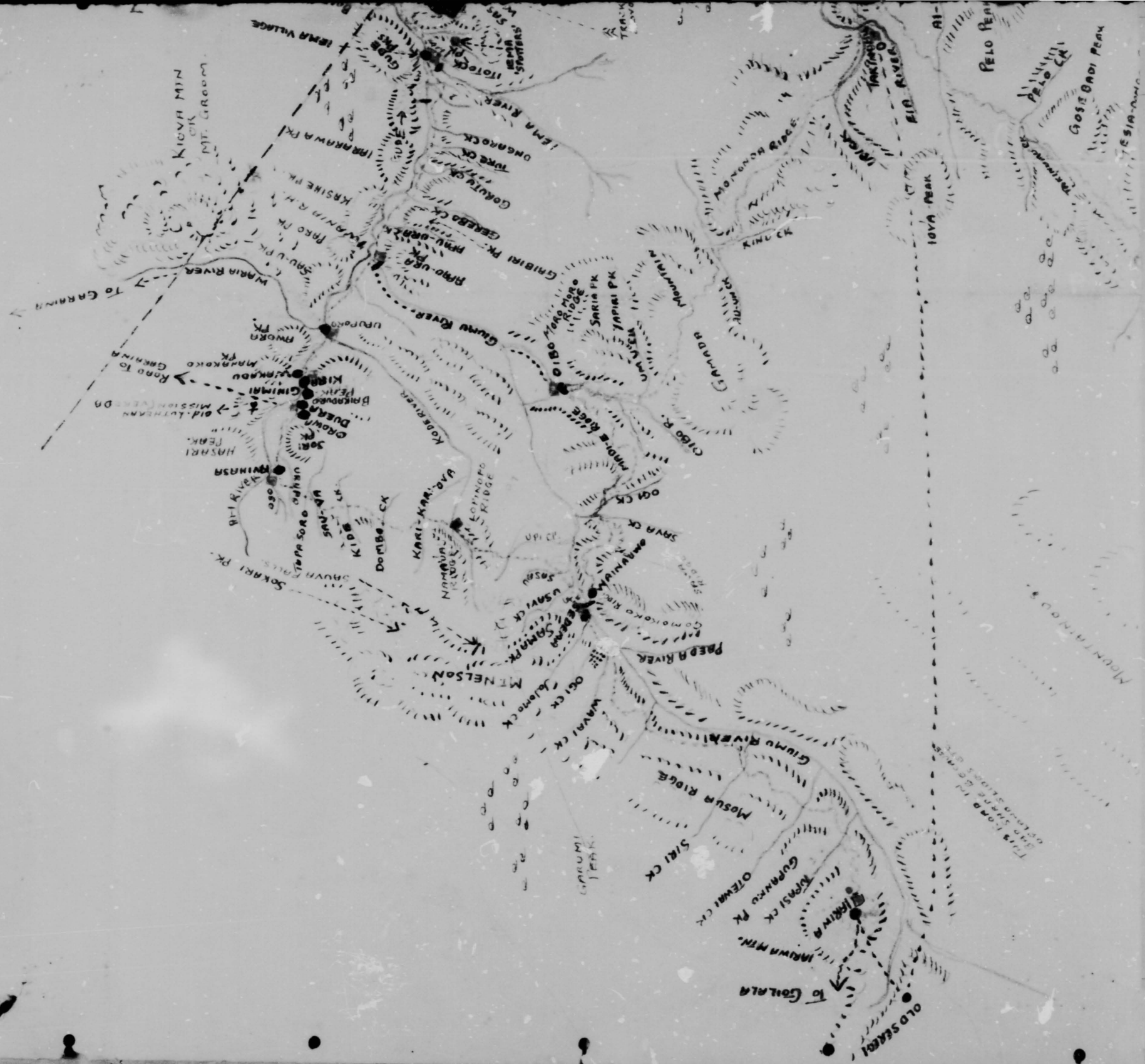
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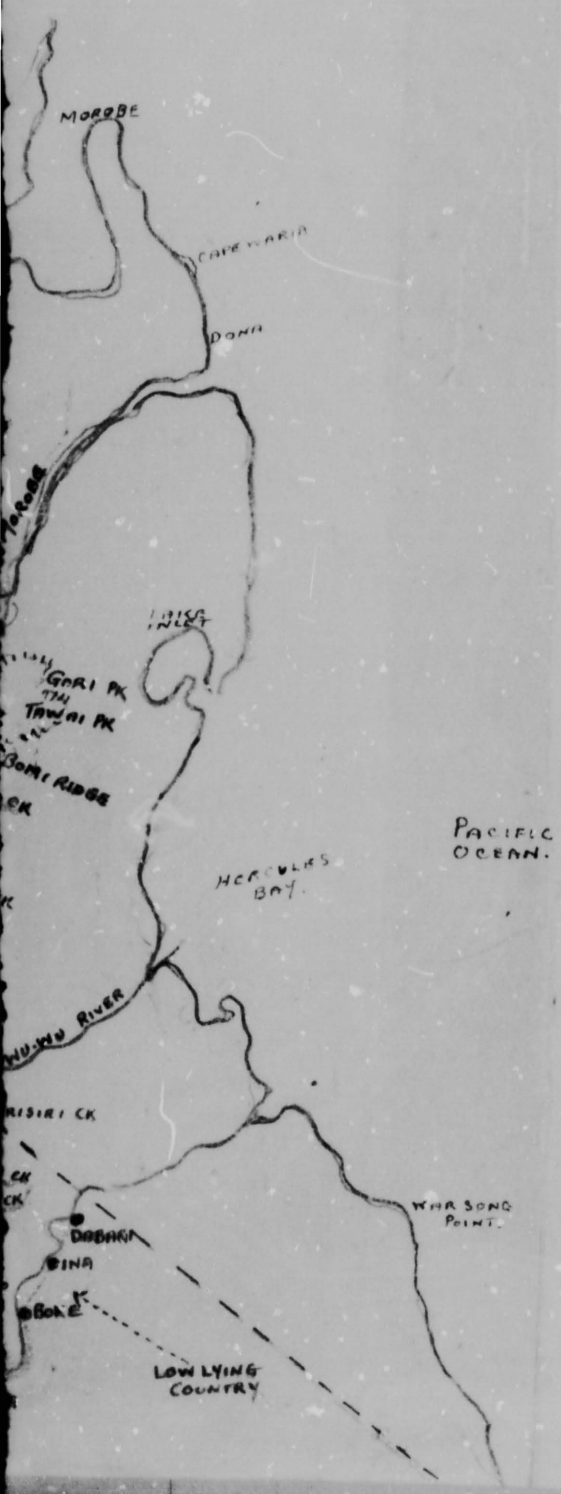

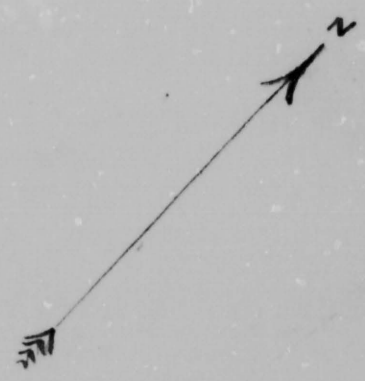

LEGEND.

- GOVT. STATIONS
- REST HOUSES
- SPOTTING STATIONS, 10 FC SIGS
- GOOD CAMPING.
- VILLAGES
- OLD VILLAGES
- PLANTATIONS
- LANDING STRIP.
- SWING BRIDGES.
- SWAMP
- HEAVY FORREST
- PATROL ROUTE
- KNOWN ROADS
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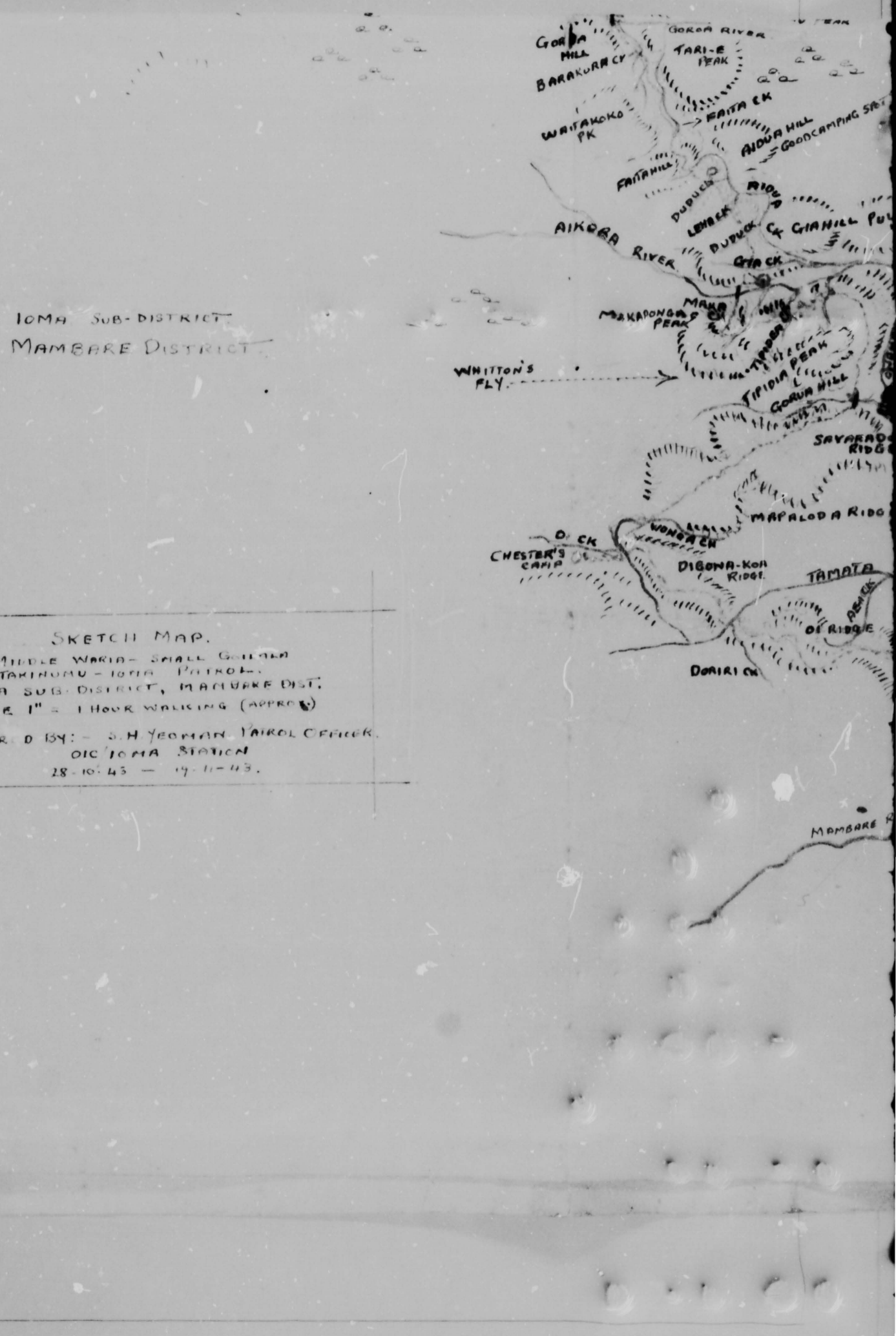
- MISSIONS.

Scale 1" = 1 hour's walking (approx.)



IOMA SUB-DISTRICT
MAMBARE DISTRICT

SKETCH MAP.
MIDDLE WARIA - SMALL GOILALA
& TAKINUMU - IOMA PATROL.
IOMA SUB-DISTRICT, MAMBARE DIST.
SCALE 1" = 1 HOUR WALKING (APPROX)

PREPARED BY:- S.H. YEOMAN PATROL OFFICER.
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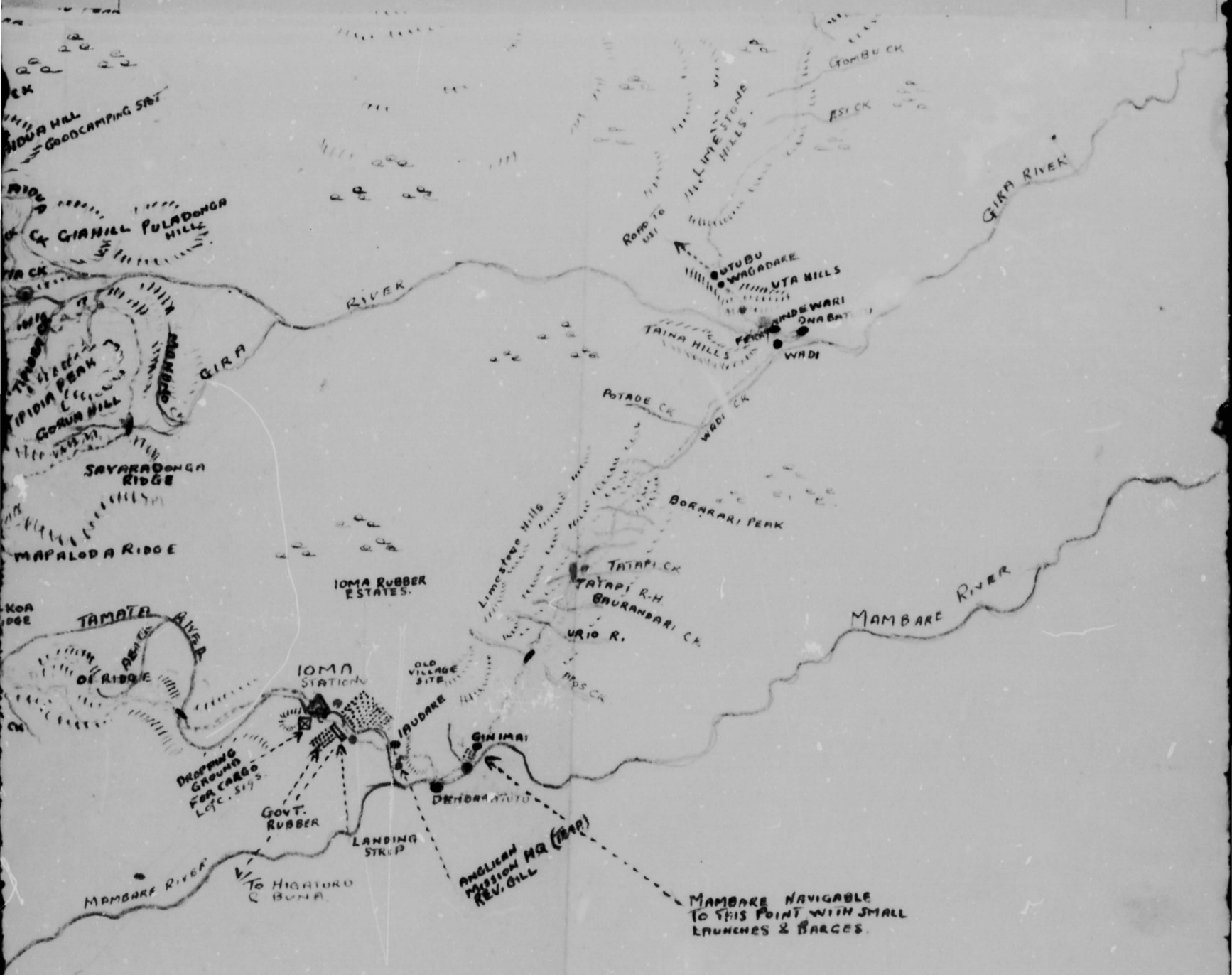
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MAMBARE RIVER
TAMATA RIVER
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OLD VILLAGE SITE
IAUDARE
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DROPPING GROUND FOR CARGO LAT. 5.19.
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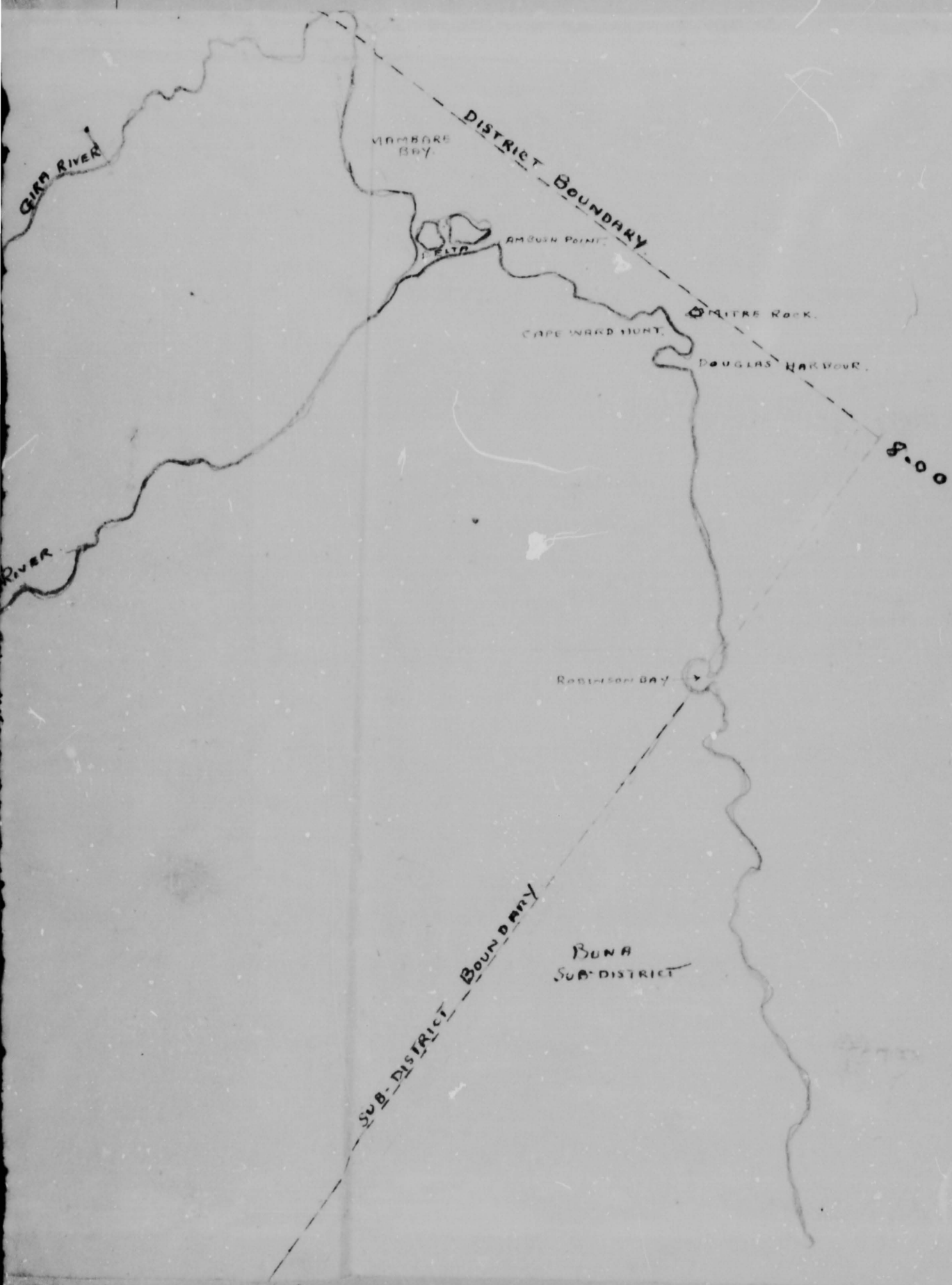
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BUNA
SUB-DISTRICT
SUB-DISTRICT BOUNDARY

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN (IOMA) Report No. 7 of 43/44

Patrol Conducted by WO II S.H. YEOMAN

Area Patrolled MAMBA AND GIRA RIVERS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans

Natives

Duration—From 17/5/1944 to 25/5/1944

Number of Days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany ?

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

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

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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Ioma Sub-District,
MAMBARE DISTRICT.

1st. June 1944.

The District Officer,
HIGATURU.

Patrol Report No.7/43-44. - S.H.Yeoman P.O.

Patrol Report By:	S.H.Yeoman, OIC/IOMA. WO11/ANGAU.
To :	Mamba and Gira River areas.
Date left Station:	17th. May 1944.
Date Returned.	25th. May 1944.
Patrol Purpose :	Routine Inspection and Mapping.
Route Traversed :	Ioma, Kurureda, Mamba River to Douglas Harbour. Douglas Harbour to Gira River to Mindewari and return to Ioma.
Patrol accompanied by :	Five police and Court Interpreter 12 carriers.
Last patrol :	Sgt. Mjr. Kaad, PO of District Services.
Map :	Sketch Map attached showing walking times etc. and based on "4 mile, Buna Revised. 2nd. Editn.

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D I A R Y.

17th. May. Left IOMA at 1.45 pm. for village of KURUREDA. Arrived 3.30 pm and made camp for night, then set out for DABO.(Vill.Const. KA IO) A village of three houses- all clean and up to standard. No sickness or trouble reported.
Returned to Kurureda at 5.10 pm. Inspected KURUREDA. (Vill.Const. KAIO). Seventeen houses. Village clean but outskirts littered with coconut fronds etc. Ordered this to be cleaned up straight away.
Instructed Mission teacher to keep one case of whooping cough away from school. No further infection in this village.
Purchased food for police. This was brought from 'Govt.' garden adjacent to village.

18th. May. Paid village policeman outstanding wages. Visited village place to see if instructions of previous day had been carried out. Found all litter cleared and burnt - a vast improvement.
Left KURUREDA 7.10 a.m. by canoe for BARARA. Inspected following villages on journey down Mamba River.

POGUDUMO	(Vill const. EVIA)	11 houses
DEMBORETUTU	do.	6 "
GINIMAI	(Vill const. TATA)	16 houses
BARARA	do.	11 houses (1 new one)

Took census in Pogudumo and Demboretutu. All villages in good state and no troubles reported. Sickness nil.
At GINIMAI organised despatch of station cargo, recently arrived by barge, had lunch and proceeded.
While at GINIMAI, it was reported that Cpl. ATOTA - RPC, Port Moresby on leave - threatened ex Sgt. Mjr. ORERE and was making trouble in local villages. Sent word for this man to report to IOMA.
At BARARA found village constable TATA had been taken to IOMA hospital. Deposited gear in Rest House and proceeded to BORUTUTU (Vill Const. TATA) Seven houses. Everything in order here. Whooping cough cases reported but these had been taken to WA-IE and isolated in temporary hospital built there.
Took census and returned to BARARA at 4.45.

(2) Patrol Report No.7/43-44 S.H.Yeoman.

12th. May. Set out from BARARA, by canoe, at 8 a.m. for BEBEWA: passing through and inspecting:-

WA-IE (Vill const. JIMEBO)	14	houses
NANATU do.	14	"
PEU do.	6	"
BEBEWA(Vill const. DUNA)	13	houses and four new ones in course of construction.

Took census in first three villages.
Hospital established at WA-IE to take care of whooping cough from surrounding villages and in charge of NEO, who reported all well with the thirty one patients in isolation. All cases seemed to be on mend and distressing cough had disappeared in every case.
Trees and undergrowth, previously growing close to WA-IE village, were cut back and a good space around village cleared in accordance with instructions.
At PEU people complained about a beetle pest eating the taro roots. Inspected taro and this was found to be correct. The whole of the edible portion being destroyed by the insect. People have had no previous visitation but are worried about the matter and requested that they be allowed to return to their original village on the Gira River - DANTUTU. As the population amounts to fourteen people only and consists of three families, I would like to recommend this change as PEU is possibly the worst site for a village I have seen and surroundings are impossible to improve. It is mosquito and insect ridden and the ~~also~~ transfer would be beneficial to the people.
BEBEWA people also reported presence of the beetle pest in their taro. Told village policemen to have samples brought to IOMA for identification.
All villages clean and no other troubles reported.
Made camp at BEBEWA.

Taro beetle Pest in the introduction of the Grand Land

20th. May. Patrol proceeded from BEBEWA at 11.50 - delayed by heavy rains and flood waters in MAMBA.
The following villages were visited and inspected.

SIA (Vill const. DUNA)	11 houses and 1 being erected	
TAUGET (" BOINABA)	12 houses	
MAMBATUTU (" DARAIBAI)	8 houses.	

All villages tidy and well kept, but canoes at MAMBATUTU were filled with rain water and breeding mosquitos. Set people to work to set this matter straight.
No epidemic sickness or trouble but instructed village constable to take two cases of bad TUs to IOMA hospital for treatment.
Spoke to MAMBATUTU people, at length, about Japanese occupation of Mamba River mouth and noted three names for recognition of some sort.
Despatched RP constable to GIRA to ensure that canoes would be waiting for patrol on return from IAUGA.
All village policeman paid outstanding wages this day.

21st. May. Canoes were procured and patrol proceeded down coast, leaving MAMBATUTU at 8.30 a.m. Sea smooth but villagers predicted heavy seas later on in morning.
GAVORA (Vill const. BAREGO) was reached at 8.10. This village of eighteen houses was well kept and constable reported all well. Wells and latrines etc. were inspected and found to be in good order and clean.
Left 8.30 and while patrol gear was ferried to next village, I walked around coast. Road well cleared and defined.
Reached PUBETARI (Vill const. BAREGO) at 9.35. Village consisted of seventeen houses of good type and well made. Plenty of benzine, kerosene (indrums) and other gear, left by Americans were scattered all over village. Told villagers to stack this in one place and clear of houses to reduce fire risks.
No complaints made and no sickness reported.
Deposited gear in rest house and leaving constable in charge set out for DEBOIM and IAUGA by canoe.

21st. May. contd.

LEBOIN (Vill const. BARGO) Eight houses.
Village is clean and neat. Drainage and wells here had been installed by RAAF/RAP Det. (camped in vicinity) and an excellent improvement.
The wife of one man (AWIGA ex Vill const.) complained that since he had taken a second wife he had ceased to support his children. AWIGA says wife will not stay near where he lives (PUBETARI) and wants him to take food to her village. Ordered him to see that children were provided for but instructed woman to go and get the food provided.
Called on RAAF station near this village and F/O Oakley reported all well with native labour employed. These boys had no complaints.
Census taken and proceeded to LAUGA.

LAUGA(Vill Const. BARGO) Six houses.
Census recorded and cash payments made to natives ex Trust account.
Village GIMA and Rest House, (rebuilt) was inspected. This was one of the best types yet seen and well constructed.
Natives told to send man to ICMA for payment.
Wells inspected and found to be in order.
Returned to PUBETARI at 5.40 pm.

22nd. May.

Patrol left for MANAU at 6.30 am and arrived 9 am.
MANAU (Vill const.DAMAIBAI) 6 houses.
Village place neat and clean - no trouble or sickness reported.
No covers on latrines. Instructed policeman to get drums from ICMA and have matter remedied.
Took census and left at 10 am.
Proceeded along beach to GIMA River mouth, which was reached at 11.5. No sign of canoes so had lunch and on arrival of canoes at 12.10 patrol resumed journey.
Inspected:-
IAJUMARI (Vill const. TOTORA) 10 houses
TETU do. 12 houses
Took census in both these villages and left for DAMUTU - reached at 5.50 p.m.
DAMUTU (Vill const. BINGIBAI) consists of 12 houses and a small rest house. Everything found to be neat and orderly and constable had no trouble or sickness to report. Warned people I would be taking census in morning and made camp.
One canoe arrived 9.m. having had trouble with outrigger which had been repaired on way.

23rd. May.

Took census in DAMUTU and proceeded on trip, visiting:-

BATARI (Vill Const. TAIMI)		18 houses	
TABARA	"	AIWA	29 houses
TAIRE	"	IOWOIE	20 houses 1 being erected
AINSI	"	GAIBODE	18 "
KAMUDE	"	GEGERA	13 "
ONOMBATUTU	"	GEGERA	17 "

All villages up to standard and no troubles presented.
BATARI badly littered up with coconut fronds and people were ordered to burn this immediately. One house, in this village, to be rebuilt and several to be repaired. Warned people that neglect of duties would be dealt with in future.
TABARA. Thirty measles cases here. All in isolation and in charge of NMO. All patients of high road to recovery. No other sickness. Transferred gear from canoes here and sent off along patrol road.
TAIRE. Instructions were given that two houses were to be rebuilt and two repaired.
AINSI. Five cases of TU being treated at Mission RAP but otherwise no epidemic sickness.
KAMUDE. Vill constable, ill with swollen leg - looked like internal abscess. Instructed people to have him carried to Port Moresby Hospital.
ONOMBATUTU. Complaints received re pl. COTA - threatening

Rubella, at auxiliary school

23rd. May contd.

behaviour with a shot gun. ex Sgt. Mjr.GRETE made complaint. Sent RTC to bring MECTA and any witnesses to IOMA immediately. (Note: Charges proved groundless when enquired into but shot gun was confiscated temporarily)

Arrived MINDEWARI 6.30 pm and made camp for night.

24th. May.

Inspected MINDEWARI (Vill const. MATABAI) 14 houses. Village place clean and well kept. Houses well constructed. Constable complained that flood waters from GIRA River wash out latrines, all the time, and are always giving trouble this way. Inspected area and instructed him to have new ones built right back from River Bank.
Left gear in RGW House in charge of police and set out for GIU at 10.5. On the way passed through and inspected:-

WAGADARE	(Vill const. MATABAI)	13 houses
UBUTU	do.	8 houses
USI	(Vill const. PITARO)	21 houses
BADAI	do.	11 houses
GIU	do.	14 houses.

Villages all up to standard and roads connecting them excellent. No complaints. The last three villages show signs of constant care and attention and are a credit to their people.
WAGADARE & UBUTU. Instructed policeman to get drums to use as covers for latrines, and to plant useful trees in village place etc. to improve food supplies and appearance. These two villages bare but clean and neat.

Embarked on canoes at GIU 1.35 pm for return journey. River mapped accurately as party proceeded down river.
Reached MINDEWARI and stayed overnight.

25th. May.

Patrol broke camp at 7.10 and crossed GIRA River by canoe ferry. At WADE contacted HQ/MAGEURU by 'phone and resumed return journey to IOMA.visiting.
WADE (Vill const. DOGIO), GINIMAI (Vill const. TATA) and LAUDARE (Vill Const.JIPERA).
The road passed over this day, in fair condition but swampy and muddy portions need attention - instructions were given to village policemen to have the matter attended to.
Reached IOMA at 5.15 pm where Cpl. Elliot reported all well. Actual walking time from WADE to IOMA being 6 hrs.

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B.H. Yeoman

P.O.
OIC/IOMA.

(5) Patrol Report No.7/43-44, S.H.Yeoman.

Native Situation. Natives visited on this patrol are all about their normal pursuits. No serious troubles were encountered but numerous cases were presented where husbands, who had divorced their wives, were claiming custody of children and in one case sustenance was claimed by a divorced wife for her young children. These matters were settled satisfactorily with the aid of village Councillors and reference to local customs.
Cpl. MATOTA (RPC on leave ex Port Moresby) is reported to have made threats against some of the villagers and he was instructed to report to IOMA.
No other village troubles brought to notice of patrol and people were, at all times, anxious to aid and carry out patrol's instructions.
Villagers from areas visited are intelligent types, and showed keen interest in court work and the various instructions issued.

Village Officials. All up to standard and no fault found with the exception of the BATARI policeman. He appears to have been neglectful and was warned about the matter. All village constables were paid outstanding wages and village registers issued.
The man ANJICA , village constable of KUBETARI expressed the desire to resign and was replaced by the man BAREGO and I recommend that the appointment be confirmed.
It is also recommended that some Councillors be appointed in villages on Coastal strip and lower MAMBA. These would be of great assistance where Village Constables have two or three villages to control. I believe the policy, in this sub-district, was to appoint Councillors, only, after a village had proved worthy of it and the size warranted it, but I am of the opinion that should councillors be appointed in MANATU, TAITUTU, MAMBATUTU, IAUGA, MANAU, WADE and TAIRE that a big improvement would be made. Some of the original Councillors in these villages have died and others been dismissed for various reasons and have never been replaced.

Villages. All villages with exception of KURUREDA and BATARI were clean and neat, and showed signs of constant care. Sites are suitable ones, gardens are adjacent in most cases and good water supplies available. Excellent work has been carried out in coastal villages by RAAF/RAP Sgt. stationed at DEBOIN, who has installed specially constructed wells in IAUGA and DEBOIN.
Manatu, Peu, Barara, Borututu and Wa-ie have cleared areas around villages in accordance with previous instructions issued and this should make a big difference to mosquito problem in these places.
Villages on Mambe and GIRA rivers are all situated on banks of rivers and communication is by canoe but some of the villages are connected with small bush 'pads'.
REST HOUSES. are constructed and being maintained at Kurureda, Barara, Manatu, Debewa, Taitutu, Mambatutu, Kubetari, Iauga, Batari, Tabara, Ainsi, Mindewari, Uai and Ginimai.
All were in good condition but the one at DEBEWA has been of a temporary nature and villagers were instructed to build a more permanent structure. There is a small shelter at DAMUTU that can be used in emergency but in view of many rest houses in area, have not insisted on any alteration there.

HOUSING.

Housing-- is of usual type found in this area - 'biri' roof, 'kipa' walls and built up off ground on stumps. They are sufficient for needs and well constructed. Quite a number of villages have new houses in course of construction but in one or two cases orders were given to have houses rebuilt and some repaired.
A good type of house was noticed in TAUTUTU. It had low hanging eaves but no walls. The resultant draught kept it free from mosquitos - all others in village had clouds of this pest. Have recommended to villagers that they erect this type when rebuilding. Owner informed me that he suffered no discomfort without the walls. Section of building as described is shown below.

Good. Always advocate to do it. Prevents spread of colds, pneumonia meningitis etc.
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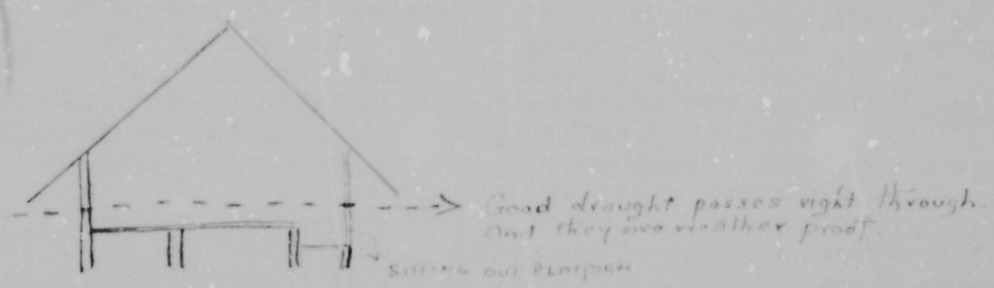

AGRICULTURE.

Food position everywhere appears to be good, and no complaints were received re shortage of foodstuffs.
Gardens well fenced and maintained, crops inspected were healthy and at production stage.
Sago seems to form a large portion of the diet on the lower Kamba and villagers spend considerable periods away from village making this food.
Breadfruit is plentiful on GIRA and on every occasion where food was purchased in this area, it was a pricipal item.
At Peu and Bebewa an insect pest is making serious inroads into taro crops. I understand this beetle or grub burrows into the edible root and this rots and crumbles. Samples brought to me were quite ruined. The villagers had no specimens of the pest but are bringing some to IOMA for possible identification and it is hoped that a remedy can be found. Peu village has had no previous visitation but Bebewa villagers inform me that it appeared once before but went away again.
Fruits are also plentiful and all coconut plantations inspected have healthy palms and are kept clear.
Village people were informed that stocks of corn, pumpkin, tomato and cucumber seeds are available at IOMA. (Advantage has been taken of this offer since my return).

ROADS & BRIDGES

Road from IOMA to KURURUBA in good condition considering heavy rains. Greater portion has been recently repaired and cleaned. One or two patches muddy and instructions were given to people to have this attended to.
From Kururuba to coast journey is accomplished by canoe travel. Nature of country (low-lying, swampy and subject to floods) preventing the building and maintainence of good patrol roads: but, some of the village are connected by 'paths' which are in fair condition.
From Deboin to Iauga, a road leads around the coast line and this was also in good order and well kept.
Canoe is the only means of reaching IAUGARI from the coast, but from this point, right to GIU, a petrol road follows the bank of the river. This was found to be well tended and no faults were found.
Road to Ioma. The road leads over lime stone hills and the tree roots are a source of annoyance but apart from this road is well maintained. Two swamps are traversed and these were found to be in bad condition after recent rains and village policemen were instructed to have these portions made good.

Roads and bridges contd.

Log bridges were in position over all streams and swinging bridge over AMBI Creek had been recently repaired. In one or two cases instructions were issued to have cane handrails attached to existing bridges, to steady travellers.

Census.

A census of Mambe and lower Gira River villages was recorded and placed on file. This completes census for this area and after 1st. June a check will be made on previous figures and additions and alterations made.

Indentured Labour.

In only one case was a complaint of hardship received. A Dantuta woman complained that she had no one to help her with her garden or in keeping the pigs away. This matter was satisfactorily adjusted, by arrangement with the remaining villagers while the woman's husband was employed on the labour lines.
Villages seem to have been recruited fairly but a check was made to see if any natives were due for repatriation in accordance with Admin. Instn.29. It was found that with the exception of three villages that sufficient eligibles were still in villages and a separate report has been made regarding this matter.

Map.

The Mambe and Gira Rivers and the strip of coast in the vicinity of the mouths were mapped and particulars recorded.
A sketch map of route traversed is attached and this is based on the '4 mile Buna Revised' 2nd. edition.

S.H.Yeoman

P.O.
S.H.Yeoman, OIC/ICMA.

Health.

General Health in this area appears to be on improve and epidemic sicknesses are under control.
An E.M.A. has just visited area ~~visited~~ traversed by this patrol and serious TU cases and yaws were taken to Ioma Hospital for injections and treatments.
A temporary hospital has been erected at WA-IE to house whooping cough patients and MMO in charge reported all well. Patients appeared to be well on road to recovery and all signs of the distressing cough that accompanies the illness had disappeared.
A similar building had been erected at TABARA on the Gira, to handle measles outbreak and MMO here also reported everything satisfactory.
No further cases of these two complaints were found in villages visited but two cases of people with long standing ulcers (from Mambatutu village) were ordered to hospital and there was also one or two from Gira area.
I would like to record the good work being carried out by the RAAF/RAP Sgt. stationed at DEBOIN. He has constantly treated all natives in his vicinity, giving injections and dressings quite willingly. He has also installed special wells in these villages and put into effect mosquito control. The people show great confidence in him and if it is possible I would like a letter of appreciation sent to this man.

DADMS

noted. POs etc should differentiate between rubella and true measles. This is the first and not a serious disease
Capt

S.H.Yeoman.

PC
OIC/IOMA.

Royal Papuan
Constabulary

Patrol was accompanied by the following RPC detachment.

No. 1443	I/Cpl	GAIBIRI
3189	Const.	ADAVI
2477	"	GIRIRI
2053	"	ITANOMAI
3192	"	KANDAU.

All constables and I/Cpl performed their duties efficiently and are familiar with the area: but, Const. KANDAU of Manba River and Const. ITANOMAI of the GIRA River have particular knowledge of the areas traversed.

PO
S.H.Yeoman, OIC/IOMA

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES. 3/16 - 238.

District Headquarters,
HIGAMUAU;
Kambare District.

17 July 44.

H.Q.,
SOUTHERN REGION;
A.N.G.A.U.,
PORT MORESBY. (FOR A.D.D.S.)

IOMA PATROL REPORT NO.7 of 43/44 - N.O.11 YEOMAN.

1. Further to my memo No.30/2 - 208 of 12 July 44.

2. Enclosed herewith please find specimen of beetle referred to.

3. Your advice as to the means of eradicating this pest would be appreciated.

.....MAJOR.
(S. ELLIOTT-SMITH) DISTRICT OFFICER.

DADMS
S/R

20 July 44

Beetles herewith.
Can you advise means of extermination, please?

for Maj. ADDS & NA.

D/S
1 Francis Tongue beetle

16 JUL 1944
1700

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES. 30/2 - 208.

District Headquarters,
HIGATURU;
Nambaro District.

12 July 44.

H.Q.,
SOUTHERN REGION;
A.N.G.A.U.,
PORT MORESBY.

IOMA PATROL REPORT NO.7 of 43/44 - M.C.11 YOKUAN.

Ref. my memo 30/2-147 of 28 June 44.

1. I recently visited IOMA and the O.I.C. tells me that the despoiling of taro roots by beetles is not widespread and has now disappeared. He is endeavouring to get a specimen of the beetle and said he would forward it in the next few days if successful.

Elliott-Smith ..... MAJOR.
(S. ELLIOTT-SMITH) DISTRICT OFFICER.

30/8/31

ADDS.

HQ STHN RGN
18 July 44

HQ ANGAU (DS)

For your infmn, please.

W.O. Conner
Send copy to HQ DS.
18/7

Maj ADDS & NA.

PA 19/7

01 JUL 1944

H.Q.,
SOUTHERN AFRICA;
A.H.Q.A.H.,
PORT MARNEY. (FOR A.D.D.S.)

IOWA F/A NO.7 OF 1/M - 2.0.11 [illegible]

Ref. your Memo No. 20 of 21 June 44. 30.8.31

1. Further information will be cleared on agent visit to Iowa, dealing with the destruction of taro by beetles. The C.I.S., Iowa is obtaining a specimen for identification.

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Cathcott-Smith
(S. CATHCOTT-SMITH) MAJOR G.A.S.C.

Copy sent HQ Air Ghu (PS) 5/7 BB

29 JUN 1944

DS 30/8/30

HQ
ANGAU

27 Jun 44.

HQ
SOUTHERN REGION.

PATROL REPORT IOMA No 7/43-44.

Receipt is acknowledged of the abovementioned report.

Lt Col.
for DDDS & NA.

BF 1077

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

30/6/44

HQ
SOUTHERN AREAS
ANGAU POMT MORESBY
21 June 44.

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DO HIGATURU

IOMM P/R No. 7 of 43/44 - VO/II WEWAK

Receipt is acknowledged of abovementioned report forwarded under cover of your memo 50/8 of 13 June 44.

2. Diary, 19 May - Further information is awaited in regard to the despoiling by beetles of taro roots. If the trouble is likely to spread ways and means will have to be found to combat it. DARNS advises that at TAPUS the beetle menace was overcome by the introduction of the giant toad.

3. Housing - DARNS has made the following comment in regard to the type of house depicted on page 3 of report:

"Good idea. Always advocate it as it prevents spread of colds, pneumonia, meningitis etc."

COPY: HQ ANGAU (DS)

B/F DS
10/7/44

Maj.
ADDS & DL.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES. 30/ - 90.

District Headquarters,
HIGATURU,
Mambare District.

13 June 44.

H.Q.,
SOUTHERN REGION;
A.N.G.A.U.,
PORT MORESBY. (FOR A.D.D.S.)

IOMA PATROL REPORT NO. 7/43 - 44
BY W.O.II YEOMAN - P.O.

1. The patrol was of a routine nature and calls for very little comment. P.O. Yeoman carried it out with his usual interest and efficiency.

2. There can be no objection to the PEU people returning to Dantatu on the GIRA River.

3. BAREGO of Pabetari is confirmed as Village Constable vide. ANJIGA.

4. Councillors, in Papua, are a matter for the villagers to appoint and if they desire representation at Manatu, Tantutu, Mambatutu, Iauga, Manau, Wade and Taire they should have them.

5. The house depicted and recommendation on page 6 appears to be a good idea and should be encouraged in the Mamba River area.

6. In all other matters the patrol discloses a very satisfactory state of affairs. I am glad to know that the whooping cough outbreak is not as serious as was first supposed.

7. A letter of appreciation will be sent to the R.A.A.F. detachment at Deboin.

Copy to: O.I.C.,
IOMA.

Elliott-Smith
.....MAJOR.
(S. ELLIOTT-SMITH) DISTRICT OFFICER.

Passed 20/6

COPY.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND STOCK.

BRISBANE B. 7

7 th August 1944.

Refer to No. 44.17583

Dear Sir,

The insect referred to in your letter of 25th July is a large Dynastid known technically as HORONOTUS OPTATUS. Little information is available as to the habits of this insect but I presume that, like most Dynastids, the larvae live in soil with a high content of organic matter and occasionally attack roots of cultivated crops. Very few Dynastids can be considered important pests thoughoccasionally they may cause local damage in particular areas. The extent of the damage seldom warrants the application of control measures and I have no knowledge of any such control measures being applied to cultivated crops in Australia.

Biological control measures such as those implied in your letter seldom receive consideration unless the pest concerned is a major limiting factor to the economic exploitation of an agricultural crop. Further, they seldom receive serious consideration unless the pest concerned has been introduced from another country in which it is reasonably well controlled by native parasites and predators. So far as I know, the insect in which you are interested is native to New Guinea and it seems therefore that the prospects of controlling it by biological means are anything but bright.

I have no knowledge of any wasp parasite having been introduced to New Guinea for the control of the beetlethough a wasp parasite introduced into Queensland for the sugar cane beetle may now be established in that area. This wasp parasite does not attack Dynastid larvae.

The giant Bufo marinus was introduced to Queensland some years ago as a possible help in controlling whitegrub pests in coastal areas. These white grubs arereasonably closely related to Dynastid larvae and under some circumstances toads may destroy considerable numbers of the insect. The giant toad does not feed solely on one type of insect and can only be of value when the toads congregate in areas where the insects are extremely numerous. I doubt if these conditions would be satisfied by Dynastid beetles and would therefore hesitate to approve the expenditure of time and money on their introduction to a new area until the position had been surveyed by an Officer conversant with the technical requirements of biological control measures. No toad other than that referred to above has attracted the attention of entomologists and unless the species on Manus Island is identical with that introduced here its value in controlling pests will probably be very limited.

Biological control measures seldom receiveconsideration until more direct methods of control have first been exploited to the limits. They are, even with the most efficient direction, highly speculative and a considerable number of years must elapse before worth while results are achieved.

Yours faithfully,

(sgd) SENIOR RESEARCH OFFICER.

The Officer in Charge
Agricultural Section,
Headquarters,
A.N.G.A.U.=

HQ ANGAU (DS)

IOMA PATROL REPORT No. 7 of 43/44.

Forwarded herewith are memo No. 3/16-238 of 17 July 44 from DO Mambare, together with tin containing specimens of beetle which has been despoiling taro roots at PEU in Iomax Sub-District.

2. The ~~beetle was~~ examined by DADMS, who ~~advises that it is the well known taro beetle~~ comments as follows:-

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3. Perhaps further information and advice could be obtained from Mr. O'Dwyer?

ADDS & NA

MA-Ab. 3/8

DS 3/20
HQ ANGAU
18 Aug 44.

HQ Southern Region.

Zoms F/R No 7 of 43/44 - Taro Beetle Pests.

1. Ref your memo 30/3/31 of 21 Jul 44.

2. The specimens of beetle pests and the comments thereon by the DADMS were forwarded to the Department of Agriculture Brisbane, and a copy of a memo thereon, by the Senior Research Officer is forwarded herewith.

Ale 2/8

ADDS:

Major.
For DDDS & NA.

DADMS: Cand

The toad was Bufo marinus. Widely introduced in T.N.G. before the war primarily to control the Sweet Potato beetle.

P/A. Ale 2/8

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

30/0/31

HQ
SOUTHERN REGION
ANGAU PORT MORESBY
22 July 44

Ref No. 1628

HQ ANGAU (DS)

IOMA Patrol Report No. 7 of 43/44

Forwarded herewith are memo No. 3/16-238 of 17 July 44 from DO MAMBARE and tin containing specimens of beetle which have been despoiling taro roots at PEU in IOMA sub-district.

2. The specimens were examined by DADMS, who comments as follows:-

"The well-known Taro beetle - cannot remember the scientific name off hand.

Appears as a pest but usually overcome by its native enemies. Introduced controls were (i) a minute wasp that destroys the larvae; (ii) the giant toad.

There is a lot of information in the TNG Agricultural Bulletin - may be files at HQ. Mr. Dwyer would know.

There are millions of toads at MANUS; or they could be got from Queensland Agric. Dept."

3. Perhaps further information and advice could be obtained from Mr. Dwyer.

Maj.
ADDS & NA.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN (OMA) Report No. 8 OF 43/44

Patrol Conducted by LT. S H YEOMAN

Area Patrolled WARIA AND EI-A RIVER AREAS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans

Natives

Duration—From 15/6/1944 to 6/7/1944

Number of Days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany ?

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

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

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ /19

District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation .... £

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

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

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Ioma Sub-District,
Mambara District.

18th. July 1944.

The District Officer,
BIGGINDI.

Patrol Report No.3/43-44 - S.H.Yeoman P.O.

Patrol Report By	:	S.H.Yeoman OIC/IOMA,4011/AMG/U.
To	:	Waria and Bi-a River Areas.
Date left station	:	15th. June 1944
Date returned	:	6th. July 1944.
Patrol Purpose	:	Routine inspection, Census check and Medical.
Route Traversed	:	Ioma, Tapitapu, Sodoma, Iarina, Awhasa down Waria River to Fofoei and return to Ioma via Bovera and Kindeveri.
Patrol accompanied by	:	Cpl. Bertram H.W. S/PC Six police Court Interpreter LPC Salesio 26 carriers
Last Patrol	:	MO Yeoman, District Services Dec. '43 Patrol report No. 4/43-44
Map	:	Submitted with report No.4/43-44.

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DIARY

June 15th. Patrol left IOMA and proceeded up North Bank of TAMATA Ck. on the TAPINIU Road. Arrived at the crest of TATANADI Hill at 12 noon and halt made for lunch and to rest carriers. Proceeded at 1 pm and arrived Chester's Camp 4.40 pm, where camp was made for night. Cpl.Olama and six carriers well overdue at 8.10 p.m. and presumed they were held up by heavy rains and flooded creeks. Const. OTEU despatched to find him. They finally arrived 11.30 having missed way in dark and rain. Rice soaking wet (3 bags) and I would suggest that canvas or waterproof bags be supplied for use of hill patrols where afternoon rain is almost a certainty.

Requisition if needed

June 16th. Broke camp at 8 15. am and proceeded up bed of ~~Arrived Aikora River Bank~~ BONOA Ck.. Regained main patrol road at 8.50 and commenced the ascent of WHITTON'S ALY.
Patrol reached GIRA River at 1145 and a halt was made for lunch.
Resumed journey and reached AIKORA River at 5pm where it was decided to camp for night. Frequent halts had to be made to rest carriers and in future camp will be made at Gira River as country is too mountainous for the long walk to AIKORA - 5½ hours.

June 17th. Departed from camp at 8 am and reached AIKORA Banks at 8.15. Selected permanent camping site for future patrols, with a view to having it cleared and a carrier house built.
Lunched at GIA Ck and proceeded to GIROA River where a halt was made for the night.
Had to send two carriers back to bring in some gear which had been left on the road because one carrier had developed fever. Const. Kaia-o also sick with fever.

June 17th. contd. Quinine issued to all police and carriers.

June 18th. Patrol left at 8.30 am.
Going mountainous and rough and one portion of road is actually in the bed of the ZERO Ck.
Ai-A River reached at 1.35 and at 3pm. we crossed Ei-A River by new cane bridge to the village of TAIINUU.

TAIINUU (Vill Const. NAURI) Village clean and neat but all houses being erected.
Rest house of good type and in good condition.
No trouble reported apart from dispute over marriage and this was settled with the aid of the older men of the village.
Checked census. Two people treated by MO for bronchitis.
Found some new carriers awaiting our arrival so paid off old line who will set out in the morning.

June 19th. Full compliment of carriers not arrived this morning so decided to spend day drying out patrol gear etc.
Visited site of old village and small rubber plantation. Found one old and dilapitated house showing signs of habitation so instructed that it be burnt within the month and a new one built on the village site.
Inspected rubber trees- 15 in all - and showed people how to tap and collect the rubber with a view to them bringing product to IOKA for puchase.
Old village and rubber pth. situated half ab hour's walk up the Ei-A River and on opposite bank to present site.
Balance of carriers arrived at 2 pm.

June 20th. Left at 7.30 am. and proceeded up bed of IRI Ck. for forty five minutes, and then commenced the ascent of Sadonga and Ganada Peaks.
Lunched at Junction of Au-una and Giunu Cks and then resumed journey to CIBO which was reached at 3.30 pm. Walking time 5½ hours.
Birdsof Paradise are plentiful in these parts. The Red type being the most common seen.
CIBO (Vill Const. NAURI) 7 houses.
Inspected village, checked census and had people medically examined - 3 cases of yaws treated.
No trouble reported - village clean and tidy.
Rest house and barracks Al.
Plenty of food available and this was puchased with salt for police and carriers.

June 21st. Set out for SEDEMA at 8.30am. Tracks leading over many steep hills and often in the beds of streams.

MAINAK (Vill Const IARO) Seven houses.
Arrived Noon. Inspected village and found all correct - no fault to find.
Told people to report to SEDEMA (lo mins. away) for census check and medical treatment.

SEDEMA (Vill Const. IARO) Sixteen houses.
Situated on GIUMU River. Village up to standard.
Rest house newly repaired. Checked census and 22 people treated, for various complaints.
Paid monies due to natives from trust funds.
This village greatly improved since last visit and all diseased cocoauts destroyed in accordance with previous instructions.
Made camp, paid off carriers and purchased foods with salt and tobacco.

June 22nd. Left 7 am and climbed [illegible] mountain to LARIVA. Reached after 4½ hours walking.
LARIVA (Vill Const. Konibe) Fourteen houses.
Village clean and well kept. All houses of usual design and up to standard. New Rest House in course of construction.
Armed people of census check and and medical examination in the morning and made camp.
Food - including spinach and English potatoes - purchased with salt and tobacco.

June 23rd. Checked previous census and found it 50% incorrect. Decided to retake it in the afternoon. Numerous people from this village seem to be walking about in the big Gollala District at the moment.
People medically examined and those needing it, were treated.
A couple of differences over marriage were settled by the elders of the village under my direction and with reference to prevailing customs.
Weather fine and temperatures mild. Rather unusual for this part of the country. Estimated height of LARIVA 4500 ft.
Route passed over today clean and well defined but going is steep at times.

June 24th. Spent sorting out patrol gear and supplies and obtaining data for station map of District.
Gave instructions as to better construction of new Rest House and laid out plan on floor for villagers to follow.

June 25th. Returned to [illegible] preparatory to moving onto [illegible] Valley. (Walking time 3½ hours). A second injection was given to those patients needing it and as rain was threatening made camp for night.
Plenty of cooked foods brought forward for carriers and police.
[illegible] is a veritable home of the bird of Paradise. The Red bird being most common but a few of red and blue plumage were seen.

June 26th. Broke camp 8am and set out for [illegible].
Country less mountainous and walking easier.
Had lunch at FORE River Rest House. This is in good order and well kept - no village for 2 hours on either side.
Passed by huge taro gardens (about one hour from village) One was about ten acres in extent and occupied the whole of a hillside.

[illegible] (Vill Const. [illegible]) Thirty houses.
Reached at 1.30 pm
Inspected village and everything found to be in order. Checked census and people were medically examined.
Paid bonus due to natives from trade fund and also carriers for work performed for Capt. [illegible] when station was temporarily established at [illegible].
No trouble reported but advised one man about village pigs destroying his garden.

June 27th. Left Rest House at 8.15 am. Travelling easy and in some open country.
[illegible] (Vill Const. [illegible]) Eleven houses.
Everything All here. Told people to go to [illegible] for census check and medical treatment.

June 29th. contd.

BIRDA (Will count. Ba-ooo) Twenty four houses.

All electricity with the exception of one house. Villagers comfortable instructed to have this repaired immediately.

Chemus checked and people satisfactorily examined. Villied in helpings of day laxative mens and malaria tablets in Villiere book.

Left at 8.10 am and proceeded down WAMIA valley to:-

June 30th.

DUKA (Will count. Ba-ooo) Twenty six houses. Water reticulation for four hours working.

Villiere in good order but soil erosion in certain roads concern. Details included by a medical officer in separately rather than improving condition so it was explained to the people how to build barriers in the worst parts, so that diluted earth would pile up against them. Two excellent volume of rice or sweet potatoes planted on hillside to hold soil.

Checked stations placed in store by Jaymes in 1948. Found food -stained- in good condition but rice and tea were mouldy. This food is evidently helpe used up by successive patrols.

June 31st.

Heard complaints in Villiere of KIRA.

One clerk for zero tree cut down, settled by recompense. One women elderly support from husband - made an order to take itself.

Left at 10.50.

WAMIA. (Will count. FAMU) Twelve houses and one under construction. All clean and tidy. Cotton not bite there in the vicinity of that Villiere. Nets are stretched of a irrecourk in small ponds and conducted with buses and the fish in Tiriko. Slightly through overgrown overhing and the one region in the not. Villiers say that there are great success with the bowl of fish. Left at 11.10 proceeded down AI-I OK.

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June 30th.

Patrol ready to leave when Vill.Constable brought two or three villagers to Rest House to have some matters settled.
One case of sago tree destroyed settled by restitution.
A marriage matter settled by having Councillors quote local ruling.
Finally departed 9.50 am and reached GOBE Rest House at 11.30.
Deposited gear in Rest House and set out for village - across Waria River by cane bridge. This is one of the best bridges of its type that I have seen.

GOBE (Vill Const.BORI) Eleven houses and one new one in course of erection. Returned to Rest House, had lunch and took census. Spent rest of afternoon entering maps and travelling times in LABA and GOBE village registers.
Const. Pena despatched to Lower Waria to tell villagers due for pay (Capt. McKenna Lome-Fofoei and return) to report at FOFOEI.

July 1st.

Broke camp at 8.15 am and set out for AGOTAMI:

AGOTAMI (Vill Const. DIMEGI) Seventeen houses and an old Lutheran Church. Councillor's house and Rest House badly in need of renewing. Instructed Vill Constable but people requested permission to remove whole village to better site. This shift appears to be needed. Erosion has made deep ruts in centre of village place and some of the houses have been undermined. Inspected new site - not far away - and I would recommend that this change be allowed.
No trouble reported but Councillor says number of people have gone to ZEMA and KO in TKG to reside and were included in Markham District Census. Told Vill Constable to have these people brought back. Later contacted WO Mclean ANGAU, Morobe re this matter.
Census for Sara and Agotami checked and medical treatments given.

July 2nd.

Left 8.5 am for FOFOEI (TKG) passing through:-
SARA (Vill Const. Dimegi) Eleven houses
Pema No.2)
Pema No.1) TKG
Crossed Waria River by canoe ferry at Pema and reached Fofoei at 2.15 p.m.
Tul Tuls at all TKG villages reported all well with people as we passed through that area, but at FOFOEI they said food was unavailable and carriers were absent at Morobe. This was awkward but when I mentioned I would be telephoning to WO Mclean cooked foods were soon brought out and an enquiry for the village book brought forth twenty seven carriers.
Paid all people from lower Waria villages concerned in the carrying job.

July 3rd.

Set out at 8 am and crossing river reached GUASA where I contacted WO Mclean by 'phone and mentioned xx carriers and food matter of previous evening. Also spoke about return of Papuans on his side and he agreed to this.
Departed 9.15 for BOVERA which was reached at 4pm - 4 3/4 hours walking time. - a halt being made at the BI-AI River for one hour in the middle of the day.
Paid off NG carriers and purchased food for them and the police[illegible]
New gardens [illegible] production as yet and supplies were limited. Vi[illegible]table complained that people were paying more [illegible]on to the making of sago than the gardens. Warned all Village Constables from Bi-A River villages I would be taking census on the next day.

July 4th. Leaving gear at Rest House in ch[illegible] police set out for MAFARA via SIAU (Vill Const. [illegible]) Thirteen and eleven houses respectively. Both villages in Al order and no trouble or sick [illegible] returned to BOVERA by canoe. [illegible] lunch [illegible] departed down stream inspecting following villages.

TAVE (Vill Const. IAURU) Thirteen houses.
BOKE do. Seven houses.
IKA (Vill Const. DABARI) Five houses
DABARI do. Six houses.

Everything up to standard and no trouble brought to my notice. One man with scabies and two with large ulcers ordered to Ioma hospital. Roads excellent with exception of one portion and I have enlarged on this matter in under the heading of 'Roads & Bridges' later in the report.

BOVERA (Vill Const. MISIKARA) Seventeen houses.
Rest House recently re-roofed and in good condition but people have allowed gardens (Govt. and their own) to become almost depleted. Have ordered them to prepare and plant bigger gardens within the month.

July 5th. Set out on return journey to IOMA passing through UBUTU, [illegible] JADARE and MINDEWARI. All villages reported everything well and no trouble. Villages were clean but told Councillors in the first two named that they should plant more trees of a useful kind - both these places bare and ugly. People haven't bothered to plant palms as they depend on the plantation nearby for their coconuts. LofC Sigs. have no complaints and labour attached had no troubles.
Camped at Mindewari for night.

July 6th. Departed 7.45. Road bad in places and told Vill Constables concerned to have the matter attended to, but as they have no tools and road is often in ground of a swampy nature do not think that any permanent improvement can be made until the station can make available axes and shovels. Heavy rains of late have not helped matters as bridges and corduroy have been washed out.

GINIMAI (Vill Const. TATA) . This village constantly visited and is always in good condition. Road from here now being prepared to take 'beep' traffic and excellent progress has been made by Cpl. Teasdale. Two bridges have been put in over small creeks and ro[illegible] has been constructed as far as TAMATA Ck. at [illegible]UDARE village.

Reached IOMA at 4.30 p.m. where Cpl. Elliot reported all well.

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Native Situation.

Everything normal in area visited.
Crime and disputes were non-existent but several marital troubles were brought to the notice of the patrol. These were adjusted by the village people themselves under my direction.
Village Constables in the Waris and Small Boilels informed me there has been a great deal of dancing and feasting to welcome home the repatriated natives from labour lines, and I must say it is pleasant to see so many young men in these villages.
There is a great improvement in the outlook of the villagers since the return of these men - more life and gaity and a positive air of contentment. Villages, housing and gardens are on the improve.
There is a marked lack of lawlessness in these areas and I put it down to the richness of the District - plentiful foods, good crops, and a goodly number of pigs and fowls. Each individual has plenty of everything that counts with them.
There is no inter village strife and no disputes were reported.
Carriers were quickly forthcoming with the exception of the village of BOFORI and all people were eager to assist patrol in every way.
All instructions given by previous patrol had been carried out and many improvements were noticed.
Confidence in the 'Government' is certainly being restored.

Village Officials.

All up to standard but the Village Constable of BOVERA - Misikera - is a lazy individual and indifferent. I would like to see him replaced but owing to lack of suitable type in the village it would be difficult, at the moment, to pick a really efficient and live man. However, he was warned about his laxness and I would suggest that he be replaced as early as possible.
The people of GOBE, UIUPORO and IEUVERA expressed a desire that councillors be appointed in their villages and in my presence three men were unanimously elected to that position and their names recorded by me.
There has been no dismissals and no other officials were appointed.

Villages.

All in excellent condition but in one or two cases houses were not quite up to requirements and constables were instructed to see that they were rebuilt.
At AGOTANI people wished to move present village to a new site and this is recommended as soil erosion is causing some concern. The site was inspected and found to be suitable for the purpose.
Villages inspected are in close proximity to food supplies, water is obtained from swift flowing streams, and fly proof latrines have been installed . The latrines were inspected and were found to be clean and well kept.
Rest Houses are located at following villages and all are in good condition, but AGOTANI Rest House will be rebuilt.
WAITIBU, OIBO, SEDEMA, IARIVA, AODE RIVER, ANTEASA, AJRA, IEUVERA, USUPORO, GIBBU RIVER, OBRA, GOBE, AGOTANI, BOFORI, BOVERA, MINDEVARI, DABARI, GUIDEAL.

HOUSING. All structures suitable to climatic and other local conditions. They are well constructed of 'siri', 'kina' and in some instances are thatched with pandanus leaf. At IEUVARA houses show signs of individuality. Hipped roofs being particularly noticeable as well as rough hewn planks used for walls.
At all places, houses are built up off ground on stumps and are well kept.

AGRICULTURE. The Goria area is probably the best producing country in the MAIMANE DISTRICT and food is always plentiful. A great variety being available. Gardens are large, and well fenced and tended. Roads between villages are lined with pineapples, bananas and breadfruit trees. Passionfruit and English potatoes are unusual items at Goilala but people say they do not care for them. Peanuts and guavas are obtainable at IEUVARA and UUMORO. These latter villages were the only two to plant and consume peanuts. Other villages liked them but had no plants. Instructed village constables in vicinity to obtain plants (or nuts) from IEUVARA and if necessary the Government would pay for the plants. Pointed out nutritional value and instructed them in a better way of cooking and preparing them for eating. These peanuts were introduced by Lutheran Mission many years ago but the two villages mentioned are only ones to persist with crops. Four small rubber plantations - Takinumu 1, Sedema 2 and Aira 1 - were inspected and people were instructed how to tap - as per DS instruction - and advised that if they brought produce to IOMA it would be purchased. However, it is probable that people will need a lot of urging to bring this is as the distance is considerable.
Bovera village on Gira River reported a shortage of root crops and this occurs only because they have neglected the planting of fresh crops and have been depending on sago. Gardens have been made but too late to bear before other crops were exhausted. Instructions were issued to these people that new and larger gardens were to be made immediately - a month being given to carry out this instruction.

No power under NHO to issue this instruction. fo

Roads and Bridges. Road from Ioma to Takinumu village, rough and mountainous, but in surprisingly good condition and no fault could be found. Road recently cleaned and it is well defined. Log bridges in position over all creeks and larger Rivers crossed by means of well constructed swing bridges.
Wire swing bridges over GIRA and AIKORA Rivers repaired and considering they were rebuilt by the villages without proper tools, they are in good shape. (Bridges were totally smashed when part evacuated IOMA in 1942.)
A new cane bridge has been built over EI-A River at Takinumu.
Carriers had some difficulty in the wet patches on some of the hills but there is no trouble in negotiating the road. Nature of country does not permit of much improvement.

OIBO to SEDEMA. A new road has been constructed from SAWA CK to WAIMAWO but it is much steeper and more difficult than the old one and I have told people not to bother further with it. No great advantage has been gained by this section and no instructions were given in the matter.
~~Road~~
SEDEMA to DARIWA and return to FOFOMI. In this stretch the roads are splendid and show signs of constant attention. No fault to be found anywhere and all cane bridges are in good repair.

BOVERA-MATAERA-DABARI. Roads with exception of portion between LAVE and BOVERA excellent. At the people suggestion I instructed that a new road be made between the two villages mentioned - to follow the North Bank. This will obviate

Roads and Bridges contd.

two out of three ferry crossings and avoid a section of the country which is usually inundated when Ei-A River floods.

BOVERA-INDEWARI. The last section of this road (Bovera end) is also subject to flood waters which make a great deal of work for the villagers. Councillor of TAVE suggested a new section be made to avoid this and I agreed, viewing proposed new road. This will also shorten the walking time and be a big improvement.

NINDEWARI-GINIKAI. This section passes through low lying country and in such places road was very muddy. Unusual rains for this time of the year have caused a lot of damage - logs and cordroy have all been washed away. Instructed Village Constables concerned to repair this but doubt if any lasting impression can be made without tools. Shovels and axes were issued by the station (temporarily) at one time but lack of supplies at moment prevents this procedure.

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GINIKAI-IOMA. Roads good and new 'jeep' road to Ioma well on its way. Two new bridges constructed over small creeks and it has been speedily and well made under the supervision of Cpl. Teasdale.

Census.

A check of all previous census figure was made and alterations and additions made. A number of deaths have occurred among small children and the older people but figures are approx. the same owing to births and the return of labourers who were not previously recorded.

Indentured Labour.

All labour attached to LofC sigs. were visited and no complaints were made.
Repatriated labour interrogated, expressed satisfaction at being home and have no desire to leave villages again although they stated that should the 'Government' need them, they would do so.
At IARIWA - Sml. Goilala - I inquired as to whether repatriated men suffered from ill effects of fever contracted while working on coast but all (15) assured me that apart from feeling the cold slightly they were feeling quite well. One or two said they occasionally have headaches.

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Map.

A detailed map showing walking times, rest houses etc was submitted with Patrol Report No.4/43-44, WO S.H.Yeoman.

PO Bertram NW

This officer was instructed to accompany me on the patrol for experience. Every phase of the work, dealt with, was shown him. He assisted me in census check, village inspections, food purchase and payment of carriers.
NROs were explained to him and where village problems were met with, they were discussed fully. ~~with him.~~
At all times he showed a keen interest in the work and with further field service should prove an excellent officer.

Extract personnel file

S.H. Yeoman
OIC/IOMA.

Health.

Generally, the health of the people in Paris-Ei-e River districts seems to be on the improve. An MO (Salesio) accompanied the patrol and approximately 1000 people were seen. The following are the figures for treatments given.

Bronchitis	2
Frambosia	61
Scabies	5
TUs	21
Colds	38
Headaches	4
Boils	2
Diarrhoea	1
Burns	2
Sore eyes	1
Total	137

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No epidemic sickness was reported or noticed but apparently whooping cough has taken off a number of the smaller children at IOMA village during the month of MAY. No word was received at IOMA and I warned Village constable that a repetition of his laxness in this direction would mean trouble for him. His excuse being that he was away hunting and people said IOMA was too far away to go and report the sickness.

Rubbish in village is being disposed of as instructed - placed in holes and burnt when dry and then covered. Latrines have been installed in all villages and these were found to be clean and fly proof.

J.H. Leaman

OIC/IOMA.

Royal Papuan Constabulary. Following detachment of RPC accompanied patrol

No.1657 L/Cpl OLSEA-LAVA
1554 Const. IRANGI
1675 " KALA-
2202 " KOTEBA-LELI
3203 " PANA
4190 " OREU

Cpl. Lava willing and conscientious and discharged his duties well. All constables carried out instructions and performed their duties efficiently.

Consts. Irangi and Oreu are natives of the Waria and are particularly conversant with district traversed.

OIC/ICMA.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN (OMA) Report No. 1 OF 44/45

Patrol Conducted by Lt. S.H. YEOMAN.

Area Patrolled OPI-KUMUSI RIVERS.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 20/7/1944 to 3/8/1944

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany ?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....

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DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ /19

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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22nd. July. Patrol delayed by heavy rains but finally left Rest House for POHO at 9.5 am. in a fine drizzle of rain which lasted the whole day.
Passed through and inspected the following villages:-

POTOMO	(Vill Const. BAKIHE)	Five houses.
GONININDA	(do.)	Ten houses
PIRISETA	(Vill Const. SIRIAI-IA)	Three houses and one new one being built.
POHO	(do.)	Six house and one new being built.

Had lunch and leaving gear in Rest House set out to visit villages in the vicinity.

POHO No.2	(Vill Const. SIRIAI-IA)	Four houses
BEURU	do.	Six houses
USINDARI	(Vill Const. INDARI)	Eight houses and four new ones.
EHENANDA	(do.)	Six houses.

Returned to Rest House 6pm.

All villages up to standard and no fault to find. Census checked in all villages visited this day. Constables reported no troubles but at POHO was approached by one man who requested that he be allowed to stay in village instead of returning to labour line. He pleaded family hardship. Recorded name and promised to enquire from ADNL/DOBUDURU.
At HEHENANDA and USINDARI it was found that thirty people (men, women and children) were absent. These were reported to be on Mason's plantation. (See paragraph headed 'Native Labour' at the end of this report.)

23rd. July. Departed at 7.45 am. Fine but sky overcast. Visited following villages during the day's walk.

KIKINONDA	(Vill Const. SIRIAI-IA)	Seven houses
NINIANDA	do.	Four houses
PAPAKI	(Vill Const. EGARI)	Nine "
DIROU	do.	Ten "
SIAI	(Vill Const. DIHURU)	Ten "
BATURU	(Vill Const. MAI-IONI)	Six "
OITATANDI	(do.	Seven "
HURATA	(Vill Const. BAU-UBU)	Five houses and two new ones under construction.

Inspection satisfactory - all villages in excellent condition. Clean and well tended. DIROU, BATURU and SIAI are always particularly noticeable - gardens, roads and surroundings showing signs of constant attention.
No breaches of NRO brought to my notice but three natives approached me at KIKINONDA about being paid off from Labour Lines. They returned home on leave to find a fair amount of hardship. All have three children or more and no male relations to care for families. Recorded names to discuss matter with ADNL.
Census checked in all villages and made camp for night at HURATA.

24th; July. While at HURATA the OITATANDI Village Constable complained that signallers from LofC station were frightening women with some rather crude remarks. Later visited sigs. and told them of the upset they were causing and pointed out that such remarks, although trivial in their eyes were viewed seriously by the villagers and could cause bad feeling. Sigs. were regretful as they did not realise the harmfulness of their remarks.

Left Hurata at 7.10 am. for AWALA.
Passed into BUNA Sub-District and through JAVIERI, DIVINUKOIARI and SUI 1 & 2.
Everything in AL order and no troubles reported.
Roads good with exception of WASIDA villagers portion and I sent word to the Constable to have this matter remedied. (This had been attended to on my return journey).
Camped at AWALA.

25th.July)
26th. ")
27th. ")
28th. ")
To Higaturu, Oro Bay and Dobuduru. Consulting with District Officer on District Matters and discussing various queries re supplies and native labour etc.

29th. July. Left on return journey staying overnight with Mr. Searle of AWALA plantations.

30th. July. Set out from AWALA and proceeded direct to DIVINUKOIARI.
Spent afternoon enquiring into reported village fight but found that report had been greatly exaggerated by signallers and that ther had been an argument only with no ill results.
Also settled dispute over pigs and heard other minor matters.
Visited LofC Sigs and the labour attached and found everything satisfactory.

31st.July. Patrol proceeded to OITATANDI via HURATA.
A t the latter village gear was sent on in care of police and I left main patrol road to visit:-

BASANANDA (Vill Const. BAU-UBA)		6 houses and two in course of erection
OROSUSU	do.	6 houses and one new one nearing completion

No trouble or sickness reported. Villages in excellent condition and roads well tended.
Checked census in both villages, returned to HURATA and then onto OITATANDI.
Carriers paid off and food purchased for police and sign-boys returning to IOMA.

1st. Aug. Spent morning paying monies ex trust funds and the carriers employed by Capt. J.B. McKenna in July 1943.
Left Rest House at 10 am. for GORISATA
Crossed KUMUSI River by canoe ferry and visited:
ORIBIARI (Vill Const. Mai-ioni) This small village is actually the home of the ferryman and his family. It is well kept and handy to River Bank and his job.

ONABASUSU. (Vill Const. INDARI)		Ten houses.
ARURUDA	do.	Four houses and one new one.
GORISATA	do.	Seventeen houses and two being erected.

Had lunch and during afternoon visited=

PAPARATA (Vill Const. INDARI)		Three houses
GORISATA 2	do.	Four houses.

1st. August contd.

All villages in splendid shape.
Checked census and paid out money due to villagers from Trust Funds.
Heard case of alleged scorcery but lack of evidence prevented full hearing and matter was adjourned to IOMA pending the arrival of further witnesses.
A case of indecent assault also brought to my attention but charge dismissed. Woman was a consenting party and a later fued with man brought the matter before the Court.

2nd. August.

Broke camp at 8am. and set out for PETIKIARI via TUNUSUSU and AURIDA. Gear despatched by direct road to Petikiari with Corporal ORESI.

Inspected following villages on journey.

IOVORUTE	(Vill Const. AREPO)	Nine houses and one under construction.
BORAGASUSU	do.	Eleven houses and three being erected.
BORAGASUSU 2	do.	Six houses.
IOHEMBARI	do.	Four houses and 2 new ones
KAKISUSU	do.	Three houses
OSAKO	do.	Four houses.
Soveve	do.	Three houses.
TUNASUSU	do.	Five Houses.
A URIDA	(Vill Const.BAKIHE)	Eight houses
OTIKIARI	do.	Five houses and 2 new ones in course of constn.

Reached Rest House at 3.25.
Census checked in all villages and no troubles were brought to the notice of the patrol. Roads good but improvements can be made and instructions were given to this effect (See report on 'Roads() .
~~Only minor troubles pr-~~
Later in afternoon visited ITITI (Vill Const BAROHE)
This village consists of eight houses and only minor troubles reported. These were adjusted with the aid of the Councillors quoting local customs governing the circumstances.
Returned to Rest House, paid off carriers and arranged for fresh ones for the next day's trip to IOMA.

3rd. August.

Patrol left PETIKIARI at 7.30 am. on return journey to IOMA.
Good work, previously carried out by villagers on the USO swamp track all undone by further heavy rains. This constant damage must be discouraging to the people concerned in the maintainence of this section.
Took census at GAIARI and proceeded to KURUREDA where sixteen men were sentenced to a term of imprisonment for wilful neglect of road between Mt. Green and KURUREDA village.
Rest house floor had been completely renewed during my absence at Migaturu and this Rest House is now in good shape. Inspected village and then left for IOMA which was reached at 3pm. and where Cpl. Elliot, storeman reported all well.

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Native Situation. Everything in this area appears to be normal. Crimes and disputes brought to the attention of the patrol were of a minor nature and apart from neglect of roads and a charge of sorcery all were settled by reference to local customs etc. The visits of Native Labour men on leave, to their villages has had a brightening effect and feasts had been arranged in nearly all villages where these men had returned.
Carriers were obtainable without fuss and all villagers showed keen interest in the patrol and the instructions given.
People from these areas are visiting the IOMA station in greater numbers and it is felt that real confidence is being restored andbuilt up. Nothing small has been neglected and all complaints have been given a full hearing.

Village Officials. With the exception of the KURUREDA Village Constable, who appears to spend about half his time wandering about, all officials are willing and eager and there were no complaints to make about any of them.
At the request of the people in AURIDA, ESEKA was appointed Councillor after he had been unanimously decided upon by the villagers.
I would like to see ONOPA of POTOMO made Village Constable for his village and GONININDA andit is also requested that the village of ITITI be brought under the control of UTIKIARI policeman instead of the GAIARI constable. These changes, in my opinion, would be for the benefit of all concerned, and make for better village control. In the latter case GAIARI is 3½ hours walking time from ITITI whereas OTUKIARI is about 30 mins.

Villages. All in excellent condition. In many, new houses are being built and numbers repaired.
The villagers show keen interest in any suggested improvements and it was noticed that the idea of louvres in the gables as adapted in Ioma Station buildings has been incorporated in some of the newer houses in the villages visited.
Food supplies are adjacent to the villages in every case and fresh water supplies are obtained from swift flowing streams.
Latrines and rubbish pits were inspected and found to be up to local standard.
Grave yards are kept clean and well tended.
Main patrol roads run through all villages and none are inaccessable or badly located.
People from ONABASUSU requested that they be allowed to move to BORAGASUSU but they had no good reason for this move and as village is one of the best in the area, feel that they would be better off where they are, besides being nearer their own gardens and land.
REST HOUSES. Rest Houses are maintained at the following villages:-
KURUREDA,GAIARI, PETIKIARI, POHO, SIAI, OITATANDI, HURATA and GORISATA.
With the exception of the one at OPI River (Petikiari) all are well tended and in good condition, but the Opi River house needs renewing and instructions have been given to this effect.
KURUREDA has recently added a new floor to RH in accordance with instructions and the one at OITATANDI has been completely rebuilt.
Surroundings, in all cases, are clean and tidy.
Flag poles are being erected at every place and wire for halyards has been supplied from this station.

HOUSING. Types seen are well constructed and suitable to conditions. Do not think any radical changes should be made but individuality is encouraged, and improvements suggested where it is thought necessary.
Siri and Nipa are main building materials and there is a plentiful supply in these areas.

AGRICULTURE. Food was plentiful throughout the patrol and no shortages were reported. The usual crops - taro, sweet potato, pumpkin, corn, paw-paw and bananas - are in evidence and villagers brought quantities to patrol for purchase. Gardens are large and well tended - in many cases fenced. They adjoin patrol road. Plants appeared to be healthy and villagers say they have had no trouble with insect pests as in the Namba area.
Cocoa plantations at USAKO, SUPOROUSU, GONINDA and TOHEMBARI are all overgrown but trees seem to be flourishing for all that, and samples of pods measured 7½ inches long by 12 inches in circumference. Pods were taken to plant at Koma station as an experiment.
Did not give any orders re maintainence of plantations as villages are denuded of eligibles on the labour lines and at Mason's Plantation, but should it be decided to do anything with them, will have them cleaned up immediately.

Roads & Bridges. IAUDARE villagers have neglected their portion of the KOMA/KURUREDA road and it now needs a good deal of attention. Instructions have been issued to the people to have the matter attended to. I have been lenient with these people because of the carrying Govt.stores from Ginimai to Koma, Sigs. stores and Rev. Gill's supplies, as well as their own building programmes and restoration of gardens, but since this has reached normal, no attempt has been made to do their share of the road. Further leniency will only make road more difficult to repair. These people are difficult and have to be constantly warned before they will do any work at all - many excuses being offered for their laxness.
KURUREDA -OPI River. From Kurureda to Mt.Green, road was very neglected despite warnings to people concerned. They have now been given a term of imprisonment.
Uso Swamp track , on the outward journey, was the best I have ever seen it - log footways and bridges recently repaired and road well cut back - but on the return journey, all the repair work had been undone by further heavy rains. This constant washing away of footways etc must be heartbreaking to the villagers concerned and at a later date it is intended to search for an alternative route to see if this spot can be avoided. However, in view of the work by past officers and the low lying nature of the surrounding country doubt whether it is possible.
PTIKIARI-POHO-USINDARI. Good but all country traversed in this area is low lying and in patches progress is made by log footways. These are greasy and village constables were instructed to make rougher surfaces on the top side of logs and to put cane handrails to steady travellers.
POHO-HURATA Excellent and no one could wish for better. The roads are dry, drained and show signs of constant attention.
HURATA-DIVINUKOIARI. The centre portion of this road is inclined to swampiness in wet weather, but this is the only obstacle in the way of a 'jeep' track from AWALA to SIAI on the KUMUSI river. Possibly the bad condition could be overcome with proper tools and some expert supervision, but at the moment this is not possible.
OITATANDI-GORISATA and OPI RIVER. This portion good but some of the sections have muddy patches. Instructions were given to Constables to have the drains cleaned out and in some cases new ones will have to be dug.
Explained what was required re a small crown on parts of the track but lack of tools will be a handicap.

Road & Bridges cont'd.

A good job cannot be expected until tools are made available.

All swing bridges are in good condition and logs with handrails are used over the smaller streams.

Census.

A census check was made in all villages visited. Numbers of old people have died but there have been numerous births and figures remain about the same. No epidemic sicknesses have made their appearance of late and this has made a big difference to the infantile mortality previously noted in this area. All births and deaths recorded and put on file at this office.

Indentured Labour.

Mr. R.E. Durcher has boys out recruiting in this area, and other parts of the IOMA Sub-District, for labour for his plantation - Ioma Rubber Estates. Mr. Durcher has authority from Pro-Con to obtain two hundred natives locally but the position will have to be carefully watched as numbers of these villages are recruited to the limit already, I recuest permission to return natives to their villages where it is thought that the 'danger-mark' has been passed.
At a number of villages in the Opi district, I received complaints from the people about the number of women and children and young men (approx. sixty according to census) who have gone to live at Mason's plantation, Sangara to be near their relatives. In one village sixteen had gone off and in another twelve.
The villagers say that these people will return home when relatives contracts are completed and their gardens will be overgrown and homes dilapidated and such an influx will cause famine conditions as well as crowding in villages. This is a reasonable complaint and I would like to see some scheme in operation whereby relatives are allowed to visit boys on labour lines but must return to villages after a reasonable period - this presents no hardship to the Opi people as Mason's is within easy walking distance of all places concerned.

Map.

A sketch map of patrol route and surroundings is attached. This shows, Resthouses, villages, LofC Sig.Stations, walking times etc.
Correct compass readings and geographical features noted and these will be added to a large scale map being prepared at this station. The details just gathered, when added to the station map will complete mapping work for whole of Ioma Sub-District.

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Health. Generally good but some cases of long standing ulcers and yaws and two cases of scabies were ordered to hospital at Ioma, for treatments. One small lad from AIMIANDA had some sort of an eye infection, which was serious by the look of it, and village Constable was instructed to see that he was taken to hospital at Popandeta as I am sure that the eye will have to be removed.
No epidemic sicknesses were noticed.
Fly proof latrines and rubbish pits are installed in all villages and are being used. They are clean and well kept. I believe these are making a great improvement in village hygiene in these areas.

Village medical boys, trained at Ioma, are doing good work in bringing people in need of treatment, to the attention of patrols.
At the villages of BATURU, OITATANDI and GORISATA, these men have had isolation wards erected for epidemic sicknesses.
These are not large ~~and~~ but are of good design and construction. They should be of great use to travelling AMAs to set out their drugs and instruments also for carrying out examinations.
These small places are an excellent idea ~~and are~~ ~~boy~~ were erected on the boys' own initiative. I am encouraging it in all villages where population warrants it.

PADMAN

OIC/IOMA.

Royal Papuan Constabulary.

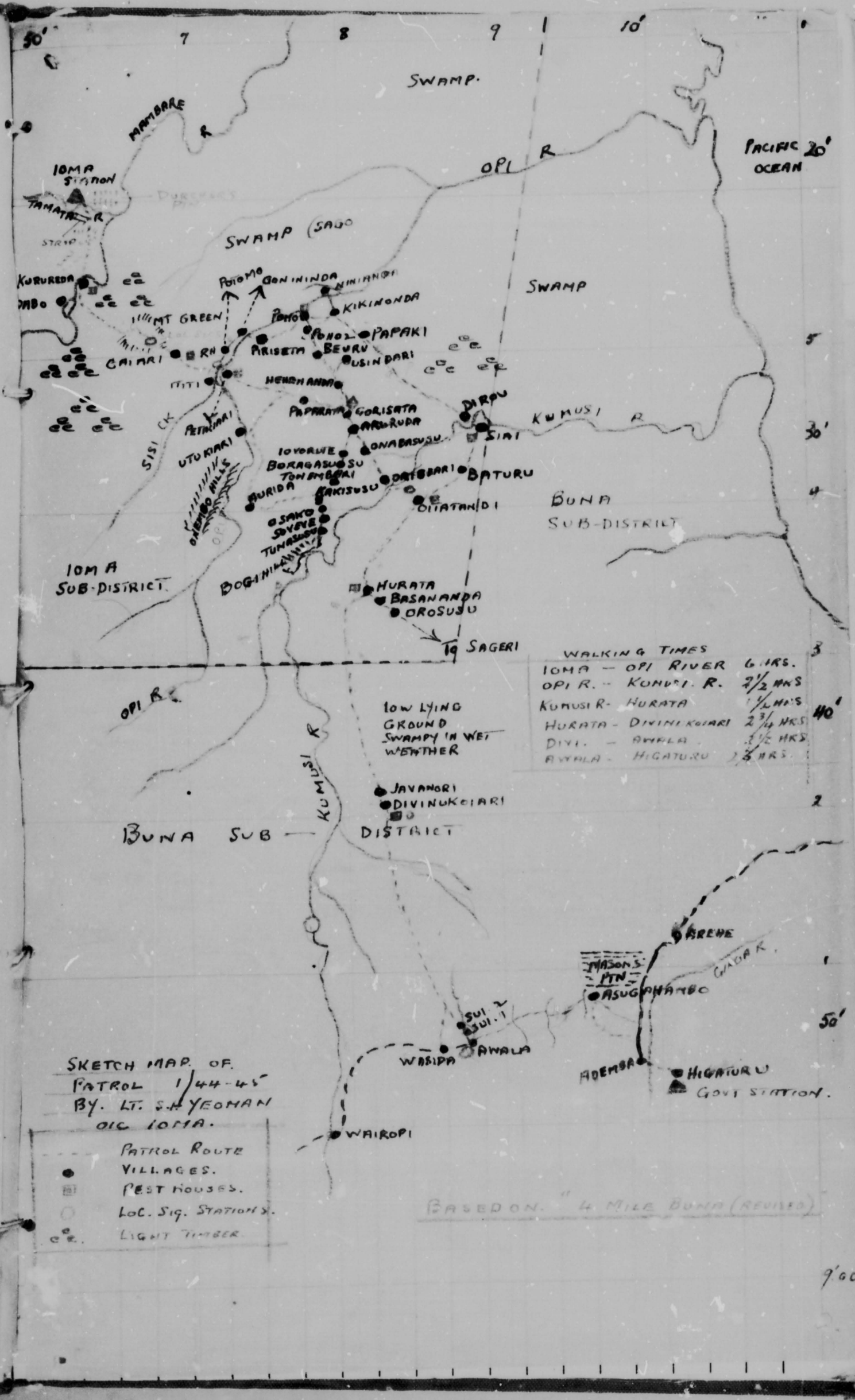
The patrol was accompanied by the following members of Ioma RPC detachment.

No.1524 Cpl. ORESI
1354 Const. IRANGI
3189 Const. ADAVI.

All were competant and willing and Cpl ORESI - a native of UTIKIARI village - is particularly conversant with the District and local customs.

All duties and instructions carried out efficiently and faithfully adhered to.

OIC/IOMA.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WALKING TIMES
IOMA — OPI RIVER 6 HRS.
OPI R. — KUMUSI R. 2½ HRS
KUMUSI R — HURATA 1½ HRS
HURATA — DIVINI KOIARI 2¾ HRS
DIVI. — AWALA 3½ HRS
AWALA — HIGATURU 2¾ HRS.
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WAIROPI
SKETCH MAP OF PATROL 1/44-45 BY. LT. S.H. YEOMAN OIC IOMA.
PATROL ROUTE
VILLAGES.
REST HOUSES.
LOC. SIG. STATIONS.
LIGHT TIMBER
BASED ON "4 MILE BUNA (REVISED)"

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES. 30/2 - 417.

District Headquarters,
NIGATURU;
Mambare District.

25 August 44.

H.Q.,
SOUTHERN REGION;
A.N.G.A.U.,
PORT MORESBY. (FOR A.D.D.S.)

PATROL REPORT NO.1/44-45 - IOMA.
BY LT. S.M. TEGMAN - O.I.C.

1. Attached hereto please find the above patrol report in duplicate.

2. Village Officials. Recommendations under the above heading are approved.

3. Villages. The flag pole idea is a good one and I have always encouraged this.

4. Agriculture. There is no point in worrying about the cocoa at this stage.

5. Indentured labour. I have requested the O.I.C., Ioma to enlarge on his assertion that Mr. Durcher has boys out recruiting in the Ioma Sub-District. Upon receipt of this I will have further comment to make.

6. The O.I.C. will make individual recommendations where he considers that any one area has been over-recruited and I will deal with it according to it's merits.

7. Diary 24 July. I have made it perfectly clear that conduct detrimental to prestige by Signal personnel will be viewed with the greatest disfavour and this matter has been taken up by me personally with their C.O.

Copy to: O.I.C.,
IOMA.

(S. ELLIOTT-SMITH) MAJOR.
DISTRICT OFFICER.

ADDS All items of interest are covered by DO's remarks.
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

30/8/4

HQ
SOUTHERN REGION
ANGAU PORT MORESBY
8 Sep 44

Ref No. 1854.

DC MAMATUKU

IOMA P/R No. 1 of 44/45 - Lieut Yeoman

Receipt is acknowledged of a/m report forwarded under cover of your memo 30/2-417 of 25 Aug 44.

2. Roads & Bridges - If possible, tools should be made available to natives when they are called upon to perform work of the nature required on the GITATANDI-KORISATA-OPI River section of the road.

3. Indentured Labour - PO's remarks in regard to the recruiting of labour by Mr. Durcher are noted. Nothing is known at this HQ about permission being given by PCB to Mr. Durcher to recruit 200 natives. The matter will be taken up with HQ ANGAU and you will be advised of the result in due course. In the meantime you should take appropriate action to guard against over-recruitment in the area.

4. A good report.

Maj.
ADDS & NA.

Copy:
HQ ANGAU.

Please advise in regard to authority said to have been given by PCB to Mr. Durcher.

Maj. ADDS & NA.

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ANG Production
Control Board,
PORT MORESBY.

7 July 44.

DDS & NA

Native Labour - IOMA Plantation

Mr. R. Durcher has returned to this Territory and will re-open the a/m plantation for IOMA RUBBER ESTATES LTD.

He estimates that about 200 natives will be required to work the property and hopes to be able to obtain them locally.

It will be appreciated if the DO HIGATURU can be asked to give Mr. Durcher every assistance in obtaining labour.

(Sgd) W. Kirkhope, Chairman.
ANG PCB.

DS 18/1/18
10 July 44

HQ SOUTHERN REGION
Referred.

(Sgd) S.A. Lonergan

30-8-4

DS 18/34
HQ ANGAU
12 Sep 44.

HQ Southern Region

Native Labour - IOMA Plantation.

1. Ref your minute - 30/8/4 of 8 Sep 44 - endorsed on memo addressed to DO Higaturu.

2. Mr. Durcher has not been given authority to recruit 200 natives for employment on IOMA Plantation. The desire of Mr. Durcher to secure 200 native labourers - through the agency of ANGAU acting on behalf of the Army-is indicated in this HQ DS 18/1/18 of 10 Jul 44, addressed HQ Southern Region.

3. DDNL memo to all DOs and ADOs dated 5 Jun 44 - Casual Labour Plantations; - ref PCB circular No. CB 291/1151 of 31 Aug 43 - may cover the reported recruiting activities of Mr. Durcher.

4. Your instruction to DO Higaturu to guard against over-recruitment is noted.

ADDS: See memo opposite.
MB 15/9.

Major.
For DDDS & NA.

30/8/4
HQ STHN RGN
18 Sep 44

DO HIGATURU.

Forwarded. There is no record of HQ memo No. 18/1/18 of 7 July 44 having been received here, otherwise copy would have been forwarded to you. Copy now sent herewith.

DS

Att.

Maj. ADDS & NA.

50/1
Ioma Sub-Station,
Mambare District.

11th. August 1944.

The District Officer,
HIGATURU.

Patrol Report No.1/44-45.
Lt. Yeoman S.H. OIC/IOMA.

Herewith above report in triplicate, covering patrol to OPI/KUMUSI River areas.

It will be noted that writer has dwelt on the subject of 'Roads and bridges', to a greater extent than is usual. This in view of our recent discussion on the matter of motor transport. It is trusted that this will help towards giving a clearer picture - particularly of the section from AWALA to SIAI.

S.H. Yeoman
OIC/IOMA.

Amount Returned to Store

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN (IOWA) Report No. 2 OF 44/45

Patrol Conducted by Lt. S.H. YEOMAN

Area Patrolled OP - KUMUSI RIVER.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 2/ 1/19 45 to 21/ 1/19 45

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany ?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....

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DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ /19

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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30/1
Ioma Sub-Station,
Lambare District.

26th. January 1945.

The District Officer,
Higaturu.

Patrol Report - No.2/44-45 S.H.Yeoman OIC/IOMA.

Patrol Report by: S.H. Yeoman Lieut. OIC/IOMA
To : Opi-Kumusi River areas thence to District Office Higaturu.
Date left statn : 2nd. January 1945.
Date Returned : 21st. " 1945.
Patrol Purpose : Routine Inspection, Census taking and visit to District HQ re District matters.
Route Traversed : Ioma, Opi River via Gorisata to Kumusi River, thence to Divinukoiari, Awala and Higaturu. Returned via Koho to Gorisata. Gorisata to Aurida and Petikiari to Ioma.
Patrol Accompanied by : Cpl and three constables RPC
Court Interpreter. 2 N.M.O. Tonani
Fourteen carriers.
Cost of patrol : 1 bag rice
½ gal kerosene
1 bar soap
10 lb. tobacco - 5 lbs. carriers
3½ " purchase of food
1½ " issue to police and interpreter.

22 tins. meat)
11 " fish) Weekly issues to police
10 box matches) and interpreter.
4 lb sugar)
20 oz salt.)

Last patrol : Lt. Yeoman, District Services July/August 44. Report No. 1/44-45

Map; : Previously submitted with report No.1/44-45 in August.1944.

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DIARY

2nd. Jan. Patrol left Ioma at 7.30 am for Opi River. (Note all times given in diary are I'time.) Lunched with Uso LofC sigs. where details of new house were discussed.
During afternoon heavy rains fell and patrol made camp at GAIARI, which was reached at 4pm.

3rd. Jan. Broke camp at 6.30 am and proceeded to DIVINUKOIARI. Camped here for night. Going rather heavy this day - heavy rains had flooded roads and patrol was often waist deep in water.
At DIVINUKOIARI LofC NCO made a complaint re line boy assaulting one of the sigs.. Statements were taken and later referred to the DO. The line boy concerned had run off.

4th. Jan. Patrol proceeded to Higaturu via Awala, leaving nearly all gear in Divinukoiari Rest House in charge of Constable RPC.
All roads passed over during this portion of the trip were muddy and patches inundated owing to recent rains.

5th. Jan. At Higaturu awaiting instructions from DO
6th. Jan. To Dobuduru.
7th.) At Dobuduru discussing District Matters with DO, stores
8th.) with S&S and labour with A/ADNL. Received balance of
9th.) injections, treatment to teeth and had X-ray.
10th.Jan. Returned to Higaturu.
11th.Jan. At Higaturu. Arranging Stationery supplies, carriers and stores for return trip.

12th. Jan. Resumed patrol. Left Higaturu at 7.15 am. for DIVINU OIARI which was reached at 1.30 pm. Constable Keosai reported all well and afternoon was spent sorting gear for morning start. Camped here for night.

13th.Jan. Left Divinukoiari at 7 am. for Hurata passing through Javinori (Buna Sub-District).
Reached HURATA 10 am. and warned village constable to have all people in his villages, ready for census take that afternoon.
Visited following villages:-
HURATA (Vill.Const. RAU-UBA) Five houses.
BASANANDA. do. Seven houses. Two new ones under construction.
ORUSUSU. do. Six houses. One new one being erected.

All villages up to standard and no complaints brought to notice of patrol.
Plantations (rubber), gardens, roads latrines etc. all inspected and found satisfactory.
Census taken at all villages and recorded in new books. (See heading 'Census' at end of this report.)
Nine children sent to Koma hospital - yaws and scabies - minor sores and cuts sent to MO at Hurata for dressings.
Plenty of food made available to patrol. This was purchased with tobacco.

14th.Jan. Departed 7 am. for POHO via SIAI, inspecting SAMA(Native) Rubber Ptn. on the way. Also MAIMBASUSU and MONJO Ptns. These were found to be in tip-top order and showing signs of constant attention.
Reached OITATANDI (Vill Const. MAI-IONI) consisting of seven houses at 8.15 am.. Took census and inspected village and surroundings. Everything satisfactory.
Village Councillor of SIAI reported here and informed me that he demolished Rest House at SIAI to rebuild so it was decided to camp for night at OITATANDI.
During afternoon visited:-
BATURU (Vill Const. MAI-IONI) Seven houses and two new ones in course of construction
Census taken and surroundings inspected. Councillor said people were subsisting on sago and fruit diet temporarily, until such time as new gardens came into bearing. No shortage of food however. New gardens visited and found to be well planted up and kept in excellent condition - fenced and clean.
Returned to OITATANDI Rest House.

15th.Jan. Departed 7am. for POHO.
Reached SIAI (Village Const. DIHURI) at 8.30 am. A village of Ten houses - all in good condition, Village clean and tidy. Medical treatment given and six cases of yaws sent to Hospital. Roads to here good, but improvements were suggested.
Passed on to:-
DIROU (Vill Const. EGARI) Eight houses and 1 new one being erected.
PAPAKI do. Eleven houses and 2 do.

15th.Jan. contd.

KIRIRONDA (Vill Const. SIRI-AIJA) Seven houses and 1 being erected.

All villages A1, No troubles reported to patrol. Census taken in Pirou and Papaki but as a heavy storm was threatening proceeded to POHO rest house and made camp. Warned village constable would be taking census of other villages in morning and to have people ready in their villages.

15th.Jan.

7.30 am. Court of Native Matters. - Sorcery. Later, leaving all gear at rest house proceeded to:-

POHO (Vill Const. SIRI-AIJA)		Seven houses and Rest House.
PIRISATA	do.	Four houses 1 new one in course of erection.
MINIANDA	do.	do.

Inspection satisfactory. Villages in good condition - clean and well looked after. Gardens, latrines etc. all A1. All instructions from previous patrol, regarding roads etc carried out. Census taken in all villages. Those people needing hospital attention despatched in charge of Village Constable to IOMA.

15th. Jan.

Patrol resumed journey - destination GORISATA - and passed through:-

POHO No.2 (Vill Const. SIRI-AIJA)		Four houses.
BEURU	do.	do.
USINDARI	do.	Eight houses.
EHENANDA (Vill Const. INDARI)		Six houses and one new one being constructed.

Excellent gardens, well stocked, were passed en route. No shortages of food in this area.
Reached GORISATA Rest House at 1 pm. and during afternoon visited:-

ONAMBATUTU (Vill Const. INDARI)		Eight houses.
ARAMUDA	do.	Three houses
GORISATA	do.	Sixteen houses.

All found to be up to standard. No complaints. ONAMBATUTU is probably the best kept village in this area and is a credit to the councillor SIRUGA.
All cases needing EMA's attention sent to hospital. x
At ARURUDA it was found that crowded housing conditions existed and village Constable was instructed to see that two new houses were erected - crowding brought about by wives and families of labour line boys living with relatives. It was thought that measles had broken out at ARURUDA. One child exhibiting a rash of a similar nature to that complaint. Subsequently more cases were found in nearby villages but EMA at IOMA advised me that he had diagnosed these cases as heat rash. Quarantine conditions already imposed were then lifted.
Roads in excellent condition.
Returned to Rest House GORISATA where villagers had brought forward an abundance of food as a gift. See reference to this in 'Native Situation'.

18th. Jan.

Set out at 7 am. leaving gear in rest house and inspected following villages this day. Census being taken in all places.

PAPAREME (Vill Const. INDARI)		Three houses.
TUNASUSU Vill Const. AREPA		Five houses and 1 being constructed.
SOVEVE	do.	Three houses.
OSAKO	do.	Five houses.
KAKISUSU	do.	Three houses.
TOHEMBARI	do.	Four houses and dispensary building.
BORUGASUSU 1&2	do.	Six and fourteen houses respectively.
IOVORUTE	do.	Ten houses.

At TUNUSUSU appointed SIRI Councillor, on the unanimous vote of villagers.
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18th. Jan. contd.

All roads and villages excellent, Improvements ordered last patrol carried out to the letter. Plenty of food in evidence and the whole of this area very satisfactory indeed.
Cases of yaws, scabies etc sent to hospital under escort. More cases of suspected measles found but these also diagnosed by EMA at Ioma as heat rash.
No complaints brought to notice of patrol but one or two requests were made for the return of native labourers to their villages on account of hardship, -- these are recorded under 'Indentured Labour' later on in report.
Returned to Rest House at 6pm.

19th. Jan.

Sending gear to Petikiari Rest House in charge of police, patrol left main road, with 1 member of MPC and interpreter, for AURIDA.

AURIDA	(Vill Const. BAKIHE)	Nine houses.
UTIKIARI	(do.	Seven houses and one new one under construction.
SARATITI	do.	Eight houses.
POTOMO	(Vill Const. HONOPA)	Four houses and one new one, in course of erection.
GONANINDA	do.	Eight houses.

All villages clean and well tended with exceptionof GONANINDA. This was most untidy place seen on trip. Vill. Constable and Councillor warned re a recurrence of similar conditions
All roads traversed this day, well kept and cut back, but a new road from POTOMO to GONANINDA needs widening and instructions were given to this effect. All other orders given, on previous patrol, had been attended to. One house at AURIDA was dilapitated and this has to be rebuilt. New latrines to be installed at POTOMO. Further requests made for return of labourers from Dobuduru and names of these have been recorded later on in report.

20th. Jan.

Court of Native matters, - gambling.
Balance of morning spent in hearing various villagers who wanted to speak to me on minor matters and after lunch left for GAIARI which was reached at 4 pm.. Camped for night after recording census and inspecting village.
Patients needing hospital attention warned to be ready in morning to accompany patrol to IOMA.

21st. Jan.

Heavy rains fell during night and main road was flooded, - thigh deep.- which delayed patrol temporarily. Finally left 8 am.. Lunched at USI LofC Sig. Station and proceeded to IOMA via KURUREDA, reaching station at 4.15 pm. where Sgt. Connors, EMA, reported all well.

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Native Situation. I should say that in area inspected this patrol, conditions have definitely returned to normal, with the exception - in my opinion - of the fact that too many young men are absent from their villages working.

Crime is practically non-existant and one case of sorcery and one of gambling were the only matters dealt with in the Court of Native Matters during the time spent in the district.

Carriers were quickly forthcoming: keen interest was displayed in all activities and helpful suggestions regarding improvements to villages and roads were made by the people themselves. (I always encourage them to solve their own problems where possible.)

Apart from the village of Daturu, no complaints were heard re shortages of usual foods and this village will only be temporarily out of taro.

At Gorisata, the people brought forth a huge quantity of foods as gift to the patrol. Needless to say a return gift of tobacco was made the next day. This is a custom of this village, as they have never failed to do this on every occasion I have visited them.

All orders given on previous patrol had been carried out efficiently and altogether the District is in a verysatisfactory condition.

One disturbing feature brought to my notice on this patrol, was the enormous amountsbeing demanded and paid as 'bride price', -- £29 and £16 plus other items. This is probably not enormous by Manuabada and Samarai standards but for this District it is and was unheard of before the war came to these parts. I am afraid that the demands for such large amounts of cash are going to cause ill feeling among villagers who have lived in harmony, as neighbours, for years.

To relate one instance:-

A constable of RPC, on leave from Port Moresby in the village of URIKIARI, decided to marry. The price demanded by the girl's relatives was £16, plus 15 cooking pots, 2 bird of paradise head-dresses, beads and shell ornaments. The constable was unable to pay this price himself but enlisted the aid of his friends and the bargain was made. Later, his friends decided among themselves that the amount of cash was too much and a request was made for a return of a portion of the money, which the girl's people refused. On arrival of patrol at AURIDA - the girl's village- the village Constable of UTIKIARI laid a charge of stealing against the bride's relatives. I explained that a price had been stated and paid without demur by the husband, the bride handed over and therefore the transaction was complete and no redress, could be obtained.

This point was readily understood when explained but RPC constable then said he was ashamed that his people should haggle about the matter when he was satisfied and he was going to return the girl and repay the people who had loaned him the money. However after great discussion among themselves (I had refused to advise them further saying it was a matter entirely for themselves)the constable took off his bride, but there was a definite feeling of anger in the air and UTIKIARI people went off muttering something to the effect - ' Alright, but wait until you want a girl from our village'.

Native Situation contd.

There is a vast sum of money held in the villages at the moment and it is well known, so that, while the accumulation exists, prices for brides and pigs etc will grow until they are well out of proportion. I have tried to encourage the people to place surplus monies in WDNAL trust account but they will have none of it at the moment.
It is a pity that there are no trade stores in this area to enable these people to spend accumulated funds. Often villagers make trips to the DOBUDURU store that are fruitless, because on arrival, it is found that it is out of stocks and probably closed.
Another source of annoyance to the villagers in this area is the fact that labourers in DOBUDURU labour lines are purchasing more than their requirements, from the trade store, passing such articles back to the villagers, through relatives, and selling for double the price paid, to those who are desirous of purchasing and who have the money to pay.

Village Officials.

These remain the same but at TUNASUSU, and UTIKIARI Councillors were appointed after being unanimously selected by the people of those villages. Medals were handed over to the appointees and their duties and obligations to people and Administration explained to them.
Appointments made previous patrol -- Village Constable HONOPA appointed to POTOMO and GONANINDA villages and the village SARAITITI being brought under the control of Constable BAKIHE have worked out satisfactorily.
I would suggest that a village constable be appointed to control the villages of NEURU, USINDARI and EHEWANDA. These three villages form a small group by themselves and at present are looked after by constables who reside some distance away and who already have three to four villages to control.
The above also applies to TUNASUSU, OSAKO and SOVEVE. They are small certainly but Constable AREPA - at present responsible for them - has seven villages and although a capable man, I feel that the work is just too much for him to give of his best attention.
These three latter villages also comprise a small group away from main patrol road.
Otherwise officials are efficient and keen. I would like to make particular mention of Councillor SIRUGA of ONAMBETTU, who is always most helpful and whose village is one of the best kept and cleanest in the whole of the sub-district. KURUREDA Village policeman has improved and if this keeps up, will give him another trial. He seems to have taken previous warning to heart.

Villages.

All up to standard but GONANINDA (Opi River) was the one exception regarding cleanliness. It was untidy rather than dirty, but a warning was given to Constable and Councillor to have the matter remedied at once and this was carried out while I was in the village.
It was noticed that coconuts, pineapples and paw-paws have been planted along the roads leading to most villages in the POTOMO section. This, in accordance with previous patrol's instructions. It is an idea I am encouraging here and the villagers are making a good response.
Water supply is AI in all villages being obtai from local streams.
Latrines and rubbish pits were all inspected,

Villages contd. and only in one or two cases was there cause for complaint - the latrines not being used. New ones to be installed at the village of POTOMO. Grave yards inspected and found to be well tended. SIAI village cemetery being particularly well laid out and cared for. There is a mission at this village.
All patrol roads run through villages, and as previous patrols reports have shown, none are badly located or inaccessable.
Food supplies are abundant and gardens adjacent to villages.
Rest Houses. That at PETIKIARI is being rebuilt and SIAI villagers have almost completed a new one at that village. All others satisfactory.

Housing. In nearly all villages new houses are being erected. Some to replace old houses and some to house new families. In one or two cases dilapidated houses were brought to the attention of the village policeman and instructions given for their renewal. Types are satisfactory for local conditions and strongly constructed of usual materials - biri and kipa.
At ARURUDA it was found that wives and families of men absent on labour lines, were causing crowded conditions by living with relatives. Excuse given was that they had no one to build houses for them. Villagers were instructed to assist in building two more homes to relieve these conditions.

Agriculture. Gardens in this area are in good condition -- well fenced and tended.
Plenty of food available to patrol and corn, oranges and other fruits were of good quality and quantity. The paw-paw known to me as a 'Java Pink' is becoming more plentiful and is a very excellent fruit. Seeds from these are collected by myself and distributed to other villages.
Most villages are planted with oranges and limes and when in season are a welcome change of diet. The natives themselves seem to relish these fruits.
Rubber plantations (native) all well cared for and in some cases trees are being 'rested' from the tapping by Mr. Searle of AWALA.
Cocoa plantation at OSAKO is overgrown as previously reported but nothing is being done to remedy this at the moment - in accordance with Major Elliot Smith's comments on my last report.
Villagers of Baturu spoke to me about a shortage of taro but they explained that stocks from old gardens became exhausted before new ones commenced to yield. However, there is no shortage of other items although principle item of diet now, is sago. Gardens at this village were inspected and it is thought that two or three weeks should see fresh crops of taro being gathered. This was the only village to mention a shortage of food.

PR. 30/8/5

Roads & Bridges. Roads for the most part were excellent and all instructions given on last patrol were attended to. However, there is still room for improvement in places and these portions are being remedied by villagers as tools loaned to them become available - they are being passed from village to village.
The PERIMBANUTUTU portion of road, between AURATA and DIVINUKOIARI is badly in need of attention and village constable was told about this, but as this section is situated in Buna Sub-District a memo is being sent to ADO.
OITATANDA-SIAI road needs doing up. Present system of log foot-ways through swampy portions not

Roads & Bridges contd.

satisfactory. Have instructed people to dig drains each side and make a 'crown' on the road. This work to be completed when tools are received.
In some cases log footways are essential - although I consider this method a poor one -- because of the low lying country. Drains in such circumstances are a menace as water lies for days and the drains become ideal mosquito breeding places. However, where it is possible and feasible the draining of such places is advocated and encouraged.
Ioma - Kurureda section has improved since last patrol but the Laudare people are still shirking their work here. I have now issued an order for village policeman to bring the people responsible, to the station each Friday, where they are issued with tools and send off to make repairs.
Bridges. All in position and in every case, even over small streams and swamps, cane handrails have been been placed in position to steady travellers. The OPI RIVER swing bridge collapsed recently with the weight of Ioma Rubber Estates line boys -- I am informed that twenty natives with gear were passing over at the time. Fortunately there were no casualties and bridge has since been rebuilt but cane has been used in lieu of broken and worn wire.
IofC Pilot Line. This is a source of great annoyance as well as a menace to life and limb. It has been rigged on forked sticks in some sections and is at chest height where it passes over the forks but the lowest portion of 'sag' is often about knee heighth. The line zig-zags across the road as sticks are placed on alternate sides and this means either stepping over it or lifting it above your head to pass underneath. In wet weather, this procedure is a definite menace to carriers particularly where line passes over the small log bridges at streams. Apart from maintaining balance, the carrier has to lift the line over his head to clear it, but often the wire does not clear the cargo carried with the result he is swung off his feet. This kind of thing happened on two occasions this patrol but apart from gear getting wet no damage was done.
I have repeatedly spoken about this matter to Sigs at IofC stations along the route and in some parts the matter has been attended to but in others it still remains the same and is particularly noticeable in the section between Opi and Manba Rivers.

Rep.

Doro see officer Sig. 16.9/2

Census.

A complete census of all villages visited was recorded in the new village books (TNG) and these have been handed into the care of village constables concerned. Figures are given on a separate sheet at the end of this report. The many births are a pleasing feature of the figures given. (Births and deaths cover period as from 1st. July 1944 to 21st. January 1945.)

Indentured Labour.

There are still a great many people over recruited from some of the villages in the OPI-KUMUSI area, and numbers of families are absent from their homes living on plantations or in the vicinity of labour lines, to be near their husbands and fathers.
As previously pointed out in patrol report No. 1-44-45 this is a subject of complaint by the villagers who remain, that houses and gardens belonging to these people are becoming their care. They are not at all pleased about it. They also point out that men returning from labour lines with their families will be a burden on the community until their gardens commence to yield again - unless of course the absent people are returned to look after their gardens.

No women should be at N/A camps. 16 9/2

Indentured Labour. contd.

Patrol was approached by relatives of the following to have them discharged from labour lines and returned to villages on account of hardship.

SUVAHE/AMBIRAPA of KIKIMONDA
BAWOGA/SIMBERI of ARURUSA
UHENA/JEJEKO of URIKIARI

How many?

SUVAHE is sole support of female relatives who request his return. BAWOGA is the only male kin of a widowed mother. She is now constantly ailing and cannot tend to gardens etc.
UHENA has two wives and one child and no other male relatives to fend for them in village.
If it is at all possible I would like to see these men returned.

Not a reasonable excuse
C6 9/5

Map.

Submitted with report no. 1/44-45.

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Health.

The general health of the OPI/KUKUSI people remains good. One thousand, one hundred and sixty three people were visited and the following cases were sent to Hospital, IOMA.

Yaws	-	25	
Scabies	-	5	
Ulcers	-	14	(two really bad ones.)
Lumps	-	1	(No further cases reported by MMO left in area)
Suspected Measles	-	8	(Since discharged. First diagnosis wrong. EMA says heat rash only. No further cases reported.)
Total		53	

Eight deaths and forty two births were recorded for the period 1.7.44 - 21.1.45. Deaths were nearly all old people.
One hundred and twenty nine (129) minor treatments were given for sores, cuts, coughs and headaches but no fever patients reported to patrol.
Latrines and rubbish pits were inspected and found to be satisfactory. At KOTOKO new latrines are being installed. People are becoming used to this innovation, and flies are much less noticeable in the villages.
Dispensary buildings erected at ORUSUSU, OITATANDI, BATURU, GORISATA, TOKEBARI and DIROU are proving their worth. All suspected measles cases were housed in these pending despatch to Ioma hospital and they are a great convenience for MMO to examine and treat the village people.
Village medical boys in the area are still doing good work in supervising village hygiene etc.
A pleasing feature of the patrol, from the medical view point, was the readiness of the people to go to hospital when instructed to do so. Only one woman failed to report but she did turn up at a later date. Five people from SAGERI (Buna Sub-Area) were met on the road and the husband informed me that his friends at ORUSUSU had told him about the IOMA hospital and he wished to take his children there for treatment for yaws. These people were given a letter to Sgt. Connors EMA. This incident is also an encouragement.

Lieut.
OIC/IOMA.

16/2

Royal Papuan Constabulary.

The following detachment from Ioma accompanied the patrol.

No. 1524 Cpl. Oresi.
3204 Const. Leosai
3189 " Adavi
3200 " Wai-ie.

Cpl. Oresi is a member of the AIGA tribe of OPI River and is fully conversant with all roads, villages and people. He is a practiced interpreter and a great help regarding the customs and rights etc of the various villages. He is well known and liked throughout the area.
Const. Wai-ie is also a member of the above tribe and comes from these parts. He, too, proved himself invaluable.
All constables were willing and efficient and gave no cause for complaint.

B.H. Leeman
Lieut.
OIC/IOMA.

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CENSUS - KUMUSI - OPI RIVER AREAS.

IOMA SUB-DISTRICT, MAMBARE DISTRICT PAPUA.

PERIOD. 1-7-44 - 21-1-45

AREA	Village.	Date.	Inspecting Officer	Births. M	Births. F	Deaths M	Deaths F	I/L Inc. RPC M + F	Non Natives M	Non Natives F	Migrations IN M+F	Migrations OUT M	Migrations OUT F	Total Excluding Child I/L M+F		Total Adult I/L M+F		No of Child Bearing Women	Total Inc. R/L
KUMUSI RIVER.	BASANANDA	21-1-45	S. H. Yeoman.	2	1	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	31	33	26	31	31	
	ORUSUSU & HURAIA			-	2	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	8	6	8	10	10	
	OITATANDI			-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	8	5	11	8	7	
	BATURU			1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	11	6	18	16	14	
	SIRI			1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	5	3	2	
	ORIBIARI			4	5	-	2	21	-	-	-	-	-	50	43	68	68	64	250
	TOTALS.																		
OPI RIVER.	DIROU	21-1-45	S. H. Yeoman.	-	1	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	6	7	12	10	8	
	PAPAKI			-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	13	8	10	13	10	
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30/2
Ioma Sub-Station,
Nembare District.

18 MAR 1945

15th. March 1945.

The District Officer,
HIGATURU.

Ref: Para.3 HQ Memo 995,30/8/11 of
14 Feb.45.
Patrol Report No.3/44-45 Lieut. SH Yeoman.
Para 8. Indentured Labour.

With reference to above memo.

It has been brought to my notice on patrols that numbers of people from Upi River area, are absent from villages paying lengthy visits to relatives working on Mason's Plantation, SANGARA.
As far as I am able to gather from people in the villages, the residence at Sangara is not continuous: but, covers periods of two to three weeks, when they return for a day or so to gather food from their gardens and then return.

During their absence, routine work - care of gardens and village duties are neglected and become the care of the people remaining. The latter resent this and request that the position be clarified so as they will be able to make a redistribution of the work.

Houses belonging to the absentees are becoming dilapitated and the gardens neglected.

On one patrol, I found over sixty people absent from three villages. Not only wives and immediate families were away visiting Sangara, but distant relatives also. The village constables were sent to bring the latter back to their villages but as long as they are encouraged at Mason's it will be difficult to police this order.

B. Yeoman

Lieut.
OIC/IOMA.

HQ/Soreg. 2 copies.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

DS 30/8/45

HQ ANGAU
19 Feb 45

HQ SOUTHERN REGION (ANGAU)

P/R No. 6/44-45 - IOWA - Lt. S.H. Thomas

Receipt is acknowledged of the abovementioned Patrol Report forwarded under cover of your memo 30/8/11 of 14 Feb 45.

2. Trade Stores - directions will be issued regarding extension of Trade Store facilities.

3. Bride Price - this matter is at present under consideration and an instruction will be issued at an early date.

30/8/11
HQ ANGAU
22 Feb 45

DO NIGATUM

Forwarded.

Lt. Col.
SDDS & NA.

Two.

Capt
for Maj
ADDS & NA (AOL).

HQ SOUTHERN REGION.

DS 12/1/7.

HQ. ADDS,
21st Feb 45.

HQ SOUTHERN REGION (DS).

BRIDE PRICE.

Further to this HQ memo DS 30/8/45 of 19 Feb 45 - ref F/A 10/2 2/44-45.

2. Action must be taken to warn the natives concerned not to lose their heads over the present accumulation of wealth and to retain their usual standards in regard to such matters as " Bride Price" and the price paid for pigs etc.

3. The danger of inflation to a native community should be well pressed home particularly in regard to the general ill feeling that will arise between the various family groups and tribes, leading to a breakdown in the good relations that have existed for so many years.

Lt-Col.,
ADDS & NA.

30/8/11
HQ STHN RGN
23 Feb 45

DO MIPATURU
Referred for necessary action please.

Capt
for Maj
ADDS & NA (AOL).

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District Headquarters,
[illegible];
Nembare District.

5 Feb 45.

H.Q.,
SOUTHERN REGION;
A.D.G.A.U.,
PORT MORESBY. (FOR A[illegible].)

PATROL REPORT - NO.2 OF 44/45 - IOMA.

1. Attached hereto please find the s/m patrol report in duplicate.

2. Diary Entry - 3rd Jan.45:- The complaint raised by L of C Sigs. is being investigated.

3. Diary Entry - 17th Jan. 45:- The overcrowding at ARUKUDA will be watched carefully.

4. Native Situation. The reference to Trade Stores calls for some investigation with reference to resale of goods by I/L's. The Trade Store at Dobuduru has had no stocks since my arrival in the District. All this has been discussed with the Trade Store Inspector Lt. Johns, and I have made arrangements that, when stocks of trade goods are received, the system of "flying stores" be organised similar to those established in the D'Entrecasteaux Islands. If this can be done Ioma will receive a fair share of trade commodities. All this, of course, depends on the shipment of trade goods to the area.

5. Village Officials. The appointment of additional constables to the two areas mentioned by the PO will be held in abeyance until it is fully established that the appointments are warranted.

6. Roads and Bridges. The condition of L of C Signals lines will be discussed with a responsible officer.

7. Indentured Labour. The instances referred to by the PO in respect to the return to villages of some I/L's will receive consideration and if necessary be effected.

8. Agriculture. Village gardens generally appear in excellent condition. The cocoa cultivation at OIAKO apparently requires some attention. It would appear that the former DO did not entertain intentions of maintaining the areas. Did this pertain to any policy from HQ, Southern Region? If not, I think the areas should, at least, be kept clean.

Dobu + Sabuta cocoa previously subject of correspondence

9. General. The PO has been instructed to omit from his Reports references to matters which should form the subject of other correspondence.

Send in [illegible]

.....CAPT.
(A. T. TIMPERLEY) DISTRICT OFFICER.

Copy to:- OIC,
IOMA.

S/C DS Yes inform DO that the native owners should be encouraged to keep their cocoa plantations clean. 13/2

Reg Coord.

No. 94

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN (IOMA) Report No. 3 OF 44/45

Patrol Conducted by Lt. D.H. YEOMAN

Area Patrolled MAMBA RIVER, AMBASI & GIRA RIVER AREAS.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 10/ V /1945 to 26/ V /1945

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....

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DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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Ioma Sub-Station,
Mambare District.

9th. March 1945.

The District Officer,
MIGATURU.

Patrol Report - No.3/44-45. S.H.Yeoman OIC/IOMA.

Patrol Report by	: S.H.Yeoman, Lieut, OIC/IOMA.
To	: Mamba River, Ambasi and Gira River Areas.
Date left station	: 10th. February 1945.
Date Returned	: 28th. February 1945.
Patrol Purpose	: Routine inspection, medical and census taking.
Route Traversed	: Kurureda, Mambatutu via Mamba River, thence by coast road to Ambasi and return to Mambatutu. Gira River to Mindewari and return to Ioma via Ginimai.
Patrol accompanied by.	: Cpl. and two constables RPC, Court Interpreter and Native Medical Orderly. Fourteen carriers.

Cost of Patrol. : 1 bag rice
1 tin biscuits
1 gal kerosene
2 bars soap
19½ lb tobacco -

Councillors & Vill. Consts.	1½	lb
Food	5½	"
Carriers	10	"
Canoe Hire	2	"
Issue to police and Interp.	1	"

30 tins meat)
10 " fish)
10 box matches)
4 lbs. sugar)
20 oz salt.)
Weekly issue to police Interp and MMO.

Last patrol : Lt. Yeoman, District Services, May 1944, Report No.7/43-44.

Map : Attached. Ref: Four Mile Buna Revised 2nd. ed.

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DIARY

10th. Feb. Left Ioma 10 am. for KURUREDA which was reached at 12 noon.
During afternoon visited:
DABO.(Vill Const. KAIO) Two houses and 1 under construction.
KURUREDA. do. 19 houses and rest house.

Censusrecorded. Villages in good condition but one house to be rebuilt at KURUREDA. Roads excellent and a big improvement in the Laudare villagers section. Ten people sent to hospital and number of minor treatments given in village.
Camped for night.

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11th. Feb. Patrol resumed at 7am. leaving KUKUREDA by canoe for -

POGUDUMO (Vill Const. EVIA) 11 houses.
Demborututu(do.) 5 " and one under construction.

GINIMAE (Vill Const. TATA) 14 houses. Rest house and lock-up ration store.

BARARA do. 9 houses and two news ones being erected. Dispensary building.

Vill Const. EVIA inmate of Ioma hospital but all villages seen this day were satisfactory. Census recorded in all villages and medical work carried out.
At Ginimae found barge waiting with rations for Ioma Rubber Estates. No one from plantation to receive cargo, so had Ginimae villagers unload barge, checked cargo with manifest and awaited Mr. Chester's arrival.
Camped at Barara.

12th. Feb. Departed 7 am. for BEBEWA by canoe inspecting following villages en route.
BORUTUTU (Vill Const. Tata) 6 houses and 1 being erected.
WAI-IE (" OWARI) 11 " and 2 "
MANATU " " 15 " . Rest house and police barracks.
BEBEWA (" DUNA) 12 " 1 new one being constructed. Rest house and barracks.

All villages clean and tidy. No faults to find but Village Constable OWARI instructed to meet patrols at WAI-ie instead of waiting for arrival at MANATU.
Made camp at BEBEWA.

13th. Feb. Set out at 7am. for Pubetari.
Reached SIA (Vill. Const. DUNA) at 7.30. A village of thirteen houses and situated in the best position on the MAMBA River. Good gardens adjacent and food plentiful. Village clean and well tended.
Passed on to :-
TAUTUTU. (Vill. Const. BOINABA) Thirteen houses and Rest House.

Village satisfactory.
Reached coast at 12.30 pm. Big swell coming over the bar so left canoes and proceeded along beach to GAVORA - no made road here. Had lunch, warned people to be ready for census taking on return journey and left for Pubetari. Arrived Pubetari 4 pm and camped for night. Goodly quantities of food brought to patrol by these villagers - purchased with tobacco.

14th. Feb. left Pubetari by canoe for IWAE-IE which was reached at 8.30 am. Couldn't procure sufficient carriers for journey to AMBASI so changed paddlers and proceeded by canoe. Arrived AMBASI 1.30 pm.
During afternoon visited:
KAENDI (Vill Const. SINIDA) 13 houses and one new one being constructed.
Village clean and neat but beach littered with coconut refuse. This was brought to attention of constable and was cleaned immediately. Census taken and medical inspection carried out.
Returned to AMBASI rest house.

15th. Feb. Broke camp at 8 am.
Inspected following villages.
DEWATUTU (Vill Const. Aike) 11 houses. Rest house and barracks.
BOTANA do. 8 houses
SIWARIRI do. 11 houses.
WAI-IATUTU (Vill Const. INGAEMBO) 5 houses
JITAMI (Vill. Const. GOWADE) 7 houses. Rest house and barracks.
TAUTUTU do. 15 houses.
TATAE do. 10 houses.

15th. Feb. contd.

BEIABARI (Vill Const. GOWADE) 5 houses and 1 new one being erected.

Returned to Jitani rest house and made camp.
All villages clean and well tended but housing is poor and further reference is made under heading 'Housing'.
Roads well defined ~~and~~ but are in need on their usual monthly attention. Instructions were given re this matter.
No troubles reported to patrol in this area and food is plentiful. Lake Koena being well stocked with fish.
Census recorded and all cases of sickness needing hospital attention sent off in charge of Vill Constables.

16th. Feb.

Patrol resumed journey - for OURE, OPI River mouth - passing through:

GE-ITE	(Vill Const. INGAI-EMBO)	5 houses.
VIRU	do.	8 houses.
SIABE	do.	26 houses. Rest house & barracks.
TODINASI	(Vill Const. AIKE)	10 houses
Seru	do.	5 houses
KONONGA	(Vill Const. DANDAWA)	6 houses
KOIRA	do.	12 houses
OURE	(Vill Const. EPARI)	17 houses.

All villages with exception of KOIRA in A1 condition.
Mention of KOIRA is made under heading 'Villages'.
Road from JITANI to SIABE in good shape and no faults to find.
One dispute over coconut palms was settled satisfactorily by referring to elder men of village.
At VIRU orders were given for one house to be rebuilt and for the removal of enclosures under two others.

17th. Feb.

Left OURE at 8am. after giving instructions to KOIRA Village Constable about rebuilding his village.
JINENA (Vill Const. SINIDA). Ten houses and one new one in course of construction.
This village sadly over recruited in my opinion and separate letter sent to DO, regarding the matter.
AMBASI (Vill Const. SINIDA). Twenty six houses. All up to standard. Took census and added names of people who hadbeen absent at the villages of TODINASI and SIABE.
Roads show great improvement since visit on 14th.
Ambasi Rest house and barracks have recently been re-built and are in excellent condition.
Mission station (native teacher) adjoining village, clean and very well kept.
No troubles were brought to attention of patrol, in this area.

18th. Feb.

Received word from PO Rich - Buna Sub-District- that he was at Kumusi and wanted to contact me. Decided to wait but later in day received word that he had contracted fever so decided to move on in the morning.

Presume he has been taking daily doses of atebrin?

19th. Feb.

Left AMBASI at 8.15 and passed through KAENDI to:-

TAE-IA	(Vill Const. DAGINA)	Four houses (and one new one being erected.
AIVI No.2	do.	Six houses. New Rest house.
AIVI No.1	do.	Nine houses and one new one in course of constructn.
KEKEI	do.	Seven houses.
IWAE-IE	do.	Fifteen houses. Rest house and barracks.

All villages in good condition and well kept. Roads best seen to date.
At KEKEI, the man DEUNIA was selected by people as Councillor and he was appointed and handed medal.

19th. Feb. contd.

A dispute concerning fishing rights brought to my notice so decided to visit area in question in the morning.

20th. Feb.

Visited EDO Creek, which is cause of dispute over certain rights. Men concerned and village councillors adjusted their boundary satisfactorily and when the boundary was defined by them I noted this.
Returned to village where I found a further letter from PO Rich to say he was following on to see about certain District Matters so decided to wait a further day.

21st. Feb.

Spent at IWAE-IE. Time occupied visiting gardens and mapping surrounding features etc.
No sign of PO Rich that afternoon so despatched letter to him advising that I was moving in the morning.

22nd. Feb.

Departed 7 am. per canoe for IAUGA, Douglas Harbour.
Reached IAUGA 8.30 am. A small village consisting of four houses and one new one being erected. Rest House and barracks in excellent condition. (Vill Const. BAREGO)
Proceeded to:
DEBOIN (Vill Const. BAREGO) Nine houses, and
PUBETARI do. Fifteen houses and one new one in course of construction. Rest House and barracks.
Everything satisfactory. Census taken and medical inspection carried out.
Visited DEWADE Mission station (Native teacher) and found this had recently been rebuilt. Native Teacher reported everything ~~satis~~ Al.
At Pubetari USA Radar station - now removed - had left numbers of cases of cartridges. This is considered a menace and a letter sent to DO reporting the presence of ammunition.
Camped for night.

See ans P. Ref. BUC 9294

23rd. Feb.

Patrol left Pubetari for Mambatutu.
Reached GAWORA (Vill Const. BAREGO) after 45 mins. walking. This village consists of fourteen houses and was neat and clean.
MAMBATUTU (Vill Const. DARAIBAI) Thirteen houses. Rest house and barracks. Mission station (Native teacher). Village very clean but two latrines to be destroyed and new ones built.
Took census and as MANAU people had arrived, recorded their names also. Paid monies ex trust funds.
Visited site of old Anglican Mission HQ, at DUVIRA. This was destroyed by Japanese bombing in 1942.
Received word here that Bishop Strong was visiting Gira River villages.

24th. Feb.

Patrol left MAMBATUTU(along beach) for MANAU and Gira River Mouth.
MANAU (Vill Const. DARAIBAI) Six houses. All in excellent condition. Gave instructions for Manau/Ainsi road to be maintained and a road constructed, above high water, between Mambatutu and Manau.
During day, following villages were visited.
LAJUWARI (Vill Const. TOTORO) Eight houses. New rest house here but kitchen not completed. Village satisfactory.
TEETU (Vill Const. TOTORO) Nine houses and church. This village visited by Native priest from Ainsi.
Everything clean and neat and no complaints.
DAMTUTU. (Vill Const. TAMBAI) Fourteen houses and one small shelter for use of patrols in emergency.
BATARI (Vill Const. TAIMI) Sixteen houses. Mission (Native Teacher). Village in excellent condition.
Camped for night.

25th. Feb. CNM and taking census, Satari.
Left 9.30 for TABARA.
TABARA (Vill const. AIWA) Thirty two houses. Rest house, barracks and mission - native teacher.
TAIRE (Vill const. IAWOBE) Twenty three houses and one dispensary building. Mission with native teacher.
AINSI (Vill Const. GAMBODE) Twenty houses. Rest house and barracks. Mission station and church in charge of native priest.
All villages up to standard but TABARA particularly well kept and clean. Vill Const. AIWA a good man and it is always a pleasure to visit this place. Greatest of hospitality always shown to patrol.
One house built right in centre of village at TAIRE to be demolished and rebuilt.
Roads seen this day excellent.

26th. Feb. CNM - Assault. ~~and~~ Census taking.
Patrol resumed and proceeded to:
KARUBE (Vill Const. dismissed) Eight new houses.
ONOMBATUTU (do.) Fifteen houses.
These two villages suffered heavily in recent floods and have practically been rebuilt.
New sites chosen by people are adjacent to old ones but much further back from River barks and I should say they would be more satisfactory.
MINDEWARI (Vill Const. MATABAE) Fourteen houses. Rest house and barracks.
WAGADARE (Vill Const. Matabae) Fourteen houses.
UBUTU do. Nine houses.
All villages well tended and clean. MINDEWARI also suffered in floods and nearly all houses have been rebuilt.
Roads good and recently cleaned up. There has been a big improvement in Wagadare and Ubutu since last patrol.
Spent afternoon paying out WNL&DN monies and hearing various complaints.

27th. Feb. Left for GIU. All gear remaining ~~under~~ in charge of police at Mindewari Rest house.
GIU (Vill Const. PITARO) Thirteen houses.
BADAE do. Twelve houses.
USI do. Twenty four houses. Rest house, barracks and native mission. ~~tx~~
Roads traversed this day good and portion from USI to BADAE newly made in accordance with last patrol's instructions. Villages all up to standard.
At USI was approached by RIGO woman, now a widow and without relations, to be returned home. This matter brought before DO with recommendation that she be repatriated.
Returned to Rest House, Mindewari.

28th. Feb. Set out for IOMa visiting:
WADE (Vill Const. DOGEA) seventeen houses.
GINIMAE (Vill Const. TATA) Fourteen houses.
IAUDARE (Vill Const. JIBERA) do. Temporary HQ of Anglican Mission - Rev. SRM Gill.
Villages well tended and clean, but several people in GINIMAE and IAUDARE ordered to repair or rebuild their houses.
River crosing at Iaudare to be repaired but otherwise roads on this section satisfactory.
Arrived IOMA station 2 pm. where Cpl. Taylor reported all well

[signature]
Lieut.
OIC/IOMA.

Native Situation. In the areas visited during this patrol the position is normal and villagers carrying out their normal pursuits. There are still a great number of men absent on labour lines but apart from one or two villages - which form the subject of another letter - there is no hardship.
Minor village troubles were settled with the aid of Councillors, elder men and reference to local customs but major crime is non-existant. One case involving a number of villagers in a brawl was dealt with by me and offenders punished with terms of imprisonement and at IWAE-IE a dispute over a boundary concerning fishing rights was settled by the people themselves and a note made by me of their decision.
Every assistance was given to patrol by all villagers. ~~and~~ Carriers and canoe paddlers were quickly forthcoming on request.
All orders given on previous patrol had been carried out or being put into effect and altogether the district was in thoroughly good shape.

Village Officials. The man DEUNIA of KEKEI was elected COUNCILLOR by people to replace KAE-EMBO who had moved to another village. Deunia is an ex village policeman of IWAE-IE and an excellent choice. He is thoroughly loyal and was instrumental in the capture of the first zero pilot to crash land in the Buna area during 1942 - this is known as a fact to the writer.
Vill Const. DAGINA of IWAE-IE is also an excellent type and has good knowledge of all the Mambare District. He served for fourteen years as warder at BUNA. Vill Const. EPARI of OURE also showed keen co-operation with all patrol activities in his area.
The village constable at KARUDE was discharged for taking two wives contrary to regs. and up to date has not been replaced - a recommendation will be made at earliest.
All officials proved keen and all instructions given concerning roads and improvements to villages were given close attention.
Village policeman and councillors accompanied patrol for great distances and interest was shown in all activities.

Villages. For the greater part were satisfactory. WAI-IE on the Mamba River and KARUDE, ONOMBATUTU and NINDEWARI on the Gira River were practically demolished by recent floods. People saved most of their belongings, but these four villages are in the course of reconstruction on sites more suitable and further back from River Banks.
WAI-IE has shifted to higher ground about a quarter of a mile below old village and this is a much better site. Houses here are of atemporary nature but will be improved.
Opportunity was taken to suggest improvments ~~to~~ while houses are being rebuilt and a 'lay-out' for each village concerned was discussed with the officials.
KOIRA village on the Opi River was in a tumble down condition - including rest house and police barracks. (Vill Constable and Councillor were absent at Higaturu). I gathered that people have

Village contd.

been living in the bush for approx. four months. Five or six people died of some epidemic sickness and they were given permission to go to garden houses until this sickness vanished, but they did not return. When patrol entered the district, they quickly left their garden houses and returnedto village but did not have time to restore it or make it habitable. Orders were given for the site to be cleaned up and houses rebuilt. This site is the only one suitable - for most part sago swamps come right to the River banks but here there is good solid ground.

Numbers of villages situated on the beaches have littered foreshores - coconut husks, food scraps etc. People say that this is washed up by sea but other areas are quite clean and instructions were given for all such refuse to be burnt and not thrown into the surf. It was pointed out that husks becoming filled with rain water became breeding places for mosquitos.

At Pubetari a quantity of ammunition has been dumped by USA Radar station. It consists of 50 calibre shells and is considered a menace. Villagers, under my supervision, removed this from immediate vicinity of village and a separate letter has been forwarded to DC concerning the matter.

Remainder of villages in good condition and showing signs of constant attention.

Water supply, in all cases, is adequate and obtained for the most part, quick running fresh water streams.

Latrines and rubbish pits are being kept up and by the look of tracks worn to these places, people are becoming accustomed to using them. On coast latrines have been built out over the water in some villages and where this type is practicable, the idea is being encouraged.

Villages visited by patrol are within easy access of all patrol roads.

REST HOUSES. Rest houses and police barracks are maintained at the following villages. KUrureda, Barara, Mambatutu, Majuwari, Batari, Tabara, Ainsi, Nindewari and Usi. On the coastal strip Iwai-ie, Aivi, Ambasi, Jitami, Dewatutu, Siabe, Koira and Oure also maintain resthouses.

All seen were in good condition and some have recently been rebuilt. These latter ones were passed for payment. At Bebewa and Iwai-ie the rest houses have been built in the centre of the villages and instructions were given to move these to sites adjacent to but outside village proper.

Housing.

Housing suitable for local requirements in all villages, but improvements regarding strength and type of structure were made. At Kaendi and Ambasi, houses were pointed out as examples.

In the Lake Koena area, houses are of a flimsy nature and it is difficult to see how this can be remedied. Villages are built on hill tops in this area and ground consists of volcanic stone, which does not lend itself to the sinking of holes to take solid building stumps - hence superstructure, is of necessity light and flimsy. The village positions are ideal and I would hesitateto move them to the valleys . The sites are healthy, clean, cool and mosquito free. Houses are suitable for conditions but unfortunately give villages a ramshackle appearance.

Usual materials - kipa and biri - are generally used in construction but on the coast, pandanus leaf and leaves of the 'kambira' palm are used as a substitute for sago leaf.

Agriculture. Food is plentiful but coastal villages produce only sufficient for immediate needs. This is due to lack of good garden ground - swamps often coming right to the edge of the beaches. Rotation of crops is not so frequent and garden produce is not continuous. During the periods of waiting for gardens to produce, diet is mostly sago and fish, but sago is not kept on hand, only manufactured as required.
There were no complaints of shortages during the whole patrol and gardens seen were in excellent condition and well stocked. Taro and sweet potatoe are main produce but water-melons, paw-paw and bananas are abundant in all areas and root vegetables brought to patrol were of excellent quality and large.
Corn and sugar cane are prominent in all river villages and the cane is some of the best I have seen in the Sambare District. Some of it measured as much as twenty feet high and five inches in circumference.
Derris root, for fishing purposes, is cultivated extensively in the Lake Koena district and is planted alongside stakes. I made the suggestion that frames be made for this to climb over but the suggestion was received dubiously.
All villages have oranges and limes planted in village places.

Roads and Bridges. Roads were all up to standard and there was no great cause for complaint. Laudare villagers have made big improvements on the Loma/Kurureda section, but some bridges need attention.
From Kurureda to Mamba River mouth, all travel is per canoe. Swamp country and windings of river to do not permit of good and permanent tracks being made.
Iwae-ie to Ambasi. Main patrol road in excellent condition and well tended.
Ambasi-Jitani-Siabe. Well defined but in need of monthly attention - grass getting long. Village constables instructed to have this remedied.
Siabe-Oure. Journey made by canoe with exception of the portion from Momoni to Koira. This track traverses low lying river country and is subject to flooding but is in reasonable condition taking this fact into consideration.
Oure-Ambasi. Excellent.
Mambatutu -Gira Mouth. Per beach. Vill contable at Mambatutu instructed to make road above high water mark and to maintain Ambau/Aihsi road. This has been neglected during the Japanese occupation period but there is no reason why this should not be brought into line with other patrol roads in area.
Gira Mouth - Tabare. This section is accomplished by canoe. There are small native pads connecting villages but owing to the numerous crossings to be made by canoe from one side to the other and the fact that often there are no canoes at the crossings when required it is much simpler and quicker to travel the whole way by canoe, instead of transhipping cargo each time.
Tabare-Nindewari. All roads well tended and no complaints.
Nindewari-Giu. No complaints.
Nindewari-Ginimai-Loma. With exception of Pogudumo - section this road is well cared for considering the nature of country - swamp and covered with tree roots. Pogudumo people have been engaged in building a rest house and store so their section was in need of grass cutting. Instructions given re this matter.
Bridges. Small streams bridged with logs with cane hand rails attached. Mamba River and Gira Rivers are crossed by means of canoe ferrys.
Lof C 'Phone lines. These are all properly rigged in this area.

Census. Names of all villagers visited were recorded - the new TNG books being for the purpose. On completion books were handed to village constables for safe keeping. Figures are attached. ~~Period~~ Births, deaths and migrations are covered by period 1st. July 1944 to 28th. February 1945.

Indentured Labour. Villages in area covered by patrol are well recruited and in some cases, particularly JIMEMA and AMBASI have been over recruited. A separate report is being submitted to DO concerning these villages.
Some appeals were made for the return of male relatives from labour lines and where definite cases of hardship were encountered, they will also be referred to DO. under cover of a separate communication.

Map. Submitted herewith. Ref: Four mile Buna Revised 2nd Edition.

Lieut.
OIC/IOMA.

Health.

General health in the areas visited appears to be excellent. No epidemic sicknesses were encountered and KOMA village has fully recovered from sickness - probably pneumonic - which caused the deaths of nine people over a short period.
Three thousand, eight hundred (3,800) villagers were examined for sores, yaws, scabies, ulcers etc and the following cases sent to Loma Hospital and where it was considered closer, Popandeta hospital.

Boils	4	Yaws	104	NG Mouth	8
Ulcers	44	Coughs	4		4
Scabies	22	Abscess	4		
Swellings	6	Sores	11		

A total of two hundred and fourteen (214). Four hundred and seventy seven (477) treatments were given in villages for cuts, minor sores, fever, coughs, headaches etc.
Village hygiene is on the improve everywhere and people are becoming more accustomed to the use of latrines and rubbish pits installed.
All canoes in beach and river areas were examined for and where they were found to contain rain water, orders were given for them to be bailed out. It was also pointed out that such water breeds mosquitos.
Eighty eight (88) births and fifty two (52) deaths were recorded for period 1/7/44 - 28/2/45. Deaths occurring were mostly among old people.
Dispensary buildings have been erected at all large centres and as pointed out in previous reports these are used for medical examinations, treatments and the housing of epidemic sicknesses until they are removed to hospital.
Again no trouble was experienced in getting the people to go off to hospital. This feature is pleasing and encouraging and I feel that constant attention by District Service patrols to this important element of the work will have a lasting beneficial effect in this area.
NCO MOTA accompanied patrol. He was attentive and keen and it is felt that he missed very little in the villages.

Lieut.
OIC/IOMA.

Royal Papuan
Constabulary.

The patrol was accompanied by RPC detachment from Ioma station force.

No. 1524 Corp. OREKI
3204 Const Adavi
3190 Const.Opeu.

All members carried out their duties efficiently and proved willingness in all instructions given them.
Although all members of the detachment are from other areas they are fully conversant with areas traversed and the peoples visited.

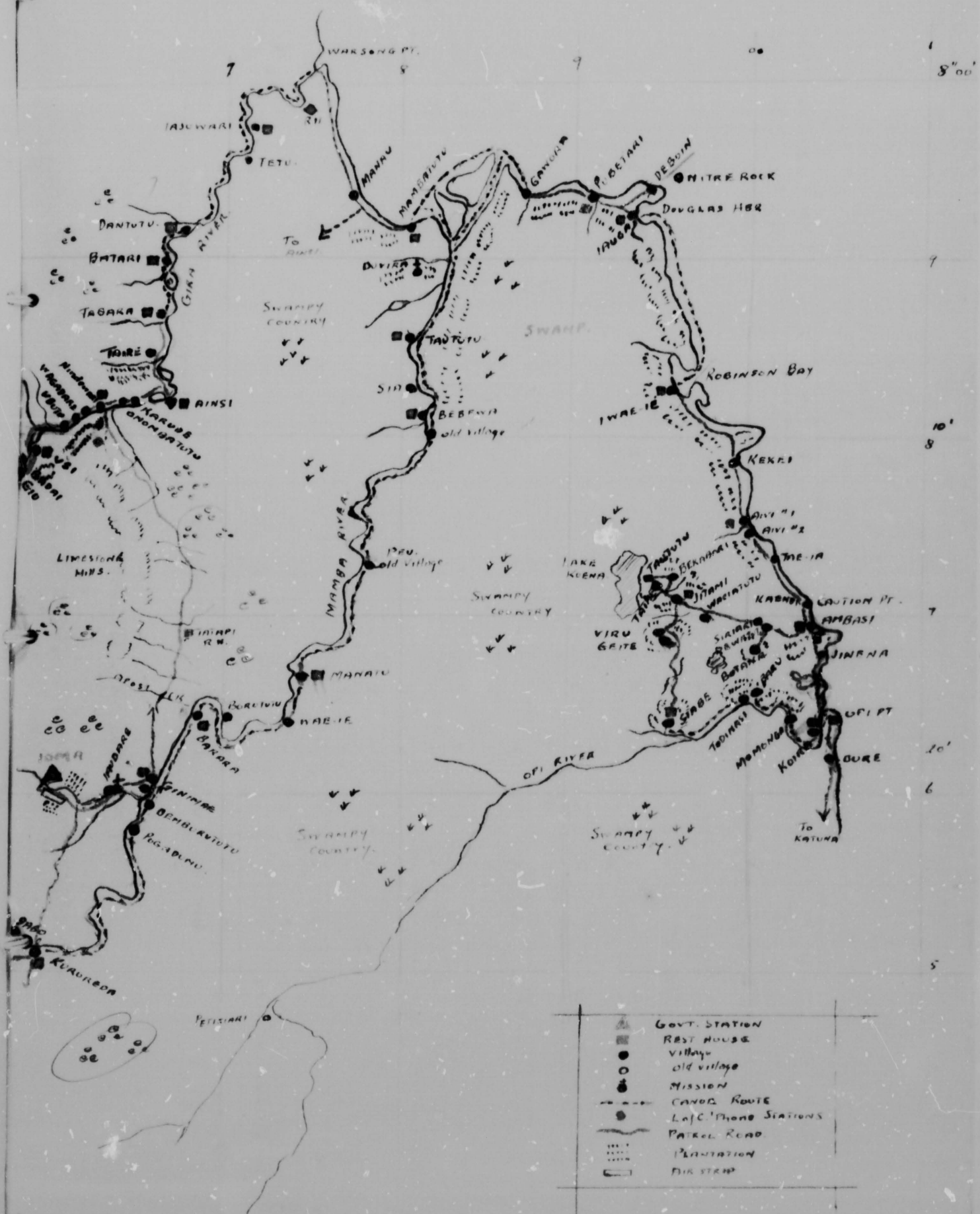
None gave cause for complaint.

J.H.Leeman
OIC/IOMA. Lieut.

SKETCH MAP. PATROL No 3/44-45. — LT. Yeoman S.H. OIC/JONA

GIRA. MAMBA & OFI RIVERS & COASTAL STRIP.

REF. BUNA (REVISED) 2nd EDITION.



CENSUS - MAMBA / GIRA RIVER, AMBASI & LAKE KOENA AREAS

IOMA SUB-STATION, MAMBARE DISTRICT

AREA	VILLAGE	OFFICER	DATE	BIRTHS		DEATHS		I/L inc. R.P.C		NEW NAMES		MIGRATIONS IN		MIGRATIONS OUT		TOTAL including I/L CHILD		TOTAL including I/L ADULT		No. of CHILD BEARING WOMEN	TOTAL including I/L R.P.C. etc
				M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		
MAMBA RIVER	DABO	S.H. YEOMAN	10-2-45	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	5	9	6	5	
	KURUREDA			2	1	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	18	28	30	30	
	PAGUDUMU		11-2-45	2	1	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	14	24	24	18	
	DEMBURUTUTU			-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	9	7	10	8	
	BARARA			1	1	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	7	17	14	9	
	BURUTUTU		12-2-45	1	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	3	5	5	3	
	WAE IE			2	1	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	10	14	13	10	
	MANATU			2	-	1	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	12	7	18	14	13	
	BEBEWA			-	-	1	-	4	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	10	6	13	21	15	
	SIA		13-2-45	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	6	8	8	7	
	TAUTUTU			-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	7	5	17	10	7	
	IAUGA		22-2-45	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	4	9	11	9	
	DEBOIN			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	5	9	11	10	
	PUBETABI			1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	3	-	-	12	10	17	20	18	
	GAWORA		23-2-45	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	3	17	14	11	
	MAMBATUTU			1	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	9	14	16	13	
	MANAU			-	-	-	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	8	8	7	7	
	GINIMAE		28-2-45	1	1	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	6	23	20	16	
	IAUDARE			3	3	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	17	24	28	18	
				21	10	8	2	64	-	-	-	3	4	3	5	234	152	281	294	227	1025

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CENSUS – MAMBA / GIRA RIVER, AMBASI & LAKE KOENA AREAS

IOMA SUB-STATION, MAMBARE DISTRICT

AREA	VILLAGE	OFFICER	DATE	BIRTHS M	BIRTHS F	DEATHS M	DEATHS F	I/L inc. R.P.C M	I/L inc. R.P.C F	NEW NAMES M	NEW NAMES F	MIGRATIONS IN M	MIGRATIONS IN F	MIGRATIONS OUT M	MIGRATIONS OUT F	TOTAL excluding I/L CHILD M	TOTAL excluding I/L CHILD F	TOTAL excluding I/L ADULT M	TOTAL excluding I/L ADULT F	No of CHILD BEARING WOMEN	TOTAL including I/L R.P.C etc
GIRA RIVER AREA	IAJUNARI	S H YEOMAN	24-2-45	-	1	3	-	4	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	8	5	10	14	13	
	TETI			-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	9	12	8	9	9	
	DANTUTU			1	1	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	12	12	13	20	11	
	BATARI		25-2-45	2	1	-	1	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	18	25	25	20	
	TABARA			3	2	3	-	13	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	28	30	31	37	33	
	TAIRE			3	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	21	19	28	33	30	
	AINSI			-	1	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	18	26	35	24	
	KARUDE		26-2-45	2	-	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	14	18	15	12	
	ONOMBATUTU			3	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	18	8	19	19	
	NINDEWARI			-	-	1	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	20	17	19	16	
	WAGADARI			-	-	-	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	8	14	11	10	
	UBUTUTU			1	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	8	10	13	11	11	
	WADE			1	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	9	23	20	11	
	GIU		27-2-45	-	-	1	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	11	10	11	15	14	
	BADAE			-	1	2	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	5	4	11	9	
	USI			-	2	3	2	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	20	24	31	19	
				16	12	15	8	89	-	-	-	6	8	6	5	231	228	273	325	261	1407

CENSUS - MAMBA/GIRA RIVER, AMBASI & LAKE KOENA AREAS

IOMA SUB-DISTRICT, MAMBARE DISTRICT

AREA	VILLAGE	OFFICER	DATE	BIRTHS		DEATHS		I/L inc. R.P.C.		NEW NAMES		MIGRATIONS IN		MIGRATIONS OUT		TOTAL excluding I/L CHILD		TOTAL excluding I/L ADULT		No. of CHILD BEARING WOMEN	TOTAL including I/L R.P.C. etc
				M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		
AMBASI & KOENA AREA	KAENDI	S.H.YEOMAN	14-2-45	2	1	-	1	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	14	18	31	26	
	DEVATU		15-2-45	1	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	2	12	15	13	
	BOTANA			-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	7	10	10	6	
	SIWARARI			-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	13	10	16	14	
	WAE-IATUTU			-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	5	7	5	
	TATAE			-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	7	13	13	12	
	TAUTUTU			2	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	17	16	18	17	
	BEKA-BARI			1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	4	8	10	9	8	
	JITIMA		16-2-45	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	3	9	14	9	
	GEITE			-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	5	5	5	5	
	VIRU			-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	3	17	14	10	
	SIABE			1	2	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	18	42	39	30	
	TODINASI			-	1	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	8	7	18	15	
	BARU			-	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	6	8	6	
	MOMONGA			-	1	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	6	10	12	11	
	KUIRA		17-2-45	1	1	9	3	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41	19	33	45	35	
	OURE			1	2	4	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	21	13	17	24	21	
	JINENA			1	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	13	8	19	14	
	TAE-IA		19-2-45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	3	3	3	
	AEVI #2			-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	7	11	10	
	AEVI #1			3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	21	12	17	13	
	KEKEI			1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	5	4	7	6	
	IWAE-IE			-	3	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	20	28	26	23	
	AMBASI			-	-	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	14	28	44	36	
				16	13	18	1	105	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	224	230	324	415	350	1368

30/2-1603
HQ Mambare District, ANGAU.
HIGUTURU
19 Mar 45.

HQ Southern Region (2)

P/R 3/44-45. IOMA

1. Duplicate copies of the a/n report are submitted herewith.

2. Diary entry.17 Feb 45. Every consideration is being given to those villages which may be very much over recruited.

3. Diary Entry.22 Feb 45. The ammunition referred to by the PO comprises 24 cases of AP and T.50 calibre shells. The question of disposal will be taken up with Base Ord.

4. Villages: The reconstruction of the villages of WAI'IE, ONOMBATUTU, KARUDE and NINDEWARI destroyed by recent floods will be carefully watched.

5. The patrol report is a comprehensive one and indicates the conditions prevailing in the areas visited to be most satisfactory.

Capt.
A.T.Timperley, District Officer.

Amount Returned to Store

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN (IGMH) Report No. 4 of 40/45

Patrol Conducted by Lt. S.H. YEOMAN

Area Patrolled.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 20/3/1945 to 25/3/1945

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany ?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....

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DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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Ioma Sub-Station,
Mambare District.

26th. March 1945.

The District Officer,
HIGATURU.

Patrol Report - No.3/44-45, S.H.Yeoman OIC/IOMA.

Patrol Report By: S.H.Yeoman, Lieut. OIC/IOMA.
To : Eia River
Date left station : 20th. March 1945.
Date Returned : 25th. March 1945.
Patrol Purpose : Routine Inspection, Medical and Census.
Route Traversed. : Ioma, Nindewari, Bovera and return.
Patrol accompanied by : Consts. RPC,- 4, Court Interpreter and NMO. Sixteen carriers.

Cost : 1 tin biscuits
½ gal kerosene
1 bar soap
7 1/4 lbs tobacco. - Vill Consts and Councillors 1 lb
Food 2¼ "
Carriers 3 lb
Issue to Police Interpreter etc 3/4 lb

18 tins meat)
8 tins fish)
6 box matches)
2 1/4 lbs. sugar)
12 oz salt)
Weekly issue to police Interp and NMO

Last patrol : Lt. Yeoman, District Services, July 1944, Report No.8/43-44.

Map : Submitted with report No.4/43-44.

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D I A R Y.

20th. March — Left Ioma, Called on Rev. SRM Gill and LofC Sigs. Visited villages of Ginimai and Wade and arrived NINDEWARI. Camped for night.

21st. March — Left for BOVERA which was reached at 1 pm. During afternoon carried out inspection of village, consisting of sixteen houses (Vill Const. MISIKARA). Everything satisfactory and roads passed over this day - excellent.
No troubles presented to patrol. Census taken and medical inspection of all villagers.
Plenty of food brought to patrol.
Camped for night.

22nd. March. — Leaving gear at Bovera rest house set out for MATAERA, inspecting:-

SIAU (Vill Const. MISIKARA) Eleven houses.
MATAERA do. Sixteen houses .

These villages in A1 condition and no fault to find.
Roads in good condition - steps made in hillsides and people have been to a lot of trouble about them.
Returned to Bovera and during afternoon visited:
TAVE (Vill Const IAPURO) Sixteen houses and mission in charge of native teacher.
Everything satisfactory.

22nd. March. contd.

Census taken in all villages and medicial inspection of villagers.
Returned to Bovera and camped night.

23rd. March.

Departed Bovera for villages on lower EIA River.
Inspected:
DABARI (Vill Const DABARI) Nine houses. Rest house and police barracks.
INA (Vill Const.DABARI) Six houses.
BOKE (Vill Const.TAMURO) Eight houses.

Villages all neat and clean: roads well tended.
Census taken and medical treatments given in all villages.
Returned to Bovera.

24th. March.

Broke camp and patrol proceeded homewards, reaching Mindewari at 1.30 pm.
During afternoon visited ONG BATUTU, and KARUDE.
Both these villages were badly damaged in recent floods - see report No.3/44-45.
Made suggestions re construction of houses and lay-out of new villages.
Stayed Mindewari for night.

25th. March.

Set out for IOMA passing through WADE and CINIMAI. These villages in good condition and roads recently cleaned.
Reached IOMA 3.30 pm

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Native Situation.

Villages visited this patrol, have practically returned to Normal conditions and people are engaged in normal pursuits. There is a much better atmosphere in the EIA villages than on the previous patrol to this area. Greater co-operation existed and people were anxious to please.
Great quantities of food were brought to patrol - more than could be possibly used; it was explained that only a certain quantity was required for immediate requirements and this was purchased but people insisted the surplus be handed to police and carriers as a gift.
All orders given on previous patrol had been carried out and there is a great improvement in the villages themselves.
At MATAERA, Councillor BOGINO, was instrumental in having a small 'summer-house' like structure erected in village. This is furnished with a table and chair(made by BOGINO) and is for use of patrolling officers. The floor is of river gravel. It is indeed handy for holding courts, discussions with villagers etc and I consider it an excellent gesture of co-operation with Administration.
No evidence of crime or disputes in villages and only minor matters were brought to notice of patrol.
A meeting of Councillors and elders of the villages was held at BOVERA and it is intended make this a regular procedure.
Nothing startling was brought to light at the initial meeting but a discourse on village hygiene, roads and garden cultivation was given by me and the reasons given for Administration's requirements.

Native Situation contd.

The Admin's. compensation scheme for loss of native property and life was put to the people, but no claims were made. However the plan was appreciated and brought forth favourable comment from the men of the villages.

Village Officials.

As before - no alterations, or dismissals.
Village Constable MEHIARA of BOVERA has improved out of sight - he has certainly taken heed of previous warning re laxness.
BOGINO, Councillor of MATAGRA is an excellent man and well respected in area. He is an exconstable of RPC and I understand served under Mr. Monckton RM. He was also employed onthe Waria River during 1914-18 war. Bogino has his village in A1 shape.
All officials showed keenness and interest in patrol activities.

Villages.

All up to standard but at TAVE and BOKE instructions were given re some of the houses which had a dilapidated appearance.
KAMUME and ONGIBAVUTU on the Gira River have made great strides in construction of new villages since visit in February, They should be completed shortly. These villages were washed out in recent heavy flooding of the GIRA.
Instructions and advice were given re construction of houses and 'lay-out' of villages and there should be a marked improvement if carried out.
Food supplies are adjacent to all villages. Water supply is obtained, in all cases from fast flowing ELA River. Villages are situated within easy access of main patrol road.
Rest houses are maintained at BOVERA and DABARI and are in good condition. The Bovera house having been recently re-roofed.

Housing.

Suitable for local and climatic conditions. No fault to find. They are constructed of the usual materials - biri and kipa, though plaited palm leaf (Seri) is used in some instances. This idea is being encouraged as it makesfor a neat appearance and attractiveness.
All houses built up off ground on solid building stumps. Instructions were given re some being improved and repaired.

Agriculture.

The Eia River area has always been poor in gardens and villagers spent quite a deal of time in the 'bush' manufacturing sago. However, this patrol reavealed a plentitude of all root vegetables and fruit. Considerable time was spent visiting garden places in vicinity of villages and it was found that great areas have been cleared and planted, while further gardens are in course of preparation.
Poultry is much in evidence but pigs are not plentiful. I was approached by Councillor and Village Constable of Dabari to see if Administration would supply as was done in Awala area but I am afraid that assent would cause a precedent and we would be inundated with requests for pigs from other areas as well.
The people of Eia and Kemba Rivers destroyed their pigs on the advent of the Japanese at the mouth of the Kemba. They are the only people in Tona Sub-District where the shortage exists.
'Pave-pink' paw-paw is plentiful on Eia river and I obtained quantities of the seed which was distributed to other villages on the way back to Tona.
Corn and 'Sie-sie' also extensively cultivated.
All villages have lime and [illegible] trees planted in village places.

Pava Pink " pawpaw is [illegible] but limited by some [illegible] the nutritive value of the edible kinds. Arecaceae is a valuable food and [illegible] its growth should be encouraged everywhere
ASK DDO
[illegible]

Roads & Bridges. All roads traversed are in good condition and the two new sections, Bovera-Tave and Bovera to ferry crossing on Mia River have been made in accordance with previous patrol's instructions. They are a great improvement. Time between Bovera and Tave is shortened considerably and two ferry crossings obviated.
Considerable time and energy have be spent on the roads and bridges in this area and they would be difficult to improve.
Bridges. At Dutai swamp - between Bovera and Midde-wari, log footways had been washed out but this matter had been attended to by the time the patrol returned that way.
Mia and Gira Rivers are crossed by means of canoe ferry's at the main crossings.

Census. A census of all people visited was taken and 424 names recorded. Detailed figures are given on a separate sheet at the end of this report.
Names were recorded in the new village books and left with Village Constables for safe-keeping.
Births, deaths and migrations are covered by the period 1st. July 1944 to 25th. March 1945.

Indentured Labour. The villages have been well recruited and in the case of BOVERA, TAVE and Dabari, I consider they have been over recruited.
TAVE figures show:
13 men away (I/L, RPC and PIB)
23 males in village of which 14 are eligibles but 5 of the latter number are under sixteen.
BOVERA shows:-
11 men away (I/L, RPC and PIB)
19 " in village of which eight are eligibles.
DABARI shows:
5 men away (I/L, RPC and PIB)
13 in village. Six only being eligibles.
There appears to be no hardship at the moment and no requests were made for the return of the menfolk from labour lines.

Map. Submitted with report No.4/43-44 (Lieut.Yeoman)

Lieut.
OIC/IOBA.

Medical.

Generally, the health of the L'A people appears to be good. Seven deaths were recorded this patrol, but these were mostly old people and were offset by the eleven births for the same period.
No epidemic sicknesses were reported or noted.
Four hundred and twenty four people were medically examined and fifty cases were sent to hospital - Ioma. The figures for various complaints being as follows -

Boils	5	New Guine Mouth	2
Yaws	21	Scabies	11
Ulcers	9	Abscess	1
Sores	1		

Seventy three treatments were given in villages for minor cuts and sores.

Rubbish in villages is being burnt in specially constructed pits and latrines have been installed in all villages. The people seem to be more accustomed to using the latrines and great stress is always laid on the disease carried by flies. Where the Councillors and village Constables are more than usually intelligent no difficulty is experienced in getting them to see that latrines are always covered when not in use.

MMO Imots accompanied patrol and displayed usual intelligence and attentiveness to duties.

Very good Cmd

Lieut.
OIC/IOMA

Royal Papuan Constabulary.

Following detachment of RPC, ex Ioma, accompanied patrol.

Reg. No. 1925	Const.	Kai-io
2352	"	Oninde
3192	"	Kendau
2343	"	Sohenbo

All carried out duties efficiently but Const. Kendau had to be warned for lagging behind patrol -- reaching camp on two occasions, one hour behind patrol.

All constables conversant with area patrolled.

Lieut.

CIC/IOMA.

CENSUS - EIA RIVER AREA
IOMA SUB-DISTRICT, NAMBARE DISTRICT.

AREA.	Village	Officer	Date.	Births M	Births F	Deaths M	Deaths F	I/L inc RPC M	I/L inc RPC F	New Names M	New Names F	Migrations IN M	Migrations IN F	Migrations OUT M	Migrations OUT F	Total excluding RPC ADULT M	Total excluding RPC ADULT F	Total excluding RPC CHILD M	Total excluding RPC CHILD F	No of Child bearing women	Total inc. Ill. RPC's & PLL.
EIA. RIVER.	BOVERA.	S.H. Yeomon.	21.3.45	1	2	1	-	11	-	-	-	2	3	-	-	20	18	19	32	23	
	SIAU		22.3.45	-	-	-	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	5	6	10	13	8	
	MATAIRA			2	1	1	1	8	-	-	-	3	1	-	2	20	16	22	23	17	
	TAVE			-	1	-	-	13	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	16	17	23	23	18	
	BOKE			2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	4	1	-	1	13	10	8	9	6	
	DABORI		23.3.45	1	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	5	9	13	15	10	
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B.H. Freeman
Lt
OIC IOMA.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

30/2-1705
HQ Mambare District,
ANGAU
HIGATURU
30 Mar 45.

HQ Southern Region, ANGAU. (2)

Patrol Report No.4/44-45 - IOMA

1. Duplicate copies of the a/n report are submitted herewith. The Patrol was of a routine nature only.

2. INDENTURED LABOUR: The repatriation of natives to some of the over-recruited areas is receiving attention.

3. The native situation and conditions of villages, roads and gardens is favourable.

Lieut Timperley Capt.
A.T.Timperley, District Officer.

Copy O i/c IOMA

Conditions appear very satisfactory in the area covered.
A good patrol.
G.D. 10/4

Yes. 10/4.

12/4

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

30/8/17

HQ
SOUTHERN REGION
ANGAU PORT MORESBY
12 Apr 45

Ref No. 2083

TO RIGATURU

P/R No. 4 of 44-45, IOMA - Lt S.H. Yeoman

Receipt of the a/m report under cover of your 30/2-1705 of 30 Mar is ack.

2. Please ask the ADC to obtain a supply of "Java Pink" Paw Paw seeds and despatch them to this HQ. They will be distributed to other stations of the Region.

3. DAEMS comments under the heading of "Agriculture" - "Mis-mis (Mis-mis) is a valuable food and its growth should be encouraged everywhere."

4. Conditions appear very satisfactory in the area.

5. A good patrol.

C. Champion
Maj
ADDS & NA.

Copy:
HQ ANGAU

Copy rpt att.

Amount Returned to Store

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN (IDMH) Report No. 5 OF 44/45

Patrol Conducted by LT S.H. YEOMAN

Area Patrolled

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans

Natives

Duration—From 3 / 4 / 1945 to 7 / 5 / 1945

Number of Days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany ?

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / / 19

Medical / / 19

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS.
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ /19

District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £

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

SMY.

SO/1
Ioma Sub-Station,
Rambare District.

6th. May 1945.

The District Officer,
HIGATURU.

Patrol Report - No.5/44-45. S.H.Yeoman
ADC/IOMA.

Patrol Report by	: Lt. S.H.Yeoman, ADC/IOMA.
To	: Waria River and Small Goilala areas.
Date left station.	: 3rd. April 1945.
Date Returned	: 2nd. May 1945
Patrol Purpose	: Routine Inspection, Medical and Census.
Route Traversed	: Ioma, Kindewari, Bovera, Fofoi to Marobe via lower Waria River and return to Fofoi. Thence by Waria villages to Sml. Goilala and via Mt. Albert Edward, Chirima Valley to Kododo and return along Puma road, Kumusi & Opi River road to Ioma.
Patrol accompanied by	: Sgt. and four constables RIC, Court Interpreter, NMO and 22 carriers.
Cost:	: 1 tin biscuits 2 bags rice 2 dms. salt 1½ gal. kerosene (some returned to store) 4 bars soap 31 lb. tobacco - Vill Const. & Councillors 1½ lb Food 10 lb Carriers 15 lb Cargo Hire ½ lb Issue to Police Interpreter etc 4 lb 96 tins meat) Weekly issue to police. 22 tins fish) Interp. and NMO. 2 dz. matches) 8 lb sugar) 2 lbs.tea)
Last patrol	: Lt. Yeoman. District Services, July 1944. Report No.8/43-44.
Map	: Submitted herewith.

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DIARY

3rd. April — Patrol left Ioma 8 am.
Visited LAUDARE and GIRIMAI villages. These in A1 order and no complaints.
Arrived TATAPI Rest House 1pm and while having lunch torrential rain commenced. Kept patrol in readiness to leave, until 4pm but as rain had not abated decided to camp for night. TATAPI Creek running abanker.

4th. April — Broke camp at 6am and set out for KINDEWARI. Roads were inundated for yards on either side of the various creeks and patrol often had to repair bridges before it could proceed.
At one spot, near WADE village, villagers had brought canoes overland - unrequested - to ferry patrol over one well flooded creek. - canoes proceeded up road where one usually walks.
Reached Wade (Vill Const. DOGIA) at 10.30 and

4th. April contd.

crossed Gira River to Kimeari, where a halt was made for tea and to purchase food for carriers. Interviewed Councillors and Village Constables from Gira villages - who reported all well - arranged for fresh carriers and as it was still early set out for BOVARA instead of camping at Kimeari. Reached BOVARA at 5.15 pm after a journey over slippery, muddy roads and camped for night.

5th. April

Left at 7.30 am and crossed TUG border at 10.30 am. Launched AUAU River with Sigs. who informed me Ginimai Sig. station were trying to contact me by 'phone. Couldn't raise Ginimai so proceeded on journey to BOVARA and FOFOI - reached at 3.30 pm. Paid off carriers. Purchased food and made arrangement for canoes for the morning for journey down Waria to Morobe.

6th. April

Leaving most of gear at Fofoi rest house in charge of police set out for Morobe by canoe, passing TSIU, ZARI, ALEKI and DOMA. Reached river mouth at 10.00 . Paid off canoes, obtained carriers from the village of SAPA and left for Morobe station, which was reached at 1.15 pm.
Spent afternoon with Lieut.C.McLean OIC.

7th. April

Discussing with Lieut.McLean, the matter of Papuan villagers squatting on ground belonging to New Guinea Natives as per his report, and other matters effecting immigration of border villages. A separate report is being submitted on this matter.

8th. April

Departed from Morobe for ZARI and return journey to FOFOI. Arrived ZARI 5.30 and camped for night.

9th. April

Left ZARI and arrived FOFOI.
Carriers from AGUTANI waiting to take me to Waria villages so made preparations to resume normal patrol the next morning.

10th. April

Broke camp at 7.15.
Passed through PEMA No.1 and No.2 (TNG) to SAPA (Vill Const.DIMEGI) 11 houses. All people absent at AGUTANI waiting for patrol with hot foods etc. Village in good condition, Roads excellent.
AGUTANI (Vill Const. Dimegi) Sixteen houses, rest house and barracks.
Village clean and tidy. Roads A1.
Took census, both these villages and camedd for night.

11th. April

Patrol left Agutani for GORE (vill Const. BORE). Twelve houses, one new one in course of construction, rest house and barracks.
No stables reported at this village which was neat and clean. Roads good but some log bridges need renewing and instructions were given to this effect.
Hospitality excellent.

12th. April

Delayed by heavy rain this morning but set off in a fine drizzle at 8.30 am for DEMA.
DEMA (Vill Const. HAUNO) Twenty seven houses, one small Lutheran Church, Rest house and barracks. Village and roads in good condition. Methods suggested on previous patrol to counter erosion have been adopted and a big improvement made in village.
In CNM during afternoon.

13th. April.

Broke camp and proceeded to UTUKORO stopping on way at GIUMU River Rest house. This in good condition. Reached UTUKORO 12.30 pm. (Vill Const. Fiorio.)
A village of thirteen houses and one new one in course of being erected, rest house and barracks. All in good condition. Village clean and roads good. Census taken and some villagers recruited for Kokoda plantations.

14th. April

Left for KIRA. Road passed over excellent.
Passed through WAGADU (Vill Const. PARU) Twelve houses and two news ones being constructed. Housing Al and most of them completely rebuilt. Village clean.
Then on to KIRA about ten minutes away.
KIRA (Vill Const. PARU) Thirty five houses and seven new ones not yet completed, rest house and barracks. This village is built in two sections, and is well kept and tended. Extensive building plan has just been undertaken and all housing seen here is very satisfactory.
Took census both villages, treated people medically and recruited some of the younger men for Kokoda.
During afternoon visited GEMINI (Vill Const. PAIGARA) Eight houses. All recently renewed.
SAVERI was appointed Councillor of this village, being selected by people.

15th. April

Departed from Kira at 7.30 passing through GEMINI (five minutes from Kira) and then onto:
Iuwere (Vill Const. KASAU). Twenty four houses, rest house and barracks.
Roads Al and cane bridges, across the many streams, well constructed and renewed recently in some cases.
In CRM and hearing various village matters.
Seven Goilala people approached me here. They have come to live at a new village AUDE (close to Iuwere) They desire to remain here permanently and are anxious to build up village and register their names in Koma Sub-District Census. If this is suitable to Goilala ADO, I would recommend. IAMAMAIPO is their original village.
Patrol then passed onto CROWA (Vill Const. KASAU) Eleven houses and one new one. Village and roads satisfactory. Census taken and people medically examined.
AVIMASA (Vill Const. SAMARE) Twenty nine houses, Rest house and barracks. Village in good shape. No complaints. Roads also well tended and defined.
Great hospitality shown to patrol. A pig being slaughtered and offered as a gift. All other foods plentiful and of a good quality.
Recuited some of these people for Kokoda in accordance with instructions.
Camped here for night.

S/C DS.
Is this a ruse to escape carrying the A/S

I don't think we in this old village are off the regular patrol route. We only visited by official patrols. They feel the lack of the [illegible] we are [illegible] bring things not satisfactory [illegible]

16th. April

Left for SEDEMA on the Giumu River, passing through KODE. Rest house only at this spot. This has recently been repaired.
Reached SEDEMA 12.30 pm. (Vill Const. IARO) Sixteen houses, rest house and barracks. Village clean and neat. Great improvements made to houses, since last patrol. Roads Al but some log bridges need restoring. Instructions given to Vill Const. re this matter.
During afternoon, visited WAINAWO (Vill Const. IARO). This village is on opposite bank of river. Everything satisfactory here.
Census taken in both villages and medical treatments given.
Food in abundance brought to patrol and this was purchased with salt. Another pig slaughtered at this village and offered at a gift to patrol.

17th. April. To CIBO. Gear left in Sedena Rest house in charge of KPC.
CIBO eight houses, rest house and barracks. Village well tended.
Recommend IDEMA/KODAVI as Vill.Court. to replace MUNI, who died of pneumonia some time ago. This village and TAKINUMU, both need a vill.constable, but the one appointment would be sufficient.
TAKINUMO people had all assembled here for census taking and medical inspection so did not visit this village. MUVIA was selected as Councillor by his village and was appointed.
Returned to SEDENA and spent rest of afternoon enquiring into the history of the KONGA tribe. (Takinumo, Cibo, Kaiwewo and Sedena villages) This is interesting and it is a great pity that their ranks are so thin these days. They were once a powerful fighting people but have been reduced by battles and their women being carried off.

18th. April. To Iariwa. This road steep and terrain prevents good construction but it is well looked after.
The village (Vill Const. KONIBE) consists of twelve houses, rest house and barracks. Houses are rather primitive but well constructed and suitable for conditions. Rest house is a new one and site well selected. No complaints and no troubles presented to patrol - apart from Chirima people stealing a woman. This to be enquired into on way to Kokoda.
Took census and spent balance of day writing up reports and enquiring re route to Kokoda via Mt. Albert Edward.
Hospitality still excellent. Another pig given to patrol. A suitable gift being made in return.
Received letter from Joma to say official mail was on way so decided to wait and extra day for this.

19th. April // At Iariwa. Spent day visiting gardens, sorting out patrol gear etc. Police washing clothes, airing blankets etc.
Official mail arrived 7pm. Attended to urgent matters and completed mail.

Guides for last part of journey

20th. April Runner despatched with mail to Joma.
Left Iariwa on journey to Kokoda via Mt. Albert Edward at 7am.
Reached KEKEIPI(Vill Const. KONIBE) at 8.40. A small village of eight houses and a shelter for patrols. This was orginally a garden place but people ex Iariwa are living here more or less permanently and I recommend that they be allowed to continue to do so.
People had prepared hot foods for carriers so a halt was made while this was consumed.
Resumed journey at 9.15 and crossed Giumu River at 9.30. Passed through SAKENI garden place at 10.30 and then commenced to climb slopes of Mt. Albert Edward. No patrol road but a native pad being means of progress. This is used by Iariwa/Chirima villagers on visits to each other.
Patrol climbed steadily till 3pm when threatening rain obliged us to make camp.
Temperatures chilly but not terribly so.
// Villagers say only other white man to travel this particular route was a surveyor about 15 years ago.

Little in

after 1933

21st. April Broke camp 6.30. and set out for crest of 1st. Dome, travelling in a generally Southerly direction. Dome reached at 9.30 am.
Carriers and self suffering splitting headaches - probably from high altitude. Very cool for this time of the day.

21st. April contd.

Set off along a rolling plateau, covered with course grass, towards the End, some passing clumps of stunted forrest and many lakes. Very little signs of animal life but ducks, finches, tits and larks were numerous. People say wild dogs and pigs abound in this mountain area.
At 2pm carriers complained of headaches and had difficulty in moving along - had to be at them all the time to prevent them from sitting down. Decided to make camp at first likely spot and shortly afterwards saw some smoke down the slopes towards the West. Will Constable of Iariwa hailed XXXX and despite the distance received a reply, so we moved down towards this sign of an encampment. It was reached one hour later. A small number of Goilala people were found - they were out hunting pigs. They had a plentiful supply of sweet potato and this was purchased and camp soon set up. These Goilala people informed me they were from the village of KOROAO, near Iomo Sub-District and they were desirous of being included in the Small Goilala area. They said no census had been taken in their village for years. A separate report is being sent to DO with regard to this matter.
Night was bitterly cold and I was glad when daylight arrived.

22nd. April

Patrol proceeded at daylight with KOAIA(Chirima Valley) as objective.
Travelled for two hours South and then, leaving carriers and gear, myself with Sgt. Dekadua and Court Interpreter set out for trig. station on the 3rd or Southern Dome of the Mountain. Recorded name with the others already there and returned to gear and carriers. Had tea and resumed journey. Main Chirima/Goilala road was reached at 4 pm in teeming rain and at 6.45 pm reached the village of GU at the head of the Chirima River. Made camp for night.
GU people were not prepared for our arrival although they did everything possible to make us comfortable. Issued rice, tea and sugar to police and carriers.

23rd. April

In camp at GU drying out clothes, and gear. Writing up reports, mapping and visiting local gardens.
GU people brought food this day, - purchased with salt.

24th. April

Left GU at 7.45 am for TOTEVA (IONGARI) which was reached at 11.15 am. Halted here for lunch. This village responsible for abduction of Goilala woman from Iomo Sub-District so instructed Will Constable to have the woman brought to the rest house.together with the man EBURI who was detaining her. Constable returned with woman who was handed over to her husband's care, but he informed me that EBURI had run off into the bush. Instructed policeman to apprehend him and bring to Rokoda.
Patrol proceeded after obtaining relief carriers for those we already had and sending a policeman (village) to GIAGICO to tell people to have food ready for patrol on its arrival at that place.
Reached KA CO at 5.10 and after a brief rest set out for GIAGICO.
Passed UHAI-IO, where a huge dance was in progress. Approx. 200 decorated dancers taking part. Some of the people had come from villages in Central District.
Reached Rest House at 5.15 to find place deserted and no food. Sent messengers to local villages for food but they returned to say villages were deserted. Sent to UHAI-IO for food but no heed was taken and the people subsequently disappeared also. TOTEVA carriers deserted without their pay. Shared my own food with police and carriers

25th. April. At 8o'clock despatched police to Divi-Divi but carriers had all locals had gone off. One visiting Vill constable from Central District offered the services of his men and said he was directly with his friends. Finally managed to get six locals to make up number of carriers required and set off at 9.45 am. Two villages, visited en route to ICHA, were deserted. Leeches bad on roads and carriers legs were covered with the creatures in spite of usual precautions - sipora juice.
People of KURE were absent making gardens but ex Kokoda Interpreter OKEA said no one had any idea that patrol was on way and a messenger I had sent the day before had not arrived. He produced sufficient food for our immediate needs and this was consumed on the spot.
Left at 2.30 and after 3½ hours journey arrived at ASEMBA River Rest House. Vill Const. from adjacent village had little food, to offer and as in carriers had short rations. Vill. Constable DUN or TUN sent word to KARUKARU rest house and nearby villages that we would be there in morning and to have foods ready. Camped for night.

26th. April Departed from ASEMBA River at 7.30 and reached KARUKARU Rest house at 9 am. Village Constable met patrol with food including yams. — C carriers and police cooked these on the spot. Bought further supplies to take with us as there are no villages in vicinity of next camping place - MAIGA. Leeches very bad in these parts. Maiga reached at 4.30 pm and camp made for night.

27th. April Patrol proceeded on for Kokoda, via Yodda and [illegible] Met Constable from KAGO village on road and was able to purchase a quantity of food from him. This was cooked and eaten on road.
Reached Mr. Mienzle's plantation house at Mamba at 3.30 and Kokoda at 4.45 pm. Reported to ADO, and handed over Naris recruits to his care.
Contacted DC per 'phone and arranged to meet him at Divinukoiari on return trip to ICHA as he intended carrying out Station inspection there.

28th. April Signing on recruited labour and preparing for resumption of patrol on 29th. inst. Police washing clothes etc.

29th. April Despatched police and carriers to OIVI and proceeded per 'jeep' with ADO as far as that village, where Lieut. Smith of Procon was picked up by ADO/Kokoda and they both returned to Station.
Resumed patrol and reached WAIROPI at 4.30. Stayed night at Labour Camp.

30th. April Police and carriers sent off to Divinukoiari to make camp (via ONGAHANDO) while I proceeded to AWASA to contact DC. Reported to Capt. Timperley at Mr. Searle's residence and after lunch set off in his company for our first camping place.- Divinukoiari. -reached at approx.4 pm.

1st. May Left for Opi River Rest House. via BURATA, OITATANDI, and GORIBATA, recruiting on way. All villages in good shape. No troubles reported and roads Al.

2nd. May Resumed journey to ICHA. which was reached at 3.15. Villages of GAIARI and KURUMBDA being recruited on way.

Native information.

Western - nomadic - Indian River villages are stated in previous reports. It is always a pleasure to visit this area. Everything is efficiently - villages well controlled and organised - all order and by petrol, the security by village officials.

Government matters to be brought from Johnstone that there is never much happening at the centre and there is never much being done on their part.

Health - Local - Non-Native people are very poorly. Tuberculosis is exceedingly in some cases most horrible. Houses are fetched with food, fruit and flowers on petition's arrival.

Not food are always prepared for orphans and people - It is a wonder they do not expire from a surfeit.

On this occasion pies were distributed at Atkins, Dedane and Jarawa in the small Goilala and provided petrol as a gift - a totalo made at the people's own free and when I pointed out that it was not expected of them, they said they and plenty and there were lots more in the bush.

At IMBA it was reported that a man, ICHI, was a source of trouble and nuisance to the villagers. He had tempers being at the root of the matter. In his latest tantrum he burnt down a big orange tree situated in the centre of his village. He then a warrior about his conduct and told that further such demonstrations would bring trouble in their wake.

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At Juwere some Goilala people reported to patrol. They have moved down into Lone Sub-District - still on their own land - from IAMAMIPO - and have established a new village. They desire to remain there and as new village site is handy to Juwere and could easily be visited by patrols from this station. That is, of course, if it is agreed that they may remain.

Village people from Moroto (Goilala) on the Gulum River, just above IAMIWA also desire that they be registered in the Lone Sub-District.

I have made a separate report on the above to District Officer.

At OROMA, a man IAMBA reported that two men, MADAVI and OLAWEI of AMAMA village (TUC) had thrashed him. It appears that these two men have made gardens on land the Eastern side of SEPUROA River and when reconstructed with, they threatened IAMBA. Gul-Gul of AMAMA also spoke to these men but was told to mind his own business so to speak. A letter re this matter is being forwarded through Mr to OIC/Morobe.

At IAMIWA, (Sub.Motala) the village constable informed me that Ontrine people had been inviting village to dances at TOGWA and on the last occasion a Jarawa woman was detained by them and requests for her return had been met with threats. Axes and spears being used to bolster up the threats. This matter was enquired into on patrol, arrival at TOGWA and the woman was restored to her husband. Totava people denied the alleged threats but one man informed me he had been speared as a result of an argument over this woman. He could not identify his assailant and Ontrine people say he is lying. The whole matter was referred to AD/Moroko on arrival at that station.

Native Situation contd.

Foods are plentiful throughout the Koria district and there is an air of prosperity and content in the greater portion of it.
Crime is practically non-existent and apart from one case of adultery little was presented to the Court.
More could be written re trip over Mt. Albert Edward but it is hardly relevant to this report.

Village Officials.

All eager and keen. Doing their jobs well. Village Constable Peru of KIRA and WAKADU is most outstanding however and has lots of influence with the people and other Village Constables in area. He is ex-RPC.
It is requested that approval be given to appoint IDENA/KODAVI of GIBO to be village policeman of his village and TARIMUU. He is to replace MAURI who died of pneumonia last November.
The following men were elected as Councillors by the people and their appointments confirmed.
SAVERI of GIMINI . Village had no previous Councillor
MUVIA of TARIMUU &c.
DIKI of IARIWA . Councillor TAPAI resigned because of ill health and old age.
DEURE of KIRA No Councillor since the death of previous one many years ago.
There has been no dismissals and no other officials appointed since last patrol.

Villages.

All up to standard, and big improvements have been made since last visit. Measures suggested to Counteract erosion in some of them have been adapted with great success. This is particularly noticeable in IEMA and the people now see the use of the drains and wooden revetments which I instructed them to instal. They are quite enthusiastic.
In the small Goilala a number of people from IARIWA have made a village at KEKE-IPI - about one hour's walk away. They have made a good job of it and I recommend that they be allowed to stay there. If this permission is witheld they will probably return to it as soon as each patrol leaves the area.. The site is handy to their gardens, has a good water supply and the housing is good. They have also built a small shelter for visiting patrols. This is sufficient for all needs.
Rest houses and barracks are maintained at most villages in this area as they are some distance apart. All are in good order and new ones have been erected at AGUTANI, UPUORO and IARIWA. They are suitable for patrol requirements and well tended. Flowering shrubs being planted at all suitable spots.
Food supplies are adjacent to all villages - although gardens are prepared high on the mountain sides.
Water supply is from swift flowing streams.
Rubbish pits and fly proof latrines have been installed and all villages are showing improvement in their hygienic arrangements.
Patrol road is handy to all villages.

Housing.

All buildings suitable to climate. They are well constructed of usual materials but at Iariwa and KEKEIPI pandanus is more in evidence as a roofing. At Kira, Wakadu, Gimini and Agutani extensive building plans have just been executed and houses are a credit to the people ; Kira village being outstanding. The building operations, for the most part, have been directed by IOMA police on leave and show distinct signs of station influence - well spaced houses with big verandahs and louvres in gables. More attention has been paid to their squareness and trueness. This influence is also evident in the new rest houses throughout whole sub-district.

Agriculture.

The Waria and Goilala are rich areas and agriculture is a feature of this country. Well tended gardens, stocked with good quality root foods are prepared high on the sides of the mountains and occupy extensive areas.
Sweet potato is more in evidence than taro but yam is grown and they are of excellent quality.
Cucumbers, corn, melons, oranges and pawpaws are abundant. Tomatoes, eschalots, guavas, bananas and peanuts were produced for the patrol in the Middle Waria villages and at Iariwa, passion fruit, English potatoes and cabbage were a welcome change of diet. These people do not care for the English potato but prefer the sweet variety. However, they consume huge quantities of passion fruit with relish.
Peanuts planted in accordance with last patrol's instructions are doing well and more gardens are showing signs of this legume. I spent a good deal of time explaining the advantage of planting this nut, as a food and the good done to the soil.
Ginger is also planted in some of the villages and is eaten with sweet potato and yam.
Apparently the Waria has had a dry spell as both tributaries and River itself are at the lowest I have ever seen them, but this does not seem to have made any great difference to the crops.
Pigs and poultry are plentiful in all villages.

Roads and Bridges.

Those passed over in Waria area are excellent and well tended. No improvements necessary.
Sml Goilala roads are as good as nature of country permits.
Log bridges over creeks are in fair condition but in one or two cases definite instructions were given re repairs.
Cane swinging bridges are all in good order and some of these have been wholly renewed recently.
Road Iona/Fofoi slippery and muddy in patches but as a great many partsare inundated after heavy rains, little improvement can be made. People concerned carry out necessary work as required of them and progress is reasonable.

Census.

This was recorded in all villages and written up in the new village books. Figures are attached to this report. Births, deaths and migrations are covered by the period 1st.July 1944 - 30th. April 1945.
Census of Iona Sub-District is now completed.

Indentured Labour.

Still great numbers of young men absent from their villages. AVIKASA being heavily over recruited. Twenty six being away working and five eligibles left in village. However, in view of labour requirements a further eighteen were recuited from Mid-Waria villages for Kokoda plantation labour and approx. twenty five from OPI/KUMUSI areas for Buna Sub-Base.

Map.

Submitted herewith. Ref: Four mile Buna Revised. 2nd Edition.

Medical.

The health of people inspected - 1272 - appears to be good. Numbers of treatments were given for minor complaints and dressings given to those in need of hospital attention. The latter were not brought to hospital this patrol, but names of those needing hospital treatment were recorded and they will be sent for as vacancies occur at home. They are mostly yaw and ulcer cases. Most of them should be accommodated during May.
N.C. Tohani accompanied patrol and carried out his duties satisfactorily.
No epidemic sickness was encountered but deaths in Weria area exceed births for period covered by census and there is a noticeable lack of pregnant women in comparison with other areas of this Sub-District.
Rubbish in villages is being burnt in pits and fly proof latrines are being maintained in all villages.
Village hygiene is greatly improved and a great deal of attention is given by patrol to this matter.

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RPC. Following RPC detachment accompanied patrol and with exception of Const. KAI-IO, all are from the area traversed. They are familiar with the District and the peoples.
Sgt. DEKADUA is an excellent NCO and a great help on patrol. Other members performed their duties well and on occasions under difficulty.
All orders were executed in a cheery and efficient fashion.

Reg.No.401 Sgt. Dekadua
3190 Const. OPeu
1357 " Wajima

Reg.No.1825 Const. Kai-io
3189 " Adevi

B.H. Leonard
Lieut.
ADO/IOMA Sub-District.

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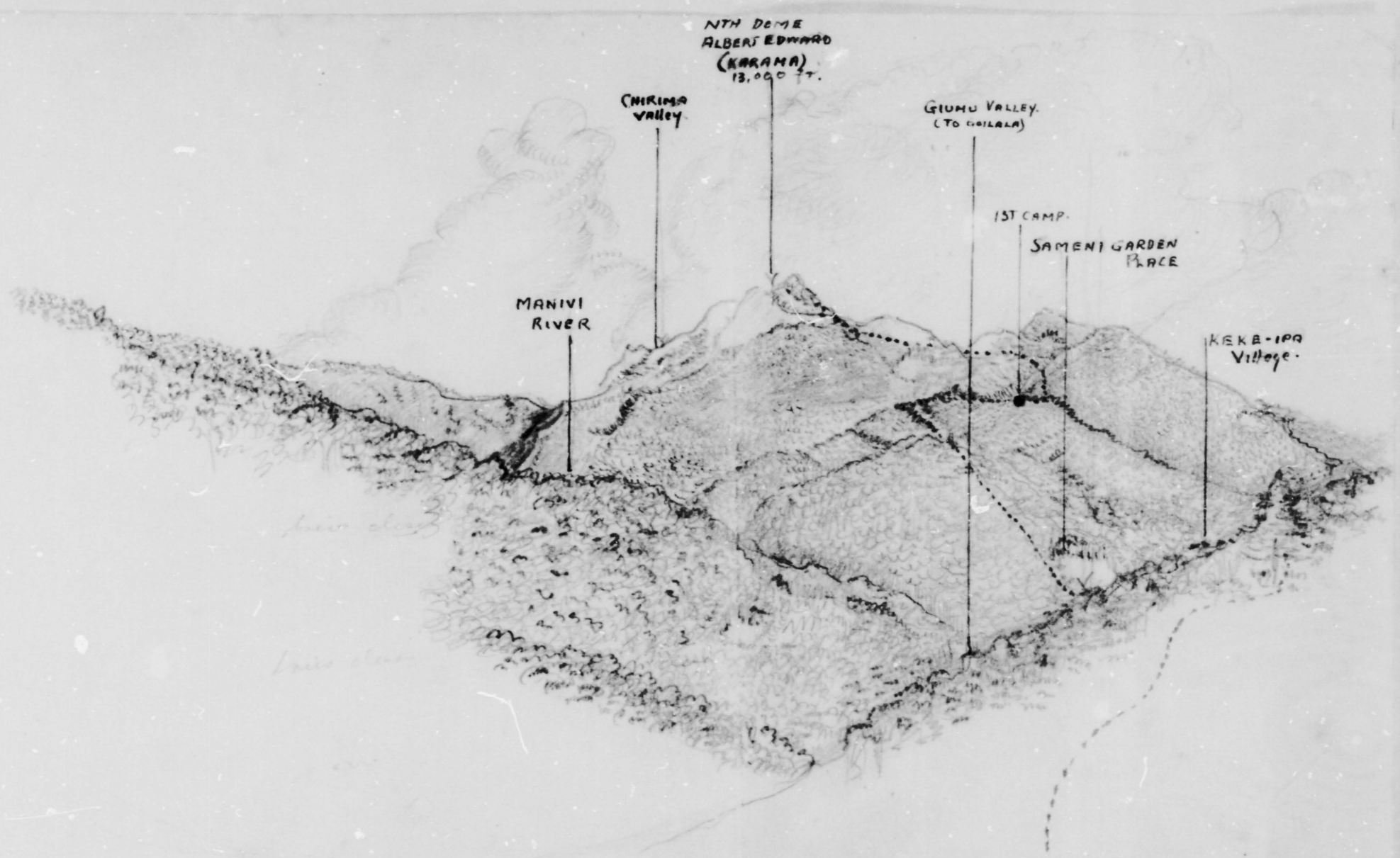

MT ALBERT EDWARD FROM IARIWA REST HOUSE, IONA SUB-DISTRICT.
LOOKING SOUTH (1750)
LT. S.H. YEOMAN. ADO/IONA. APRIL 1945.
----- Patrol Route.

TO WARIA VALLEY.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ATT/HB

30/2-1967
HQ Mambare District,
ANGAU HIGATURU.
14 May 45.

HQ Southern Region, ANGAU (2)

Patrol Report - IOMA 5/44-45 - Lieut. S.H. Yeoman, ADO

1. Duplicate copies of the a/n report are submitted herewith.

2. Diary entry - 5th, 8th, Apl 45: The matter discussed with the O i/c MOROBE is that dealing with the border land dispute and a seperate report will follow when to hand.

Diary entry - 13 Apl 45: The natives recruited are those required as replacements for KOKODA Plantation Group.

Diary entry - 15 Apl 45: If the new village of AUHE is completed can the ADO GOILALA be advised in this respect? I think ADO Yeoman's recommendation should be adopted.

Diary entry - 17 Apl 45: The appointment of a Village Constable will receive attention.

Diary entry - 21 Apl 45: The separate report mentioned by the ADO has not yet been received. Before forwarding I will comment upon the matter raised by the ADO.

Diary entry - 24th and 25th, Apl 45: It is obvious that the CHIRIMA Valley requires a long careful patrol. The ADO KOKODA is now preparing to effect a thorough patrol of the area.

3. Indentured Labour: The position at AVIHASA will improve with the repatriation of time expired labour ex KOKODA.

4. The census of the IOMA Sub-District has been completed - in all the total population is 5420.

5. This patrol is interesting and well conducted.

Capt.
A.T. Timperley, District Officer.

Copy ADO IOMA

Agree. Too much paper wasted in margins etc.

Reg. Comd. to see.

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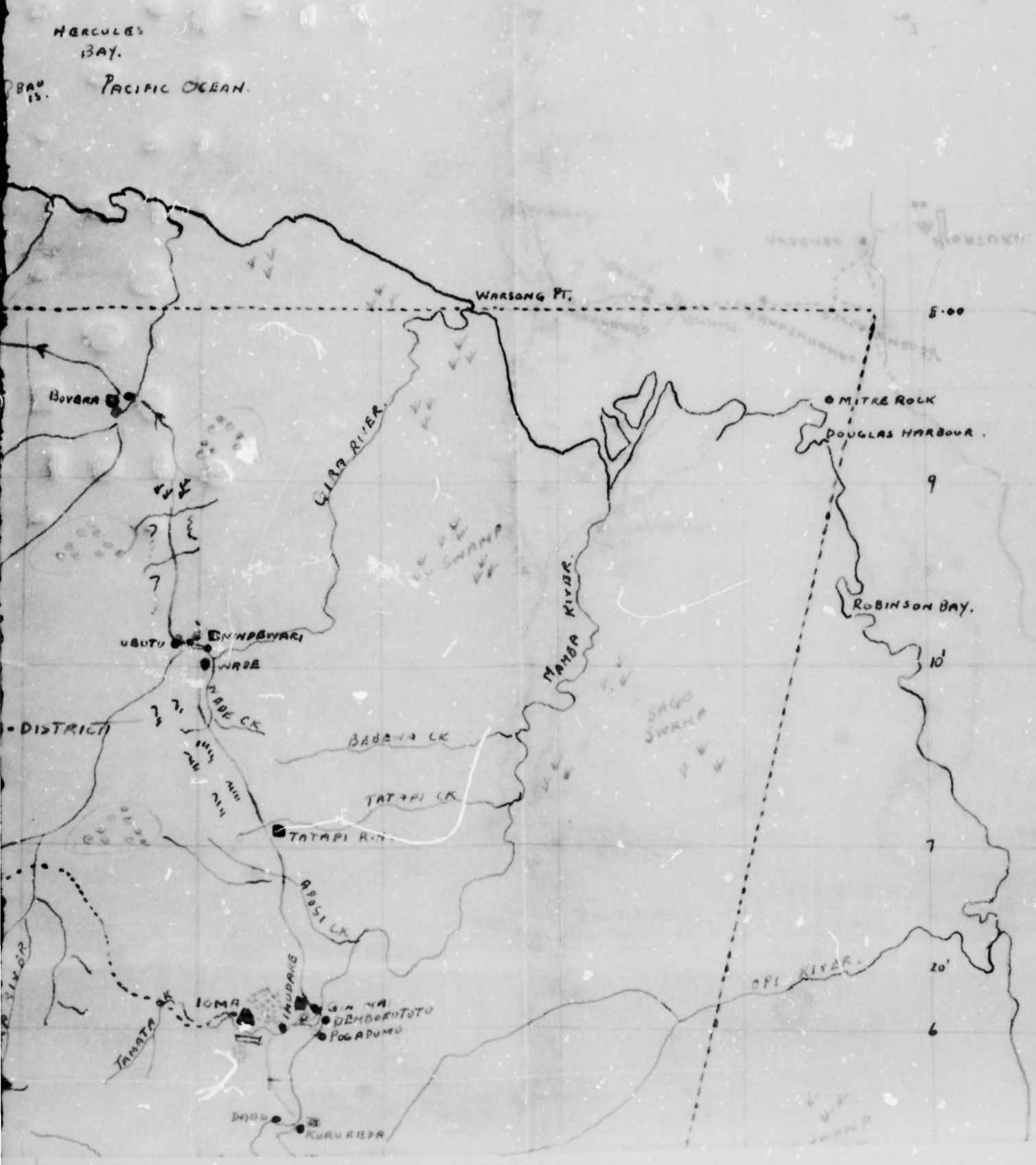
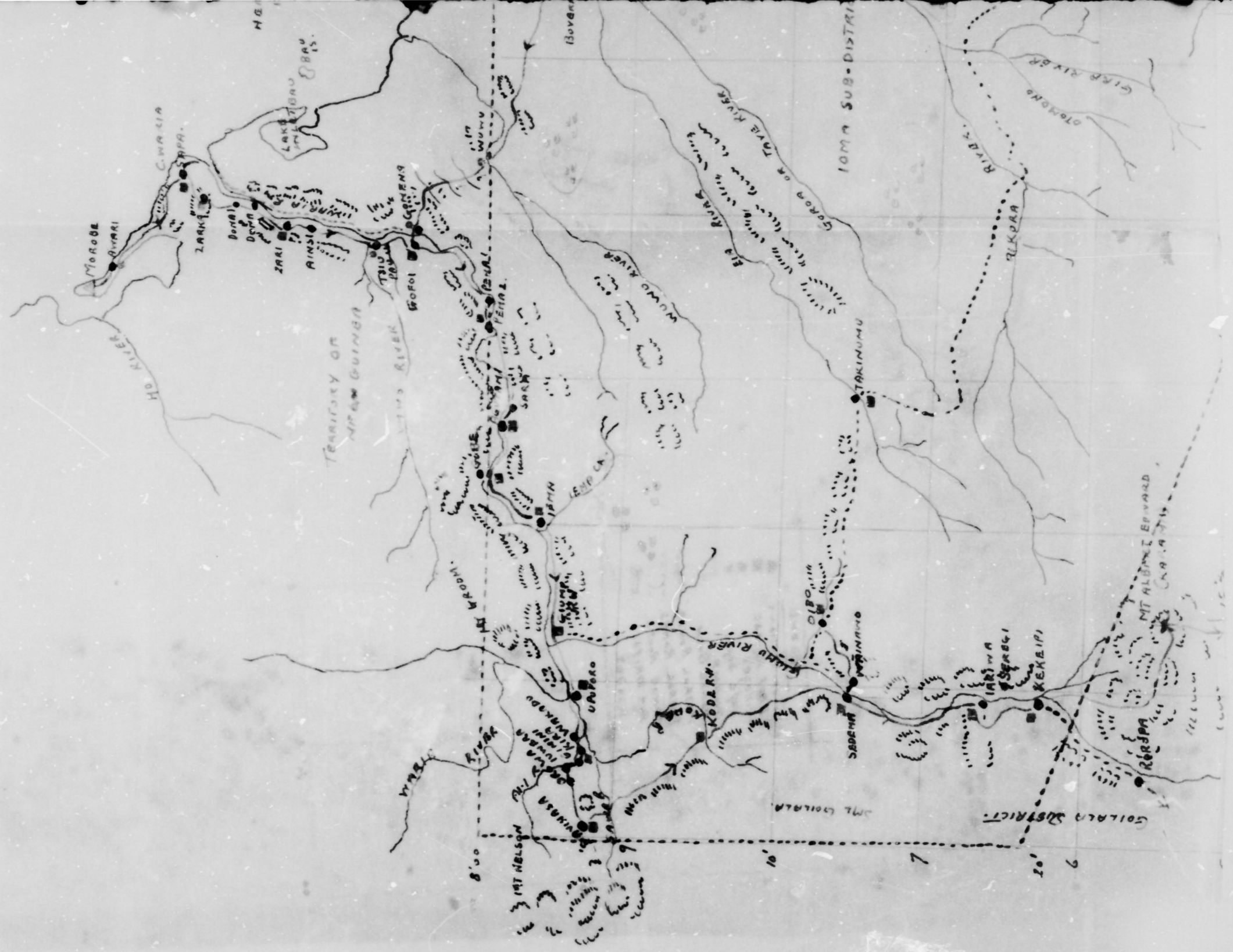
"4 Mile Buna Revised. 2nd Edition"
Prepared by. LT. Yeoman. S.H. ADO/10MA.
PATROL No. 5/44-45.

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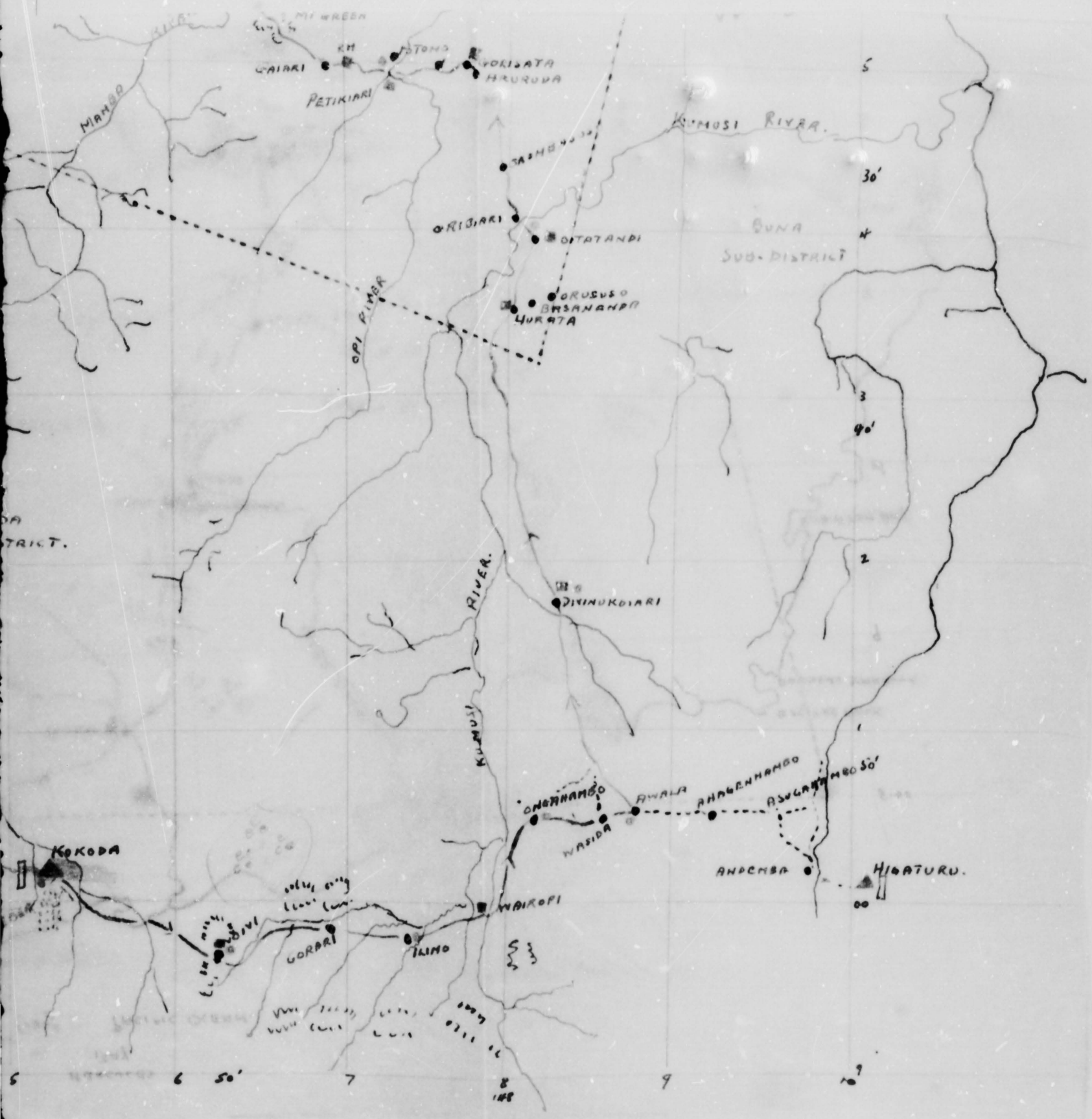
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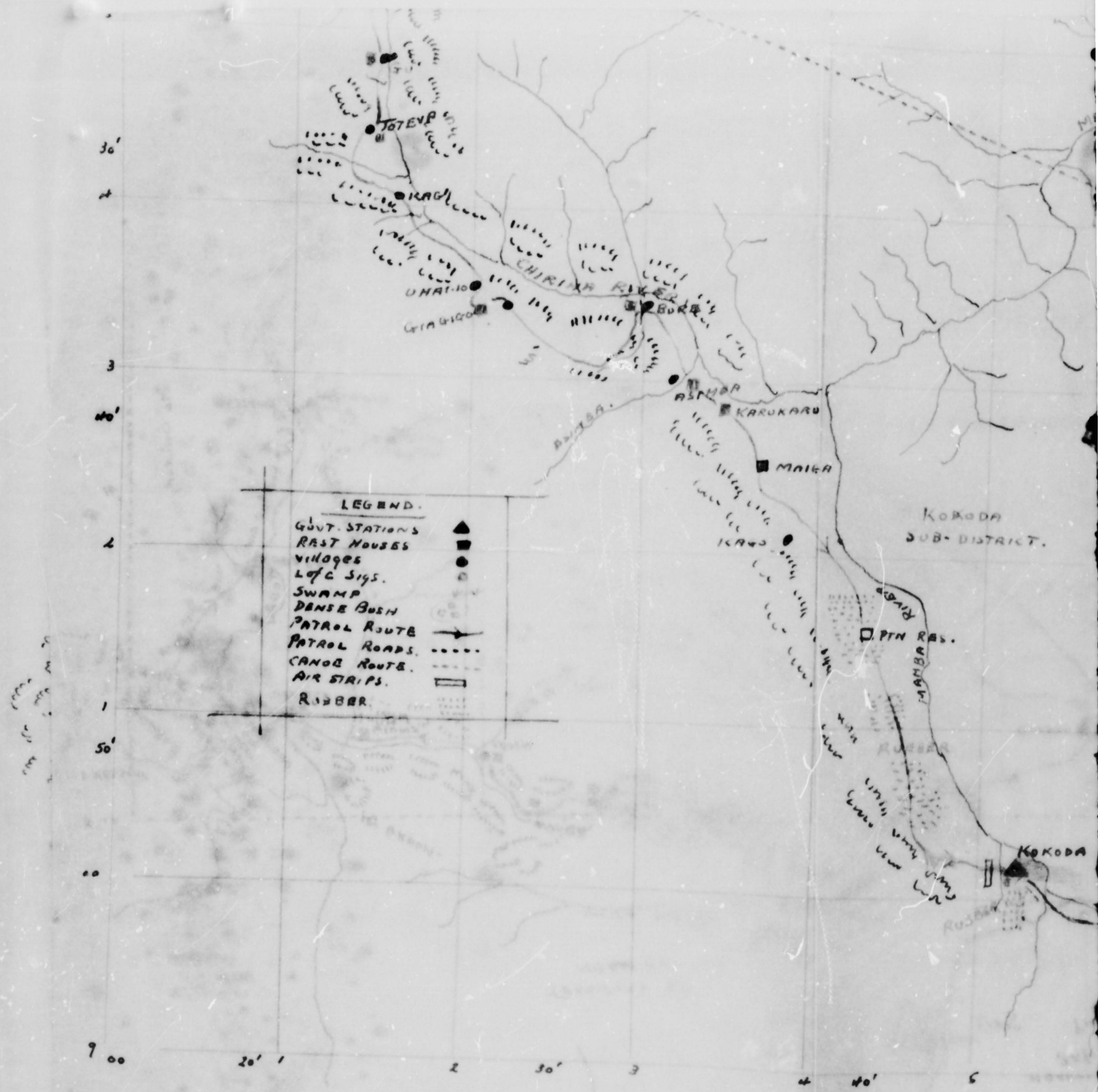
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN (IOMA) Report No. 6 OF 44/45

Patrol Conducted by LT S.H. YEOMAN

Area Patrolled

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans

Natives

Duration—From 19/5/1945 to 27/5/1945

Number of Days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?

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

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

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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Ioma Sub-Station,
Mambare District.

29th. May 1945.

The District Officer,
HIGATURU.

Patrol Report - No.6/44-45, S.H.Yeoman, ADO/IOMA.

Patrol Report by	: Lt. S.H.Yeoman, ADO/IOMA
To	: Kumusi and Opi River Areas.
Date left station	: 19th. May 1945.
Date Returned	: 27th. May 1945.
Patrol Purpose	: Routine Inspection, Medical.
Route Traversed	: Ioma, Kurureda, Petikiari, Aurida, Gorisata, Oitatandi, Hurata and return via, Siai, Poho, Gorisata, Petikiari, Gairari to Ioma.
Patrol accompanied by	: Cpl. and three constables of RPC, Court Interpreter and Native Medical Orderly. Fourteen carriers.
Cost.	: 1 tin biscuits 2 bars soap ½ gal. kerosene 11 lbs. tobacco - Vill Const & Councillors 1 lb Food 4 lb Carriers 4½ lb Police 1½ lb 24 tins meat) 6 tins fish) Weekly issue to police, interp and NMO 1 lb. salt) 1 dz. matches)
Last Patrol	: Lt. Yeoman, District Services Jan 1945. Report No.2/44-45.
Map	: Previously submitted with report No. 1/44-45 in August 1944.

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D I A R Y.

19th. May. Patrol departed from Ioma 9 am. and arrived KURUREDA (Vill. Const. BIBIA) 18 houses and one new one in course of erection. Rest house and barracks. Inspected village, spoke about school attendance at request of native mission teacher, changed carriers and passed on. Called at Sig. station above Kurureda village and then proceeded to:
GAIARI. (Vill Const. BAROHE). Ten houses. Village dirty and three men were proceededagainst and convicted, for throwing rubbish under and behind their houses. Most people absent in gardens so told Councillor to warn them to be on hand in the morning for medical inspection. Paid off carriers, purchased food for police and camped for night. Roads passed over this day good, with the exception of portion from Mt. Green to Gaiari. This is usually cared for by Gonaninda and Potomo villages but was badly neglected, and a note was made to enquire as to the reason.

20th. May. Inspected people of Gairari medically and two cases were instructed to report to hospital. Patrol then left for Opi River Rest House - Petikiari. This was reached at 10 am. Leaving gear at rest house, myself with interpreter, MMO and Cpl of RPC set off for Potomo and Gonaninda.

POTOMO. (Vill Const.MONOPA) 7 houses and 1 under construction.

GONANINDA. do. 10 houses.

Both villages clean and a big improvement was noticed at Gonaninda since last patrol. Surroundings and roads leading to and from villages in good condition.
Enquired re bad road near Mt. Green and as no reasonable excuse was forthcoming proceeded against and convicted a number of people.
People of both villages medically examined.
Returned to rest house at Petikiari where it was decided to camp for night,

21st. May. Despatched patrol gear direct to GORISATA by main road and left by side track to following villages.

SARATITI	(Vill Const. BAKIHE)	8 houses and one being erected.
UTIKIARI	do.	6 houses and one in course of construction
AURIDA	do.	9 houses.
TUNASUSU	(Vill Const.SEVAI-I)	6 houses
SOVEVE	do.	3 houses
OSAKO	do.	5 houses and one being erected.
KAKISUSU	do.	3 houses.
TOHEMBARI	(Vill Const. AREPO)	5 houses.
BORUGASUSU 1	do.	7 houses.
BORUGASUSU 2	do.	13 houses.
TOVORUTE	do.	9 houses

and then returned to GORISATA Rest house. Carriers paid off, food purchased and camped for night.
All villages passed through this day were clean and tidy - no complaints. Roads in excellent condition and well tended. No troubles reported to patrol by villagers.

22nd. May Broke camp and inspected village of GORISATA. (Vill Const. INDARI). 18 houses and one being erected. Rest house and barracks.
Patrol then resumed journey calling at:-

AURURUDA. (Vill Const, INDARI) 4 houses and two new ones, being constructed.
ONABASUSUS (Vill Const.INDARI) 9 houses.
ORIBIARI (Vill Const.AREPA) 3 houses.

Crossed KUMUSI River by canoe ferry and arrived - OITATANDI (Vill Const.MA-IONI) 8 houses, Rest house and barracks.
Had lunch and leaving all gear in Rest House, set off to inspect:

ORUSUSU.	(Vill Const. BAU-UBA)	7 houses.
BASANANDA.	do.	7 houses.
HURATA	do.	5 houses, Rest House and barracks.

Patrol then returned to OITATANDI Rest House.
All villages inspected this day up to standard. Roads excellent. Plantations - rubber - at Orususu and Basanda well tended but Mr. Searle has apparently ceased to tap these trees.

23rd. May. This day it was decided to visit BOGI so arranged for canoe and set out up the KUMUSI River. After an hour and a half destination was reached. I understand that the first Government Station in the Northern Division was built on this spot but apart from one huge flame tree (Poinsiana ?), a few scattered limes - with very large fruit, two or three coconuts and one cocoa tree, there is very little to show that this was once the site of a Government station.
On return journey, the KUMUSI RIVER and backwaters, between BOGI and OITATANDI, were mapped and patrol then returned to Rest House. Carriers were arranged for next morning's trip and camp made for night.

24th. May; Left OITANDI at 7.30 am.
Reached BATURU (Vill Const. MA-IONI) at 8 am. A village of eight houses. Village well tended and surroundings clean. Medical treatments given for minor ailments but there were no cases for hospital.
Passed on to:
SIAI (Vill Const. DIHURI) 9 houses. Rest House and barracks. These latter buildings had recently been rebuilt and people have made a very good job of the work. Payment was made
Roads good and coconut alms have been planted at intervals in accordance with previous patrols instructions. A small plantation has also been commenced.
Patrol crossed KUMUSI River by canoe ferry and then proceeded to:

DIROU.	(Vill Const.EGARI)	8 houses and two new ones being built.
PAPAKI.	(do.)	13 houses.
KIKINONDA.	(Vill.Const, SIRIAIA)	8 houses.
POHO 1	do.	7 houses. Rest house and barracks.
POHO 2.	do.	4 houses.
BEURU	do.	6 houses.
USINDARI	(Vill Const. INDARI)	10 houses.
EMENHANDA.	do.	6 houses.

and then to GORISATA Rest House.
Floods had made road to NINIANDA impassable but Vill. Constable reported all well at that village. All other villages clean and neat. Roads well tended but the portion leading to Usindari was inundated. Improvements were suggested and these will enable water to get away more quickly.
All people medically examined and those cases needing hospital treatement were despatched with their village constables. Minor treatments were given in villages.

25th. May. At GORISATA in CNM. Discussing various matters with Village Constables and Councillors and enquiring into claims for Native Compensation for war damage, loss of life etc. A number of these were recorded.
Mail arrived ex Higaturu and official matters were attended to.
Carriers selected for next day's journey. Food purchased for police.

26th. May. Patrol resumed journey - destination KURUREDA - and passed through:-
PAPARATA. (Vill Const. INDARI) 6 houses. This village is building up - due to the return of time expired labourers and police. Village well tended and people had no complaints for patrol.

26th. May contd.

Called at LofC 'phone maintainence station at Opi River and sigs. request that a new house be built for them. This matter will be arranged at earliest.
Passed onto GAIARI - which showed signs of having been thoroughly cleaned since visit on outward trip - and thence to KURUREDA.

27th. May.

Departed for Ioma at 7.30 am. Roads in this section of area have improved vastly.
Ioma reached at 9.15 am. and Corporal Taylor reported all well at the station.

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Native Situation. Conditions normal. Very little crime in evidence and only minor matters brought to attention of patrol. These were settled on the spot, with reference to local conditions and the aid of Councillors and older men of the villages.
People as a whole are willing in their efforts to improve villages and roads but certain individuals are lax: on this patrola number from two villages in the Opi area were convicted for having dirty premises and lack of attention to roads.
Food and carriers were quickly forthcoming when requested and as mentioned in previous reports, the GORISATA people were most hospitable.
District is in a most satisfactory condition, but some instructions were given and improvements suggested with regards to roads and villages.
People of GONANINDA made a request that a quantity of tobacco be made available, by the Administration, for purchase as they - to use their own words - were hungry for tobacco.
The villagers of AURIDA and UTIKIARI are still at logger heads over the matter of 'bride price' (see report No.2/44-45 January) and all sorts of 'pay-backs' are being made. Accusations of stealing, (coconuts) interference with gardens and scorcery are being made against each other. These matters were enquired into but in all cases accusations were groundless.
A meeting of Councillors, Village Constables and elders of the villages was held at GORISATA but little of interest was brought forward. Matters discussed concerned villages, hygiene, roads, housing and gardens.
The Compensation scheme for loss of life, damage to property and animals was well received, although very little damage was actually done in this area. Three cases of death were recorded - men having been killed by Japanese forces while acting as guides for PIB's.

Village Officials These remain the same - no additions or alterations. All officals are keen and attentive to their duties with the exception of Constable BAROHE of Gaiari, who was given a term of imprisonment for having a dirty house and surroundings. He is the only village policeman, in this area, who appears to be very lax.

Villages. With the exception of Gai-ari, all villages inspected were up to standard - neat, clean and well tended.
They are all situated handy to patrol roadsand are adjacent to village gardens.
Water is obtained, for the most part, from swift flowing streams.
Latrines and rubbish pits were inspected and found to be in good condition.
The people of USINDARI requested that they be allowed to move their village to another site

Villages continued.

about a quarter of an hour away from present situation. Their reason being that water from a nearby swamp is undermining their present village. This is recommended as new site was inspected and found to be much more satisfactory, the ground being higher and swamp area being left behind.

Rest Houses. Situated at convenient intervals and all in good state of repair. New ones have been completed at Petikiari and Gorisata also Siai and they are a credit to the people concerned in building them. A great deal of trouble has been taken with these buildings, and although not large, they are well constructed and suitable for all patrol needs. I have given instructions for a small Rest House, to be constructed at KAKISUSU. This is the centre of a fairly large area and at present, owing to lack of shelter en route, patrol is forced to hurry to cover the ground in one day. A rest house at Kakisusu would aid Administration in this area and I consider it necessary, The villagers from TUNASUSU, SOVEVE, OSAKO and BORAGUSUSU have been instructed to help the KAKISUSU people construct this building.

HOUsing.

Constant rebuilding goes on in the Opi/Kumusi area and not one of the houses inspected was found to be dilapitated or in need of repair. ARURUDA people have erected houses to shelter overflow of relatives belonging to absent labouers - this in accordance with instructions given on previous patrol.

Agriculture.

Food supplies are excellent and abundant. No complaints re shortages in this area. Gardens are well tended and cover large areas. New places are being repaired and planted up. Taro is chief root vegetable and corn, and pumpkin are well in evidence. Mi-mia also part of diet in this area.
All villages are planted with limes and oranges and in some cases mandarins were brought to patrol with other foods. The mandarins are of good size and although skins are green, the flesh is sweet and juicy.
Plantations - rubber and coconut - are in good condition and at SIAI the people have commenced a small coconut plantation as well as planting these palms along the borders of the roads. Other villages have adapted this idea and later they should be a welcome source of food and drink to native travellers.
At OSAKO, instructions were given to villagers to clean up the cocoa plantation and also to bring some of the pods to Ioma for distribution and planting. A supply of these beans will also be forwarded to Higaturu. (Pods are just commencing to take form on the plants now.)
Bananas and paw-paw are of excellent quality and are plentiful.

Roads and Bridges.

Roads. For the most part, well tended and kept but the portion near Mount Green on the Oti River side was in bad condition. It had ~~definitly~~ definitely been neglected and people concerned were given sentences in Ioma gaol.
In the Opi area portions of main road were in need of monthly attention but it was explained to me that the people responsible for these patches were in hospital. Instructions were given that in such cases the remaining villagers would clean on their behalf.
Road from bank of KUMUSI River to the village of OITATANDI is often inundated during heavy rains and instructions were given to the Village Constable to improve this portion. The digging of drains and building up a crowned road. Shovels to be supplied by the Ioma station.
It was suggested to the OPI villagers that they plant flowering shrubs and crotons, as well as useful trees, on the borders of the roads. This suggestion was well received. Coconuts have already been planted along the patrol tracks in many parts of the area.
Between UTIKIARI and AURIDA, trees overhanging the track have been cut - an instruction to this effect having been given on the last patrol. Mosquitos infested this section, but now, sunlight pierces to the darkest spots and not a mosquito was noticed in this spot, during this patrol.
Bridges. All satisfactory.
L of C 'Phone Line. Big improvements have been made in the rigging of the line since last visit and there is little cause for complaint at the moment.

Census.

Census of this area has been completed and figures previously submitted.

Indentured Labour.

Two further recruits were obtained for Buna labour lines. This in accordance with instructions received re replacements for time expired labourers.

Map.

Submitted with report No.1/44-45.

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Health.

General health in area remains good. Thirty nine patients were sent to hospital. This is an improvement on previous visit, when fifty three were despatched to the Ioma Hospital.
Most of the cases admitted this trip, have been discovered in initial stages and should respond quickly to treatment.
Figures for cases admitted to hospital as a result of these two patr are as follows:-

	Jan Patrol	May Patrol
Yews	25	18
Scabies	5	5
Ulcers	14	14
Mumps	1	-
Suspected Measles	8	-
Abcesses	-	2
	53	39

Malaria not much in evidence but no doubt there is a great deal of this fever in the area as the place is low lying and mosquito ridden.
No epidemic sickness was encountered or reported but numbers of SIPOMA (Advanced) cases were noticed. It is a great pity nothing can be done for these people,at the moment. Ioma hospital has been without the necessary drug to treat this complaint for approx. six months.
Treatments for minor complaints - headaches, small sores and cuts were given in villages where necessary. The compact medical kit issued to District Service Officers is an excellent idea and it is often found to be very handy indeed.
There are goodly numbers of sturdy children in all villages and many women were noticeably pregnant.
Latrines and rubbish pits were inspected and found to be in good condition.
People are still coming to hospital readily and no one has had to be told twice about going or ~~have~~ has anyone been punished for failing to present themselves when instructed to do so.
NMO PORODA accompanied patrol.

Royal
Papuan Constabulary.

Patrol was accompanied by the following detachment of RPC.

Reg. No. 1524 Cpl. Oresi.
3192 Const. Kandau
2343 Const. Sohembo
3189 Const. Adavi.

Cpl. Oresi is a native of the A IGA tribe (Opi River) and is familiar with area traversed and the peoples encountered. He was of great assistance in interpreting customs and laws of this people.

All members showed their usual efficiency and gave no cause for complaint.

Lieut.

ADO/IOMA.

Amount Returned to Store

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN (IOMA) Report No. 7 OF 44/45.

Patrol Conducted by S.H. YEOMAN

Area Patrolled MAMBA RIVER, COASTAL AND GIRA RIVER AREAS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 14/6/1945 to 27/6/1945.

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....

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DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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Ioma Sub-Station,
Mambare District.

8th. July 1945.

The District Officer,
Higaturu.

Patrol Report - No. 7/44-45, S.H.Yeoman, ADO,IOMA.

Patrol Report by	: Lt. Yeoman S.H., ADO/IOMA
To	: Mamba River, Coastal and Gira River Areas.
Date left Station	: 14th. June 1945.
Date Returned:	: 27th. June 1945.
Patrol Purpose:	: Routine Inspection.
Route Traversed	: Ioma, Kurureda thence via Mamba River to Coast, to Pubetari and Iauga. Returned to Mambatutu, proceeded to Sila TNG and thence by Gira River to Nindewari and back to Ioma.
Patrol Accompanied by	: Three constables of RPC, Court Interp. Fourteen carriers.
Cost	: 1 tin biscuits 1 bag rice 1 gal kerosene 1 dz. matches 2 bars soap 14½ lb tobacco. - Vill Consts.& Councillors 2 lbs Food 5 " Carriers 6 " Canoe hire 1 " 20 tins meat) Weekly issue to 10 tins fish) police Court Interp. 1 lb salt) etc. 1½ lb tobacco)
Last Patrol:	Lt. Yeoman, District Services Feb.1945 Report No. 3/44-45.
Map:	Submitted with above report.

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D I A R Y.

14th. June. Patrol left IOMA 2.15 pm for KURUREDA which was reached at 4pm. Deposited gear in rest house and left by canoe for:
DABO (Vill Const. BIBIA) 4 houses and two new ones under construction. Village clean and well kept. No troubles reported.
Returned to Kurureda Rest house.

15th. June. Broke camp 7.30 am. Inspected village of KURUREDA (Vill Const. BIBIA) 18 houses, 1 new one being erected. Rest House and Barracks. Mission with Native Teacher. Patrol then departed in canoes and proceeded down Mamba River, inspecting:-
POGADUMU (Vill Const. EVIA) 10 house and 3 new ones being erected.
DEMBURUTUTU do. 5 houses
Lunched with LofC Sigs. AVE and proceeded to GINIMAI thence to:
BARARA (Vill Const. TATA) 16 houses Rest House and Barracks.

15th. June contd.

BORUTUTU (Vill Const. TATA) 6 houses
WAI-IE (Vill Const, AWARI) 10 houses
MANATU (Vill Const. AWARI) 14 houses, Rest House and barracks.

All villages clean and up to standard. Various matters concerning debts, destruction of gardens by pigs, and one case of scorcery brought to notice of patrol during the day. These matters were dealt with on the spot. It was also reported to me that people on barges were firing small arms in an indiscriminate manner and one Councillor narrowly escaped death. This is dealt with more fully in another report. Camped at MANATU for night.

16th. June.

Left 7.30 am. No patrol roads in this area so journey is made on canoes.
Visited following villages during journey down the River.
BEBEWA (Vill Const. DUNA) 10 houses Rest House and Barracks. Native Mission.
SIA do. 12 houses.
TAUTUTU (Vill Const, BOINABAI) 8 houses. Rest House and barracks.

All villages well kept and no complaints were brought to the notice of the patrol. General health good but one man from SIA was sent to hospital for treatment. Stayed overnight at TAUTUTU. Plenty of foods brought to patrol for sale. This was purchased with tobacco.

17th. June.

Patrol resumed journey for Pubetari. Reached Mouth of Mamba River at 10 am and owing to high tide and big seas, disembarked from canoes and proceeded along beach to Gavora, where patrol re-entered canoes and set out for destination:-
PUBETARI (Vill Const. BAREGO) 12 houses and one new one being erected. Rest House and barracks.

Village clean and well tended. Aust. ships have called here and taken away a great deal of the fuel reported by patrol No.3/44-45. but 50 calibre ammunition is stored in the vicinity of village. I understand that US forces were notified about this but do not intend to remove it.
Word was received while I was here that a barge with engine trouble was anchored in Douglas Harbour. Communicated with 'Skipper' and asked him to take some sick people from Pubetari to Ioma hospital, when he was able to proceed.

18th. June.

Leaving gear in Rest House, Pubetari, left by canoe for IAUGA (Vill Const. BAREGO) A small village of five houses, Rest House and barracks. Three new houses being rebuilt here, one being of an excellent type and this was pointed out to villagers as an example. Village well kept and clean. Barge had left Douglas Harbour before we arrived.
CNM heard case dealing with an indecent assault but defendant was dismissed - Case not proved.
Arrested an escaped leper - WARIA of Gira River - at this village. He was making his way from Popandeta hospital to his village.
On the return journey to Pubetari inspected DEBOIN (Vill Const BAREGO) 9 houses. No complaints re this village. A land dispute was brought to my attention and I visited site and boundaries were fixed by the people concerned in the presence of Village officials and elder men of the village. Boundary was recorded in village book.
Returned to Pubetari, inspecting Mission at DEWADE on the way. Found barge anchored at Pubetari and skipper said he would have to remain there until he

18th. June contd.

was able to get spare parts from another barge returning from IOMA (Ginimai).
Camped at Pubetari for night.

19th. June.

Was approached by a Tufi girl married to a Pubetari man, who wanted to be repatriated to her village owing to cruelty by her husband. Husband admitted that constant nagging by the woman was making him angry all the time, and on one occasion had threatened her but had never actually hit her. He was in agreement with her request that she be returned to her village. So made necessary arrangements.
Left for GAVORA (Vill Const.BAREGO) 14 houses and one new one. Everything satisfactory.
Patrol then left for MAMBATUTU where it was decided to camp for the night.
Mail received from IOMA. This attended to and despatched. Leper - Waria also sent under escort to IOMA.
Inspected old site of Anglican Mission HQ at DUVIRA. Found this being cleaned and all preparations been made for rebuilding.

20th. June.

Patrol proceeded by canoe to SILA, TNG.(7.30 am to 1.10 pm) to enquire into the land dispute between TNG people and Papuan immigrants, squatting on SILA ground. A separate report has been submitted re this matter. Briefly trouble seems to have arisen out of a private dispute between WAWA of FOFOI,TNG and the LULUAI NIGERA of SILA over a marriage.
Patrol was hospitably received. Camped for night.

21st. June.

Left on return journey to MAMBATUTU. Reached at 2 pm against strong head winds. Paid off carriers. Purchased foods for police and made all arrangements for early departure to the GIRA River in the morning.

22nd. June

Departed 6.30 am. and walking along beach reached MANAU (Vill.DARAIBAI) 6 houses. Everything satisfactory in village but road between Mambatutu and this village not completed in accordance with instructions in February. Not even a start had been made. Beach has always been used previously but at high water patrol has to wait until tide subsides, so instructions had been given to build a road or path above high water mark - this work presented no difficulty. People had no reasonable excuse for not doing road-they have had four months to do the work - so they were convicted and sentenced.
Patrol then set out on MANAU-AINSI road and this too - in spite of special instructions - had been neglected. Bridges and footways were rotted and only a very small section of road had been cleaned and that on the day before I passed over it. AINSI, TAIRE and ONOMBATUTU people were later given sentences for their neglect.
Arrived AINSI (Vill Const.KAMBODE) at 3pm. A large village of 19 houses, Rest house and barracks and Native Mission. The village was filthy and it was very apparent that I had caught this place by surprise. Houses and surroundings were littered with refuse days old. Flies were swarming. The people concerned were fined for their negligence.
Camped for night.

23rd. June. Paid off carriers from beach and returned them to their homes.
CNM - Neglect of roads, failure to build bridges and dirty villages.
Village policeman was caught with extra uniforms which he says had been given to him by Higaturu contable. The matter referred to District Officer.
Left for TABARA passing through:-
TAIRE (Vill Const. IAWODE) 22 houses and native mission. Roads and village satisfactory. No troubles reported. Inspected school and rolls.
TABARA (Vill Const. AIWA) 28 houses, Rest house and barracks, Native Mission. Village and roads A1.
Spent afternoon in CNM, hearing various complaints.

24th. June. Interviewed Village officials from EI-A River who had arrived overnight and then went on to -
BATARI (Vill Const GOROBA) 17 houses, 1 new one being erected. A new Rest house and barracks.
DAMTUTU (Vill Const.INGIBAI) 13 houses and a small emergency shelter for patrols.
TETU (Vill Const. TOTORA) 10 houses, and a mission church which has been abandoned.
IAJUWARI (Vill Const TOTORA) 8 houses, Rest House and barracks.
All villages inspected this day in excellent condition showing signs of constant attention. New Rest house at BATARI well constructed and of good design. It was supervised by a member of RPC on leave. One case of indecent assault and various small matters dealt with at IAJUWARI.

25th. June. TETU people approached me re moving their village, but on inspecting site I would not allow them to do so. New place was surrounded by swamp and mosquito infested. Left on return journey up River. Destination being NINDEWARI.
Inspected:-
KARUDE (Vill Const TAU-IA) 9 houses, Village being rebuilt but is clean and tidy.
ONOMBATUTU (Vill Const. TAU-IA) 15 houses.
Everything satisfactory here.
Arrived NINDEWARI (Vill Const. MATABAI) and made camp at this village. Plenty of food brought to patrol.

26th. June. Leaving gear in Rest house in charge of police set out on inpsection of villages on upper reaches of GIRA River.

WAGADARE	(Vill Const. MATABAI)	14 houses.
UBUTU	do.	10 houses
USI	(Vill Const. PITARO)	18 houses. Rest house barracks and native mission.
GIU	do.	13 houses.
BADAI	do.	10 houses.

All villages with exception of GIU, where two people were proceeded against for not cleaning the alloted part of village, were in a very satisfactory condition. Four houses in USI were badly in need of repair and instructions were given re this matter. Roads were reasonable but GIU people had neglected their portion and they were proceeded against also. At USI a villager made a very serious allegation against a signaller from WADE LofC station. Statements were taken and submitted to District Officer for his attention.
Returned to NINDEWARI by canoe and spent afternoon in CNM.

June 27th. Left NINDEWARI for IOMA, crossing GIRA by canoe ferry, and visited:-
WADE (Vill Const. DOGIA) 15 houses. Village well kept and tended. No complaints brought to notice of patrol. Visited LofC sigs. and spoke to Pte. Smith re allegations made by USI native. He deniedever having attempted to procure women by payment and says he was misunderstood when asking for native women's skirts.
Left for GINIMAI which was reached at 3pm. Inspected village (Vill Const. TATA) which consists of 12 houses x (three new ones under construction) Rest house, barracks, lock-up store and boatshed belonging to station, and then proceeded to IAUDARE (Vill Const. JIBERA) 11 houses, This is the HQ of Rev. SRM Gill and numbers of mission buildings have been built right on the edge of the village. Rev. SRM Gill was ill but said that there was nothing I could do for him. On return to station EMA Berruex was despatched to IAUDARE to visit Mr. Gill.
Patrol then resumed journey to IOMA and arrived at 5 pm.

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Native Situation.

Position normal and conditions in this area are improving all the time. Very little serious crime evident in villages and all patrol instructions are attended to promptly with one or two exceptions only. The latter being dealt with immediately. Every assistance was given to patrol and hospitality of villages visited wasexcellent.

One land dispute at the village of DEBOIN, was settled with aid of those concerned and the matter was recorded in village book and at Ioma office, as it is constantly recurring.

WAI-IDE, the Councillor of DEBOIN, and one of the disputants have lived at DEBOIN for many years but originally immigrated from the KUMUSI area. I have written of this man before. He and his family are a constant irritation to IAUGA and PUBETARI people over land and garden matters.

Another land dispute was brought to my attention while proceeding down the Mamba River. Families from POGUDUMU and KURUREDA being involved; but as all witnesses were not available at the time the matter was adjourned until my return to IOMA.

Discharged PIB personnel in some of the villages on the GIRA River are defying authority of Village Constables - refusing to do their work on roads and in villages. They seem to be under the impression that because of their military service they are exempt and above these menial tasks. Some of them, interrogated by me, have stated that on discharge from their UNIT, white officers have told them they are exempt from all types of work. I feel sure that such is not the case and that there has been a misunderstanding through officers not being sufficiently explicit. It is probably intended to convey to discharged PIB men that they are not to be recuited for labour lines etc. If not, then a social upset is being caused as they are setting a bad example to others in the villages concerned.

Reg Comd
Perhaps one should bring to the attention of PIB & emphasise that ex PIB boys are not to be induced or encouraged to work when they are discharged. RB

Village Officials

The man INDOTA was appointed Councillor of MANATU village at the unanimous request of the people.

Village Constable DUNA of BEBEWA - one of Mr. RM, Monckton's old police - wishes to resign on account of age. His resignation was accepted as from 30th. June 1945. I recommend that his son, BOREJI/DUNA be appointed in his place as from 1.7.45.

Village Constable KAMBODE of AINSI was charged and sentenced for wilful neglect to duty. He was also found with clothing belonging to the Government - village constable's uniforms - in his possession. These reasonably suspected of being stolen and KAMBODE ~~as~~ admitted as much. A further charge is pending the DO's arrival IOMA.

IAUGA people requested that a Councillor be appointed but have deferred the matter until a good type is selected by them. Man suggested has been a bad influence in the village.

All other officials carrying out their duties efficiently and there was no cause for complaint.

Villages.

Mostly in excellent shape - well kept and constantly tended by the signs in evidence.
Village Constables at MANATU and BORUTUTU were instructed to cut scrub back from villages for 100 yards, to dry out mosquito breeding grounds. They had previously cut this down but it has become overgrown again.
The village of IAUGA is building up and I put this down to the return of time expired labourers. Three new houses of a good type are being erected.
Big improvements were noticed at MAMBATUTU. Useful trees and coloured shrubs having been planted in immediate vicinity of village.
KARUBE which had to be rebuilt owing to wash away by floods is almost completed. It is well set out in accordance with previous instructions and advice given the people.
GGINIMAI village also conducting a rebuilding programme which is a great improvement.
Water supply in Beach villages is obtained from wells. This is brackish to taste but as most streams are tidal, this applies to the water in these too. No ill effects seem to be suffered by villagers using the water.
Wells were inspected and found to be clean and protected from animals. Otherwise, all villages obtain their water from the swift flowing Mamba and Gira Rivers, Latrines and rubbish pits are in installed and in use at all villages with the exception of those on Mamba. Villages are within easy distance of main patrol roads.
REST HOUSES. All in good condition. The new one at BEBEWA is a good job and much better situated than before. A new rest house has been constructed at BATARI and is a credit to the villagers, and the one at USI has been extensively repaired, - new roof and floor.
Rest houses are maintained at reasonable distances apart - names of villages are recorded in DIARY portion of this report.

Housing.

No fault to find, with construction of the houses inspected this patrol. They are well spaced and of intelligent design. Four houses at USI village were in need of extensive repair and instructions were given to Village Constable to see that they were renewed. Building materials are plentiful throughout area visited.

Agriculture.

Taro is chief item of diet in the District patrolled and gardens are as extensive as available good ground permits. However, at the moment, the dry spell being experienced is retarding the crops and requests were received by villagers, to be allowed to go to bush and make sago. Permission was readily given. These conditions are not unusual in this area and sago is always the substitute for taro in the dry season.
No serious shortages were reported to patrol and sugar cane, pumpkins, paw-paw and bananas were well in evidence in all gardens. On the upper reaches of the Mamba and Gira Rivers oranges and mandarins are plentiful. Cucumbers and a small 'egg' tomato are also produced but not in any great quantity.
Fish, always abounding in the Rivers and along the coast is also part of the diet.
The number of pigs is gradually building up and normality in herds is reaching pre-war standards.

Roads and Bridges.

At DABO - upper Mamba River - enquiries were made re country between that village and IOMA, with a view to making a new road on higher ground to avoid low lying and swampy ground between KURUREDA and the Govt. Station. It is intended to survey this country when the opportunity occurs. Heavy floods have badly damaged the road between Kurureda and Ioma. Two main bridges on the 'jeep' portion of the road were completely swept away and villagers work on their own portion washed away. A new portion of the 'crowned' road, where villagers have put in a lot of work has been ruined. First wild pigs dug up the road and heavy rains made it into a quagmire. Bridges have since been repaired. Road between KANAU on coast and AINSI on the GIRA River was not touched in spite of special instructions, given in February, that it was to be repaired immediately. Bridges and log footways were rotted and broken and there were huge fallen tree obstructions. People responsible were convicted and sentenced for failure to do this work.
Road from TABARA to GIU, with exception of GIU section, excellent and well tended. GIU villagers were also given a sentence for neglect to roads.
NINDEWARI-IOMA in AI shape and doubt whether it could be improved. However this road needs constant attention because of washaways and floods in the area.
BRIDGES. For the most part were in position and there was no fault to find.
LofC 'PHONE LINES. These properly ranged and no trouble to patrols.

Census.

Previously recorded and filed.

Indentured Labour.

All villagers well recruited but numbers are gradually returning and position is satisfactory. A great number of eligibles also away with RPC and PIB.

Map.

Previously submitted with Report No.3/44-45. Lieut. Yeoman S.H..

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Health.

Throughout the area visited, health appears to be good and no epidemic sicknesses were reported or noticed during the patrol.
With the exception of very urgent cases, no villagers were sent to hospital from this patrol as the EMA had as many patients as he could cope with before we left IOMA.
People themselves are taking full advantage of the facilities at IOMA Native Hospital and District generally is benefiting by its establishment.
First aid was given in all villages for minor cuts, sores etc.
Village hygiene is well supervised and in my opinion people are beginning to see the advantages of the latrines and rubbish pits established during the year. However on the Mamba River, and as stated in a previous report, latrines are not insisted on in the villages. The pits become filled with water owing to constant flooding, and become a menace to health. Houses built out over the river have been tried but are usually swept away by swiftness of current. As long as people are not defecating in immediate vicinity of their village, I feel they are better off using the River itself, which runs at about six knots even at its lowest flood. Villages are situated great distances apart - as much as three hours in some cases.
Very little serious sickness was encountered but on Mamba the incidence of Malaria must be high owing to the clouds of mosquitos which infest every village. The number of elephantiasis cases is also very noticeable. Measures have been taken to check mosquitos breeding in this area and particularly in the near environs of the villages and it is thought that there has been improvement.

Med. Dept.

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Royal Papuan Constabulary.

The patrol was accompanied by the following members of RPC, ex IOMA detachment.

Reg. No.1357 - Const. WAJIMA
3200 - Const. WAI-IE
3204 - Const. Adavi.

All, performed their duties efficiently and are accusinted with, route, villages and peoples inspected on this patrol.

None gave cause for complaint.

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Lieut.
ADO/IOMA.

8th. July 1945.

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PATROL REPORT NO 7/44-45 - IOMA

LT S H YEOMAN-ADO

Herewith duplicate copies of the abovementioned report.

2. Diary Entry: 15 Jun 45. Necessary action has been taken to prevent indiscriminate firing by barge personnel.

3. Diary Entry: 17 Jun 45. The ammunition will be removed by US authorities during the demolition programme.

4. Diary Entry: 26 Jun 45. The allegation referred to was an endeavour to procure native women by gifts or payment to a village native. An investigation will be made in due course.

5. Diary Entry: 27 Jun 45. The Anglican Mission following the abandonment of the Mission Station at the mouth of the MAMBA River have erected buildings on the edge of IAUDARE village. There may be the possibility of overcrowding and this will be investigated during my next visit to the IOMA Sub-District.

6 The patrol was of a routine nature. Conditions appear to be satisfactory.

Capt,
A.T.Timperley District Officer.

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DO HIGATURU.

PATROL REPORT NO 7/44-45 - IOMA
AT S.H. YEOMAN - [illegible]

Receipt of the a/m report is acknowledged.

2. Native Situation - Page 6. It is possible these ex PIB were misled by the officers who commanded them. These officers have since been replaced. Present CO of PIB is an experienced officer of the Papuan Administration and it can be taken for granted he will ensure that there will be no repetition of this sort of thing. I know that on several occasions when lecturing personnel he has stressed that the fact of having served in the Army does not absolve them from the necessity to comply with the laws of the land when they return to their villages. Hence it is considered that nothing would be gained by writing to him on the subject.

3. An informative patrol.

Major.
ADDS & NA.

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