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DISTRICT: BOUGAINVILLE

STATION: WAKUNAI, 1960 - 1961

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# Papua New Guinea Patrol Reports

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KIETA SUB-DISTRICT

<u>Report NO.</u>	<u>Patrol Conducted by</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
KIETA 1-60/61	P.H.Gridley	KIETA COASTAL& EIVO Census Divisions
" 1-60/61 (Special)	P.H.Gridley	GUAVA Census Division
" 2-60/61 (Special)	A.F.McNeill	GUAVA Census Division
" 3-60/61	K.McRai	NORTH NASIOI Census Sub-Division
" 3-60/61 (Special)	A.McNeill	AROPA - DARATUI Road
" 4-60/61	P.H.Gridley	SOUTH NASIOI Census Division
" 5-60/61	K.McRae	KOROMIRE & KONGARA Census Sub- Divisions
" 6-60/61	A.McNeill	GUAVA Census Division
" 7-60/61	K.McRae	GUAVA Census Division
WAKUNAI 3-60/61	P.H.Gridley	AITA Census Division
" 3-60/61 (Special)	P.H.Gridley	TENAKAU Area



DEPT. OF NATIVE AFFAIRS  
14 AUG 1961  
BOUGAINVILLE DISTRICT

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of **BOUGAINVILLE** Report No. <sup>Wakunai</sup> ~~2/60-61~~

Patrol Conducted by **P.H. GRIDLEY PATROL OFFICER**

Area Patrolled **AITA CENSUS DIVISION.**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **NIL**

Natives **1 Clerk 2 RP&NGC.1 Native Field worker.**

Duration—From **6/361** /19 to **27/4** /19 **61**

Number of Days **SEVEN (7)**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **NO**

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services **Sept** /19 **60**

Medical **Feb, 1961** /18

Map Reference **BOUGAINVILLE SOUTH FOURMIL SERIES.**

Objects of Patrol **TAX COLLECTIONS, CENSUS REVISION, ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.**

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

*[Signature]*  
District Commissioner

618/19 61

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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Konedobu, Papua.

30th October, 1961.

The District Officer,  
Bougainville District,  
SOANAO.

PATROL REPORT - WAKUMAI NO. 3-60/61:

Thank you for this routine report of a Tax/Census patrol. It seems to have been rather rushed and the presentation of the report itself somewhat scruffy.

2. I look forward to an improvement when the promised repeat performance is concluded.

3. The content of the report would indicate a useful patrol but it is of assistance to this Headquarters when critical statements are made concerning certain aspects of administration that information is included as to what action has been taken to rectify the situation.

(J. J. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

87-11-32 ✓



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 67/1/5-627.

Department of Native Affairs,  
Bougainville District,  
SOHANO.

17th, August, 1961.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

PATROL REPORT - WAKUNAI 3/1960-61.

Please find enclosed a copy of a report of a  
Patrol to the ALTA CENSUS DIVISION carried out by Mr.  
P. H. Gridley, Patrol Officer, I.

Originally there were fourteen (14) Villages  
in the ALTA, controlled by Wakunai, but six (6) of them  
were absorbed by the TEOP/TINPUTZ COUNCIL, and these  
six Villages are now patrolled by the Officer in Charge,  
Tinputz. The Eight (8) remaining Villages are backward  
and will require special consideration. They lie in  
the steep hills to the West and North West of Wakunai.  
The hilly terrain and turbulent mountain streams will  
make any kind of communications difficult.

At the present time their income is derived  
from the sale of vegetables to the coastal Plantations  
which results in an income of slightly more than one  
pound (£1) per annum per adult Male.

The real answer to these people's problem must  
lie in the planting of perennials and it may be possible  
for the people to get land on the coastal belt for this purpose

This Report is rather disappointing and the  
Officer will be returning there within the month to do  
a lieisurely patrol and I will expect him to give me  
suggestions as to what he thinks one can do for the  
people when next he resubmits a Report.

*D. J. Clancy*  
(D. J. CLANCY.)  
District Officer.

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Department of Native Affairs,  
Bougainville District,  
SOHANO.

17th, August, 1961.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

PATROL REPORT - WAKUNAI 3/1960-61.

Please find enclosed a copy of a report of a Patrol to the AETA CENSUS DISTRICT carried out by Mr. P. H. Gridley, Patrol Officer, I.

Originally there were fourteen (14) Villages in the AETA, controlled by Wakunai, but six (6) of them were absorbed by the TEOP/TINPUTZ COUNCIL, and these six Villages are now patrolled by the Officer in Charge, Tinputz. The Eight (8) remaining Villages are backward and will require special consideration. They lie in the steep hills to the West and North West of Wakunai. The hilly terrain and turbulent mountain streams will make any kind of communications difficult.

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The real answer to these people's problem must lie in the planting of perennials and it may be possible for the people to get land on the coastal belt. *for this purpose*

This Report is rather disappointing and the Officer will be returning there within the month to do a leisurely patrol and I will expect him to give me suggestions as to what he thinks one can do for the people when next he resubmits a Report.

*P. H. Gridley*  
(P. H. CLANCY.)  
District Officer.



DIARY.

6th. March, 1961

Departed by vehicle for Nupatore at 1200 arrived Nupatore 1630 Slept.

7th.

Departed Nupatore 0600 for Pekoia. Arrived 0900. Census revised and tax collected. Village inspected. Meeting re roads and cash cropping held. Slept.

8th.

Departed Pekoia 0550 for Tubial, arrived 0920. Tax collected and census revised. Village inspected, meeting re roads & cash cropping. Departed Tubial 1230 for Kusi. Arrived 1320. Tax collected and census revised. Meeting held. Departed for Siribia 1600 inspected village and moved on to Owaipa. Inspected Owaipa. Slept.

9th.

Tax census completed for both Siribia and Owaipa. Meeting of members of both villages held re roads, crops & education. Moved to Owaipa at 1100 arriving 1200. Tax collected and census revised. Meeting held re cash cropping, roads and the manufacture of artefacts. Departed for Pekoia at 1445 and arrived 1745. Slept Pekoia

10th.

Departed Pekoia for Nupatore 0600, arrived 0930. Departed Nupatore for Red river and Wakunai 1300 arrived Wakunai 1800.

20th April

To Inna village for Tax collections and Census revision. Returned to Wakunai same day.

27th.

To Kobiwari and return for tax collections and census revision.

Patrol Ended.

### IMMUNITIES.

This Patrol was for the collection of tax, and Census Revision. In all villages, the patrol was met in a friendly manner. It appears that the people have become reconciled to taxation, and this year all males were exempt \$1.

### INDIAN AFFAIRS.

The situation appears to be very satisfactory. At no time did I notice any effects of cargo cult activities in the area, and there appears to have been no influence on the Aita People, by the Kumun People.

Pokoia village has shifted from the ridge above Nupatere, across the Aita River to another ridge on their own land. Previously the village was sited on Nupatere land, but following disputes, the Pokoia's moved. The main problem was to find land on which to plant cash crops. The village was still very new, and actual construction had not begun, although materials were being stockpiled.

Tubiai village is another new village, having shifted from one ridge to another. A total of six houses had been constructed to a suitable design.

All the other villages are well established. Sanitation and water supplies is taken care of well. Housing is fair throughout the area, and several orders for maintenance were issued.

### ROADS & BRIDGES.

At present the road from Wakumai does not really enter the Aita. The road at present finishes at Nupatere village. This road is ~~quite~~ trafficable to land rovers and tractors. The natives are at present working on extending the road from Nupatere to the old site of Pokoia. I fear that this will be the extent of the road, as there is a very deep gorge into the river. As far as approaching the area from the sea, by a road following the course of the river, I deem it impossible, or at least totally impracticable. This is so because the river runs into cliffs on both sides, and any road would have to cross and re-cross the river many times. Forging of the river is impossible, and the cost of bridging prohibitive. The construction of suitable bridges would be far beyond local capabilities.

The coastal road does not enter the Aita Proper. To date this road is passable as far as Tearaka on the coast. A further two to three miles of road will be open shortly after the construction of a bridge over the Iagana River. On a stretch of few miles, there will be a need for at least four fords, and six bridges. It is intended to continue the construction of the roads and bridges, as when this small sector is completed, the road from Haisi to Inas will be open to 4 W.D. vehicles and tractors. By putting on the crossings we are able to install in the rivers, this road has the potential of being open to all types of vehicles. I feel that this is of great importance on Bougainville, as if this road can be opened, with a little extra work, it should be possible to link with the Tiniputs system and therefore have a road from Haisi in the south to at least Tiniputs in the north. From what I can remember, the road from Bonis in Buka Passage comes some distance south, and this too may in the not too distant future be linked up.

Road maintenance is satisfactory. In fact, in view of the limited population available within reasonable distance of the roads, the maintenance work done is quite good.

The native attitude towards the building of roads and bridges in this area is more than pleasing, when compared with that of other natives in this district.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

This will be covered in my Appendix on Agriculture.

#### POPULATION.

I can give no figure for the total increase of the population in the Aita for the period 1960 to 1961. This is partly caused by the fact that 10 villages came under the control of Tiniputs, and also that no population registers have been filed at this office for the past two years.

Total population now equals 791 persons.

Over the year there have been 25 births and 9 deaths. This makes a natural increase of 16 persons which is at an annual rate of 2.02% of total population.

It is interesting and satisfactory to note that the infant mortality rate in the group 0 - 1 year stands for the present at 111.

The majority of migrations was inter village within the

to see.

Absentee workers total 33 out of a potential of 200. If there were have 16.5% of the total male adult labour force absent. Satisfactory. This also amounts to 4.2% of the total population being absent at work.

The rate of absenteeism does not affect the village life in any way, and of those not employed out of the village, a large number are self employed planting cash crops.

#### MISSIONS & SCHOOLS.

Three missions are represented in this area, namely, Seventh Day Adventists, Roman Catholics and Methodists. Relations between each are exceptionally good, and I feel that the European Mission staff are largely responsible for this.

The Roman Catholics have one school near Kurd with an attendance fluctuating between 30 and 40 pupils. This is in charge of a very capable, but unqualified teacher.

At Oaiwaipa the Seventh Day Adventists have a school with an enrolment of just over 40 pupils. A feature of this school, is the fact that it is attended by both Seventh Days and Roman Catholics, and there is respect and understanding shown by both groups.

There is a school at Asitave which takes pupils from this area, but the number attending from the Aita, is insignificant.

At present there is a lack of education facilities in the area but I have been advised by representatives of each Mission, that as soon as teachers are available, mission education will be extended.

#### TRADE STORES.

There are no trade stores either licensed or unlicensed in the area. It appears that the natives prefer to make their purchases at Imau Plantation or Tearaka trade stores. The relative inaccessibility of the area would I think, make prices prohibitive and beyond the pocket of the average native in the area.

#### CONCLUSION.

The natives are rather quiet types who never-the-less are responsive to Administrative ideas.

The worst set-back they face is the lack of roads or other courses suitable for the transporting of crops and produce. This appears to be a problem that will hinder the development of this area for many years to come, as there is no easy solution. The potential of the area is indeed great, as will be seen from the Agricultural appendix to this report.

I did have hopes of returning to the area for a follow-up patrol in May, but other work prevented this. As soon as all the outstanding land matters are finalised in this area, I will patrol this area again.

*P. H. Crisley*  
P. H. Crisley,  
Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX A.

GENERAL

The health of the natives in this area appears to be reasonably good. Although of small stature, the natives look quite well and fit.

Main illnesses noticed by this patrol were Tinea, and goitre. Both these complaints were relatively common.

Goitre in this area appears to be on a par with goitre on the Kumua side of the Range. I noticed when there, that a large number were infected with this disease. It may have something to do with the area in which they live, both the Kumua side and the Aita be within volcanic regions.

Sanitation was only fair in all villages, but when it is considered that these people are relatively primitive to the others of this district, sanitation under the circumstances can be considered satisfactory, but open to a lot of improvement.

SUMMARY.

AGRICULTURE.

The following numbers of trees were planted in the Aitā area, figures being extracted from Elisa Mivuan's A.F.W. reports.

Cocoanuts.	6,173.	Census completed	31/5/61.
Coffee.	1,837.	"	"
Cocoa.	1,188.	"	"

Vegetables such as potatoes, tomatoes, onions, beans, pumpkins & swedes are produced at a total rate of approx. 1000lbs. per month.

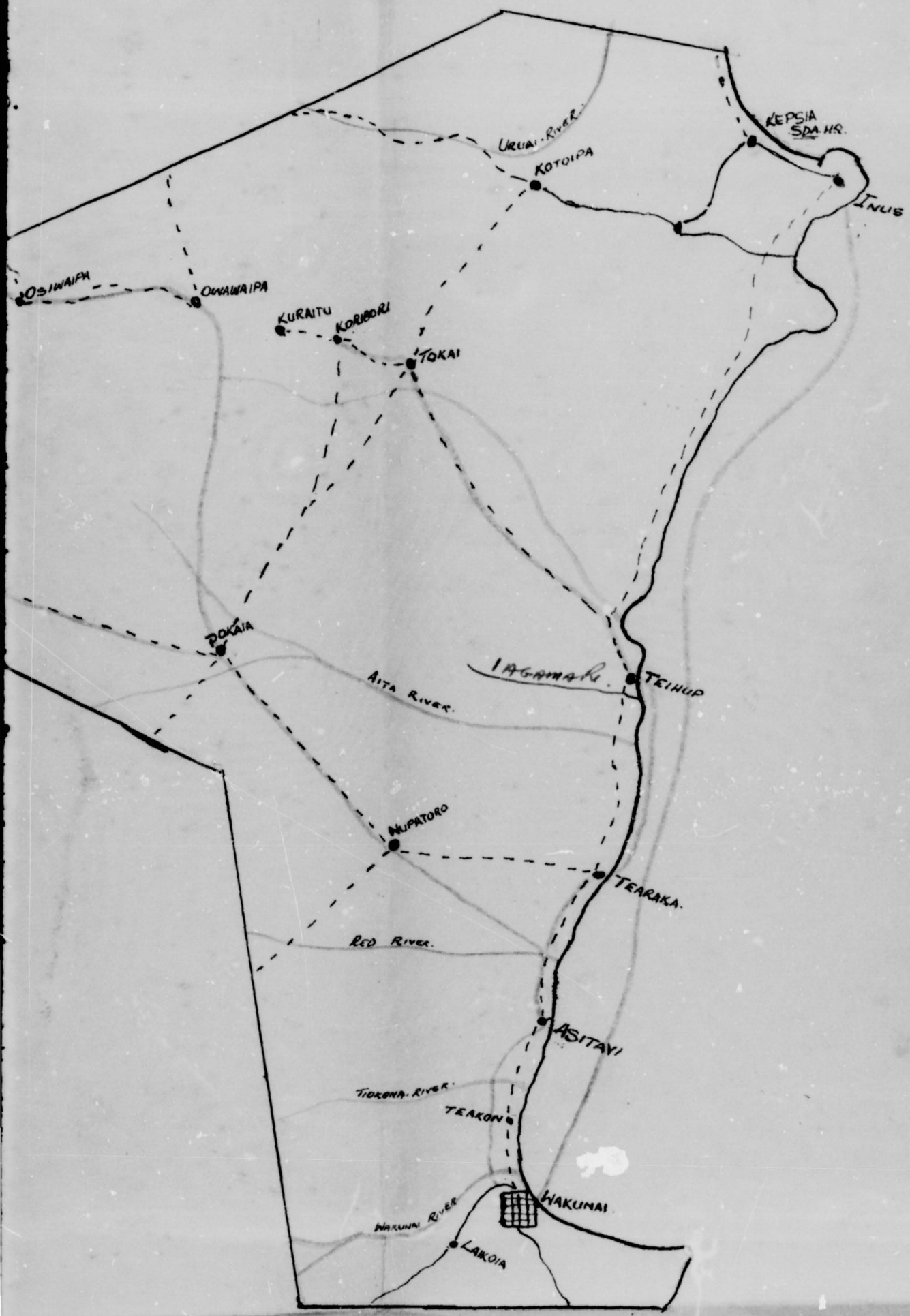
The above production is nowhere near the possible production of the area. We are hindered by the lack of communications, and if we were to ever-come these, the lack of a suitable market. I believe that the biggest problem is one of transport. I am sure that if the produce, and I am speaking specifically of vegetable, could be economically freighted to centres of population, the demand would only then exceed the supply. At the moment, production has had to be cut to an approximate equal with the amount that can readily be disposed of.

Copra can be readily disposed of to the nearby plantations and traders. Fortunately, very little copra is produced from very far inland, and the problem of transport is somewhat relieved.

Although there are 1188 cacao trees planted, they are all planted along the coastal belt, and again transport is of no worry.

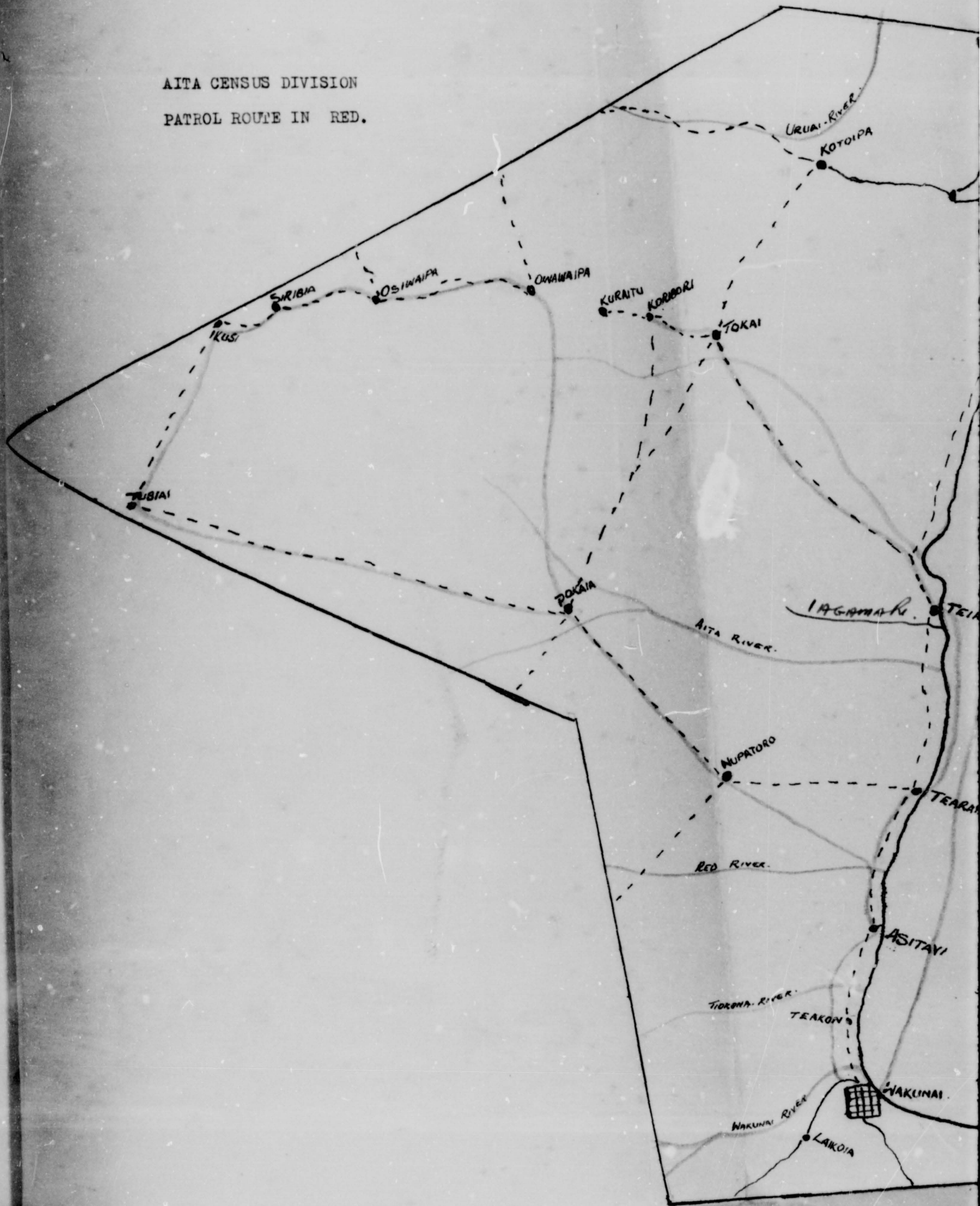
Coffee when it starts to bear, and when present plantings are increased, will prove to be a worry as far as transporting the produce is concerned. Certainly the native does not require such a large margin of profit, and could therefore afford to carry the financial burden of extra freight costs. This however appears to have its limits of acceptance.

The work of the Native Assistant Field Worker is to be commended.





AITA CENSUS DIVISION  
PATROL ROUTE IN RED.







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Patrol Post,  
WAKUNAI, LOUGAINVILLE.

12th. July, 1961.

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The Assistant District Officer,  
KIETA.

SPECIAL PATROL No.3-60/61

PURCHASE OF TIMBER RIGHTS - TENEKAU AREA.

Attached, please find four copies of Wakunai Special Patrol Report No. 3/60-61. This report cover the purchase of timber rights to 16,000 acres of land known as the TENEKAU AREA.

The majority of the patrol was done by myself, but on many visits to the area, Mr. C.P.O. Lyons, accompanied me. From the 6th. to the 8th. of June, Mr. Lyons alone went to the area to locate the boundaries of Arigua Plantation, an important point of commencement for the traverse. At the same time, I was investigating the purchase of PITAKAWA, this is the subject of another report.

The walking of boundaries was very slow, and was hindered by the density of growth. The path of the traverse had to be cut as we went. The country varied from ~~swamp~~ to mountains. All the mountains running diagonally across the path of traverse, again hindering progress. Difficulty was also experienced in ascending and descending various gorges and crossing flooded rivers.

Three copies of the purchase document are also enclosed. They will have to be forwarded to the Administrator for signature. I regret that I have only three copies, as they are all I received.

Claims for camping allowance by myself and Mr. Lyons are attached.



P. H. Gridley,  
Officer in Charge.

SOHANO.  
17/77. 9-9-61.

Minute To:

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU.

Please find above report. The work was of a routine nature and does not call for comment. Copies of the documents were typed at this Office and distributed to Wakunai and Kieta for their records.

*(Signature)*  
(D. J. CLANCY.)  
District Officer.

*Handwritten notes in left margin:*  
The work was of a routine nature and does not call for comment.  
7/11.

SPECIAL PATROL DIARY PATROL-NO 3/60-61.PURCHASE OF TIMBER RIGHTS - TENAKAU AREA.P.O. P.H. Gridley & C.F.O. P.L. Lyons.MAY 1961

- 2nd. To Teperoi village by vehicle to commence the Timber rights purchase. Material for genealogies collected. Slept Wakumai.
- 3rd. At Teperoi, further collection of material. Slept Wakumai.
- 5th. At Wakumai. Arranging materials and compiling and drafting genealogies.
- 9th. To Teperoi for further collection of material and checking of completed genealogies. Slept Wakumai.
- 10th. At Wakumai. Typing purchase documents, and arranging material for forwarding to the District Officer for scrutiny.
- 11th. To Teperoi. Walked boundaries of Balus & Girigan clan land. Slept Wakumai.
- 12th. To Teperoi. Walked boundaries of Managurai, Kokome and Ketsiana clan land. Slept Wakumai.
- 17th. To Tenakau Plantation. Walked plantation boundaries. Slept Wakumai.
- 19th. To Arigua Boundary. Walked boundaries of Managurai, & Blak Bekis clan land in that area. Slept Wakumai.
- 22nd. To Okowapai. Walked boundaries of Blak Bekis and Kokome of Okowapai clan land. Slept Wakumai.
- 23rd. To Koikei Plantation. Walked boundaries of Koikei and Numa numu Plantations, and part of the western boundary of Area. Slept in bush.
- 24th. Proceeded with walking of boundary. Slept in bush.
- 25th. Walking of boundary, slept in bush.
- 26th. Walking of boundary, Returned to Wakumai.

29/5/61

to

3/6/61

Too wet and rivers too high for bush work.

6/6/61.

C.P.O. Lyons to Arigua Plantation to locate boundaries of that Plantation. Slept Okowapaia.

7th.

C.P.O. Locating Arigua boundary. Slept Okowapaia.

8th.

C.P.O. Cutting boundary, returned to Wakumai late P.M..

14th.

P.O. To Tenakpa area to proceed with walking of boundary. Slept in bush.

15th.

Proceeding with walking. Returned Wakumai for Visit of Select Committee.

19th.

To Okowapaia to proceed with walking of boundary. Slept Okowapaia.

20th.

Walking boundaries. Slept Okowapaia.

21st.

Walking boundaries, slept Okowapaia.

22nd.

Walking of boundaries. Returned to Wakumai. Boundaries completed.

23rd.

At Wakumai, District Officer Clancy & Mr. Dixon of Forest, Rabaul present for payment of rights.

July, 1961.

11th.

To Teperai for collection of signatures on agency agreements. Previously there had been one agreement signed by all, but it was deemed necessary to have individual agreements for each clan.

Patrol Completed.

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