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STATION: KUKIPI, 1953 - 1956

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<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol.</u>	<u>Area Patrolled.</u>
Ihu 1-53/54	P.R.Y.Donaldson ✓	All east coast villages bet. Auma and Herehere, inland villages of Harora, Belepa and Iori groups.
" 3-53/54	P.R.Y.Donaldson ✓	Muro, Arehava and Orocolo.
" 4-53/54	P.R.Y.Donaldson ✓	All villages east of Vailala River to Ihu Boundary at Bluff
" 1-54/55	M.J.Denehy ✓	East coast villages between Auma and Herehere, inland Keuru and Belepa groups and Upper Vailala villages of Kek Paku and Iori.
" 2-54/55	M.J.Denehy ✓	West Vailala Census Division
" 1-55/56	M.J.Denehy ✓	Upper Vailala Census Division
Kukip 1-53/54	K.E.Connolly	East coast and inland groups of Moreava, Popo and Kovio
" 1-54/55	G.G.Hardy	Inland group of Kovio
" 2-54/55	W.J.G.Lambden	East Coast
" 3-54/55	D.A.Elder	Moiavi and western Motumotu groups.
" 4-54/55	D.A.Elder	Lese, Popo and Kovio groups
" 1-55/56	D.A.Elder	East Coast

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KUKIFI PATROL POST

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K.E. Connelly.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

File: 30/3 - 1.  
Patrol Post,  
Kukipi. G.D.

October 25th 1953.

The Assistant District Officer,  
Koroma. G.D.

KUKUPI PATROL REPORT NO. 1 OF 1953/54.

OFFICER CONDUCTING PATROL:

E.E. Connolly, P/O.

AREA PATROLLED:

East coast & inland groups of Huvave,  
Fupe, and Kovic.

PERIOD OF PATROL:

Commenced September 10th 1953  
Completed October 22nd 1953  
actual days spent on patrol - 28 days.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING:

Reg. No. 6916	Const:	HARD-MARIA.
" " 9906	"	IVARA-KAIVIRA.
" " 7001	"	SHULSA-SHRAKI.
" " 7142	"	SHULSI-SHWAPO.


LAST PATROL TO AREA:

December 1952.

OBJECTS OF PATROL:

Customs and routine administration.

Forwarded please.

  
E.E. Connolly  
Patrol Officer.

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## INTRODUCTION.

The area patrolled was all East coast villages between Kukipi Patrol Post and Cape Fessenden, and the inland villages of the Mowave, Pope, and Kevio groups. The main reason for the patrol was for census purposes.

A total of 36 hamlets and villages were visited, comprising a population of 11,044.

Method of transport was by the M.V. Teoripi in the first instance, thence on foot or by canoe.

## DIARY.

Thursday September 10th. Departed Kukipi Patrol Post 0830 hrs. Arrived Namuhamu approx. 0930 hrs. Objects of patrol completed in three Namuhamu hamlets. Departed and arrived back at P.P. 1530 hrs.

Friday September 11th. Visited MAMUKA Village adjacent to Post. Census and inspection conducted and returned to Post.

Saturday September 12th. On Station.

Sunday September 13th. On station.

Monday September 14th. Departed station 1000 hrs. on foot. Arrived KUKUPI Village 1030 hrs. Census and inspection conducted. All disputes heard. Returned to station 1400 hrs.

Tuesday September 15th. Public Holiday. Observed on station. Some paper work completed.

Wednesday September 16th. Departed Station 0845 hrs. Arrived ISAPARA Village 0945 hrs. Objects of patrol completed and returned to station, arriving 1600 hrs.

Thursday September 17th. On station.

Friday September 18th. On station.

Saturday September 19th. Departed station per outboard canoe 0745 hrs. Arrived LILFIRU Village 0845 hrs. Objects of patrol completed and returned to station 1830 hrs. (Outboard engine having broken down en route).

Sunday September 20th. On station.

Monday September 21st. On station.

Tuesday September 22nd. Departed station per canoe 0915 hrs. in slight drizzle, becoming heavier later on. Arrived MEAVALA and MEATOARE Villages 1100 hrs. Census of MEATOARE. Camped for night in joint rest house.

Wednesday September 23rd. Census of MEAVALA Village. Some disputes heard before dusk.

Thursday September 24th. At MEAVALA. Hearing of disputes and complaints all day. In session conducted of both MEAVALA and MEATOARE. Completed work for day 1800 hrs.

Friday September 25th. Heavy rain delayed departure of patrol. Finally departed 0915 per canoe. Visited Terape Gath. Mission at request of Father-in-Charge. Departed 1130 hrs. per mission launch, transferred to canoe at MEAVALA Village, and proceeded onto TAPALA and SAVAIVIRI Villages, arriving SAVAIVIRI 1645 hrs. Staged for night. Objects of patrol completed at both villages.

Saturday September 26th. Heard a few disputes at SAVAIVIRI. Departed per canoe 1040 hrs. Arrived Kukipi P.P. 1210 hrs.



DIARY (Continued)

Sunday September 27th. to )  
Sunday October 4th. ) On station.

Monday October 5th. Departed Kukipi Patrol Post per H.V. Teoripi 0830 hrs. Called in at IOKEA village, and proceeded onto MORIO (Gisapu), arriving 1300 hrs. approx. Census and inspection conducted of MORIO and ROVE Villages. Staged for night.

Tuesday October 6th. Census and inspection of UAFURU, LAURAVA, and and LAUNOVO Hamlets. Heard disputes and complaints and completed paper work.

Wednesday October 7th. Departed MORIO Rest house 0830 hrs. on foot. Walked along beach. Arrived SAROEA 0930 hrs. Objects of patrol completed and camped for night.

Thursday October 8th. Departed SAROEA 0800 hrs on foot. Walked along beach arriving Maru (L.M.S.) Mission station 0900 hrs. Departed and arrived IOKEA Village 15 minutes later. Census conducted of MIRAPO and MOROSERAI hamlets. Staged for night in IOKEA rest house.

Friday October 9th. At IOKEA. Census conducted. Heard disputes and complaints. Inspection carried out.

Saturday October 10th. Departed IOKEA 0950 hrs. Walked along beach. Carried out in specimens of MIRAPO and MOROSERAI Hamlets. Crossed NIARU River, and arrived NIARU Village 1150 hrs. Census of NIARU proper and hamlets of SAVORIFI and ERAVIRI. Camped for night.

Sunday October 11th. At NIARU. Inspections carried out. Some paper work completed.

Monday October 12th. Departed NIARU 0730 hrs. Walked along beach. Arrived joint rest house of LESH Villages 0830 hrs. Census conducted of KAVOHA and HARAKHA Villages (comprising hamlets of AVAVUVU, NAVIARU, and AVINARA). Staged for night. Not Father Cancer on patrol this area.

Tuesday October 13th. At LESH. Conducted census of ILAVA Village. Heard disputes and complaints.

Wednesday October 14th. Departed AVINARA (Lese) 0750 hrs. per canoe. Arrived at garden hamlet of PAVURU 0830 hrs. Departed on foot arrived at another garden hamlet known as UALAI on edge of Salt lakes 0900 hrs. approx. Transferred to canoe and crossed lakes arriving the other side 0945 hrs. Departed on foot once more, over good track made through swamps and arrived KAISAVA Village 1230 hrs. Carried out inspection and departed, arriving LULUAPU Village 15 minutes later. Carried out full census of KAISAVA and LULUAPU and NIKAFIRU Villages. Camped for night.

Thursday October 15th. At LULUAPU. Heard disputes and complaints during morning, and carried out inspections during afternoon.

Friday October 16th. Departed LULUAPU per canoe 0530 hrs. Proceeded up KAPURI Creek against very strong current, but no undue difficulty apart from obstructions encountered en route. Arrived URIVA Village 1415 hrs. Camped for night. (N.B. Future patrols. It would be impossible to paddle against current after heavy rains). Census and inspection of village.

DIARY (Continued).

Saturday October 17th. Departed URIVA 0600 hrs. Arrived KAPUI 1415 hrs. This is an extremely poor track and consists of moss covered roots and boulders, and walking was extremely difficult and tiring. There are two patches of sage swamp; one patch of about 15 minutes walking a short distance from URIVA, and the other comprises the last half hour before KAPUI. Through these swamps there are no tracks. The track itself is ill-defined and at times disappears altogether. Future patrols should not attempt this walk after even a moderately heavy shower of rain, as part of the way, the track follows the PANINA Creek. Census and inspection of KAPUI. Camped for night.

Sunday October 18th. Departed KAPUI on foot 0600 hrs. Arrived at IOMA Creek. Transferred to canoes. Departed 0750 hrs. Proceeded downstream joining LAKEKAMU River, arriving URULAU 1900 hrs. Camped for night.

Monday October 19th. At URULAU. Objects of patrol completed.

Tuesday October 20th. Departed URULAU 0530 hrs. per Neveve canoes. Proceeded down LAKEKAMU River. Arrived native plantation of MIRIKARIKARA 1245 hrs. Settled land dispute. Departed approx. 1400 hrs. and proceeded downstream to LALAPIPI Village on the coast, arriving 1600 hrs. Staged for night.

Wednesday October 21st. Objects of patrol completed at LALAPIPI village. Departed LALAPIPI per canoe 1100 hrs. Crossed north of LAKEKAMU River to MIRIVASI Village. Census and inspection conducted and proceeded onto URITAI Village. Commenced census. Staged for night.

Thursday October 22nd. At URITAI. Census completed. Inspection carried out and some disputes heard. Departed on foot walked along beach to ISAPRAPE Village arriving 1100 hrs. (1 hour from URITAI). Transferred to canoe arriving Kukupi Patrol Post 1200 hrs. Patrol Completed.

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VILLAGE COUNCILS

The District Commissioner (Mr. K. C. Atkinson) had already

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DISPUTES, COMPLAINTS, ETC.

A total of 12 O.E.A. Cases were heard on, or as a result of the patrol, but most disputes and complaints were settled out of Court.

The main source of dispute was over land, and followed by pigs and women - in that order. Possession of land is obviously the most important aspect in the lives of most of the male population, and in many cases, disputes which had been decided as far back as 1930, were again raised. Fortunately, in the majority of these cases previous patrolling officers had recorded their decisions, and it was possible to prevent further argument between disputants. However numerous new cases were brought to the attention of the patrol, most of which were settled satisfactorily, but unfortunately, not always to the liking of all disputants concerned. In these cases, it was necessary to make a decision in order to prevent further argument over the land in question, which besides causing ill-feeling, had in many instances led to blows. A few land matters were deferred until further information was available, and they will be settled as soon as possible.

In the majority of disputes, the land and trees went together, but in some instances, the land, and the trees growing on it, were owned by different parties. It was usually found in these cases, that the disputants were distantly related, or belonged to the same clan, but were living in different villages. This instance tended to complicate, rather than simplify matters.

The Boveere in particular, proved difficult to deal with in regard to anything concerned with money, trees or land. Complaints on a number of occasions was, in most cases impossible, and as mentioned earlier in this report, it was necessary to give a clear-cut decision and enforce it. However, I have no doubt that future patrolling officers will be confronted with the same problems and disputes brought to me, and officers before me. It is not the fact that the Boveere are short of gardening land or food trees on the other hand they have an abundance of both, and are doing their utmost to grab more.

Of the Boveere Group, HAAVAA Village is woefully short of building space on the present site of the village. The village is over-crowded to say the least, and the HAAFOAKS who own land immediately adjacent to HAAVAA, are unwilling to part with it. Unfortunately most of the Boveere land consists of sage scrubs, unsuitable for buildings, but a few possible village sites were seen on the banks of the Lakoham River where many of their gardens are situated. If the problem of over-crowding becomes any worse, it may be necessary for the village to split up. This however, could lead to dissension.

Numerous other complaints and disputes were brought to the patrol, but most of them were merely petty domestic quarrels. Even so, a considerable amount of time was spent on them, and a lot of patience was necessary.

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## VILLAGE COUNCILS

The District Commissioner (Mr. K.C. Atkinson) had already broached this subject during his patrol of this area last May. However, I think that the establishment of Village Councils would, at this stage, be a little premature, with the possible exception of IOKKA Village. The councillors here, as a matter of course, keep minutes of all their meetings, and these were given to me for perusal and approval of resolutions passed in regard to village matters. This is by far the most progressive village in the sub-division, but even in this instance, I think it would be advisable to wait a few years.

## VILLAGES.

As in the case of the previous patrol, much re-building and renovation of villages was noted, but in most instances a definite time limit was given for the completion of houses. I suspect that many of the partly finished houses seen, have been in that state for some considerable time, and the owners living in "Temporary" hovels on ground level where they appear quite content to remain. Only two prosecutions were made for dirty houses, and these were in a deplorable state, but warnings were issued where necessary, that further prosecutions would follow if there was not an immediate improvement in present conditions.

KUKIFI have an ambitious housing project which is well underway, and this should be an excellent village when completed.

URITAI housing is disgraceful and the village officials were instructed to take steps to remedy this.

All villages in the EISE group are endeavouring to get some order into their housing plan, which at the present moment resembles the City of Sydney on a minor scale.

MARAKKA in the immediate vicinity of the station, is slowly being eaten away by the sea. They are considering moving a short distance up the fauri river.

IOKKA housing strangely enough, is poor. Instructions were issued accordingly.

The hamlets of HANURAHU, TAURIHANU, and TAVAFURU have decided to combine in a single village, which has already been commenced. This should be a good one when completed.

Housing and sanitation in the KOVIO group is still very poor, but they are learning slowly and will not doubt improve.

General conditions in villages not specifically mentioned are satisfactory.

## VILLAGE OFFICIALS

For remarks see Appendix 'A'.

## LITERACY

For remarks see Appendix 'B'.

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ROADS AND BRIDGES.

All coastal tracks were well kept and showed signs of constant attention. The track between URIVA and KAPUI was long and difficult. Two bad patches of sage swamp did not help matters. (For further remarks see diary).

The Kere and Pape people have built up a good road over a large area of swamp between their respective villages, and walking has been made easy since the area is quite flat.

MISSIONS.

The London Missionary Society and Catholic missions are operating in the area, and there is a lot of bad feeling between the natives of the two denominations. The Maveave and Kere groups are a good example of this, where both churches have substantial followings, and continually squabbling over sundry petty matters.

L.M.S. stations are situated at Mora, Kora, and Maveave (Maveave), while the Catholics are established at Tarape. The latter also have a large piece of land at Oispa, near URIO village, where they have a school.

REST HOUSES

These were all quite good.

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**MAPS.**

Most village positions would appear to be fairly accurate, but it was not possible to verify this with compass fixes. However, it is thought that KAPUI is situated further north up the Hunston river. The patrol travelled by canoe from KAPUI to LALAPIFI situated at the mouth of the Lohokana river, but it is difficult to say exactly where we entered the main stream of the Lohokana. The river was never less than 30 yards wide at any point and the current extremely powerful.

**CENSUS**

Population figures show a general increase of 413 since the last census 12 months ago.


Of 476 births recorded, 17 have died in the first year. This is an infant mortality rate of only 3.6%. The birth rate has been calculated at 413.7%.

All totals are shown on the census sheet.

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CONCLUSION

The patrol was carried out over broken periods extending over 42 days, in order to fit in with routine duties on the station, but in actual fact only 23 days were spent on patrol. The patrol was accompanied by George Malaisa, Interpreter, who gave valuable assistance.

  
K.E. Connelly  
Patrol Officer.

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K. E. Connolly.



**TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA**

**Patrol Post,  
Kakipi, C.D.**

**November 20th '55.**

**The Assistant District Officer,  
Koroma.**

**HELIX PATROL REPORT NO. 2 OF 1955/56.**

**Officer Conducting Patrol: K.H. CONNOLLY, P/O.**

**Accompanied by: B.R.B. BOWMAN, C.P/O.**

<b>Native Personnel accompanying:</b>	<b>Reg. No.</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>L/Cpl.</b>	<b>NAME</b>

**Objects of Patrol: To investigate alleged murder in Helix Gate region.**

**Duration: Eight days.**

**Map Reference: 4 Mile sheet: W4U series.**

On 11th Nov 55, a patrol of 12 men and 1 dog was sent to Helix Gate region to investigate alleged murder. The patrol was very successful and the following information was obtained. The area was very hilly and the patrol was made in heavy rain of 1955. The patrol was made approximately 4 miles from the Helix Gate post house which is the base. The patrol was made in a garden which is Helix Gate.

On 12th Nov 55, a patrol of 12 men and 1 dog was sent to Helix Gate region to investigate alleged murder. The patrol was very successful and the following information was obtained. The area was very hilly and the patrol was made in heavy rain of 1955. The patrol was made approximately 4 miles from the Helix Gate post house which is the base. The patrol was made in a garden which is Helix Gate.

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**INCIDENTS**

On Wednesday November 4th, mission teachers from PUTEI settlement, north of Halls Gate, arrived at Kukipi station, carrying a Kukuku woman who had received a deep knife cut, extending from the back of the head down to the neck. They reported further that another woman had been arrowed by the same man and was believed to have died in the bush. The perpetrator of both these assaults was alleged to be one PAFIPIA, a Kukuku male native.

Acting on this information, and with the approval of the District Commissioner, a patrol proceeded to the area with the object of making further investigations, and if possible, to apprehend the native or natives concerned.

**DIARY**

Friday November 6th. Gunriers departed with bulk of patrol gear 0700 hrs. per canoe. Self and Mr. Bowman, departed Kukipi per outboard canoe 1000 hrs. Arrived Noveve 1130 hrs. and walked through Heerula village to the Tauri river proper. Proceeded upstream to Gerapo mission and after a short stop returned on up the Tauri. Met canoe at URUPURIA, a Noveve garden camp at 1040 hrs. and camped for night.

Saturday November 7th. Broke camp 0645 hrs. Continued upstream with the current beginning to get very strong. Arrived APWAVU, another Noveve garden hamlet 1200 hrs. and camped for the night. Here the patrol met a Kukuku from the PUTEI area, but no reliable information was forthcoming, except that PAFIPIA was alleged to be still at PUTEI, which was extremely unlikely.

Sunday November 8th. Departed APWAVU 0700 hrs. The current at this stage was very powerful, and the outboard engine could travel no faster than the remainder of the canoe. Camp was made in heavy rain at 1400 hrs. on the bank of the river. This camp was made approximately 1/2 mile from the old government rest house marked on the map. Here information was received that PAFIPIA was living in a garden hamlet below PUTEI.

Monday November 9th. Constable MAUNDAL (a Kukuku) with two local guides departed 0545 hrs. and proceeded along the Tauri, with instructions to endeavour to obtain the exact whereabouts of PAFIPIA. He was then to meet the main party along the inland track and plans would be made accordingly. Self and 4 constables departed 0700 hrs. with two guides, and proceeded along the inland track just mentioned. This "track" was ill defined and the bush extremely dense and the guides had some difficulty in finding their way. Several small streams were crossed and the party followed one known as PANINA for some distance, actually walking in the stream itself as there was no other route. An abundance of isochas did not help matters. At approximately 1145 hrs. the guides warned us that we were approaching PAFIPIA's camp, and as we had seen no signs of canoe MAUNDAL and his party, decided to go ahead. Accordingly the patrol spread out and approached the only hut that could be seen. However, apparently PAFIPIA had received prior warning and left sometime previous, leaving his harpoon and a few articles of clothing. After a short spell the party continued onto PUTEI settlement. The two guides were sent in ahead to ascertain the possibility of PAFIPIA being there but without result. One Kukuku family only were present and they informed the patrol that they had not seen PAFIPIA since the 3rd. Mr. Bowman, in the meanwhile had proceeded upstream with the canoe, and a rendezvous was arranged at PUTEI. Met Mr. Bowman's party at 1300 hrs. and camp was made on the junction of the Tauri, Ogle and Petanui rivers. Const. MAUNDAL arrived 1630 hrs. having seen no signs of PAFIPIA.

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DIARY (Continued)

Tuesday November 10th. At PUPPI. Information received as to the whereabouts of PATEIPA. Consts MAUDJAI and ANGIJA sent with two guides, with instructions to ascertain the truth of this information, and if possible apprehend PATEIPA. They were ordered to be back at the camp by the 11th afternoon at the latest and on no account to follow him further. Mr. Bowen commenced compass traverse of Catholic Mission lease.


Wednesday November 11th. At PUPPI. Mr Bowen completed traverse. Consts MAUDJAI and ANGIJA returned to the camp 1730 hrs. having made an arrest. They had apparently caught up with PATEIPA at dusk on the 10th at a bush hamlet, and kept watch on him all night. At dawn they had caught him as he walked a short distance from the house. His wife accompanied him down to the camp. Guards detailed for the night.

Thursday November 12th. Patrol departed PUPPI 0700 hrs. in dull weather, the outboard engine having refused to start, due to a faulty spark plug. Proceeded downstream and camped KURUVA, a Rovese garden hamlet, at 1515 hrs.

Friday November 13th. Departed downstream 0650 hrs. Called in at Sorapo mission, and after a short stay continued down to Kukipi station arriving approximately 1600 hrs.

CONCLUSION.

While up at PUPPI reliable information was received that the woman who had allegedly been arrested to death, had in fact received three arrows in her body, but was still alive and lying in a bush hamlet. The patrol unfortunately, could not get any information of her condition or her location, and it would have been futile remaining in the area on her account. The woman who had been brought to Kukipi, is now receiving attention in the Kerema Native Hospital, and is reported to be making a good recovery. The success of the patrol was due mainly to the good work of Consts MAUDJAI and ANGIJA who are to be congratulated.

  
K.I. Connolly  
Patrol Officer.

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G.G. Hardy. C.P.O.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Patrol Post,  
K U K I P I.  
28th. August, 1954.

The last patrol to the area was conducted by Mr. K. E. Connors, District Commissioner, in October, 1953. The date of the last medical patrol is not known from records at this office. The purpose of the present patrol was to conduct a census and routine administration. The KOVIO area, in the villages of UHIVA, KAPUI and URUAI. A small hamlet K I K O R I. is situated on the coast. It consists of only two families.

KUKUPI PATROL REPORT NO. 1/1954-55.

OFFICER CONDUCTING THE PATROL:

G.G. Hardy, C.P.O.

AREA PATROLLED:

The Inland Group of KOVIO.

DURATION OF PATROL:

Commenced 16th. August, 1954.  
Completed 21st. August, 1954.  
Number of days 6.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING:

Reg. No. 6944 Const, MIMARI,  
" " 1649 " TAVAILOGO,  
" " 8556 " MURI,  
Interpreter MALAISA.

LAST PATROL TO AREA:

October, 1953.

OBJECTS OF PATROL:

Census and routine administration.

*G.G. Hardy*  
(G.G. HARDY)  
Cadet Patrol Officer

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**INTRODUCTION:** The last patrol to the KOVIO Group was a census patrol in October, 1953, conducted by Mr. K. E. Connolly, Patrol Officer. The date of the last medical patrol is not known from records at this office. The purposes of the present patrol were census revision and routine administration. The KOVIO Group is comprised of the villages of URIVA, KAPUI and URUALU. A small hamlet PANIMA, about 2 hours walk from URIVA lies at URIVA for census. It consists of only two families.

DIARY

**Monday, 16th. August.** Left KUKIPI Station at 9am. by canoe and reached ISAPE-APPE at 10-15am. Then walked along the beach to URITAI and arrived at LAKEKEMU River at 11-10am. Crossed the river to LALAPIPI, which village was left at 12 noon and KAPUI reached about one hour later. Left KAPUI at 1-15pm. on 2 canoes and proceeded up KAPUI Creek against the falling tide. POPO Village was reached at 6-20pm. Slept in POPO resthouse.

**Tuesday, August 17th.** Left POPO at 6-50am. with 3 canoes, and reached URIVA Village at 4pm. Census revision and inspection of the village carried out. POPO Carriers paid off in tobacco for their return to their village the next morning.

**Wednesday, 18th. August.** Departed URIVA at 6-55am. and after 2 hours walking reached the small hamlet of PANIMA. After another two hours began climbing the the dividing range of hills and reached the summit at midday. KAPUI Village was reached at 2-50pm. Census was checked and the village inspected. The patrol's arrival coincided with the arrival of 3 canoes which had been sent up from MOVIAMI on my instructions.

**Thursday, 19th. August.** Left KAPUI at 6-45am. and walked downstream for 50 minutes to the canoe limit. Started downriver at 7-45 am. Travelled down the KUNIMAIPARIVER into the LAKE-KAMU River and reached the camp at the mouth of the OLIPAI River about 3pm. After half an hour continued on down river and reached URUALU at 8pm.

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Diary Cont'd:

Friday,  
20th. August

Checked the census and inspected the village. Discussed land position with URULAU people as regards their occupation of land claimed by the MOVIAMI.

Departed URULAU at 7-45am. and continued down river, arriving at KOPOI Hamlet opposite TERAPO Catholic Mission at 5pm. Walked through to the Mission, where the patrol stopped the night.

Saturday,  
21st. August.

Accompanied by Father Blanc of the Mission, tried to determine the boundaries of the TERAPO lease from a map of the land held by the mission. Returned to KUKIPI. End of Patrol.

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NATIVE AFFAIRS:

The general native situation appears satisfactory.

None of the usual petty disputes were brought up for settlement, and there appears to be none or very little of the bickering and arguing found elsewhere. Everyone seems in favour of combining to form one village, but each village maintains the other two should come to it, and so nothing is done. URULAU Village is built on land claimed by the MOVIAMI (who lay claim to as much land as they can on the LAKEKAMU River). A couple of years ago an agreement was reached before a patrolling Officer that the MOVIAMI would "sell" the land to the KOVIO. No payment has yet been made and both sides realise that they can't legally buy or sell land. The URULAU people have no goods to pay for the land anyway, and they requested that the land on which the village is situated, between one and two acres, be bought by the Administration and transferred to them. Otherwise they will probably have to vacate the land and return inland away from the river which would be a setback to them as they have in recent years learnt the art of canoe making. Also being on the river makes them more accessible. The people were told that their request would be referred on and they would be advised of the decision.

HOUSING & SANITATION:

URIVA Village was in excellent order and the housing was good. A number of new houses were in course of construction.

KAPUI Village was not good, being overgrown with grass and rubbish. It appeared as though the place is occupied only when a patrol appears on the horizon. Considering the nomadic tendencies of these people this is not surprising.

Housing Cont'd:

URULAU Village was in good condition, orders re rewalling of houses, given by the previous patrol having been carried out.

AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK: These people seem to be gradually forsaking their nomadic habits, and are starting fair sized gardens, especially at URIVA where the Mission teacher is in charge of operations.

Quite a few pigs were seen and these were of the usual village type.

HEALTH: The/last medical patrol to the KOVIO Group is unknown. General health appears good although a Medical patrol would no doubt uncover some illnesses etc. An infant at KAPUI was seen with yaws and the father was instructed to take it to TERAPO for treatment. A man with what appeared to be some form of septic dermatitis was also ordered to Terapo. The appearance of some of the people suggests there might be a fair incidence of T.B. The wife of the V.C. at URIVA had been ill for sometime with what appeared to be T.B. However the woman refused to go to hospital. The V.C. reported before the patrol left next morning that someone had made a magic pass over his wife during the night and she was making a speedy recovery. I heard later that the woman died that same day.

MISSIONS: The L.M.S. Mission has a teacher in each of the three villages. Also there are two establishments run by an L.M.S. teacher on the LAKEKAMU River opposite the effluence of the OGIPAI River and FISH Creek. Kukukuku people from the headwaters of these two streams are there making gardens. It is also reported that a number of MOVIAMI men of the L.M.S. following are wandering about in the Kukukuku country at the head of the TAURI and LAKEKAMU River of their own accord, doing some "civilising".

CENSUS: Statistics showing present and previous figures are attached to this report.

RESTHOUSES: The resthouse at URIVA is in only fair condition, there is none at KAPUI and a new one is being built at URULAU. In none of the villages were there Police Barracks. Instructions were left for these matters to be attended to.



VILLAGE OFFICIALS: There is one Village Constable for the whole Group, living at URIVA. As he is an old man it is doubtful if he ever sees the other two villages. The Councilors at Kapui and URUIAU seem to have a heavy job on their hands without the support of a capable Village Constable. As the population does not warrant more than one V.C. a younger man was selected to report to KUKIPI for appointment.

ROADS: There is only one days walking and that is between KAPUI and URIVA. It is only a bush track and while it is not very rough going, a couple of sago swamps along the way do not improve it. It is a good 8 hours walk from URIVA to KAPUI.

ANTHROPOLOGY:

- (a) General - No observations.
- (b) Specimens collected for Territorial Museum - M I L.

CONCLUSION:

It is unfortunate that there has been such a lapse of time since the last patrol, but the opportunity to conduct a patrol earlier in the year could not be found. These villages are only visited on an average of once a year for census purposes. Although the communities are only small, routine patrols in the intervening period would no doubt do much good, especially if they could be done in conjunction with a medical patrol.

*G. S. Hardy*  
(G. S. HARDY)  
Cadet Patrol Officer.

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Report on Members of Royal Papuan Constabulary accompanying Patrol.

- Reg.No.1649 Constable TAVAILOGO. Carried out his duties satisfactorily.
- Reg.No,6944 Constable MIMARI. An alert type who worked conscientiously at all times.
- Re.No.8556 Constable MURI. Young and inexperienced but seems intelligent. Worked satisfactorily.

*G. S. Hardy*  
 (G. S. HARDY)  
 Officer of R.P.C.

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Kukupi 2 of 54/55

N. G. G. Lambden P.O.

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Territory of Papua and New Guinea.

Patrol Report No. KUKUPI 2/54-55.  
October 22 October 54

Patrol Post,  
KUKUPI,  
Gulf District.  
19 November 54.

The Assistant District Officer,  
KEAENA.

Patrol Report No. KUKUPI 2/54-55.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: W.J.G. LAMBDEN P.O.

AREA PATROLING: EAST COAST

ACCOMPANIED BY: NIMARI  
EVARA

Court Interpreter GEORGE MALAISA

DURATION: 22/10/54 - 13/11/54 (in broken periods)  
14 actual days on patrol.

LAST D.B.S. PATROL: OCTOBER 1953

LAST P.H.D. PATROL: OCTOBER 1954

- OBJECTS OF PATROL:
1. CENSUS REVISION
  2. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

MAP REFERENCE: STRAT. SKRIPS YULE ISLAND SHEET.

October 22 October 54  
Departed KEAENA at 0600 and arrived ILIWA heading  
arriving LALUPPI at 1200. Census revision and general  
and general admin. stayed UNITAL rest house.

October 30 October 54  
Census revision and general admin. at UNITAL.  
Departed at 1300 and arrived Kukupi Station at 1400.

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(1) Diary.

Friday 22 October 54.

Departed Kukipi per M.V. Tearipi at 0730. Arrived IOKRA at 1130. Census revision of MIRAPO and general admin. during afternoon.

Saturday 23 October 54.

Census revision and general admin at IOKRA all day.

Sunday 24 October 54.

Working on census figures all day.

Monday 25 October 54.

Departed in company of Mr. Luke WMA for OIAPU villages at 1000. Arrived 12 noon. During afternoon on census of hamlets of UAFUNU, LAURERAVA, LAUROVA, and MORIO. Mr. Luke returned to IOKRA.

Tuesday 26 October 54.

Census revision of ROVIO and general admin. Departed at 1100 and arrived SAROFA hamlet at 1200. Census revision and general admin. Departed at 1500 for MIANSU via IOKRA and arriving at 1730.

Wednesday 27 October 54.

Census revision and general admin. at MIANSU and KRAVIRI hamlet all day.

Thursday 28 October 54.

Departed MIANSU at 0600 and arrived AVIHARA at 0700. Census revision and general admin. at hamlets of AVIHARA and HARAKEA during the morning. Crossed to KAVORA hamlet for census revision and general admin. during the afternoon.

Friday 29 October 54.

Departed AVIHARA at 0600 and arrived ILAVA hamlet at 0700. Census revision and general admin. Departed 1000 arriving LALAPIPI at 1200. Census revision and general admin. Crossed to MIRAVASE at 1500. Census revision and general admin. Slept URITAI rest house.

Saturday 30 October 54.

Census revision and general admin. at URITAI. Departed at 1300 and arrived Kukipi Station at 1430.

Sunday 31 October 54.

Observed.

Monday 1 November 54.

Attending to Station matters.

Tuesday 2 November 54.

Attending to Station matters.

Wednesday 3 November 54.

Walked to ISAPKAP during the morning for census revision. Returned to Station.

Thursday 4 November 54.

To Kukipi during the morning for census revision and to MAREKA during the afternoon. Returned to Station.

Friday 5 to Wednesday 10 November 54.

Attending to Station matters.

Thursday 11 November 54.

Departed Kukipi at 0700. Arrived at the mouth of the Kapuri River at 1000 and embarked on canoes. Arrived POPO at 1630.

Friday 12 November 54.

Census revision and general admin. of the POPO hamlets of KAISAVA, LULUAPU and NIKAFINS.

Saturday 13 November 54.

Departed POPO in canoes at 0800. Commenced walking at 0900. Walked until the canoes were met at 1100. Embarked on canoes and arrived Torapo Mission at 1600. By launch to Neviave and then by canoe to Kukipi Station arriving there at 1900.

End of Patrol.

(b) Introduction.

1. As the author handed over the Station to Mr. Harris P.O. on 20 November 54 it was necessary to discontinue the patrol leaving the village groups of Nomiave, HANUHANE, and LILEFIAM still to be censused.
2. The patrol visited all villages East of Kukipi to Cape Possession, the border of the Gulf and Central Districts.
3. With the exception of the inland village of POPO all villages visited are coastal villages not over 2 hours apart.

(c) Native Affairs.

4. There is a flourishing Co-operative movement in the area. All villages have their own Society stores and are all members of the Teoripi Association of Native Societies. At POPO and LENE it was reported that the societies in these 2 villages had been giving out credit to their members. This was reported to the Co-operative Inspectors at Kukipi who have since made their recommendations to the Registrar of the Co-operatives. This practice has now ceased.
5. During the patrol 3 cases were heard in the Court for Native Matters resulting in 3 convictions for sorcery and unlawfully striking. Sorcery is a very common cause for complaint in this area. One of the main hotbeds of sorcery is UNIFAI village where 3 men have been convicted on sorcery charges. This village was also the scene of a murder over sorcery a couple of years ago. Many and various minor disputes over pigs, money and ownership of coconut palms were settled out of court with the aid of the village councillors. With the present price of copra their coconut palms are now valuable assets. As all villages are within a days walk of Kukipi Station most of their courts are brought into the Station for settlement.
6. The people of LENE and IOKEA approached me regarding the establishment of an Area Council. This matter has since been investigated by Mr. Bensch a/A.D.O. at Kerema.
7. The people of IOKEA have an ambitious plan to supply water to their village. This village has put aside 2000 for the project and propose to build a dam across a small creek at the rear of the village. From this dam the water will gravity feed through pipes to the village. Mr. Brown of the L.M.S. at MONU has drawn a plan of the project and is providing all the technical knowledge and assistance that he can.

(d) Villages.

8. All villages visited during the patrol were in good order. Several of the villages have rebuilding schemes under way. These villages are constructing new houses with silo walls and adzed timber.
9. All villages have rest houses and police barracks which without exception are in good order.

(a) Roads and Bridges.

10. As nearly all villages visited are situated on the beach most of the roads are along the beach. In several places there are inside tracks but during the middle of the day these tracks become unbearably hot and it is much pleasanter to walk along the beach. Where there are tracks they are in good order.

(b) Village Officials.

11. All V.C.'s and Councillors met encountered have been doing a good job. Most disputes and minor troubles in the villages are brought into KUKIPI for settlement. All offences against the Native Regulations are brought into KUKIPI to be heard.

(c) Agriculture and Livestock.

12. The staple diet of these people is sago of which there is an abundant supply in the large swamps at the rear of the villages. Other foodstuffs grown are pineapples, bananas, pawpaws, sweet potato and taro.

13. Pigs dogs and fowls are plentiful in all villages. The country in between POPO and the Lakokamu River is alive with all types of bird life.

(d) Health.

14. Mr. Luke E.M.A. Kerema had, just prior to this patrol, completed an inspection of all aid posts in the area.

15. There are aid posts established at most villages throughout the area. The village people come in quite readily to these aid posts.

16. The general health of the area appeared to be good. Sipema is very prevalent throughout the area.

(e) Missions.

17. Both the London Missionary Society and the Mission of the Sacred Heart (R.C.) are working in the area. The L.M.S. staffed by Mr. & Mrs. Brown has its headquarters at MORU. and the M.S.C. at Terapo is in charge of Father Blanc.

18. Boarding schools are established at KRY, and MOVIAVE by the L.M.S. and at Terapo by the M.S.C. The L.M.S. Moiviave school is staffed by a Saruan teacher. All these schools take in both male and female pupils. Both missions also have village schools staffed by native teachers.

19. Medical treatment is provided by the Sisters at Terapo and by Mrs. Brown at Moru.



(j) Education.

20. There are 2 village higher schools established by the Department of Education in the area. Both these schools are staffed by native teachers and are situated at MIARU and MIRAVASU. Both male and female students attend these schools.

21. Quite a large number of of students are attending the Kerema Girls School and the Coronation Central School at Kerema.

(k) Census.

22. A total of 7577 people were censused in 23 villages and hamlets. I have estimated that there are still 3-4000 people to be censused.

23. A total of 329 births and 97 deaths were recorded giving a total natural increase of 232.


24. A total of 771 men, women and children were recorded as being absent from their villages.

25. In all villages the people came readily for census and kept quiet throughout the proceedings.

(l) Anthropology.

26. No observations were made.

27. No specimens were collected.

  
(G. Lambden.)  
Patrol Officer.

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**Report on members of R.P. & N.G.C. accompanying  
KUKIPI Patrol No. 2/54-55.**

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

**Reg. No. 6944 Const. NIMARI.**

On loan from Kerema for the patrol. Proved an excellent patrol policeman. Discipline and bearing excellent

**Reg. No. 5006 Const. EVARA.**

Also on loan from Kerema for the patrol. A good all round policeman. An excellent shot.

The District Services & Native Affairs, Port Moresby.

District Office, NIMARI, Dist. District, 14th December 1955.

Patrol Report No. 2/54-55  
KUKIPI Patrol No. 2/54-55

(G. Lambden P.O.)  
**O.I.C. of Patrol.**

Please find attached the a/ Officer Lambden. Mr. Lambden was only stationed at Kukipi until relief was available. It will be noted therefore that the P.O discontinued his patrol, Mr CPO Harris having arrived to take over the Post.

**NATIVE AFFAIRS.** Conditions appear to be favourable in the area patrolled. The water supply for TOKHA Village, is a bit before its time. Tokha is a flourishing village, and the project will be of great benefit to the people. I feel that they should be encouraged to get on with the scheme as soon as possible.

**VILLAGES.** It is pleasing to note that all villages visited in the area patrolled, were in reasonably good order.

**EDUCATION.** It is good to note also, that students are attending the schools situated at MAIRU and NIKIVARE, and that quite a number are at the school at Kerema.

District Commissioner

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 30-1/312

District Office,  
KIKORI, Gulf District,  
4th December, 1954.

The Director,  
Dept, District Services &  
Native Affairs,  
Port Moresby.

Patrol Report No. 2/54-55.  
Kukipi Patrol Post.

Please find attached the a/m report submitted by Patrol Officer Lambden.

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*L. J. ...*  
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District Commissioner.

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Kukipi 3 of 54/55

D.A. Elder C.P.O.

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Territory of Papua and New Guinea

Patrol Post,  
Gulf Division,  
KUKIPI.

21st March 1955

The Assistant District Officer,  
Gulf District,  
KAREMA

Monday 7th March

KUKIPI PATROL REPORT No. 3/54-55

Left Kukiapi Station at 8.30 by canoe for SAVAVIHI  
arriving at 12.30 having been slowed down a little by the outgoing  
canoe. The area left revisited when on 10th and 11th March  
The FORUMBU group west of  
subject of this report.

OFFICER CONDUCTING PATROL: D.A. Sider, C.P.O.

AREA PATROLLED: MOVIAMI and western MOTUMOTU groups.

OBJECTS OF PATROL: Census and routine administration.

DURATION OF PATROL: Six days 7th to 10th and 17th-18th March 1955

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: No. 6945 Const TIVIRARI

Census check, village inspection and  
Court interpreter SARA

LAST PATROL OF AREA October 1953

MAP REFERENCE Strat series Yule Island sheet.

Tuesday 11th March

At station compiling census figures.

Wednesday 12th March

At Karembe for the visit of Mr. Honour the District Officer.

Thursday 13th March

Left KUKIPI station at 10.30 by canoe for SAVAVIHI  
arriving at 12.30. Census check and village inspection  
Left at 1.30 for SAVAVIHI residence.

Friday 14th March

Left SAVAVIHI at 9.00 for KUKIPI station  
arriving at 12.30. Census check and village inspection  
for KUKIPI station arriving at 1.30.

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Introduction

The census figures given with this report comprise the complete figures for the east coast area. The majority of these were compiled by Mr Lambden P.O. whose report Kukipi Patrol Report No. 2 refers. The area left unvisited when he left this district consisted of MOVIAMI and part of the MOTUMORU group west of Kukipi station. That area is the subject of this report.

Diary

Monday 7th March 1955

Left Kukipi station at 10.30 by canoe for SAVALVIRI arriving at 12.30 having been slowed down a little by the outgoing tide. A census check and village inspection carried out during the afternoon. Spent the night at SAVALVIRI resthouse.

Tuesday 8th March

Departed SAVALVIRI at 7.45 by canoe for TAPALA on the incoming tide arriving at 9.30. After a short stop proceeded to MALALAUA aerodrome a hour by canoe and a hour walk from TAPALA. Returned to TAPALA at noon. Census during the afternoon. Left at 5.45 by canoe for HEATOARE village arriving there at 8.00pm. Slept at HEATOARE resthouse.

Wednesday 9th March

Census check, village inspection and general administration. Slept at HEATOARE resthouse.

Thursday 10th March

Census check and village inspection at adjacent HEAVALA village. Left at 5.00 for KUKIPI station arriving there at 6.30.

Friday 11th March

At station compiling census figures.

Saturday 12th to Tuesday 15th March

At Kerema for the visit of His Honour the Administrator

Thursday 17th March

Left KUKIPI station at 10.00 by canoe arriving at LELEFIRU at 12.30. Census check and village inspection carried out. Slept at LELEFIRU resthouse.

Friday 18th March

Left LELEFIRU at 9.00 for HAMUHAMU where a census check of HAMUHAMU, TAVAFURU, and TAURIHAMU was completed. Left at 2pm for KUKIPI station arriving at 4.30.

END OF PATROL

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Native Affairs

Minor complaints and requests were heard in the various villages, these consisted mainly of land disputes where a great deal of patience was required in arranging a satisfactory settlement.

In the MOVIAMI group the disputed ownership of land is a frequent cause of trouble. The trouble in most cases was found to arise from the practice of these people of planting trees on land which is not their own, or allowing others to use their land for gardens. This practice is now being discouraged. Broadly speaking the disputes concerned fruit from trees planted by one man on another's land. The old councillors of these villages and in particular V.C. JACK were of great assistance in settling many of these disputes their good memories being frequently called upon to give a clear picture of the ownership of the land in question. Settlement of disputes over land in the future will be even more difficult when these older men die out.

A large number of requests was received from old people for their children to return to the village from their places of employment in order to support their aged parents who are now past the stage of being able to get adequate supplies of food for themselves. The children of these people are now being contacted and failing their return to the village some form of maintenance may be arranged.

A group of men from HEAVALA village are planning to move and build another village farther up the TAURI river. This plan has been given the approval of the Assistant District Officer at KEREMA and at present 35 men together with their wives and children plan to make the move. This move when completed will greatly assist in relieving the serious overcrowding in HEAVALA village which now has a population of over 1500. This single advantage of the move will greatly outweigh the disadvantage from the administration angle of the proposed settlement being two days upstream from the present village. The need for a well constructed village on a good site was stressed on these people.

It is now common practice for the followers of the L.M.S. at MOVIAMI to visit the KUKUKUKU people at the headwaters of the TAURI river spreading the mission influence. It would be interesting to see just what these people are doing in this area. The only possible result noted during the patrol was a few newly adopted KUKUKUKU children.

Native Agriculture and Livestock

Sago constitutes the staple diet of the people of the area and these trees are found in abundance in the numerous swamps and low lying ground of the area. Sago is supplemented by bananas, pawpaw, pineapple, and sweet potato. Tomatoes and oranges grow well and are frequently brought to the station. Fish also plays an important part in the diet of these people.

Many pigs were observed at all villages together with large numbers of fowls of a good type.

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Health

Health throughout the area was found to be generally good and the census figures indicate a very low infant mortality and death rate. A number of cases of yaws were noted in the MOVIAMI villages but all these cases were reported to be under treatment from the Catholic Mission at TERAPO.

Education

Mission schools are well established in most villages of the area. At LELEFIRU practically all the children of the village attend the L.M.S. school at KOARU further along the beach. A fair number of students from these villages were found to be attending Administration schools at Kerema, Iaubada, and Sogeri.

Roads and Bridges

The two means of movement in this area are by canoe or by foot along the beach. Little walking at all was done throughout the patrol but for the walk along the old A.P.C. road to MALALAUA aerodrome. This road has badly deteriorated and is washing away in many places being quite impassable to any but pedestrian traffic.

Airfields

During the patrol the aerodrome at MALALAUA was visited. A recent instruction from D.C.A. that the grass on the aerodrome is to be cut at three monthly intervals instead of monthly as previously instructed is now being carried out; the work being performed in rotation by each of the four MOVIAMI villages. The aerodrome was visited at the end of the three-monthly period and the grass on the airstrip was found to be well over two feet high. D.C.A. have now been advised of the position.

Village Officials

The village officials of the area all appear to be doing a satisfactory job and were of great assistance throughout the patrol. V.C. JACK of HEATCARE continues to be the controlling influence in the MOVIAMI group and has also been a great help with the construction of the new patrol post at MIRIVASS. This man seems long overdue for a Royal Service Medal.

Villages

All villages visited were found to be clean and in good condition with the possible exception of the overcrowded HEAVALA village where pigs were noticed inside the village fences. These people were given a warning against any repetition of this practice.

It is regrettable that the coast camp was not to be covered with the patrol and that there should have been some delay between the two. The frequent staff changes and the pressure of work with the building of the new patrol post at MIRIVASS can be held responsible for this delay. The previous officer at this station Mr. Harrison was pushing ahead with the construction of the new station from which there was no time in which this area could be visited.



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Villages cont'd

In the coastal villages rebuilding programmes are progressing and those people were urged to have work completed in the near future.

The resthouses and police barracks in all villages were in excellent condition.

Missions

Both the London Missionary Society and the Roman Catholic Mission have a strong following in the area and relations between both missions in the various villages appear to be most cordial. The Catholic Mission have a station at TERAPO one hour upstream from MOVIAMI while the L.M.S. has a Samoan Pastor in MOVIAMI village and a mission sub-station at KOARU 1/2 hour along the beach from DELEFIRU. Both missions are actively engaged in medical work in the area.

Census

The total population of the area was found to be 11,311 which indicates that the steady increase in population since the initial census has been continued at approximately the same rate as in previous years.

Births were found to exceed deaths by 549 to 161 a natural increase of 388. Very few females were recorded to have died in childbirth and the infant mortality rate was found to be very low.

A total of 1557 men, women, and children were absent from their villages, either, at work, living at their husband's or father's place of employment, or at school government or mission. This number of absentees seems to have little effect on these villages as the labour potential and population in the village remain reasonably high.

Anthropology

- (a) No observations were made.
- (b) No specimens were collected.

Conclusion

At all villages large quantities of food were brought forward and every effort was made to make the patrol welcome. An excellent concert was staged one night at HEATOARS village where great variety of items were presented.

It is regrettable that the east coast area had to be covered with two patrols and that there should have been some delay between the two. The frequent staff changes and the pressure of work with the building of the new patrol post at MIRIVASE can be held responsible for this delay. The previous officer at this station Mr Harris when pushing ahead with the construction of the new station found there was no time in which this area could be visited.

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Conclusion cont'd

However with the end of work on the new station in sight it is hoped that villages in the area will be visited more frequently than once a year for the yearly census check which has been the case previously.

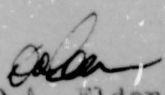
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( D.A. Elder )  
Cadet Patrol Officer G.D.

4-54/55  
6.  
Report on member of Royal Papuan and New Guinea Constabulary  
accompanying Kukipi Patrol No. 5/54-55

Reg. No. 6945 Const. TIVIRARI

A useful policeman. Appearance and discipline  
very good.

  
( D.A. Elder )  
Officer of R.P.C.

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

Year 1954

EAST COAST

G.P. Papua - 1047/12.47

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS												MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE AT WORK				STUDENTS				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES	Average Size of Family	TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL								
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# VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

Year 1954

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4-54/55

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

No. 30-1/713

DISTRICT OFFICE,  
KIKORI, GULF DISTRICT.  
3rd June, 1955.

The Director,  
Dept. District Services,  
& Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

P/r No. 4/54-55 Kukipi Patrol Post.

Please find attached the a/m report.

Page 2. Native Affairs. These requests from parents continue every time a patrol visits the area. Most of those concerned are in Port Moresby.

Para 4. This is a good move. HEAVALA Village has been overcrowded for some years.

Para 5. The adoption of the Kukukuku children is another practice which goes on all along the Kerema group of villages. I feel that it is a good thing, and when the children have grown up, they generally return to their clan, and by this time they have had, or learnt, quite a lot about the Administration and of Mission activity, which they pass on to their people. It is also a means of establishing friendly relationship amongst these people.

Page 2 Agriculture. It is good to note that they appear to have a good supply of food in this area, also pigs and fowls.

Page 3. Health. It is pleasing to note that the health throughout the area is good. Census figures indicate very low infant mortality and death rate.

Page 3. Education. These people appear to have taken the opportunity, and no doubt they appreciate the establishment of schools in their area, shown thus by attending same in large numbers.

Page 3. Village Officials. Officials according to the report are doing their job satisfactorily. Village Constable Jack has been recommended for the Loyal Service Medal.

Page 3 & 4. Villages. All were found to be in fair condition, including the rest house and barracks.

Page 4 & 5. Conclusion. There has been quite a few changes in staff in the Kukipi area, but now that the station is nearly completed, more time will be given to patrolling the area. Mr. Elder CPO has carried out a very good patrol.

*[Signature]*  
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District Commissioner.

Kukipi 4 of 54/55

D.A. Elder C.P.O.

Territory of Papua and New Guinea

Patrol Post,  
Gulf District,  
KUKIPI

10th June 1955

The Assistant District Officer,  
Gulf District,  
KIRIWA

KUKIPI PATROL REPORT No. 4/54-55

OFFICER CONDUCTING PATROL: D.A. Eider, C.P.O.

AREA PAROLED: LESS, POLO and KOVIC groups.

OBJECTS OF THE PATROL: Routine administration.

DURATION OF THE PATROL: Eight days. 31st May to 7th June

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: No. 8006 Const. EVARA

No. 6985 Const. HAMBA

Court interpreter SARA

LAST PAROL OF THE AREA: August 1954

MAP REFERENCE: Strat series Yule sheet.

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### Introduction

The object of this patrol was visit to the KOVIO group. With a census patrol to visit the area in the near future it was hoped that this patrol would help to achieve greater control over these people.

The KOVIO people live in three small hamlets URIVA, URUJAU, and KAPUI each a long days walk from the other and it has been difficult to make any great progress with this MEKEO speaking group. It was considered that a visit prior to the annual census patrol when instructions as to what work is to be done could be given followed by another patrol a short time later to ensure that instructions are promptly carried out would be of some value.

Any great progress with these semi-nomadic people will continue to be very slow until they settle down to live together in one village and it was hoped that some progress could be made in this direction although such attempts in the past have succeeded only in moving the KOVIO people from one small hamlet to the next.

### Diary

Tuesday 31st May 1955

Left the station at MIRIVASA at 12 noon and walked along the beach arriving at AVIHARA (LESE) resthouse at 4pm. After a short halt continued along the beach to MIARU where the Village Higher School was visited. Returned to AVIHARA resthouse at 7pm.

Wednesday 1st June

LESE disputes and complaints heard during the morning. Mr. Cochrane A.E.O. arrived at the resthouse at 12 noon en route MIARU. Left LESE for POPO by an inland track arriving at WUJAUPO resthouse at 5pm.

Thursday 2nd June

POPO disputes and complaints heard at WUJAUPO during the morning. In the afternoon KAISAVA and MIKAFARU hamlets visited.

Friday 3rd June

Left WUJAUPO at 7am arriving at 9.15 at URIVA having been delayed by snags in KAPUI creek.

Saturday 4th June

Village inspection and medical treatment of URIVA villagers completed. Learned that KAPUI village was at present uninhabited. Decided to proceed direct to URUJAU.

Sunday 5th June

Left URIVA at 7am and after 11 hours of almost continuous walking arrived at URUJAU.

Diary cont'dMonday 6th June

Discussion with KOVIO people regarding the combining of their three hamlets into one village. Medical treatment of villagers.

Tuesday 7th June

Left URULAU at 6 AM in MOVIAMI canoes, paddled down the LAKEZAMS river arriving at the station at 4pm.

End of PatrolNative Affairs

The visit to the LESS group of villages revealed a most unsatisfactory state of affairs. This village has in the past been regarded as progressive and it may be incorporated in the area council shortly to be set up including LOKSA, MIARU and LESS villages. The LESS villages were found to be in poor condition. These people seem to be a lazy lot although their lack of energy may be the result of weak Village Constables and Councillors in the village. This village is only 3 hours walk from the new station and frequent visits will have to be made in order to improve housing, sanitation and roads in this village area. There are many villages in the area in better condition than the LESS group.

The KOVIO people approached the patrol saying that they intended to live together in one village. This decision appears to be one entirely of their own choosing and it is hoped that this proves more successful than the many attempts to force these people to live together in one village. The only result of this action has been the moving of the people from one hamlet to another. On the walk from URIVA to URULAU two deserted hamlets were passed and there are more scattered throughout the area. The KOVIO intend to build their village at a place PUKO on the KUNIMAIPA river on a good site near to a large patch of sago trees. Both the URIVA and URULAU people favour the move and if they work together they should be able to construct a good clean village. The KAPUI people, who were living scattered in the bush at the time of the patrol, are apparently not as advanced as their fellows and are a little reluctant to join them. However as PUKO is quite close to KAPUI they should soon see the advantages of living together in one place and join the others at PUKO. These people were told that when they decided to live together patrols would be able to visit more regularly and medical work in the area could be greatly intensified. The people intend to leave the URULAU hamlet as it is built on MOVIAMI land they are afraid of it being someday claimed for use by the MOVIAMI people - a sound move considering the MOVIAMI's attitude to his land. These people will still have access to the station although the journey will be a little longer. However the great difficulty in the establishment of the new village will be in preventing the people from drifting back to old gardens planted recently in the various hamlets which will come into full production when the new village is surviving only on sago and such foods that can be gathered from the bush. The only way this may be overcome would be by frequent patrolling of the area.

### Native Agriculture

The semi-nomadic people of the KOVIO are only now settling down to make gardens near their villages, the work being supervised by the mission teachers in the various hamlets. The land in the KOVIO area seems fertile and these people will be able to greatly improve their diet with produce from well kept gardens.

Figs are kept in all villages although there is not a large number in the KOVIO group.

### Health

The coastal people visited seemed to be on the whole healthy although the aid posts at POPO and LESA leave much to be desired. Lack of medical supplies is a frequent cause of the poor work of the Medical Orderlies. However with the posting of an European Medical Assistant to this station Aid Posts will receive expert supervision and should reach a much higher standard of efficiency. The N.M.O. at POPO village seems to be a poor type and many of his village people are coming to this station for their treatments. This orderly at POPO had been instructed to make visits to the KOVIO but this patrol was his first visit to URULAU. The arrangement of a patrol to the area would be a little touch for the energy and ability of this particular orderly. Should the KOVIO people finally join and live together in one village an aid post could then be established and in fact one lad from the area is at present at school at KEREMA with the intention of returning to his village as a medical orderly. The general health of the villagers seems to be poor, the general increase in population evident in coastal villages is not seen in the KOVIO where epidemics with a number of deaths still occasionally sweep the hamlets. A striking example of the poor general health of these people was a comparison of the KOVIO carriers as compared with some POPO men on the walk from URIVA to URULAU. The POPO carriers arrived at URULAU quite fresh whilst the KOVIO men were very tired.

A number of KOVIO T.B. suspects were sent to KEREMA hospital for examination.

### Education

The Village Higher school at MIARU was visited, this school is doing good work in that area and has the support of the local population.

Mission schools are in operation in all the KOVIO villages and their some 400 students in schools at KEREMA and at the London Missionary Society head station at MORU. The great difficulty of the mission teachers of the KOVIO is in keeping the children at school when the families are still roaming around in the bush from one hamlet to the next. The teachers are also doing much good work in helping the people to build good gardens and to build canoes.

### Roads and Bridges

The inland road from LESSE to POPO was found to be in excellent condition having been cut the previous day when it was learnt that the patrol would be using the route, probably the annual cutting. The people of LESSE and POPO responsible for keeping the road clean were warned that a surprise inspection would be made in future.

The track from URIVA to URULAU was found to be extremely poor and in many places non-existent. Swamps, creeks and fallen trees making walking rather difficult. However when the people combine into one village on the river this track will no longer be in use.

### Village Officials

The village officials of the area visited seem to be doing a fair job although several are only keeping their positions through the lack of a suitable replacement. These men have a hard job handling a difficult people.

### Missions

Both the London Missionary Society and the Roman Catholic Mission operate in strength in the area. The L.M.S. are alone working at POPO and are doing much good work in the agricultural and educational fields in the KOVIO.

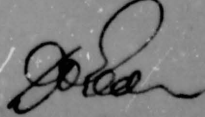
### Anthropology

- (a) No observations were made.
- (b) No specimens were collected.

### Conclusion

It is hoped that some useful results of this patrol will be seen when the area is again visited in three or four months time for census purposes. All villages were told that they were to be visited by another patrol in the near future and that improvements in the standard of housing and village cleanliness were expected. There is room for considerable improvements in all villages visited and frequent patrolling seems to be the best way of achieving this.

If the KOVIO people are finally going to go ahead and live together in one village it can be expected that considerable progress will be made with the group. The people have said that the next census could be held at the new village POKO and a village official has been instructed to report to the station when building on the new site has commenced. The problem of holding these people in their new village could be overcome by frequent patrols both District Services and medical. An efficient aid post however would probably be the greatest single factor in keeping the people together. Medical care would do much to reduce deaths and a larger and more effective labour force would make the establishment of good productive gardens much quicker and easier.

  
( D.A. Elder )  
Cadet Patrol Officer

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Report on members of R.P. & N.G.C. accompanying Kukipi  
Patrol No. 4/54-55

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Reg. No. 8006 Const EVARA

Found to be an excellent policeman. Knows  
his job and does it.

Reg. No. 8985 Const HAMDA

A new man who worked well. Should improve  
with experience.

*Carlo*  
D.A. II  
Officer of



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 30-1/768

District Office,

KIKORI. G.D.

June 28th, 1955.

Director,  
Dept. District Services & N.A.  
PORT MORESBY.

SUBJECT ; PATROL REPORT NO. 4/54-55 - KUKIPI.

Please find attached the abovementioned report submitted by C.P.O. Elder, KUKIPI.

Native Affairs.

The position at LESA does not appear good. The A.D.O., at KEREMA more or less puts this down to a lack of confidence on the part of the natives due to the delay in forwarding an officer to investigate the possibility of forming a Council in that area. The matter of a Council in that area was discussed some time in March, with the Director of D.D.S. & N.A., and also His Honour the Administrator.

The move by the KOVIO people is a good one provided that they intend to re-build a good village.

Health.

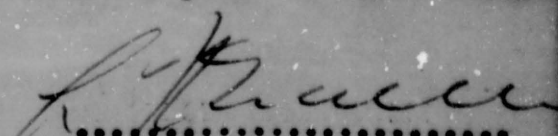
The A.D.O. KEREMA advises that an E.M.A. will be posted to this area shortly and no doubt he can keep the Aid Posts up to date by regular inspections.

Education.

It is pleasing to note that the people are enthusiastic re this school in their area.

Village Officials.

These men do their best, and whenever possible those unable to effect their duties are replaced.

  
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District Commissioner. G.D.

Kukipi 1 of 55/56

D.A. Elder C.P.O.

Territory of Papua and New Guinea

Patrol Post,  
Gulf District,  
KIKIPI

22nd July 1955

The Assistant District Officer,  
Gulf District,  
KIKIPI

KIKIPI PATROL REPORT No.1/55-56

OFFICER CONDUCTING PATROL: D.A. Elder, C.P.O.

AREA PATROLLED: East Coast.

OBJECTS OF THE PATROL: Routine Administration.

DURATION OF THE PATROL: Six days. 11th to the 16th July.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: No. 5944 Const. MIMARI

No. 8006 Const. BYARA

Court Interpreter SANA

LAST PATROL OF THE AREA: November 1954

MAP REFERENCE: Strat series Yale sheet.

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Introduction

The object of this patrol was a visit to all coastal villages from the LASS group to Cape Possession which forms the boundary of the Gulf and Central districts. The last patrol of the area was carried out by Mr. W.J.C. Leaden Patrol Officer in October 1954. Although the people of this area appear to have no give little trouble and maintain quite a high standard of living this visit was made for the purpose of routine administration and in order to attempt to reach settlement of some land disputes which have been causing a certain amount of ill-feeling between some of the villages in the area.

All villages are situated on the coast and none are more than 2 hours walk from the next. The boundaries of the LASS villages of the people of the different villages are not defined by the people and this has led to many disputes which were settled as early as 1952 are still being given at would be given to the confidence of these people.

Monday 11th July 1955  
Left the station at MIRIVASS at 12.45 for MIARU arriving there at 2.15 after halts at ILAVA (LESE) AVIHARA (LESE). Slept at MIARU resthouse.

Tuesday 12th July  
Left the station at MIRIVASS at 12.45 for MIARU arriving there at 2.15 after halts at ILAVA (LESE) AVIHARA (LESE). Slept at MIARU resthouse.

Wednesday 13th July  
Left MIARU at 9.00 and arrived at SARORA (OLAPU) at 10.00 and MORIO (OLAPU) resthouse at 11.15. In the afternoon to ROVA hamlet for inspection. Returned to the resthouse in the late afternoon.

Thursday 14th July  
Left SARORA (OLAPU) resthouse at 8.00 and made an inspection of LAURIRAVA, LABROVA, MORIO and SARORA hamlets on the way back to IOKEA. Called at the L.M.S. station at MORIO at 11.15. General administration at IOKEA village during the afternoon.

Friday 15th July  
Departed IOKEA at 8.30 for the MIARU river at APANAIFI by an inland track arriving at 11.30. Left APANAIFI at 1.00 by canoe and inspected land the subject of disputes between APANAIFI-MIARU and IOKEA-MIARU villages on the way down river. MIARU was reached at 6pm.

Saturday 16th July  
Attending to land disputes during the morning. Left MIARU at 2pm and arrived at the station at 6pm after completing an inspection of AVIHARA and SARORA villages in the LASS group.

End of Patrol

## Native Affairs

The first thing noticed on this patrol was the marked improvement in the condition of the LESSE group of villages since the last visit on the first of June. The roads of the area are now being kept clean and considerable progress has been made with the house building programme especially in MAREKEA village. If the people continue working at the present rate a high standard of housing will be reached in a comparatively short time. These people have shown that with a little jogging they can get together and work hard to produce results. It will be most interesting to see whether this current improvement is continued.

Land disputes again made up the majority of disputes heard. The main trouble usually concerns the boundary of the land belonging to the people of the different villages. Boundaries are not recognized by all parties and this plus the occasional inter-village marriage results in encroaching by all parties. Disputes which were settled as early as 1929 are still being brought up yearly, all parties have not yet given up hope of the original decision being changed.

A certain lack of faith in the Administration exists in the LESSE, MIARU and IOKEA groups as a result of the government's failure up to the present, to honour a promise to send an officer to their area with the object of setting up an area council. These people approached His Honour the Administrator during his recent visit to KEREKA and were promised that the matter would be investigated. Shortly after this they were advised that an officer would be arriving in their area in April or May of this year. Since then nothing further has been heard. If a reason for the delay were given it would do much to restore the confidence of these people.

The Co-operative movement is very well established in this area but apart from the improved diet of the people few other benefits were observed. MIARU is the only village where rainwater tanks were noticed and few iron roofs were seen throughout the area. The stock in the stores is of a very limited variety and it is considered that galvanised iron and water tanks would be purchased by these people if made available through their local store. It is appreciated that the Co-operative movement operates essentially as a business venture concerned mainly with placing money in society members pockets but surely it can also be used to raise the standard of living of the people by presenting for sale in the stores consumer goods which will help in attaining that end.

It seems certain that the people of this area are not making the most of their current prosperity.

## Native Agriculture

All villages visited have large areas of garden land which is put to good use in the cultivation of large gardens. Bananas, sweet potato, mallock, sago, of which there is an adequate supply, fresh fish and game together with rice and tinned meat from the store comprise the main items of diet of these people.

Pigs and fowls exist in large numbers in all villages.

### Health

A good diet seems to have a good deal to do with the fact that the people on the whole are very healthy. Aid Posts are in operation at GAFORU, SAROTA, OLAPU, IOKEA, MIARU and AVIARA and KAVORA in the LESS group. In addition to these treatment can also be obtained at the L.M.S. station at NORU near IOKEA village. The lack of medical supplies continues to be the main cause of inefficiency but this problem will soon be solved when supplies are issued from the hospital at this station instead of from KARAMA hospital.

### Education

The Department of Education have a Village Higher School in operation at MIARU. This school is doing an excellent job and is carrying on with a minimum of supervision. The staff at the school TEAREKA HAHA and MIRIA AISI both seem to be doing a good job and this was shown at a recent singing festival at this station when MIARU school performed most creditably when in competition with the larger European supervised Government and Mission schools.

Both the Catholic and L.M.S. missions operate village schools in the area whilst the L.M.S. have a higher school at their station at NORU.

### Roads and Bridges

Apart from the trip from IOKEA to AFANAIFI all walking was done along the beach at low tide. The IOKEA-AFANAIFI track was in good condition although rather steep in parts.

### Village Officials

The people of the area visited generally have or give little trouble and this no doubt is due in part to the good done by the Village Constables and Councillors in the various villages. Most of these men seem to have plenty of authority.

At IOKEA the Councillors settle many disputes at their meetings and the minutes of these meetings are presented to the officer visiting the village for his examination and advise.

### Villages

All villages visited were found to be in reasonably good condition. Houses that have been completed are of a good standard and the rebuilding of old houses is continuing. However in some villages it was found that more than one family were occupying some of the houses but as rebuilding progresses a point should be reached when all villages will have one house for one family.

In the LESS group considerable progress has been made with the rebuilding programme but the sites of the villages are not good and in the past few months heavy seas have washed away much land around the villages.

Villages(cont'd)

It is to be hoped that the villages will not be washed away after so much work has been put into their construction.

Rehousess and police barracks in these villages wer. all in fair condition.

Water Supply

All villages visited obtain their drinking water from wells which seem to be quite well kept. At IOKEA the people plan to provide a water supply by building a dam across a small creek at the rear of the village however not much work has been done and it will be a considerable time before work will be completed.

Missions

The London Missionary Society were in operation in most villeges and have a station at MOKU 10 minutes walk east of IOKEA village. The Catholic Mission also has a large following in the LESS and OIAPU groups. In the LESS area the rivalry between the two groups is very keen and many petty disputes between the two people are brought to the station for settlement.

Anthropology

- (a) No observations were made.
- (b) No specimens were collected

Conclusion

The patrol revealed a satisfactory state of affairs in all villages visited although there is still room for considerable improvement. However it was most pleasing to see the progress made in the LESS group since the last visit a month previously. It is to be hoped that a further improvement will be again noticed when the area is next visited.

*D. A. Eider*  
( D. A. Eider )  
Cadet Patrol Officer

It would be interesting to see the progress of the IOKEA Councillors. The patrol will try to see them if possible.

The Less group have been very busy since the last patrol. They have been swept away by rough seas, but they have built up again, and they re-build. They are very little good land in the vicinity.

There is no reason why they should not have their own houses. The patrol will try to see them if possible.

The patrol was carried out in a very satisfactory manner by the young cadet, and it is hoped that they will find that the work is still in progress in keeping up the standard of the villages.

Report on members of R.P. & H.G.C. accompanying Kukipi  
Patrol No. 1/55-56

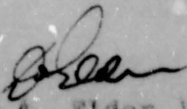
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Officer of R.P.C.

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District Office,  
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The Director,  
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P/R. No. 1/55-56. KUKIPI PATROL POST.

Please find attached the a/m report submitted by  
Cadet Patrol Officer Elder.

NATIVE AFFAIRS. It is pleasing to note that there has been a  
marked improvement in the condition and progress of the villages in  
the area patrolled, also that the roads etc were in good condition.

Disputes between natives over the ownership of land  
continues, but there is very little that one can do about it. Time  
and time again the same disputes arise.

Correspondence has already been entered into re  
the Area Village Council, and the ADO has been instructed to carry  
out a further investigation into the matter.

Correspondence has also been entered into in regard  
to the purchase of iron etc for the local natives.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE. It would appear that the diet of these people has  
improved considerably over the past year or so.

HEALTH. As there is now and EMA stationed in the Kukipi  
area, there should be no difficulty in obtaining a plentiful supply  
of drugs etc. The health of the people throughout the area  
visited appears to be good.

ROADS & BRIDGES. Good.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS. It is pleasing to note that the Village Officials  
in the area, were helpful to the patrol, and that they are carrying out  
a good job in their ~~own~~ area.

It would be interesting to see the minutes of the  
meetings of the IOKEA Councillors. The ADO will be asked to obtain  
copies if possible.

VILLAGES. The Lese group have been living for many years  
close to the sea, and generally at south-east time, parts of their  
village is swept away by rough seas, however in the north-west the  
beaches build up again, and they re-build. There is very little good  
land in the vicinity.

There is no reason why each family could not have  
their own house. The people will be encouraged to build their own  
homes as soon as possible.

CONCLUSION. The patrol was carried out in a very satisfactory  
manner by the young cadet, and it is hoped that when the next patrol  
goes that way, that they will find that the people are still inter-  
ested in keeping up the standard of their villages.

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