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GULF DISTRICT

KEREMA SUBDISTRICT

PATROL REPORTS :

1944/45

No. 4 - 34 of 1944 - 45
(No. 1 - 3, 12 - 33 Missing)

Station

P./R No. Kerema No 4 of 1944/45.

STATION:- Kerema

DISTRICT:- Lakemuir.

WESTERN AREA.

DETAILS:- General village

inspection :- C.S.N.M. Recruiting

of Labour :- Payment of W.N.L. 8. D.N. Money.

OFFICER:- Lt. R. M. Tulan.

DATE:- 15th December 1944.

GENERALIST MILITARY OFFICER

LACHMAN KUMHAR D.O.
KATKI
10 Jan 45

File 32/2 - 52/45

HQ SOUTHERN REGION
AMAL

P/RIKER 4-14/45 - LIME GULAI P.O.

Ref your No 27 of 6 Jan 45

The following instruction was left at this Office by Major
GRANDEWAL, A/Regional Commander, when he visited here on 23 Oct 44:-

KATKI
25 Oct 44

D.O. KATKI

Please recruit three hundred (300) natives for general labour
purposes at Fort Moresby.

It is suggested that you obtain the recruits from IREMA Sub-
District.

Sgt W. GRANDEWAL

A/Regional Commander

I therefore instructed the A.D.O. IREMA and the O.I.C. SUKIVASE
to obtain volunteers, if possible, if not to command to reach the quota
demanded by Regional Commander. The provisions of AMAL Adm. Instr No 53
to be observed.

Copy Adm. IREMA

(V.H.L. SREERAM)

Wu
Major D.O.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

30/3/22

HQ
SOUTHERN REGION
ANGAU PORT MOSESBY
6 Jan 45

HQ
DO KAIRUKU

Ref No. 27

P/R KER. 4/44-45 - Lt Geelan PO

Receipt of the a/m report under cover of your 30/2-11/45 of 3 Jan is acknowledged.

2. Ref Para 2 of ADO's memo - The "Diary of Patrol" does in fact contain too much irrelevant detail. Under "General" a clear picture of the whole area patrolled should be given, and here again irrelevant details are not required.

3. General - It is presumed that all recruits obtained were purely volunteers? And was Admin Instn No. 53 complied with?

4. Conditions generally in this area appear to be very satisfactory.

Dup.

Copy:
HQ ANGAU (DS)

B. Cranshaw
Maj.
ADDS & HA.

→ ADO Kerema.

AFRICAN MILITARY POLICE

LAKEMAN DISTRICT HQ
KAIKORU
5 Jan 45

File 30/3 - 11/45

HQ SOUTHERN REGION
AKAI

REPORT No KENNA 4 - 44/45

Please find Lt CHELAN's Report in duplicate. Also A.D.O.'s memo of 29 Dec 44, with whose remarks I entirely agree.

This Patrol Officer does not, in my opinion, do justice on paper to the good work he has undoubtedly performed.

Re Native Labour I am strongly in accord with the A.D.O., the villages West of the Station have not been over-recruited.

The trade of sago for pots has always been encouraged in the whole District. e.g.; We loan the "GWA" to take KENIA clay pots to KIRIVASE to trade for sago and we recently sent PIRU natives there with their own cash to buy sago with, which we transported back to their village for them

CCX ADD KENNA

(W.H.L. STRENGTH)

W
Major. D.O.

A.P.O's Office,
KORUMA
Lakokamu District.
19 DEC 44.

D.O.
KAIRUKU.

Patrol Report No. 4 -44/45 Yerema.

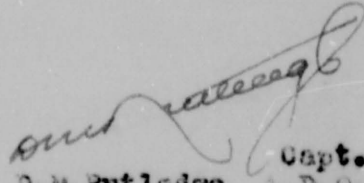
Three copies of the report rendered by Lt. R.M. Seelan are forwarded herewith.

2. Mr Seelan's work gives more satisfaction than his rendition of his report. He has been instructed that all future reports must contain much detail and information.

3. In his remarks under NATIVE AGRICULTURE - taking recruits from villages - I think there has been over-statement coupled with personal feelings. Only 102 recruits resulted from the patrol, leaving a very large proportion in all villages. I think that all officers who in 1942/1943 had to recruit without regard to feelings rather tend nowadays to be over lenient towards prospective recruits.

4. It is very gratifying to see the interest being now taken by the villagers in their villages (VILLAGE AFFAIRS). There really should be no concern over latrines in the area - most villages used to use the beaches (tidal) and I understand there is very little hookworm in the area.

The canoes building at NORLAU were instigated by the writer. D.O. MORESBY has been asking for large quantities of sage - local people need cooking pots and other trade - and I have suggested that such trading canoes will be allowed to proceed possibly as far as MALARA for such trading. This trading used to occur annually - canoes leaving the Gulf with the falling N.W. wind and returning with the freshening South East.


D.M. Rutledge Capt.
A.D.O.

A.D.O's Office,
Kerema,
Lakemba District.
5 DEC 44.

Lieut. R.M. Ceslan
On Patrol West.

By the Constable bearing this I am sending you a further ten pounds of tobacco as per previously expressed intention.

Will you please attend to the following additional matters-

Indistable Offences:

The District Officer has intimated that he will be at Kerema - E.T.A. 12 DEC. In the case Roy v HOIVE-KAVARA (Rape) the following witnesses need to be despatched immediately - the Constable can collect and escort to Kerema -

HERB-IAYA (f) of KOIALAHU
KILA-GALAMU of S.D.A. - Mission Teacher at Belepa
V.C. KAIHE-ROAVA of HereHere
IAVI-HOKA of KOIALAHU
OAPA-OVAHAI (f) of AIVAU - VALLALA EAST.

Finance:

Finance Office have advised that

MAPA-BAI'I of RAVIKAUPARA, KIKORI DISTRICT

previously employed under C/E.3199 KIK, and now said to be employed at S.D.A. Mission, VALLALA, when paid off 2 OCT 44, was overpaid the sum of £2.10/- (two pounds ten shillings) the overpayment representing advances made him - no advice of such being sent to this office.

Will you please interview this native and endeavour to collect the overpayment, issuing him an interim receipt.

D.M. Rutledge
D.M. Rutledge Capt.
A.D.O.

A. D. O's Office,
Kerema,
Lakekamu District.
27 NOV 1944.

Lt. R.M. Geelan,
Patrol Officer,
Kerema.

Patrol West.

You will please prepare to patrol the coastal villages West of Kerema, leaving the station on Tuesday 28 NOV 44.

2. The objects of the patrol will be:-

1. To recruit at least 100 able-bodied male natives for works in and around Port Moresby. The nature of the work has not been made known to this office - wharves, road maintenance and road repair seem the most likely works.
2. To recruit 25 (or, failing the full number, as many as possible) recruits medically class "A" - natives of a sturdy but not too heavy build with light wrists for training as tappers - needed at Cupola Plantation.
3. To inspect all villages en route.
4. To hold such Courts for Native Matters as are reported, and to make preliminary investigations into any Indictable Offences reported.
5. To enquire into various matters as per file herewith.
6. To pay out W.N.L. & D.N.A/c moneys as per statement herewith.

3. The whaleboat was placed in the water on Sunday but it was found to be in too faulty condition to be used. Hence you will have to proceed as far as MEI by station canoes.

4. One member of the R.P.C. has already proceeded as far as ARIHAVA informing the people of the intended patrol. He will join your patrol.

5. Take with you L/Cpl. KAE and four other members of the Royal Papuan Constabulary, and use them to escort recruits (in batches of say twenty) to Kerema. They will report to Kerema and be returned immediately.

6. It is not expected that the patrol will extend for more

than three weeks - you will arrange stores for that period.

7. Tobacco is in very short stocks at the moment - please limit your initial drawing to ten pounds - more will be forwarded you on its arrival.

8. Unless you are well ahead of expected schedule, do not visit MURO Villages. If you are ahead of schedule it is thought that natives suitable for rubber tapping may be obtained there, but in any case, it is hoped, early in the new year to send you on a patrol through MURO and the inland VAILALA peoples.

9. I trust you have a successful patrol.

D.M. Rutledge
D.M. Rutledge Capt.
A.D.O.

27/11/44:

*Report from IORI V.C. of suicide following rape.
Investigate.*

Ref. above notation:

The deceased native, HOKAIO, of IORI village, Vailala River, hanged himself on the morning of Sunday, 26th. November, 44. On the previous night, (Saturday), he had raped the wife, MIRAEPA, of v/n. KAIA. The woman had told her husband, who went to HOKAIO and told him that he (KAIA) would now have intercourse with HOKAIO's wife, HOKO, "to make things square." HOKAIO then said to everyone that he was ashamed, and on Sunday morning went to his garden and hanged himself.

The village people, while sympathetic towards the deceased's wife, are of the opinion that KAIA acted according to "Tribal Law", in his wish to treat HOKAIA's wife as his own wife was treated by deceased.

R.M. Geelan
R.M. Geelan Lieut.
P/O.

A.D.O's Office,
Kerema,
Lakekamu District.
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On Patrol West.

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OAPA-OVANAI (C) of AIVAI - VAILALA EAST.

Finance:

Finance Office have advised that

MAPA-BAI'I of RAVIKAUPARA, KIKORI DISTRICT - *at Baipua (letter) 9/12/44*

previously employed under C/B.3199 KIK, and now said to be employed at S.D.A. Mission, VAILALA, when paid off 2 OCT 44, was overpaid the sum of £2.10/- (two pounds ten shillings) the overpayment representing advances made him - no advice of such being sent to this office.

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sent alleged
D.M. Rutledge Capt.
A.D.O.

Nothing new here. MAIRA been gone. Cpl Ford goes down to KOKRU tomorrow with Sgt. McKernell. Sgt. Owen gone on leave - no relief. little change in war news. said.

Kerema.
9 DEC 44.

Lieut. R.M. Geelan,
On patrol West.

Vailala Recruits etc.

Yours of 6th. inst to hand together with the additional natives for signing. Fourteen of these are signing.

That now brings our total to 103 - we still need 67 to complete the order for 170. The information about the additional for EPO was only information - our initial order must be completed firstly.

I can see that you are having trouble obtaining the recruits, the blame is rightly due to bad office work here - the old census's will have to be brought up to date showing each native's contract since Feb. 1942 - then from the census book on patrol the officer can immediately see what natives are playing the game and which are permanently numbugging.

Am glad the patrol otherwise is going along successfully.

D.M. Rutledge
Capt.
D.M. Rutledge A.D.C.

AUMA.

Wednesday 6/11/44.

A.P.O.
 Kexma.
 Vaitala West Recruits.
 Under escort of Capt.
 Mage, herewith ¹⁴ ~~13~~ c/s recruits,
 from the above area.

I have been in some
 doubt as to the advisability of
 taking more boys from this
 area. The old problem has
 arisen: most of the eligibles
 have been back from WAO
 for five months or so, and
 are just now in the throes
 of house-building. I don't
 feel like taking married men
 from this area, no matter
 how early they have been;
 but I would like your advice
 on the matter, and then, on
 my way back, I can collect

as far sent in, to be 83. I have

additional conscripts, if you so wish.

An extract from your memo: "Please enquire at Vailala whether MORORO is in his village". Memoes from General Sir, and S/R. Sub. office Niamee attached.

This native is reported to be at KARO, Rigo, where he is quarantined. No other information is available. He has £8. odd to collect - I have his name on my list. This will probably be transferred to Rigo WNH&D.A. etc.

Ref. the 50 extra labourers for E. P. O.: are they to be recruited by me, on this trip?

I should be at Arehava for this week-end; I think I can go to Muro as well. A day at KOURU, on the return trip: there are still some natives there whom I want to see. Chas, 20/10/10.

so far sent in, to be 83. There

Koialahu.

Monday.

A.D. 0

Kevenna

Ref. your memo. of
8th December.

Send ^{Kibeni} ~~Damage~~ returns
to Kevenna this p.m. with
Mailala of Belep.

Re the 67 more recruits.

I don't think I stand a chance
of getting all of them here, but
I might get a few more from the
Kevenna area.

Should be home about
Wednesday.

Waples

so far sent in, to be 83. I have

OROKOLO,

Friday,

8.12.44.

P.O. of the ...
Kerema.

My ...
by Const. MARERE arrived
here last night, with the ten
pounds of tobacco. Thank you.
He leaves me today
with this letter, and one
to Mr. Howell, at Belep, who
will assist him to obtain
the relevant witnesses.

So far, from the Orokolo
area, I have obtained only fifteen
manuscripts - two of these having
two children each. I doubt whether
I can obtain more, but will do
my best.

My cook, MOIA, is, I believe,
still in hospital at Kerema. When
he is discharged, would you please
send him on to me? I am

as far sent in, to be 83. Thank

in danger of a lingering death
by indigestion, due to the
ignorance of the small boy at
present with me.

Ref. the debt of Lepof-
owed by Mapa-Biri - I will
contact this native on my
return to Belaga; and endeavour
to obtain a refund.

Still a little off colour -
but nothing extraordinary.
Mr. Dardney has supplied me
with a little atehin.

W. J. P.
1910.

Orakolo.

Friday, 8.12.44.

A.D. O. has now, in leaving
Kerema, is around the
same place as 12 months
ago.

Here with the Orakolo
group — total of 16 — all
conscripts.

Two of these men have
two children; and one is
not a very healthy looking
specimen — but this particular
group has been practically de-
populated. Most of the ex-
Wampit labourers have volunteered
to work at Vaini, Nainia or
Nivie — Capt. O'Connor signed
up quite a number of them
about two and a half months
ago, I understand.

I make my total number
so far sent in, to be 83. I have

the FAKHAVA group to landle;
I hope to reach the hundred
mark with them. I'm really
sorry for this crowd; it's leaving
their villages in much the
same state as they were 12 months
ago.

The MVO villages will
have no supply as close a number
to the 25 as is possible, for
supplies to be. I might raise a
few more at Keoru - I am not
hopeful, however - most of them
are at HOIVA.

Amiral will be
attached.

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Archaos.

8/12/44.

A.D.O. Ekaron...
Kerena. Harpaga...

...with a further 18
volunteers for CP work in
Monday. This total should be now
102. I have sent this number
and Capt. Image is visiting
them...

Capt. Hibeni arrived this
afternoon at Archaos (1.30 pm.)
Yours memo. and 50 tubes
of... to hand. Thanks
very much - also for your advice
re mention of fuel. At
any rate, I am 100% now -
and should be turning home
on Sunday; I will visit Muro
tomorrow & return the same
day.

With Image are two gents,
who were concerned in stealing

RAMIA from an Orofoko woman's
garden. They are :-

EKAROA-KARAVEHAPU
and HAHACA-MAREA,
— both of HAREVAVU.

IMACI
says with
Xt. Gulan

I don't think I'll change
them — let's send them to
Morosby instead. EKAROA has a wife
and one child, & the other chap
is married but childless.

Nothing further at
the moment — most of the
natives, listed for payment of
wages on my list, seem to be
in Morosby still.

[Signature]
1910.

HAVAKIA. says no tobacco last week. at Beepa.

A.D.O.'s Office,
Kerema
Lakokamu District.
8 DEC 44.

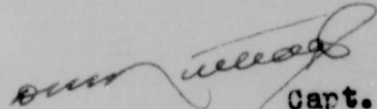
Lt. R.M. Geelan
On patrol West.

MAILALA/HAIHA of BELERA.

There has been some mix up at this office concerning the above (paid OFF 24 APR 44 C/E.4056 Ker) and concerning one MARARA sent in by you as a recruit.

We are holding MARARA here pending settlement of the error.

Will you please detail your next Kerema-ward policeman to call at BELERA and escort MAILALA to Kerema.


D.M. Rutledge Capt.
A.D.O.

A.D.O's Office,
Kerema,
Lakekemu District.
7 DEC 44.

Lt. R.M. Geelan,
On Patrol Post.

Recruits.

Your advice of 5th. inst arrived here yesterday per RPC KIBENI - he was accompanied by 47 recruits, lists for some of whom do not appear to have been sent.

Eight natives from Vailala arrived here this morning.

RPC KIBENI returns to you this morning - he has 50 tabs. atebirin, as requested.

Do not mention in your report that you have had malaria - it cannot be positively be identified without pathological investigation - it may have been a mild dose of influenza.

Cpl. Ford is at KOARU - he will attend to the coupon matter on his return.

I am glad the recruits are coming in so well - the long period without advice from you was beginning to cause worry.

D. M. Rutledge
D. M. Rutledge Capt.
A. D. O.

Still nothing much new here - missed on the news yesterday but seem to remember that the Yanks have two bridge heads over the SAAR River and that the British have started a push - have more faith in the latter myself. Ford ambled off to have a look see, pay WML etc. Both Foley and Arup wandered off to MOVIAMI - citrus orchard commencing and possibly recruiting - ARUP possibly re his copra scheme. Hope "fever" has abated. After all, ANGAU routine orders give a hell of a screed to be answered for every case of fever - better let sleeping dogs lie.

Obahuku
Wednesday.

A.D.C.
Keripua.

hi,
I am five beneath the first draft
of ~~four~~ (5) for Fort Kowaly.
Seven offered themselves, but three
were obviously not medically
suitable.

Names as follows:-

HOKA - HEVOTA - Single. (Pres. at Epw.)

AIVEI - AIVIRI - Single. —

HEROVA - NATA - Single. (Pres. at Fort M.)

HOKA - HILAI - Single. —

* ARIAVA - MAMO. Married, no children.
(Pres. at Fort M.)

Vill. Genet. KATHAMO records these
names.

[Handwritten signature]

Vailala East.

Tuesday 5.12.44.

R.D.O.

KEREMA.

Port Moresby letters.

Herewith a draft from the areas Belepa - Koinalabu - Iorai - Vailala EAST. Const. KIBONI is in charge.

A total number of 43 eligibles has been reached; the Vailala East natives, however, are at present making gardens, - the areas are cleared and burnt, but no crop has been sown yet. I am doubtful whether to recruit any from this area; even though they should have done the job long ago - they have had their boys home since July, now.

Had a couple of days' fever at Belepa - Mr. Howell took care of that. Would I have a further supply of abelbin please? My stock is exhausted.

The Wailela East quota is 9.
They are the only eligibles among
43 males, both physically and
for family reasons. They will
follow the main craft to Maunaloa
(Wednesday). V.C. Kaki will attend
to it. Six volunteers from
Lui and Hilo (Bekepa) will also
follow later.

I intend to leave for
Wailela West - Awa - this
afternoon. I should reach
Oroko on Wednesday or
Thursday.

W. J. P.
1940.

ADCO office
Kerema
7 Dec 1961

L. Howells Esq
Belaga

KUSUPU

The above matter was sent in by the Gulet for

signature.

1. The proposed exemption attached.
2. and you please confirm that to be a Mission
teacher, returning him his exemption if true.
3. Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully
ADCO
7 Dec 1961

A. D. O's Office,
Kerema.
1 DEC44.

Lt. Geeland.

Patrol Matters.

Your memo of 29 NOV to hand together with the five natives therein listed. They were all signed on - four small boys accompanied them to Kerema - two of them were thought fit and they were signed as well.

2. We have been instructed to recruit a further 50 natives for EPO.
3. Please enquire into matter re C/E KER 5421 attached.
4. Please enquire at Vailala whether MORORO is in the village or absent. The memo explains itself.
5. The sum of £3.15/- herewith for payment to village constables as per voucher.
6. MAIRA expected today or tomorrow - your mail will accompany the bearer who has been paid in tobacco - 4 sticks.

Geo. Geeland
ADO

MEMO RE RECRUITING DURING PATROL.
AND TRACING OF DESERTERS.

1. A total of 102 recruits were sent to Kerema in the course of this patrol. About half this number were repatriated from wau-wampit in June and July of this year; and most of the volunteers came from these natives' ranks.

A few youths, who, previously, had not been accepted because of under-development also volunteered for service. I was gratified at the response - I had expected that compulsion would be necessary to a greater degree than it actually was.

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2. A list of deserters and "overstayed-leave" personnel was supplied to me by the A.D.C. I found none of these natives in their villages; the prevailing conception among their relatives is that they are either still at work, or have gone East of Moresby, where, I understand, a number of Gulf natives are wont to settle. As some of these boys have wages due on civil Cs/s., there is a dual reason for wishing to locate them.

R.M. Geelan
R.M. Geelan, Lieut.
Patrol Officer.

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Contia
and
AWD


MEMO RE RECRUITING DURING PATROL.
AND TRAINING OF RESERVES.

1. A total of 102 recruits were sent to Kerema in the course of this patrol. About half this number were repatriated from Wau-wampit in June and July of this year; and most of the volunteers came from those natives' ranks.

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A. J. Doelan, Lieut.
Patrol Officer.

REPORT ON RECRUITING DURING PATROL.
AND FINDINGS CONCERNING THEM.

1. A total of 102 recruits were sent to Korom in the course of this patrol. About half this number were recruited from van-wampit in June and July of this year; and most of the volunteers came from these natives' ranks.

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R. M. Deelen, Lieut.
Patrol Officer.

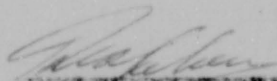
MINI IS A UNITING POWER.
AND THAT IS THE TRUTH.

1. A total of 108 recruits were sent to Korea in the course of this patrol. About half this number were repatriated from Wau-wau in June and July of this year; and most of the volunteers came from these natives' ranks.

A few youths, who, previously, had not been accepted because of minor-developments also volunteered for service. I was gratified at the response - I had expected that compulsion would be necessary to a greater degree than it actually was.

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2. A list of deserters and "overstayed-leave" personnel was supplied to me by Lt. A.B.O. I found none of these natives in their villages; the prevailing conception among their relatives is that they are either still at work, or have gone east of Korea, where, I understand, a number of such natives are wont to settle. As some of these boys have wages due on civil 20/s., there is a good reason for wishing to locate them.


H.A. Gordon, Lieut.
Patrol Officer.

A PATROL REPORT.

By

Lieut. R.M. Geelan,

Patrol Officer.

Patrol to : Villages west of Kerema; coastal, and the Belopa inland group, to the Archava boundary.

Date Patrol left Station : Tuesday, 28th, November, 1944.

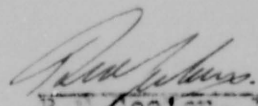
Date Patrol returned to Station : Wednesday, 13th, December, 1944.

Purposes of Patrol: General village inspection, C.S.N.M., and recruiting labour (100) for Port Moresby. Also payment of WNL & DN Funds.

Patrol accompanied by: 1 N.C.O. and 4 Consts. R.P.C.
1 Medical Orderly, (Native.)
Average of 18 carriers.

Cost of Patrol: See Below.

Last Patrol to Area: District Services Staff: Capt. B.M. O'Connor, A.D.C.; to Vailala West, and Vairiri Flat., 27th. October 1944 - 5th. November 1944.
Lt. R.M. Geelan; to Vailala West - Orokele and Archava; 1st. Nov., 1944 - 20th. Nov. 1944.
Medical Staff: L.O. Skillier, R.M.A., 3rd. August 1944 - 13th. August 1944.


Lieut.
R.M. Geelan, Lieut.,
Patrol Officer.

Cost of Patrol: a. Carriers: 20 for 10 half-days @ $\frac{1}{2}$ -stick each: 100 sticks.
17 for 3 half-days @ $\frac{1}{2}$ -stick each: 26 sticks.
b. Gratuities to Vill. Consts and Councillors:
Vill. Consts: 12; Councillors: 17; 31 stick each: 29 sticks.
c. Purchase of Native Foods:
25 lb. Potatoes: 3 sticks; 20 lb. Sago: 3 sticks.
10 lb. Bananas: 2 sticks. Total: 8 sticks.
d. Issues to R.P.C. personnel, and 1 personal boy for two weeks, @ 1 stick each per week: 12 sticks.
Amount of tobacco taken on patrol: 20 lbs.
Amount expended: 175 sticks.
Amount returned from patrol: 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

Koroma sub-district,
14.12.44.

Diary of Patrol.

Tuesday, 20th. Nov. Patrol left Koroma Station at 0830 hrs. Proceeded to NEI'I by canoe, arriving at 1040. Selected 20 carriers and proceeded to NUIVA plantation. Time of Arrival: 1200 hrs. Remained this night with Mr. Drummond, with whom Mr. Dwyer of P.O. was also staying.

Wednesday, 21st. Nov. Mr. Dwyer left for Koroma at 0800 hrs. Held the patrol list at 0815, walking towards KUMU group. Passed HAKHAKA at 1015; and reached GAKHAKA at 1045 hrs. Remained here for one hour, selecting recruits for the Koroma Labour-Lines. Left at 1130 and proceeding the HAKKA Creek, arrived at HAKKA at 1230 hrs. PEBBAMO, inside the KOIALAHU "mark" reached at 1240., and a camp was made at KOIALAHU at 1250 hrs.

Thursday, 22nd. Nov. Morning spent at KOIALAHU, selecting recruits from the KOIALAHU-PEBBAMO areas. A total of 26 was obtained. Left KOIALAHU for BELERA-HILOI at 1100 hrs., passing HARORA, LUI, and POIVA. Arrived HILOI at 1230 hrs., and camped in R/H. Afternoon spent in calling all villagers together, and in paying WNL & M moneys to claimants.

Friday, 1st. December. At HILOI, selecting labour recruits.

Saturday, 2nd. Dec. At HILOI, as above.

Sunday, 3rd. Dec. Left HILOI at 0900 hrs. Walked to IORI and KIPORANG on the Vailala River. T.A: 1100 hrs. Left these village at 1200 hrs., and proceeded by canoe down the river to Vailala Plantation. T.A: 1500 hrs. Remained the night.

Monday 4th. Dec. At Vailala, collecting recruits from IORI-LEP-ORANG area. At 1500 hrs. M.V. "Chinsurah" arrived, and unloaded. At 1400 hrs., left Vailala per "Chinsurah" for Vailala East, where patrol arrived at 1745 hrs. went ashore and camped in R/H.

Tuesday 5th. Dec. At Vailala East. Draft for Ka was assembled and despatched with one Const. as escort. Left Vailala East at 1300 hrs., crossed to Vailala West, and proceeded through HILOI ANHUKIRANG and I and II to AUMA, where a halt was made, at 1410 hrs. Afternoon spent in collecting likely recruits from the above-mentioned villages.

Wednesday, 6th. Dec. At AUMA, selecting recruits.

Thursday, 7th. Dec. Left AUMA at 0700 for OROKOLO. Passed villages of HAKSI WIRHAKALI HAKHAKA and NORIAL, inspecting each and warning people to report at OROKOLO rest house that afternoon. Arrived at OROKOLO at 1500 hrs. Selected recruits - only 15 available from this area.

Friday 8th. Dec. Left OROKOLO at 1215 hrs., after sending away the draft from this area. Arrived at ARABAVA rest house at 1300 hrs. and assembled the villagers. A.I.C. canoe from Koroma arrived at 1330 hrs, with instructions from the A.D.C. re sending witnesses and assignment in an "Indicible of sons" matter to the Station, to await the arrival of the District Officer. This afternoon, sent word to ARABAVA for certain natives to report to me at ARABAVA to receive WNL moneys.

Saturday, 9th. Dec. At ARABAVA, this morning. At 1400 hrs., left for OROKOLO.

Sunday, 10th. Dec. At OROKOLO.

Monday 11th. Dec. Left OROKOLO for KOIALAHU at 1000 hrs. P.A., KOIALAHU: 1430 hrs.

Tuesday, 12th. December. Left KOIALAHU at 0745 hrs., and proceeded to ARABAVA R/H., where a halt was made, at 1000 hrs. Here, the WNL moneys, which were not previously paid (most of the villagers being away, carrying Mr. Dwyer's kit), were handed to claimants. At 1230 hrs., the patrol proceeded to NUIVA Plantation, where Mr. Drummond's hospitality was again offered.

Wednesday, 13th. December. Left NUIVA at 0830 hrs, and proceeded to NEI'I where a canoe was obtained; the patrol crossed to Koroma, where we arrived at 1200 hrs. Paid off the carriers, dismissed R.P.C., and reported to the A.D.C.

W. J. L. Lint

GENERAL.

ROADS. As most of the walking in this particular area is along the beach, travel is comparatively easy. All creeks have their ferry services which are among the best I have seen.

Only one inland road was traversed; this is that which I saw from MORIAU to the Pa. through a sago swamp. The road is well elevated above the surrounding watery country, and only in the few hundred yards immediately behind the beach was there any undue quantity of mud.

The ANHAVA-ORO road, the second and last inland track in the area, has been recently cleaned. I did not cross it on this trip, but inspected the approaches, which were the most densely overgrown parts which I saw on my last visit.

BRIDGES. Those seen, on the BALAPA road, were all in fair condition.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE. The villages are all, without one exception, making new gardens, some of which are of considerable size. This is most gratifying, as the people have been for some months the target of intensive propaganda, aimed at rousing them, and particularly the ex-NAU/AMBIT repatriates from their lethargy. This fault seems to be dying.

These folk are mainly sago-eaters; and, while I may be wrong, I feel that a great proportion of the scabies and kindred skin complaints in this locality are due to lack of a varied diet. This however will be remedied to some extent in the future, when their new gardens begin to bear. I felt rather uncomfortable about removing so many natives from the villages, just at this particular time; but I realize, and so do they, that present conditions dictate the manner in which all of us shall act.

WEATHER. The climatic conditions were perfect for patrolling. Rain—a sharp shower, lasting for some three hours,—was the only adversity encountered on the trip.

CARRIERS. No trouble at all was experienced in this regard; the youths of each village appear to welcome the chance for a "walkabout".

VILLAGE AFFAIRS. The people are all well, and contented; some, of course, were annoyed at having to watch their sons and husbands leave once again for work, but, on the whole, the recruiting was treated quite well.

Since my last trip to this area, the villages have undergone a remarkable change. Many of them, previously were without fences, or even latrines; now I find new sago-palm barricades around each small hamlet, and in at least half of the villages, the sanitary system has been improved to some extent. Villages were all painfully clean—in one or two places, the rubbish was literally swept from beneath my feet, as I walked among the houses!

The recently-repatriated laborers are settling in well. However, the number of volunteers I received during the recruiting-trip was composed entirely of members of the repatriates. Some of them have not yet lost all their taste for pastured new.

At MORIAU, one of the OROLO group, I was shown a large new canoe-hull; its length would be approximately sixty feet; and another large log has been felled and hauled to the outskirts of the village, preparatory to being hollowed out. The people are planning to transport sago to MALAP in this canoe when it is completed. Other Gulf villages are toying with the same idea. As yet, however, MORIAU is the only settlement to have done anything concrete about it.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS. Village Policemen and Councilors in general are doing their usual jobs in their usual way. I can find nothing serious of which to complain. I have tried to back up their authority where deserved, and I do think that it is having a good effect.

REMARKS. The patrol was in every sense of the word a routine one. No troubles were brought to my notice; a few minor arguments were amicably settled out of court. I found the people contented, taking a certain amount of pride in their villages, and in a much better frame of mind than they were at the time of my last visit.

[Signature] Lieut.
A. J. [unclear], [unclear],
Patrol Officer.

REPORT ON H.C.C.

One lance-corporal and four constables accompanied this patrol. A report on the ability and conduct of each is appended below.

Reg. No. 1241 L/Cpl. KAE: Ability good; conduct very good. This H.C.C. appears to have benefited by his recent leave. A local native (born at HUI'I) he has a lot of influence among the local people. As yet, however, I could not care to recommend him for further promotion.

Reg. No. 1359 Const. IMAGE: Aikwai policeman of the old school. Ability above the average; conduct very good. Is the most reliable Constable on Kereka strength, but hardly the H.C.C.-type.

Reg. No. 1227 C onst. HAVUKIA: An excellent man. Conduct good, and ability good. Can, like IMAGE, be relied upon under any circumstances.

Reg. No. 1372 Const. KIEKI: Conduct good; ability good. This man is capable, but uses his intelligence to find trouble for himself. Needs strong discipline.

Reg. No. 1374 Const. UMAMI: Conduct good; ability good. Not over-gifted with grey matter, but a solid all rounder. Not quite able material for promotion, as yet.

Const. MAREE, Reg. No. 933, came out as a runner from Kereka; he was not with the patrol for a sufficient time to enable me to judge his ability.

[Signature]
Lieut.
Patrol Officer.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

All villages seen were remarkably free from cases of illness of any kind among the inhabitants; and, probably, to the fact that the A. S. S., Capt. O'Connor on his last patrol in that direction, took care to see that all cases, whether serious or not, were sent to the Korua Hospital.

I noticed that the trade, with the inland dwellers, of coastal natives, which was in a very embryonic state during my last patrol, has now expanded considerably. With the alone advent of the North-west season, and the correspondingly smooth seas, fishing has been greeted with greater success on this coast. The surplus marine produce is being traded for vegetables, of which the inlanders naturally have a greater supply than the coastal people. This will benefit health, among other aspects of the business.

Sanitation has been improved. I was glad to see some of the the continuous propaganda to this effect.

Most of the repatriated boys from the W.S. Labour Lines have married since their return home. I noticed that in about sixty percent of these cases that the wives were pregnant. As these natives are all A.I. physical specimens, it augurs well for the condition of future generations.

Cadet N.M.O. [Name] did his usual good job.

[Signature]
[Name], M.B.
Medical Officer.

P/R No. *Keema 5 2 1944/45.*

STATION:- *Keema.*

DISTRICT:- *Lakhanu.*

DETAILS:- *Keema Bay,*

*Villages; General Village & Area Inspection;
also Recruiting.*

OFFICER:- *Lt. R. M. Gulati*

DATE:- *29th December 1944.*

Kesema

May 9th - 30

R. M.

Kesema

Dear Sir

I have to report that on the 29 April 1930 the Ker Ker raided my camp on Twinty creek Lakakama in my absence.

They broke into all the boxes & cjs & stole a quantity of tools & goods. The tools missing are 22 L.H. Shovels, 6 S.H. Shovels, 2 Crowbars, a number of single ended & double ended picks, a number of picks & axe handles, 6 Seal knives, 4 Tommy axes and a few other small tools.

9 100 lb bags rice, 2 Torch Batteries & other tinned food.

They also burst open tins of Pilot Biscuits & tins of flour. I told Lds would not cover my losses in tools & goods trusting that you can do something in this matter.

I Remain

Yours Truly

A Bethune



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No. 5 of 1911-12.

REPORT ON THE
INSPECTION

Patrol to :
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Patrol Station :

Patrol returned to station :

Purpose of patrol : i. To
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ii. To make
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iii. To inspect

Cost of patrol : a.
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Patrol

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W. J. ...
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Patrol Report by Lt. R.M. Keaton.

DIARY.

Tuesday December 19th. Left Kerema per canoe for PETAU at 0630 hrs. One hour later (0730) arrived at PETAU. Village inspected, and later proceeded to SARIFI, arriving at 1100 hrs. In route inspections of trade store sites of Mrs. Revitt and Mrs. Baker were made, together with a check on the bush-cutting around the bar-entrance mark. SARIFI VILLAGE and Rest House inspected; left at 1200 hrs., crossed to MUI'I, where I halted at 1330 hrs. Camped in the Rest-house.

Wednesday December 20th. MUI'I village and surroundings inspected. Recruits called for for the two plantations mentioned and for Port Moresby. Advised Mission teacher re sinking a shaft for the installation of a pump for village water supply. Concluded at 1430 hrs. Remained at MUI'I this night.

Thursday 21st. December. Left MUI'I at 0600 hrs. Recruits from this village proceeded straight to Kerema. Patrol halted and camped in SARIFI Rest-house. Recruits only totalled three from this village. Area inspected, and this afternoon spent in gaining information re orders issued by Capt. O'Connor and questioning those natives who had not apparently carried them out. Only one conviction, in which a fine was imposed.

Friday December 22nd. Inquiry into ownership of coconut trees, requiring to be removed to allow for village repairs. At 1000 hrs. crossed to Koroana, arriving at 1100 hrs., when I reported to the A.D.C.

Saturday 23rd., Sunday 24th., and Monday 25th. December. On the Station.

Tuesday 27th. December. Crossed again to SARIFI - MUI'I, to recruit further labour. Returned to the station at 1530 hrs.

Friday 29th. December. Inspection of KARAITA and IPISI (SIVISI) villages on the east side of Kerema Bay. Commenced at 0600 hrs. Returned to Station at 1100 hrs.

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GENERAL. The area visited was found to be in reasonably good condition. The proximity of these villages to the Station has resulted in fairly frequent visits being possible.

NATIVE SITUATION. The people all appear to be comfortably off, so far as RESOURCES are concerned. There is a sufficiency of manpower in all villages, even after the recruits have been taken away, to enable those left to carry on with no more hardship than other native communities have borne. No troubles of magnitude were reported; at MUI'I, a question as to ownership of garden land was settled out of court by consultation of the Vill. Const. and his councillors.

ROADS. There is one short track connecting the two villages of KARAITA and IPISI; the rest of the area is connected by short strips of beach. The KARAITA-IPISI track is in good condition.

BRIDGES. The bridge connecting the two sections of KARAITA village is in good shape. The footway, however, could be wider. A short causeway of earth, between the two villages of MUI'I No. 1 and MUI'I No. 2, is useful at high tide, when the low-lying land between the two becomes inundated.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE. These Kerema Bay people have good gardening land only a few hours up the MURDA River, and the usual track. Owing to the proximity of the Christmas Festival, on the occasion of my first visit, most of the inhabitants had gone to these gardens; so, my second one-day trip was necessitated. On this second occasion, I saw the remains of the food brought down earlier; they must have a very good yield from their garden plots to supply such a quantity. New gardens, made during the last month are now, I was told, practically in bearing; and sage is plentiful, as are fish, now that the cold north-east season has set in. Villages: KARAITA, IPISI, etc. Out of the five villages inspected, only

KEREMA P/R No. 2 - 44/45. MEDICAL MATTERS.

No. 49A N.M.O. NAVURU accompanied the Patrol and did work wherever it was necessary. This man was found to be very helpful and appears to be interested in his work.

No. 158 N.M.O. LEVAC-SUSUME:- From what I could see, this N.M.O. is inclined to slur his work, and is also lazy. As regards slurring his work - when treating scabies he dabs Sulphur Oint. on the sores without first removing the scabs. As regards laziness, he complained to me that the people would not come to him, with the result that he only has 6 out-patients at times. At NORIAU School, about 15 minutes walk from the hospital, I examined 35 children and found 12 cases of scabies.

NATIVE HOSPITAL - OROKOLO: Building has been completed and is a good job. No doors are required, as the present building is warm enough.

The E.M.A. had asked me to see the patients and, if I considered it advisable, to instruct the N.M.O. to send the worst patients to Kerema. Instructions were given for two bad cases of burns to be sent in to Kerema.

K. C. Atkinson

Capt.

(K. C. Atkinson)
A.D.O. KEREMA.

Copy:- E.M.A. KEREMA

Villages Constables. These I contacted on the patrol are a fair average lot,....a few complete fools,.. not many,.. and three men who are outstandingly good(in my opinion).. these are.

Korovahea of Orokololo: Kahayo of Keura and HUNA,...of Ieri village.. Ieri village being in the bush on the banks,..or near the banks of the Vailala R. near Vaiiviri Plantation...all three Village Constables have sense,.. Force,..and SOME degree of sense of responsibility,..that most rare of qualities in the average Papuan.

During this patrol I purchased 19306 lbs. WETTESAMO,... in bundles.. paying for this 1930 sticks of trade tobacco,..approx. 74 lbs.

Of the Sage the 2 tons at Vailala was sent to Kerema..and dried out. except. 20 bundles which were sent to Kariava per a canoe which was returning.(I have since received the payment in tobacco for this)

Of the Sage purchased at Vaiiviri,..65 bundles were given to Mr. Hinds in return for all his assistance in this Sage purchasing. Shipping and shipping. later for the Gawa to Kariava Mr. Hinds offered to pay for this,..but in consideration of what he had given me in assistance,.. I accepted no payment for the Sage I gave him.

I sent the Sage to Kariava because I realized that I had purchased rather more than I could carry,..or send in Gawa,..and I knew that Kariava could do with this. I have since received 196 sticks of tobacco from Kariava,.. the cost of the 20 I sent.

Report of Native Staff taken on patrol :

K/Medical Orderly IVARA-TURN ; Young, inexperienced, but willing Interpreter. Niviva of Ma'i village,.. called upon at times to accompany patrols,.. was a regular interpreter for many years at Kerema. an excellent man.

REG: No. 713. Const. GAGANU,... an old Policeman wearing one star a mountain man,..most loyal, and conscientious, interested in his work,.. well worth One Stripe.

No. 2108. Const. QVE,... from Kikori Division,.. young active and keen,.. has much to learn as a Constable.

No. 905. Const. IMASA,... Good, sensible, man with several years service to his credit,..now getting too old for patrolling.

No. 1359. Const. IMAR; - An old member of the Force,..Very good reliable type,..still with plenty of energy left.

REMARKS. Very unfortunately my patrol was restricted to Vaiiviri ..Vailala East,..and the villages along the coast between Vailala and Kerema Station;.. Time was pressing..as I had to return to that station to hand over to the Officer relieving me,..and I could not go West to the Border... There is much to be done in straightening up Village matters in the Orokololo district,..and a patrol there should be made in the near future. as I see it the great need in the interests of the population along this area,..is to get them back to PRE-WAR ways of living,..to again develop gardens,..build new houses,..and become self-supporting as far as is possible,.. These men recently repatriated from the WAU and Wanpit area,..are feeling very much the dullness of village life,..and miss the food they have been so long used to as labourers on the other side. Local Village Constables should have put full support in their efforts in this direction.

Supt. ADO.

P/R No. Kerema 6 of 1944/45.

STATION:- Kerema.

DISTRICT:- Lakekamu.

DETAILS:- Villages to Eastern

Boundary; Recruiting, C.S.N.M.;

Inspection of Villages; General.

OFFICER:- Lt. R. Selan.

DATE:- 14th January 1945.

A.D.O's Office,
KEREMA,
Lakemau District.
11 JAN 45.

Lt. R.M. Geelan,
On Patrol East.

Recruits.

Ref. your letter of 8 JAN 45.

Const. TAVAILOLO duly arrived with 18 recruits.

Const. TAVAILOLO returns to you this day with the said recruits. Not only is one obviously mad, another obviously T.B., but the lot are from MIRIVASI Sub-district, and we have no authority to recruit therein.

When the recruits arrived under the heading 'TAVAFURU' it was thought that they may all be in the ~~mark~~ LILIFIRU Census. This does not appear to be so.

Though you should be well aware of this, you are again informed that our Sub-district boundary is LILIFIRU.

D.M. Rutledge
D.M. Rutledge Capt.
Ad.O.

copy - only 10 (1000) (1000) (1000)
certificates.)
L. Medical: Sgt. J. Kerrall, 1.1.45 -
10.1.45.

[Signature]
Lieut.
Ad.O.



TAUAFURU.

Nominal Roll.

W.B. * TIRIWA - EVERA — Married.

• HARAPO - HAHARA — "

• MARARA - AURAA — "

• KILIA - KEAEKERE — "

• SASAIA - EVERA — "

• MERSEA - KARAO — "

W.B. * TIRO - MOVA — Single.

• KARISORO - MEIABERA — Married.

MAD * FOROVITA - SORO — Single.

• TOU - HARIVIRA — Married.

• AURAA - SEVESOA — Married.

• SUVE - NARIVITA — Single.

• FIAREHO - SERE — Married.

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On Patrol,
Taruva.
8/1/45.

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A.D.O. envelope
Kerema.

Recruits

Herewith the first draft of of recruits from Taruva.

I decided, upon leaving the Station, to change my original plan of recruiting on the outward trip. I can now use the recruits, as carriers to a certain extent.

Serial Roll herewith, containing 13 names.

[Signature]

P.S. Memo. re Capt. WAUSI received. I have communicated with OC elsewhere.



On Patrol,
TARAFUAN.
5/1/45.

Dear Jim,

Herewith one patient for you -
a woman. Been ill for 2 months, right
alongside the Kororo Hospital, but didn't report.

Her husband accompanies her.
I'm leaving it to you as to whether he
stays on, or not - I have him on my
Roll as R.A.D.D., but if you think he ought to
stay with her, that's all right.

When I got the other case,
to - before from 10 with a broken
wing. Going to be a case on that,
too, when I come back.

Yours
Bob

A. D. O.'s Office,
Kerema,
Lakokani District.
20 JAN 45.

D. O.
KAIRUKU.

Patrol Report No. KER. 6/44-45.

Report as above rendered by Lt. R.M. Geelan is herewith.

There seems to be nothing to add - it is a well written account of a successful patrol.

D.M. Rutledge
D. M. Rutledge Capt.
A. D. O.

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SERIAL 107, 108, 109

For part of the patrol I was accompanied by Sgt. Mokerrell, the U.S.A. attached to Erens Sub-district.

No serious illness was encountered. A total of nine patients came to hospital for treatment for minor ulcers, skin complaints, etc.

Sgt. Mokerrell can, no doubt, furnish a more detailed report than I.

The U.S.A., REVERO, who was sent with my patrol did not have an opportunity to show his class. He seems intelligent and willing.

R. Scelan
R. Scelan, Lieut.
Patrol Officer.

REPORT ON R.P.C. FORCE

Accompanying a report on the R.P.C. and four Constables who accompanied the patrol.

Reg. No. 1211 L/Cpl. KA. A smart R.P.C. who tries hard. His conduct and ability are good.

Reg. No. 1233 Const. WAIKI. Conduct good; ability, however, is nil.

Reg. No. 1222 Const. MAUHI. A Koroanui constable, who has spent some years with the R.P.C. Conduct and ability good, although he is out of his element on beach patrols.

Reg. No. 1243 Const. WAIWAI. Another Koroanui. He shows more energy than the former member; conduct is also good.

Reg. No. 1214 Const. WAIKI. This man has accompanied me on a number of patrols and I have always found him willing and conscientious. Should develop into a first class Constable.

[Signature]
R. G. G. G. G. G.
Patrol Officer.

A. D. O.'s Office,
KEREMA
Lakekamu District.
30 DEC 44.

Lieut. R. M. Geelan,
Patrol Officer,
KEREMA.

Patrol - EAST.

Will you please prepare for a patrol along the coast East, as far as LILIFIRU. I would like you to commence the patrol on the morning of Tuesday 2nd. January 1945.

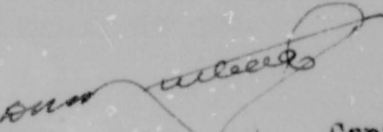
The following are the main points -

- (a) the principal reason for the patrol is to be recruiting. Thirty natives are needed to fill our local plantation quotas and about forty are needed to complete our Port Moresby quota. If you can recruit fifty natives of reasonably good physique I shall be very satisfied.
- (b) Hold such Courts for Native Matters as are necessary.
- (c) Investigate all Indictable Offences reported.
- (d) Take extract from A.W.L. and Deserters' files and make necessary enquiries in the villages concerned.
- (e) Inspect all villages, etc..

The following arrangements are left in your hands -

- (a) Select the L/Cpl. and three other policemen for the patrol. One of these will be exchanged from LILIFIRU with A. C. WAUSI who has completed his month at MIRIVASI.
- (b) Arrange with IPISI for carriers. I cannot supply from the station.
- (c) Arrange for your own stores and for native personnel rations.

I trust your health remains good and that you have a successful patrol.


D.M. Rutledge

Capt.
A. D. O.

A.D.O.'s Office,
KEREMA,
Lakekemu District.
12 JAN 45.

Lt. R.M. Geelan,
On Patrol East.

Patrol Matters.

Const. MAUDJAI reported here this morning. He has been sent to hospital for treatment.

2. Hospital Patients: Your para two states that you will catch two run-away patients. Do not forget that it is our duty to encourage natives to go to hospital only. They have freedom equal to a white (save in cases of venereal diseases) and can quite legally refuse hospitalisation. Endeavour to ascertain why the patients ran away, and to convince them of the benefits to be obtained from necessary hospital treatments.

3. Recruits from Tavafuru: Your excuse to visit TAVAFUU was weak. My instructions concerning the patrol very definitely stated LILIFIRU as your eastern boundary.

4. Prisoners: No papers were forwarded herein. The Court papers should be sent with the prisoners - the prisoners may be retained by you for carrying purposes, but when even one is sent in, the papers must accompany. It must be remembered that all natives have the right to appeal against sentences.

5. Census: LILIFIRU and KOARU people inform me that you are not entering the names of new babies. You may have forgotten instructions were given you verbally covering this the morning of your departure.

6. Recruits: The census was taken by you to make easier your work and the work in the office. Yet in your lists you do not quote any census reference nor do you quote last C/E number entered in the census.

7. Gambling: There is a very strong, unsatisfactory, rumour being circular at Kerema. The rumour says that the gambling Court was held at TAVAFURU and that it was a pay-bank Court for an imprisonment suffered by your personal servant. I hope the rumour is not true.

sent release
D.M. Rutledge

Cgt
A.D.O.

The LILIFIRU Village Policeman states he has been instructed by you to wait at Kerema. If this is so, he can return to Kerema with you.

Kaurama.

17/1/95.

A. D. O.

Keama,

TAUAFU NATIVES - and Hospital
PATIENTS.

2. Your memo of 11th Jan. to hand.
I regret the error I made in
collecting these recruits outside the sub-
district. I was given to understand
by Capt. Guthrie, during my term at
MIRIASE, that the Kaituku boundary
was at Kikipi; and I have always been
under that impression.

Even without these 13 natives,
the total required (50) should be
easy to obtain.

2. Herewith 9 hospital patients
sent in by Sgt. McNeill, under
escort of Const. Mardjai, who also is coming
from "New Guinea Abenth," according to
Sgt. McNeill. 9 patients were registered
- Sgt. McNeill's list, but 2 have
run away; I will collect them to-morrow.

3. Also one prisoner, KAATA,
one of 10 which I have collected for
gambling - he is, I think, suffering
from dysentery.

I expect to be back on the
station on Sunday afternoon, 14th
January.

W. J. G. 190.



On 1st Nov.
Kororua.
10/1/45.

N.D.O.
Kororua.

Recruits - Lelefiua-Kororua.

1. However with recruits from the above-mentioned areas, Const. Vausi counts them.
2. A few of them have no children, but hold no exemption in respect of same.
3. Personnel Rolls attached.

The Consts. Wausi and Api Koini; I sent Api to Wausi about 3 hours before. I received your memo. for Const. Pihhi. The next morning, I instructed Pihhi to notify W.O. Kicks of the change in plan.

W.O. Kicks replied that he had received your memo, and had sent Api on to Kiriaku with me. What happened to



the letter which Ipi was to present at
 Mizivase, I don't know — W.O. Mills reports
 that no letter was handed him. The Comd.
 probably compared it with some mail which I
 forwarded to Mizivase by him.

Hope no inconvenience will result.

W.O. Mills

Nominal Roll.

1. ✓ NOAREHO HANGIRORO MARRIED 2ch.
~~KAPERA ERI 4"~~
- ✓ 2. NADIRI MAIFURI MARRIED 1ch.
- ✓ 3. HAHARA HONU Single.
- * 4. INAHARI EVERA MARRIED 3ch. pre head.
- * 5. LAHUPO MERA " 3ch. pre head.
- ✓ 6. ISAO SUSUVE " "
- ✓ 7. KIHORERA POSU " 1ch.
- ✓ 8. SORO IWARAHARA Single.
- ✓ 9. MARAHARI KAPERA "
- ✓ 10. KATIPU EVOI "
- ✓ 11. KOSE NOAREHO "
- ✓ 12. EKA/KAVE "
- ✓ 13. OAPOI TAVATOKA " 2ch.
- 0 14. AVASA "DAVETA 2min 4ch. X wait.

Nominal Roll

	✓ LAHARAU Poi	MARRIED. — 2 ch.
	✗ KAKE Sioko	" — 2 ch.
KLAVO.	✓ TOKE PUVIA NAIIA	MARRIED — 2 ch.
	SEVESE KARATA.	Single.
	✗ Hija Naieka	MARRIED — 1 ch.
	✗ Uavikia Keri	MARRIED — 3 ch.
KOHARU.	✗ Narehok - Maaka.	MARRIED — 4 ch. (no exemption)
	✗ MAUKAPA Uria	MARRIED — 4 ch.
	✓ Noso Obo.	Single.

A. F. M. S. S. S.

NY

21. 1. 45.

Patrol To : Villages East of Karama: UIRI (SOLA), SISO Group,
WALAI, KASMA, KAMU, WALSIB

Date Left Station: 2.1.45.

Date Returned to Station : 13.1.45.

Purpose of Patrol : (a) To recruit at least fifty natives for
local and Fort Lerbby labour requirements;
(b) To hold courts for native matters, where
necessary;
(c) Investigate all indictable offences reported;
(d) Search for deserters as per extracts from
Deserters' file;
(e) Inspect all villages, etc.

Patrol Accompanied by : One L/Cpl. and three Consts., R.F.C.
One Court Interpreter.
One Native medical orderly.
One Personal Servt.

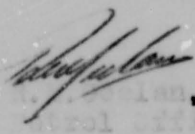
Cost of Patrol : 1. 30 carriers for 7 days, (out), @ 2-stick ea;
70 sticks.
2. 4 carriers for 5 days, (return), @ 2-stick ea;
10 sticks.
3. Gratuities to Vill. Consts., Councilors, and
Perryman : 22 sticks. Carriers: 80 sticks
4. Purchase of foodstuffs, supplementing European/
Native rations: 16 sticks (approx.)
5. Weekly issues at 3 sticks each to 7 native per-
sonnel : 21 sticks.

Amount of Tobacco carried on patrol : 64 lbs.
(139 sticks.)

Amount returned to station: 23 sticks.

Amount expended : 139 sticks.

Last Patrol to this Area : 1. District Service : WO II Earns,
June - July 44 (exact dates unascertainable.)
2. Medical: Sgt. J. McCorrell, 2.1.45 -
13.1.45.


Patrol Officer.

A Patrol Report by Lt. J. J. Julian.

ITRY.

Tuesday, January 3rd. 1944. Left Kerema Station, with 7 native personnel at 1800 hrs. Proceeded to Supola Plantation where, due to heavy rain, the patrol remained for the night.

Wednesday, January 3rd. 1944. Rain again until 1030 hrs. At 1045 hrs., self and one Const., with interpreter and Medical Orderly, left for UMI village, one of the Klabada group, on inspection. Returned to the Estate at 1230 hrs. At 1300 hrs., sent I/Cpl. IAS and Const. TAWALOO to SIO; the I/Cpl. to return carriers, and the Const. to proceed as far as LALEFIRU informing the villagers of the patrol approaching.

Thursday, January 4th. Left Supola with 18 carriers at 0830 hrs. Crossed Cape Supola, and reached SIO Rest House at 1230 hrs. Camped, and inspection of villages made.

Friday, 5th. January. Patrol left SIO at 0800 hrs. Found at the UMAI Creek one SAILE (Koruan) canoe, the crew of which were buying sage. Proceeded on to UMAI Rest House, where a halt was made, at 1030 hrs.

Saturday, January 6th. Left UMAI at 0730 hrs., and inspected all villages east of the Rest House, en route to KARMA. At the KARMA Creek were two more SAILE canoes, under control of the SAILE Vill. Const., IAU - RAI. Remained at KARMA until 1530 hrs., when, after a short rain-storm, the patrol left for KOARU. Village inspections carried on en route. Reached KOARU at 1730 hrs. Camped.

Sunday, January 7th. Despatched one Const. to MIMIVAS Police Post, as replacement for Const. WAUBE, and self at 0900 hrs inspected KOARU village. At 1030 hrs., left for LALEFIRU, arriving at 1130 hrs. Inspection made. Mr. Brown, the I.M.S. representative in this area, was reported still at KORU (KOKIA). Camped here this night.

Monday, January 8th. Crossed to SAVAFURU, en route to MIMIVAS, where I wished to contact the C.I.C. Police Post re reported deserters in his area. Was informed by a Const. from MIMIVAS that the C.I.C. was up the river at Bulldog, and, as an overdue C.I.C. from Kerema was reported to me, with the fact that the accused were all in SAVAFURU village, I remained at SAVAFURU this night. Left LALEFIRU at 0800 and arrived SAVAFURU at 1300 hrs. Money paid to wives of 2 I.M.S. personnel; total - 2/3.

Tuesday, January 9th. At SAVAFURU, waiting for accused persons in the U.M.S. to be brought in. Conducted an inspection of the village; one had not been done since mid-1944, according to the Vill. Const's book. Left this village at 1400 hrs., with all U.M.S. parties, and reached LALEFIRU at 1530; the villagers were ready assembled, and 13 recruits were obtained. Proceeded without delay to KOARU R/A., where the patrol camped.

Wednesday, 10th. January. KOARU villagers assembled at 0700 hrs. 10 c/s recruits taken, and the patrol continued to KARMA group, at 1000 hrs arrived KARMA R/A at 1300 hrs., and shortly afterwards, Sgt. McFerrall, the Kerema I.M.S. arrived going East. Camped, and instructed village officials to assemble the people on the following morning.

Thursday, 11th. January. KARMA people all inspected this morning. 8 recruits only available; these were used as carriers to UMAI, where I found all the villagers absent at a dance on the Estate. Spent the afternoon awaiting their return. Remained at UMAI this night.

Friday, 12th. January. This morning Sgt. McFerrall returning from KOARU arrived at UMAI. Village people, excepting 13 natives of

Friday, 14th. January. (cont'd.)

eligible c/s qualifications, all paraded. A total of 19 was obtained without the slightest objection; the Vill. Const. and councillors however were instructed to bring the natives to Kerema. At 1700 hrs., left SILE, in company of Sgt. McKerrill, and proceeded to SILE, where the same state of affairs was reported: all the natives having gone to go for the celebration. Arrived at SILE at 1800 hrs., and remained the night, having sent word for all people to be home by the next morning.

Saturday, 15th. January. Reached the village people of SILE this morning. 6 recruits taken. Patrol was delayed by high clouds, and it was 1000 before a move could be made. Then self and the S.M.A. walked to the track leading over Cape Supola; I proceeded around the beach for the purpose of inspection of SILE a small village of the KORABABA group; while Sgt. McKerrill went straight to Supola estate. I arrived at SILE at 1500 hrs., and after a brief inspection, left by a steep track, leading on to the Supola road. Arrived at Supola at 1800 hrs., and descended to Kerema. T. : 1800 hrs. Signalled R.P.U. and reported to the A.S.O.

W. G. G. G.
W. G. G. G., Lieut.
P./U.

SUMMARY.

Native Situation. The eastern SILE people and those of their Korapi neighbours who I saw seem to be in a happy frame of mind. The fact that the Kotuan dances... which arrived within the week preceding my visit, were allowed to come at all has shown the natives, more than any talk could do, that the "good times" are not so far distant as they had believed. Most of the older men are now indulging in the "I told you so" attitude, impressing upon their juniors that all bad things come to an end. I was rather surprised that the recruiting of their youths was received with so little annoyance by the boys' relatives; one councillor explained to me that it was because the people were no longer afraid of the war; the Kotuan people had shown them that.

Villages, Housing, etc. All villages seen were in reasonable order; with the exception of the KAVASU-KORABABA site. This area has not been visited for some time, and it was by mere accident that I happened to call there.

The KORABABA villages of UIRI and HAU, in an isolated position on two sides of Cape Supola, were about the two best places I saw. SILE Kos. I and II were fair, and the UIRI group of some seven villages was better than when I saw it last, five months ago. KARAMA, needing five new houses was the worst offender in the Kerema sub-district. KOSU and KUMU, being, I suppose, so close to the civilising influences of the Mission (in this case the M.S.S.) were good.

Rest Houses, Barracks. All villages seen were in possession of workable barracks, and rest-houses; UIRI, in fact, has two: one inside and one outside the village fence. I have used both, and can find no fault with either. I had to go to the trouble to build a complete new barracks and rest-house - in place of the quite good buildings they had before - and succeeded in completing the two in the one day, just before I arrived.

Gardens. All villages on this West coast have been taking a winter rest for the past month or two; while these plots are not yet in bearing, they should, in another two months, be supplying quite adequate amount of food. All are close to the villages with the exception of the KORABABA gardens: these people have had to

Gardens. (cont'd.)

distance inland, in order to cross the swampy ground immediately behind their village.

The Motuan visitors are buying sago in fairly large quantities; there seems no shortage of supply, even at the "cut rates" under which these wily traders are operating. Fish is plentiful; and at HARAI I noticed a plant known as "uru" by the Kaitiaki natives - what its Maori name is, I do not know - but it furnished quite a palatable garnish to the fish with which I saw it being consumed. It possesses a flavour reminiscent of onions; and, when cooked, is in appearance similar to a ripe mango...the same fleshy appearance being common to both. I was told that this plant (the berry of a tree of the same name) is plentiful in the bush; this, however, is the first time I have seen it used here.

Roads, Bridges, Ferry Services. The foot-track across Cape Cupola which descends to the beach about one and a half miles west of SILO, is in excellent condition. The SILO natives, into whose "mark" this road extends, have done a good job which should last for some months, without further major attention. Only a short section of the Kerema - Cupola road, that under the care of the UIRI people, needs attention; these folk have been informed of the fact.

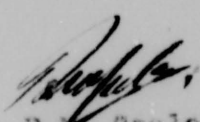
Ferry services, across the SILO, HARAI, and KARARA creeks are good; the three foreigners have each built new canoes quite recently, and no complaints have been forthcoming in regard to their activities.

The inland road from MOANU West House to UREKIRU is also in good order.

of bridges, the three small rivulet-crossings on the Kerema - SILO track are sound; these are the only bridges in the area, unless one counts the two logs, bridging gaps in the coastal rocks on the beach-route to MAU, the second and smaller of the two LOBADA villages. The short steep bush-road from the Cupola track down to the "rear-end" of MAU is in clean order; it is still far from an easy track, however.

General. The area patrolled is in every sense a "routine" one. No U.S. A. of any magnitude were discovered, apart from the case brought to my notice at TAVALURU .. a gambling charge; and a similar offence was reported to me at UREKIRU. The parties were all convicted and a suitable sentence imposed in each case.

A few trivial complaints were settled out of court. Apart from a few minor annoyances, when the villagers did not report, as per instructions, the patrol revealed a reasonably stable frame of mind among the natives, and a sense of confidence which probably existed before the commencement of hostilities; being thereby most welcome, in my opinion.


R. A. Geelen, Lieut.,
Patrol Officer.

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PATROL / R No. 7/44 - 45

STATION:- KUREMA

DISTRICT:- LAKEKALU

DETAILS:- ROUTINE PATROL

KUREMA - KARIAVA - UPOIA - MURO - BELLEPA returning to KUREMA

OFFICER:- W/O. ROBSON. A.L.

DATE:- 25/1/45 - 15/2/45 194 .

12 Mar 45 30/3/30
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SOUTHERN REGION
ANGAU PORT MORESBY
19 Mar 45

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DO KAIRUKU

P/R KEREMA No. 7/44-45 - no Sabon

1. Receipt of the a/a report is acknowledged. I think there is very little to be done.
2. Page 5 - Agriculture - Before the next patrol is sent to this area the ADO should requisition for a supply of vegetable seeds for distribution to the villages on the VAILALA.
3. An informative patrol and the map is well done. The Regional Commander comments "a good routine patrol".
4. Dup. In no opinion a duplicate and will return to the ADO.

[Handwritten Signature]

Capt
for Maj
ADDS & NA (AOL).

Copy:
HQ ANGAU (DS)

ADO KEREMA

Fwd for your information

[Handwritten Signature] Lt for Capt D.O. (AOD)
(H.F.JACKA)

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

LAKEKAMU DISTRICT HQ
KAIRUKU
12 Mar 45

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HQ SOUTHERN REGION
ANGAU

PATROL REPORT KEREMA No 7 / 44-45

1. Above report compiled by WOII ROBSON forwarded in duplicate.
2. ADO KEREMA's comments in his memo of 27 Feb also included. I think there is very little for me to add.
3. On the next visit of an Officer to the remote KARLAVA oil field up the VAILALA River, I think it should be arranged that the KEREMA store keeper to accompany the Patrol with trade to meet natives' requirements, after they have received advances. Will PROCON Agree to this, please? Pre war day traders used to follow behind a few days after natives on a Pltn had received advances and I think PROCON should, where possible do the same.
4. In my opinion a concise and well written report of a useful Patrol by WO ROBSON. The map is a good one.

W.H.H.
Major D.O.

(W.H.H. THOMPSON)

Copy Kerema.

A.S.O.'s Office,
Kerema,
Lakemans District.
27 FEB 45.

D.O.
Kairuku.

Patrol Report No. 7 of 1944/45 - .O.II. Robson.

Patrol report by .O.II.A.L. Robson - in triplicate - is herewith submitted.

.O. Robson has taken pains both in his patrol and with his report, and his map is particularly neat.

It was originally intended that the patrol be done by Lt. R.M. Gedlan, and instructions for the patrol were more or less as originally written for him.

It is intended that a follow-up patrol be made as soon as expedient. The village of OROYOI was not visited and no appointment of a new Village Policeman is possible until this is done (see Diary 5.2.45 and page 7 Village Constables), there being considerable variance in the stated size of the village - some natives say it has now only three houses - others say there are at least ten.

A similar state exists in the MURO area. The patrol officer's illness prevented him seeing all the villages in this group - some say that two of the villages are deserted with the people living on the PURARI River - others say the villages are still occupied. In any case, the continued loss of life through crocodiles has considerably shaken their morale and it may be necessary to move some of the villages to less crocodile-infested areas.

To cover all this I am hoping to arrange a patrol up through the lower Vailala Villages, on past KARIAVA to IOMARITA, thence overland to the PURARI and down River through MURO. It may be several months before it can be started.

In Diary under date Friday 26.1.45 --- the woman who had lost her leg was still alive when she arrived at Kerema. The "MAIRA" took her to GEMO on the following day and good reports were received from the hospital. However, she subsequently died following the necessary amputation of the stump.

In diary under date Friday 2.2.45 -- a new appointment to replace deceased HEPHA Village Constable will be made as soon as possible.

General - Village Houses: I had the opportunity of seeing some of the villages inspected by .O. Robson and I was pleasantly surprised that the improvements made from 1935 to 1940 (during much of which I was stationed at Kerema) have been maintained and in places improved upon.

Roads and Bridges - the UPEIA-MURO road will never be more than a track. The population and the number of likely patrols do not encourage or warrant the time and labour road making would need.

Roads and Bridges - The Bridge over the Keuru Creek is about 40 yards in length and the creek is subject to heavy flooding. The bridge needs constant attention.

Roads and Bridges - The bridges along the BELERA-KOIALAHU road were seen two weeks later by me. They were in the main part fairly bad - one had decking loose and angled at 45 degrees from the level - two hardwood bridges had been hurriedly

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replaced with flimsy bamboo structures, one of which nearly sent me flying into the mud below. Necessary orders for the replacement with solid hardwood bridges were given.

Stealing KARIAVA - there had been no stealing between the time of W.O. Hobson's visit and my visit two weeks later, and the culprits in previous offenses had not been located. The suggestions re the issues of rams and the visit of a trade store are sound.

Done
D. M. Rutledge A. D. C. Capt.

A. D. O.'s Office,
Kerema
Lakokamu District.
20 JAN 45.

W. O. I. A. L. Robson,
Patrol Officer,
Kerema.

Patrol.

Will you please prepare for a patrol, leaving Kerema on Thursday 25 JAN 45.

I would like you to visit all the villages on the Vailala River as far as KARLAVA, inspecting same, holding Courts for Native Matters, and routine.

AT KARLAVA I would like you to meet the caretaker in charge (Mr. H. W. Hoyles) and his staff, and enquire into any native labour troubles they may be experiencing. You will not be able to hold an inspection, but should prosecutions be needed I will accept as evidence, written statements by a European made in your presence and in the presence of the native concerned, giving the native opportunity to cross-examine.

Return by canoe as far as UPOIA, and then proceed overland to and through the MURO Villages, and so returning beachward to Kerema.

A map of the patrol will have to accompany the report

You will take with you the following personnel -
R. P. C. Constables MAUDJAI, OVE, API and KAIFU, ex Interpreter
KIVAVIA, a Medical Orderly (if supplied by Sgt. MacKerrell).

A station canoe will be at your disposal on Thursday a crew provided. Warn of your return and the whaleboat will be sent over for you - it will not be ready for the water before Thursday next.

Various matters needing attention will be given on separate memos.

I trust you have a successful patrol.

D. M. Rutledge
Capt.
D. M. Rutledge A. D. O.

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A.D.C's Office,
Kerema,
Lakekamu District.
20 JAN 45.

W. A. R. Hobson
Lt. R. M. Geelan,
Patrol Officer,
KEREMA.

Patrol.

~~Thursday 25~~ Will you please prepare for a patrol, leaving Kerema on ~~Monday~~ 22 JAN 45.

I would like you to visit all the villages on the Vailala River as far as KARIAVA, inspecting same, holding Courts for Native Matters, and routine.

At KARIAVA I would like you to meet the Caretaker in Charge (Mr. H.W. Hoyles) and his staff, and enquire into any native labour troubles they may be experiencing. You will not be able to hold an inspection, but should prosecutions be needed I will accept as evidence, written statements by a European made in your presence and in the presence of the native concerned, giving the native opportunity to cross-examine.

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A station canoe will be at your disposal on ~~Monday~~ ^{Thursday} - a crew of prisoners will be provided. Warn of your return and the whaleboat will be sent over for you - it will not be ready before Thursday next.

Various matters needing attention will be given on separate memos.

Please check up on comments on your previous patrols before you go - the A/D.D. suggests that there is too much irrelevant detail in your dairy reports.

I trust you have a successful patrol and one which will leave you with the feeling of a leave well-earned.

and attached
D.M. Rutledge

Capt.
A.D.C.

PATROL REPORT

NO. 7/44 - 45.

KIRIMA SUB DISTRICT.

PERSONNEL

W/O. ROBBEN. A.L.

Reg. No.	1828	Const.	MAUDJAI	IU'S
"	2108	"	OYE	OMARA
"	2314	"	API	KOIVI
"	2265	"	KAIPU	AUSA
NMO	384		EKA	AUVITA
EX. INTERPRETER:			KIVAVIA	IVARA
COOK BOY:			ARGARU	POFORO

PREVIOUS PATROL REPORT:

NO. 18/43-44.

LAST PATROL TO AREA BY:

W/O.2 HEARNE. G.R.C.

JUNE - JULY: 1944.

PATROL MAP:

SUBMITTED.

OBJECT:

ROUTINE PATROL:

- (A) TO OBTAIN RECRUITS FOR ENLISTMENT P.I.B.
- (B) LABOUR RECRUITS: PIT SAW: CUPOLA PLANT.
- (C) APPREHENSION OF N/L DESERTERS.
- (D) LOCATION OF NATIVES FOR FINALISATION OF G/E.
- (E) HANDING OF MONIES TO CARETAKER A.P.C. KARIAVA.
- (F) PAYMENT OF WHL & DE MONIES: DISTRIBUTION OF W.S.C.
- (G) INVESTIGATION & HEARING OF CHM CASES ON PATROL.

DURATION:

25th. JANUARY, 45 - 15th. FEBRUARY, 1945.

ROUTE TRAVEL:

By whale boat to MEI thence by beach to VAILALA EAST. canoe to KARIAVA returning to UPOIA, then by path to MURO - OKOKOLO, thence by beach to VAILALA WEST, by path to BELEPA - KOIALAHU then returning along beach to MEI - by whale boat to KIRIMA.

CARRIERS:

AVERAGE NO. TWENTY.

COST OF PATROL:

TOBACCO EXPENDED: ISSUES: GRATUITIES: FOOD: CARRIERS: TWENTY FIVE LBS:

A.L. Robben W/O.2.
A.L. ROBBEN: KIRIMA.

DIARYTHURSDAY: 25.1.45

Departed 0845 hrs. per whale boat arriving at MEI 1010 hrs., carriers obtained, whale boat returning to KEREMA.

1100 hrs. left MEI accompanied by V/C. 29 KARI, 1145 hrs. KARIHARA continuing to BIA (The Bluff) 1230 hrs., passed ARAMIRI PLINT arriving at HAIAMABU 1400 hrs., continued to AKIPIRU., crossing AKIPIRU Cr. 1405 hrs., (Ferryman No.23) arriving at HUIVA PLINT 1500 hrs., stayed night.

FRIDAY: 26.1.45

Departed 0800 hrs., passing HEREHERE comprised of two sections 1 & 2. 0845 hrs., continued to LOLA'IPI then to Rest House 0900 hrs. A halt was made and discussion held with V/Constables and V/Councillors, various matters brought forth, CNM cases, queries, as a number of participants were not present, advised to have ready for hearing on my return to HUIVA.

1045 hrs., continued 1100 hrs. ferried across KEURU CR. to OVAVAHA and AWAHURU Nos. 1. & 2., continuing to KAKAKA 1215 hrs., crossed small creek to HEPIMIAVA 1235 hrs., BELARI 1300 hrs., reaching KOIALAHU at 1330 hrs., continued 1400 hrs., EVAU., 1415 hrs., mission school, continued and reached VAILALA EAST at 1430 hrs., this village is comprised of two sections known as MAREKI and UMANIPI with the mission buildings (JMS) church, school and residence making the division.

Met Rev. S. Dowdney (LMS) en route to KEREMA with a native woman patient who had been attacked by a crocodile and her leg taken off at the joint. Arranged hire of canoes for trip to KARIAVA (APC), departing 1630 hrs., per canoe upstream VAILALA river passing KAROKARO and arriving at VAIVIRI PLINT., 1900 hrs., stayed night.

SATURDAY: 27.1.45

Departed 0930 hrs., upstream per canoe ORABERA (SDA) 1300 hrs., lunch, continued 1430 hrs., EVORI 1545 hrs., AKOURA 2000 hrs., UPOIA (Old APC camp) 2100 hrs., river flowing swiftly evidently rain inland. Stayed night.

SUNDAY: 28.1.45

Continued upstream 0700 hrs., reaching LOA at 0830 hrs., continued to KAIRAVA 1200 hrs., one male child requiring medical attention, lunch, 1300 hrs., continued 1430 hrs., HEWA (RH) 1615 hrs., HUKULORA 1645 hrs., VAKORA, one deserter apprehended, LOHIKI (R.H.) 1845 hrs., stayed night.

Approached by V/Constable with reference to KUKUKUKU village ABI'U being allowed to re-build on the opposing bank of the LOHIKI creek and to be known as LOHIKI NO. 2., matter discussed and agreed upon. (see appendix)

MONDAY: 29.1.45

Departed 0800 hrs., HEPA 0945 hrs., continued 1000 hrs., MOMUKU 1055 hrs. lunch, continued 1140 hrs., IAVAI'A 1430 hrs., reaching PAKU (R.H) 1845 hrs., stayed night. Houses in this village of a good style possibly due to an energetic V/Constable and mission teacher (SDA)

TUESDAY: 30.1.45

0730 hrs., continued 0915 hrs., IORI, two male children for medical attention, here it was noticed that three of a very small community had eye trouble, inquiries revealed that two were obtained accidentally, but whether heredity in the other a small child was not disclosed. 0930 hrs., continued 1100 hrs., HOPUKHU, 1230 hrs., KARIAVA (KRC)

Met C.I.C. Mr. Hoyle and handed over monies to him.

WEDNESDAY: 31.1.45

KARIAVA (KRO) CHM and hearing of complaints and acting as mediator.
Investigating petty thieving and vandalism caused by natives at
KARIAVA (see appendix)

THURSDAY: 1.2.45

to KARIAVA Drilling Area (KDA) investigating loss by MR. J. Miller and
breaking and entering of General Office.

CHM affairs of natives employed KDA.

FRIDAY: 2.2.45

Departed from KARIAVA downstream per canoe at 0830 hrs., HOPUKAHU
0905 hrs., 0945 hrs., IORI continued 1045 hrs., PAKU, elevation 25ft
above river level. One old man for medical attention advanced yaws.
Application for appointment of councillor. (see appendix V/Officials)
1145 hrs., continued, 1330 hrs., LAVAI'A, NOMUKU 1430 hrs., HSPA 1450
hrs., LOHIKI 1530 hrs., stayed night.

One male native for medical attention OROKOLO first aid post.
LOHIKI V/Constable desires to change with younger man. (see appendix)
LOHIKI V/Constable drew my attention to the fact that the HSPA V/Con-
stable had died approx. 18 months ago, clothes being handed in to
KEREMA, so far no new appointment had been made so he was controlling
the village, also an inland village HAKIOPA.

SATURDAY: 3.2.45

0800 hrs., departed 0900 hrs., VAKORA, 0910 hrs., MUKUMORA, 1000 hrs.,
HENA, 1045 hrs., KAIRAVA, 1210 hrs., LOA and at 1240 hrs., reached
UPOIA (APC) stayed night.
Mail from KARIAVA sent per canoe to VAIVINI, the canoes then contin-
uing to VAILALA.

SUNDAY: 4.2.45

0800 hrs., departed 0910 hrs., MAHIA 0915 hrs., continued to PEAVORO
1025 hrs., this is the only village controlled by V/C. No. 9.
Application for replacement of councillor (dead) (see appendix)
Continued crossing and re-crossing the MARLAMA creek, roads poor,
swampy land and small population. 1300 hrs., ARDARO (R.H) stayed night.

MONDAY: 5.2.45

ARDARO: Morning, myself unwell and weather bad, afternoon CHM.

Whilst here was approached by LULU/HARI who had been appointed by
Capt. O'Connor to look after OROVOI village the previous V/Constable
had been gaoled and not replaced. (see appendix)

TUESDAY: 6.2.45

0800 hrs., continued crossing and re-crossing KIROVI creek, 1040 hrs.,
APEPEA, 1125 hrs., continued passed old site of PAKUPOKU (village
extinct) shown on strat. map, continued to KVAIPIA 1130 hrs., return-
ing to turn off of path to APEPEA and MAIKORO, 1210 hrs., continued
area swampy, 1210 hrs., MAIKORO, 1400 hrs., continued PAIVERA (R.H)
1420 hrs., mission house, stayed night.

WEDNESDAY: 7.2.45

0800 hrs., departed 0855 hrs., AREHAVA (Inland) 0930 hrs., NIRO (R.H)
Visited ARE and KILAVI, CHM, recruiting of labour (voluntary)
Stayed night.

THURSDAY: 8.2.45

0800 hrs., departed 1000 hrs., AHEHAVA (S.H) AHEHAVA is comprised of a number of villages (appendix A) and has three V/Constables. The villages are neat and tidy and the houses are in rows intersected by streets with flowers and shrubs lining them. HARIMABU is outstanding of this group for its neatness. Listening to local talk, 1530 hrs., continued arriving at OROKOLO 1630 hrs., stayed night.

FRIDAY: 9.2.45

OROKOLO: CHM. land disputes between PAIVERA and IOKU mark made 15 yrs. ago by Mr. G. Murray, no decision made, endeavouring to locate map (old V/C's book) at KEREKA office.

1500 hrs., departed 1715 hrs., NORIAU 1730 hrs., continued 1745 hrs., HERAKIPA, 1800 hrs., HOMORO, 1815 hrs., ORABIDA, 1845 hrs., PAKUMABU, 1900 hrs., BAIARI NO.2., five minutes walk from beach on VAIVIRI PLINT track BAIARI NO.1., 1920 hrs., VAIVIRI PLINT., stayed the night.

SATURDAY: 10.2.45

VAIVIRI: CHM, local disputes and discussion.

SUNDAY: 11.2.45

VAIVIRI: 0930 hrs., left to inspect coastal villages to VAILALA WEST and villages BELEPA inland from KOKKA creek.

0940 hrs., HALARI NO. 1., bearing east 1000 hrs., BIAI, 1020 hrs., AUMAY 1030 hrs., HAUAPAI NO.1., 1035 hrs., HAUAPAI NO.2., 1045 hrs., ARUKORAPI, 1100 hrs., KUKIPI, 1105 hrs., MILOI, 1120 hrs., VAILALA WEST, by canoe to east bank of Vailala river passing KANOKARO 1210 hrs. and entering KOKKA creek, continuing until 1300 hrs., left canoe and walked to HERAKIPA 1310 hrs., continued 1330 hrs., 1350 hrs. application for appointment of Councillor (former decd; see appendix) 1400 hrs., continued 1405 hrs., garden area and pig caretaker, 1410 hrs., MILOI Cr., by canoe entering VAILALA river just below MAIRA PLINT 1430 hrs., VAIVIRI PLINT., stayed night.

MONDAY: 12.2.45

0900 hrs., departed upstream Vailala river per canoe arriving MAIRA PLINT., 0945 hrs., continued 1015 hrs., OPA 1100 hrs., 1145 hrs., APURANIA, 1150 hrs., MILOI, P.L.B. enlistments. Application for first appointment of Councillors to MILOI and APURANIA (see appendix) 1245 hrs., continued to SDA school BELEPA, watched instruction of local village children by native teachers. The pupils and the teachers were asked to write articles of interest for broadcasting on the RORU session 9 PM. European missionary on leave, native teachers appear to be carrying on excellently. Inspected BELEPA village, lunch, departing by KOLALAHU - BELEPA Rd., which is in good order 1335 hrs., reaching POIVA 1400 hrs., HAKOLU 1415 hrs., (S.H) 1500 hrs., continued 1525 hrs., reached beach 1530 hrs., MELANI, 1600 hrs., HEPISIAVA, 1610 hrs., KEAKA, 1705 hrs., AWARUHU No.1 and No.2., 1710 hrs., LANUPI, 1730 hrs., HERHERE No. 1 and No.2., 1800 hrs., HUIVA PLINT., stayed night.

TUESDAY: 13.2.45

HUIVA: Morning CHM, afternoon visited villages rear of HUIVA PLINT., KEURU Cr., 1330 hrs., departed west along the beach to KEURU Cr., 1445 hrs., by canoe upstream 1545 hrs., LAKOMA, by path through mangrove swamp to old site of OVAVAKA used now by pig caretaker, 1525 hrs., AWARUHU, 1540 hrs., NOVINOVO, returning to AWARUHU then to PEKOI 1550 hrs., HIRU 1625 hrs., returning to PEKOI then along path way to bridge crossing KEURU Cr., following path to Rest House near HERHERE reaching beach 1700 hrs., continued to HUIVA stayed night.

WEDNESDAY: 14.2.45

HUIVA: GNM, local discussions and disputes.

THURSDAY: 15.2.45

HUIVA: GNM. 1100 hrs., departed crossed ZEPINU creek to AKIPINU village 1200 hrs., HAIABU 1205 hrs., BIA (The Bluff) 1330 hrs., KASIRABA 1415 hrs., MBI 1500 hrs., found whale boat awaiting my arrival, continued to KAKOMA 1700 hrs., reported to A.B.O.

GENERAL

TOPOGRAPHICAL FEATURES:

VAILALA RIVER

Approx. twenty five miles west of KAKOMA is the VAILALA river, flowing in a northerly to southerly direction into the gulf of Papua.

The distance per the VAILALA river to KARIAVA is approx. seventy six miles and at this point the river is twenty feet above sea level and has risen to forty feet whilst in flood.

Two other rivers flow into the VAILALA the MOHIKI and IVORI.

KARIAVA

KARIAVA RIVER CAMP (KRC) is one hundred feet above sea level and (KRA) KARIAVA DRILLING AREA is eight hundred feet above sea level.

GENERAL

The villages in the main are to be found on the edge of the beach and on the banks of the rivers, with exceptions, the MELERA - KUNU cr., and the UPOIA - MURU areas.

The country in the main is low, swampy, with a slightly higher portion running into the foothills.

WEATHER and CLIMATE:

Only two wet days were encountered whilst on patrol, the remainder being sunny and the humidity high.

MOTU BROADCAST:

Items of interest noted whilst on patrol;

The villages of NOKIAU and HERAKESA (SOKOLO) are each building a large canoe to take sago to PORT Moresby.

The FORBADA people who are building a large canoe at MBI village, for the transporting of sago to their village will shortly have it completed.

The ARHAVA and SOKOLO people are busily engaged making large gardens.

VILLAGE HOUSES and BEST HOUSES:

Whilst the design of a lot of village houses leaves a lot to be desired in regard to improvements, it was pleasing to see the large percentage of houses being re-built. In the large villages it would be up to 25% and in the smaller at least 20%

quite a number of Best Houses had been rebuilt and many others renovated.

ROADS and BRIDGES:UPCIA - MURC - OROKOLO

The roads in this area require a lot of improvement, although the patrols through this area have been few and far between in the past. Many factors contribute to poor roads; small population, swampy and rough ground and a large area. Village officials ordered to improve the existing road.

BELEPA - KOIALAHU and KEURU cr.

The roads in these areas are in good order and condition which is very pleasing.

BRIDGES:

In all of these areas there are very few bridges, there being mainly catwalks, with one exception the bridge over the KEURU cr. and this is a rather frail affair, in general those encountered were in a good order and condition.

AGRICULTURE:

These people don't appear to be agriculturists in the true sense of the word, although there is an apparent tendency of late to make gardens where suitable land is available.

Whilst the banks of the VAILALA river in places is heavily timbered and the soil appears to be fertile, beyond a strip along the river bank the remainder is swampy until the foothills of the mountains are reached. Sago is the staple diet in this whole area.

The following foods were obtained in small quantities; Yams, Corn, Sweet potatoes, Bananas, Paw paws, Pineapples and in the MURC - OROKOLO and BELEPA - KEURU cr. areas oranges were in fair supply.

MOVEMENT of VILLAGE:

LOHIKI: 28.1.45

EXTRACT of DIARY

I was approached by seven male and five female adults of a KUKUKUKU village ABI'U to be allowed to move from their present village approx. three days inland and settle on the bank of the LOHIKI and VAILALA river, as the Village Constable and the LOHIKI people were in favour permission was granted.

Inquiries revealed that the land had been arranged and that they had ample gardening land as their existing land adjoins the LOHIKI people's.

Proposed village site inspected and approved as being suitable as it is the same height and will be similar to the present LOHIKI village.

P. I. B. ENLISTMENTS:

Of the fifteen enlistments mainly from the BELEPA area only six were able to pass the medical test, the remainder being young and their physique not up to the standard required.

MEDICAL:

The patrol was accompanied by an NMO, but very little illness was discovered in the villages visited, as reported in the daily diary any natives found suffering from sores or any other complaint was instructed to report to OROKOLO First Aid Post (at LMS OROKOLO) or to KEREMA Native Hospital.

The establishing of a first aid post at OROKOLO is a boon to the natives in the VAILALA - MURC - BELEPA areas as if their complaint is of a minor nature it can be attended to without a journey being made to KEREMA.

LAW and JUSTICE:COURTS for NATIVE MATTERS held whilst on PATROL:

Of the cases heard two male natives received gaol sentences of two months and one month respectively, the remainder being fines, ranging from two shillings and sixpence to ten shillings, total amount of fines inflicted three pounds.

In general most disputes brought forth were settled out of court; in the main they were, marriage payments and ownership of various articles and by hearing both parties and acting as mediator, usually an amicable agreement was reached suiting all parties concerned.

STEALING KARIAVA:

A number of complaints of petty thieving and vandalism was brought to my notice, but the C.I.C was unable to indicate or were the R.P.C able to discover the culprits.

The articles taken are of late, Tobacco, Calico, one shirt and writing materials.

The calico is obtained from the ceilings of buildings vacated and is a form of vandalism as there is considerable work entailed in replacing of same.

The tobacco has been stolen from the store by breaking and entering the building.

The writing materials were taken from the General office by cutting the canvas at the top of the walls and effecting an entry.

One native was a suspect concerning the shirt stolen from a European but the C.I.C deferred pending a charge owing to lack of evidence.

I would suggest to endeavour to stop this petty thieving which is actually costly through the vandalism caused, that the following steps be taken;

1. A complete rami re-issue (long overdue) (ordered by OIC 1960.24.11.44)
2. That an arrangement be made where the OIC KIRIMA Trade Store could pack a limited number of articles that would be saleable to the natives employed here (approx. 82) and he endeavour to arrange his trip to coincide with the payment of H/L advances. Failing the suitability of the OIC Trade Store visiting here, that KARIAVA be approached to conduct a small Trade Store, similar to the scheme in operation on some Plantations.

R.P.C. REPORT PAGE: 8GENERAL

In conclusion I must say this is my first patrol in this area of which I visited eighty three villages or hamlets and as I am new to the District, I may be incorrect in some of the views I have passed.

I have endeavoured to gather what statistical figures I could so as to assist myself or who ever may repeat this patrol, I would further suggest that this patrol be repeated if possible every three months.

A. L. Robson. /0.2.

KIRIMA

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

As shown in appendix E twenty nine Village Constables met the patrol and accompanied it throughout their area, some continuing for portion of the patrol.

They were keen and helpful and with the Village Councillors they brought forth and discussed matters affecting villages under their control.

As outlined hereunder are nominations for the positions of Village Constable and Village Councillor.

Where Councillors were nominated the village people's views were obtained resulting in the nominee being approved subject to approval by the Government.

NOMINEE'S for position of VILLAGE CONSTABLEEXTRACT of DIARY2.2.45LOHIKI VILLAGE

NOMINEE: MOVI HAPAU of LOHIKI

The Village Constable No. 15A desires to change with a younger man, as he is of middle age and now controls HEPA and HAKIOPA (former V/C deceased and not replaced) and three other villages I think a younger man may be better. Application by MKA AIRIPI to replace HEPA V/C. Informed to report to KERENA for interview by A.B.C.

5.2.45OROVOI VILLAGE

LOM/HARI of OROVOI was appointed by Capt. O'Connor to look after OROVOI village, when the former Village Constable was gaoled, although not officially appointed Village Constable or Councillor and as no replacement has been made I would recommend the a/m native as by all accounts he has been doing a good job.

NOMINEE'S for the position of VILLAGE COUNCILLOREXTRACT of DIARY2.2.45PAKU VILLAGE

NOMINEE: KIVAVIA HAIMO of PAKU

Former V/Councillor was employed under G/S. and does not desire re appointment.

The V/Constable of PAKU resides at IOBI (near KARIAVA)
Population of PAKU 10 Male Adults, 10 Female Adults and children.

4.2.45FEAVIRO VILLAGE

NOMINEE:

The village people desire to appoint a Village Councillor to replace former Councillor who died.

The village is fairly large for this area see appendix A so V/C .9. was informed to report with nominee to KERENA on my return.

11.2.45IOBI (BELEPA)

NOMINEE: AVIRA HVARAPU of IOBI

The village people desire to appoint a Village Councillor to replace former councillor who died.

The village is large see appendix A so would recommend appointment.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

NOMINEE'S for the position of VILLAGE COUNSELLOR

EXTRACT OF DIARY

12.2.45

APURANIA VILLAGE: NOMINEE: KAU VIND of APURANIA

HILOI VILLAGE: NOMINEE: HAPEA AIAI of HILOI

These villages are well established in a fairly well populated area and I would recommend as first appointments the a/m natives.

R.P.C:

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

<u>NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONDUCT</u>	<u>ABILITY</u>
Reg. No. 1828 Const.	MAURIAI IU'E	GOOD	FAIR

This constable was only with me for a few days of the patrol as he was mainly ahead advising the villages of my approach.

Therefore I can only report on him whilst he was with me and I was not impressed.

<u>NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONDUCT</u>	<u>ABILITY</u>
Reg. No. 2108 Const.	OVE OBARA	GOOD	FAIR

This constable tries hard and with more patrols and the experience gained should be an asset to the force.

<u>NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONDUCT</u>	<u>ABILITY</u>
Reg. No. 2314 Const.	API KOIVI	GOOD	FAIR

This constable is willing but has very little idea of what is required of him; should improve when more experience gained.

<u>NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONDUCT</u>	<u>ABILITY</u>
Reg. No. 2265 Const.	KAIPU AUNA	GOOD	FAIR

This constable is of the slow type, but appears to be reliable and should improve with experience.

IX. INTERPRETERS: KIVAVIA EVASA

This man has previously had twenty eight years with the PAPUAN Government as an interpreter and all I can say is I found him excellent and his interpretation very good.

VILLAGES CONTROLLED BY HIM

<u>NO.</u>	<u>VILLAGES CONTROLLED BY HIM</u>
1	HOMI - IOKU - DORIHAINU
2	ERE
3	EAIVA
4	KAIKUKABU - NORIHAINU
5	HOLAU - HERAKERA - HOHORO - PAKUWABU - HAIANI NO. 2
5A	HANIRAREVA - ORABIRA - HOPAIKU
6	ANSHAVA (Inland) PAIVERA - HAIKORO
7	AYEPEKA - KWAIPIA - PAHEPOKU (Village extinct)
8	ANGARO
9	PRAYORO
12	HUKULORA - KAIRAVA - VAKORA - HEMA
14	PAKU - MOBI (Vailala river) HOPUKAHU
15A	HUKIORA - LAVAI'A - HEMA - LOHIKI - MOMUKU
16	LOA - AKOUNA - HAHIA
18	IORI (Belepa) - LEPAKERA
19	BELERA - HILOI - APURANIA - OPA - IVORI - ORABERA
20	XILAVI
21	POIVA - HSLAU
22	HAROLU - DUI - KANGKARO
24	VAILALA WEST - HILAI - KUKIPI - ARIUKORAPI
25	VAILALA EAST (HAREKI - UNARIPI)
26	KOIALAHU - BELARI - HEPIMIAVA - KVAU
27	OVAVANA - ORAHUHU - HAUNABA - OVAVA - LAKOMA - ARURUHI - AWAIPIHU KAKABA
28	NOVINCHO - HIRU - PEKOI - HEMHERE NO.1. HEMHERE NO.2. AKIPIHU KOLA'IPI
29	HEI - KARIMARA - BIA - HAIMABU
31	KAVAVA - HURURU
54	AUMA - HANUAPE NO. 1 - HANUAPE NO. 2 - BIAI - HAIALI NO.1. MIRI HAILI NO.2
64	HARIVAVU - HAREA -
67	ABANE - MIRUKAI - MAITA

VILLAGES VISITED ON PARCEL

VILLAGE NAME	NO. HOUSES	CONTROL	V/S NO.	MAP REF.	SERIES & N. - 1"
<u>KEREMA - VAILALA EAST</u>					
NEI NO.2.	50	R.H.	29	423575	WAU 1.253,440.
KARIHARA	4		"	423577	"
BIA	2		"	395580	"
HALA'MABU	6		"	380570	"
AKIPIBU	6		23	373570	"
HERHERRE NO.1	7		"	343572	"
HERHERRE NO.2	10	R.H.	"	342573	"
LOLAUPI	3		23	340573	"
OVAVABA	15		23	330570	"
AWARUHU NO.1)			27	290553	KIZORI 1.253,440.
AWARUHU NO.2)	15		27	290553	"
KEAKYA	17		27	231553	"
HEPEMLAVA	16		26	276555	"
BELARI	6		26	275555	"
KOIALAHU	32	R.H.	26	271555	"
EVAV	23		26	268555	"
<u>VAILALA EAST</u>					
MAHEZI	35		25	253550	"
UMARUPI	33	R.H.	25	253550	"
<u>VAILALA WEST - AREHAVA</u>					
VAILALA WEST	15		24	251545	"
HIGOI	20		24	250551	"
KUKUPI	20		24	248551	"
ARIUKORAPI	4		24	244545	"
HARUAPI NO.2.	7		54	243544	"
HARUAPI NO.1.	16		54	242543	"
SUMA	8	R.H.	54	240540	"
BIAI	5		54	235535	"
HALARI NO.1.	17		54	238523	"
HALARI NO.2.	5		54	236523	"
<u>OROKOLO</u>					
MIRIHALARI NO.2.)			54	232525	"
PAKUMABU			5	230524	"
ORABIRA			5A	222519	"
HONDRO			5	213514	"
HERAKERA			5	212512	"
NORIAN			5	210511	"
KAVAVA			31	205509	"
HURURU		R.H.	31	200508	"
HOPAIKU			5A	196504	"
HARIBAREVA			5A	190502	"
<u>AREHAVA</u>					
YOKU			1	185502	"
DORIHIBU			1	181502	"
KAIKUKABU			4	173503	"
MAREA		R.H.	64	175504	"
HARIMABU			64	172503	"
<u>UPOIA (APG) - MURU</u>					
HAKIA	4		16	275435	"
PEAVORO	14		9	251470	"
ASOARO	10	R.H.	8	248460	"
APEPEA	6		7	205465	"
KWAIPIA	10		7	203475	"
HAIKORO	9		6	203477	"
PAIVERA	14	R.H.	6	192432	"
AREHAVA (Inland)	10		6	177475	"
ERE	11	R.H.	2	168465	"
KILAVI	20		2	167460	"

VILLAGES VISITED ON PATROL

VILLAGE NAME NO. HSES. CONTROL V/S NO. MAP REF. SKETCH 4 M - 1"

INLAND rear of HUIVA PLNT - KURU CR.

LAKOMA	10		27	328565	WAU
OVAVAHA (old site)	2		27	332570	"
ARURUHU	8		27	340560	"
BOVIHOHO	9		28	345560	"
PEKOI	17		28	339560	"
HINU	12		28	340559	"

BELLEPA - BENARI (Beach)

LEPA/KARA	28		18	257540	KIKORI
IORI	30	R.H.	18	255527	"
OPA	15		19	277520	"
APURARIA	12		19	277525	"
HINOI	23	R.H.	19	277530	"
BELLEPA	20		19	280529	"
POIVA	13		21	280539	"
HAROLU	30	R.H.	22	280545	"

VAILALA RIVER - KARIAVA

KAROZARO	6		22	260570	"
ORABKA	1		19	260535	"
IVORI	3		19	300520	WAU
AKOURA	7		16	290455	KIKORI
IAA	3		16	282430	"
KAIRAVA	5		12	273410	"
HEPA	6	R.H.	12	265412	"
HUKULORA	7		12	275400	"
VAKORA	3		12	268395	"
LOHIKI	8	R.H.	15A	290390	"
HEPA	5		15A	280368	"
MOMUKU	2		15A	280365	"
IAVAIA	3		15A	275330	"
PAKU	5	R.H.	14	265305	"
IORI	3		14	275290	"
HOPUKAHU	1		14	280260	"

R.P.O.

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

<u>NO</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONDUCT</u>	<u>ABILITY</u>
Reg. No. 1088 Const.	MAUDJAI IURE	GOOD	FAIR

This constable was only with me for a few days of the patrol as he was mainly ahead advising the villages of my approach.

Therefore I can only report on him whilst he was with me and I was not impressed.

<u>NO</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONDUCT</u>	<u>ABILITY</u>
Reg. No. 2108 Const.	OVE OMARA	GOOD	FAIR

This constable tries hard and with more patrols and the experience gained should be an asset to the force.

<u>NO</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONDUCT</u>	<u>ABILITY</u>
Reg. No. 2314 Const.	API KOUVI	GOOD	FAIR

This constable is willing but has very little idea of what is required of him; should improve when more experience gained.

<u>NO</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONDUCT</u>	<u>ABILITY</u>
Reg. No. 2265 Const.	KALFU AUWA	GOOD	FAIR

This constable is of the slow type, but appears to be reliable and should improve with experience.

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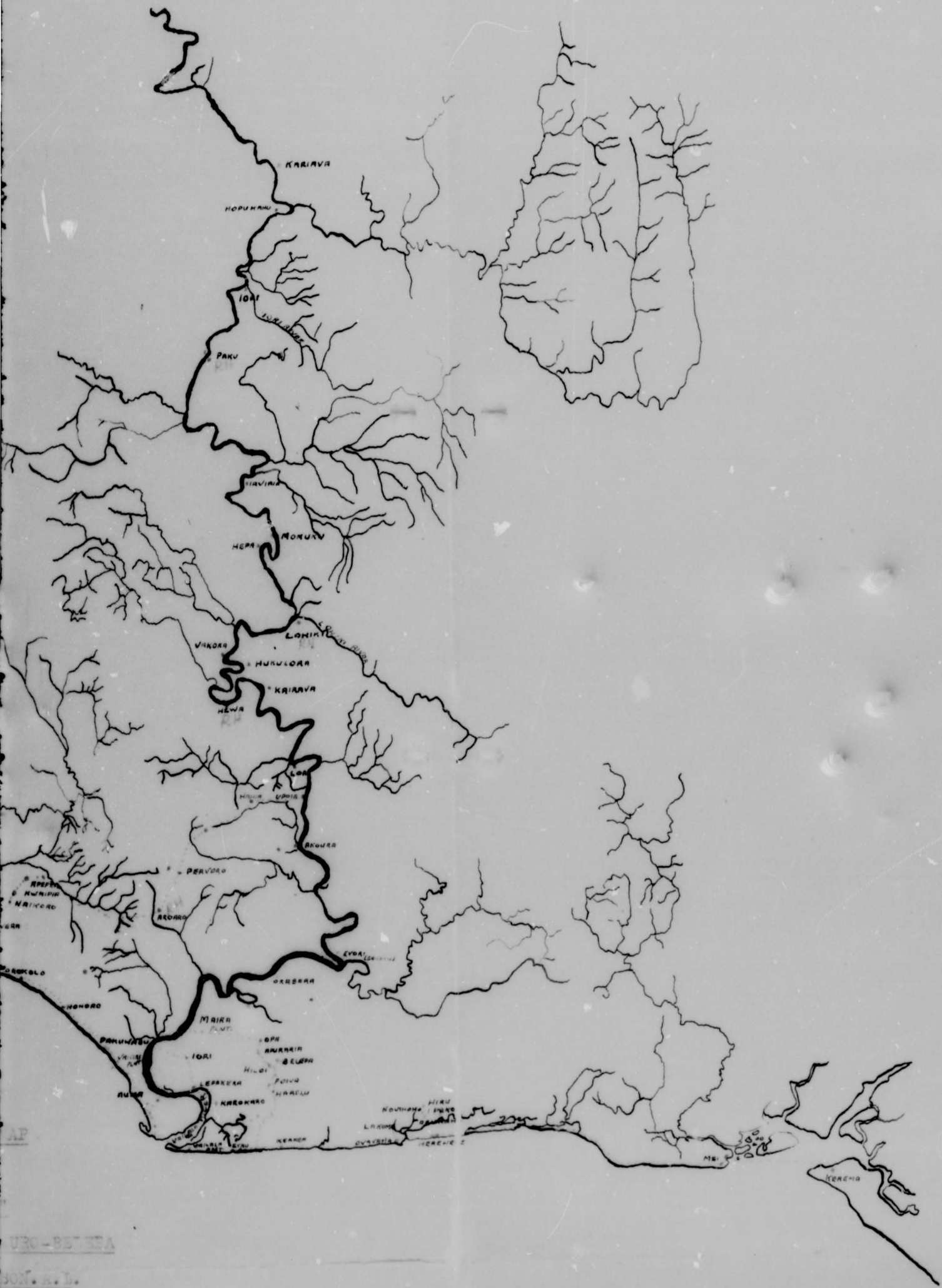
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KIPORI - HAU STRAT: MAP

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KEREMA-KARIIVA-UFOLA-MURO-BEINFA

DRAWN BY: W/C. Z. ROYSON, A.I.C.

P / R No. KEREMA: 8 / 44 - 45.

STATION: KEREMA:

DISTRICT: LAKKAMU:

DETAILS: KEREMA to EASTERN BOUNDARY OIAPU:

ROUTINE PATROL: REVISION and COMPILING of CENSUS
SILO to LELEPIRU:
GENERAL INSPECTION:
N/L: MATTERS, QUERIES ETC:

OFFICER: A.L. ROBSON. LT. P.O.

DATE: 14/3/45 to 22/4/45. 194 .

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

WILKINSON DISTRICT HQ
KAI IAU
7 May 45

File 30/2 - 495

IN DISTRICT OFFICE
AIWA

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT No 8/44-45 - W. H. J. THOMPSON

Above report by Lt. A.L. ROBERTS P.O. forwarded in duplicate.

2. Page 4. Sunday 8 Apr 45. KIMA and MOWMOT villages are controlled from KAIRAU. Those people living on the banks of the KIMU River are of the AD AD can bash NIKA tribe. Under Civil Administration they were under KAIRAU.
3. Page 6. Sunday 10 Apr 45. Attention of A.D.O. KIMA is drawn to the instructions contained in S.R. District Services Instrn No 34 re Movement of Villages. These isolated settlements are a very difficult problem indeed.
4. Page 7. ALY ROBERTS. Suggest a copy of second para under this heading be referred to D.O. ROBERTS.
5. Page 8. WIKIWA. District Medical Assistant Lt WAKIE informs me that the N.M.O. at WIKI is actually a Mission Medical native trained by the Civil Administration and it is understood that agreement has been reached with Rev H.A. BROWN M.S.S. that he will supervise his Medical Work and drugs supplied to him by AIWA. Lt WAKIE does not therefore consider it necessary for an additional N.M.O. to be stationed at WIKI. MOWMOT R.A.P. will, under instructions from HQ, be closed down shortly, after which natives requiring medical attention from MOWMOT or MOWMOT can go to WIKI or KAIRAU, as they wish. Personally I regret the closing down of this MOWMOT R.A.P., it served a very large and adjacent population. Lt WAKIE also states that it is the responsibility of the A.D.O. KIMA to ration and provide tobacco etc for purchase of native food for M.S.S.'s in his Sub-District. Records of these transactions can be arranged and supervised by the M.S.S. at WIKI. He does not agree with Missionaries having control of Native Medical Orderlies, this arrangement has always led to trouble in the past. I concur with this.
6. Appendix B. The former residence of the S.S.C. WIKIWA Police Post should be kept in repair as long as possible to serve as a Rest House for visiting Officers.
7. Page 10. WIKIWA COUNSELLORS. WIKI. I doubt the wisdom of the election of the natives or young men to be Councillors. I think, if possible, they should be induced to select men of influence over the former trouble age, 30 years. Younger men often seek election as councillors simply to avoid carrying, road making and other duties including taxation. I am strongly deprecated.
8. I concur with the A.D.O.'s comments on this report dated 2 May 45. A well written account of a very thorough patrol.

W.H.H. Thompson
Major
(W.H.H. THOMPSON)
D.O. WILKINSON DISTRICT.

GOV. AD. KIMA ✓

*St. Roberts,
for your info please return
17/5/45.*

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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HQ SOUTHERN REGION
ANGAU
Port Moresby
23 May 45
Ref No 2883

DO KAIRUKU

P/R Ker No 8/44-45 - Lt A.L. ROBSON

1. Receipt of the a/m report is ack
2. A good routine patrol, but unfortunately it is badly written and set up viz
 - (a) Waste of paper - Sunday 18 Mar to Wed 21 Mar, - CENSUS is all that is necessary.
 - (b) Bad punctuation - see page under Friday 6 April.
3. Page 6, 18 Apr. This P.O.'s action is commendable.
4. Page 7, 21 Apr. I think involved land disputes should be attended to by the ADO and not an inexperienced P.O.
5. Page 7. Civic Responsibility. I agree with the P.O.'s remarks.
6. Medical. Page 8. DADMS advises that the First Aid Post at MIRIVASI has been closed and the NMO stationed at KOARU has been changed. The question of an NMO being stationed at ~~Terapo~~ MORU is under consideration. An NMO will not be stationed at Terapo or Moviavi village, but the area will be patrolled.
7. This HQ entirely agrees with the remarks contained in Para 7 of your covering memo.

C. Champion Major
ADDS & NA

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W.H.H.
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28/7/45

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

LAKEKAMU DISTRICT HQ
KAIRUKU
28 May 45

File 30/2 - 577

ADO KEREMA

P/R Ker No 8/44-45 - Lt A.L. ROBSON P.O.

Please see copy of No 2883 of 23c May 45 from AIDS & NA.

Re para 7 which refers to Village Councillors. You will be guided in future by the suggestions contained in my para 7 of File 30/2 - 493 of 7 May 45, copy of which you have. You will mention this matter in your monthly reports

W.H.H. Thompson

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

File 30/1
A.D.O's Office,
Kerema,
Lakemba District.
27 MARCH 1945.


Lt. A.L. Robson,
On Patrol.

Matters at MOVIAMI.

While in this area I would like you to have a good look around - even going so far as to visit the native plantations (there is no need yet to issue cleaning orders). They are a troublesome people and a knowledge of their area is immense benefit, you'll find - as I did

I want you to especially visit a "Government" garden planted by V.C. JACK under Lt. Bergin's directions, and report fully on estimated produce - closeness to KOARU Hospital - whether payment should be made etc..

You will find V.C. JACK a very able man if you keep the thumb down tight. He trades and probably takes bribes but he has the personality, and without the personality MOVIAMI people would run riot.


D.M. Rutledge Capt.
A.D.O.

File 30.

A.D.O's Office,
Kerema,
Lakekamu District.
2nd May 45.

District Officer,
KAIRUKU.

Patrol Report No. 8/44-45 - KEREMA.

Report by Lt A.L. Robson is forwarded herewith in triplicate.

2. The report is a well written one and evidences a very thorough patrol - the section as far as LEBEFIRU being census - the Eastern section routine and for the better knowledge of our recently extended sub-district. Lt Robson's work both on patrol and on the station has been consistently excellent, and more or less tied to the office as the A.D.O. here must be, one is grateful for such good and reliable assistance.

3. Village Constable sulus and jumpers have recently been received from Kairuku and are being issued.

4. As the main portion of the report covers the area recently handed over by D.C. Kairuku a much fairer and knowledgeable comment will undoubtedly be added by him.

D.M. Rutledge
D.M. Rutledge Capt..
A.D.O.

File 30/1

A. D. O's Office,
Kerema,
Lakekamu District.
12 MARCH 1945.

W. O. 11. A. L. Robson,
Patrol Officer,
Kerema.

Patrol to the Eastern Boundary.

Will you please prepare for a patrol East, leaving the station, if possible on Wednesday morning. Warn IPISI and KARAITA people of the number of carriers you will need.

From SILO to LELEFIRI (and including LELEFIRU) it is desired that you concentrate on census work. It is slow work and tedious, but if you take the patrol copy of the old civil administration census books and work from them, you will find it easier. Twenty-five years of work has gone into the old census and there cannot be an error of even one in a thousand. Many marriages have taken place and there have been many unregistered births and deaths.

From LELEFIRI to CIAPU - the Eastern Boundary - it will be a routine inspection patrol, necessary through the reversion of that territory to this office control.

You will need four Constables of the R.P.C. - please nominate these yourself.

You will take TURIA as an Interpreter - he is young and not altogether the best. If you find that it becomes impossible to do good work with him, you should be able to pick up plenty of good English-speaking boys on the coast, and if one is picked up, he can be paid casual wages on the completion of the patrol.

The patrol should take almost all of a month. Arrange for your own and police rations accordingly. Take one caddy of tobacco and further supplies will be forwarded overland on your request.

The following are instructions, slightly more specific -

1. You will hold Courts for Native Matters as and where necessary. Prisoners, with relative depositions and warrant, will be sent to Kerema in batches under suitable escort. Village Constables may be used for this purpose.
2. You will inspect all villages and report on their general condition.
3. You will inspect and report on the condition of all Rest Houses and Barracks.
4. You will inspect and report on the condition of all ferrymen's canoes and uniforms, and during the patrol you will listen for any talk that ferrymen have been charging natives for passages -- if any of these proved, prosecution may be held under N.Reg.79 (1 & 2).
5. You will inspect and report on the old MIRIVASI Police Camp - what buildings stand, foodstuffs and furniture, etc...
6. You will instruct Const. FARIEMBO to return to Kerema, and if a Constable from KAIRUKU detachment is still at MIRIVASI, you will instruct him to report to the D.O. at KAIRUKU.
7. You will inspect and report on the size, condition, fuel stocks, work to be done (and by whom) etc. of and at WERAPO landing strip.

8. You will take with you the file "Village Constables - East" and check the records and books of all the Village Constable East. New registers will be issued if necessary.
9. You will be supplied with a list of moneys held in M.L. & D.M.A/c (together with the relative amount of money). Please endeavour to locate and pay those due.
10. Instructions have been received at this office covering the recruiting of fifty general labourers for work in Port Moresby, and voluntary enlistments from local plantations for P.I.B. have necessitated about thirty replacements. The availability of recruits East of LELIFIRU is not known - up to LELIFIRU is possibly over-recruited --- please do your best.
11. You may visit the villages of APANAIFI and BINA for your better knowledge of the area. It is thought they are still "KAIRUKU".
12. The POPO villages will be visited if at all possible.
13. The KOVIC Villages and Bulldog landing strip will ~~not~~ be visited during this patrol.
14. Do not hesitate to take an odd day or two off from your work if you start to go stale. After all, any time spent on patrol is time well spent even if seemingly no work is done.
15. This will be your first patrol along the East coast and you will find it very interesting. I trust it is as successful.

sent
 Capt.
 D. M. Rutledge A. D. O.

PATROL REPORT

NO. 9/44 - 45.

PERSONNEL:

AREA: SUB - DISTRICT.

LT. ROBSON, A.L.

Reg. No.	3157	Const.	KVAL	MURAKOPE
"	"	"	IGAROBAI	MADKIBO
"	"	"	UKLAGI	DUBA
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NMC	"		KKA	AUVITA
"	384		UVAKAO	HAHEPA
INTERPRETER:			TURIA	AISI
"			SACHI	MITAPAIVA
COOK BOY:			ARGANU	FOFORO

PREVIOUS PATROL REPORT: (KEREMA - LELEPIRU) NO. 6/44 - 45.

LAST PATROL TO AREA BY: " " LT. GHELAN, R.M.
2.1.45 - 13.1.45

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

- OBJECT: ROUTINE PATROL:
- (A) TO REVISE AND COMPILE CENSUS FROM: SILO TO LELEFINU
 - (B) INVESTIGATION & HEARING OF UHM CASES ON PATROL
 - (C) LABOUR RECRUITS: PORT MORESBY: PLINTS: EPO & CUPOLA
 - (D) PAYMENT OF WHL & RM MONIES: N/L: DESERTERS & QUERIES
 - (E) INSPECT & REPORT ON: VILLAGES & REST HOUSES
 - (F) INSPECT & REPORT ON: FERRYMEN: CANOES & EQUIPMENT
 - (G) INSPECT & REPORT ON: MIRIVASI P/POST: TERAPO AIR STRIP
 - (H) CHECK ENTRIES V/CONST. REGISTERS: LELEFINU TO GIAPU

DURATION: 14th. MARCH, 1945 - 22nd. APRIL, 1945.

ROUTE TRAVERSED: KEREMA thence by beach to LELEFINU, KAPURI by canoe to POPO, KAPURI thence by beach to MIARU by canoe to BINA, MIARU thence by beach to GIAPU, returning to MIRIVASI, by canoe to TERAPO, MOVIAMI and LELEFINU returning along beach to KEREMA.

CARRIERS: AVERAGE NO. THIRTY FOUR.

COST OF PATROL: TOBACCO EXPENDED: ISSUES GRATUITIES: CARRIERS: FOOD: THIRTY FIVE: LBS:

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

DIARY

WEDNESDAY: 14.3.45.

Obtained from IPISI and KARAITA village twenty eight carriers, departing from KERRA at 0845 hrs., reaching SUPOLA RUBBER ESTATE (SUPOLA RIDGE) at 0930 hrs., 1015 hrs., continued along ridge, descending to the beach at 1200 hrs., 1220 hrs., MOUVERA (LNU garden hamlet) 1235 hrs., IVOI'IKI (SILO garden hamlet) 1255 hrs., SILO piggery compound, crossing SILO creek to SILO Rest House 1315 hrs. Stayed night.

SILO Rest House is situated between SILO No.1. and No.2., SILO No.2. being comprised of three small villages AIKABULUKA, IVAU and IVNFIRU.

THURSDAY: 15.3.45.

Compiling CENSUS: Throughout the day light showers of rain, with heavy rain at night.

It was noticed whilst compiling the new census that during the year 1939 there had been a heavy loss of life, due to an outbreak of an PNEUMONIA epidemic in the SILO, UAMAI area.

FRIDAY: 16.3.45.

CENSUS continued and completed of SILO No. 1. and No. 2.

SATURDAY: 17.3.45.

Departed 0730 hrs., reaching AIKABULUKA 0745 hrs., IVAU 0750 hrs., IVNFIRU 0755 hrs., continued 0800 hrs., reaching LALABO No. 1. (UAMAI) at 0805 hrs., LALABO No. 2. 0810 hrs., crossed UAMAI creek to UAMAI Rest House 0845 hrs.

UAMAI village is comprised of; LALABO No. 1. and No. 2., IROPE, PARAKOU, POMARA, BUKUCVO, MA'ARU and MORA'A.

C.N.M: Started to compile UAMAI CENSUS:

An inspection of the UAMAI group revealed that twenty five houses required re-building, the necessary orders being given.

SUNDAY: 18.3.45.

CENSUS:

MONDAY: 19.3.45.

CENSUS:

TUESDAY: 20.3.45.

CENSUS:

WEDNESDAY: 21.3.45.

CENSUS completed.

THURSDAY: 22.3.45.

Departed 0745 hrs., 0850 hrs., KIOVIARAFIRU (KARAMA) sections, 1., 2. and 3., crossed KARAMA creek (KIOVIARAFIRU section 4.) to KARAMA Rest House 0900 hrs.

The houses in KARAMA village are a much better type than those of UAMAI and when those ordered to be re-built are completed it should be quite an attractive village.

KARAMA is comprised of; PARAKOU, KIOVIARAFIRU, IVARUKA, KERRVA, NAUKIYVA, NAVAIVICPATARA, MONGI - MARRU, OPASA, IVNFIRU - PUKARI, ARU and URU village

FRIDAY: 23.3.45.

CENSUS:

SATURDAY: 24.3.45.

CENSUS:

SUNDAY: 25.3.45.

Morning C.N.M. Afternoon rest period.

MONDAY: 26.3.45.

CENSUS:

TUESDAY: 27.3.45.

CENSUS:

WEDNESDAY: 28.3.45.

CENSUS completed. C.N.M.

THURSDAY: 29.3.45.

Departed 0915 hrs., reaching ELAVO at 1120 hrs., continued to KOARU Rest House which was reached at 1155 hrs.

ELAVO CENSUS completed.

FRIDAY: 30.3.45.

CENSUS: KOARU village.

I was surprised to find here that the standard of housing was of a poor quality, naturally I expected that the mission influence (L.M.S. station) would have tended to have made KOARU one of the show places on the coast.

SATURDAY: 31.3.45.

Departed 1130 hrs., reaching KOARU mission station at 1145 hrs.

I am of the opinion that the FIRST AID POST maintained here by KERRIMA hospital is not at present functioning as it should. See MEDICAL appendix.

Continued to LELEFIRU which was reached at 1215 hrs.

Afternoon C.N.M.

SUNDAY: 1.4.45.

Morning C.N.M. Afternoon rest period.

MONDAY: 2.4.45.

CENSUS: Lt. E. HICKS (KAINUKU) arrived en route to NOVIAMI to compile census.

TUESDAY: 3.4.45.

LELEFIRU census completed.

WEDNESDAY: 4.4.45.

Departed 1100 hrs., by canoe--ferry to HANURANU 1200 hrs.

At present HANURANU No.1. and No.2. is being rebuilt, as here like many other places on the coast the sea is gradually claiming the village land and eventually HANURANU and TAVAFIRU will have to move to another area, although of course it is quite possible that the sea may build up new land close by.

WEDNESDAY: 3.4.45 (cont.)

1230 hrs., KANUHAMU No. 2. Here like many other places in the district the people are putting the finishing touches on their canoes, for the transportation of sago to POPY BARRACKS.

1810 hrs., TAVAFINU, by canoe ferry to KUKIPI Rest House, which was reached at 1400 hrs. Met Mr. C. HIGGINSON who has a small store close by.

KUKIPI Rest House is not situated in the KUKIPI village, but is on the bank of the KAILAPI river (KUKIPI POINT). I would imagine the reason for this is that here more or less, it is a delta and the mode of conveyance between; LALAFINU, KANUHAMU, TAVAFINU, KAILAPI, KUVIYI (KAVIYI), HRAVALA, TAPALA, SAVAVINI and TAPPO mission is per canoe.

THURSDAY: 5.4.45.

Departed 0800 hrs., and walked through to beach a matter of about five minutes. At 0810 hrs., came to a group of eleven houses which were of very poor construction; the B.O. (KAINUKU) having previously ordered them to return to the main village of KUKIPI which was reached at 0830 hrs. The people here asked for permission to build a Rest House in the village, the idea being that they would maintain two, one in the village and the other on the KAILAPI river bank (KUKIPI POINT), approval was given to their scheme.

1000 hrs., ISAPAPA, 1040 hrs., UBITAI (KOTUMOTU) continued to MIRIVASI (ex Police Post) 1210 hrs.

In this area Lt. E. NICKS (KAINUKU) has instituted a scheme for the re-building of the MIRIVASI village. The old village site was taken over (LAKKAMU 1 of 3) and a residence, native hospital and many other buildings were built. MIRIVASI is only a small village (pop. 127) and portion had been living at LALAPIPI (east bank of LAKKAMU river) and the remainder at PAIRO. The new village site selected is adjacent to the native hospital buildings (west of MIRIVASI POINT).

It appears after discussion the people did not wish to re-build on the old village site, as the sea and the LAKKAMU river is gradually cutting away MIRIVASI POINT.

The new village is under construction and similarly is LALAPIPI village, which more or less was utilized by the B. of C., both these villages should be satisfactory when completed.

FRIDAY: 6.4.45.

Rainy weather: Departed 0830 hrs., by canoe ferry to LALAPIPI continued crossing PAIRO creek to PAIRO 0930 hrs., continuing to KAPURI 1000 hrs., here canoes were obtained and the party proceeded upstream KAPURI river, the river was in flood and advantage was taken of the many slip ways where the canoes are pushed overland, rejoining the river and so saving time and work, this river winds and in many places channels could be cut between the hairpin bends, it is proposed to cut a channel (approx fifty feet) and if it is a success, others will be cut.

Passed KASIRI, a point where canoes are taken overland and arrived at POPY (MIRAFINU) Rest House at 1700 hrs. A canoe ferry is maintained here for the transportation of the people of the KUVIYI villages.

The POPY group was comprised of five small hamlets; SIRIYA, IAKIRA, HOKIRA, DURAPO and KASAVA. They have now formed two villages known as LULUAPA (DURAPO and KASAVA) and MIRAFINU (SIRIYA, IAKIRA and HOKIRA). The natives refer to MIRAFINU as POPY.

The Rest House at MIRAFINU was surrounded by water (floods) a canoe being the sole of transportation.

SATURDAY: 7.4.45.

One new V/Councillor appointed to KIZAFI (see appendix Village officials)

Both villages are in the process of being rebuilt, as the general move and the formation of two villages on better sites, has necessitated a complete rebuild and when completed should be satisfactory.

Gardening ground here is subject to floods and at one place whilst coming up the KAFURI river, an area is visible of high land, just a big hill, but no attempt has been made to utilise it, the people being content to have gardens on the river bank and risk the destruction by floods.

Departed 0830 hrs., downstream by canoe to, LULUAPU 0850 hrs.,

The people use a canoe and a pathway between the two villages, a matter of five minutes walk brings the LULUAPU people to the rest house and a canoe is obtained to cross to KIZAFI on the opposing river bank.

Continued to SWEARI 1130 hrs., (garden shelter) here the gear was taken overland to ILAVA river and thence by canoe to ILAVA village. I continued downstream per canoe to KAFURI 1520 hrs., continued along beach to ILAVA 1410 hrs., lunch continued 1610 hrs., to KIZAFI 1530 hrs., by canoe ferry to LISE (MARAKA POINT) 1615 hrs.

LISE is comprised of MARAKA (V/Const.), KAVORA east bank of LISE river (V/Const) and AVIHARA (V/Const.) The Rest House being situated in between MARAKA and AVIHARA, adjacent to the beach, stayed night.

SUNDAY: 8.4.45.

Departed 0815 hrs., 0915 hrs., MIARU, here the sea has started to build up new land in front of the village, consequently, land disputes. This village is comprised of three sections MIARU, with the rest house in between two small villages, SAVANICI and LAVINI, a rebuilding scheme is in progress and when completed the three villages will be more or less connected by a straight line of houses. 1000 hrs., continued and at 1020 hrs., departed per canoe upstream MIARU river. The MIARU river is bordered by sago swamp for a large portion of the way to APANAIFI. After proceeding for approx., two hours high land replaces the swamp and here the MIARU people have their gardens, although in the main the good gardening land and timbered portion (saw logs) is the property of the APANAIFI and BINA peoples. The MIARU people are prolific canoe makers and consequently there are many disputes, re sago, gardens and trees.

APANAIFI village (pop. approx. 250) being reached at 1330 hrs., I met FATHER PERNA of the RC mission BINA who was visiting the village. APANAIFI is comprised of three sections and built on low lying ground, the type of housing being poor. Both the V/Const. (of APANAIFI and BINA) were away at PORT MORISBY (sago) and from inquiries made it is approx. six months since the government had visited these villages. There appears to be some doubt as to whether these villages are controlled by KEMBA or KAIRUKU. FATHER PERNA being of the opinion that APANAIFI was controlled by KEMBA and BINA by KAIRUKU. If so I would suggest that they both be taken into the KAIRUKU area as the dialect is of a KEMBA type.

MONDAY: 9.4.45.

As FATHER PERNA was going upstream by powered canoe (outboard motor) I was invited to accompany him, departing at 0815 hrs., BINA (pop. approx. 50) being reached at 1115 hrs.

Continued to Mission station 1130 hrs., here a pathway goes to ALOINU-KINA a matter of two hours walk. About twenty minutes travel upstream there is a small village of (approx. pop. 75) KINA. The people of BINA and KINA have decided to move to a much better position (high land) near the mission station and build a new village. I personally think it is a good scheme, as at present the children have to travel a fair distance to school, also their houses need rebuilding and combined (both have a small pop.) it should be a big help in the improvement of the villages in this area.

MONDAY: 9.4.45. (cont.)

I must mention the interest by the (RE) FATHER, re the peoples welfare in this area. He informed me and pointed out a new site (high land) just downstream from APANAIFI, he had been endeavouring to interest the APANAIFI people in the advantages of the new site. As their present village is in three sections and the houses are of a poor type. Actually the change if made would necessitate the movement of the mission buildings in the village, but the mission appeared to consider that of no importance, compared to the welfare of the people. Whether the village moves is undecided at present.

1330 hrs., downstream per canoe to APANAIFI 1600 hrs., (No.3.) at the branch of the SILAVI and KOUPA rivers. This section of three houses is moving to APANAIFI No.2. shortly. 1610 hrs. Rest House, stayed night.

TUESDAY: 10.4.45.

Departed downstream 0745 hrs., to MIARU 1100 hrs.

At MIARU representations were made for the replacement of three existing V/Councillors. (see appendix. V/officials) Afternoon C.N.M.

WEDNESDAY: 11.4.45.

Departed 0800 hrs., per canoe to MOBISIRAI 0900 hrs., continued 0950 hrs., IOKEA. Here a repair and rebuilding scheme was ordered by Lt. W. HICKS a month prior to my visit and so far the results are good although still leaving a lot to be desired. A follow up patrol will be able to assess whether the work has been carried out as ordered. The Rest House whilst in good condition, is riddled with white ants, an order being issued for the rebuilding of same.

A walk of approx. twenty minutes brings you to MOU (LMS station) where Rev. and Mrs. H. BROWN were met.

At MOU a First Aid Post is maintained by the LMS with government assistance in the nature of drugs etc. The native women with small children have the good fortune to have the advice and the services of Mrs. BROWN who is a trained nurse.

Afternoon C.N.M.

THURSDAY: 12.4.45.

Departed 1100 hrs., owing to rocky promontory just past MOU all movement is more or less subject to tides.

1230 hrs., SAROTA, this village is the neatest and tidiest village seen on this patrol. The Company Coconut Plantation has recently been cleaned and a new Rest House and Barracks constructed.

1345 hrs., (LOVE group) LAUOVO, 1400 hrs., LAULAVA, orders issued for the rebuilding of nine houses. 1405 hrs., UVAFISU, 1410 hrs., MORIO, here the Rest House of the CIAPU (LOVE) group is situated, orders being issued for the rebuilding of same. Stayed night.

A walk of twenty minutes brings you to LOVE and portion of the PAP (C.I. Coy.) buildings are to be found a few minutes walk from the rear of the village. (see report appendix.)

Between SAROTA and LOVE all the Coy. Plnts. had been cleaned.

FRIDAY: 13.4.45.

Departed 0910 hrs., 0920 hrs., SAROTA, 1000 hrs., at point awaiting tide, 1140 hrs., continued and reached MOU at 1200 hrs., continued to IOKEA and stayed night. Afternoon investigating loss of LMS property.

SATURDAY: 14.4.45.

IOKEA: Departed 1100 hrs., MOBISIRAI 1200 hrs., by canoe ferry to MIARU 1300 hrs., lunch, continued 1430 hrs., to LMSR 1530 : Stayed night.

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SUNDAY: 15.4.45.

Departed 0845 hrs., by canoe to KAFIRU 0945 hrs., ILAVA 1015 hrs.; ILAVA is portion of KAVORA (LMS) and there has been much bad feeling about these people leaving the main village. In this area both the LMS and RC missions operate, which possibly has a bearing on these people leaving the main village.

There is a tendency throughout this district and particularly in the area between KAFIRU and CIAPU of the people leaving their main village and building little hamlets, which more or less are hovels. Every endeavour is being made to convince these people the advantage of returning to their village and so participating in the village life.

Whether it is lack of interest or that the people here have no sense of civic pride I could not say, but my impression is that by leaving the main village they can ease and avoid the responsibility of assisting in the village chores. I am of the opinion that these people should be forced to return to their villages, as at present talking to them about it is not producing good houses or results.

1045 hrs., continued to KAFURI river 1230 hrs., high water had to await ferry to cross small creek, continued to KAFURI, thence to MIRIVASI 1400 hrs. My self unwell.

MONDAY: 16.4.45.

MIRIVASI: My self unwell.

Afternoon C.N.M.

TUESDAY: 17.4.45.

Departed per canoe upstream LAKEKAMU river arriving at old ARMY camp at 1045 hrs., these buildings are on the property of the RC mission and more or less are falling down, I am given to understand that KAIRUEN has issued orders re their demolition and the disposal of the native building materials. Continued to TERAPO mission 1100 hrs. Inspected TERAPO air strip, which is the subject of a special report. (see appendix)

Here I met SISTER PASDALL (an AUSTRALIAN) and two FRENCH SISTERS and one FATHER, the other FATHER being at MOVIIVI. Lunch, continued per canoe downstream TAURI river to (HEATOCARE & HEAVALA) MOVIIVI 1530 hrs. The trip downstream from TERAPO to MOVIIVI takes about an half hour and upstream about one hour.

WEDNESDAY: 18.4.45.

Whilst at TERAPO the matter of the MOVIIVI natives failing to report for treatment for minor sores etc was discussed. At TERAPO one of the FRENCH SISTERS is a fully qualified nurse. The same complaint was broached by the LMS South Sea Island teacher (MOVIIVI) who with his wife (a nurse) does medical work on behalf of the LMS. Whilst medical work officially is not my duty, I considered that every assistance should be given to these people to carry out their medical work, so I arranged for a general fall in of the HEATOCARE and HEAVALA village people. All parties participated including NMO attached to patrol, in weeding out those requiring medical attention for sores etc., a total of 220 being found, five being sent to KOARU hospital, the remainder being attended to by the two mission bodies, the LMS attending to 142 an increase of 54 to daily roll call and the RC attending to 75.

Afternoon C.N.M.

THURSDAY: 19.4.45.

Departed 0830 hrs., and by courtesy of the RC mission I proceeded up the TAURI river past TERAPO in the mission launch and inspected a garden V/O JACK (MOVIIVI) had planted, 1100 hrs., supposedly on behalf of the government, the area under cultivation on the bank of the TAURI is approx. 150 yds. x 750 yds., this being the subject of a special memo to the ADO. Returned to TERAPO, 1345 hrs. Lunch, continued 1630 hrs., arriving at MOVIIVI at 1700 hrs.

FRI: 20.4.45.

Departed 0815 hrs., per canoe and proceeded from the TAURI river to the TAPALA river, here in this area, there is a maze of small creeks, continued upstream to TAPALA 1000 hrs., a rather neat village, returned down stream to SAVAIVINI 1145 hrs., lunch, continued 1315 hrs., to KUKIPI rest house 1445 hrs., here, similar trouble re small hamlets (hovels), by canoe ferry to TAVAFINU 1545 hrs., thence by beach to HANUHAMU and by ferry canoe LELIFINU 1715 hrs., stayed night.

SATURDAY: 21.4.45.

Morning: Local disputes, many complaints had been received re the LELIFINU ferrymen and as another native was willing to carry out the required duties a change was made.

Departed 1315 hrs., KOANU mission, 1345 hrs., KOANU 1400 hrs., ELAVU 1430 hrs., KARANA 1600 hrs. The OFASA people are disputing an area re the mark, between village land and LMS, the matter being deferred until the information required is obtained from the land records at KEREMA. Here as in many other places the village people are losing their village frontage by the encroachment of the sea and of course land becomes an important matter with them.

Continued 1700 hrs., crossed creek (KARANA) to UANAI which was reached at 1800 hrs., here a new Rest House and Barracks is well under construction (previously ordered) stayed night.

SUNDAY: 22.4.45.

MORNING: Local disputes and investigations.

Departed 1315 hrs., reaching SILE at 1415 hrs., continued and ascended CUPOLA ridge (pathway to KEREMA requires cleaning, order issued) to CUPOLA RESTATE 1615 hrs., continued 1730 hrs., to KEREMA reporting to ADO at 1815 hrs.

GENERAL

WEATHER and CLIMATE:

In general the patrol encountered good weather, as whilst it rained on some days throughout the patrol, it mainly rained at night. The climate was quite hot for this time of the year, but as there was a lot of beach walking on this patrol, the sea breeze tended to relieve the heat.

ARMY: CLOTHING REC:

Whilst at IOKTA I had the occasion to inquire from one native where he obtained an AMERICAN service jacket, he replied I traded sago for it whilst I was visiting HANUHABABA. In this area there is quite a quantity of ARMY clothing (now of little value or use) which I believe the natives were allowed to retain, on the completion of their work at BULLBOG on the LAKKAMU L of S.

I would suggest a watch should be kept on the HANUHABABA people to stop this trafficking of ARMY property, as it is possible that dangerous objects (petrol, ammunition etc) easily obtainable in PORT MORESBY may be traded and so cause damage or loss of life through explosion.

VILLAGE: CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY:

It is quite apparent that owing to the laxity allowed throughout the war years (mainly because of the large number of natives away from the village under C/S) that the people have come to regard, poor housing, broken fencing and uncut pathways as the quite natural thing for the government to inspect. Lt. HICKS (LELIFINU to CIAPU) and myself from KEREMA to LELIFINU have issued many orders to endeavour to rectify this state of affairs. At present along the east coast there are a good number of sales home in their villages and I consider that they should be made live up to their responsibility..

MEDICAL:

On this patrol approx. 400 natives were found requiring medical treatment for; ULCERS, SCABIES, SORES and various other minor ailments. They were sent to; KEREMA, KOARU, MIRIVASI, MORU, TERAPO and NOVIAMI for treatment, a number being admitted as IN PATIENTS the remainder being admitted as OUT PATIENTS.

To MIRIVASI approx. 50 IN PATIENTS and 60 OUT PATIENTS were sent, it is intended to close this FIRST AID POST, but I am of the opinion that it should be maintained and staffed by an European Patrolling MEDICAL Assistant, who would be able to conduct alternate patrols EAST and WEST of KEREMA.

I estimate that between KEREMA and GIAPU (eastern boundary) that there is a population of approx. 14,000 and between KEREMA and the WESTERN boundary approx. 11,000., with approx. 2,000 (floating population) KUKU KUKU's) making an approx. total of 27,000 people in the District.

At present only one EMA is stationed in the district more or less static at KEREMA Native Hospital.

Assistance being rendered by the various mission bodies; West, ORUKULO (LMS) and BELLEPA (SDA) in the East, KOARU (LMS) (NMO stationed there), MORU (LMS) TERAPO (RC) and NOVIAMI (LMS) patients being brought into these centres by V/Constables, V/Councillors and Patrols.

One of the disadvantages of Mission bodies doing medical work is that in some villages and areas here two mission bodies are operating naturally only those natives belonging to the religious body that has the First Aid Post will attend, the other denominations not seeking attention, preferring to remain in the village until located by the V/Const., or a passing patrol. Therefore I would suggest that if it is impossible to obtain additional European assistance that the following be considered;

KEREMA to GIAPU:

The First Aid Post at MIRIVASI be closed. (lack of European supervision)

That the NMO at present stationed at KOARU, be changed and if possible a more experienced NMO be stationed there. (As in the past this F.A.P. can be supervised by KEREMA EMA and for portion of the year Rev. H. BROWN is in residence at KOARU mission station.) (See diary Sat. 31.3.45)

That an NMO be stationed at MORU;

Rev. H. BROWN (LMS MORU) kindly made available the MEDICAL STATISTICS of the LMS FIRST AID POSTS; MORU, KOARU and NOVIAMI Dispensary; 1944:

MORU	No of treatments;	In patients;	1,225..	Out patients;	4,963
KOARU	" "	" "	5,198..	" "	2,771
NOVIAMI	" "	" "	" "	" "	1,045
PATROL				" "	197

MORU	No of patients;	In patients;	110..	Out patients;	1756
KOARU	" "	" "	512..	" "	627
NOVIAMI	" "	" "	" "	" "	232

Rev. H. BROWN (LMS MORU) and the RC FATHER at TERAPO have intimated that they would be willing to co-operate with the EMA at KEREMA with regard to supervision of the NMO's if they were stationed in their areas.

That an NMO be stationed at TERAPO or NOVIAMI village.

See extract of diary; WED. 11/4/45. (MORU) and WED. 18/4/45. (NOVIAMI)

If hospitalisation is required at these points that means of purchasing native foods (sago etc.) (Trade Tobacco) record of purchases to be kept and additional drugs be provided.

AGRICULTURE:

Between KENEMA and KOARU the gardening land available is evidently poor, as the people more or less live on sago and fish.

From KOARU onwards and particularly in the MOVIAMI area, there is good gardening ground; the following native foods and fruits are to be found: WATER MELONS, ORANGES, BANANAS, PAMPAS, SIPORAS, PUMPKINS, SUGAR CANE, MANIOTA, YAMS, TAPU and CASH.

In all cases these coastal people have to go inland to their gardening land as the coastal belt is mainly comprised of sandy ground and SAGO swamps.

Probably the three best garden areas would be MOVIAMI, POPO and BINA.

LIVESTOCK: GOATS & PIGS:

From MIARU onwards along the coast a number of the mission teachers have herds of goats, they appear to be healthy and they are allowed to graze in amongst the coconut trees and outside the village fences.

The average native when questioned appeared to have no desire to have or to breed goats, being content to breed pigs and use them as a form of barter.

I was surprised at the number of pigs owned by the various village people.

Ref. ANGAU S/R INST: Breeding of Pigs for rehabilitation purposes; I was wondering if these local pigs would be of any use as from inquiries made the prices appear to be reasonable.

ROADS and BRIDGES:

There were very few roads or paths encountered on this patrol as the inland trips to POPO, BINA and MOVIAMI were made per canoe.

The pathway from KEREMA over CUPOLA ridge was in fair order, although requiring attention. At present the local village people are working on it, cutting the grass and when completed it will be satisfactory.

Whilst at MOVIAMI an order was made for the clearing of the pathway between TERAPU and MOVIAMI, I am informed that this was an excellent pathway until allowed to grow over with weeds.

The pathway between ELAIVO and ENLEFINU is in good order.

The only bridge of importance, was encountered between ICKES and MORU, having been built under the supervision of REV. H. BROWN and it is well constructed.

COMPANY COCONUT PLANTATIONS:

From MORU and onwards (SABOTA and the LOVE group) it was noticed that all the company coconut plantations had been nicely cleaned.

An instruction was given to all the village people between MORU and KEREMA, that they were to spend portion of their time, in clearing their company coconut plantations, so as when an official direction is given they will have very little work to do to complete the cleaning.

LAW and JUSTICE:

Courts for Native Matters were held throughout the patrol and suitable penalties imposed.

No serious offences (CPS) were found requiring investigation.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

I found all V/Constables willing and helpful, this district is very fortunate in having some very good men east of KEREMA; particularly the V/Constables of; KOARU, URITAI, LALAPIVI, IOKRA and MOVIIVI.

The uniform issue of the V/C's., could be improved as at present they either have a good jumper and a old sulu or vice versa also they require a re issue of; belts, knives and pouches.

VILLAGE COUNCILLORS:

One new appointment was made at MIKAFIU (POPO) SEVSE / IMA, this village is comprised of three small villages and previously only had one councillor.

At MIARU representations were made for the replacement of three Councillors; TORE / OKIVI, POBI / SARA and SAHAEI / AKOU, the following were elected on probation for a period of three months; SIAUA / MICO, SARI / MAI and LARI / ZUUMAKI.

This village has five councillors and the reason for the people desiring the change appeared to be, that they desired younger and more active representatives.

Whilst at SILO, POPO and LAULAVA (LOVE) I was approached by Village Councillors requiring an issue of a V/Counc. medallion, no stocks of these being held at KEREMA.

LABOUR RECRUITS:

Only a small number of recruits were obtained, the natives when questioned if they desired to sign, replied that they did not want to.

In this area there is a lot of money in circulation within the villages and therefore whilst this state of affairs exist, there is very little incentive for the males to seek employment.

P.A.P. OIL COY. CIAPU:

Whilst at CIAPU an inspection was made of the property of the P.A.P. OIL COY., and orders were issued to the LOVE people to cut the grass around the various buildings as a preventative measure against fire.

The material stored here if of any value to the company is rapidly deteriorating, as all the native constructed buildings require repairs and re-roofing.

HOUSING:

As mentioned throughout the diary and as indicated in appendix. C., the housing standard in general is poor throughout the area east of KEREMA.

In a number of villages building schemes are in progress and instructions have been issued for the re-building and renovating of many houses.

The next patrol will be able to assess the work and improvements that have been carried out.

In general I found the standard and condition of best Houses and Barracks good.

CONCLUSION:

In conclusion I must say that I have found this patrol, informative and interesting.

A. L. Robson LT.
A. L. ROBSON, P.O. KIRIWI.

CENSUS STATISTICS: SILO - MELIPIU

M/ADULTS: F/ADULTS: M/CHILD: F/CHILD: I/L: TOTAL:

SILO

SILO No. 1 (SILO No. 2)	45	75	44	50	32	246:
AIKABUEKA	21	39	12	21	9	92:
IVAU	20	24	14	11	8	77:
IVERPIRU	7	20	7	10	7	51:
	<u>93</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>432:</u>

UANA

LALABU	27	38	26	33	20	174:
IKOPE	35	44	19	19	14	129:
PARAKOU	20	27	11	20	9	87:
POMARA	56	71	38	47	24	236:
NUKUVU	26	37	20	29	7	119:
HO'ARU	4	3	5	4	2	18:
HORA'A	22	30	32	15	5	104:
	<u>195</u>	<u>270</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>157</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>657:</u>

KARANA

PARAKOU	26	40	25	21	12	124:
KIOVIABAPIRU	26	50	21	26	20	143:
IVARIKA	16	48	21	27	19	131:
KEREVA	25	28	12	24	8	97:
MAUKIATA	31	53	25	30	13	163:
NAVALVIOPATERA	26	34	21	25	8	115:
MOROI - MEARU	32	31	17	22	14	116:
OFABA	27	33	29	29	14	132:
IVERPIRU - FUZARI	15	19	15	5	8	65:
ARU	21	22	12	16	8	79:
URU	25	26	14	24	9	98:
	<u>270</u>	<u>384</u>	<u>223</u>	<u>253</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>1,260:</u>

ELANVO	16	17	10	10	11	64:
HORU	71	65	52	68	22	278:
MELEPIRU	117	129	126	119	40	531:
				<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>3,459</u>

VILLAGES VISITED ON P. 100:

VILLAGES:	NO. HESB:	CONDT. R.H:	DATE: 7/2	NO:	CONDT. OF VILLAGES:
NOUVERA (LAU)	6			34	POOR-GARDEN VILLAGE:
IYOI'IKA (SILC)	4			37	" " "
SILC NO. 1.	20			37	FAIR
SILC NO. 2.		GOOD		42	
(AKABULUKA)	13			41	FAIR
(IVAU)	15			41	"
(IVEFIRU)	10			41	"
FAMAI		BEING RE-			POOR 23 HOUSES TO
(LALABU)	42	BUILT		39	" BE RE-BUILT
(IUGEN)	27			37	"
(PARAKOU)	17			39	"
(POLARA)	33	(R.H)		39	"
(HUKUOVO)	29			38	"
(MA'ARU)	12			38	"
(MOR'A'A)	6			38	"
KARAMA		OLD BUT IN			FAIR
(KAMAKOU)	15	GOOD ORDER		15	"
(KICVIARAFIRU)	23			13	"
(IVARIKA)	16			13	"
(KEREVA)	22			40	"
(HAUKIAYA)	18			40	"
(KAVAIVICATERA)	23			40	"
(KOROI - HEARU)	13			42	POOR TO RENOVATE
(OPASA)	16			42	"
(IVEFIRU - FUZARI)	9			42	"
(ARU)	13			42	"
(URU)	15			42	"
ELAWO	13			43	FAIR
EOARU	45	GOOD		43	FAIR
LELEFIRU	53	GOOD		65	FAIR
HAMUHANGU	38			94	RE-BUILDING
TAVAFIRU	21	GOOD		94	FAIR
KAILAPI	8			93	FAIR
YUKIPI	45	GOOD		93	FAIR
INAFIASE	40			92	FAIR
UNITAI (MOTU MOTU)	95	GOOD		91	FAIR
MIRIVASI	10			90	RE-BUILDING
LALAPIPI	13			90	RE-BUILDING
PAIEC	8			90	POOR TO RE-BUILD
KAPURI	8			90	POOR " " "
PUPU (KIKAFIRU)	20	GOOD		89	RE-BUILDING
LOUGAPU	24			89	RE-BUILDING
ILAYA (KAVORA - LESE)	13			86	POOR TO RE-BUILD
KEAFIRU " "	6			86	POOR " " "
MARAKA (LESE)	53			87	RE-BUILDING
KAVORA (LESE)	34			86	FAIR TO RENOVATE
AVIHARA (LESE)	46	GOOD: BEING REN:		85	FAIR " "
MIRU	77	GOOD:		84	RE-BUILDING
AFANAIFI	43	POOR: TO REBUILD:			POOR TO RENOVATE
BINA	9	FAIR:			" MOV. NEW SITE.
BORISIRAI	15			83	RE - BUILDING
ICKMA	105	FAIR: REBUILDING:		83	FAIR TO RENOVATE
SAROTA	20	GOOD:		82	GOOD
LAULOVO (LOVE GROUP)	17			81	FAIR TO RENOVATE
LAULAVA " "	17			81	POOR 9 TO REBUILD
UVAFIRU " "	4			81	FAIR TO RENOVATE
MORIC " "	13	POOR: TO REBUILD:		81	FAIR " "
LOVE (SIAPU) "	23			81	FAIR " "
HEATONES (MOVIAMI)	80			97	POOR RE-BUILDING
HEAVALA " "	135	FAIR: TO REN:		96	FAIR TO RENOVATE
TAFALA " "	16	GOOD:		96	GOOD
SAVAIVIRI " "	33	FAIR: RE-BUILDING		95	FAIR TO RENOVATE

<u>FERRYMAN:</u>	<u>NO:</u>	<u>G/E:</u>	<u>NO. of GANCHES:</u>	<u>CONDITION:</u>	<u>EQUIPMENT ISSUE:</u>
SILU	21;	KER: 5520:	2 (1 - 18') (1 - 18')	GOOD "	Requires new SULU
UAKAI	10;	KER: 4499:	2 (1 - 20') (1 - 18')	GOOD FAIR	Fair condition
KARAWA	7;	KER: 5070:	1 (1 - 20')	GOOD	Good condition
WELWAPIU	22;	KER: 5670:	2 (1 - 18') (1 - 12')	GOOD "	good condition needs belt and pouch - renewing
HAKUZAMU	8;	KAI: 3994:	2 (1 - 16') (1 - 18')	POOR GOOD	Has old sulu needs re - issue
TAVAFIRU	18;	KER: 5519:	1 (1 - 20')	GOOD	Has old jumper needs re - issue
KUKIPI	9;	KAI: 4191:	2 (1 - 20') (1 - 12')	GOOD FAIR	No uniform needs re - issue
LALAPIPI	12;	KAI: 3991:	2 (1 - 20') (1 - 14')	GOOD "	No uniform needs re - issue
PAHO	13;	KER: 5948:	1 (1 - 15')	GOOD	Has old v/cg. uniform, needs re - issue
KAPURI	14;	KAI: 3990:	1 (1 - 20')	POOR	No uniform needs re - issue
KOPO	11;	KAI: 3983:	1 (1 - 20')	GOOD	Has old sulu needs re - issue
KIWA	15;	KAI: 3987:	4 (1 - 15') (1 - 20') (1 - 12') (1 - 13')	GOOD FAIR GOOD FAIR	Has old sulu needs re - issue
KESI	19;	KAI: 3985:	2 (1 - 20') (1 - 14')	GOOD "	Has old sulu needs re - issue
LAVALA Cr.16;	KAI: 3986:		1 (1 - 20')	GOOD	Has old sulu needs re - issue
NIARU	17;	KAI: 3989:	2 (1 - 24') 1 (1 - 16')	GOOD "	Has old v/cg's jumper, needs re - issue

FERRYMAN:

At WELWAPIU (see diary 21.4.45) the ferryman was renewed.

I would suggest the following: that the next patrol east, takes all G/E and papers relative to FERRYMAN: Issues new Registers; if possible obtain and issue, complete (UNIFORM) SULU, JUMPER, SASH, BELT & POUCH.

MIRIVASI (X.) POLICE POST:BUILDINGS:

All buildings are of native material and construction;

POLICE POST:

Residence: 45' x 30' (condt: fair)
Office: 16' x 20' (" ")
TRADE STORE: 18' x 34' (" new)

HOSPITAL:

Yard: 30' x 25' (fair)
Dress. rts: 40' x 20' (fair)
Kitchen: 20' x 15' (poor)
L/arts. HMO: 45' x 20' (fair)

STORES:EXPENDABLE:

NIL:

NON EXPENDABLE:

STOVES FOWLER	21. (kitchen)	CHAIRS CANE:	4. (dilapidated)
ROOFING IRON	14. (sheets/rusty-porchway)		(ated.)
GUTTERING GALV.	10. (feet/porchway)	TABLES WOOD:	1. (5'x2 1/2')
RAILS-TRAMWAY	6. (18' x 1" to 1 1/2")	" "	1. (3'x4')
OIL	6. (4 gall. grade or qual. ?)	" CANE:	1. (dilapidated)
DRUMS PETROL	14. (empty 44 gall.)	" CARD:	1. (dilapidated)
CANOE DOUBLE	1. (seaworthy 20')		(ated.)
" "	1. (unseaworthy 25')	WATER FILTER:	1.
STOOLS WOOD	2. (5 ft. in length)		
MATTRESS: BED	2. (single-condition poor)		
MOSQUITO ROOM:	1. (16' x 12' frame work)		

The furniture as a/w, that is at MIRIVASI is that old and dilapidated that it would not be worth removing.

MIRIVASI POLICE POST: The land where the residence and other buildings are situated is native owned and I would suggest that the residence be left there to be used as a Rest House and when it requires repairing that it be demolished and a Rest House constructed at LALAPIPI. The village people are in accord with the above suggestion, as present they are ^{all} busy re-building their own houses and at the moment do not wish to spare the time building a rest house if it can be avoided.

All other buildings except those reported on are being demolished and the timber of any use or value is being used in the rebuilding of LALAPIPI and MIRIVASI village.

REPORT TERAPO AIR STRIP:

This strip of approx. 1000 yds. x 120 yds. is on the property of the ROMAN CATHOLIC MISSION at TERAPO.

The V/Const. of MOVIIVI (JACK) received L.S. on the 9.4.45 at KAIRUKU for the maintenance of this strip. This money is divided between HEAVALA and HEATOARE village.

At present the strip needs cleaning as it has a growth of 18" or more of shrubs and grass. V/Const. JACK ordered to rectify same.

There is no stock of oils or petrol at TERAPO.

REPORT ON NMC's accompanying PATROL:

NMC. 384. KKA AUVITA

KKA AUVITA was only with the patrol for sixteen days, being required to return to KEREMA for onward movement to GEMO Training School.

He has previously been with me on patrol and as usual I found him willing and helpful.

He was replaced by NMC UVAKAO HAHEPA:

NMC. UVAKAO HAHEPA

This NMC has only recently joined the medical service, having previously assisted Rev. DEWDNEY (LMS OROKOLO) with medical work.

I found him keen and always on the job, looking for patients.

I feel sure that when he has completed his training that he will be an asset to the medical section of ANGAU.

REPORT ON R.P.C. accompanying PATROL:

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

<u>NO.</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>CONDUCT:</u>	<u>ABILITY:</u>
Reg. No. 3157.	Const. EVAI MURANKOPE	GOOD	FAIR

This constable is an excellent man on patrol, being a good rifle shot and on a number of occasions provided fresh meat for the patrol.

<u>NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONDUCT:</u>	<u>ABILITY:</u>
Reg. No. 3360.	Const. IGARUBAI MADEMBO	GOOD	FAIR

I found this constable willing and intelligent:

<u>NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONDUCT:</u>	<u>ABILITY:</u>
Reg. No. 1874.	Const. UMAGI DUBA	GOOD	FAIR

This constable carried out his duties willingly and shows promise of being a very helpful man on patrol.

<u>NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONDUCT:</u>	<u>ABILITY:</u>
Reg. No. 2108.	Const. OVE OMARA	GOOD	FAIR

I have previously reported on this constable, this being his second patrol with me and I am of the opinion that with a little more experience that he will be an asset to this station.

REPORT ON INTERPRETERS:

TURIA / AISI:

This native since the return of the patrol has been paid off and returned to his village.

He was far too young (approx. 16 yrs.) to be an interpreter and consequently was of little value to the patrol.

He was replaced by SAORI / MITAPAIVA of HAMAI village.

SAORI / MITAPAIVA:

This native was for many years employed by Mr. M. BAKER (decd) and since his employer's death he has lived in his village.

He is an excellent interpreter, besides having a good local knowledge of the people and I found him very handy on this patrol.

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Lt. A.L. Robson P.O.

CC/GVM.

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PATROL REPORT KEREMA NO 9 - LIEUT A.L. ROBSON P.O.

Receipt of the abovementioned Report is acknowledged.

2. A good routine patrol.

B. Champion

Major

ADDS & NA.

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LAK KAMU Dist.
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KEREMA PATROL REPORT 9 - 44/45 - LIEUT. ROBSON, A.L.

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

2. My remarks on the patrol are as follows:-

(a) Parts of the diary part of the Report should have been put in the 'General' part of the report - e.g. Wed. 9/5/45 Ref ABI'U Village; 10/5/45 ref. report of crashed aircraft.

(b). Punctuation is bad in places, and these have been pointed out to Lieut. Robson.

(c). Friday 18/5/45. Ref. Barge. See memo. 26/2 of 4 Jun 45 relative to the above.

(d) Sunday 20/5/45:- Lieut. Robson has advised me that the village of BELEPA was clean when he left.

(e). Tuesday 29/5/45:- TRADE STORE:- I have already written to you about this - ref. my memo 23/1 - 2 of 8 Jun 45.

(f). Sunday 3 Jun 45:- Village Councillors:- The natives should be allowed to have Vil. Councils. at both ARURUHU and OVAVA. The matter will be dealt with in forthcoming Patrols.

(g). REST HOUSES:- These are necessary right up the Vailala River, ~~and~~ a very swift current flows when the river is in flood.

(h). VILLAGE HOUSING:- Lieut. Robson reported to me that there were very few men up the Vailala River. Consequently, there will be no recruiting done there for some time to come.

(i). N/L RECRUITS:- Only single boys and married men without children were recruited from the area.

(j). LOCAL DISPUTES:- All settled out of Court.

(k). MEDICAL. A. is fully employed here at the Native Hospital. If pressure of work decreases, he says he will go to the plantations and inspect their labour.

3. During the Patrol a lot of good work was carried out, and Lieut. Robson should have gained a better knowledge of the natives in the areas visited.

K.C. Atkinson
(K.C. Atkinson) A.D.O. KEREMA

Capt

PATROL REPORT:

NO. 9/44 - 45.

PERSONNEL:

KEREMA: SUB - DISTRICT.

LT. ROBSON. A. L.

Reg. No.	3157	Const.	EVAI	MURAKORU
"	"	"	UMAGI	DUBA
"	"	"	AMAKIA	OA IAOAIA
"	"	"	HORE	KAUWA
"	"	"	HOIA	HOMAHEROI

NMO " 368 PEKI HAUA

INTERPRETER: KIVAVIA EVARA

COOK BOY: ARGARU FOFORO

PREVIOUS PATROL REPORT: (KEREMA - VAILALA EAST) NO. 10/44 - 45.

(KEREMA - KARIAVA) NO. 7/44 - 45.

LAST PATROL TO AREA BY: (KEREMA - VAILALA EAST) CAPT. ATKINSON. K. G.

10.5.45 - 16.5.45.

(KEREMA - KARIAVA) W/O. ROBSON. A. L.

25.1.45 - 15.2.45.

PATROL MAP:

NOT SUBMITTED

REF. KIKORI - MAU SERIES STRET MAP: 1,253,440.
4 MILE - 1"

OBJECT:

ROUTINE PATROL:

- (A) TO REVISE AND COMPLETE CENSUS FROM: BELEPA TO KEREMA
- (B) INVESTIGATE REPORT OF CRASHED PLANE: LOMKI AREA
- (C) PAY ADVANCES TO M/LABOUR: RECRUIT M/LABOUR
- (D) INSPECT & REPORT ON: NATIVE FOOD POSITION & VILLAGES
- (E) INVESTIGATIONS & HEARING OF OIR CASES ON PATROL
- (F) ATTENDING TO GENERAL OFFICE INQUIRIES

DURATION:

7th. MAY, 1945 - 5th. JUNE, 1945.

ROUTE TRAVERSED:

KEREMA thence by M.V. CHINSURAH to VAIVIRI Plnt., by canoe upstream VAILALA river to KARIAVA, returning to VAIVIRI Plnt., then to MAIRA Plnt., BELEPA to KIALAHU then by beach to HUIVA, ARAMIRI Plnts., continuing to KEREMA:

CARRIERS:

AVERAGE NO. TWENTY FOUR.

COST OF PATROL:

TOBACCO EXPENDED: ISSUES: GRATUITIES: CARRIERS: FOOD:
ONE CADUY:

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

DIARY:MONDAY: 7.5.45.

KEREMA: Departed 0645 hrs., per " M.V. CHINSURAH " and arrived VAIVIRI Plnt., 1545 hrs. Arranged for three canoes and twenty four paddlers to report the following morning. Stayed night.

TUESDAY: 8.5.45.

VAIVIRI: Departed 0830 hrs., upstream VAILALA river per canoe, reaching ORABERA at 1130 hrs., lunch, 1230 hrs., continued arriving at AKOURA 1705 hrs., and at UFOIA (APC) 1800 hrs. Stayed night.

WEDNESDAY: 9.5.45.

UFOIA: Departed 0715 hrs., reaching KAIRAVA at 1100 hrs., here it was found that the houses in the village (three) were in very bad condition, owners ordered to rebuild. Continued to HEWA, 1240 hrs. V/Const., ordered to have rest house and barracks rebuilt. Continued 1325 hrs., reaching HUKULORA 1500 hrs., and LOHIKI 1715 hrs. Stayed night.

On my last visit to this village (P. R. KER. 7/44 - 45) I was approached by the V/Const., and a number of KUKUKURU'S re the building of a village to be named ABI'U opposite LOHIKI. To the present beyond planting an area approx., 400 yds. x 150 yds., with bananas and other native foods, no attempt has been made to construct the proposed village.

THURSDAY: 10.5.45.

LOHIKI: Departed 0715 hrs., per canoe upstream LOHIKI creek to investigate a report by a village native of the finding of wreckage believed to be portion of a plane. After crossing numerous small rapids a small creek named AUVERA was reached at 1030 hrs., here the canoe was left and my party continued on foot and ascended a steep incline, where wreckage was found at 1120 hrs. It was found that the wreckage (metal) which was strewn over the area was the remnants of a petrol (belly) tank, the markings 129 Imp. gall. and 155 U.S. gall. were found on a small portion of the metal and the natives when questioned were of the opinion that approx. a year ago there had been a fight between allied and enemy planes and presumably it had been dropped then. A search was conducted over a large area but no other wreckage of any type was found, 1300 hrs., returned to canoe which was reached at 1325 hrs. Returned to LOHIKI 1515 hrs., where all concerned with the reporting of the wreckage were suitably rewarded with tobacco. Stayed night.

FRIDAY: 11.5.45.

LOHIKI: Departed 0730 hrs., HEPA 0900 hrs., MOMURU 1000 hrs., and PAKU 1615 hrs. Stayed night.

SATURDAY: 12.5.45.

PAKU: Departed 0715 hrs., IORI 0915 hrs., reaching KARLAVA river camp at 1200 hrs. Met caretaker Mr. B. HOYLE and stayed night.

SUNDAY: 13.5.45.KARLAVA:MONDAY: 14.5.45.

KARLAVA: Paid N/Labour advances, £.110.10.0.

TUESDAY: 15.5.45.

KARLAVA: C.N.M. Courts and hearing of local disputes.

WEDNESDAY: 16.5.45.

KARLAVA: Departed downstream 0830 hrs., raining, IORI 0930 hrs., PAKU 1030 hrs., and MOMURU 1220 hrs., lunch, continued 1315 hrs., to HEPA 1335 hrs., LOHIKI 1410 hrs., HUKULORA 1500 hrs., HEWA 1530 hrs., and

WEDNESDAY: 16.5.45. (cont.)

UPCIA (APO) 1630 hrs. Stayed night.

THURSDAY: 17.5.45.

UPCIA: Departed 0730 hrs., downstream, weather rainy, 0740 hrs., AKOURA garden village, 0750 hrs., AKOURA, 0930 hrs., IVONI garden village CRABERA, 1030 hrs., MAIRA Plnt., and 1100 hrs., VAIVIRI Plnt. Canoe owners and paddlers paid and they returned to their village.

Afternoon advances paid to N/Labour employed VAIVIRI Plnt., 2.26.

FRIDAY: 18.5.45.

VAIVIRI: C.N.K. Courts and hearing of local disputes.

Departed 1315 hrs., upstream per canoe to MAIRA Plnt., reaching river landing at 1415 hrs., 1430 hrs., continued through plantation and leaving the planted area at 1515 hrs., reaching HILOI (BELEPA) 1550 hrs. Stayed night. Weather rainy. V/Const. of KOIALAHU reported that a barge had come ashore at KOIALAHU in the storm, after obtaining information re type and if any europeans were on board, advised him I would inspect the barge (wrecked) the following morning.

SATURDAY: 19.5.45.

HILOI: Departed 0730 hrs., per BELEPA - KOIALAHU road to KOIALAHU 0900 hrs.

It was found that the barge of wooden construction had come ashore unladen and owing to the heavy seas, running at the time had been reduced to a total wreck. The markings USA S.S.S. 42. were located on a portion of the barge and the ADO KEREMA was advised accordingly. Departed 0930 hrs., HARORA 0955 hrs., and HILOI 1100 hrs.

Afternoon compiled census of OPA village, population 88.

SUNDAY: 20.5.45.

HILOI: In the morning compiled census of APURARIA village, population 93. Afternoon, inspected the following villages of the BELEPA group; departed 1400 hrs., APURARIA 1430 hrs., clean and tidy, a number of houses in the process of being rebuilt and replaced, 1445 hrs., OPA which was in a similar condition to the village previously mentioned. Returned to HILOI 1515 hrs., inspected and found tidy, orders being issued for a few houses to be rebuilt, continued to BELEPA where a feast was in progress, the village was a little untidy and the people were warned to rectify same.

MONDAY: 21.5.45.

HILOI: Compiled census of HILOI (pop. 169) and BELEPA (pop. 104)

TUESDAY: 22.5.45.

HILOI: Departed 0800 hrs., per BELEPA - KOIALAHU road to HARORA 0900 hrs. Compiled census of HARORA (pop. 137) and ZARO ZARO (pop. 43) Stayed night.

WEDNESDAY: 23.5.45.

HARORA: Compiled census of LUI (pop. 124), POIVA (pop. 41) and HELAU (pop. 24) V/Councillor appointed LUI village. (see appendix V/officials)

The village and housing of HARORA, POIVA and HELAU were inspected, also road and bridges (BELEPA - KOIALAHU) section HARORA - KOIALAHU. (see appendix roads and bridges)

THURSDAY: 24.5.45.

HARORA: Received instructions to visit MAIRA and pay N/L advances and check all blankets on issue to N/Labour west of KEREMA.

Departed 0855 hrs., by canoe to LUI, (5 hrs. from HARORA) this village is

THURSDAY: 24.5.45. (cont.)

comprised of twenty houses and is the best of the group in this area. Continued 0900 hrs., downstream LUI creek into the BAIARUMA river, which flows into the VAILALA river near it's mouth. 0945 hrs., inspected KAPO KAPU of seven houses on the bank of the VAILALA river, continued to VAIVIRI 1130 hrs.

Afternoon: Proceeded to MAIRA and paid N/L advances and checked blankets of native's employed there, returned to VAIVIRI and stayed night.

FRIDAY: 25.5.45.

VAIVIRI: Compiled blanket return and paid additional advances to N/Labour employed here. Total amount paid advances VAIVIRI - MAIRA £.97.

Departed 1500 hrs., downstream VAILALA river per canoe and continued along the BAIARUMA river to KOIALAHU, where a walk of a 100 yds., brings you to the rest house facing the sea. Stayed night.

SATURDAY: 26.5.45.

KOIALAHU: Compiled census of AIVAU (pop. 161) and KPEBEAMO (pop. 66.)

Inspected repairs to bridges and road (KOIALAHU - HARORA section) and re adjusted the maintenance marks, KOIALAHU - HARORA villages. (see appendix roads and bridges)

SUNDAY: 27.5.45.

KOIALAHU: Compiled census of KOIALAHU. (pop. 259)

Inspected KOIALAHU and AIVAU villages and found them clean, tidy and houses in good repair. Arranged with V/Const., for the collection of timber from the wrecked barge. This barge has gradually broken up due to the heavy seas of late and the timber when collected (size approx. 12" x 4" in lengths of up to 25') is to be stacked above high water.

MONDAY: 28.5.45.

KOIALAHU: Compiled census of KEAKEA (control of V/Const. KEURU) which has a population of 90.

Departed 1445 hrs., to re inspect KOIALAHU - HARORA road and found all bridges HARORA section renewed and the KOIALAHU people working on their section. Returned to beach 1615 hrs., KPEBEAMO 1645 hrs., KEAKEA 1720 hrs., OBAVUHU 1800 hrs., crossed KEURU creek to rest house 1815 hrs., stayed night.

TUESDAY: 29.5.45.

KEURU: Departed to HUIVA Plnt., and paid advances and inspected blankets of all natives employed HUIVA - ARAMIRI Plnts. Total amount of advance paid £.82.10.0.

Returned to rest house with Sgt. J. KEMP (POB TRADE STORE) who had arranged a trading venture to coincide with the payment of advances to the natives employed in this area. My impression was that the natives appreciated the advantage of being able to buy goods close to where they are employed.

WEDNESDAY: 30.5.45.

KEURU: Census compiled of DOBNIHO. (pop. 34.)

THURSDAY: 31.5.45.

KEURU: Compiled census of HIRU (pop. 96.) and ARURUHU (pop. 41.)

FRIDAY: 1.6.45.

KEURU: Compiled census of PEKOI (pop. 127.4) and OVAVA (pop. 76.)

SATURDAY: 2.6.45.KEURU: Census compiled of OBANUHU (pop. 97) and LAKOVU (pop. 73)

Departed 1545 hrs., to OVAVA 1600 hrs., this village has now moved opposite to OBANUHU which is on the bank of the KEURU creek. Obtained canoe 1640 hrs., and proceeded upstream KEURU creek to LAKOVU 1645 hrs., thence by path to PETOI 1700 hrs., HIRU 1720 hrs., ARURUHU 1740 hrs., and DOBEHOHO 1745 hrs., returning and crossing bridge over KEURU creek to rest house 1820 hrs. All of the abovementioned villages were found to be clean, tidy and the housing in good condition.

SUNDAY: 3.6.45.KEURU: Census of HEREMERE (pop.174.) compiled.

A village Councillor was appointed to ARURUHU there being no previous appointment and as there was a vacancy caused by the death of a Councillor at OVAVA the people were of the opinion it would be to their interest to have the appointment changed from OVAVA (V/Const. residing there) to ARURUHU and thereby provide additional representation to the villages slightly inland from the coast.

G.N.M. and the hearing of local disputes.

MONDAY: 4.6.45.

KEURU: Departed 0830 hrs., reaching HUIVA at 0915 hrs. Continued 1230 hrs., ARAMIRI 1320., the BLUFF 1415 hrs., reaching MEI rest house at 1515 hrs. The village of PEKOI (KEURU) previously mentioned has over the past few years branched out into a number of small hamlets close to and adjoining HUIVA Plnt., these hamlets are fairly well constructed and more or less the available labour voluntarily indentured to work at either HUIVA or ARAMIRI Plnts.

Received advice to terminate the compiling of the census and return to KEREMA when routine matters had been completed in the villages of MEI UARIPI and PETOI.

TUESDAY: 5.6.45.

MEI: Inspected the population of MEI, UARIPI and PETOI heard local disputes and at 1600 hrs., departed from UARIPI by canoe arriving at KEREMA 1645 hrs. Reported to ADO and dismissed RPC.

GENERAL:WEATHER and CLIMATE:

Rain was experienced on a number of days whilst on patrol, but as census was the main object of the patrol, the weather did not greatly effect it

VILLAGE OFFICIALS:VILLAGE COUNCILLORS:LUI VILLAGE: NAMAI - NAMAI (age 31 yrs.)

This village previously had two Councillors, (both now deceased) representation being made for one of them to be replaced, after discussion the a/m native was appointed. (When the a/m appointment was made age rule unknown.

ARURUHU VILLAGE: AIVAU -- KERORO (age 37 yrs.)

The a/m native was appointed to replace a vacancy caused by the death of a previous appointment to the village of OVAVA.

VILLAGE CONSTABLES:

I received every assistance from the Village Constables met on this pe

HOUSING:REST HOUSES:

At HEWA the V/Constable was instructed to have the rest house rebuilt, as it is considered necessary that this rest house be maintained in good order and condition as an alternative stopping place to LOHIKI if the VAILALA river is in flood.

VILLAGE HOUSING:

In general the housing standard of the villages visited was good, the exception being the small villages on the bank of the VAILALA river en-route to KARIAVA, orders were given for the rebuilding of all houses considered below standard, taking into consideration the area and the type of people.

NATIVE LABOUR RECRUITS:

As indicated appendix A., thirty four recruits were obtained, being drawn from the BELEPA - KEURU area. This area is now fully drained of young recruits, there being a big proportion of the labour employed on MAIRA, VAIVIRI, HUIVA and ARAMIRI Plnts., being drawn from this area.

ROADS and BRIDGES:

The only roads and bridges of any importance are to be found in the BELEPA area, the BELEPA - KOIALAHU road being the most important. This road is now in quite good order, myself personally supervising repairs and replacement of a number of bridges in the HARORA - KOIALAHU section.

FOOD SITUATION:

As requested by D/S (comment P.A. KER. 7/44 - 45.) seeds were handed out to the village people for planting.

The staple diet of the people visited by this patrol is SAGO, fish and various other sea foods with garden produce making up the remainder of their diet.

I did not notice or have drawn to my attention any scarcity of food and I was of the opinion that the gardens inspected were bearing well.

LAW and JUSTICE:

Courts for Native Matters were held throughout the patrol and suitable penalties imposed, there being no serious offences (CPS) being brought to my attention for investigation.

NATIVE SITUATION:

The natives employed at VAIVIRI, MAIRA and KARIAVA seemed pleased to hear of the intended visit of the OIC TRADE STORE with TRADE GOODS to their respective places of employment.

I had numerous enquiries from both village and natives under C/S as to the progress of the war, the news apparently having spread of the successful conclusion of the war in EUROPE.

Village life appeared quite peaceful and contented, the people going about the village attending to the chores, gardening, sago making, fishing and the men assisting in the heavier work, repairing houses and building canoes.

J. L. Roberts Lt.
P.O. KEREMA.

CENSUS STATISTICS: BELEPA - KERAMA:

M/ADULTS: F/ADULTS: M/CHILD: F/CHILD: I/L: TOTAL:

BELEPA:

OPA	31	22	14	15	6	88:
APURARIA	20	26	23	14	10	93:
HILCI	38	51	32	38	13	169:
BELEPA	25	26	19	24	10	104:

HARORA:

POIVA	13	11	5	8	4	41:
HELAU	6	7	6	3	2	24:
LUI	36	33	17	27	11	124:
KARO KARO	10	14	9	6	4	43:
HARORA	42	42	26	20	7	137:

KOIALAHU:

AIVAU	45	41	35	31	9	161:
KOIALAHU	55	69	53	51	31	259:
EPEBEAMO	12	16	9	10	9	56:
KRAKKA	17	23	21	17	12	90:

KEURU:

OBASUNU	19	29	15	22	12	97:
OVAVA	11	14	22	16	13	76:
HEREHERE	36	49	32	27	30	174:
LAZOVU	21	23	20	9	5	78:
PEKCI	19	27	31	23	22	127:
HIRU	20	28	23	11	14	96:
ARURUHU	8	11	11	8	3	41:
DOBESHONO	23	23	16	15	7	84:

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ADDITIONAL RECRUITS NOT SHOWN UNDER I/L:

APURARIA	1	LAZOVU	3
HILCI	1	
HELAU	1		
HARORA	6	FARIHARA	1
LUI	1	IRAVAPARI	3
KAROKARO	1	MEI	2
AIVAU	2	UARIPI	3
KOIALAHU	2	VAILALA	2
EPEBEAMO	1	IONI	1
KRAKKA	1		
ARURUHU	1		
DOBESHONO	1		

TOTAL RECRUITS: PR KER 9/44-45: 34:

The health of the people inspected on this patrol in general was good, approx. seventy natives were sent with minor complaints to either OROKOLO First Aid Post or KIRIWA Native Hospital.

This area (coastal) has within the last six months had four DS and two Medical patrols through it and consequently from a medical point of view, is in good order.

All employer's of native labour visited were anxious and of the opinion that if a series of injections were given to their employees that in general their standard of health would be better. At present they are experiencing trouble with a type of blind boil, which incapacitates their labour from time to time.

I was given to understand that there has been no visit by a member of the ANGAU Medical Section to KARIAVA since the outbreak of the war.

I would suggest that if impossible for the EMA to pay a visit (three monthly ration vessel to KARIAVA) that an NMO qualified to give injections be sent, further none of these natives have been vaccinated.

REPORT ON NMO ACCOMPANYING PATROL:

NMO: 388: HEZI HAUEA:

This NMO I believe was brought up by the LMS Mission at OROKOLO and lived there for a period of twelve years, consequently he speaks English well and appears to be quite a bright type of native.

I found him very helpful and whilst I believe he is only a recent recruit to the medical section, I think that when fully trained he should be an acquisition to the service as he is very keen.

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ANNEX: 1

P.R. KER. 9/44 - 45.

REPORT ON R.P.C. ACCOMPANYING PATROL:

Reg. No. 3157. Const. EVAI MURAUKOPU: CONDUCT: GOOD:

This constable accompanied me on my previous patrol (PR KER. 8/44-45) and as previously reported is a very good man on patrol, being a particularly swift messenger.

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Reg. No. 1874. Const. UMAGI DUBA: CONDUCT: GOOD:

This constable also accompanied me on my previous patrol (PR KER. 8/44-45) and whilst of a quiet type, he is always willing and reliable.

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Reg. No. 1227. Const. HAVATA GAIAGALA: CONDUCT: GOOD:

This constable has not previously been on patrol with me, but from his conduct and reliability I am of the opinion that he is one of the best constables stationed at KEREMA.

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Reg. No. 1234. Const. HOIA HOMAHEROI: CONDUCT: GOOD:

This constable only accompanied the patrol as far as KARIAVA, where he took over from duty constable HORE KAUNA. I found him in the short time he was with me as being reliable, willing and efficient.

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Reg. No. 1293. Const. HORE KAUNA: CONDUCT: GOOD:

This constable was relieved by constable HOIA HOMAHEROI as duty constable KARIAVA and continued with the patrol. I found him willing and reliable although a little slow at understanding any order or problem.

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REPORT ON INTERPRETER ACCOMPANYING PATROL:

KIVAVIA EVARA:

This native has been in the employ of the government for many years, (I believe 28 yrs.) going to AUSTRALIA with other natives in 1942., for propaganda purposes. He is the only native on the station who has an efficient knowledge of the VAILALA river dialect, he is also very helpful in land disputes and has a great store of knowledge concerning Courts, orders and marks made by other officer's previously stationed here. I have always found him willing, efficient and respectful.

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Kerema, Gulf District

10 of 44/45

Capt. K.C. Atkinson A.D.O.

PATROL REPORT

No. Ker 10 - 44/45

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PERSONNEL:-

Capt. K.C. Atkinson, A.D.O. KEREMA

Reg. No. 998 Const. MARERE

Reg. No. 1025 Const. TURIAI

Reg. No. 1270 Const. SARI

Reg. No. 1645 Const. LAIRA

No. 49A N.M.O. NAVULU

INTERPRETER:- Probationer AMOA

COOK BOY:- KINAI.

Previous Patrol to Area:- P/R Kerema 7 - 44/45.

by :- W.O. Robson, A.L.

Patrol Map:- Not submitted.

Map reference:- KIKORI - WAU Strat. Series 1,853,440.

PURPOSE OF PATROL:-

1. Hold Native Labour Inspections.
2. General Purposes.

DURATION:- 10 May 45 to 16 May 45.

CARRIERS EMPLOYED:- Average 12.

COST OF PATROL:- 10 lbs tobacco for P.M.F.: Carriers, R.P.C. & Vil. Consts.
40 lbs Rice.

REPORT OF A PATROL MADE BY CAPT. F. C. NELSON, A. D. C. MAIRA, TO
OROKOLO AND RETURN FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING NATIVE LABOUR
INSPECTIONS AND ALSO FOR GENERAL PURPOSES.

Thursday 10 May 45:- Accompanied by Reg. No. 938 Const. BARRIE;
Reg. No. 1025 Const. TURIAI; Reg. No. 1270 Const. SARI and Reg. No.
1645 Const. MAIRA, departed per station whaleboat at 08 15 hrs and
crossed the Bay to MAI Village. Carriers were waiting, so tied up the
gear and proceeded to HUIVA Plantation, arriving 1230 hrs. Called
on Mr. and Mrs. Drummond. In afternoon held Native Labour Inspection
and then proceeded to KEURU Rest House, arriving 1615 hrs. Camped.
Vil. Consts. KAHARO and KAMIROAVA reported.

Friday 11 May 45:- Departed 0845 hrs; KEKERA 1000 hrs and
turn off to BELEFA an hour later. Turned inland and arrived HANORA
1115 hrs. Vil. Const. HANO reported. Lunched and had all natives
medically examined. Departed 1330 hrs and proceeded to NILOI Rest
house via POIVA Villages, arriving 1430 hrs. Camped. Vil. Const.
AERO reported.

Saturday 12 May 45:- Heavy rain in the morning. Departed 0930
hrs in light rain, and arrived MAIRA Plantation 0930. Held N/L
Inspection. Departed 1300 hrs and arrived VAIVIRI Plantation 1330
hours. Held N/L Inspection and during the remainder of the afternoon
was in C.P.S. and C.M.S. Stayed the night with Mr. Brookes.

Sunday 13 May 45:- Departed 0930 hrs and proceeded to the coast at
PAKORABU via MAIALI Village. Proceeded along the beach to OROKOLO
arriving 1230 hrs. Camped. In the afternoon had all native medically
examined and then held C.M.S. Later inspected the buildings at the
Aid Post.

Monday 14 May 45:- Very heavy rain during the morning. Departed
1130 hrs and proceeded to AUMA Rest House via HERAKARA; MORIAU;
HONORO; PAKORABU; BIAI and MIRIMAILI. All natives were examined in
the villages. Lunched at AUMA and then left at 1630 hrs and
proceeded to Vailala West Village, which was reached half an hour later.
Inspected villages en route. Crossed the Vailala River per
Ferry and camped in the Vailala East Rest House. Vil. Const. KAKI
reported. Examined all the people for sores etc..

Tuesday 15 May 45:- Another very wet morning. During the morning
held C.M.S. Departed 1230 hrs. Arrived KOIALAHU 1300 hrs. Had
all the natives inspected for sores etc. Continued 1430 and
arrived KEAKERA an hour later. Inspected the natives and then set
off for KEURU which was reached an hour after leaving KEAKERA.
Camped.

Wednesday 16 May 45:- Departed 0630 hrs. and proceeded to HUIVA.
Was met by Mr. Drummond who accompanied me to MAI IRI Plantation.
Police and carriers went on ahead while I inspected the Native
Labour at MAIMIRI Plantation. Departed 1130 hrs and arrived at
MAI'I Village 1315 hrs. Whaleboat was waiting for me. Inspected
the village and the natives and then returned to the station,
arriving 1530 hrs. Sgt. Ford reported 'all well'.

GENERAL REMARKS.

This patrol, was not meant to be anything more than a survey
of the area to the West of the Station. Little time was spent in
the villages east of KOIALAHU as Lieut. Robson, P.O., will be
through the area during the next week or so, making a census.
Apart from the Native Labour Inspections, the main work done was to
inspect the villages and the people seen.

ROADS:- There are very few roads in the area. The first one met
was the built-up road from KOIALAHU to BELEFA. This was clean, but
the villagers have been throwing the rubbish into the drains, with
the result that they will have to be cleaned again in the near future
if the whole road is to be kept in some kind of order. From NILOI
to MAIRA, the road was cleaned. There are no drains on this road.

ROADS (Const):- The road from VAIVIRI Plantation to the beach was filthy. The natives were instructed to have it cleaned by the time I returned. On the return a Constable was sent to inspect it, and reported that the work had been done. From AUMA to VAILALA West, there is another road. This was clean and in good order.

VILLAGES:- With the exception of HILOI and HARORO Villages, the villages were clean and well kept. At HILOI and HARORO, the Vil. Consts. complained to me that the village people would not do as they were told. All people were assembled and cleaned the villages under my supervision. At OROKOLO, in KAYAVA Village one house had fallen down. This had belonged to a family, both of whom had died recently. The house was ordered to be pulled down.

VILLAGE CONSTABLES:- For the most part these are doing their work. In all cases they have difficult people to handle, and it is hard for them to have any measure of control. Taking this into consideration I must say that the Vil. Consts. are carrying out their duties very well.

VILLAGE COUNCILLORS:- There seems to have been an lot of young men appointed to the positions of Village Councillors. I am of the opinion that this is a retrograde step, especially in this sub-District where there are a lot of land problems. If young men are appointed to the position of Vil. Couns. they know nothing whatever of land rights, customs etc. and the older men in the village have to be called in. Naturally they are called in in major cases dealing with land claims, but in the smaller cases a visiting Officer will question the knowledge of a younger man. I realize that it is for the village people to select their own Councillors, but I am of the opinion that they should be advised to choose an older man, and a man who has influence, and also a man who is respected by his fellow villagers.

EMERGENCY LANDING STRIPS - BEACHES:- These were inspected and found to be kept clean of driftwood and other obstacles.

VILLAGE LIFE:- There does not appear to have been much disruption of village life due to the recruiting of the men. Compared with the Samarai District, there is a large proportion of the male population in the villages. At a rough estimate I would say that the proportion is as high as it was in the days before the Pacific War. I cannot be sure of this until such times as the Census has been completed then it will then be compared with the census in 1941. As a result of signal, DS2435, many of the younger men will be recruited for further labour. I think I am right in saying that in the villages west of Kerema, most of the gardening is done by the men and the sago making by the women. As sago is the main diet, the recruiting of men will in no way interfere with the main food position. Gardens used to be very small and only provided a small proportion of the food. That was in 1941, and I do not think that the position would have changed.

It is good to note that there is a certain amount of civic pride in the Orokolo Villages. Previously the houses used to be of poor design, and made in any convenient spot. This has changed and they are now of a better design and all planted in rows. Roads are down the centre of the rows, and the sides of the roads are planted with skubs and pineapples - mainly pineapples. I tried to trace who started the idea, but, other than being told that they, the people, wanted to build the villages that way, I could find out nothing. It may be that these villages have taken their lead from ICKEA which, for some years past, has been built on the lines described above.

K. L. Atkinson
Capt.
(K. L. Atkinson)
S. O. C. K. I. I. I.

Report

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MEDICAL.

No. 49.A N.M.C. KAVULU accompanied the Patrol. In all villages he examined the people. Those with Ulcers, yaws or scabies were sent either to Kerema Native Hospital or GROWOLO Aid Post. In all 82 natives were found to be suffering from one or other of the above. It was interesting to note that the amount of sickness in children of school age was very low.

GROWOLO Aid Post: N.M.C. KARONO is in charge of this hospital. At the time of the visit he had in all 82 patients of whom 23 were in-patients. His hospital is not complete and he is experiencing some difficulty in getting the village people to assist him in erecting a building for himself and another ward. The war is half finished, but there is no house for himself. N.M.C. KARONO reported that the attendance is very good, and the Vil. Consts. and Vil. Council, bring in the patients to him.

Copy to :- E.M.A. KEREMA.

H. C. Atkinson
(E.C. Atkinson)
A.D.O. KEREMA.

Capt.

Reg. No. 938 Const. MAHERI:- Obedient, but very slow. Is handy to use as a check on the interpreters.

Reg. No. 1025 Const. FURIAL:- Obedient, but not outstanding. Is willing and will always do his best.

Reg. No. 1270 Const. SARI:- Obedient and slow. When giving orders to this Constable one has to repeat the order a couple of times, otherwise he will not understand it. Perhaps less betel-nut at nights would make a difference.

Reg. No. 1645 Const. KAIRA:- Very poor.

Copy:- B.P.C. KAIRUKU.

H. G. Atkinson
(H. G. Atkinson)

A.B.O. KIRIMA.

Capt.

Kerema, Gulf District

11 of 41/45

Lt. A.L. Robson P.O.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

LAKEKAMU DISTRICT HQ
KAIRUKU
3 Aug 45

File 30/2 - 847

HQ SOUTHERN REGION
ANKLAU

P/R KER NO 11 - 44-45 - LT A.L. ROBSON

Ref your 30/3/45 - 5003 of 26 July 45

Receipt of the a/m memo is attached.

2. RECRUITS. Reference to your letter 14/1/30-2688 of 16 May 45 discloses that in the next three months KEREMA Sub-District has 67 N/L due for pay-off and KAIRUKU Sub-District 89. This letter also discloses that from April to the end of October (3 months hence) the LAKEKAMU DISTRICT would be called upon to replace a total of 459 time expired N/L. From 1 April 1945 to the 31 July 45 a total of 439 new recruits have been signed on in this District (297 at KEREMA and 142 at KAIRUKU), almost sufficient to cover requirements to the end of October.

Copy ADO KEREMA ✓

James H. Robson
for Major D.O. (AOD)
(W.M.H. THOMPSON)

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GENERAL MILITARY ORDER

GENERAL MILITARY ORDER

30/3/45

Hq
Southern Region
ARCAU
Port Moresby
26 July '45

Ref No. 5003

DO AIRBORNE.

PATROL REPORT KEREMA NO 11 - 14/45
LIEUT. L. ROBSON.

Receipt of the above-mentioned report is acknowledged

2. Recruits. Within the next few months several hundred natives from Kerema Sub District will become due for pay off. It is hoped that it will not be necessary to again ask for replacements. In regard to the present intensified recruiting, you are referred to circular letter 14/1/30-2688 of 16 May, which clearly sets out the position and discloses numbers due for pay-off and repatriation to each Sub District in the Region.
3. Medical - Lepers may be sent to Kerema Native Hospital where provision is made for them. We are not quarantining lepers on islands now-adays. For your information the lepers from MODENA are being transferred to BARAGA Native Hospital.
ELEPHANTIASIS DAMIS comments:-
" The most important carrier of filarious breeds in the leaf axils of Pandanus. These trees should be cleared out of actual village area. The mosquito only travels a 100 yards or so".
4. T.H. COGHILL (Dec'd) This matter is covered by CA memo 797740 of 19 July which goes forward to you.
5. Instruct the P.O. to leave a larger margin on his reports for use of this Hq.

W.H. 30705
Major
ADDS & A (AOD)

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AMERICAN MILITARY SERVICE

AMERICAN MILITARY SERVICE
WIKIARI
14 July 45
File 1/3 - 700

IN QUINCY REGION
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AMERICAN MILITARY SERVICE 13/44-45 - LT. A.L. REBORN

Lt. A.L. REBORN's report as above enclosed in duplicate.

I have nothing to add to remarks of A.D.O. REBORN, contained in his memo of 5 July 45, except that the leprosy on the VAIKANA River has been the subject of many investigations pre war. There are only a few suspects, an island is the only suitable quarantine settlement for them.

J.H.H. Jc-1-

Major
(J.H.H. Jc-1)
DC QUINCY DISTRICT

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BARBARIAN MISSION DISTRICT

File: - 30/1
S.O.'s Office,
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Barbarian Dist.
3 Jul 46.

Kereka

D.O. BARBARIAN DIST.,
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REVENUE P/A 11 - 44/45
By List. S.I. 308 S.I. 111

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

2. REVENUE:- With the completion of this patrol, all single men and married men without child in areas west of Kereka have been recruited for labour. As eligible males attending school at K... it is pointed out that there are 18 of these who are in various standards at school - standards from 1 to 5.

3. TOOLS & MATERIALS:- YIVIVI-NIHLI ROAD:- Def. lack of tools for the work on this road. It is pointed out that, in 1946 a supply of shovels and mattocks, also one cross-cut saw were loaned to the villages to assist in the upkeep of this road.

4. MR. H. COGHILL:- MR. H. COGHILL'S (DAD'S) DEATH:- Native HOWELL has been committed for trial. No official notification has been received of Mr. Coghill's death. Mr. Howell of ... Mission, ... brought the news of Mr. Coghill's death. MR. H. COGHILL:- Native ... has been committed for trial.

5. MR. H. COGHILL:- This will be gone into during my forthcoming patrol to this area.

6. MR. H. COGHILL:- Movement of the coastal people to the inland villages in the ... area may be traced to the years before the Pacific War when the coastal natives went inland to evade having to pay tax.

7. MR. H. COGHILL:- MR. H. COGHILL'S DEATH:- There are no supplies of nails or hinges on Kereka Station.

MR. H. COGHILL'S DEATH:- Leprosy has been prevalent in the area immediately west of the Vailala River for some time. Could it be possible to establish a leper camp here, similar to the one at ... in the Samarai Dist? If this were done, all certified lepers could be sent there and receive proper treatment.

H. H. Hinson
Spt.
H. H. Hinson
Spt.

11/10/45
16/11/45

11/10/45
Patrol Officer,

Patrol No. 16/11/45

Please make arrangements to leave on Monday, 16/11/45, for villages for the ... area including the ... area.

2. The following work will be carried out:-
 - (a) Recruiting of all ... without children. Take the old Civil Administration Census with you to assist you with your work.
 - (b) It may be found that ... are at school either training as teachers or in Standard 2 or 3. These should have a certificate to that effect. If not, make out a list, including their respective ages, and the matter will be taken up with Rev. Dendrey when he returns from leave.
 - (c) Inspect all villages, houses etc.
 - (d) Advise last night ... have instructions to the village people to build a new hospital at the old post. Please see that this has been done, and, if not, supervise the work until such time as it has been completed. When ... the natives are to be paid for their work. Should they desire cash, they must send a representative in here with a ...
 - (e) Inspect all gardens and go into the food position generally.
 - (f) Contact the ... with a view of obtaining an ... to accompany you on the patrol.
 - (g) Carry out instructions as contained in Memo 21/4-582 from the ... Council.
3. The following members of the ... will accompany you:-
 Sgt. No. 2314 Const. No. 1682 Const. No. 1683 Const. No. 1684 and Sgt. No. 1645 Const. No. 1685
4. Arrange for your transport.

P. H. H. H.
S. H. H. H. Capt.

REPORT:

No. 11/11 - 45

DATE:

PLACE: UTAH - SOUTHWEST.

REMARKS:

REG. NO.	5107	Const.	WAI	WAIKANA
"	1874	"	UMAOI	KURA
"	1008	"	IOU	KA'IKIUMU
"	1000	"	MAWAI	IO'S
REG. NO.	802.2		WAIKANA	WAIKANA
INTERPRETER:			WAIKANA	WAIKANA
CAMP BOY:			WAIKANA	WAIKANA

REVISED PATROL MAPS: (WAIKANA - BELONA - OROKORO) No. 10/44 - 45

(WAIKANA - KARIWA - OROKORO) No. 7/44 - 45

LONG MARCH TO UTAH BY: Capt. S.C. ATKINSON (ADC) No. 10/44 - 45

(10.8.45. to 15.8.45)

W/O. S. BROWN, A.L. (.6) No. 7/44 - 45

(08.1.45. to 15.8.45)

MAPS:

MAP SUBMITTED:

MAP. WAIKANA - UTAH - OROKORO STRAT MAP:

1,000,000. 4 MILES to 1"

OBJECT:

RAISING PATROL:

- (A) TO RECRUIT ALL SINGLE & MARRIED MEN WITHOUT CHILDREN;
- (B) TO LIST ALL ELIGIBLE MALES ATTENDING SCHOOL;
- (C) INSPECT ALL VILLAGES, HOUSES ETC;
- (D) SUPERVISE COMPLETION OF NATIVE HOSPITAL - OROKORO;
- (E) INSPECT ALL GARDENS & GO INTO THE POOD POSITION;

PERIOD:

18th. JUNE, 1945 to 18th. JUNE, 1945

ROUTE TRAVEL:

WAIKANA: By whale boat to WAI by beach to KOKOANU, by path to BELONA, WAIKANA, obtained canoe downstream VALONA river to VALONA, by path to WAIKANA, by beach to OROKORO, by path to WAIKANA, returning by path to WAIKANA, thence by beach to VALONA West, canoe to VALONA, WAIKANA path to BELONA, WAIKANA thence by beach to WAI, whale boat to WAIKANA;

QUESTIONS:

WAIKANA NO. TWENTY:

NAME OF PATROL:

TWO HUNDRED SEVENTEEN: EIGHT: QUALITY: FIVE: QUALITY:

THIRTY FIVE:

S. L. Robinson. Lt.

VIK:

VIK: 11.8.48.

Departed 0800 hrs., per whalerboat to 1100 hrs. Carriera obtained, continuing 1900 hrs., reaching the 1200 1900 hrs., 1900 1900 hrs., 1900 1900 hrs., and 1900 rest house 1900 hrs. Stayed night.

VIK: 11.9.48.

Departed 0800 hrs., to 0900 hrs., 0900 hrs., 0900 hrs., 0900 hrs., 0900 hrs., 0900 hrs., 0900 hrs. Boat sent per canoe via 2 islands and 1/2 river to VIVIVI, myself and interpreter continuing at 1000 hrs., along the 1000 - road to 1000. Since my last visit (. . . 7/24 - 40) on the 20th, of 44, there have been floods in the 1000 - 1000 area. Consequently bridges were washed out and in general the road was untidy. (see; a appendix roads & bridges) Reached at 1900 hrs., 1900 hrs. Met Mr. A. Howell (200) Continued 1900 hrs., to 1900, the river bank being reached at 1900 hrs. Canoe obtained and continued downstream 1900 river to VIVIVI. Met Mr. A. Brooks (manager) Stayed night.

VIK: 11.9.48.

VIK: 11.9.48. Departed 0800 hrs., via VIVIVI - 1000 road, reaching 1000 (No.1.) 0900 hrs., here the fences, roads and bridges are in bad order, (see a appendix; roads & bridges) 1000 (No.2.) 0900 hrs., 1000 (No.1.) and 1000 (No.2.) near 1000 creek at 0900 hrs. These small villages are practically devoid of population any eligible males being employed on the surrounding plantations. The remainder of the males approx., eight are either old or suffering (see; medical) from 1000 or 1000, consequently they are unable to keep their houses or the roads, bridges and fences at the standard required. Continued reaching 1000 1000 hrs., 1000 1000 hrs., 1000 1000 hrs., 1000 1000 hrs., (rest house) 1000 1000 hrs., and 1000 rest house 1000 hrs.

Here it was reported to me that Mr. A. Coghill's residence (1000 1000) had been entered by a native, having no permission to enter same. Investigated report and forwarded natives including witness under escort to 1000 1000. (see under; general) Stayed night.

VIK: 11.9.48.

Departed 1100 hrs., to 1100 1900 hrs., the roads through this portion are not the best, as it actually crosses a large swamp. Whilst here inspected area of land dispute (. . . 7/24 - 40.) between 1000 and 1000. (see; a appendix.) Continued 1900 hrs., to 1000 (island) 1900 hrs., 1000 (rest house, 1900 hrs. Stayed night.

VIK: 11.9.48.

1000 (1000) 1000: Departed 0800 hrs., per canoe downstream 1000 river, leaving the canoe at 0900 hrs., and continuing by path to 1000 1000 hrs. This village is comprised of two 1000's, rest house and thirty two other houses, ten being in the process of being demolished and re-built. Here a V/Councillor was appointed the vacancy being caused by the death of the previous V/Councillor. (see; a appendix) Returned to river 1100 hrs., and continued downstream, leaving the canoe at 1200 hrs., and continued by path to 1000 1100 hrs., (comprised of sixteen houses) 1000 1100 hrs. (comprised of eleven houses) Continued 1900 hrs., reaching river bank at 1900 hrs., crossed river and continued by path to 1000 1900 hrs., (comprised of nine houses) to 1000 1900 hrs., (comprised of twenty houses) returning to rest house 1900 hrs.

Departed 1900 hrs., to 1900 1900 hrs., this village has moved to a new site adjoining property owned by Mr. A. Coghill (dec'd) and now has two houses 1000 and 1000. The village is in the process of building there being eleven houses almost completed. Continued 1900 hrs., reaching rest house () 1900 hrs. Stayed night.

1948: 9.

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1948: 10.9.48.

MORNING: Departed 0900 hrs., reaching KUMBA (Coastal) 1100 hrs. Continued recruiting.
A married woman of this village laid a complaint against a male native, alleging he had raped her. All concerned forwarded under escort to KUMBA. Stayed night. Three recruits forwarded to KUMBA.

1948: 11.9.48.

MORNING: THIRTY recruits sent to KUMBA for medical examination and then signing as labourers. One deserter ex. CUMBA State (1948) apprehended.

Departed 1515 hrs., reaching KUMBA 1435 hrs. Stayed night.

1948: 12.9.48.

MORNING: Twenty five recruits forwarded to KUMBA. List compiled of eligible males (labour) attending L.M. school KUMBA.

1948: 13.9.48.

MORNING: Supervising completion of Native Hospital building, to be used by the KUMBA first id post. (see appendix; medical)

Departed 1000 hrs., KUMBA, H. KUMBA 1100 hrs., KUMBA 1145 hrs., KUMBA 1155 hrs., KUMBA 1215 hrs., KUMBA 1245 hrs., and KUMBA rest house 1315 hrs. Stayed night.

1948: 14.9.48.

MORNING: Seventeen recruits forwarded to KUMBA.

Departed 0930 hrs., KUMBA No. 1. & No. 2. - 0935 hrs., KUMBA 0945 hrs., KUMBA 0955 hrs., KUMBA 1005 hrs., and KUMBA 1015 hrs. By canoe to KUMBA. Departed 1115 hrs., per canoe upstream KUMBA river reaching KUMBA at 1300 hrs.

Afternoon: Inspected progress of repair work being carried out by KUMBA - KUMBA people on the KUMBA - KUMBA road. (see; roads & bridges)

Returned to KUMBA and stayed night.

1948: 15.9.48.

MORNING: Heard local disputes, all of which were settled out of court.

Approached by V/Councillor aged fifty six years who desired to be replaced by a younger man, selected by the people. Going to age ruling no action taken. (see; village officials)

Afternoon: Departed per canoe 1415 hrs., upstream KUMBA river reaching KUMBA landing 1515 hrs., continued to KUMBA (KUMBA) rest house 1600 hrs. Stayed night.

1948: 16.9.48.

MORNING: Morning C.M. and local disputes.

Afternoon: Departed 1400 hrs., per KUMBA - KUMBA road. I found this road in very good order. (see; roads & bridges) Reached KUMBA 1500 hrs., KUMBA 1530 hrs., inspected KUMBA continuing to KUMBA 1600 hrs., KUMBA 1615 hrs., KUMBA 1715 hrs., and KUMBA rest house 1730 hrs. Stayed night.

1948: 17.9.48.

MORNING: Departed 0745 hrs., KUMBA 0830 hrs., continued 0930 hrs., KUMBA 1015 hrs., KUMBA 1030 hrs., the KUMBA 1115 hrs., reaching KUMBA 1200 hrs. Found whaleboat awaiting my arrival and continued to KUMBA 1300 hrs. Reported to KUMBA, dismissed KUMBA.

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Summary:

Medical Examination:

Out of the recruits selected from [unclear] - [unclear] - [unclear] area and forwarded to [unclear], seventy five passed the medical examination and were placed under [unclear].

Lists were taken of all natives (males) of eligible age attending school for [unclear] purposes.

Observations:

In all villages visited with the exception of the small villages at the rear of, and between [unclear] and [unclear] (lack of population) the standard of the housing was found to be good, there being a number of houses in each village in the course of being constructed and the old ones being demolished.

Food Situation:

In [unclear] [unclear] 7/10 - 45, I mentioned the generally activity at the rear of [unclear] and [unclear] was when inspected by us this patrol, I was pleased to see the cultivated areas under cultivation.

In general the food situation appeared to be good, no reports of damage by floods being brought to my notice.

Roads and Bridges:

STATE OF ROADS:

VAIWI - [unclear] ROAD: 11.11.45 - 11.11.45.

On my outward journey from the station I found the [unclear] road had deteriorated since my last visit, due to floods. Instructions were issued for the clearing of [unclear] and the repairing of the bridges.

On my return I found the road and gutters nicely cleaned and the bridge repaired. I have since issued orders for the replacement of two bridges that will eventually require repair.

VAIWI - [unclear] ROAD: 11.11.45 - 11.11.45.

As previously stated the population in this area is small. Owing to the road being allowed to deteriorate throughout the war period the repairing of same is a rather large job for the people, who have little in the way of tools (shovels) to perform same.

Arrangement was made with Mr. A. Brooks (V [unclear]) to loan shovels to the people, until such tools were stocked by the trade store at [unclear].

The progress made so far taking into consideration all factors, relating to same was good.

The only way to overcome a situation like this, would be for a small gang of [unclear] to be allocated (C/O Mr. A. Brooks - V [unclear]) to assist the repair of this very necessary road, between [unclear] and the beach.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

GENERAL COMMENTS:

I received every assistance from the V [unclear] that reported to me on this patrol.

A recommendation by the [unclear], that if possible a new man be selected to replace the existing V [unclear] at [unclear] was not adopted.

At present there are approx. eight miles in the village, [unclear] being affected with [unclear] and [unclear]. The surrounding villages have only a small population.

Background

It was decided to leave the matter in abeyance, until some of the matter
under 1/2. Return to the village. With the first meeting of the
Council it was decided that the 1/2/1945 meeting should be in the village.

1945 Meeting

1946 Meeting

On 1/2/1946, of 1945 age 29 yrs. (Mr. Williams) was selected by
the people to fill the vacancy, caused by the death of the previous
Councilor.

1947 Meeting

On 1/2/1947, a man approached by Mr. Williams (Mr. Williams) aged
aged 60 yrs, who desired to be replaced by a younger man selected by
the people. The man's name was Mr. Williams, and he was only
60 yrs. of age, no action was taken in the matter.

1948 Meeting

Since Mr. Williams' death, a native named Williams (son of Mr. Williams)
and was probably called as caretaker. He has not been appointed
official caretaker (to receive recommendations from Mr. Williams, Mr.
Williams, (as caretaker of Mr. Williams) and was in the area visiting the
adjacent area property. The caretaker was with Mr. Williams in that he is to
remain as caretaker until, either Mr. Williams or the Government take
over the affairs of the late Mr. Williams.

1949 Meeting

The sole native concerned with the matter has been admitted the total.

1950 Meeting

This dispute between the 1945 and 1947 people was mentioned in my
report of 7/64 - 65.

On being investigated some very interesting information was provided
by Mr. Williams / (interpreter) who said that the late Mr. Williams
(Govt. anthropologist) had many years ago collected the data and had
written an article referring to the migration of the people in this
area.

The land in dispute is now or less a "hot land", it being the scene
of many battles in days gone by. The 1945 people appear to have
come claim to this land, their story being that when the Government
first came to the country and secured the fighting between the coastal
and the inland people, they settled on the land, creating a garden
house or two, for shelter whilst making wage. Later the 1947 people
came and started to use the same area. The 1945 people claim that
they were, at that time frightened of the coastal people, allowing them
to use the area until recently, the matter of recent being brought
up. The 1947 people are prepared to sell and rent in native
money system, but at the present the 1945 people do not want to
buy or rent any payment. It may be an opportunity for the
opinion that this matter, will be settled shortly by the natives
concerned, amongst themselves.

1951 Meeting

The migration of the 1945, 1947, 1949 and 1951 people from the 1945
area, as told to me by Mr. Williams / (interpreter) the Govt. Interpreter for
the area, at that time.

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It is said that in years gone by, there were two villages named HAKU and HAKU (now extinct) being situated close to the land concerned in the previously mentioned dispute, and in between the SUKAWI (Inland) - HAKU area as it is today.

When these villages migrated, so did some of the adjacent villages, including a HAKU village (portion still remains; see P.C. 39.) and portion of HAKU.

These people migrated east and west;

HAKU people migrating west to; HAKU, HAKU, HAKU and HAKU, all of which are in the inland districts.

The HAKU, HAKU, HAKU and HAKU people migrating east;

To, adjacent coast, HAKU, HAKU, HAKU and HAKU (see P.C. 39.)

HAKU people to; HAKU (a village near HAKU), HAKU and HAKU.

HAKU people to; HAKU HAKU and HAKU.

A. L. Robson. Lieut.
U.S. Army. P.O. KERRY:

REPORT:

11/22/44 - 45

REPORT:

Due to the constant patrolling throughout this area, within the last six months, very little illness was encountered on this patrol. Any natives requiring medical attention were either forwarded to WIKI or to the WIKI first aid post.

11.8.44

REPORT:

REPORT:

Whilst at WIKI, I supervised the completing of the hospital building, being erected. The shortage of nails and door hinges has delayed the completion of two doors (storeroom - drug room) but when these are supplied the building will be complete.

11.8.44

REPORT:

11.8.44

It was noticed in the area WIKI to WIKI, and particularly at the rear of WIKI, (1 km - 2 km) that the male population of these villages was suffering from WIKI and WIKI, mainly the first mentioned disease. When I asked where they thought they obtained the disease, they said they did not know, but thought it was due to the beach area. Possibly the swamps close by are the breeding grounds for the affected mosquito.

REPORT:

11.8.44

REPORT:

This was accompanied as on 11.8.44, and as reported then was WIKI on the job.

On this patrol I found him willing, helpful and respectful.

Lieut. WIKI

APPENDIX B.

11/21 - 40.

REPORT OF P.O. ACCOMPANYING PATROL:

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

<u>NO:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>GRADING:</u>	<u>ABILITY:</u>
Reg. No. 2157, Const.	WVI	GOOD	GOOD

As previously mentioned P.O. No. 2/44 - 40, and 2/44 - 40, this constable is a good man on patrol.

<u>NO:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>GRADING:</u>	<u>ABILITY:</u>
Reg. No. 1874, Const.	WAGE	GOOD	GOOD

This constable has also accompanied on P.O. No. 2/44 - 40, and 2/44 - 40, and as usual, found him willing and respectful.

<u>NO:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>GRADING:</u>	<u>ABILITY:</u>
Reg. No. 1899, Const.	WAGE	GOOD	GOOD

I have not had this constable with me before, but I found his work in every way satisfactory.

<u>NO:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>GRADING:</u>	<u>ABILITY:</u>
Reg. No. 1898, Const.	WAGE	GOOD	GOOD

This constable accompanied me on P.O. No. 2/44 - 40, and I am of the opinion that he has improved since then.

Silent. A.L. ROBERTS, P.O.

NAME:

Patrol to : Kerema

P/R No. 34 of 44/45

Major W.H.H.Thompson

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

REPORT PERIOD: 15 JUNE 1945-30

NAME OF OFFICER

MAJOR W. J. H. ...

II

INDIA

AREA OF

1. Inspection H.M. & Sub-Station
2. Holding District courts there
3. General inspection of roads and villages on way back overland

DATE WHEN

Wednesday 15 June 45

DATE WHEN

Friday 23 June 45

NAME OF ASSISTANT

- (a) Europeans H.M.
- (b) Native personnel - H.M. 3 Co stable
 30 recruits used from
 H.M. to H.M.
 3 Interpreter and 3 Domestic

NAME OF

40 Gallons Dieselene ("GWA")
 Nations - European - 1 for 10 days
 Native - 3 drums rice
 3 lbs meat
 3 tins biscuits
 3 lbs tobacco 3 lbs netting
 3 lbs purchase native
 foods.

NAME OF

" GWA " to INDIA

NAME OF

FD Series 4 mile Street ...

LAST VISIT TO

21 - 27 December 1944

DETAILS

WEDNESDAY 15 June 45. Left for "GWA", Mr. ... in charge, 1000 hours and departed on through the night with calm sea.

THURSDAY 16 June 45. Arrived INDIA and tied up alongside jetty 0700 hours. Transacted some business in office with A.D.O., Capt ...

FRIDAY 17 June 45. Held District Court. One case of murder and one of rape. Inspected Station buildings. "GWA" returned to ...

SATURDAY 18 June 45. Held further District Court. 3 charges of Assault laid by Police for assaults on H.M.'s by Manager of ...

SUNDAY 19 June 45. Visited the ... in charge.

MONDAY 20 June 45. Returned overland, reached ... in 9 hours from ...

TUESDAY 21 June 45. ... to ... Nearly the whole way by canoe, 10 miles, took us 7 hours.

WEDNESDAY 22 June 45. Rowed across the ... River, then walked to ... where another ferry, thence to ... where ... took me to within 5 miles of ... by inland passages. Journey of say 17 miles in 7 1/2 hours. Camped ...

THURSDAY 23 June 45. Could not start from ... till 6000 hours owing to high tides. Reached ... village in 3 hours. Across ... by inland road through the deserted ... field. Reached ... in another 3 hours. Thence another 3 hours to ... Time taken 3 hours for walk of 20 miles.

THURSDAY 22 June 46.

From WUEN to WUEN, 2 1/2 hours. There was WUEN in charge of the WUEN Rice Plant there. He had about 50 acres paddy in and another 30 or so to harvest. As usual he employed me to get bits of machinery for his tractor, sent in Regn on my return. WUEN - WUEN via WUEN Plant 5 1/2 hours. Distance walked about 35 miles. To the launch 'WU' at WUEN, with mechanic Cpl WUEN, Marine Section, to run her and get back to Station 1400 hours.

Distance by land about 90 miles.

GENERAL

GENERAL SERVICE.

Capt WUEN R.C., A.B.O. in charge, with Patrol 02 WUEN R.C. A.B.O., Sgt WUEN R., Clerk, WUEN WUEN, R.M.A., and Sgt WUEN J in charge of the Trade Store, with WUEN WUEN in charge of the nearby Govt WUEN Plant were the European personnel.

GENERAL SERVICE.

I went through all C.M.F. cases. I found a few faults in evidence, if only young officers taking C.M.F. cases would learn by heart Section 47 of the Native Regn, 'Heavy evidence', they would avoid most of them. A case brought to my notice of a conviction for Indecent Assault under the Native Regn, which should have been committed for trial under the Criminal Code in my opinion.

GENERAL.

WUEN seemed to be well carried out.

GENERAL SERVICE.

New pool completed. 3 buildings each 60' x 30'7" x 10', with 3 cells in each. Wall and strongly constructed. Galvanized iron roof and walls. Compound fenced in. Interior and surroundings clean. Instructed WUEN to have a latrine made inside the fence, as well as three outside.

GENERAL SERVICE.

The piles were in for a much needed new house on near N.E. of Station, excellent site.

GENERAL SERVICE.

Native built and in fair order.

GENERAL SERVICE.

This is the oldest in the Territory. It may be kept in being for a year or so. Filled with white ants. Told the A.B.O. to effect minor repairs, as until the Civil Administration comes back there was little hope of a new permanent one being built.

GENERAL SERVICE.

Tip seats to be installed in all latrines.

GENERAL SERVICE.

Stomachs being reinforced and holes in it being

GENERAL SERVICE.

filled up. 6 ft draught boat can now pull alongside it. An excellent bit of work. Generally well kept and clean.

GENERAL SERVICE.

WUEN WUEN, R.M.A., reported in and out patients to number nearly 100. A passing feature of the arrival of several WUEN patients for treatment. Their womenfolk visit them with food quite fearlessly. I told the A.B.O. and R.M.A. they must arrange for more and more sago to be brought to Station for feeding patients. A serious matter with a large number in hospital. New buildings have had to be built, including an isolation ward. Most of the sick seemed to be suffering from yaws and areas. No serious epidemics reported, except for a mild attack of dysentery at WUEN, now at an end.

GENERAL SERVICE.

A.B.O. instructed to re-start the No 2 market in this at the prices laid down, this will obviate a deal of rice being sent to this Station.

GENERAL SERVICE.

I was very pleased to find that relations between the A.B.O. and the Manager WUEN WUEN J., were in good. WUEN WUEN is a hard and his rather brusque manner, especially on paper, has led to ill-feeling in the past. He is doing a good job of work, production of 3000 lbs sub or weekly shows this. One wonders if the Civil Administration will develop this 'gold mine' or let it go unnoticed, as in the past. If they do they waste a profit of several thousands of pounds a year.

GENERAL SERVICE.

The Manager, Mr. WUEN, was before me on two charges of Assault (vide my letter 1/3 - 712 of 20 June 46). I am not impressed with his abilities or conduct in relation to his labour. This Estate belongs to the Stewardship Trading Coy. Ltd.

GENERAL SERVICE.

Practically no incident, the beach is the way, so your walking becomes a matter of dodging high tides. Over the WUEN from WUEN to WUEN village the road was in very fair order.

ROADS (270). The other proximity to be rounded between KENIA and KANIBU is Cape PAKHEDI. This can be tackled along the beach only at very low water, as the cliffs are precipitous. Therefore I make the natives of KANIBU or OLAMU to the West and KIVRE to the East keep the road inland over it in good and LOVE people had some work to do on their part

MAINTENANCE. I had only a few most minor complaints brought to my notice between KENIA and KANIBU. I addressed several meetings of Councillors and Chiefs with their Village Constables. I was careful to impress on them that the Jap war was not over and that we still required co-operation and rubber for it. Recruiting would be carefully carried out, boys to be taken in this order (1) Volunteers (2) Fosters (3) Married men with under 5 children. They all seemed quite satisfied.

VILLAGE AND HOUSES. I found the former very old and with a number of dilapidated houses being repaired or re-built. But houses in very good order, especially the one at KENIA. I instructed the KANIBU Village Constable to keep the old Police Post Residence at KIVRE, north of the LAKEWAI River, in good order as a Rest House.

VILLAGE OFFICERS. I think on the whole a very good lot. Officers have used good judgment in these appointments. The Administration of a District can be judged by the efficiency of its village constables, in the same way as that of a Battalion by its N.C.O.'s.

RECRUITING. Young ones under the age of 30 are being readily replaced by the election of older men. A necessary step this, as it is not their role to be acting as a species of Cook's Mate for their Village Constables.

DISCIPLINE. Sexual offences will always be common amongst these virile Gulf natives. They take the disgusting form of assaults on small girls generally. Heavy sentences with floggings are the only way to stop these aberrations. There was the usual case of this type taken by myself at KENIA and also another one in which a man killed his wife in the stomach and she died. Like all Pagans the Gulf Native is prone to fly into unbecomable passions during which he loses all self control.

W. H. H. Thomas

Major
(W.H.H. THOMAS)
SO EASTERN DISTRICT
27/1/45

CO. N. AND KENIA

Sub-District Office

Korona.

27.9.44

District Officer
Kairuku.

I herewith submit to you the Report of a Patrol recently made to the West as far as Orokele and Arahava by Lieut. R.M. GEELAN.

The Report goes to you in Triplicate.

As the area is well known and mapped, ..no patrol sketch has been made.

A great deal of data and general information as to the Native Labour situation, ..as applied to the Rehabilitation of C/E. Natives has been gathered by Lieut. Geelan during this three weeks patrol, .. and although the ADM. Inst. 29; has been cancelled, much of the information gained will be of great use in compiling the mass of information asked for in ADM.Inst. 53.

The Recruiting of so much of the young manhood from the villages in this district has left its mark;... gardens, ..that is new gardens are few and far between through the district, ..as evidenced by Lieut. GEELAN's observations,but what country has NOT been adversely effected during this War.

A little discipline, ..and much patience will result in these young local 'braves' ..who have been recently repatriated, ..getting down to hard facts, ..and commencing garden development on a general scale through the district.

Lieut. Geelan appears to have put a deal of weight and real interest into this patrol.

D. W. Corbett
Capt. ADO.