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6-1942/43	1-10	CAPT. CHAMPION F. A. A.D.O.	Main Buna road to Ilimo - Managalase-Enjora		14/06/43-19/06/43
9-1943/44	11-16	BLYTON D. R. (P/O)	To patrol Wowonga District & check census		27/01/44-23/01/44
3-1943/44	17-21	BLYTON D. R. W/O.11 (P/O)	Kokoda-Oivi, Gorari, Nambisoda & Sisaretta		09/09/43-18/09/43
4-1943/44	22-27	BLYTON D. R. W/O.11 "	Kokoda - Yodda Census Divisions		05/10/43-19/10/43
5-1943/44	28-34	CHAMPION F. A. (CAPT) A.D.O.	Higaturu Census Divisions.		11/10/43-19/10/43
11-1943/44	35-38	BLYTON D. R. W/O.11 (P/O)	Biagi villagee, Orokaiva village, Kokoda- Wairope		13/03/44-25/03/44
12-1943/44	30-45	FRENCH G. H. (Lieut) (P/O)	Autembo District, Asisi - Hungiri.		19/06/44-27/06/44
1-1944/45	46/52	CHAMPION F. A. (Capt.) A.D.O.	Kokoda, Ilimo, Sairope, Isivita, Higaturu.		10/07/44-20/07/44
3-1944/45	53-57	CHAMPION F. A. " A.D.O.	Kokoda, Moresby, Iora creek, Kanandara.		06/09/44-08/09/44
4-1944/45	58-64	" " " " "	Kokoda, Buna, Oivi, Gorari		25/09/44-05/10/44
6-1944/45	65-84	WINTERFORD A. J. (P/O)	Chirima Valley		01/11/44-16/11/44
8-1944/45	85-89	CHAMPION F. A. (Capt.) A.D.O.	Kokoda Census Division		05/02/45-14/02/45
9-1944/45	90-95	Mc. A. F. FRAMA "	Wairope area Orokaiva village, Wawanga, & Kokoda, Managalase villages.		06/04/45-17/04/45
2-1945/46	96-102	CHAMPION F. A. (Capt.) A.D.O.	Autembo, Wairope and Korapata District.		22/08/45-30/08/45
7-1944/45	103-110	" " " "	General Inspection		04/01/45-16/04/45
10-1944/45	111-122	McA J. FRAME "	Chirima Valley villages.		20/05/45-07/06/45
11-1944/45	113-123	CHAMPION F. A. (Capt.) "	To Biag District.		26/06/45-27/06/45
1-1943/44	124-134	CHAMPION F. A. "	Biagi - Autembo		05/07/43-09/07/43
2-1944/45	135-141	FRENCH G. H. (Lieut) (P/O)	Kokoda, Karukaru, Sirima valley, Kuama Mt. Albert Eward.		26/07/44-15/08/44
3-1942/43	142-161	ROBINSON J. E. (Lieut) (P/O)	Kovio, Warobila, Enjoro, Ombofu, Sairope, Wairopi, Kokoda.		02/05/43-19/05/43

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PATROL REPORTS for 1940's

No. 3

42/43

No 3422/43 (KOKODA)

DISTRICT of MAMBARE
KOKODA SUBSTATION

20 May 43

The DISTRICT OFFICER,
MAMBARE DISTRICT
HIGATORU

PATROL REPORT

PERSONNEL

Lieut J.E. Robinson P.O.	OIC.
L/Cpl SARA	NCO. of R.P.C.
R.P.C. SIAU	R.P.Cs.
" EWARI	
" AKURU	
" UMOTA	
" WARA	
" DULA	
Interpreter EREPA	

17 Indentured laborers Carriers

OBJECTS:

- ① Census of native population
- ② Inspection of and issue of instructions to villages re cleaning, rebuilding, roads etc.
- ③ Listing of V.C.s and the villages they control
- ④ To pay V.C.s up to 30/6/42 and record transactions
- ⑤ To bring any natives accused of serious crime to Kokoda, with all witnesses.
- ⑥ To make as accurate map as possible of route covered.

DURATION: 2 May 43 — 19 May 43 (17 days)

ROUTE: OUT: FROM Kokoda TO Siorata⁽⁷⁹⁹⁹⁰⁵⁾ via Ilimo (738976)
 Map WAROP1 " Siorata TO Warobila
 (PROVISIONAL) 1" = 1 mile " Warobila TO Koviio

ROUTE (contd.): IN - From KOVIO to WAROBILA

WAROBILA to ENJORO

ENJORO to OMBOFU

OMBOFU to ^SWAIKOPU (835956)

^SWAIKOPU to ^WAIKOPU ^MANAGASA (777000)

WAIKOPU to KOKODA (505019)

Note: No maps available at this station locate villages other than those whose map references appear above.

DIARY: Sunday 2 May 43

R.P.C. EWARI who is acquainted with the KOKODA MANAGASI and WOVONGA villages was sent out to precede the patrol and arrange for food for the carriers and to ensure that all village natives would be present for census taking when the patrol arrived.

Monday 3 May 43

I left KOKODA at 0700 hrs. and followed the Main KOKODA - Buna Road as far as ^{ILIMO} ~~ILIMO~~. In addition to patrol gear rice, meat and biscuits were carried to meet a possible shortage of food in the OKOKAVA villages. As the main object of the patrol was to visit the KOKODA ^{MANAGASI} ~~MANAGASI~~ and WOVONGA villages I did not enter OKOKAVA villages ^{along} ~~on~~ the main road.

The road ~~was~~ on the KOKODA side of OVI was bad, mainly bogholes and broken corduroy. On reaching GORARI I found that the bridge had been washed away. A ford of sorts was found 100x down stream but was unsatisfactory. The river was flowing strongly.

I left the main road at ILIMO noting that the rest house which was once there is no longer. The track now went to ASISI, about 1 hr. from ILIMO.

I passed through one large Kumai patch and shortly afterwards the turn off to the left to PAPAHI. Reached ASISI over a moderate track on which some work had been done. The grass needed cutting in places.

AM Camped at ASISI. (About 1/2 hrs from KOKOAA) Also bought a small amount of native food with salt. There is no rest house at ASISI and had to camp under a tree. These leaked along the ridge pole.

Tuesday 4 May 43

Inspected ASISI which I found to be in poor shape. All the houses were hovels built directly on the ground. A small number of inhabitants had disregarded the VC's instructions to help rebuild and had moved 20 miles up the road and started a new village of their own. I ordered them to return and assist the rest in rebuilding of the village on foot and strongly. There is none in the village except old men, women and children. Men away camping at MYOHA (Palwage) and KOKOAA.

Coconut trees were in good shape and gardens sufficient for present needs tho' not large.

VC HAUNA is a good man but stymied by lack of labour. ~~He~~ Paid him to 30/6/42 20/- No complaints.

I then visit ~~Papahi~~ PAPAHI and found a similar condition. Many old houses, unused, I ordered to be broken up and stacked. VC ANENARI faces same labor lack. ~~He~~ Coconut palms in good condition. Houses on ground + most undesirable dwellings. There was said to be sufficient food. Roads needed grass cutting and building up in many boggy places.

Wednesday 5 May 43

Left ASISI at approx 0700 hrs. Road not to good. After $\frac{1}{4}$ hr. passed the site of Tombowo's new village. Apparently this was an old garden house site and he has had his eye on it for a village of his own for some time. Young coconut trees ^{& pandanus} have been planted. I should say not more than 1 yr. old. Repeated instructions about returning to ASISI.

Going now up and down. ~~Small~~ small ridges. Reached PAIWA a hamlet of ASISI ^(1 1/2 hrs) and found that at least the houses were off the ground. Road still rough till a steep drop (200x) to ~~river~~ ^{IFOH} river with a good suspension bridge. Climed other side and entered foot hills. Short distance and entered SIRORATA NO 1. Here I was greeted by a councillor with a palm leaf cut to indicate 17 dead from dysentery at about the time of Jap invasion. Usual hovels and only about 3 people now live there. Left and passed site of an even older SIRORATA. There were coconut trees here. Another short walk and arrived at the real SIRORATA. This has certainly been built but the houses are the usual down on the ground affairs. The inhabitants seemed to have definite plans for future building & enlargement. New coconuts had been planted. (7 houses) Usual lack of boys dead from sickness, working at KOKOOR and on the salvage line. Dropped down a bank to the Komosi Ri which was crossed by a cane suspension bridge. This was near as were all other met with on trip. Then 10 minutes walk to SAWARIHAMBO a village of the SIRORATA group. This was the latest of the group. (8 houses) and was built in two lines instead of a haphazard style.

It was clean and had 2-3 yr. coconuts growing
in it. Boys all away working.

The Rest House was in sad repair and a fly was
necessary to supplement the roof.

While I was here took a census of GORABONA (a hamlet
of SIRORATA. It has not been affected by labor requirements.
In any case it is very small and composed of a few old
men and small children.

While there a VC. INGISA from ENJORO (Manigalasi)
came down to explain away the state of his roads
& Rest house which I went afterwards to meet. He came
by a bush track joining SAWARIHAMBO to ENJORO.
(See sketch)

Instructed VC. KOMO to look to the rest house and
to construct a police barracks. Also to rebuild such
houses as are on the ground, on posts.

There were no complaints. Paid the VC. to 30/6/42
- 20/. Food was in good supply and was bought
with salt & tobacco. Taro and sweet potatoes.
Altogether this group of villagers showed more spirit
than the ASISI group.

Thursday 6 May 43

Left SAWARIHAMBO at 0630 hrs. Going was
rough & hilly. Crossed the Kumusi $\frac{1}{2}$ hour later.
Step climb out of the river. Reached GORABONA after
2 hrs. As mentioned before it is very small and
a home of rest for a few old men. From now on
coconuts were not good where they were planted
only growing to a small height and not producing
good nuts. Here I found a supply of ammunition
left by an American patrol that operated in
the area. I decided this to be got to KOKODA where
it turned up safely. Left GORABONA and crossed
continuous spurs. $\frac{3}{4}$ hr from GORABONA came

to the River SA. On the other side was a remarkably steep & high hill which was extremely unpleasant to cross. The natives call it GORA and is a sort of natural boundary between the OKOKAWAS and WAWONGA peoples. Below the other side to WAROBILA. This village seems to have changed its position several times and they are at the moment making a new one, while they are living in the bush. The site seems suitable.

Left WAROBILA with the entire village accompanying me for MANAGUBE. Road traverses more foot hills. MANAGUBE is about 1 hr. from WAROBILA. The road is bad & in places was apparently cut out of the bush a few days for the patrol. Arrived MANAGUBE. Best house was in woful condition the fly being shung over the top one again. There is no excuse as war has not touched this area with exception of the American patrol. R.P.C. Banachs was ^{missing} 5 1/2 hours walk from SAMARITAMBO
Friday 7 May 43. *

Took a census of WAROBILA and MANAGUBE + RUMAN and inspected MANAGUBE. Also interviewed the two VCs. The carriers cut wood for a new R.P.C. Banachs. Neither of the VCs had registers. The WAROBILA VC. PAUSI left his at Managalas village ENJORO when Gaps raided it and says they took it away. VC. OIBI had his removed by Lieut SMITH of ANGAN who was in the area sometime during Gap occupation of Papua. VC. PAUSI seems to be almost a cretin and was continually spoken for by an ex.P.I.B. Cpl. of whom more hereafter. The MANAGUBE VC. OIBI was slow and not very bright. PAUSI seems to be ave. of only a year or so. In absence of Registers I paid VC. PAUSI 10/- and OIBI 20/- I then issued them with with a sheet of paper

in lieu of registers until such time as proper ones
are available. On them I recorded the payments
and such information as I had about them and
their villages. Also their orders.

The ex PIB cpl. UWASO was found complete with
rifle but no uniforms among the WAIBOBILAS. He
stated that he went to his village under orders
from Major WATSON at the time of Jap invasion of
BUNA. He is now at KSKODA awaiting contact with PIB
H.Q.

The village of MANAGUBE was in fair condition
& off the ground. The only roofing material in the
WOWONGA area is bamboo leaf worked into sheets in
the same manner as sago. It seems to deteriorate
quickly. I ordered the rebuilding of two houses.
Also the rest house. VC PAOSI of WAIBOBILA
was ordered to get on with the making of his
village and to stop shifting around. Both
were instructed to look to the roads which
were very bad considering that they have had
few distractions. There are 42 subhouses in
MANAGUBE.

Saturday 8 May 43

Left MANAGUBE. L/Cpl SARA & R.P.C. ANURU & EWARI,
were left with bearers to get on with the building
of a police barack and to stir the V.C. to some
activity in the matter of the rest house. 10 miles to
RUMARA a hamlet of MANAGUBE. Also in fair condition.
Three houses were to be rebuilt. Not very clear.
He descended to the Kummisi valley floor and
traversed good flat going. The road had been
newly cut through the bush & was foggy and
bad. After 1 hour came to a deserted village area,
old RUABO. Then crossed large swift River EMO.

Climed up steep spur to ROABO. Six houses perched on quite a small area. I don't know why they deserted old place which seems more suitable. A road leaves this village over the mountains and after 5 or 6 steps ends up in the KOIARI country somewhere in vicinity of MYOLA or EFOGI. It is a much used trade route & the WAWONGAS & KOIARIS have regular communication. The road is said to be revolting. The villey was well constructed. I left the spur which is named WAWONGA and gives its name to the area. Came to the IOHI River, a small stream mainly remarkable for the large log which spans it. One of the few walkable log bridges I saw. Then climbed steadily to EJARO. A very short stage of about 2 hrs.

Took a census of EJARO, ROABO + UGILA. Inspected EJARO. The village is small but well made. Rest house was only fair and not waterproof. Fly as usual over roof.

VC MAROVI was not remarkable. He stated that there were not enough houses in EJARO + ROABO. I ordered him to start forthwith and make them. He had quite clear ideas where he was putting them. Aka MANAGUBE food (yams) was in large supply and bought with salt. There were no complaints. I ordered the re-roofing of the rest house, the building of a kitchen and police barracks. Then paid him 20/- and in absence of registers (removed by Lieut Smith) I gave him a substitute sheet of paper with the relevant entries. A road was reported to run from EJARO, across the Kumusi, and offshoots of the HYDROGRAPHERS ^{BEGINNING} (Koboda & Managa Cesi). It is reputed to be

only one sleep but to go up very high & to be
very cold. It is hardly ever used.

Sunday 9 May 43

Left EJARO for ABOMA. Traversed the usual
up & down road in poor condition. 1/2 an hour
to UGIA, a hamlet of EJARO. Village in good
condition. 12 houses and no one living in
bush. Short walk to ABOMA. Altogether 1 hr.
from EJARO. This was the best village
met with on the whole trip and VC. DECOVI
by far the brightest and best VC. in WOVONGA
and KOKOA MANAGASI areas. The village
was planned. Houses in two lines at right
angles. They were well constructed of planks
hand cut, and well roofed. The main house
was waterproof for the most part. A kitchen
was ordered to be built. Took the census
of ABOMA and VISABE, hamlet of ABOMA.

Paid the VC. 20/- and in absence of register
gave him sheet of paper with appropriate
entries.

Monday 10 May 43

I left all gear at ABOMA and walked to KOVIO
the boundaries of the KOKOA patrol. Went down
to Kumusi and crossed over. This is one of the
head streams of Kumusi. The other goes on
round a spur to the left as you face KOVIO.
(See sketch). Climbed out of valley to VIABE and
inspected it. Good situation and ^{fairly} well built.
Left VIABE for KOVIO over several minor spurs.
KOVIO is a small village of small houses like
match boxes. The VC. is particularly
stupid and did not seem to understand the
interpreter Motuan. Took a census and

returned to ABOMA first paying VC
20/- and issuing duplicate sheet in place
of register. Also ordered him to rebuild
rest house which was in a ruinous state.

Tuesday 11 May 43

This day went down with fever. Stayed at ABOMA
Carriers were put to work with village people
to do work on the road.

Wednesday 12 May 43

As for Tuesday.

Thursday 13 May 43

Fever went in afternoon.

Friday 14 May 43

This day left for MANAGUBE ^{at 10:00}. Roadwork
was most unsatisfactory being shoddy. Where
ground had been dug was very boggy. Villages
EJARO, RUIBO, + RUMARA were making
repairs to houses as ordered. Arrived
MANAGUBE about 11:30 - 12:00 hrs. The carrier + RFC
at MANAGUBE had constructed an excellent
policie barracks. However the rest house which
had been reserved was not particularly good.
The roof was several times. VC OIBI was ordered
to get on and make a good job of it.

Saturday 15 May 43

Left MANAGUBE for OWAHA. Passed WAKOBIA
and climbed hill GORA. Road to OWAHA goes
off main track down to river side. First
grades were easy and later a steep climb
to OWAHA. OWAHA is a hamlet of WAKOBIA
and consists mainly to kupa rest house.
There were Major Elliot's orders when
he was AD M Komoda. The rest house as
with all that was in very poor shape + was

ordered to be rebuilt.

● Sunday 16 May 43.

Left OWAHA for ENJORO. Went down steeply to Kumusi, crossed by Waka's new suspension bridge of cane and followed bank of Kumusi for a short distance (20 mins). The road was very rough and was in fact not made. It being WAIROBILAS' march orders were given to see that some sort of walkable road was constructed.

● Then a steep long climb out of Kumusi gorge and struck approx NE. over fairly easy grades. Road improved. Road went down to HVI River. Then up again to ENJORO about 1 1/4 hours from HVI River. Altogether ENJORO 3 1/2 hours from OWAHA. Found rest house to measure 6 feet by 10 feet. It took 2 boys 1/2 hour to fill a bucket of water. VC. INGIJA stated that 3 yrs ago (?) a councillor occupied the V.C. and made the village on this spot. The only water is a long way away and dries up a midday. VC. INGIJA had started to clear a site for a new village on the MAMAMA river. This V.C. is new (1 Sept 41) and will probably improve. He seems a bit young & ineffectual but this may be inexperience. His village was clean and fairly well built of slabs although not exceptional. A few days before he had been ordered to send 7 boys to HIGATURO with the body of an American soldier buried at ENJORO. Took a census of the village. At ENJORO I must have picked up ex Supt LEPO of R.P.C. a 10 year policeman who had been sent back to his village very ill just before Jap landing at BENA. His village is SIRORATA.

I brought him to KOKO as he is quite recovered and seems ready for work. The village of ENJORO commands an extensive view of the plains towards IOMA + the sea and could possibly be used as a survey point. Paid K to 30/6/42
Monday 17 May 43

Left ENJORO and went down steeply to MAMAMA river. Crossed by canoe suspension bridge and climbed out of river bed.

At the top passed new site for ENJORO. Seems suitable. Told K to go on with it and to stop moving around. There is another old ENJORO site between ENJORO + lower MAMAMA.

Road followed course of MAMAMA + had had no pretence of work done on it. Gave very strong orders about it. Road level. Stated that there would be no further warnings.

The OMBOFU mark at this road was similar, if not worse. Climbed steadily over a series of terraces to BUSINOMU a hamlet of OMBOFU. Here I saw the entrance to a bush track that goes to EJARO (WAWONSA) before mentioned.

This also has a branch to SANARIHAMBO on the BUVA MANASALASI. BUSINOMU was in poor shape the houses being badly constructed of slabs. A short walk over a new cut and bad track brought me to OMBOFU. Altogether about 3 1/2 hrs from ENJORO over some v. badly kept road that has no natural obstacles to its development.

Took a census at OMBOFU of BUSINOMU and WAJASILI. learnt that Capt. Behavell (?) had visited the village 3 days before me and

VILLAGE CONSTABLES 21 May 43

NAME		VILLAGE	CONTROLS	DISTRICT
ANENARI	23	PAPAKI NOI	PAPAKI NOI, HOJAWANAMBO	PAPAKI
HAUNA	5	BOTHU	ASISI NOI, BOTHU, FAIWA, JEWANAMBO, ASISI	
KOMO	18	SAWARINAMBO	SAWARINAMBO, SIKORATA, GARABUNA	SIKORATA
IPUSI	?	WAIROBILA	WAIROBILA, OWANA	WOWONCA
OSI	?	MANAGUBE	MANAGUBE, RUMARA	"
MAROWI	?	EJARO	EJARO, RUABO, UNGILA	"
DECOVI	?	ABOMA	ABOMA, VIABE	"
ANAMA	?	KOVIO	KOVIO	"
INGUA	19	ENJORO	ENJORO	MANAGALASI
JIWA	?	RUSINOMU	OMBOPU, WAJASILI, BUSINOMU	"
SAHEMBO	?	FEMBI	SAIROPI, PUTEMO, ANSA, FEMBI NOI + 2	SAIROPI
HARA	?	JOKA	JOKA, UNGA, SUMARA	"
TUMBARI	34	WARINA	WARANA, AJEKA, TARA, OMBISUSU	WAIROPI

J.S.R.

VILLAGE COUNCILLORS 21 May 43

NAME	SUPERVISES	DISTRICT
EVARI	PAIWA	ASISI
KIAT	JEWAHAMBO	
ASISI OSOMENI	OSOMENI ASISI	
ISORO	SANARAHAMBO	SIKORATA
ASI	SIKORATA	
MUSANA	RUBO	WOWONGA
SOSIVI	EJARO	
EWOWO	UNSIKA	
SAMI-I	WATROBILA	
PENA	MANAGUBE	
USA	RUMARA	
MANIMI	ABOMA	
MANO!	VIABI	MANAGALASI
UNEWA	ENJORO	
KOWONA	BUSINURU	
DAU	WASASILI	
SAJA	OMBOU	SAIROPI
DABURA	PUTENO	
OROWO	SATROPI	
HOJAVO	JOKA	
BOMUKA	UNGA	WATROPI.
ORU	SOMARA	
PURUSA	FEMBI 1 + 2	
ZAGI	WARINA	
KOWO	TARA	
HARO	OABISUSU	

J.S.H.

removed approx 20 bags (see census). He had also taken the village book. I did not pay the VC as the book is in the area and can be consulted later.

The next house was the largest yet encountered and had a very bad roof. It had to be upland as well as tying down the floor which springs up & down. The village was only fair, the houses being poorly made and not well laid out. However the VC JWA has been breaking up sundry old houses and stacking the timber against rebuilding.

Monday Tuesday 18 May 43.

Made for WAIRORI this day. The area is OKORAVA and the subject of another patrol. Fairly good track to POTEHO and cut. Cross the SILIMO River 1 1/2 hrs from OMBOFU and then climb to POTEHO passing ANISA, a small 4 house hamlet. Met VC SAHEBIBO of SAIRORI + POTEHO. ~~Capt Beckwith(?) had removed his register.~~ Also saw V.C. KOINA who was collecting ALEXANDER of SIRORATA for Capt Humphrey. Apparently for an inquiry into circumstances surrounding the death of the American at ENJORO. 1/2 day over good track came to SAIRORI crossing River HAVEVI on the way. The village is in poor shape, the majority of the boys being away at work. One or two houses were building and told the VC to Lauer a plan in his head before he started any radical changes. Met VC HARA of three villages on SAVITA Road (WAKA, JOKA, UNSA SOMARA). His register had also been removed. Continued down good track to FEMBI where I observed

entrance to a road which goes thru BOFU,
crosses the Kummie and finishes in ASISI.
Continued on easy ^{+ slight} down grade over a
good flat road to WARINA. Met VC TUMBARI
who had his register. Village was collection of
huts on ground as usual with a fair number
of coconut trees round about. On to AJEKA
which was the same with a large number of coconut
palms. Proceeded to WAIRORI and arrived about
1230 hrs. From OMBOFU to WAIRORI was about 5 1/2 hrs
walking. At WAIRORI I paid VC TUMBARI to
30/6/42 - 20p. I then ~~addressed~~ gave orders to
the two SAIRORI VCs + TUMBARI to endeavour
with such labor as was available to them to
build new houses in their villages off the ground.
It was preferable to have them build slowly & well
rather than quickly with a later need to change.
Despite their labor shortage the road from
OMBOFU to WAIRORI had been well cleared. They
have no natural obstacles of any size the
road being flat. I found that the old men
and women from the above villages had cut
a strip for air force salvage of a wrecked
wivaway at WAIRORI. They had made a good job
of it and had ^{been} paid in rice. I explained to
the det of signals and air force ^{A.S.C.} that trading in
foodstuffs was not permitted and will arrange
for some tobacco or salt to be held for local
purchases. Also for payment of about 8/10 carriers
who will have to go to SANGAR for WAIRORI
vations every fortnight.

Wednesday 19 May 43

Set out for KOKESA at about 0700 hrs. The road
was not in good condition. Arrived KOKESA 1530 hrs

GENERAL REPORTS:

NATIVE SITUATION:

The natives in the CROKANA villages seem to be suffering from ~~the~~ mental inertia. This ~~is~~^{has} a mixture of causes. (1) The complete lack of young men for building, clearing road making etc. (2) Some seem to fear that the war will come again and ruin anything they start afresh. A further detailed patrol of them should give more information. Crimes Crime was lacking there being no complaints on the whole trip. ~~Since~~ The WAWONGA peoples and MANAGALASI have been comparatively untouched by the war except for the American patrol.

They are thoroughly contented and well supplied with food and living in good houses. ~~They~~^{It is quite obvious they haven't done a tap} of work on their roads or rest houses until 2/3 days before the patrol appeared.

The Japanese penetrated up as far as SIRORATH on the road in and ENJORO on the road out. An American "W" patrol operated from the TUEI end along the WAWONGA track to SIRORATH + to ENJORO.

An extract from the village register of SIRORATH states that Father BRISOTTE of OMBI, REPO, ALEXANDER + VC KEMO of SIRORATH led three patrols, procured carriers and arranged food. The entry was signed by Alfred MEDENDORP 12th Inf U.S. Army. The natives do not know who Father BRISOTTE is but think it might be POZARI of OMBI whom the Americans called 'father' apparently as a nickname. REPO is at KOKODA, ALEXANDER at HIGATURU + VC KEMO at his village. There is no further evidence other than this one entry in the register.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS: The WOWONGA + MANAGAZASI V.Cs are not bright. By far the best is VE. DECOVI of ABOMA, WOWONGA, who is a good man.

The OKOKAIVA V.Cs are far better tho' at present somewhat stymied by an almost complete lack of boys. A fuller estimation of their ability will be gained by a detailed patrol of OKOKAIVA villages.

Councillors were present in all cases and apparently were all fairly capable.

VILLAGES:

OKOKAIVA villages poor collections of sparsely occupied huts. WOWONGA villages excellent. MANAGAZASI not so good houses being badly & crudely built. WAKOBILI building its new village + ENJORO ready to shift to new site owing to lack of water. Both sites seem to be good ones.

All water supplies are by mountain stream. All villages quite accessible to patrols.

All rest houses + police barracks were in very poor shape if indeed present at all.

Only ABOMA + OMBOFU had R.P.C. Barracks.

HOUSING: As stated before. Huts in OKOKAIVA villages. Well built elsewhere. I would like further information on what is considered a good design for a native house. All the houses I saw on patrol resembled boxes on posts or on the ground, well or badly constructed. I only saw one veranda. What is required in a native dwelling?

Houses in the WOWONGA have only bamboo for roofing and this does not seem to be very substantial or lasting.

AGRICULTURE: In WOVONGA + MANAGAZAS food was plentiful being almost entirely yams and sugar cane + pandanus. There were no pampaws, not many bananas and no coconuts. OKOKAIVA villages have all started fresh gardens + live mainly on sweet potatoes, pampaws. Also corn + pumpkin procured from KOKOAA. Their food seems sufficient for their purposes and they bring some to labourers at KOKOAA. All villages state that they have large gardens under construction but they are hampered by lack of boys.

The WOVONGAS were told to report for corn + pumpkin seed of which a large supply is available at this station.

All rubber trees in the OKOKAIVA country have been mapped + a copy is held by the plantation manager, Lieut Graham, at KOKOAA. There are a few rubber trees in the WOVONGA area but widely scattered and do not seem to fit in to the collection scheme proposed in the OKOKAIVA country before the war. There are 16 trees at ABOOMA, 47 at MANAGUBE and 55 between ENORO + ENORO OMBOFU.

HEALTH

Health is good in the mountains. The OKOKAIVAS have had several dysentery outbreaks and consequent deaths, mainly at SIRORATA and SAIROPI.

ROADS + BRIDGES: None of the roads on the route had received any attention for a considerable time. There was much excuse for this in the recruited area + war occupied area but none whatsoever in the hills. All the Kumusi bridges were freshly made cane bridges which appeared substantial.

There are now no bridges over the three large streams between Wairopi and Kokoda. The roads in the foot hills are for pedestrian traffic only. Jeep roads could be made from WAIROPI — SAIROPI — OMBOFU also WAIROPI — ILIMO — ASISI + possibly to SIRORATA with some trouble.

Also WAIROPI — KOKODA with unfordable river obstacles at $\frac{1}{4}$ way from WAIROPI, ILIMO and GORARI and a very steep 'perch' at the OIVI climb. (250 feet)

CENSUS: ATTACHED.

INDENTURED LABOR:

^{numbers} 20 of absentees is causing hardship in OKOHIVA country and has brought all village building of any quality and most road maintenance to a standstill.

There are unrecruited natives in the WAWONGA AREA.

MAP:

ATTACHED. The degree of accuracy of this map is not high. In absence of means for measuring distances I took times between villages from registers. I had no watch to check these times. Bearings from one village to another ^{along the route} may be taken as approximately correct but the coherence of the map as a whole can't be vouched for. It should be regarded as a semi diagrammatic illustration of the report.

RESULTS of PAROL: All the strips of the parol were

marked with the caption of the ^{account} map.
In addition, after a long absence (several years)
the upper villages have been recontacted and
enumerated of their duties and the systems of
the govt.

R.P.C., CONDUCT of

There is nothing remarkable about any of them to
report. They were primarily tied to a Catholic.
R.P.C. SRA contacted the line and if movement
will. There were no complaints against R.P.C. by local
R.P.C. ENHRI knows the KOKODA mangogaloo country
having been born at OMBOFU. He later
traveled to WAKOBIA and all WAKOBIA village
The best man of the lot is INTERPRETER ERAPA (DICK)
who has been many years in the station.
There are ERAPOR of HANARA village and has
naturally made parols all over the subdistrict.
He is capable in action, interpreting and information
and understands the govt attitude and requirements
thoroughly. A good man.

J. Robinson Post PO.
Kokoda Substation
Mambare District

ATTACHED: 1) List of V.C. parols on parol
2) Sketch map of parol
3) Summary of parol

PATROL DIARY.

Friday 6 Apr. 45.

KOKODA to ILIMO.

On the 4th April despatched a member of the patrol RPC detachment to the WAWANGA Villages to inform the people of my coming visit. This Constable also instructed to inspect, and have repaired any of the cane suspension bridges crossing the KUMUSI River, which may be in need of maintenance.

Local carriers eighteen in all, and escorted by RPC, left Station with patrol gear at 0700 hrs. Owing to unexpected arrival of plane from LAE, my departure was delayed until 1100 hrs. Left KOKODA travelling by jeep to end of motor road, (twenty minutes walking from OIVI) then per foot passing through OIVI and GORARI enroute arriving ILIMO Rest House at 1545 hrs. Local Village Officials, and a large number of villager's were awaiting my arrival. The remainder of the afternoon was spent settling minor differences, and talking to the people. Purchased native foods.

Saturday 7 Apr. 45.

ILIMO to SAWARIHAMBO
(ORAKAIVA DISTRICT)

Carriers with gear sent on ahead at 0700 hrs, self with one Constable, Interpreter, and NMO, left ILIMO at 0800 hrs excellent walking along a well kept track to PAPAKI No.1 Village arriving 0830 hrs. Here the peoples of both Nos. 1 and 2 PAPAKI Villages lined. Checked census, held Medical examination, inspected village hygiene, and recruited for casual work on KOKODA 'drome. Through out the patrol, at all the villages visited the same procedure was carried out. Left at 1000 hrs for ASISI arriving 1050 hrs, a very clean village of eight houses, proceeded on at 1130 hrs to EVEJO 1220 hrs. The PAIWA people lined with the EVEJO'S, left at 1300 hrs and passed through PAIWA 1315 hrs crossed the ETOHI River by wire suspension bridge at 1340 hrs arriving SIRORATA NO.2 1425 hrs, left for SIRORATA NO.1 at 1445 hrs arriving 1505 hrs, then descended steeply to KUMUSI River crossing by cane suspension bridge, and arriving SAWARIHAMBO Rest House at 1550 hrs where camp was made. Heavy rains commenced to fall, hindering further work. Purchased native foods to preserve patrol stores.

Sunday, 8 Apr. 45.

SAWARIHAMBO to GOROBUNE
(ORAKAIVA and WAWANGA DISTRICTS)

Both SIRORATA Villages as well as SAWARIHAMBO lined this morning. After taking census, Medical examination, and routine inspections, departed at 1145 hrs. Shortly after leaving passed through very large cultivations, planted with many different types of vegetables and fruits. Proceed on and crossed the KUMUSI River, again by cane suspension bridge at 1215 hrs. Ascended steeply, then down to SIKIVI Creek at 1300 hrs, over another ridge and down to SIANA Creek 1345 hrs, (both these large creeks are without bridges) continued ascending arriving GOROBUNE 1415 hrs. During the afternoon climbed below and above the village inspecting gardens, same are fairly large, and planted with a variety of native root foods, (mainly Taro) but it will be some two months or more before these cultivations are ready for harvesting, the people informed me that they are at the present time living on 'wild taro' and the remains of old gardens. GOROBUNE is a small village of six houses, with a population of 19, being a mixture of both ORAKAIVA'S and WAWANGA'S.

Patrol Diary continued:Monday 9 Apr. 45.GOROBUNE to WAIROBILA
(WAWANGA DISTRICT)

Village Constable BUASI of WAIROBILA arrive with change of carriers early this morning. Left GOROBUNE (first of the WAWANGA Villages) at 0745 hrs and descended steeply to SA creek crossed at 0845 hrs, then onwards and upwards over a steep ridge known as WORA reaching the top at 0930 hrs, arriving WAIROBILA Rest house at 1015 hrs. As at GOROBUNE, here again gardens were inspected, and found to be in the same condition, only larger in size. The Constable sent on ahead from KOKODA returning from the upper WAWANGA Villages, reported this p.m.

Tuesday 10 Apr. 45.WAIROBILA to EJARO
(WAWANGA DISTRICT)

From here sent word across to the KOKODA MANAGALASI district, advising them of my coming, on completion of the WAWANGA Villages. Left WAIROBILA 0800 hrs, passing through the old WAIROBILA Village site 0830 hrs, arriving MANAGUBE Rest house 0910 hrs. The RUMARA people were also awaiting my arrival here. Left 1130 hrs, crossed EHI creek and on to RUMARA 1145 hrs. From here descended, and followed close to the KUMUSI River for approximately 45 minutes, until EMU creek was crossed at 1230 hrs then up steeply to the Village of URABO, which is situated on top of a rocky ridge, arriving 1245 hrs, left 1315 hrs and reached EJARO Rest house at 1400 hrs, where camp was made.

More gardens situated up on the slopes UJILO and EJARO villages were inspected during the afternoon, these cultivations are a little better off than those previously inspected. Although in small quantities fair specimens of root vegetables were brought along for purchase by the patrol.

Wednesday 11 Apr. 45.EJARO to KOIVO
(WAWANGA DISTRICT)

Because of heavy rains was unable to finish routine village inspections, census etc. yesterday, same were completed this morning before leaving at 0930 hrs, 1/2 an hour to UJILO where I remained 30 minutes with inspections, proceeding on at 1030 hrs, crossed a small creek and arrived ABOMA 1100 hrs VIJAMBE people lined here, had lunch and left 1345 hrs, crossed a large creek which the natives say is the KUMUSI, pushed on and arrived KOIVO Rest house 1475 hrs. This is the last of the WAWANGA villages and the headwaters of the KUMUSI River. From KOIVO the track continues on to the TUFU District.

Thursday 12 Apr. 45.KOIVO to WAIROBILA
(WAWANGA DISTRICT)

On my return through the WAWANGA District to-day the patrol pushed on until the village of WAIROBILA was reached, between here and GOROBUNE village lies the branch off to the MANAGALASI villages.

Left KOIVO at 0745 hrs. inspected VIJAMBE and proceeded on to ABOMA 0900 hrs, UJILO 0945 hrs, EJARO 1025 hrs, URABO 1130 hrs, RUMARA 1230 hrs, MANAGUBE 1310 hrs had lunch, left 1430 hrs and arrived WAIROBILA 1545 hrs.

Friday 13 Apr. 45.WAIROBILA to ENJORA
(WAWANGA and MANAGALASI DISTRICT)

Left WAIROBILA at 0745 hrs climbed steeply for 35 minutes and then descended to the KUMUSI River crossing by cane suspension bridge at 0930 hrs. from herethe patrol followed to KUMUSI down for a short while, over very rough and broken terrain, then climbed steeply for two hours until the top of

Patrol Diary continued:

the ridge was reached, along this ridge and down to ENJORA village arriving 1300 hrs. ENJORA has broken up into three small villages, ENJORA NO.2 being situated across the MAMAMA River.

Saturday 14 Apr. 45.

ENJORA to OMBOFU
(MANAGALASI DISTRICT)

Left ENJORA at 0900 hrs and descended steeply to the MAMAMA river which was crossed by cane suspension bridge, climbed to ENJORA NO.2 and proceeded on to BUJUNUMU arriving 1130 hrs inspected same, and proceeded on arriving OMBOFU 1230 hrs. Because of sickness, these people have decided to shift their village to a site some four hundred yards back along the road to BUJUNUMU (inquires revealed that the WAWANGA, MANAGALASI villages have suffered much from dysentery in the past). A new Rest House and barracks are to be erected on the new site.

Sunday 15 Apr. 45.

OMBOFU to SAIROPE
(MANAGALASI and ORAKAIVA DISTRICTS)

Left OMBOFU at 0845 hrs crossed SILIWA creek at 0945 hrs arriving ANESA village 1000 hrs, then to PUTENO at 1020 hrs, continuing on crossed AVEVE creek at 1100 hrs arriving SAIROPE Rest house at 1115 hrs. had lunch and inspected the village. later took census of the following villages: ASENA, PUTENO, ASATA, UNGA, SAMARA, and JOKA.

Monday 16 Apr. 45.

SAIROPE to WAIROPE
(ORAKAIVA DISTRICT)

Natives recruited during the patrol were sent off to KOKODA via WAIROPE early this morning. Before leaving took census of SAIROPE, and checked PEMBI village census book. Left at 1130 hrs arriving PEMBI 1200 hrs, here checked BOTHUE and SORAPE village census books, went on at 1300 hrs. passed through WARINA 1345 hrs, JEKA 1415 hrs and arrived WAIROPE 1440 hrs, where I camped for the night.

Tuesday 17 Apr. 45.

WAIROPE to KOKODA

Accompanied by Capt. Kienzle, W/O Price and Sgt McAlure of Native labour, left WAIROPE at 0715 hrs arriving OIVI 1100 hrs, then on to KOKODA 1330 hrs. Lieut. Graham who was in charge of the Station during my absence reported everything in order.

SUMMARY.ROADS AND BRIDGES:

With the exception of a few small sections in the WAWANGA and MANAGALASI areas, all tracks traversed by the patrol were found to be in a passable condition. Owing to the nature of the country and continual heavy rains experienced, tracks in the above districts require ceaseless attention. However signs of a definite interest in roads and bridges was evident throughout.

Crossing the larger rivers, cane (kunda) suspension bridges have been erected, inspections showed same to be of solid construction, and in fair condition. The KUMUSI river crossing between WAIROBILA and ENJORA is very old and will not last much longer. Instructions to Village Constable BAUSI of WAIROBILA for the rebuilding of same were issued. Minor bridges spanning the numerous small creeks and waterways are but logs adzed to give a flat surface, these are quite suitable and serve the required purpose - anything of a more permanent nature would be a waste of time and effort, because of floods.

REST HOUSES AND BARRACKS.

Two new Rest houses were inspected and paid for during the patrol, these being situated at SWARIHAMBO and MANAGUBE. At KOIVO and GOROFU it was necessary to instruct that new Rest houses be built, present building are very old and close to the stage of collapsing. Other Rest houses were in good repair and well maintained.

At all the villages, more especially throughout the mountain districts, barracks erected for the purpose of accommodating patrol native personnel, were found to be unsuitable mainly in size. On three separate occasions members of the patrol RPC detachment had to be billeted in the Village Constables house. Orders to have all barracks enlarged were issued.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE:

One of the purposes of this patrol was to check the food position in the WAWANGA district. Reports of a shortage existing in this area having been brought to KOKODA.

Comprehensive inquiries revealed that these people are not starving, although they appear to have had quite a lean time during the past few months, however the position is now more improved, their main diet at the moment being Corn, pumpkin, wild taro and bush foods, of which there is any amount. Existing gardens were inspected, and found to be well stocked with the usual variety of native vegetables, same will be ready for harvesting in approximately two months. Main reasons for the shortage was an over indulgence in feasts shortly after the harvesting of last season crops. The villages of EJARO, UJILO and ABOMA did not experience this shortage, and portions of their present gardens are being harvested now.

Villages in the other districts visited have sufficient of all foods, and I was able to purchase large quantities with which to feed the patrol personnel. Between SAWARIHAMBO and GOROBUNE is a very large community garden belonging to the SAWARIHAMBO people.

VILLAGES.

KOIVO and OMBOFU were the only two villages (out of the 32 inspected) which failed to attain a high standard, those villages of the ORAKAIVA people, situated along the KUMUSI river were very pleasing.

The people of OMBOFU say that they have not maintained their village, as they intend shifting to a new site, and have spent their time collecting materials for this purpose. The new village is to be situated some 400 yds back along the track leading to BUJUNUMU. At the present time this area is under cultivation, so the building of the new village will have to be delayed until the crops are harvested, in about three weeks time.

The main ENJORA village is still situated high up on the ridge overlooking the MAMAMA river, for some time past these people have had in mind shifting further down the ridge closer to permanent water, but so far nothing has been done in this regard.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

The Village officials are doing their work well, and at all times rendered the patrol every assistance. Outstanding amongst the officials were the following Village Constables: SAMBO of PEMBI Village (ORAKAIVA)
HAUNA of ASISI Village (ORAKAIVA)
BAUSI of KAIROBILA Village (WAWANGA).


CRIME.

Only two CNM held through out the patrol, both defendants were convicted and sentenced to a term of imprisonment. Other complaints were of a minor nature and settled out of Court to the satisfaction of all concerned.

RECRUITS.

For casual work on the KOKODA Aerodrome 32 boys were recruited, 10 from the ORAKAIVA villages and 22 from the WAWANGA MANAGALASI districts.

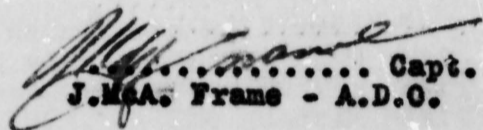
For the KOKODA Rubber Estate, a further 10 boys were recruited. These boys were not pressed and all volunteered willingly. It is hoped that this pleasing attitude continues, as many more recruits are required for work in this sub-district.


.....Capt.
J. McA. FRAME - A.D.C.

REPORT ON R.P.C., personnel accompanying Patrol:-

Reg. No.	1465	Const.	UMOTA
" "	1665	"	SOURO
" "	2081	"	NE-EA-KRMO-0
" "	1070	"	UFA

All the above-mentioned members carried out their duties well, although none were outstanding. Constables SOURO and UFA showed some small degree of initiative, and are of a slightly higher standard than the other two, regarding patrol work.


 Capt.
J.M.A. Frame - A.D.O.

REPORT ON HEALTH AND HYGIENE.

In Previous patrols to these areas established Pit latrines and refuse pits. In the ORAKAIWA villages special boy have been chosen to inspect and police these latrines. In the WAWANGA and MANAGALASI villages this job falls to the Village Officials who really are making a pointed effort to see that the people use these conveniences, main offenders being the aged people who still prefer any spot in the bush, however they are fast doing away with this unsanitary practice and becoming accustomed to the latrines.

It was noticed in a few of the villages, that latrines were left too long before digging new ones, and that the rubbish deposited in the refuse pits required burning, Necessary instructions were given to rectify this position. Talks on village hygiene were given throughout the patrol.

An NMO accompanied the patrol and held medical examinations at all the villages, sicknesses met with were of a minor nature, and where necessary the sufferer's were sent to the Native hospital at KOKODA. The general health of the people was found to be quite good


.....Capt.
J. McA. FRAME - A.D.O.

KOKODA.

No. 6

42/43

AUSTRALIAN NEW GUINEA.

M.K. 19/3
District of Mambare,
KOKODA SUB-DISTRICT.
30 Jun 43

THE DISTRICT OFFICER,
MAMBARE DISTRICT,
HIGATURU.

PATROL REPORT - NO.6 OF 42/43.

Personnel: P.A. Champion, Capt. O.I.C.
Sgt. Turner, Med. Assistant.
R.P.C. L/Cpl. WANA, ARYA &
Cpl. JUMWATI (P.I.B.)

Object of Patrol: To make further investigations
into a report regarding one
ALEXANDER (Mission Teacher) who
is alleged to have assisted the
enemy.

Duration: From June 14th to June 19th, 1943

Routes Traversed: Main BUNA Road to ILIMO, thence
on the MANAGALASI road to ENJORA
returning by the same route.

Map. Ref: Buna 4 mile.

D I A R Y.

Monday, June 14th.

Left Kokoda at 0800 hrs with Sgt. Turner, (Med. Assist) .. an
19 carriers and proceeded along the main Buna road to GORARI,
arriving at 1230 hrs., and camped.

Sent out for the district VC who reported later in the
afternoon. No. 25 VC SUMBERIPA. He was instructed to start work
on a new rest house with what available labour he had. The district
is particularly cleaned out of all able-bodied men.

VC informs me that their new gardens are coming on very
well and the taro will be ready in a few months time. These
people suffered severe hardships during the enemy occupation. One
native is reported to have died of starvation.

Tuesday, June 15th.

Left GORARI at 0730 hrs., and crossed the river by a
well constructed cane-suspension bridge and proceeded to ILIMO arriv-
-ing at 0930 hrs., where I was met by W/O. II JARRET who is accompany-
-ing me to ENJORA.

The ILIMO people have nearly completed a new rest house,
rather on the small side, but quite suitable for travelling District
Staff.

Leaving ILIMO at 1000 hrs., we branched off the main road
and proceeded to ASISI village. VC HAMA reported. Village and
roads very clean. The VC says that there are still some of
his people living in the bush houses. I instructed him to go
out and bring them in, burn the bush houses and tell the people to
return to their proper villages. Also informed the VC that I had
heard that some people were still in possession of rifles, and that
if these rifles were handed over to me on my return trip no action
would be taken, but all natives found in possession

Saturday 12 Feb 44 (continued)

a small village of 4 houses. Left at 08.30 hrs and crossed a ridge. Crossed a small creek and climbed up the side of a ridge to the main track 09.30 hrs. Made a long steep climb up a big ridge. Turned along the side of the ridge at 11.45 hrs and descended slightly arriving at BOFU R H 12.05 hrs. Vill Const SIVINI reported. He had all his people at the rest house and took a census. At 15.00 hrs I went down to the village which is about 15 mins below the x rest house. I paid a woman for the pig which was killed by the Const on orders from the KUANA spotters. A woman complained that this Const raped her. There were no witnesses. See heading Native Situation.

Sunday 13 Feb 44 BOFU - EVESA 2 1/2 hrs

Left BOFU 08.00 hrs and descended to TU-0 creek 08.50 hrs. From here climbed the side of a ridge on to the top which the track follows. At 09.50 hrs reached a turn-off which continues up the ridge and goes to IOMA. The track up the valley leaves the ridge and follows the side of the valley. After a halt of 20 mins proceeded and arrived at EVESA 10.25 hrs. Vill Const SINE reported. He said all his people were away. I presumed that they had guilty consciences over the kidnapping of the KAMBESI women. (Two KAMBESI boys had complained that the EVESA people had taken their two wives). There were three EVESA boys among the carriers and I told them and the EVESA Vill Const that I wanted all the people to come in for taking of census. I told the police that they were to be most friendly and be careful that they did not frighten the people. The Vill Const brought the woman he had stolen and admitted his action quite frankly. He wished to present me with an enormous sow with the obvious intent of making matters a little easier for himself. He took the pig away most reluctantly.

Monday 14 Feb 44

There was no sign of the EVESA people early and at 08.30 hrs the Vill Const came and said that he had called but the people would not come. At 09.00 hrs went to EVESA which is a few minutes from the rest house. The Vill Const told me that numbers of the people had died during the recent dysentery outbreak. The village was sadly neglected and he said this was due to the many deaths. Went down to ANDABARISA. Saw 10 graves each about 3 ft square covered by small split logs. Lower down I visited GERAYATE. Only one house appeared to be occupied. As we went along the Vill Const and a few EVESA boys who had appeared, kept calling the people. I returned up the ridge leaving the Vill Const to continue his calling. Arrived back at the rest house at 10.50 hrs. A few people were waiting. At 12.00 hrs went down the ridge to WASA 12.20 hrs and then down to BASALABU 12.40 hrs. which is almost down to the CHIRIMA river. I stayed in this village 20 mins and talked to some boys, telling them not to be frightened. Returned to the rest house by another track which goes up a ridge on the KAMBESI side. Arrived 13.45 hrs. Had lunch and made a census of the people who had now appeared. The EVESA ridge is in an exposed position and catches the prevailing wind which blows up the valley.

Tuesday 15 Feb 44 EVESA - GARIMA 3 1/2 hrs

EVESA boys arrived early to carry. As I was leaving EVESA the people showed me a small girl. She had a terrible ulcer about 5 inches long on one shin. The flesh had been eaten away to the bone. I had water heated in a bucket and cleaned the wound as far as possible. I killed the ulcer with sulphaniilamide powder and bandaged the leg. Went on at 08.15 hrs. Descended to INAMBA creek and climbed up on to KAMBESI ridge arriving at IRIFENDA rest house 09.35 hrs. Here Vill Const IWORI had all the people assembled for census taking. Lined the EVESA boys and the two KAMBESI women identified the ones who had kidnapped them. The accused readily admitted their guilt. Arrested them. At 12.45 hrs went to SUPINGA which is about 10 mins below the rest house. Returned up the ridge to KAMBESI 13.15 hrs. Descended to main track and reached KERRUKIXAI BERUDUNI at 14.25 hrs.

Tuesday 15 Feb 44 (continued)

travelling over the only reasonably level track in the valley. Went down a ridge to EMBABO 10 mins distant. Descended to SONGO creek 14.50 hrs and climbed up to GARIMA rest house 15.15 hrs. Here women brought large quantities of food.

Wednesday 16 Feb 44 GARIMA - KUAMA 3 1/4 hrs

Made a census of the GARIMA people. Appointed a new Vill Const - the previous one has been dead for some time. On the last two patrols most of the men were away across the range dancing and this accounts for the delay in the appointment. The L/Cpl had a very old uniform and after removing the red braid, it was given to the man selected. At 09.30 hrs climbed to SAIR 09.45 hrs. GARIMA is a few minutes distant. Went to KELAU 15 mins further up the valley. Returned to rest house 10.30 hrs. Had an early lunch. Left the rest house 12.30 hrs and descended to CHIRIMA river 13.00 hrs. Crossed the river and a small steep grass covered ridge. Returned to river and followed it for a short distance to INDABA creek junction. Turned up the creek, crossed it 13.25 hrs, and climbed long steep spur up to KUAMA rest house 14.45 hrs. The building is new and until recently was occupied by personnel of A W W Coy. It is too big and the roof too flat.

Thursday 17 Feb 44

People came in and I made a census. At 13.30 hrs walked along the top of the spur and then descended through big gardens to IUMBA 14.05 hrs. Went to GU 14.30 hrs and ROROGA 15.15 hrs and climbed back to rest house 15.35 hrs. These three villages are on the Mt ALBERT EDWARD side of the KUAMA ridge below the rest house. They are surrounded by big gardens. Enquired whether there were any local boys who knew the way to Mt ALBERT EDWARD. There were a few but they said it was too cold on top and there were frequent big storms.

Wednesday 18 Feb 44 KUAMA - Shelter 4 hrs

Light rain fell at dawn. After breakfast there was high cloud and the sky was dull. To my surprise six KUAMA boys appeared and said that they would guide me to the summit. I decided to take a risk on the weather and left KUAMA at 09.20 hrs. Two Consts were anxious to come and I took them, 4 OROKAIVAS and the 6 CHIRIMAS. The boys were lightly loaded and carried about 20 lbs each. At first the track goes through timber, climbing steeply all the way. At 11.00 hrs (8400') reached a belt of bracken which soon gave way to tufty grass. Rain began to fall and there was a strong wind. Reached a small bark shelter at 12.30 hrs (10,200'). Here a fire was lighted and the boys had a meal of rice and meat extract. We went on at 14.20 hrs as the weather had improved. The grade became easier. Arrived at an excellent bark shelter 30' x 10' at 15.05 hrs 10,500'. It was waterproof and is situated in a small belt of stunted trees. From what the CHIRIMAS say it was constructed about 1933 during a visit by the ARCHBOLD Expedition. The track we travelled over is the main KUAMA - GOILALA road and it is well worn. The shelter is used by natives going over the road. Three fires were kept burning all night in the shelter but the cold made sleep intermittent.

Saturday 19 Feb 44 Shelter - Mt ALBERT EDWARD - KUAMA 9 1/2 hrs

At 07.00 hrs left shelter and crossed the main KUAMA - GOILALA track. The track to the summit is hardly discernable and I was glad of the guides. The country on top is an undulating plateau covered with grass and small belts of stunted trees. There are numbers of small razor-back hills with outcrops of rock on the top and sides. Here and there are small lakes in the depressions. There are a surprising number of small birds. The day was dull and a strong wind fairly whistled across the plateau. At 07.30 hrs passed a small dilapidated shelter just above a small lake. Went on and reached a good bark shelter at 08.00 hrs (11,000'). From here a cross can be seen on the summit. On the way to the shelter

Saturday 19 Feb 44 (continued)

I saw Mt VICTORIA and Mt YULE. All the way to Mt VICTORIA along the main range there are big patches of grass. By 08.00 hrs clouds began to rise on the surrounding mountains. I left all the gear in the shelter and accompanied by the 2 Const and 4 CHIRIMAS, I went on at 08.15 hrs. After climbing around and over a number of razor backs reached the summit at 10.25 hrs. It is a razorback which does not appear to be much higher than numbers of others on the plateau. I believe it is known as the main or East Dome. I fail to see why it is referred as a dome. The sea was visible in the direction of DUNA and the mouth of the MAMBARE river. On the KAIRUKU side there was too much cloud to see anything. According to a paper contained in a tin at the base, the cross was erected 24/7/38 by the Roman Catholic missionaries whose H Q are at YULE Island. The cross is of metal tubing made in sections bolted together with a crucifix in the centre. Messrs Hides and Pullen give the height of the peak as 12,900', Messrs Champion and Elliott-Smith 24/3/29 as 12,863' by boiling point thermometer, the Archbold Expedition 21/6/33 as 4027 metres (13,289') by aneroid. Left the summit at 11.15 hrs. By that time the clouds had banked up and the plateau was surrounded with a sea of cloud. Reached the shelter at 13.30 hrs. Had lunch and left at 14.45 hrs. Arrived at KUAMA - GOILALA track at 15.35 hrs. I had intended to stay the night in the shelter I used the previous night but the boys were anxious to go on and get to the lower country. Decided to take a risk on the rain and went on. Reached the timber line at 17.20 hrs and KUAMA 18.50 hrs.

Sunday 20 Feb 44

Rested.

Monday 21 Feb 44 KUAMA - IONGAI 4 1/2 hrs.

Appointed two Vill Consts to replace those who died during the dysentery outbreak. Left KUAMA 08.45 hrs and went down the south side of KUAMA ridge. Reached BORONA 09.05 hrs. Descended to INDABA creek 09.15 hrs. Climbed to URUPAI 09.25 hrs. From here a track crosses the range to ONONGE. Walked along the side of the valley over a very difficult track. In some places it goes along logs which are anything but level. Reached BELAVISA 10.00 hrs. In it I saw the grave of Vill Const SIVI, which had at the end a short pole like a totem pole, carved in black and red, the colour of his uniform. Went on at 10.25 hrs. Crossed a gully and for a short distance walked along a level track. At 11.20 hrs descended steeply and arrive at KOIPUKU No 1 11.35 hrs. KOIPUKU No 2 is immediately below on the main road. Here the police and carriers were waiting for me. This was the only village whose people I did not include on the census. Practically all of them were away. Proceeded at 12.05 hrs. Crossed gully and arrived at MANIGLENDIA 13.05 hrs. It is a neglected village the people having suffered badly in the dysentery outbreak. The road climbs steeply from here. Arrived IONGAI rest house and had lunch 14.10 hrs. Vill Const GUSI reported. Vill Const HAVI was away at WAITAPE across the range.

Tuesday 22 Feb 44

At 08.30 hrs left the rest house and went to SULLI which is 15 mins back along the main track. A short distance below I came to MIRI. Returned to rest house and took a census. At 14.00 hrs went to NAKADA 14.20 hrs. LIMIRI and MOGIRI are lower down on the ridge. All three villages are close together. Went to main road and visited KOMIROSIN and GAGA and returned to rest house 15.20 hrs.

Wednesday 23 Feb 44 IONGAI - GIAGIGO 6 hrs.

Left IONGAI 07.20 hrs and descended to WAMB1 creek 08.05 hrs. Here left main track and climbed up to HAPUTIKORORO 08.30 hrs. Continued climbing to BLOWAIAGIA 08.45 hrs. Went on at 09.00 hrs and descended to main track which was reached at 09.30 hrs. Crossed three creeks and two small steep ridges. Climbed up from third creek and arrived KAGO rest house 10.10 hrs. Here all the local people were assembled and I made a census. Vill Const AGO

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~~Tuesday~~ 22 Feb 44 (continued)

contracted dysentery and recovered but his legs are like match sticks and he is unable to walk. He was at the rest house in a hammock. His friends had carried him from his house.. Vill Const TIOLA of KIRU was also present. His village is near FOLEGABE about 8 hours walk away. He was appointed in 1915 and is now old and walks with difficulty. At his request I took his resignation and paid him to date. Made a census of KAGO people. At 13.30 hrs went to KAGO which is 15 mins above the rest house. Returned to near the rest house and followed a track which runs above and roughly parallel to the main track. Arrived at TURA 15.05 hrs after travelling over rough ground. This village is comparatively new. Descended to the main track where the village of UWALA used to be. It has been destroyed by fire. Descended to KUE creek. Climbed to GIAGIGO rest house 16.35 hrs. I had instructed the KAMBESI Vill Const to bring the two women and their husbands to GIAGIGO but there was no sign of them. At night the L/Cpl told me that the EVESA Vill Const had just told him that the two women had been taken as a "pay-back". Previously the KAMBESI men had kidnapped a EVESA woman. I asked why didn't the Vill Const speak before and the L/Cpl replied that he had asked the same question. The Vill Const said that the reason was that he didn't "savvy" and was only a bush man.

Thursday 24

Wednesday 23 Feb 44

Sent 4 Const with the husband of the EVESA woman to bring the KAMBESI Vill Const, the two KAMBESI women and their husbands and the men responsible for the kidnapping. Made a census of the GIAGIGO people. Vill Const GOPE reported. He is a fine looking native.

Friday 25

Thursday 24 Feb 44 GIAGIGO - FOLEGABE 7 hrs

Waited in vain for the 4 Consts and at 07.40 hrs left GIAGIGO. Arrived NIMANIGOLO at 07.55 hrs. Left the main track and climbed up to GOROWAKU 08.30 hrs which is on the top of a ridge. Went on at 08.45 hrs and went down the side of the ridge leaving the CHIRIMA valley. Reached GONDUBI at 08.55 hrs. Descended to BURE creek 09.40 hrs. Climbed and at 10.05 hrs came to a small track which the BURE Vill Const said led to SUILA. For 25 mins I followed this track - it was little better than a hunting track. The BURE Vill Const looked most uneasy and the GIAGIGO Vill Const told me that there was no village only a few bush houses, and they were about 4 hours away. Returned to the main track having lost about one hour. Continued climbing and reached the top at 12.00 hrs. Went down to JIU creek 13.15 hrs. Here some SUILA people met us. They have some garden houses on the side of the valley. Told the BURE Vill Const that the SUILA people must build a village - they could please themselves about the situation - and I wanted to see it on the next patrol. Proceeded at 14.10 hrs. Climbed until 15.00 hrs then made a long descent to FOLEGABE rest house 16.25 hrs.

Friday Saturday 26 Feb 44

Made a census of the FOLEGABE people. During the morning went and inspected some gardens half an hour from the rest house. Left late in the afternoon the 4 Const reported. They were accompanied by the KAMBESI and GARIMA Vill Consts and the six men responsible for the kidnapping of the EVESA women. The three women and their husbands had run away. My party was relatively large - 27 (6 Const 5 indentured labourers, 14 prisoners and 2 CHIRIMA interpreters) and I had little food. This precluded me going back to get the essential witnesses. The EVESA men quite frankly admitted to the kidnapping. I instructed the KAMBESI and GARIMA Vill Consts that they were to return the following day and bring the missing witnesses to KOKODA/

Saturday 26 Feb 44 FOLEGABE - KARU KARU 6 hrs

At 07.00 hrs left FOLEGABE rest house and returned up the mountain to FOLEGABE 07.15 hrs. It is deserted, the people are living at houses in the gardens I inspected yesterday. Continued up the track and turned off on to a side track going up the valley. Arrived ASANGA 07.40 hrs. Only a few houses appear to be occupied. Went on to KIRU 08.15 hrs. It is a comparatively large village and we left at 08.30 hrs and returned along the track passing the rest house at 09.20 hrs. Descended to ASTANA creek 09.45 hrs. Began a steep climb along the side of the valley and reached KOGA 12.05 hrs. This, until a few weeks ago, was the site of a spotting station. Made a census. The village adjoins the rest house. Picked up 8 4 Gal. drums of petrol the spotters had left behind. Left KOGA 15.00 hrs and made a steep descent to KARU KARU 16.30 hrs. Had to issue European rations to the boys from stores left in the rest house by the spotters.

Sunday 28 Feb 44 KARU KARU - YODDA 8 hrs

Left KARU KARU 08.00 hrs. Brought spotters' stores. Arrived MAIGU 11.20 hrs. Shortly after arriving, there was a storm. The rain eased off and I decided to go on as I was short of boys' ration. Reached KAGAI creek at 15.15 hrs and found it to be slightly flooded. Normally it is a difficult stream to cross. Luckily we found a log which was placed in a position where the current held it at each end against rocks. The patrol crossed by 17.00 hrs. There were two more big creeks to cross before reaching YODDA. The first was normal but the second was up and we just managed to get across. By that time it was 18.20 hrs and nearly dark. Stumbled into YODDA 19.20 hrs. These three creeks are a problem. The small village of KAGA (40 people) maintain a rest house and about 8 hours of track and I consider it too much to expect the build to build three big bridges.

Monday 29 Feb 44 YODDA - KOKODA 2 3/4 hrs

Left YODDA 08.00 hrs and arrived back at KOKOLA 10.45 hrs.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

The main tracks used by the patrol were good to excellent right through. There has been a general improvement since my last patrol. Due to the mountainous nature of the country the surface of the tracks is generally very rough. Leeches are bad between YODDA and KARU KARU - this is the only section in the KOKODA district where they are numerous. The many side tracks are passable being much used by the natives. I have issued instructions that they are to be improved and cut out to about 3 ft. In the section KOKODA to KARU KARU about 8 fair sized streams require bridging. The trouble is that there are few natives on this section and the streams are subject to frequent big floods. Logs are useless. Some as much as 5 ft in diameter have been swept away. At some crossings all trees of any size have been cut down at one time or another. Sand bridges could be made but the shortage of boys makes that difficult.

REST HOUSES

The rest houses are in good condition. In most cases there are two shelters for carriers. At IOMAFI the rest house is dilapidated but it is not necessary.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE

Sweet potato is the staple diet of the CHIRIMAs. Yam comes a close second. About one quarter of the valley is covered with gardens and secondary growth. Most of the gardens are very large. There are forests of the giant pandanus, the nuts provide an important item in the diet of the people. The nuts are eaten fresh or smoked. I brought two of the large clusters back to KOKODA. In the numerous gardens I inspected, I saw sweet potatoes, yams, sugar cane, corn, cucumbers and taro. There are pumpkins and bananas in the lower parts of the valley. Passion fruit grows wild at KUAMA. There and at IONGAI I obtained some excellent English potatoes. Very few are grown. At IONGAI and GIAGICO I received some good specimens of Chinese cabbage. At various places I issued to the women seeds of bean, cabbage, lettuce, tomato and cucumber. Usually the CHIRIMAs have large quantities of food for sale and patrols depend on this to feed natives in the party. This time I had to provide about one meal in three from rations carried. I was able to get rice and biscuits from spotters' stores left at KARU KARU and KUAMA otherwise I would have had to shorten the patrol. The 14 prisoners were an unexpected embarrassment as far as rations were concerned. From what I could hear the natives at no time are really short of food. Sweet potatoes grow at all periods of the year. Salt is the purchasing medium, two or three dessert spoons full buys about 25 lbs of food. The people grow their own tobacco and are not at all eager to obtain the trade article.

I had hopes of purchasing a number of small pigs for the station but was unsuccessful, only obtaining one. The CHIRIMAs make frequent visits across the range to ONONGE and GOILALA. They buy good pigs from the missions and in a few cases I saw pigs which had cost £5 when quite small. I was offering 10/- and salt which probably accounted for my lack of success. Most of the pigs show signs of the mission strain and many are comparable to good Australian specimens.

VILLAGES

CHIRIMA villages are small, mainly consisting of four or five houses. The biggest I saw had 10 houses. Houses are high and narrow, the roofs being of giant pandanus leaves. The slope of the roofs is very acute and the eaves come down to the ground forming the walls. Generally the condition of the villages is only fair. This is due to the people living in bush houses during the dysentery outbreak. I have issued orders that the people return to the villages and clean the sites. Gardens in nearly every case are close to the villages.

NATIVE SITUATION

The people have just suffered a very bad dysentery outbreak and it will be some time before the villages become normal. As these mountain people cannot live in the lower altitudes, none have been recruited as indentured labourers. In stature they are sturdy but are noticeably shorter than the average New Guinea native. Their thigh muscles are developed to a remarkable extent. They are very shy and I impressed on the Consts that they were to be friendly and gain the confidence of the people. I had no difficulty in obtaining carriers. Food was brought very readily.

The incident at BOFU where the KUAMA spotters instructed a Const to shoot a village pig was regrettable. They did this because the people "went bush" and they could not obtain carriers. As I found out later the pig was the property of a woman. I compensated her and told the people that shooting of pigs was definitely not the way of the Government.

A woman at BOFU alleged that the constable who shot the pig raped her. There were no witnesses but two small boys aged about 10 say they saw the Const seize her. He threatened them and they ran away. The woman is expecting a child and cannot travel. I have instructed the Vill Const to bring her and the two small boys to KOKODA as soon as practicable. The Const

NATIVE SITUATION (continued)

concerned days the truth of the allegation.

At BURE two KAMBESI boys complained that the EVESA Vill Const and seven EVESA boys had kidnapped their wives. I arrested the men responsible and they admitted their guilt. Later I found that the affair was a "pay-back" for the kidnapping of an EVESA woman. I arrested the men concerned and they also admitted the charge. The KAMBESI and GARIMA Vill Consts are bringing the three women and their husbands to KOKOBA to give evidence. All through the valley I have spoken to the people on the evils of "pay-back" and how much better it was to bring troubles to the Government.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Few of the CHIRIMA Vill Consts speak KOTU and for that reason a reliable interpreter is essential. I had the services of the FOLLEGABE Vill Const and ex-Const SIROMA of GIAGIGO. There are no councillors.

Vill Const GOPE of GIAGIGO is about the best official in the valley. He appears to have full command of his people.

Confirmation is requested of the appointment of the following Vill Consts:

No ?	KEWA	Garima	appointed	16 Feb 44
No 43	KOGI	BELAVISA		19 Feb 44
No 61	TICRA	GU		"

I noticed that three Vill Consts each with two wives had been appointed some years previously. Vill Const GOPE of GIAGIGO had two when appointed and now has four! As mentioned before he is about the best official in the valley. Easily the best candidate for the vacant position at GU was a man who I had to pass over because he had two wives. He was all for discarding one but I did not consider that to be a satisfactory arrangement.

All Vill Consts appear to carry out their duties well. I regret that the EVESA Vill Const was involved in the kidnapping of the KAMBESI women. From entries in the village book and my own experience he seems to have done a good job.

PROPAGANDA

When taking the census I told the people the progress of the War and the treatment meted out to the inhabitants of occupied countries held by the Japanese.

CENSUS

KOIPUKU Village in the KUAMA group was the only one whose people were not included in the census. These people were away. I was assured at each place that all the people were present but I doubt it. Mr Wright, a T M A made a long medical patrol in 1939 and he entered population figures in the village books. I took these as a guide. Allowing for the fact that an appreciable number of people have died of dysentery there are still a number to be included in the census. I took the opportunity to deliver General Morris' letter while the people were assembled for census taking in each little district. When I visited each village I kept an eye out for any people I had not included but saw none.

.....A/WO 11
(D.R. Elyton) Patrol Officer.

HEALTH

I regret to report that during the interval since my previous patrol there has been a bad outbreak of dysentery in the CHIRIMA valley. The deathroll has been very heavy. While census taking I enquired the numbers of people who have died. Roughly I would say that 10% have died even allowing for the fact that it is hard to prevent natives from including people who died years ago. The spotters who were at KUAMA told me that they estimated about 50 natives died in villages close to their station. In one day they said they saw 12 corpses. I would not call their evidence absolutely reliable, but it is a good indication. The KOGA spotters advised us at KOKODA of the dysentery outbreak in their district and drugs were sent to them. I have spoken to Vill Consts telling them that it is imperative to report illness immediately and then something can be done. The outbreak has now finished and I saw only three cases.

At KOGA I issued a pick and shovel and ordered that latrines and refuse pits be constructed. This was also done at KUAMA. I have told the people that the outbreak was due to the habit of using the bush as a latrine and explained how flies walked about in excreta and then walked about in food.

In a great number of cases pigs live in the houses on the same floor as the people. A few sticks make a partition. A chute is provided to facilitate the entrance of the pigs. There are a few places where separate houses are provided for the pigs and I urged that this be done in all villages.

The normal CHIRIMA practice in disposing of corpses is to put the body in forks supported by a net on top of a pole in the centre of the village. I saw at least eight of these poles containing bones. After the flies have disposed of the flesh, the bones are buried in the village and in some cases the graves are covered with small split logs. The effect of this burial custom on the health of the people requires little imagination. I have given strict instructions that the custom is to cease immediately. Some people asserted virtuously that the dead in their village were buried immediately but I suspect that it is not often done.

D.R. Blyton.....A/70 11
(D.R. Blyton) Patrol Officer

ROYAL PAPUAN CONSTABULARY

R P C who accompanied the patrol were:

<u>No</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Village</u>	<u>District</u>
3539	L/Cpl	SARA	GOMBARA	TUPI
1573	Const	KABINA	BALU BADU	ABAU
1864	"	MADURA	WAKAU	DARU
1907	"	HARDERE	DABARI	KOKODA
1904	"	ARIJA	SAIROPE	"
1839	"	WARA	GIME	NIKONI

L/Cpl SARA is a good NCO and does his work well. He has a weakness for the ladies which has landed him in trouble at times. On this patrol he made advances to a GARIMA girl and badly frightened her. I reprimanded him and told him that a repetition of such conduct would lead to his being reduced to the ranks.

Const KABINA is a first class policeman, energetic and smart. Has all the qualifications for a good N C O. Speaks fair English.

Const MADURA is another good man and with more experience should be as useful as KABINA.

Const HARDERE carried out his duties well.

Const ARIJA performed his work in a satisfactory manner.

Const WARA is rather dull but he is anxious to please.

D.R. Blyton
.....A/WO 11
(D.R. Blyton) Patrol Officer

after this warning would be prosecuted.

Leaving ASISI we proceeded to PAIWA village of nine houses. The village was very clean and it was a surprise to see all the coconut trees still standing in spite of several visits by Japs in search of food.

Continuing on we descended a short steep hill to a tributary of the KUMUSI, which we crossed by a wire suspension bridge and climbed up to the village of SIRORATA. This village was deserted and all the houses in a very sad state. Continuing on we arrived at the new SIRORATA village, situated on the high banks of the KUMUSI RIVER. The wire rope bridge had been destroyed some months ago by the local people to prevent the enemy from crossing to raid the native gardens. The local natives have now constructed a cane suspension bridge, one of the longest I have yet seen in Papua. Crossing this bridge we entered SAWARIHAMBO village, which was very clean, and had a good rest house. Time was 1430 hrs., so we camped. No. 18 VC KOMO reported. Roads traversed were very clean and also the village.

Sgt. Turner held a Medical Inspection of the women, children and old men. All able-bodied men are away working. Health of the people seen was good. I informed the people that we had driven the Japs out of Papua, and that we, with our American Allies were getting stronger each day and the time would soon come when the enemy would be driven out of all the lands that he had stolen. All Papuans are expected to help the Allied cause until final victory was achieved.

Wednesday, June, 16th.

Left SAWARIHAMBO at 0715 hrs., and started a steep climb to the top of a hill, then descended to ENJORA VILLAGE arriving at 0920 hrs - No. 19 VC INGEIJA reported.

The village was very clean and consisted of 9 houses in fair order.

A new Rest House had been built under instructions from Lieut. Robinson who visited the district last month.

The rest of the day was spent in interrogating various natives regarding the alleged attempted betrayal of W/O. Jarret's patrol in 1942.

Thursday, June 17th.

Further investigations held today.

Medical Inspection held by Sgt. Turner. People were found to be in good health.

A separate report will be forwarded to the D.C., regarding the investigations held here.

Friday, June 18th.

Left ENJORA at 0730 hrs., and proceeded on the return journey. On arrival at ASISI we had lunch. The VC handed over 5 Jap rifles.

Leaving ASISI we proceeded to PIRAKI where I searched the houses for Army equipment, finding 25 blankets, 5 ground sheets, and various other items of army equipment. The VC was instructed to hand it over to the salvage dump at WAIROPI. Leaving PIRAKI we proceeded to ILIMO arriving at 1545 hrs., and camped in the rest house, which was new.

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I paid the local natives three lbs. of tobacco for the construction of the rest house and barracks.

Saturday, June 19th.

Left ILIMO at 0700 hrs., and arrived at GORARI at 0900 hrs. The new Rest House is under construction here; I informed the Councillor to make it a little larger.

Leaving GORARI we proceeded to KOKODA arriving at 1330 hrs.

All villages visited were given a short propaganda talk.

(Sgd) F.A. Champion, Capt..
A.D.O., KOKODA SUB-DIST.

KOKODA

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Patrol Report.

KOKODA 1/43-44

Report of patrol by J. A. Champion. A.D.O.

10. BIAGI and AUEMBO DISTS.

DATE LEFT STATION. 5 July 43. DATE RETURNED 9 July 43.

PURPOSES OF PATROL.

PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY: J. A. Champion. Capt. A.D.O.

R. P. C. 3.

CARRIERS. 10

LAST PATROL TORRENT MADE BY G. CHAMPION in 1941

Mon. 5 July 43

Left Kokoda at 0800 hrs for DENIKI arriving at 1000 hrs. Left DENIKI & proceeded to ISURAVA & camped in the Rest House.

Tues. 6th

Left ISURAVA at 0720 hrs & proceeded to ALOLA where we branched off the main road & descended to IORA CREEK which was crossed, then climbed steeply to the village of ABUARI of seven houses. Continuing on we arrived at MISIMA where I went down with a bad attack of gastric malaria so camped for the day.

Wed. 7th

Left MISIMA at 1230 hrs. for KAIKE arriving at 1320 hrs still bad with fever so camped.

Thurs. 8th

Down with fever all day.

Frid. 9th

Left KAIKE at 0700 hrs. & proceeded to SIGA village, on to KAHANUARA, fever still bad so decided

Agriculture.
 Native gardens are now being converted & I
 was able to purchase a little food for my caravans.
 I passed through several very fine native gardens,
 they were small but appeared to be doing very
 well. There will not be an abundance of food
 but no one should go hungry. I pointed out
 to the people the importance of building larger
 gardens as the natives were always better than
 a famine.

Villages.
 Villages were found to be exceptionally
 clean. The native people have great affinity in
 being able to procure good roofing material. They
 have to rely on the small leaves of the bamboo
 plant. The native people are now all back in their
 villages after being for months in the bush & are
 busy building new houses.

Roads.
 There were found to be fairly well kept everywhere
 the lack of motorized men in the villages. The
 road through the Kaituma district was quite good in
 places, but owing to the maintenance state of the
 country there are many spots where a good track
 cannot be made owing to dense & large tree roots.
 Roads through the Kaituma district were clean but
 very muddy in places.

II Kaituma trail with an outfit.
 To abandon the patrol & return to Kaituma. Left Kaituma
 & proceeded through the village of NISHERA & PARIVE
 (the latter being deserted) thence on to the Sumer-Kaituma
 road where we arrived at Kaituma at 1200 hrs.

In each village visited I gave a short history
 talk to the people.
 I informed them that before the war a native was
 free to "sign on" if he wished, but now everyone
 who was required to work must do so, not only
 natives but Europeans also. That if all hands
 that there share we would soon win the war
 & return to normal living conditions again.

J. D. Thompson, Sept. 1940.

J. D. T. who accompanied the party.
 No. 2561 ? bonatable GABEHI

" 2561 " 14617A
 " 2340 " 50R1

The J. D. T. carried out their normal routine work in
 an efficient manner.
 Bonatable GABEHI struck me as being a very good
 type of man & with more experience should make
 a good N.C.E. later on.

"Sibul Malero.
 Coming to the lack of better native medical order
 also I was unable to take one on first.

J. D. Thompson, Sept. 1940.

FIELD DIARY.

Tues. 10th. July.

Having previously despatched warning that I would be making a patrol of the area, I left Kokoda at 0730hrs, arriving GORARI at 1125 hrs. Inspected CIVI village enroute. Had lunch and left at 1235 hrs. for ILLIC arriving at 1400 hrs. Vill. Const. YAMBI reported.

Wed. 11th.

Left ILLIC at 0700 hrs. proceeded to WAIKOPU arriving 0750 hrs. Left WAIKOPU 0935 hrs. crossed the Kumusi River and climbed up to the village of OMBI, held inspection and proceeded to MUMBI Rest House having passed through, inspected and checked census of DEPARI and MUVIVI en route.

Thurs. 12th.

Despatched patrol gear direct to SASABATA rest house while I inspected and checked census of BRUGAHANGO, HEROTA, PINDA, KEM and GAROMBI villages.

Fri. 13th.

Left Sasabata at 0715 hrs. for ROMOTA holding inspections and census checks at KEWANA, HAMBORATA, NAININITA, PENGOROTURU.

Sat. 14th.

Left ROMOTA at 0700 hrs. for ISIVITA, holding inspections at HUBARITURU, HURITA, SAVARITURU, GOSABA, PERSTEMBARI, HIRORITA, INOTA, KANDAIA, KENDATA, GINGATA, NAUTA, SIGORITURU, HARAMA, KAFAMASUSU, BOSISMA, PENLIFE, & ISIVITA.

Sun. 15th.

Left Isivita at 0600 hrs. and held inspections at ZOROPATA, TAREURE, BUAYURU, POPONDOTA, PINDA, HAMUMUTA & KARITA, then proceeded to HIGATURU.

Mon. 16th.

At Higturu discussing District affairs with the D.O.

Tues. 17th.

Left Higturu at 0715 hrs, and returned to Isivita where the balance of my patrol gear was picked up. Proceeded to SOROPUTA, making inspections of TIMBEKI, MOZANI, GIWASUSU, PEROMBA, BANDARITURU, TOGARITURU, NDITA, POPOHANGO, & SOROPUTA.

Wed. 18th.

Left Seroputa at 0700 hrs. for AWALA, inspecting BEURU, PEMBA, KAKITA, BIRORI, MINDUTA, MHERETA, NAIHINITA, USOGI, DIPOTA & BORU.

Thurs. 19th.

Left AWALA at 0600 hrs. and inspected the villages of SUIHI No.1 & 2, TURANA, SARIRIBAMBO, SAUSUSU, HAUCUSI, OWJRI, EGASUSU, JINGI-TAKIONI, HENA, HEMBE, & SOMBERETA, returned to AWALA where I picked up a truck from Higaturu and proceeded to WAIROPE. Several matters attended to here, then proceeded to ILIMO where camp was made for the night.

Fri. 20th.

Left ILIMO at 0730 hrs. and proceeded to KOKODA arriving at 1230 hrs.

.....Capt.
F.A.Champion. ADO.

SUMMARY.

VILLAGES.

All villages inspected were found to be clean and tidy, with the undergrowth kept well cut back from the house areas.

MEDICAL & HYGIENE.

No serious sickness was encountered. 58 natives were sent to hospital suffering mostly from yaws, ulcers, scabies and minor sores.

Pit latrines appear to have been used regularly.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

All village constables were paid for the year ending 44/45.

These officials and also the councillors were most co-operative to the patrol, and were instrumental in getting their people together for the census checking.

Approximately 3000 natives were sighted during the trip.

AGRICULTURE.

It is most gratifying to see such large and well kept gardens in all areas. There is an abundance of food in all villages, and more than was necessary was brought in for purchase by the patrol.

ROADS & BRIDGES.

Roads throughout were excellent. All streams were bridged by logs with adzed topsides.

CRIME.

Very little court was carried out, as most of the court cases from this area go into Higaturu for trial, it being nearer than Kokoda. Only three natives were sentenced to prison, and all were adultery cases.

CENSUS.

A complete census was taken and the statistics are attached to this report.

WEATHER.

Weather conditions throughout the trip was excellent.

ROYAL PAPUAN CONSTABULARY.

Reg.No.1914, Const. ROMBI. A recent addition to the Kokoda strength. Was not very impressed by him.
" 1903, " PESAVO ditto.
" 2346 HAITA, Quiet and efficient.

All constables were severely reprimanded for allowing the carriers to proceed ahead of the patrol without being escorted. They appear to think that as soon as the patrol arrives at a Rest House their job is to sit down and chew betelnut.

On my return to Kokoda, the whole force was addressed and thoroughly instructed as to their various duties on the station and on patrol.

F.A.C.
.....Capt.
F.A.Champion. ADO.

NATIVE MEDICAL ORDERLY.

NMO 209, EMOS GISISA. Carried out his duties efficiently, and without any fuss.

F.A.C.
.....Capt.
F.A.Champion. ADO.

CENTRAL STATISTICS

	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
ANDHRA	29	21	24	25	8	11	97
ASSAM	17	12	14	10	5	5	53
BHARAT	15	13	11	13	9	7	67
BHARAT	17	13	7	9	8	4	45
BHARAT	16	15	10	4	7	5	45
BHARAT	15	7	3	9	4	7	31
BHARAT	9	11	6	7	4	2	39
BHARAT & GUJARAT	21	20	23	12	11	4	85
BHARAT	22	13	15	17	10	3	60
BHARAT	30	23	29	20	12	5	111
BHARAT	7	5	4	4	4	1	26
BHARAT	14	7	7	2	2	4	21
BHARAT	9	5	4	3	5	4	47
BHARAT No. 1	16	10	13	7	3	4	45
BHARAT No. 2	15	12	13	5	3	4	53
BHARAT	17	15	10	11	6	4	53
BHARAT	13	7	7	6	4	1	33
BHARAT	9	10	9	5	4	3	33
BHARAT	20	13	15	2	5	5	50
BHARAT	15	14	10	6	5	2	43
BHARAT	7	5	7	6	1	1	27
BHARAT	13	9	5	5	3	1	32
BHARAT	12	11	8	9	3	5	40
BHARAT	21	17	15	20	6	7	71
BHARAT	21	11	13	7	3	3	53
BHARAT	21	13	14	13	10	3	61
BHARAT	11	4	3	4	7	1	26
BHARAT (Asst.)	5	4	3	2	3	nil	15
BHARAT	15	11	6	7	6	4	39
BHARAT	17	9	5	15	9	3	41
BHARAT No. 1	20	20	14	20	7	5	74
BHARAT No. 2	10	12	13	7	3	5	44
BHARAT	7	25	10	19	7	3	92
BHARAT	9	12	6	8	3	2	35
BHARAT	7	7	5	7	3	1	26
BHARAT	15	12	11	12	6	2	52
BHARAT	14	13	14	8	6	5	53
BHARAT	19	15	14	16	2	6	64
BHARAT	10	3	6	4	7	nil	30
BHARAT	10	3	13	8	4	2	47
BHARAT	14	12	13	2	4	2	48
BHARAT	9	4	3	2	5	2	34
BHARAT	9	9	11	5	4	2	34
BHARAT	6	6	1	6	3	nil	19
BHARAT	19	13	9	9	9	6	49
BHARAT	15	12	18	11	6	3	55
BHARAT	19	15	13	16	3	6	66
BHARAT	12	9	7	7	5	6	28
BHARAT	9	7	3	6	5	1	22
BHARAT	19	16	5	12	4	10	52
BHARAT	13	22	18	22	14	4	57
BHARAT	12	9	5	3	7	3	26
BHARAT No. 1	12	12	7	5	3	4	28
BHARAT	10	7	6	5	3	4	28

Village.	MA	PA	MC	PC	Affect.	C/M	Total.
MALEWATURU	45	33	29	34	16	9	141
MAMBURATA	6	4	3	5	4	2	18
PEROMBA	11	7	7	9	6	2	34
OIWATURU	9	7	7	2	4	nil	25
BOZARI	28	21	13	15	3	3	75
POPORHAMBO	17	12	10	13	9	5	52
ASALA	11	9	6	5	5	3	31
HEMBE	7	4	3	4	4	1	18
KAKITA	11	0	5	2	2	2	26
BEURU	27	20	24	14	7	9	85
SOROPUTA (1)	15	8	14	8	10	2	45
" (2)	17	13	9	9	6	6	48
UHL	11	6	5	8	4	2	30
TOGARITURU	23	17	15	8	9	5	64
HORHAMBO	6	3	.	4	3	1	13
SERRE	17	12	11	10	6	4	50
VIKELI	29	23	23	20	11	5	95
KOROKOMBATA	16	15	7	10	8	4	50
POPOTA	17	21	16	15	9	1	69
BIROBI	5	3	2	1	4	.	11
KUUDU	11	7	5	1	5	2	24
SUIHI (1)	34	23	16	13	15	9	86
" (2)	18	15	13	12	7	4	58
TOHANA	10	6	1	4	4	1	21
SAWARIHAMBO	9	8	1	4	3	4	22
SAUSUSU	9	8	8	10	1	.	35
BORU	6	7	6	3	1	2	22
JORUTEUSE	13	10	6	7	5	4	36
ISOGL	14	13	14	9	6	1	50
ZOKUSI	14	11	7	4	6	1	36
HEWACA	14	12	4	6	4	7	36
SOMBERITA	10	13	5	9	2	6	37
SINGITAKIONI	20	21	13	19	8	5	73
MEHASUSU	23	18	13	9	8	6	63

GRAND TOTAL 4032.

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Ref: No.135/37-a/43

District Office,
HIGATURU.
6 Nov 43.

A.D.O.
KOKODA.

PATROL REPORT Kok. No. 4 of 1943/44.
BY W.O. 11 BLYTON D. R. P. O.

1. Please instruct P.O. Blyton that on his next visit to the Chirima Valley he must visit all villages, irrespective of how long it takes.
2. Take a census in every village and not at the Rest House.
3. After a census has been taken then it can be decided what Village Constables are no longer required. The census of course should be checked and amended on each patrol to the district. I agree that the Chirima natives are shy but census taking in each village can and has been done.
4. Every endeavour should be made to stop people living permanently at their garden houses.
5. There is not enough information in the body of the report re gardens, villages etc. visited.

Copy to: H.Q. ANGAU.

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

DISTRICT OF MAMBARE.
SUB-DISTRICT KOKODA,
5 Nov 43.

The District Officer,
Mambare District;
HIGATURU.

PATROL REPORT NO. 4 OF 1943-1944.
BY A/W.O.11 BLYTON D.R. - P. O.

Personnel: NGX.354 A/W.O.11 Blyton D.R.
R.P.C. 4

Purpose of patrol: To make a patrol of Chirima Valley and pay Vill.
Consts.

Date left Station: 5 Oct 43/
Date returned: 19 Oct 43.

Map: Previous Patrol Ref. No.1 42/43.

Last patrol to area made by: (a) District Services Field Staff (Capt. F.A. Champion, A.D.O.) on April 1943.

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DIARY.

Tuesday, 5 Oct 43. KOKODA to YODDA - 2 1/2 hrs.
1330 hrs with police and 12 carriers left KOKODA and walked along the new jeep road which goes through the rubber plantations of AMADA, MAMBA & KOMO and ends about 1/2 hour walk from YODDA. Waded across three slightly flooded streams and climbed about 60 ft to the small YODDA plateau which is very similar to the one at KOKODA. Arrived at YODDA 16.15 hrs.

Wednesday, 6 Oct 43. YODDA to MAIGU - 5 1/2 hrs.
0700 hrs left YODDA and after crossing three small creeks arrived at YODDA Creek at 0800 hrs. Proceeded and crossed VISANI Crk. 0825 hrs. At 0850 hrs met some BIAGI people from KAGA cleaning the track. Arrived at KANGA plantation 0855 hrs and rested for 25 mins. Crossed KAGAI Creek and began to climb. From KOKODA to this point the track is practically flat. At 11.00 hrs arrived at the top of the rise. From here looking back KOKODA can be seen. 10 mins later passed a small corrugated iron shed which I understood was used as a trade store. Descended to small creek 11.20 hrs and had lunch. Proceeded at 12.40 hrs and after crossing a winding stream three times, the last crossing being made at 13.40 hrs made a short climb of 20 mins and I arrived at MAIGU 14.00 hrs. The rest house is maintained by the KAGA people (BIAGIS).

Thursday, 7 Oct 43. MAIGU to KARU KARU - 4 1/2 hrs.
Left MAIGU 07.00 hrs. Crossed LATA Crk and proceeded to another fair sized creek arriving at 07.40 hrs. From here climbed until 08.20 hrs and then descended to a creek 08.35 hrs. Crossed a number of small ridges and lunched at 11.45 hrs. Proceeded at 12.50 hrs and after crossing McLAUGHLANS Crk. arrived at KARU KARU rest house at 13.10 hrs. Here 2 Consts. reported. I had sent them on the day before I left KOKODA with instructions to obtain 12 carriers. Vill. Const. TATAFI arrived with about 30 carriers from KOGA. Their women brought large quantities of food.

Friday, 8 Oct 43. KARU KARU to BURE - 4 1/6 hrs.
Sent 10 carriers back to KOKODA and selected KOGA boys from the many offering. I was fortunate in being able to obtain the services of Vill. Const. QWONDA of FOLEGABE. He speaks fluent MOTU & knows the CHIRIMA Valley. Left KARU KARU 07.30 hrs and passed over reasonably flat country to IOMAPA rest house arriving 09.00 hrs. Vill. Const. HASI of KAI-ONGA reported. Halted for 30 mins. Proceeded and immediately crossed ASIMBA Crk which is a large swift stream bridged by a stick

Friday, 8 Oct 43 Cont'd.

& kunda structure. The country from here to BURE is rough, the track crossing numbers of small steep ridges. Arrived DU Crk. at 11.00 hrs and after a 20 min halt went on, crossed the large swift BURE Crk. by bridge to BURE rest house which was reached at 12.30 hrs. The rest house is at the junction of BURE Crk & the Chirima River. A few hundred yards further up, the track crosses the CHIRIMA River. I found that the bridge had been washed away and in the afternoon set the carriers and police to work constructing a new one. As the local Vill. Const. FASI of GOMBUSA had not reported, I sent 2 Const to bring him and they met him on the track coming in. He brought about 50 lbs food. According to him most of the people have died during the last few years and he now has only four men. Another Vill. Const. TOBO of WAGITA came in and told the same story. He has only one man.

Saturday, 9 Oct 43. BURE to BOFU - 3 1/2 hrs.

Left BURE 08.15 hrs crossed CHIRIMA River and immediately started a steep climb up a badly overgrown track. At 09.00 hrs the track improved and after a short level stretch commenced climbing again. A small shelter was reached at 10.55 hrs and at 11.15 hrs arrived at the top. This was the first big climb of the patrol. From the top there is an extensive view of the CHIRIMA Valley. Its sides are very steep and there is no valley floor. The river is a raging torrent and its roar can be heard all over the valley. The track descended slightly and went along the side of the valley and after crossing a small creek at 11.50 hrs, arrived at BOFU at 12.00 hrs. Vill. Const. SIVANI-NGI came in with plenty of food. Said most of his men were away in the bush hunting pigs and he could not provide carriers. Told him it would be advisable for them to give the pigs a rest and be at the rest house at dawn on the following morning.

Sunday, 10 Oct 43. BOFU to EVESA - 2 1/2 hrs.

The BOFU boys duly arrived at 07.45 hrs I left BOFU and following the track around the side of the valley, descended to TU-C Crk 08.50 hrs. Climbed steeply, passed through a number of gardens and reached EVESA at 10.30 hrs. Vill. Const. SINE of EVESA reported. I inspected his village and visited ANDABARISA which is about 15 miles below EVESA. To the great delight of the police I was able to buy a fine pig for 5/- and 2 lbs of salt. That night the cook boy without my usual careful watching, burnt the sole out of one boot and half the sole from the other. I had no spare pair but luckily the inner soles were reasonably whole. Naturally this minor catastrophe made walking difficult in the rough country.

Monday, 11 Oct 43. EVESA to GARIMA - 3 1/2 hrs.

The EVESA Vill. Const. provided carriers and the patrol departed at 07.35 hrs. Descended to INAMBA Crk. 08.35 hrs after crossing two small creeks. Climbed to FORU RH 09.20 hrs. Here Vill. Const. IWORI reported. At 10.00 hrs proceeded to small village of BERUDANI 11.15 hrs. Left here 11.35 hrs and after descending to SONGO Crk. climbed to GARIMA 12.00 hrs. Some of the people here were away at KAMBISI to attend a dance. A prospective Vill. Const. was also away - he was off dancing at the time of the last patrol. Was able to get a change of carriers.

Tuesday, 12 Oct 43. GARIMA to KUAMA - 3 hrs.

Left GARIMA 07.30 hrs and passing through the small village of KANDAGO descended to the CHIRIMA River 08.25 hrs. Crossed river by bridge and climbed small steep spur and returned to the river. Came to the junction of INDABA Crk. and CHIRIMA River 08.50 hrs. Followed INDABA Creek for a short distance, crossed it and climbed a long steep spur up to KUAMA 12.00 hrs. The Air Warning Wireless Coy have a spotting station here, personnel 3. KUAMA is approx 7,000 ft above sea level and is within two easy days walk of Mt Albert Edward which can be seen clearly. The spotters told me that recently for three days there was a large patch of snow on one of the domes. All the people were away at the KAMBISI dances. The women brought in plenty of food and I kept the GARIMA carriers.

Wednesday, 13 Oct 43.

Rested for the day and had my clothes washed. The

Wednesday, 13 Oct 43 cont'd.

spotters' receiving set was out of order.

Thursday, 14 Oct 43. KUAMA to IONGAI - 3 1/2 hrs.

Left KUAMA 07.45 hrs and returned down the ridge to INDABA Crk. 08.45 hrs, climbed a ridge to GU 09.15 hrs. From here the track goes along the side of the valley. After crossing 3 small creeks arrived at MAIBANI 10.20 hrs. Climbed slightly and came to IONGAI 11.20 hrs. Vill. Consts. GUSI of EMOWAIAGIA & HAVI of MIRI reported. They were able to provide carriers and I sent the GARIMA people back to their village.

Friday, 15 Oct 43/ IONGAI - GIAGIGO - 5 hrs.

At 08.00 hrs left IONGAI and after visiting LIMIRI 15 mins off the main track descended to WAMBI Crk. Climbed steeply and walked along the side of the valley the track being very rough. Arrived at KAGO 11.00 hrs. Vill. Const. AGU of KAGO and TIOLA of KIRU reported. Went on at 11.30 hrs. Passed through the small villages of SISEGO, BARANDA and UWAIA. Descended to KUR Crk. and climbed to GIAGIGO 13.30 hrs. Vill. Const. GOPE reported and provided carriers.

Saturday, 16 Oct 43. GIAGIGO to FOLEGABE 9 1/2 hrs.

Left GIAGIGO 07.25 hrs climbed to DIMANICOLA 07.50 hrs then another climb to top of ridge 08.20 hrs. Steep descent to BURE Crk. 09.10 hrs and then a long climb to top of mountain 10.35 hrs. Rested for 25 mins and then down to JIU Crk 12.15 hrs. Here we had lunch. Proceeded at 13.15 hrs. Another climb and arrived at top 14.00 hrs. A long descent and arrived at FOLEGABE 15.30 hrs. Most of the men were away at KOGA.

Sunday, 17 Oct 43. FOLEGABE to KARU KARU - 4 1/2 hrs.

Left FOLEGABE 07.10 hrs. Steep descent to ASIMBA Crk 07.50 hrs and along climb up to KOGA 09.40 hrs. This is the site of another Air Warning Wireless station, person el 2. It too was off the air, the charging motor being out of action. Arranged to take it on with me to KOKODA. Had lunch and left at 12.35 hrs with KOGA boys as carriers. A steep long descent to KARU KARU 14.25 hrs.

Monday, 18 Oct 43. KARU KARU to YODDA - 8 hrs.

Left KARU KARU at 07.50 hrs. Arrived MAIGU 11.35 hrs. Proceeded at 12.40 hrs and at 13.20 hrs reached top of the big hill from which KOKODA can be seen. Descended and came to KANGA Pltn. 16.5 hrs. After a rest of 20 mins went on to YODDA 18.05 hrs. A long day.

Tuesday, 19 Oct 43. YODDA to KOKODA - 2 1/2 hrs.

Left YODDA 08.00 hrs and on way in obtained some nice fish with explosives from the Mamba River. Arrived back at KOKODA 11.30 hrs.

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ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The tracks are generally in first class condition. There are two small sections which are bad one hours walk from BURE & KAGO to GIAGIGO. Gave instructions to Vill. Consts. responsible to have sections cleaned.

I had no difficulty in crossing any of the various streams. Those of any size were bridged and the only bridge I had to construct was over the CHIRIMA River at BURE.

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REST HOUSES.

All the rest houses are in good repair. In the Chirima Valley they are roofed with the leaves of the giant pandanus. At odd places there were a few small leaks which is quite good considering the usual heavy afternoon rain. The rest houses are well spaced.

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NATIVE AGRICULTURE.

Approximately one quarter of the CHIRIMA valley consists of gardens and secondary growth. Some of the gardens are enormous - one I saw may have been at least $\frac{1}{2}$ mile deep and $\frac{1}{4}$ mile wide. It was subdivided by many fences. Sweet potatoes, yams and sugar cane appear to be the main crops. At the time of my visit, the yams had not matured. Corn, cucumbers and pumpkin were plentiful. I was brought a few small tomatoes and English potatoes. The signalers at KUAMA get plenty of the latter but they are mainly very small this being due they think to the natives not waiting until the plants mature.

The people appear to have plenty of food and at each place I came to big quantities were offered in exchange for salt. - up to 3 dessert spoons full for 25 lbs. From KAMU KAMU right up the valley and back except for two meals of rice, I was able to feed natives in the party on food bought locally.

Salt is the main purchasing agent with these natives. With it I paid carriers. They have their own home grown tobacco and are not interested in the least with the trade article.

The giant pandanus grows everywhere, the nuts from it are greatly prized.

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VILLAGES.

Few of the CHIRIMA villages are of any size mainly consisting of up to five houses which are scattered through the big gardens. Around each rest house there might be as many as nine small villages each up to $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours walk distant. To visit each village requires at least two days stay at each rest house. Heavy rain falls every afternoon almost invariably and the well worn tracks down the steep sides of the valley become well filled water courses. The natives shelter and not much can be done in the way of village inspecting. To visit each small village in the valley would take about a month. Houses in the CHIRIMA valley are high and narrow, the roofs being of giant pandanus leaves. The slope of the roofs is very acute and the eaves come down to the ground and form the walls. Pigs are very numerous and they live under the houses and are part of the family. With great difficulty I persuaded the natives to sell me five small pigs for 25/- which I brought to KOKODA with the idea of establishing a piggery which later may be able to supply some of the OROKAIVAS who at present have few. Most of the pigs I saw were reasonably well bred due to mission pigs brought from the missions across the range at ONDICE and other places. The natives think nothing of killing dozens of pigs for a dance but are reluctant to sell them.

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NATIVE SITUATION.

The people appear to be very contented. As it is impossible to use the men as indentured labourers, the villages are untouched and the natives lead a normal life. Most of the people are very shy. I tried to get them to live in an endeavour to get some idea of the population but it was unsuccessful due to the widely scattered villages. The men carried readily enough, they were anxious to obtain salt and I had difficulty in preventing surplus carriers accompanying the patrol. An alleged murder was reported but after careful investigation the supposed victim was found to have died from pneumonia. A case of tinned foodstuffs was stolen from rations sent to KUAMA. The Vill. Const. at BURE and four boys were said by other natives to be responsible, but there was no direct evidence. I brought them in to KOKODA, more for the effect on the minds of other natives in the valley, than in the hope of securing convictions. They denied the theft but considering all the circumstances it would appear that they were guilty.

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VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

With a few exceptions, none of the Vill. Consts. speak MOTU, and those that can are not good at it. Vill. Const. QWONDA of POLEGABE speaks MOTU fluently. He is intelligent and diplomatic. I found him to be invaluable and suggest that anyone visiting the CHIRIMA should obtain his

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VILLAGE OF IGLEAS CONT'D.

services. I have arranged for him to present himself at FANU KARD each time a patrol comes through. Vill. Const. COPE of CDAGICO is about the best Vill. Const. in the valley, a fine looking intelligent man. Vill. Const. TATAPI of KOGA is rather dull but he could not do enough for the patrol. The spotters at his village say he is of great assistance to them. He was most concerned about the stolen rations and because they had come through his district, wanted to pay £1 towards their cost. The other village policemen are fair.

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PROFA GANDA.

At each place I told the people how the Japs were being driven back and that all the planes they saw belonged either to the Australians or Americans. They spoke of hearing machine gun fire from planes and I explained that it was the crew warning their guns which being much higher than they were correspondingly colder.

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Signed.

D.R. BLYTON A/W.O.11
P. O.

HEALTH.

I heard of isolated cases of measles, mumps and pneumonia. There were a few natives with ulcers and yaws. Owing to the high altitude, the water in the streams is icy cold, which accounts for the general dirty look of the natives. I think the only bath they get is when caught in the rain.

From village books it would appear that there has been no medical patrol since 1939 when Mr Wright made a long extensive patrol visiting most of the villages. The medical assistant at this station intended accompanying me but at the last moment he had to remain to attend to a serious hospital case.

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Signed.

D.R. BLYTON. A/W.O.11
P. O.

GENERAL.

On most of my patrols I make a profile of the country traversed and I find it very useful. Details given by natives, even if very familiar with the track, are vague. At present we have no aneroid barometer on the station, on its arrival I will be able to show various heights.

Signed.

D. R. BLYTON. A/W/O. 11
P. O.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES — NEW GUINEA FORCE

Ref: No. 80/37-a/43

Headquarters
District Office,
HIGHTURU.
6 Oct 43.

A.D.O.
KOKODA.

PATROL REPORT No. 3 of 1943/44
By W.O. 11 BLYTON D.R.

The above report is quite a good one, but it is considered that future reports should be more comprehensive, give as many details as possible, travelling time, condition of tracks, etc. Subsequent reports covering the same areas can be confined to the requirements set out in ADM instructions.

A copy of "Memorandum to P.O.'s", drawn up by Capt. McKenna, has already been forwarded to you. The principles outlined therein are to be adhered to.

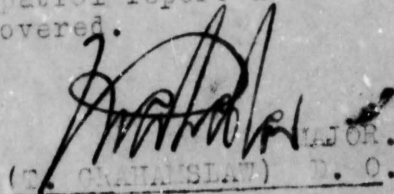
A sketch map must accompany each patrol report until the whole of your sub-district has been covered.

Map supplied with R/Rpt 1103 of 42/43.

All times are stated in the diary.

Condition of roads & bridges also ~~fully~~ explained in detail.

T.O. what is wrong with you? or did someone else write the above letter?


MAJOR.
W.O. 11 BLYTON D.R.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

Sub-District Office.
KOKODA.

The District Officer,
HIGATURU;
NAMBARE DISTRICT.

PATROL REPORT NO. 3 of 1943/44.
BY W/O.11 BLYTON. D.R. P.O.

Date left Station: 9 Sep 43
Date Returned: 18 Sep 43

Purpose of Patrol: To recruit natives from WOWONGA District.

Personnel: NGX354 - W/O.11 BLYTON, D.R.
IX43809 - SGT. PALFRAMAN T.W.
Interpreter.
R.P.C. personnel 4
Native Carriers 16

Map: Previous Patrol Ref. 3/42/43.

Last patrol to area made by:-

(a) District Services Field Staff (Lt. Robinson J.E)
P.O. on 2 May 43.

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DIARY.

9 Sept. 43.

Heavy continuous rain fell during the early hours of the morning and did not abate until 09.00 hrs. Left KOKODA 10.35 hrs. arrived OIVI 13.05 hrs. More rain. Proceeded at 14.30 hrs to GORARI, 15.45 hrs. Here the river was up about 2 ft & impassable. The kunda bridge was practically down. Apparently a log carried on a recent big flood had damaged it. Sent for Vill. Const. of IAMBISODA & SISARETTA. He reported & was instructed to have the people ready at dawn on the following day to commence repairs.

10 Sept 43.

Left GORARI 07.30 hrs. Found village people working on bridge. River was down sufficiently for the patrol to wade across. Arrived ILLHO 10.00 hrs. Departed 10.35 hrs arrived ASISI 12.00 hrs. Proceeded to PAIWA where the party sheltered from a heavy downpour of rain. Left here & arrived SIORATA (No.1) at 16.05 hrs. Crossed KUMISI River by excellent kunda bridge to SAWARHAMBO. Received unwelcome news that the bridge further up the KUMISI River was unserviceable. Instructed Vill. Const. KOMO to start the people on repairs early next day. 1e

11 Sept. 43.

Left SAWARHAMBO 07.30 hrs and arrived at bridge 09.00 hrs. The village people were working on it and judging by the number of new lengths of kunda in place they must have commenced very early. At 08.30 the party were able to cross and I left orders that the people were to work all day and make a strong structure. Climbed to CORABINA 10.30 hrs. Lunched at SA River 11.30 hrs. Arrived MANGUBE 17.00 hrs.

12 Sept. 43.

Departed MANGUBE 08.00 hrs and passed BUIARA 08.15 hrs. EMO River 09.15 hrs, NUABO 10.00 hrs, EJARO 11.15 hrs, UCISA 12.10 hrs. Arrived ABOMA 14.00 hrs. There Sgt Palframan gave medical treatment.

13 Sept 43.

Leaving the Med. Asst., 1 R.P.C., & the carriers at ABOMA. I departed 08.20 hrs with interpreter and 3 R.P.C. At 08.45 hrs crossed stream which natives say is KUMUSI River. Arrived KOVIO 10.00 hrs. Lined village people & commenced recruiting. On way back to ABOMA visited VIABE which is 10 mins off main track. Found it to be deserted, the people having gone to ABOMA. On returning there recruited from ABOMA & VIABE people.

14 Sept 43.

Left ABOMA 07.30 hrs and arrived UGILA 07.55 hrs, EJARO 08.55 hrs, RUABO 09.45 hrs, KUMARO 11.40 hrs, MANAGUBE 12.30 hrs. Natives were recruited from each village visited. Decided not to go on to AIROBILA as there was no rest house there or accommodation for the now large party.

15 Sept 43.

Departed MANAGUBE 07.15 and arrived AIROBILA 08.35 hrs. Recruited more natives. Lunched at GOREBUNA 12.10 hrs & left 13.45 hrs arriving SAWARIHAMBO 15.45 hrs.

16 Sept 43.

Left SAWARIHAMBO 08.15 & passed PAIWA 09.05 hrs ASISI 10.00 hrs, PAPAKI 11.15 hrs and arrived WAIROPE 12.10 hrs. Here I phoned A.D.O. KOKODA and suggested that I proceed to AWALA and pick up Signals gear and rations. He agreed. I had intended to proceed to AWALA in the afternoon but the WOWONGA recruits had lagged behind & they did not arrive until 14.00 hrs. Phoned a message to Capt. Bennett of Signals Doboduu, that if he would send a jeep load of rice & biscuits to AWALA I could lift about 1000 lbs of his cargo.

17 Sept 43.

At 07.00 hrs left WAIROPE with about 50 boys & proceeded to AWALA arriving 09.35 hrs. Received message from Capt Bennett that jeep had been despatched at 07.30 hrs from DOBODUUN. At 12.00 hrs jeep had not arrived & Lieut Searle (A.N.G.A.U.) lent me rations for natives and offered me rice to carry back to KOKODA. Borrowed 12 bags Jeep arrived 13.00 hrs having been delayed by fallen trees on road. Returned 6 bags to Lt. Searle. Left AWALA 14.30 hrs & arrived WAIROPE 17.00 hrs.

18 Sept 43.

Three signallers for new station at MAMBA joined party. Departed WAIROPE 07.15 hrs passing ILIMO 08.13 hrs GORARI 10.15 hrs. Arrived OIVI 11.45 hrs. Left OIVI 13.30 hrs & arrived MAMBA 14.30 hrs. Here dropped signallers gear & rations & arrived KOKODA 17.00 hrs.

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ROADS & BRIDGES.

KOKODA TO OIVI.

Generally the track is in bad condition. A jeep can now be driven 16 miles from the station. There are a number of boggy parts further on which would require expensive work spent on them beyond the powers of the men left in adjoining villages. Trees felled across the track by signallers clearing the line are now being removed by the boys recently allotted to the Signals for line work.

OIVI TO ILIMO.

The grass has been recently cut and the track generally is good. A few creeks have been bridged with logs each anchored at one end to a tree by a length of strong vine so that when floods come, instead of being washed away they may swing round to the side of the stream and later be replaced in position. The kunda bridge at GORARI is now in good condition.

ILIMO TO SARAWIHAMBO.

Most of the track is fairly well cut. Going to ASISI there are three fair sized creeks unbridged one of which would

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require a kunda bridge. Between PAIWA & SIORATA a good steel cable bridge crosses IPOHI River. At SIORATA there is an excellent kunda bridge reinforced by twire over the KUMUSI River.

SARAWIHAMBO TO WOWONGA.

The KUMUSI River is bridged by a kunda structure but in order during my patrol. The turbulent SA River beyond GOREBUNA requires a kunda bridge & this will have to be constructed later by the SARAWIHAMBO people. The track is good

WOWONGA DISTRICT.

All the tracks and bridges in this area are in truly excellent shape. I doubt whether the most carping critic could find fault with them. Logs across creeks were carefully flattened on the top side and could be walked on in confidence. On the last patrol made by Lieut. Robinson while he was delayed for 3 days by malaria his R.P.C. & carriers put in some steps. The WOWONGAS have followed this example & have steps on most of the steep grades and in some cases have zig-zagged them to provide easier walking. Tracks have been well cut out some as much as 20 ft.

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REST HOUSES.

At SARAWIHAMBO the rest house has been rebuilt & is in good condition. GOREBUNA rest house is good.

In the WOWONGA district four new rest houses have been constructed. As rest houses go, they could almost be described as palatial. They are at MANAGUBE, EJARO, ABOMA & KOVIO. Those at EJARO & ABOMA are hardly necessary as the walk through WOWONGA does not occupy a full day & I doubt if these two will be used.

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NATIVE AGRICULTURE.

Food is very plentiful in the WOWONGA area mainly yams and pumpkin Using salt as a purchasing agent, I was able to buy ample quantities to feed natives in the party.

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VILLAGES.

The WOWONGA villages are neat & pleasing in appearance. There is an atmosphere of happiness about them.

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RECRUITING.

I did not advise the main object of the patrol until I arrived at the last village KOVIO. As I came through the villages I told the Vill. Consts. & Couns. that I wanted to see all the people on my return. At KOVIO I lined the people & explained that all the fit men from other districts had for some time been assisting the Government to drive the Japanese out of the country & now their men would have to help. They would not be in any danger as the Japanese had been driven well to the North. This procedure was followed at the villages from which men were recruited.

SUMMARY OF RECRUITING.

<u>VILLAGE.</u>	<u>NO OF HOUSES.</u>	<u>NO LINED UP.</u>	<u>NO RECRUITED.</u>
KOVIO	10	72	8
VIABE	11	44	8
ABOMA	14	140	9
UCILA	12	60	7

SUMMARY OF RECRUITING WORK.

VILLAGE?	NO OF HOUSES.	NO LINED UP.	NO RECRUITED.
KOJABO	9	47	6
EJARO	11	50	6
KUMARA	14	60	3
MANAGURE	12	50	3
WAIROBILA	13	70	4
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There was one volunteer.

I took a recent census with me & watched that the men of recruit-able age were present. I am confident that not more than about 10 men of this class were absent.

The medical assistant examined each prospective recruit closely and an appreciable number were passed over because of physical disability. Big families were common and no man with large domestic responsibilities was recruited.

The WOWONGA people live at an altitude of approx. 3500' (KOVIC 3529', WAIROBILA 2900'). The villages are mainly level with each other. The people could almost be called mountain natives. Their country is, I believe, above the malaria line and it will be interesting to see how they fare in the lower altitudes.

Only about six of the recruits had been indentured before. It is the first time the others have left their district.

The absence of the men recruited should not have an appreciable detrimental effect on the community as a whole.

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HEALTH.

Generally the health of the WOWONGA people is fair. The medical assistant is rendering a separate report.

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VILLAGE POLICEMEN.

Vill. Const. DECOVI controlling ABOMA & VIABE is a personality and appears to have great influence over his people. His efforts helped in no small degree to get the majority of the people to line up. Vill. Consts. PAUSI, OIBI, KAROIVI & ANAMA appeared to do their work in a reasonably satisfactory manner.

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R. P. C.

NO.	CONST.	VILLAGE.	DISTRICT.
1904	ARIJA	SAIROPE	KOKODA
1863	DURA	WAKUA	DAKU
1829	WARA	OLME	KIKORI
1274	OSI	DAPAKI	KOKODA

All constables gave a good performance. They carried out their duties well with a minimum of direction. Const. ARIJA's village is close to the WOWONGA district and he knows their language. He proved of great assistance.

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(Signed)

D. A. BLYTON,
.....O.I.R.
P.O.

No. 5

43/44

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

Ref: No.162/37-a/43

District Office,
MIGATURU.
15 Nov 43.

H. J. J.
A.N.G.A.U.

Patrol Report No.5/43-44 - Capt. F.A. Champion.

Ref. your D.S. 1658/43-2781.

1. WAIROPI Bridge: The ADO furnished a separate report and my comments thereon were also forwarded.
2. Native Labour: In my opinion any native should be liable to recruitment unless he has four or more young children. Other cases should be judged on their merits. For instance if a man has two or three children ranging from say four years of age upwards I don't think he is liable to exemption. A few men should be kept to make gardens for the whole community with the assistance of all the women. I realise this is not as easy as it seems but it had just got to be enforced. A big majority of families are experiencing hardships but this must be expected. The man on the spot should be able to make these decisions, especially if he has the census of each village.
3. Propaganda: I did not comment on this incident because I imagined that it was a well known custom. Perhaps I can clarify the position. In most tribes in the Territory of Papua when a man leaves his village, forcibly or otherwise, his relatives usually create a scene by wailing and dancing (a dirge) and the wife throws herself to the ground in an assumed frenzy. If the man going away is a Headman or Chief natives from nearby villages are paid by him to come and cry. I have often seen these "Town Criers" at work and I imagine the A.D.O. has too but he too failed to enlarge upon it. At times this custom is most embarrassing. Propaganda is being used and will continue to be used but it must be remembered that for over thirty years the Papuan Administration has drummed it in to the native that he can please himself, whether he goes to work (indenture) or not. And now we tell him he must work whether he likes it or not. For him it is hard to comprehend. I don't think we can expect all natives to grasp the situation fully in 18 months of warfare in spite of intense propaganda. He thinks it is our war and not his, which for a native is not unreasonable thinking. However we are trying to persuade him that this war is as much his as ours, and I think we have had some measure of success.

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

DISTRICT OF MAMBARE,
KOKODA SUB-DISTRICT;
24th October 1943.

The District Officer,
Mambare District;
HIGATURU.

PATROL REPORT NO. 5 of 1943/44.
BY CAPT. CHAMPION F.A. - A.D.O.

Personnel:

Capt. Champion F.A. - A.D.O.
R.P.C's - 2
Carriers - 12

Objects:

To recruit 20 labourers for Higatura, Census taking
and General Inspections.

Duration:

Date left Station:- 11 Oct 43.
Date Returned:- 19 Oct 43.

Area:

Districts East of Kokoda as far as Wairopi.

Last Patrol to area
made by:-

W.O. 11 Blyton - P.O. - Dist. Services Field Staff
on 6 Aug. 43.

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D I A R Y.

Monday 11th October.

Left Kokoda at 0810 hrs and proceeded down the main road to the Pirive turn off which is 1 hr 20 mins from Kokoda and after walking for a further five minutes we arrived at the new Pirive Village. These people are about the laziest in the whole of the Kokoda Dist. Their new village is being constructed at a very slow rate, and it is my intention to shake these people out of their tired ways. Took a census of the village and gave them a good talking to regarding their apathetic outlook on life, and to pay more attention to village hygiene. Left Pirive at 1015 hrs for Mainari arrived at 1100 hrs. This village consists of 6 houses and was very clean. Told the people to follow me to Kanandara for census taking, I arrived at Kanandara at 1125 hrs., a village of 5 houses. No.51 Vill. Const. HUGARI reported and was instructed to parade his people for census taking. Took the census and spoke to the people as I did at Pirive. Left Kanandara at 13.00 hrs for Kepara arrived at 1345 hrs. The rest house was in a bad state so I chose a new site and told the people to build a new one. Took census of Kepara and Kamondo villages, the latter being a small place of four houses, 1/4 hrs walk from Kepara. Camped for the night and purchased sufficient food to feed my party. No labour recruits were available from any villages visited today.

Tuesday, 12th October.

Left Kepara at 0700 hrs and passed through Kamondo village of four houses, road in a bad state, overgrown with grass, after crossing Kaili Creek, the road was wide and well cleared. We then started going into the hills, climbed up to the village of Paintambari arrived at 0745 hrs. Village of eight houses all in good order. Took the census and left at 08.00 hrs. on a well kept road to Sengi No.2, a new village of 3 houses, the short distance further brought us to Sengi No.1. arrived at 0945 hrs. Village of 10 houses all in good order. Took a census & left at 1047 hrs., after travelling across fairly broken country we arrived at Raju No.2., at 1040 hrs. Village of 6 houses in good order. After taking a census we left at 1120 hrs for Raju No.1 arriving at 1220 hrs. Village of 3 houses. Took census. Owing to flooded state of the River I was forced to camp for the rest of the day.

Wednesday, 13th October.

Left at 0630 hrs and arrived at the Sibuni

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at 1/4 hr later, the river was running strongly and it took nearly 1 hr for my party to cross, having crossed safely we climbed up to the village of Unjiki of 4 houses, all in fair order. Took a census and left at 0810 hrs and after travelling over fairly rough country we arrived at Ambeni at 0930 hrs. No.27 Vill. Const. ILIMO reported. Took the census and recruited three men for Higaturu. Left Ambeni at 1100 hrs for Ambeni No.2. arrived at 1135 hrs. Village of 4 houses, very clean and tidy. Took the census and left at 1155 hrs. and proceeded along a very well kept road towards Ilimo on the main Kokoda-Buna road. After travelling for about 1 hr. I branched off to the right and visited Ingi village of 3 houses, the people here belong to the Sauni tribe. Told the Ingi people that I would take a census of their village at Ilimo on my return from Wairope. Continuing on, we arrived at Ilimo at 131 hrs. Had lunch and left at 1435 hrs for Sapaki arrived at 1500 hrs. No.23 Vill. Const. AHEMARI reported. Took the census and recruited 3 labourers for Higaturu. Left Sapaki at 1630 hrs for Asisi arrived at 1720 hrs. No.5 Vill. Const. HAWA reported and was instructed to assemble all his people for census taking tomorrow morning. Purchased sufficient native food for my party.

Thursday, 14th October.

Took a census and left at 0830 hrs and branched off the road on the left, 10 mins walk brought us to the Kumsai which was crossed by a cane suspension bridge. We then climbed up to Bothu village of 10 houses, arrived at 0910 hrs. Heavy rain started on our arrival. Took census and recruited 2 labourers for Higaturu. Left Bothu at 1235 hrs and passed through Scrape village of 3 houses continuing on a very good road to Fambi No.2 of 3 houses then a few minutes walk to Fambi No.1 of 6 houses, arrived 1330 hrs., most of the people were in their gardens so left word for them to be at Sairope in the morning. Leaving Fambi we pushed on to Sairope arrived at 1430 hrs. This village has 20 houses and a very good rest house. No.28 Vill. Const. SAHEMO reported and was commended on the cleanliness of his district. The people of Fambi No.2 came in so I took a census of that village. Purchases a good supply of native food.

Friday, 15th October.

Started on the census of Fambi No.1, Sairope, Patemo, and Asata villages at 0645 hrs, and completed it at 1030 hrs. Left Sairope at 1045 hrs and arrived at Joka 10 mins later. Took census and recruited 2 labourers, then onto Unya Village of 11 houses. Arrived at 1135 hrs. Took census and left at 1230 hrs for Samara arrived at 1250 hrs. A village of 6 houses. Had lunch and took the census. Left Samara at 1350 hrs for Tara arrived at 1430 hrs, village of 16 houses. No.34 Vill. Const. TUMBARI reported. Took census and left at 1535 hrs. for Umbi - arrived at 1600 hrs. This village is in three parts, a few minutes walk between each and has a total of 12 houses. Took census and left at 1705 hrs for Wairope arrived at 1745 where we camped.

Saturday, 16th October.

Left Wairope at 0730 hrs., and crossed the Ilimo River and climbed up to Haki Village of 11 houses. Took the census and recruited 3 labourers for Higaturu. These men were instructed to report to Wairope tomorrow. Left Haki at 0920 hrs for Samara arrived at 0940 hrs. No. ? Vill. Const. PAHO reported. Samara No.1 & 2 have 8 houses in each village. Took the census and left at 1100 hrs for Wairope arrived at 1200 hrs. Had lunch and left at 1410 hrs for AJEKA arrived at 1425 hrs. Village of 9 houses. Took census and left at 1520 hrs for Warina arrived at 1535 hrs. Village of 12 houses. Took census and left at 1625 hrs and returned to Wairope arrived at 1655 hrs.

Sunday, 17th October.

At Wairope. I made a thorough inspection of the Wairope bridge and will furnish a separate report. At present the bridge is a menace to travellers.

Monday, 18th October.

Left Wairope at 0625 hrs for Hojevahambo (Sapaki No.2) arrived at 0720 hrs. Village of 8 houses. Took census and left at 0800 hrs for Ilimo arrived at 0825 hrs. Took census of Ingi Vill.

They left at 0930 hrs for Afa Village of 7 houses about 5 mins. walk
 a 1st Vill. Took census and left at 1015 hrs. for Si village arrived
 at 1030 hrs. This is a new village under construction, the people
 are living in lean to houses. No. 25 Vill. Const. HANUMI reported.
 Took census and left at 1110 hrs for Aniri arrived at 1145 hrs. These
 people are also building a new village. Took census, had lunch and left
 at 1230 hrs for Umbiscia Village of 6 houses. No. 25 Vill. Const.
 HANUMI reported. Most of his people were in their gardens so told
 him to call them in to Gorari, just across the Tiburi River. I proceed-
 ed on to Gorari after crossing the river on a good cane bridge. The
 Umbiscia people came in and a census was taken. Left Gorari at 1530
 hrs for Sisiria arrived at 1600 hrs. Took census and instructed the
 people to complete a house at Gorari for the signallers stationed there.
 Left at 1630 hrs. For Givi arrived at 1710 hrs.

Tuesday, 10th October,

Left Givi at 0630 hrs. for Kokoda arriving at
 0910 hrs.

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ROADS AND BRIDGES.

KOKODA - AUTEMBO DIST.

The road from Kokoda to the Pirive turn off was in
 a fairly good condition, parts are low lying & swampy and there is
 always an abundance of mud at these spots. Labour from Kokoda, when
 available, is being used to rectify this fault.

From the Pirive turn off and practically through-
 out the whole of the Autembo District the roads were generally bad.
 Vill. Const. HUGARI has been strongly reprimanded and if there is no
 improvement in his district when the next patrol visits it, he will be
 recommended for dismissal.

AUTEMBO DIST. - SIBIKI DIST.

After leaving the Autembo Dist. there was a
 vast improvement in the general condition of the roads. All small
 creeks had fairly large logs across them with adzed top sides.

ANIRI - ILIMO.

Road and bridges in very good order. A credit to the
 people responsible for their upkeep.

ILIMO - PAPAKI.

Good in places, but bad crossing the big Kara Kara patch
 on which Papaki village stands, it being only a narrow track through
 the tall grass.

PAPAKI - ASISI.

Road perfect. Wide and well cleaned. The Anisi people
 have always had good clear roads.

ASISI - SAIROFI.

A very good cane and wire bridge crosses the Kusuai
 River ten minutes walk from Asisi. Roads and bridges throughout the
 day's walk were a pleasure to walk on. Wide and well cleaned, and all
 tracks bridged with adzed logs.

SAIROFI - HAWARA.

Roads perfect. No complaints. The big wire rope br-
 idge across the Kusuai at Sairofi is in a bad state and is far too big
 a job to expect the local village natives to repair. It requires re-
 building completely. A separate report and suggestions will be sub-
 mitted.

HAWARA - HIGARI.

The first 1/4 hrs walk is spent crossing creeks and the
 HIGARI RIVER which is too wide to bridge by the log method. Road thro-
 ugh Hawara DIST. was also found to be well cleaned.

WAIROE - ILMO - GORARI.

This road, between these places was in poor order. Several large bridges require to be built. These were all washed away at high water. These bridges in peace time and have been destroyed by war.

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The same bridge across the LISUMI River at Gorari was in good order, but needs daily constant maintenance, as there is a large amount of traffic on it these days.

GORARI - OIVI.

Road only fair, the local people are now working on it.

OIVI - KOKODA.

Between OIVI and the Mamba River is very bad, owing to the nature of the country, it needs extensive draining and concrete laying down. In my opinion it is rather too big a job for the limited number of villagers to do. From the Mamba to Kokoda the road is good but very muddy in patches. Kokoda labour is now working on this section.

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VILLAGES.

Extensive building operations are being carried out throughout all the villages visited. Most of the people fled to the bush during the Jap occupation and their houses suffered accordingly. On their return they built very flimsy "shacks" on the ground. These are now being replaced with structures built on piles, above the ground.

The villages of Kapaki, Bi and Angiri are being completely rebuilt on new sites.

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NATIVE AGRICULTURE.

Native gardens are now producing food, and no difficulty was experienced in purchasing native foods for an party of 16.

The gardens are rather smaller than previously owing to a large number of boys being away on the various labour lines.

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REST HOUSES.

Antembo Dist. Rest House situated at Keparu was ordered to be rebuilt. The existing one is in the middle of the village and consists of a roof and three walls, no privacy whatever from the prying eyes of the village children. A very neat Rest House is being constructed at Acisi, is fairly small but quite suitable for travelling Dist. Staff.

The Sairope Rest House was found to be the best on the whole trip, and is a credit to the builders.

Wairope, Ilimo, and Oive all have large houses, these being occupied by signals personnel. A new and larger Rest House is being built at Gorari, also for use of sig. personnel.

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NATIVE LABOUR ETC.

The main object of the patrol was to recruit, impress or otherwise obtain 20 labourers for the P.O. at Hagebana, so I decided to take a census of each village to see what how many recruitable natives were obtainable. At the end of the patrol I had only managed to obtain 124 recruits. These natives were single men or married without any families.

If any more natives are recruited from this district, they will have to be married men with children and it will certainly mean a struggle for the families.

The birth rate is non-existent.

At each village I also called for volunteers for the R.P.C. Most of the replies were, "Saubeds, who will look after the women and children

"if you take any more more men away." One old man came forward and put a 10/- note and a hand full of silver on my table and begged me not to take his son away. One feels guilty of Kidnapping having to take men against their will, especially when the women and children start wailing and throwing themselves on the ground.

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CRIME ETC.

No serious cases were reported. One or two petty thieving cases were brought before me, these were settled out of Court to the satisfaction of all parties.

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ADMINISTRATION.

At each village I spoke to the assembled people about paying more attention to village hygiene. Councillors were instructed to talk things over with their people and it was pointed out that deep pit latrines in all villages would be very beneficial to the general health of the community.

They were also instructed to burn all village refuse instead of sweeping it to the edge of the village thereby making an ideal breeding place for flies.

Of course one can hardly expect them to dig deep pit latrines with sticks. If possible, it would be better if several shovels were made available to each district for this purpose.

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Signed,

F. CHAMPION. CAPT.
A.D.C.

HEALTH.

Several cases of yaws and ulcers were seen, these were instructed to go to Kokoda for treatment. It has been noticed that quite a lot of natives report at Kokoda hospital of their own free will for medical treatment, this augurs well for the future health of the natives.

Signed.

F. A. OPALZION Capt.
A.D.O.

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C.E.F.S.U.S.

VILLAGE	M.A.	P.A.	M.S.	P.S.	TOTAL POPULATION
BIRI	28	16	13	6	63
BALEMBARI	20	15	17	6	58
KAHAND BARA No.2	7	7	4	-	18
" No.1	10	9	9	11	49
PAIYEMBARI	11	6	3	4	24
KARORO	9	10	9	4	32
SEMI	155	19	12	14	60
WAJU No.2	9	8	8	10	35
" No.1	16	14	21	23	74
BAMBISOLA	13	11	15	10	49
SIBIRITA	23	15	19	11	68
ANGIRI	16	13	16	18	63
AJERA	15	19	15	12	61
WAKINA	16	19	13	11	59
JIVAHAMBO	14	13	13	3	43
BOTHO	19	14	12	14	59
ASISI	322	24	25	20	101
TARA	23	21	17	16	67
OMBI	25	22	25	11	83
HOSAKI	9	6	2	3	21
UNYIKI	69	1	25	1	19
HAKI	30	30	19	12	91
HAMARA No.1	24	23	12	14	73
" No.2	17	11	1	4	33
INDI (INGI)	4	4	6	7	21
PAPAKI No.2	6	3	3	3	14
" No.1	48	50	24	41	173
PITENO	14	13	11	11	49
ANISA	6	6	4	3	19
JOKA	16	16	19	11	62
SOMARA	11	10	4	3	28
ASATA	9	10	8	6	33
UNGA	22	19	14	13	68
SAIROPE	21	27	21	25	94
FEMBE No.1	18	15	6	10	49
" No.2	5	3	8	4	23
APA	12	9	6	5	32
BI	11	11	16	11	49
AMRENI No.1	16	8	13	9	46
" No.2	6	4	4	3	16

Signed.

F. A. CHAMPION CAPT.
A.D.C.

LOKODA

No. 9

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...to inspect the local people to clear
grass from around the rest house, work which the ADO had ordered to
be done while he was passing through about a week previously. He
gathered information at about 07.00 hrs. that the clearing had not been started
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THOMAS - AMATA ASSISTANT

Accompanied by CPT WAKOBA (MATIVE LABOR SECTION) who was
returning to a room, left KOWUSI 08.00 hrs and proceeded along
the main KOWUSI-WAKOBA track. For approximately 2 miles the track
has been made into a jeep road and this section ends at JOVA creek
where the track previously turned left and traversed a short distance
of low lying ground usually sandy and strewn by old-logs from
JOVA creek. It now continues straight on and crosses the creek by a
large log recently placed in position by a section of the labor.
The new section follows an old Japanese track on its left and
joins the old track after about 1/2 mile. continued on to OVA 10.30
hrs over a very dry track - there had been no rain for three days.
Proceeded at 10.00 hrs and met CPT MOORE (MATIVE LABOR) who was in
charge of a labor line engaged in clearing the clearing on each
side of the track. He was at a point about 20 mins the OVA side of
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way to inspect rubber trees at WAKO. Went on at 10.45 hrs and reached
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a large stream. Reached to 08.00 hrs. Went on to collect crossing
three small streams. Checked census and gave general
notes. Reached to 09.00 hrs. and after descending to small creek
climbed up to valley at 09.40 hrs. The highest village in the MONOMA
group. All coast people were at ABOMA and
checked the census of both villages and gave general notes.
Reached on at 09.20 hrs. crossed two small ridges and came to
stream which narrows as it flows. Climbed to the top of hill
09.40 hrs. and left the main track to visit VABO which is 3 miles
distant. It was deserted with the people being at ABOMA. Returned to the
main track and resumed climbing. Crossed a few small ridges and arrived
at KAVIA 10.20 hrs. from here the track goes over a low divide to the
left district. All coast people reported.

Monday 19 Jan 44 - KAVIA - KAVIA 2 hrs

Left KAVIA at 07.40 hrs. and after crossing a large stream
arrived at KAVIA 08.00 hrs. collected sites for latrine and refuse pits.
Proceeded at 08.20 hrs. and followed a fairly level track which soon
along close to the KAVIA river. Reached a large tributary at 09.30 hrs.
climbed to the top of a small steep rocky ridge and came to KAVIA. This
village was situated most from the recent attack or epidemics. On
checking the census I found that 10 people had died during the
outbreak. All coast people and controls this village came to KAVIA
to advise of the census and returned with me on the patrol. Head general
MORIS, warned to the people. The village site is very rocky and the
general position suitable for a latrine and refuse pits is 200 yds
distant. Left KAVIA at 10.30 hrs. The track goes up the ridge for about
1/2 mile and then descends a creek. Climbed up to KAVIA 12.45 hrs
where there is a good rest house. Checked census and head general
MORIS, later. The people brought in small quantities of food.

Tuesday 20 Jan 44 - KAVIA - KAVIA 2 hrs

Checked census of people in KAVIA and MONOMA. With pick and
shovel I dug program at the latrine, and the house of control and village
people, constructed a large deep pit latrine, covered with small logs
and on top put logs with a foot leading to small entrance. Four
all corners from other MONOMA villages were present and watched
probe things with interest. I told them that they were to construct
small latrines in villages under my control and at the pick and
shovel were to be passed on to the other. The people of MONOMA,
KAVIA and the MONOMA were assembled and the message of general MORIS
was read to them. A KAVIA boy sold me a good pig for 2/-, 2 lbs
salt and 20 sticks of tobacco.

Wednesday 21 Jan 44

Left KAVIA at 07.00 hrs. and after following the eastern bank
of the KAVIA river for 1/2 mile crossed the river by KAVIA bridge.
Went for 1/2 mile until the control site was found and proceeded at
07.00 hrs. climbed steeply until 08.00 hrs. and then the grade became
easier. At 08.00 hrs. crossed the ridge and entered at 09.00 hrs. Climbed
steeply to KAVIA - the first MONOMA village. Went on at 09.00 hrs.
and after crossing two small ridges, climbed steeply and descended to
SA river 11.30 hrs. and then proceeded at 12.00 hrs. Climbed steep
mountain side to reach top 12.00 hrs. from here I descended towards the top
of a KAVIA river and been descended gradually crossing numbers
of small steep ridges and reached KAVIA 12.30 hrs. MONOMA being
passed at 12.40 hrs. All coast people reported.

Thursday 22 Jan 44 - KAVIA - KAVIA 2 hrs

At 12.40 hrs. crossed KAVIA river on a log, and well constructed KAVIA
bridge to KAVIA 13.00 hrs. with all coast people reported.
The people brought in a little food which was purchased with salt.
attended to a few minor questions brought forward by local natives. The
KAVIA sent to KAVIA reported.

Friday 23 Jan 44 (continued)

KOKODA - OVA section was particularly muddy and unpleasant
days the track most of the day and was made a great distance. The
road is available it can be cleared. Due to wide clearing the sun
TOLA creek. This part is obstructed by many logs and when station
1/2 mile deviation along the old Japanese track the OVA side of
however this section is quite wide and in good condition except the
from a point with an hour from OVA to KOKODA was not finished.
approximately the labor was reported for other work and a section
the labor line was engaged in clearing logs and doing more widening
clearing was not as wide as desired. After the line was completed
the telephone line was put through a time limit was set and the
aimed at was approx 1/2 mile on each side. When the new 200 lb to the
cutting trees on each side of the track. The width of the clearing
from KOKODA to WAINORP the native labor section had labor lines
are in first class condition.

NOVA AND BRIDGE

The M/CPI arrived at night. The two const also arrived with
the truck. KOKODA boy. He explained his action by saying that he was
incorrect. He said that number of his family died. Inquiries proved
his statements.

Saturday 29 Jan 44

Left KOKODA 07:25 hrs, arrived WAINORP 09:30 hrs, left 09:30 hrs
arrived OVA 10:30 hrs, left 11:00 hrs, arrived WAINORP 12:00 hrs left
12:25 hrs arrived TOLA creek 10:45 hrs and KOKODA 10:45 hrs.

Friday 28 Jan 44

At 10:00 hrs. I went to TOLA with crew.
THRO 12:00 hrs. Here met a Sgt from our Finance Office who was on his
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the VIL const to tell his people to report to the H/C Sgt. Those that
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No. 11 4344

DISTRICT OF MAMBARE,
SUB-DISTRICT KOKODA,
27 Mar 44.

The District Officer,
MAMBARE DISTRICT H.Q.,
HIGATURU.

Patrol Report No 11 of 1943/1944
by A/WO 11 Blyton D.R. - P.O.

Personnel: NGX.354 A/WO 11 Blyton D.R.
R.P.C. 4

Purpose of patrol: To make a patrol of the BIAGI villages and
OROKAIVA villages adjoining KOKODA-WAIROPE track.

Date left station: 13 Mar 44

Date returned: 25 Mar 44

Map: KOKODA 3659 1 inch series

Last patrol to area made by- District Services Field Staff (A/WO 11 Blyton D.R.
Patrol Officer, Dec 43.

DIARY.

Monday 13 Mar 44 KOKODA - DENIKI 4 hrs.

10.30 hrs left KOKODA, crossed north end of aerodrome and after following the YODDA jeep road for a few minutes turned to the left on to the SAVAIA track. Crossed FALA creek 10.55 hrs. Crossed a few small creeks and began to climb a foothill of the main range. Reached SAVAIA 11.50 hrs. Vill Const KAROTA reported. The village is 1600' and commands a good view of KOKODA station. Went on at 11.50 hrs. The track goes around the lower foothills of the range. Crossed a number of small ridges and arrived KOIASI 12.50 hrs. Vill Const KAROTA accompanied me. Proceeded at 13.05 hrs. Descended to MAIAGI creek and reached the main KOKODA - MORESBY track 14.05 hrs. Left it after travelling a short distance and climbed a hill to PITOKI (1800') 14.30 hrs. Vill Const SINERI reported. Left at 15.00 hrs. Returned to main track. Reached DENIKI 15.15 hrs. It is a few minutes off the main track on the opposite side to PITOKI. Since my last patrol there has been some improvement but it is still a poor village. There is some excuse for the people. As Vill Const ATCA said some boys were away as indentured labourers and four were in KOKODA gaol for stealing. Proceeded at 15.45 hrs and rejoined main track. Crossed a small creek and WIAWANI creek at 16.05 hrs. Started a steep climb and arrived at DENIKI Sig Station 16.45 hrs 2800'. It commands an excellent view of the flat country around KOKODA.

Tuesday 14 Mar 44 DENIKI - LORO Creek 5 1/4 hrs.

Left DENIKI Sig Stn 07.15 hrs and began climbing steadily. ISURAVA Sig Stn can be seen further up the valley, the side of which the track follows. Crossed a creek immediately below a small waterfall at 08.15 hrs. From here the grade becomes very steep. Left main track at 10.00 hrs and arrived at KILOKI a few minutes later. Went on 10.20 hrs and climbed up to ISURAVA Sig Stn (4300') 10.40 hrs. This station is in a bad position for line maintenance being only 1/2 hr from ALOLA Sig Stn and 3 hrs from DENIKI Sig Stn. The Sig Lieut in charge of the line section wishes to move the station and when labour is available from KOKODA a new house can be built with the help of local natives. Went on at 12.00 hrs and descended to ALOLA Sig Stn (4000') 12.30 hrs. Proceeded and descended to a creek 12.50 hrs (3600'). Climbed to 4400' 13.35 hrs and after crossing two small creeks went down to IGRA creek 14.15 hrs 4200'.

Tuesday 14 Mar 44 (Continued)

This stream is large and swift. A big log bridges it. Went on to EURO Creek Sig Stn 14.25 hrs (4300'). I had intended going further but the carriers and police were a long way behind.

Wednesday 15 Mar 44 EURO Creek Sig Stn - MYOLA No 2 Sig Stn 6 hrs

Left EURO Creek Sig Stn 07.30 hrs and made a very steep climb until 08.30 hrs 5700'. Met the Sig Sgt and we had a conversation about the track and the various stations. Descended to IORA creek on the bank of which is TEMPLETON'S CROSSING No 2 Sig Stn 10.35 hrs (5100'). The old KOKODA - MORESBY track crosses the creek here and crosses the range going through KAGI to EFOGI. I am told that this crossing goes to a much higher altitude than does the present track. It is shorter and very rough. The BIAGI's use it when visiting the KOIARIs. Aeroplanes crossing the range pass between EFOGI and Mt BELLAMY and go over a saddle a little north of the old pass, and come out over TEMPLETON'S CROSSING No 2 Sig Stn or EURO Creek Sig Stn. They then follow IORA creek down to the flat country. In clear weather flying at 8500' will get them over. By following the sig line planes have crossed at a maximum altitude of 7200'. Left TEMPLETON'S CROSSING No 2 Sig Stn at 10.35 hrs and climbed to 5900' 11.10 hrs. Descended and returned to IORA Creek 11.30 hrs (5500'). This spot is the location of TEMPLETON'S CROSSING No 2 Sig Stn. It and No 2 stns are cheerless places. They are shut in by steep ridges and get little sun. Crossed IORA creek and began a steep climb. At 12.15 hrs reached the top of the ridge 6700'. This is the highest point on the KOKODA - MORESBY track. Followed the top of the ridge which is undulating. At 13.20 hrs descended the side of the MYOLA basin the bottom of which is covered with grass and swamp. Arrived at MYOLA No 2 Sig Stn 14.05 hrs 6200'. It is at the edge of the basin on a grassy slope. There are no villages between ALOLA and EFOGI. The signallers with the aid of indentured labourers allotted to them (3 to each station) have done good work in improving the track between EURO creek and MYOLA stns.

Thursday 16 Mar 44

During the morning walked around the edge of the basin to a disused landing strip which is on the side of the basin opposite to the sig stn. It is about an hours walk. Inspected the wreckage of a 3 engined Ford which crashed on the strip when evacuating wounded during the campagne over the range. This plane belonged to Guinea Airways and flew between Wau and Salamaua. After lunch I went to MYOLA No 1 Sig Stn which is in another grassy basin about half an hour away. It is slightly lower than MYOLA No 2.

Friday 17 Mar 44 MYOLA No 2 - ALOLA 7) HRS

Left MYOLA No 2 Sig Stn 07.40 hrs and began climbing out of basin at 08.00 hrs. Reached top of ridge 08.15 hrs. After following ridge began descending at 09.20 hrs. Reached TEMPLETON'S CROSSING No 1 Sig Stn 09.50 hrs. Went on 10.20 hrs and climbed to top of hill 10.45 hrs. Descended and arrived TEMPLETON'S CROSSING No 2 Sig Stn 11.10 hrs. Left at 11.40 hrs and climbed until 12.40 hrs Descended to EURO Creek Sig Stn 13.35 hrs. Had lunch and proceeded at 14.00 hrs. Arrived at ALOLA Sig Stn 15.50 hrs. The signallers' house is badly constructed and requires rebuilding. The men have to put ground sheets over their beds to protect themselves from the rain. This camp is a stopping place for natives carrying rations up the line. There is no proper shelter for them and a boy-house is urgently required. The Sig Lieut informs me that tents are obtainable.

Saturday 18 Mar 44 ALOLA - GEBARA 5 hrs

Left ALOLA Sig Stn 07.40 hrs and descended a very steep track to IORA creek 08.00 hrs (3300'). Climbed up the side of the valley and reached ABUARI 08.25 hrs (3800'). At the time of my lge.

Saturday 18 Mar 44 (Continued)

patrol the people of this village were living in the bush but they now appear to have returned to the village as instructed. Vill Const NAVI reported. Went on at 08.50 hrs. The track climbs steadily along the side of the valley. Reached 4200' 09.25 hrs. Descending slightly arrived MISIMA 10.20 hrs (4000'). Went on 10.55 hrs and descended to a small creek then up a small rise to KAILI 11.35 hrs (3400'). The village was deserted. Called the people without success. Had lunch and went on at 12.55 hrs. Descended to a small creek and shortly after arrived at SIGA 13.15 hrs (3100'). The people there told me that the KAILI Vill Const and his people were living in bush houses. They said that they believed the Vill Const wanted to make a new village near the bush houses. I left a message that he could do that or return to the old village. Proceeded at 13.35 hrs and made a very steep descent to a creek at the foot of the range 14.10 hrs (1700'). Crossed two small creeks and arrived at KANANDARA No 1 14.25 hrs. It is the first of the OKOKAIVA villages. Vill Const HUIJARI reported. Numbers of the OKOKAIVAS in this area suffer from goitre. At 15.00 hrs went on to KANANDARA No 2 which is a few minutes distant. MAINAGARI is also adjacent. The houses in all three villages are generally good. Went on at 15.30 hrs and followed a level track, crossing a large track shortly before arriving at GEBARA 16.00 hrs. (1400')

Sunday 19 Mar 44

Gave the boys a rest day and had some of my clothes washed. Went to the small village of KOMONDO, 15 mins from GEBARA. It is on the edge of a large grass patch. The day was perfect and there was practically no cloud on the mountains - a rare condition. From the grass patch Mt Victoria could be seen very clearly. Went along a side track to MAMBA Sig Stn, a walk of 3/4 hr. Returned along the main track and visited FIRIVE. Went back to GEBARA.

Monday 20 Mar 44 GEBARA - WAJU 3 1/4 hrs

Returned along the track which goes to MAINAGARI, and left it at the FIRIVE turn-off and went up a track which leads to a clump of rubber trees. I counted 143. Tapping has been recently started by a boy sent out from KOKODA. Returned to GEBARA and proceeded at 09.25 hrs. Reached KOMONDO 09.40 hrs, crossed KAILI creek (1200') and commenced a climb up a ridge. Arrived at MAINTEMBARI 10.30 hrs (1400') Went on at 10.50 hrs and still climbing came to SENG I No 2 11.10 hrs (1900'). Crossed small creek and arrived SENG I No 1 11.30 hrs (1900'). Here I had lunch. Went above the village and counted 95 rubber trees. Before I went a slightly built native complained that his wife now and then beat him with a stick. I warned the lady - she looked the part. When I returned I heard that he had received another thrashing for airing his domestic troubles to the Government. Went on at 13.00 hrs and after descending to a small creek (1800') climbed to the top of the KUMUSI - MAMBARE divide (2300') 13.25 hrs. Went down to WAJU No 2 13.45 hrs (2000') Left at 14.00 hrs and gradually descending arrived at WAJU No 1 15.00 hrs (1300'). A shelter for police and carriers had not been built as instructed and I quartered them in a new house. Some of the people had been living in the bush but have now returned to the village and built new houses.

Tuesday 21 Mar 44 WAJU - WAIROPE 5 1/2 hrs

Left WAJU No 1 07.45 hrs and crossed LUMUNI creek 08.00 hrs (1100'). It is a large stream and was half bridged with a log. There is the usual trouble of frequent big floods. Climbed to UJEKI 08.15 hrs. There has been a big improvement in this village. Several houses that were on the ground have been replaced by new structures on posts. From this village the track although well cleared is rough and crosses numbers of small steep ridges at the foot of the main range. Reached MAIRGI (UMBENI No 2) 09.30 hrs (1150'). It is a small village of 3 houses. At 09.50 hrs went on and crossing a large creek arrived UMBENI (No 2) 10.05 hrs. Here Vill Const ILIMO reported. There is a good rest house. Proceeded at 10.30 hrs. The track leaves the foothills and goes towards the flat country. Reached UMBENI No 2

Tuesday 21 Mar 44 (Continued)

off the bank of MARAU creek 11.00 hrs (650'). Went on over a fairly level track arrived at ENGI 11.35 hrs. Reached main KOKODA - WAIROPE road 12.10 hrs and ILIMO Sig Stn 12.35 hrs. Left there 14.20 hrs and arrived WAIROPE 15.00 hrs (400')

Wednesday 22 Mar 44 WAIROPE - HUNGIRI 5 hrs

Left WAIROPE 07.30 hrs and crossed AEVO creek. Waded the waist deep OIVI creek which is a fair sized river. Bridging it would be next to impossible - the banks are low and in flood it is ~~100~~ 100 yds across and up to 10 ft deep. After a short distance of flat going climbed a hill to HAKI ~~1000~~ 09.35 hrs. Went on to HAMARA No 1 & 2 which are within a few minutes of each other. Arrived 09.50 hrs. The village people gave the police and carriers food and to my great surprise refused tobacco proffered in payment. Went on at 10.45 hrs Descended slightly and crossed two creeks. Climbed steep hill, top of which is 1000'. Descended steeply to a small creek and the grade then became easier. Arrived WASIDA (KORRAPATA No 1) 12.15 hrs 300'. Vill Const TURAKU reported. Went on at 13.45 hrs and visited HOSARA (KORRAPATA No 2) 14.00 hrs. The track from here follows the west bank of the KUMUSI river and a short distance from the river. It is low, flat and muddy. At 15.15 hrs came out on to the KUMUSI and for some distance the track goes along the rough rocky bank. The river here has lost most of its swiftness. Left the river and crossed the large ETA creek. 15 mins later arrived at HUNGIRI (17 houses) 16.25 hrs 200'. There is an excellent rest house. I was informed that Vill Const was away at HIGATORU.

Thursday 23 Mar 44 HUNGIRI - WAIROPE 5 hrs

I had intended to cross the KUMUSI and return to WAIROPE up the east bank of the river which at this point splits into three sections. I was unable to do this as the river was in flood and there was no way of crossing. A double canoe that Patrol Officer Kaad had ordered to be built last January was not completed and I did not fancy the peoples' suggestion that I wait a few days for the river to subside and they would make rafts. Left HUNGIRI 08.30 hrs. On reaching the river the local natives showed me a disturbed area of mud where they had seen a very large crocodile. This is the highest point on the river I have heard of crocodiles coming. Arrived WASIDA 11.15 hrs. Went on to HAMARA 11.55 hrs arriving there 13.25 hrs. Left HAMARA 14.45 hrs and reached WAIROPE 15.45 hrs.

Friday 24 Mar 44 WAIROPE - OIVI 4 hrs

Mr Geo Chester who is at WAIROPE and supervises the tapping of rubber trees in adjacent villages, told me that he was having trouble in obtaining 12 carriers each Friday to carry rubber to AWALA. Sent a Const to get the necessary boys and told the people that villages on each side of the KUMUSI must on alternate Fridays supply carriers. Left WAIROPE 08.30 hrs, crossed AEVO creek and arrived HOJAVAHAMBO 09.05 hrs. Went on to the new PAPAKI village 09.40 hrs. The people there were making preparations for a dance and food was piled in the centre of the village. Vill Const ANENARI reported. Arranged with him for biri to be supplied for repairs to the signallers house at ILIMO. Left at 10.10 hrs and went on to ILIMO. Left ILIMO 12.00 hrs and visited AFA 12.15 hrs, EI 12.45 hrs and ANGIRI 13.30 hrs. These three villages are controlled by Vill Const HAUMI who reported. Arrived GORARI 14.45 hrs after calling at NAMBISODA, where Vill Const SUMBIRIPA reported. Went on at 15.15 hrs and after crossing ASUA creek arrived SISIRETA 14.20 hrs. Left at 14.40 hrs and climbed up to OIVI on the MAMBARE - KUMUSI divide.

Saturday 25 Mar 44 OIVI - KOKODA 4 hrs

Left OIVI 07.30 hrs and arrived MAMBA Sig Stn 08.30 hrs. Went on 09.10 hrs and left main road at 09.25 hrs and visited LUWUNI 09.55 hrs. Returned to main road and counted two clumps of rubber trees 42 and 49 near PIRIVE. Proceeded at 11.00 hrs and arrived KOKODA 12.30 hrs.

ROADS and BRIDGES/

With the exception of a few small sections all tracks used by the patrol were in first class condition. Between CIVI and ICRA creek several lengths are in need of attention and instructions to clean have been given to villages concerned.

REST HOUSES.

From WAIROPE to MYOLA there are signal stations about every 1 1/2 hours and personnel travelling over the track stay with the signallers. There are separate rest houses at ILIMO and GORARI. On the tracks off the main road the rest houses are adequate. WAJU requires a shelter for carriers and I have left instructions for this to be done.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE

The people all appear to have plenty of food and a surplus for sale. At no time of the year do they seem to be really short of food. At various places I issued bean, cabbage, tomato, cucumber seeds to the women. As time goes on the pig position improves. The people have been catching young bush pigs and I have noticed them about the villages in increasing numbers. However the number is only a small fraction of what they would normally have.

Fruit and vegetables are brought by the natives to the signposts who do their purchasing with trade tobacco.

VILLAGES

The houses in the BIAGI villages are small and roofed mainly with Bamboo leaves. I found the villages mainly neat and clean. DENIKI was an exception. It was better than on my last patrol but there is still plenty of room for improvement.

Most of the OROKAIVA villages that were built on the ground have or are being rebuilt on piles. I consider that very few people at present are living in bush houses.

On my previous patrol I gave orders that latrines and refuse pits were to be built in all villages. The position regarding latrines is now good. With the exception of a few villages all have up to three deep pit latrines each. Inspection disclosed that in most cases that the pits are deep enough. In some places a better house above the pits was required. The main thing is that from all appearances the latrines are being used.

About half of the villages have refuse pits and those that have not have been instructed to construct them forthwith.

NATIVE SITUATION

The effect of the Japanese occupation has just about finished and the people are leading a more or less normal life considering the number of men who are away as indentured labourers.

All natives met on the patrol were most co-operative and appeared to be pleased to see us. I try to have all the people in the various villages when I pass through. They can then hear any instructions I have to give.

No crimes were reported on the patrol. There were the usual minor questions.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Most of the Vill Consts have in been in office some time and appear to understand their duties. I had little fault to find with them.

PROPAGANDA

At all main villages I advised the people on the course of war. I contrasted our treatment with that meted out by the Japanese.

HEALTH

The BIAGIs and OROKA'VAs seen on the patrol appear to be generally in good health. They escaped the dysentery outbreaks which caused so many deaths in the WOWONGA and CHIRIMA districts. In most cases they come readily to the KOKODA hospital for treatment.

D.R. Blyton
.....A/WO 11
(D.R. Blyton) Patrol Officer.

INDIAN AGRICULTURE

The people all appear to have plenty of food and a surplus for sale. At no time of the year do they seem to be really short of food. At various places I found beans, coconuts, tomatoes, pumpkin seeds to the women. As time goes on the pig position improves. The people have been catching young pigs and I have noticed them about the village in increasing numbers. However the number is only a small fraction of what they would normally have. Fruits and vegetables are brought by the natives to the site area and are being purchased with trade tobacco.

VILLAGES

The houses in the LAI villages are small and roofed mainly with bamboo leaves. I found the villages mainly neat and clean. There is an exception. It was better than on my last patrol but there is still plenty of room for improvement. Most of the LAI villages that were built on the ground have or are being rebuilt on piles. I consider that very few people at present are living in that houses. On my previous patrol I gave orders that latrines and refuse pits were to be built in all villages. The position regarding latrines is now good. With the exception of a few villages all have up to three deep pit latrines each. Inspection showed that in most cases that the pits are deep enough. In some places a better house above the pit was required. The main thing is that from all appearances the latrines are being used. About half of the villages have refuse pits and those that have not have been instructed to construct them forthwith.

INDIAN SITUATION

The effect of the Japanese occupation has just about finished and the people are leading a more or less normal life considering the number of men who are away as Japanese laborers. All natives left on the island were most co-operative and appeared to be pleased to see me. I try to have all the people in the various villages when I pass through. They can then hear my instructions I have to give. No crimes were reported on the patrol. There were the usual minor questions.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Most of the Vill Councils have in fact in effect some time and appear to understand their duties. I had little to say with them. At all main villages I advised the people on the course of war. I contacted our Government with that noted out by the Japanese.

No. 12.

43/44

District of Mambare.
Sub-District of Kokoda.
1 Jul. 44.

The District Officer,
Mambare District.
HIGATURU/

Report of Patrol No. 12 of 43/44. Kokoda.

Patrol by:
Lieut. G.H. French, P.O.

Purpose of Patrol:

1. To patrol to the Autembo District, thence Asisi and Hungiri.
2. To check the census in all villages.
3. Ascertain the number of natives away under indenture,
4. Ascertain the number of effective males in the villages.
5. Select a site, mark out and instruct Hamara and Ajoka villages to construct a rest house at Wairope.

Patrol accompanied by:

Reg. No. 3120	L/Cpl. KONIGAIA
" " 3201	Const. MOIOPAI
" " 1914	" HOMBBI
" " 1884	" IPAI

Interpreter: ARUA.

Duration: From 19 Jun. to 27 Jun.

Route traversed:

Kokoda to PIRIVE, KANADARA, ILIMO, ASISI, HUNGIRI and return via WAIROPE and main Kokoda road.

Map:

Kokoda 369 3659: 1 inch series.

Last patrol to area made by:

A/W.O.ii. Blyton D.R. (P.O.), Mar. 44.

District of Columbia
Kokoda Sub District
20 Jan. 44

The District Officer,
Kokoda.

Report No. 43/44 of 20/1/44
by Capt. F. W. Champion, M.C.

Personnel: Capt. F. W. Champion, M.C.,
Sgt. D. G. and three Royal Air Force Constables.

Purposes of Patrol: To visit District head quarters for the purpose
of prosecuting a case against a person in charge of murder,
and to discuss District affairs with the D.O.

Left Station, 3 XX Jan. 44
Returned to Station, 10 Jan. 44

Left Patrol to District
Headquarters made by
Capt. F. W. Champion, M.C. on 20 May. 44

DIARY.

Mon. 3 Jan. 44.

Left Kokoda at 0730 hrs and proceeded along the main Kokoda -
Wahrore road passing the Wahrore S.P. station at 0800 hrs and proceeded to
Ola arriving at 1015 hrs. Left Ola at 1030 hrs. For joint arrival at
at 1130 hrs. and lunch and left at 1245 hrs. For lunch arriving at
Wahrore. Contacted Cpl. Wood of W.A.M.F. who is in charge of the labour
clearing timber for the overhead telephone line. This work is going
a fine job and there should be very little trouble through timber
falling across the line in future. The clearing is also opening the
road thereby allowing a maximum of business on the road. This should
clear up many muddy patches.
Left Ola at 1245 hrs. For Wahrore arriving at 1345 hrs.
Inspected the Wahrore signal station surroundings and found them in
a filthy condition. There were many empty tins lying in the grass
at the back of the house. This place was an Army A.S.C. dump at the
beginning of 1943 and possibly the rubbish was left there when it was
withdrawn. I instructed the S.P. personnel that I would get the village
people to clean the place up and that in future no rubbish was to
be thrown or left lying about.

Tues. 4 Jan.

Left Wahrore at 0845 hrs. For Onwamambo, crossed the Wahrore
bridge, this structure is in a very bad state and it nothing is done
within a very short time the whole thing will collapse. I understand
that an officer of the Engineers was inspected the bridge recently and it
is hoped that work will soon commence in reconstructing it.
The road between Wahrore and Onwamambo was very much overgrown
with grass, and instructions were sent to the Wahrore village constable
to have it cleared up immediately. Arriving at Onwamambo at 0930 hrs.
I visited the S.P. station and left at 0945 hrs. For Wama arriving at
1200 hrs. Decided to stay there for the day with Mr. Serle.

Wed. 5 Jan.

Left Wama at 0800 hrs. and after half an hour's walk was
picked up by a jeep and taken to Sanghar Rubber Plantation, visited
Mr. Mason and then left for Hivimbo arriving at 1200 hrs. where I
reported to the District Officer.

Thurs. 6 Jan. to Mon. 10 Jan. at Hivimbo.

.....Capt. F.A. Chamberlain, A.D.C.
F.A. Chamberlain

The object of the patrol was to discuss District Affairs with the District Officer and to prosecute in a murder charge and the only villages visited were ones in the District, therefore administrative work was done in the villages during the patrol. These bridges were a great help to them in their line patrols. The signposts maintaining the telephone line informed me that they had been bridged with suspension bridges made of salvaged wire and logs dry up the muddy patches. All the main creeks on the road have now been cleared to a great degree, allowing a maximum of running to and very dry. The clearing done by the telephone construction gang will be a great help to the road in excellent condition, well cleared.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Left at 0800 hrs. for KOKODA via SEAKI GOULI and OVAI BRIDGE at 1000 hrs.

Thurs. 10 Dec.

Left at 0800 hrs. for KOKODA via SEAKI GOULI and OVAI BRIDGE at 1000 hrs. and camped for the day. The bridge at OVAI was built by W.O. Dwyer on his return from the Womona Patrol. A group of ADAMS and WARRING people were here so instructed them to help with the bridge. For KOKODA arriving at 1100 hrs.

Fri. 11 Dec.

Left at 0800 hrs. for KOKODA via SEAKI GOULI and OVAI BRIDGE at 1000 hrs. and camped for the night. A good quantity of native food was purchased from the local villagers. The control of the bridge was brought before me but was settled out of court. The surroundings were in very good order. This area is under the control of the ADAMS and WARRING people. The bridge was crossed at 1100 hrs. On the return trip via SEAKI GOULI and OVAI BRIDGE, crossed at 1100 hrs.

Sat. 12 Dec.

control of their village natives does not appear to be as complete as one could wish. The demonstration of this point being the large number of natives who ignored their Constable's instruction to be present in the ~~villages~~ villages for the census check.

The new Consts. KOGA and TIORA at BELAVISA and KUAMA are new at the job and admitted to lack of familiarity with their duties. Their duties were carefully explained to them and they will no doubt in time develop into reasonably efficient officials.

Agriculture:

Throughout the district existing gardens are producing more than adequate native foods and new gardens are being cleared and planted. Principal crops are Sweet potatoe, yam and taro and in many villages supplies of European vegetables are available in small quantity. English potatoes are still procurable in KUAMA but very few and those that are available are very small. New seed is required and inquiries were made as to the possibility of seed being procured from Kokoda.

Native Trade:

Purchase of native foods was carried out with salt as the principal trade commodity. Some tobacco was used but was not greatly sought after as these natives grow their own.

In the effort to buy pigs money was used and the results were very disappointing. Inquiries were made for axes, knives and to a lesser degree, cloth. The natives stated that they were not interested in receiving money but would be more willing to sell if axes and knives were offered as trade goods.

In purchase of food several ~~inquiries were made~~ requests were received for used razor blades. This came as a most unexpected request and the available supply of old blades was insufficient to meet the demand. Several requests were also made for matches.

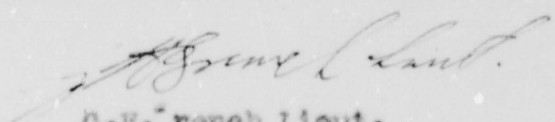
Villagers:

Many people were absent from their villages when the patrol visited them. Such explanation as, working in the garden or in the bush getting building materials were given for their absence. This was not supported by any great building activity and tended only to give the impression that most of these absent natives were deliberately avoiding the patrol.

A number of those who were present were not recorded on the previous census with the result that a number of additional names have been added to the census records for this district.

A general unwillingness to return to village communities was observed and an effort was made to overcome this. This applies particularly to KUISA. These villagers have made no attempt to rebuild a village and their case a definite instruction was given that a new village is to be erected the site agreed upon being near the IORAPA Rest House.

Carriers usually came forward more than willingly and except at GIAGICO Rest House there were always more than sufficient carriers available.


G.H. French Lieut.

Report on P.P.C.

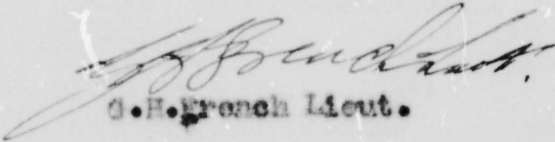
Reg. No. 867 Sgt. SARIKI; performed his duties adequately. He carried out all orders to the letter but exhibited a deplorable lack of initiative doing nothing except to a definite and detailed order.

Reg. No. 1532 Const. URUPAI; Totally devoid of initiative but carried out all orders reasonably well. Slow both mentally and in the carrying out of his duties.

Reg. No. 1914 Const. HONBI; In no way outstanding but carried out his duties quickly and efficiently.

Reg. No. 2346 Const. HAITAI; In no way outstanding carrying out all orders and duties efficiently.

Reg. No. 3134 Const. MIRONU; A smart efficient Const. when working under observation. Otherwise fair.


G.H. French Lieut.

M E D I C A L .

N.M.O. David Manumanua accompanied the patrol and carried out his duties well. At all times he accompanied the P.O. and conducted a medical inspection in conjunction with the checking of the census.

Natives treated totalled 204. about half of this total being comprised of cases of scabies and infections. Yaws treated totalled 38. No serious illnesses were encountered, other than one ~~yaws~~ ~~e~~ arthritis in the legs and another of abscess affecting the legs. Both these men had to be carried to Kokoda.

Patients admitted to hospital as a result of the patrol total 36. Health is generally good throughout this district at present.

G. H. French
G.H. French Lieut.

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The District Officer,
MILBARE DISTRICT,
MILBARE.

District Headquarters,
MILBARE;
Milbare District.

Patrol by:

1 August 44.

Capt. F.A. Champion, A.D.C.

REPORT OF PATROL.

SOUTHERN REGION; Inspection on taking over the District from Higatara.
A.N.G.A.U.,
FORT MONESBY, (FOR A.D.C.S.)

One M.O. and three constables as per report to P.O.

One personal PATROL REPORT NO. 1 OF 44/45 - KOKODA.
BY CAPT. F. A. CHAMPION A.D.C.

1. A Routine Patrol. Capt. Champion visited me and district affairs were discussed fully with him.
2. Shovels are being sent to KOKODA at once and no doubt a few will be made available for the purpose outlined under hygiene on page 3.
3. The food situation is splendid as already pointed out in previous reports.
4. With the exception of the DIVINUKIARI/TOGAHAU areas, Kokoda has gone back to the original boundary. This I considered necessary for the better management of the District. The A.D.C.'s remarks under "General" make pleasant reading.

Copy to: A.D.C.
KOKODA.


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

MAMBARE DISTRICT,
KOKODA SUB-DISTRICT,
24 July 44.

The District Officer,
MAMBARE DISTRICT,
HIGATURU.

Report of Patrol No.I of 44/45. KOKODA.

Patrol by.

Capt. F.A.Champion. A.D.O.

Purposes of Patrol.

General inspection on taking over the District from Higaturu.

Patrol accompanied by:

One NCO and three constables as per report on R.F.C.

One personal boy who also acted as interpreter.

DURATION.

18 July to 20 July 1944.

Route Traversed.

Kokoda to Ilimo on main road, thence through SAIROPE, ISIVITA,
HIGATURU districts returning by the main road from WAIROPE.

Map.

Supplied with previous patrol reports from HIGATURU.

Last patrol made to area by:

W/Oii.Blyton, P.O. from HIGATURU. Date unknown.

PATROL DIARY.

Mon. 10 July.

Having despatched 15 carriers with my patrol gear I left KOKODA by jeep at 0845 hrs. and proceeded to the end of the jeep road a distance of approximately 5 miles. Having inspected the road work I continued on to the OIVI signal station where my carriers were waiting for me. Left OIVI and continued on to GORARI arriving at 1200 hrs. The GORARI and WAJU village constables reported to me here. The local people had cooked food waiting for the carriers.

Had lunch and inspected the sigs quarters as it had been reported that the roof was leaking very badly. Asked the Gorari and Waju vill. cons. to re-roof the house, there being an abundance of kuru-kuru grass growing within a short distance of the premises.

Left GORARI at 1300hrs. for ILIMO arriving at 1445hrs. where I made camp for the night.

SAUNI & PAPAKI village constables reported and brought in a quantity of native food for sale. Instructed them to have 15 carriers ready for me in the morning.

Tues. 11th.

Left ILIMO at 0700hrs. and branched off the main road to PAPAKI village, then onto ASISI where Vill.Cons. HAUNA reported all well. Crossed the KUMUSI RIVER by native suspension bridge and climbed up to the village of JEVAHAMBO, then on to BOTHU ~~where~~ where cooked food was waiting for the carriers. Had a short spell and proceeded on to SORAPE, inspected the village and passed on to FEMBE No.1 & No.2 where a halt was made for lunch. Left Fembe at 1240 hrs. for SAIROPE arriving at 1320hrs. where I camped.

This village has a very good rest house under the control of Vill. Cons. SAKEMBO. Several minor complaints were adjusted during the afternoon. A large quantity of native food was brought in and purchased.

Wed. 12th.

Despatched the patrol gear on to MUMUNI with instructions to await my arrival. I left Sairope at 0730 hrs. and visited PUEMO VILLAGE arriving at 0825 hrs. vill. cons. TAIMBARI reported all well in his area.

Returning to Sairope by the same road I proceeded to JOKA VILLAGE then onto UNGA arriving at 1030 hrs. Inspected the village and after half an hours walk arrived at SOMARA. Had a short spell and carried onto DEPARA, HUVIVI, and arrived at MUMUNI at 1215 hrs. where camp was made in a very fine Rest House.

Held C.N.M. during the afternoon, one native was convicted for assault. Several minor complaints were settled out of court.

Native food was brought in and purchased.

Thurs. 13th.

Sent the patrol gear on to SASAMBATA with instructions to make camp at that spot. I left MUMUNI at 0720 hrs. and visited the villages of ERUGOHAMBO, PINDA, HEROTA, KENDATA, GAROMBI and SASAMBATA arriving at SASAMBATA REST HOUSE at 0930 hrs. Vill.Cons. HINDIKI accompanied me thru his area. Native food was brought in and purchased. Several marriage

squabbles were brought before me, mainly for non-payment of bride prices, I gave my advice but was carefull to explain that it was not an order.

Had lunch and left Sasambata at 1220 hrs. and visited the villages of KEWANA, HAMBURATA, NIHIHITA, PENGOROTURU, returning to SASAMBATA at 1420 hrs. and camped for the night.

Fri. 14th.

Sent the patrol gear on to ISIVITA with instructions to make camp.

I left SASAMBATA at 0710 hrs. and visited the following villages en route to ISIVITA. BAWATURU, EGA-POKARITA, TOROGOTA, GOIRATAPEI, SORAGI, SIREMI, HEWAPA, PERETEMBARI, HURARITURU, HURITA, SAVARITURU, BAIWATURU, GASARA, NOMOTA, HIHORETA, HINOTA, KANDATA, OINGATA, SIGOROTURU, HARAMA, KARAMASUSU, BOSISETA, PENGIPE, and onto ISIVITA arriving at 1310 hrs.

Large quantities of native food was brought in for the patrol.

An assault case was brought before me but no action taken. It appear that a woman was found defecating within the precincts of the village and she was smacked across the side of the face with the open hand and told that a latrine was supplied in each village for the use of villagers.

Sat. 15th.

Left ISIVITA at 0720 hrs. enroute for HIGATURU, inspected the following villages on the way. BWARAWATURU, OMBETURU, KOROPATA, TAMBORE, EGATURU, POPONDOTA, PINDA, NAMUMUTA, KAKIDA, arrived at HIGATURU at 1045 and reported to the District Officer.

Sun. 16th.

During the morning I witnessed a fine piece of flying by an American pilot in a light aircraft. He landed on the Higaturu strip which was in a rather ploughed up condition as mechanical scoops were working at the time.

I was rather impressed at the huge reconstruction programme being carried out at District Headquarters.

Mon. 17th.

Discussing District affairs with the D.O. and inspecting the reconstruction work being carried out.

Tues. 18th.

Left HIGATURU at 0815 hrs. for HAGINAHAMBO sig.station, had a short spell and sent the patrol gear onto AWALA. I branched off the main road and proceeded to the villages of HOROGOMBATA, HOZANI, OWASUSU, PEROMBA, HANDARITURU, TOGARITURU, HUITA, POPOHAMBO, AWALA, SOROPUTA, connected up to the main road again just below Mr.Searle's ~~and~~ rubber area, proceeded on the Mr.Searle's arriving at 1330 hrs. where I camped for the day.

Wed. 19th.

Despatched my gear to WAIROPE, I left Awala at 0830 hrs. and visited the villages of SAVARIHAMBO, SUASUSU, EGASUSU, SINGI-KIONI, HEWA, and SOMBERUTA connecting up to the main road at ONGAHAMBO I proceeded to WAIROPE arriving at 1200 hrs.

The Wairope and Hamara village constables reported. They have just completed the construction of a very fine rest house where I camped for the night.

Thurs. 20th.

Left WAIROPE at 0710 hrs. for KOKODA arriving at 1420 hrs. where
Lieut. French reported all well at Kokoda during my absence.

.....*FA*.....Capt.
F.A. Champion. ADO.

SUMMARY.

VILLAGES.

The condition of all villages visited was very good. The type of native house in the Isivita district could be improved on, but on the whole the areas visited were in first class order and is a credit to the natives and to the officers who have previously been responsible for patrolling this area.

HYGIENE.

All villages have pit-latrines, these were inspected, and it appears as if they are being regularly used. All districts visited were given a lecture on the benefits derived from the use of latrines and the disposal of village refuse. If sufficient shovels were available I would like to give each village constable two shovels for the purpose of maintaining hygienic conditions in each village. With constant propaganda I'm sure the people will respond.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

It was very pleasing to see all village constables and councillors reporting to me at the boundaries of their respective districts and accompanying me through them. In this way various things could be discussed on the spot, re roads improvements etc. The village officials in all the areas visited were most helpful and energetic, and are carrying out their duties well.

ROADS & REST HOUSES.

With the exception of two stretches of road, all roads traversed were perfect. The two stretches referred to were, between HAGINAHAMBO Sig. stn and HOROOMBATA. This stretch was very badly over grown and on inquiries being made it was found that it had not been touched since the Jap invasion. The people were instructed to clean it up immediately. The other stretch was between ONGAHAMBO and WAIROPE. The people concerned were given a final warning.

All REST HOUSES were perfect. A new R.H. has just been completed at WAIROPE and is a credit to the builders. On arrival there I intended to move onto Ilimo but seeing the disappointment in the faces of the builders decided to camp in it for the night. The people who built it are now constructing a new police barracks nearby.

VILLAGERS.

All people met were very co-operative and were keen that I should inspect their latrines. They assure me that they use them regularly.

The morale of the people was found to be high, but they still do not understand why some of their people who are under C/E are made to work in certain areas where they do wish to be. Propaganda in this direction is always being carried out.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE.

Areas visited have an abundance of food. It was rather embarrassing at places, the amount of food brought in for sale. Taro being the staple diet of these people.

Many rubber areas were passed through during the patrol. These areas are being tapped by Mr. Scarle of Auala. And it was noticed in many places that the natives have planted more rubber, thus extending the original plantations.

MEDICAL.

Owing to the E.M.A. from Kokoda being away on a medical patrol of the Wovonga district I was unable to take a native medical orderley with me. The general health of the people appeared to be quite good.

The people were told that though their area was now under the control of Kokoda they were quite at liberty to visit the Higaturu hospital for treatment.

GENERAL/.

This area has recently been controlled from HIGATURU and ~~is the~~ has been placed under the control of KOKODA.

It was very pleasing to take over such a fine district and is a great credit to the officers who have been responsible for its administration.

The people were congratulated on the condition of roads and villages and it is hoped that this state of affairs continue.

CRIME.

No serious cases of crime were reported. Only one assault case was dealt with during the whole patrol.

.....*F.A.*.....Capt.
F.A.Champion. ADO. KOKODA.

REPORT ON R.P.C.

Personnel accompanying patrol.

Reg.No.	1929	L/Cpl.	GORO
" "	1907	Cons.	HANDERE
" "	1269	"	AKURU
" "	1671	"	LEUTU

The above mentioned Native Police accompanied the patrol and were most energetic at all times.

Const.AKURU was severely reprimanded on the first day out for allowing his wife to accompany the patrol as far as Ilimo without first obtaining my authority.

Const.HANDERE is very keen and capable, with a little more experience he should be make a good N.C.O.

F.A.C.
.....Capt.
F.A.Champion. ADO.

KOKODA

No. 2

44/45

District Headquarters,
MIGATURU;
Mambare District.

14 Sept 44.

A.D.O.,
KOKODA.

PATROL REPORT NO. 2 OF 44/45 - KOKODA.
BY LIEUT. G.H. FRENCH - P.O.

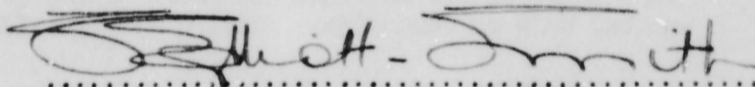
1. The following is an extract of a memo received from H.Q., Southern Region in connection with the above patrol report:-

" 2. Native Trade. It is appreciated that mountain natives prefer to be paid in trade goods for services rendered and for foodstuff etc. purchased by patrols. A requisition is accordingly being placed with S & S for a supply of axes, knives, calico, etc. to be sent to ADO KOKODA.

3. The numerous errors in typing do not reflect credit on the P.O. Please instruct him to be more diligent in the future. "

2. This forwarded for your information and records.

Copy to: LT. FRENCH,
I.C.M.A.


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

Recd. 19/9/44

District Headquarters,
HIGATUHU;
Mambare District.

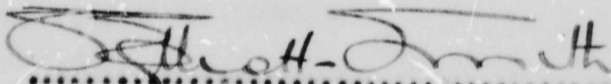
29 August 44.

H.Q.,
SOUTHERN REGION;
A.N.G.A.U.,
POIT MORSEY. (FC A. D. D.S.)

PATROL REPORT NO. 2 OF 44/45 - KOKODA.
BY LIEUT. G. H. SMITH - P. O.

1. Attached is the abovenamed patrol report in duplicate.
2. Throughout the purchase of pigs for Kokoda Station is mentioned. The purpose of this is requested from the A.D.C., Kokoda.
3. Some English potato seed would be appreciated.
4. The patrol was of a routine nature and contains little of value.
5. It must be remembered that the Chirima people are the most primitive in the District and still need to be treated with tact and understanding. Years ago this valley consisted of numbers of very large villages, but since the coming of more or less security they have tended to break up and live in their gardens. Whether this is desirable or not is a matter of opinion. Force can serve no useful purpose in any case and the education of the Chirima people must be slow and understanding.
6. The only solution is a post in the valley itself, but at the present juncture this is quite impossible.

Copy to: A.D.C.,
POIT M.


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

District of Nambara.
Sub-District of Kokoda.
17 Aug. 44.

The District Officer,
Nambara District.
Signature.

Report of Patrol No.2. - 44/45. Kokoda.

Patrol by; Lieut. G.H.French, P.O.

Purpose of Patrol
1. General purpose.
2. Census check.

Patrol accompanied by;

R.P.C.,			
Reg. No.	867	Sgt.	SARIKI
" "	1582	Const.	UPUPAI
" "	1914	"	HOMBI
" "	2346	"	HAITA
" "	3134	"	MINONU

Interpreter,
ARUA.

N.M.O.,
David Manumanua.

Duration; From 26 Jul. to 15 Aug.

Route traversed;
Kokoda to KARUKARU, north side of SIRIMA valley to KUSMA, to
Mt. Albert Edward, return to KUSMA, South side of valley to
KARUKARU, return to Kokoda.

Map; BUNA Strat. 4 ml. to 1 in., Sketch Kokoda patrol No.10-43/44.

Last patrol to area made by;
A/S.O.II. RIKAS Blyden D.F. (P.O.) Feb. 44.

Patrol Log.

21 July Left base at 0800 with a team of local carriers, proceeds to [unclear] [unclear] for the night. The road, [unclear] - [unclear] and belly [unclear].

22 July Proceeded from [unclear] to [unclear] Best House. The patrol was met at [unclear] by [unclear] villagers with a supply of native food. At the Best House [unclear] and [unclear] villagers were instructed to carry out the necessary repairs before the return of the patrol.

23 July [unclear] from [unclear] to [unclear] where the patrol was met by Vill. Const. [unclear] of [unclear] with native food and [unclear] carriers. Discussed the [unclear] carriers after rationing them for the return trip and instructing them to report to [unclear] for payment.

24 July Leaving [unclear] proceeded to [unclear] Best House where [unclear] Vill. Const. [unclear] of [unclear] the patrol. Ground has been cleared and buildings are being erected across the [unclear] from the Best House. This is a new village under construction to be known as [unclear] and to house the inhabitants of the old villages of [unclear], [unclear] and [unclear] ([unclear]). A number of the villagers concerned are at present in residence on the new site. On route passed the Best House at [unclear] ([unclear] or [unclear]) where a man from [unclear] village met the patrol claiming to represent Vill. Const. [unclear]. He stated that [unclear] was sick in his house near [unclear] and stated that the [unclear] villagers have not yet constructed a village as instructed by last patrol to this area but are still resident in their garden houses.

25 July [unclear] the day at [unclear]. Vill. Const. [unclear] of [unclear] arrived accompanied by his villagers who stated their desire to move to the new village at [unclear]. Checked census.

26 July [unclear] delayed the departure from [unclear] and occasional showers continued as the patrol proceeded to [unclear] by [unclear] Vill. Const. [unclear] with his villagers. [unclear] village was deserted and [unclear] stated that his people are living in bush houses as they don't like their village. The site is empty and not desirable. Selected a new site with the villagers and instructed that a new village be erected and the people return to live in it. [unclear] house was in very poor condition and instructions were given that it be rebuilt.

27 July Proceeded to [unclear]. Vill. Const. [unclear] advised that native food was required [unclear] no result. He stated that his villagers didn't want to go [unclear] [unclear] village natives directly appealed to [unclear] brought [unclear]. Villages of [unclear] and [unclear] are deserted inhabitants scattering throughout the valley. No particular reason given. Only [unclear] and [unclear] [unclear] remain in this locality.

2 August:

Left NUSA and travelled through to GARIMA R.H.. En route was met at FORU R.H. by Vill. Const. KAWA of GAPIA and Vill. Const. INRU of FORU. Halted to conduct a census of IBOGGU, KAMBISA, SUPINGA and BURUDANI grouped at FORU. From GAPIA census of GARIMA, SE and MELAU was carried out.

3 August:

Travelled during the day from GAPIA to KUAMA where the patrol was met by Vill. Const. TIOFA of GU (KUAMA) and Vill. Const. KOGA of BELAVISA with native food. Steady rain commenced before KUAMA was reached and continued until well after dark.

Due to the wetting at by the rain of a log bridge over the SIRIMA creek below KUAMA one carrier slipped while crossing causing the complete loss of the police eating utensils.

4 August:

The patrol remained at KUAMA and a census check was made of the local villages of GU, BOBOGA (KIKORI), IUMBA, BELAVISA and JURUPAIA.

Effort was made to purchase pigs for Kokoda station. No success, although a number of young pigs were to be seen.

5 August:

P.O. and a party consisting of Vill. Const. TIORA, Const. MINONU Interpreter and four carriers left KUAMA for No. 1 shelter en route to the summit of Mt. Albert Edward.

6 August:

Carriers were returned to KUAMA and remainder of the party proceeded to the summit.

The tin of records concealed in the base of the cross at the summit is no longer weatherproof and the records are sustaining damage. The tin was not replaced by another as there was no suitable container in the possession of the party.

Returned to KUAMA.

7 August:

Prior to departure for the Summit instructions had been given to Vill. Const. KOGA to repair leaks in the roof of the Rest House. This work had not been done. The day was spent at KUAMA supervising this work and in making further effort to procure young pigs for Kokoda station. One pig only was bought.

These people cannot be tempted to exchange their livestock for money. Trade goods, Calico and more particularly axes and knives were sort after but of course were not available.

8 August:

Departed early and sending the carriers direct passed to IONGAI Rest House via vilages. One old man was found sick hidden in his house near BELAVISA. He was advised to be carried to IONGAI for treatment. His complaint was severe scabies. He failed to reach the R.H. and a runner reported next day that he had died en route. The death was not positively proven.

Census of villages in the vicinity of IONGAI could not be completed. before night fall.

9 August:

9 August:

Spent this day at IONGAI R.H.. Did Census check of local villages, EMOVAIAGI, MANIGURENDA, GAGA and MIRI.

Vill. Const. GUSI of MIRI assisted greatly. One pig was purchased here from a relative of the Vill. Const.

10 August:

The patrol left ~~SIXTENS~~ IONGAI R.H. for GIAGIGO R.H.. Passed through KASO en route where Vill. Const. AGUMA was waiting for the arrival of the patrol. This man has been ill for some time and met the patrol in a hammock. He appeared to be paralysed in the legs, consequently was brought to Kokoda for observation and if possible, treatment.

On reaching GIAGIGO conducted census of GORAWAKU, DIMANIGOLA and YURA. KUIS A villagers reported for census and were instructed that a following patrol would expect to find them living again in a village, not in garden houses. Vill. Const. AHASI failed to report and four boys were ~~selected~~ selected and instructed to go to his garden house and take him to meet the patrol at KARUKARU.

11 August:

Travelled to FOLEGABE accompanied by Vill. Const. GOPE of GORAWAKU. After the patrol got under way two boys instructed by their Vill. Const. to carry ran off and hid in the bush. A search was made but was unsuccessful. Vill. Const. GOPE was then instructed to arrest these boys at the first opportunity and bring them to Kokoda to be charged.

On arrival at Folegabe was met by Vill. Const. FONDA, who supplied carriers to return to GIAGIGO and bring on the cargo that had been left after the desertion of the two carriers.

12 August:

Conducted the census check of local villages completing it too late in the day to move on.

During the afternoon the remainder of the cargo arrived from GIAGIGO. in charge of Sgt. TAPIKI who had been left with it. The two runaways had not been located.

13 August:

Left FOLEGABE and en route to ^{KARUKARU} KHAMMA checked census of WANDAGOPE and KOGA being met at KOGA by Vill. Const. TATAFI.

On arrival at ^{KARUKARU} KARUKARU made camp. Shortly before dark Vill. Const. AHASI of KUISA arrived on a litter. He proved to have an abscess on the leg and was brought to hospital for treatment.

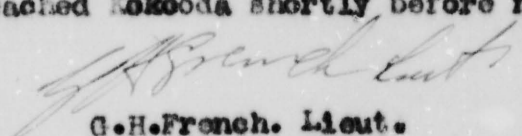
14 August:

Vill. Consts. FONDA of FOLEGABE and TATAFI of KOGA together with Vill. Consts. KAWA of GARIMA and IWORO of FORU reported to accompany the patrol to Kokoda.

Left KARUKARU for Yodda. En route took a census check of KANGA and observed that work had commenced on the reconstruction of MAIGU R.H..

15 August:

Departed from Yodda and reached Kokoda shortly before noon.


G.H. French. Lieut.

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District of Mambare,
Kokoda Sub-District,
11 September 1944.

District Officer,
HIGATURU.

Report of Patrol No.3 - 44/45. KOKODA.

Patrol by: Capt. Champion. F.A.-ADO.

Purpose of Patrol: General Inspection and investigating an alleged
murder of Mambare River natives during 1942/43.

Patrol accompanied by: RPC. Reg.No.2560, Const.AIRE
" " 3134 " MINONU

Interpreter: DICK.

N.M.O. MAINO.

Duration: 6 Sept. - 8 Sept. 1944.

Route Traversed: Kokoda-Moresby road as far as ALOLA, across the
IORA Creek, thence to KANANDARA and return to Kokoda.

Map. Kokoda 3659 Series I"

Last Patrol to area made by: W/Oil.Blyton. Mar. 44.

PATROL DIARY.

Wed. 6 Sept.

With 12 carriers I left Kokoda at 0815 hrs and proceeded to PITOKI village where Village Constable SINERE reported, all his people were present for medical inspection. One case was sent to Kokoda Native Hospital for further treatment. Proceeding to DENIKI village Vill.Cons.AFOA reported and a medical inspection was also held.

Leaving Deniki we started to climb up to Old Deniki, where a Jungle Maintenance Trunk Line station is situated, called on the sigs personnel and discussed various matters regarding the use of native labour attached to them. On the way up it was found that the native labour attached to these stations are now being gainfully employed in clearing under the telephone lines.

Leaving Deniki we proceeded to the Isurava Sig station arriving at 1310 hrs. Had lunch and proceeded to old Isurava arriving at 1515hrs. where camp was made for the night. Visited Kiloki village and found it to be deserted.

Thurs. 7 Sept.

Left ISURAVA at 0650 hrs. for ALOLA arriving at 0740 hrs. a new village has now been built about 300' above the signal station, climbed up to the village and only found one person there, all the others were away up the range gathering pandanus nuts. Returned to the sig station and discussed matters with the personnel. Left ALOLA at 0820 hrs. and just before descending to IORA creek Vill. Const. NAVI reported and said that all his people had been away for several days and not heard that I was making a patrol through the area.

Descended to and crossed the IORA Creek and climbed up to the village of ABUARI where a medical inspection was held. I made inquiries regarding an alleged murder which was supposed to have taken place in the area in 1942 or 43. A party of Manbare River natives are said to have been attacked by these people and several of them were killed. As was expected, the inhabitants knew nothing about it. Left Abuari for ASIGARI and held a medical inspection. Once again I made inquiries regarding the murder but met with the same blank astonishment. Leaving Asigari we proceeded to KALLE where Vill.Cons. JSO reported. Purchased a good quantity of native food for my carriers. The village constable gave me some information regarding the murders mentioned earlier. Several names were mentioned and the person knowing all about it was away visiting another district. This matter will be followed up as soon as I arrive back at Kokoda.

There are about 30 healthy rubber trees situated in this village, but owing to the distance it would be uneconomical to tap them.

Fri. 8 Sept.

Left Kalle at 0645 hrs. and after half an hours travelling arrived at the small village of SIGA, these people had reported at Kalle for medical inspection yesterday.

An old man was found in possession of a .303 rifle, no action was taken owing to his age and the condition of the rifle was found to be so bad that it would be impossible to use it. Leaving SIGA the road dropped very steeply for half an hour and it was fortunate that the ground was dry, otherwise most of the travelling would have been accomplished on the seat of ones pants. A further ten minutes walk brought us to KANANDARA Village where Vill.Cons. HJARI reported. Held medical inspection and left for Mainagari a half hours walk away. Medical inspection was held here and we then proceeded to Pirive and thence to Kokoda arrivig at 1115 hrs.

.....Capt.
F.A.Champion. ADC.

SUMMARY.

ROADS & REST HOUSES.

Roads throughout the patrol were found to be perfect as also were the bridges across the various watercourses.

A rest house has been constructed at Asigari village, but the Vill. Const. was informed that it was not necessary and there was no need to keep it maintained. The rest house at Kalle has been improved since my last visit and one can now turn around in it without bumping into the walls.

VILLAGES.

All villages were very clean and tidy. These people are dependent on the leaves of the bamboo for roofing material and consequently it is a lengthy job roofing a house.

HYGIENE.

All villages have pit latrines and it appears as if they are being used. A peptalk re latrines was given in each village.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Village policemen are carrying out their duties in a reasonably good manner, and each individual continually asks when they are to be issued with new uniforms.

There are ^{four} village councillors in the Biagi District and it is suggested that when new Councillor badges are supplied, further appointments will be made.

AGRICULTURE.

The food position is good. An abundance of food was brought forward for sale.

HEALTH.

The health of the people is very good. Several cases of yaws and ulcers were seen and these were despatched to Kokoda hospital for treatment. NMO. MAINO carried out his duties exceptionally well and is very keen on his job. With further training he should turn out a good medical orderly.

.....Capt.
F.A.Champion. ADO.

REPORT ON R.P.C.

Reg.No.2560. Const.AIRE:

Carries out his duties reasonably well and is smart in appearance.

Reg. No.3134. Const. MINONU:

A smart and efficient man but needs supervision. Is inclined to take the law into his own hands.~~if~~

.....Capt.

F.A.Champion. ADO.

No.4

44/45

District of Mambare,
Kokoda Sub-District,
9 October 44.

District Officer,
HIGATURU.

Report of Patrol No.4. - 44/45- KOKODA.

Patrol by:- Capt. Champion. F.A. ADO.

Purpose of Patrol:- General Inspection.

Patrol accompanied by:- RPC. Reg.No.2560, Const.AIRE.

"	"	2340	"	JORI
"	"	2148	"	IPUMI
"	"	1070	"	UFA

Interpreter ARUO

N.M.O. DAVID MANUMANU.

Duration :- 25 Sept. to 5 Oct. 44.

Map:- Buna & P.Moresby Strat 4 miles to 1 inch.

Last patrol to area made by. District Services Jan. 44, by Licut.
D.Blyton. P.O.

PATROL DIARY.

Mon. 25 Sept.

After having despatched a constable last Saturday to send news to the Wawanga District of the coming patrol, I left Kokoda at 0815 hrs with 22 Wawanga pay off natives as carriers and proceeded along the main Kokoda - Buna road to OIVI, where village constable Simbiripa met me, he was asked to get his village people to cut sufficient grass to roof the new signals house at OIVI, I then proceeded to Gorari where a short stop was made and then on to ILIMO arriving at 1450 hrs. in heavy rain. Village constable HAUMI of Sauni District reported with a deputation of his people together with people from the Wairope District. These natives complained that Mr. Searle of Awala is always sending for village natives to carry rubber and timber from Wairope to Awala.

I explained to the people that the fighting services were in urgent need of rubber and that by carrying it they were contributing greatly towards the war effort. One "bush lawyer" stepped forward and asked if they would be sent to gaol if they declined to carry for Mr. Searle. I informed them that I could not prosecute under the NRO for refusal to carry cargo for a private enterprise.

A huge quantity of native foods was brought in for sale, I purchased the whole lot and managed to store some under the rest house in readiness for the patrol on the return journey.

Tues. 26th.

Left ILIMO at 0700 hrs. and proceeded along a very good road to ASISI arriving at 0815 hrs. held a medical inspection and left at 0930 for PAIWA where a further medical inspection was held. Left Paiwa at 0950 and descended a very steep hill to the IFOHI River which was crossed by a wire suspension bridge. This bridge will have to be rebuilt as the main posts are now very shaky. The people suggest that it be moved up river to a more suitable crossing place. Leaving the river we climbed up to Sirorata No.2. This was a deserted village when I last passed through, but the people have re-built it and is now a small but very tidy settlement. Held med. inspection and proceeded to Sirorata No.1 arriving at 1135 hrs. here again a med. inspection was held and leaving at 1210 hrs. we crossed the Kumusi River by a very good cane suspension bridge and arrived at SAWARIHAMBO at 1220 hrs. Where camp was made for the night.

Wed. 27th.

Left SAWARIHAMBO at 0700 hrs. and crossed the Kumusi River by cane suspension bridge and then started a long climb to GORABUNA arriving at 0920 hrs. and camped in a fairly good rest house. This is the last of the Orokaiva villages, they are really half Orokaiva and half Wawanga. Held medical inspection and purchased sufficient food for two meals. The population of this village is only about 15 people.

Thurs. 28th.

Left GORABUNA at 0700hrs. and after some stiff climbing arrived at WAROBILA at 0930 hrs. Here I learned that the village constable had been dismissed by the D.O., as yet I have not been informed regarding this dismissal. Recommended the appointment of another vill.const. Held medical inspection and had lunch. The people here informed me that there was an outbreak of dysentery at the next village of MANAGUBE. I immediately informed the people that they were on no account to go visiting the people of Managube until the epidemic had subsided.

Leaving Warobila at 1125hrs. proceeded to MANAGUBE where Vill. Const. PENUNU reported that 4 people had died of dysentery during the previous week and on a medical inspection being held, it was found that ~~the~~ three persons had the same complaint. A lecture was given to the whole populace regarding the urgency of reporting any outbreaks of dysentery to Kokoda immediately.

A large quantity of native food purchased. For mountain people it was rather surprising to see the number of people who wanted tobacco instead of salt for trade.

Fri. 29th.

Left Managube at 0725 hrs. and after a short walk arrived at NUMARA village, where a further two cases of dysentery was found. Leaving this village we proceeded to RUABA arriving at 0910 hrs. held inspections and left for EJARO arriving at 1030 hrs. where Vill.Cons. MAROIVI reported. The people here were cooking a large quantity of food in the native ovens in readiness for the patrol. Had lunch and proceeded to ABOMA arriving at 1400, having passed through UGILA en-route. Vill.Const. DEGOVI reported with a huge quantity of native food.

Sat. 30th.

Leaving the patrol gear at Aboma I left at 0730 hrs. for KOVIO arriving at 0910 hrs. having inspected VIABIBARI en route. Held inspections and returned to Aboma arriving at 1120 hrs. and stayed the rest of the day.

Sun. 1st.Oct.

Left ABOMA at 0700 hrs. on the return trip, stopping at MANAGUBE for lunch. The people reported that one of the children who had dysentery had died during my absence. N.M.O. DAVID and one constable were instructed to remain at Managube to treat the dysentery cases,

Leaving at 1220 hrs. I proceeded to WAROBILA arriving at 1330hrs where camp was made for the night. I was informed that the bridge across the Kumusi was down, so sent some people to have it repaired in readiness for the trip to the Managalasi district to-morrow.

Mon. 2nd.

Left WAROBILA at 0720 hrs. and after some stiff climbing we descended very steeply to the Kumusi River, was held up here for an hour waiting for the bridge to be completed, crossing the river we started a very steep and long climb to ENJORA arriving at 1250 hrs. Vill. Const. INGEIJA reported with a large quantity of native food.

There was also a deputation of natives complaining of having to carry rubber to WAIROPE.

Tues. 3rd.

Left ENJORA at 0700 hrs. and proceeded to OMBOFU arriving at 0945 hrs. having passed through Enjora No.2 and BUJUNUMU en route. Had lunch and left at 1045 hrs. for SAIROPE arriving at 1335 hrs. having passed through ANESA & PUTEMO en-route.

A large quantity of native ~~wife~~ foods purchased here. Several complaints regarding the non-payment of bride prices were brought forward. I advised them what to do about it but made it clear that I had no jurisdiction in the matter whatever.

Wed. 4th.

Left SAIROPE at 0655 hrs. for ASISI arriving at 1045 hrs. having inspected the villages of SORAPE, FEMBI, & BOTHU en route. Leaving ASISI at 1100hrs. we proceeded to ILIMO arriving at 1200 hrs. where camp was made for the night.

Thurs. 5th.

Left ILIMO at 0650 hrs, and proceeded to the end of the jeep road where Sgt.Griffiths met me in the jeep. Inspected the road work and proceeded to KOKODA arriving at 1100 hrs.

.....Capt.
F.A.Champion. ADO.

SUMMARY.

ROADS & REST HOUSES.

The roads throughout were found to^{be} excellent, in fact I am quite prepared to say that I have never seen such perfect roads in the whole of the Kokoda Sub-District. A vast amount of grading has been done and all creeks bridged by logs. Several large streams were bridged with huge single logs with an adzed top surface measuring 30", with rock pylons where the width demanded it.

The appearance of the roads did not look as if they had been hurriedly cleaned on hearing that a patrol was visiting the District.

The Wawanga & Managalasi peoples are to be congratulated on the perfect state of their districts.

REST HOUSES.

These also were found to be in very good order. The OMBOFU rest-house is a mansion situated in perfect surroundings.

VILLAGES.

All villages were exceptionally clean, with the exception of BOTHU village, in the Wairope District. Vill. Const. HAUNA invariably has his district in perfect order, he and his people were very severely censured on the condition of their village and informed that action would be taken for any future neglect.

HYGIENE.

All villages visited have deep pit latrines, these were inspected and they appear to be being used regularly by the inhabitants. Most of the villages have appointed sanitary inspectors to police the latrines, a very pleasing outlook indeed.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Village Constables and Councillors are doing an excellent job, and all were told how pleased I was with the Districts in general. Now that a supply of Registers and Councillor badges have arrived since my return I'm sure that these village officials will continue the good work.

AGRICULTURE.

The food position in the districts visited was excellent. It was, at times most embarrassing, to see the huge amounts of food brought in for the patrol and I noticed many large gardens on the mountain sides. I particularly noticed a very large garden near Sawarihambo, it took the patrol 15 minutes to walk through it. The WAWANGAS are noted for their fine yams.

HEALTH.

With the exception of the small outbreak of dysentery the health was found to be quite good. These mountain natives, unfortunately suffer a great deal from Sipoma. On my return to Kokoda the Medical Assistant sent out another N.M.O. with a fresh supply of drugs to combat the outbreak of dysentery. It is hoped that it can be cleared up very soon.

REPORT ON R.P.C.

No. 2569, Const. AIRE: A smart and efficient constable, energetic and willing at all times.

" 2540 " JORI, Not particularly outstanding, has very little initiative.

" 2148 " IPUMI:- A very energetic, smart and efficient man. Can be relied on and has plenty of savvy.

" 1079 " UFA. Nothing outstanding as yet. Just lately attached to Kokoda.

.....Capt.
F.A.Champion. ADO.

No. 6

44/65



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Sub-District Office,
KOKODA.
29th October, 1944.

W/011. Winterford P.O.
KOKODA.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS.

On Wednesday 1st November, you will arrange to proceed on patrol to the CHIRIMA VALLEY.

Purposes of the Patrol are as follows:-

- i. General Inspection.
- ii. Compiling a native census as per SR Instruction No.22
- iii. Encourage the population as far as possible to adopt a village life, also instruct them in the advantages of hygiene.
- iv. Patrol to be thorough... Time to be no object.
- v. Settling any native complaints brought forward.

.....Capt.
F. A. Champion. A.D.O.

District Of Mambare,
KOKODA SUB:DISTRICT.
17th November, 1944.

The District Officer,
Mambare District,
HIGATURU.

Report of Patrol No 6 - 44/45 - KOKODA.

Patrol by:- W.O.ii Winterford A.J. Patrol Officer.

Purpose of Patrol:-

- (i) To Patrol the CHIRIMA VALLEY.
- (ii) GENERAL INSPECTION.
- (iii) Record accurate Census as per HQ Southern Region Instruction No 22 of 25th September, 1944.
- (IV) Induce through propoganda methods to get people to reside in villages, rather than in bush houses.

Patrol accompanied by:-

R.P.C. Reg No.	1929	L/Cpl	GORO
"	"	2148	Const HAITA
"	"	2346	" IPUMI
"	"	1665	" SOURO

INTERPRETER	-	ARUA	-
N.M.O.	-	LUKAU	-

Cost of Patrol:- Trade Tobacco expended as under:-

Carrier Payments	30	sticks
Food Purchase	19	"
Issues Officials	55	"
	<u>104</u>	" = 4lbs.

SALT 80lbs.

For carrier payments and food purchase.

Duration of Patrol. 1st November to 16th November, 1944
Map BUNA Strat 4 mile to 1 inch, as indicator. Sketch attached.

Last patrol made to area by:-
Lieut French of District Services Field Staff
during August, 1944.

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PATROL DIARY.

Tuesday 31st Oct. Received written instructions from Capt. F.A. CHAMPION A.D.O. KOKODA, to proceed on patrol to the CHIRIMA VALLEY.

Day spent accumulating necessary articles of equipment and seeing that members of the R.P.C. accompanying the patrol were properly equipped with sufficient warm clothing, to combat the low temperatures to be encountered.

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Wednesday 1st November. Carriers away at 07.15, with writer taken by Jeep to within a half hours walk of YODDA. Inevitable rain here foreclosed further activities for the day.

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Thursday 2nd November. Off at 06.30 hours along a rain washed track to MAINGA. 5 hours carrier time. At the KANGA village turn-off was met by Village Constable HAUWE and a number of his villagers. Informed him that I would call at his village on the return trip and that he have his people all in the village for Census and Medical examination.

After an hour spell, the patrol moved forward to KARUKARU over a muddy but well maintained road. Arrived 17.00 hours. Village Constables TATAFI of KAGO and Vill. Const. FONDA of FOLEGABE awaiting the patrol with abundant supplies of native foods. Sweet potato mostly of excellent variety and texture.

N.B. Leeches extremely bad along the track just traversed. Mosquito Repellant found to be a useful combatant to relieve carriers. Apply liberally every 30 minutes.

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FRIDAY 3rd Nov. Heavy rain throughout morning and two A/C's sick. Patrol held over this day. Local KOKODA Carriers returned to station for payment.

A single Douglas Transport plane passed over the CHIRIMA Valley at 18.29 hours ROUTE S.S.E. Ceiling approx 10,000 ft, Visibility, restricted. Turned back after about 6 minutes of attempting to cross the range and last heard heading N.N.W.

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SATURDAY 4th Nov. Armed Constables fit, so on to BOURE Rest House. Passed through ASIMBA and the inhabitants of KAIONGA were grouped there for census. Arriving at BOURE Creek Rest House, the patrol was met by Vill. Const. TOMBA who informed me that the Vill. Const of KAIONGA had passed away in August.

Census was recorded of BOURE, KUMBUSA and ONDIRANDA these three villages having now merged.

Numerous people away in the bush and on an inspection of the area, found that no further work had been done in the building of the new village, as ordered by the last patrol.

Vill. Const TOMBA who at the moment is looking after the interests of these villages, is quite enthusiastic about the new BOURE Ck. Village, but is not meeting the required enthusiasm from his subjects. It seems the Dysentery outbreak has taught the inhabitants that they should not live together in large communities.

N/K of Vill. Const FASI (deceased) is owed 2 months pay.

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SUNDAY 5th Nov. Away to BOFU - 3 3/4 hours Carrier time. On arrival, greeted by a dilapidated Rest House and lots of flies. Vill. Const. SAVIRINGI arrived after much calling. His area generally filthy - no work had been done on the roads since the last patrol. Again all people living in bush houses, with the exception of a few elders, who were attempting to hold some sign of habitation in the thoroughly neglected village of BOFU. Instructed Vill. Const. that all his people be assembled at GIAGIGA R.H. when the Patrol returned.

New Village site as selected by Lieut. French P.O. Patrol Report No 2 of 44/45 ignored. No further attempt has been made to go ahead with it.

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MONDAY 6th Nov. Showery rain after the patrol was under, which did not improve the neglected track. Carrier time slowed to three hours. It is a pity that I have to offer the same disappointing comments about EVESA (Vill Const. SINE.) as those in the previous days activity.

The only redeeming feature about this particular locality is the well tended gardens, in which a good species of corn is grown liberally. Again in EVESA itself, three old people were residing in the village. All other inhabitants migrating to the south side of the valley and living in the numerous bush houses that dot the valley slopes.

GERAWATE and BASALABU & ANDAHARISA

Villages examined and all found to be in a neglected condition.

Late in the afternoon census was recorded of all villages mentioned.

Village Constable IWORE of FORU village arrived with 10 carriers.

TUESDAY 7th Nov. Into a much better cared for district and on to FORU Rest House. Villagers of SAFINGA & IMBOGO (Vill. Const IWORE) awaiting party - census recorded.

An examination of the villages, situated just below and above the Rest House respectively, revealed them to be in a filthy condition. As usual the pigs are quartered better than the people.

Proceeded on to GARIMA (Vill. Const KAWA) along a well maintained road. This Official proved to be very helpful. Rest House in good condition and the villages supplied ample native foods. Villages of GARIMA (SE), KELAU, EMBARA & BERUDANA examined and Census recorded. All villages within easy distance of the Rest House. Villages in no way outstanding. Rooms were found to be sturdy and weatherproof, but as usual the immediate surroundings found to be in poor state of neglect.

WEDNESDAY 8th On the well cared for track to KUAMA. Crossing the Chirima River, after which the track rises sharply and continues to do so till the Rest House is reached.

From this point an excellent view is commanded of all the local villages and it was noticed that excellent sites had been chosen for them.

Village people brought abundant supplies of native food and a small quantity of European vegetables. Some English Potatoes available, but small only and seed is required.

Rest of afternoon recording census of local villages of GU, KIKORI, JUMA (VILL/ CONST. SIORA) and KOIPEKU No.1 KOIPEKU No. 2, JORIBA & BELAVISA (Vill. Const. KOKA).

N.M.O. spent a busy afternoon attending and treating numerous sores in evidence. None however, warranted removal to hospital. Inhabitants looking quite healthy and fit.

Very heavy rain this evening and extremely cold.

THURSDAY 9th Nov. Inspected all villages with the exception of KOIPEKU No. 1 and No.2. These are encountered on the way to IONGAI. Mixed freely with the population, but no complaints or differences were brought forward. Nothing to add to my previous remarks as to the state of villages.

Trip to Mount ALBERT EDWARD abandoned owing to adverse weather conditions.

A Mission Boy was rather keen for me to go to the Summit of the mountain. It seems as though, at periods, he had to make trips to the Summit himself, placing at the foot of the Cross, cut up portions of pig. Presumably sacrificial.

FRIDAY 10th Nov. On to IONGAI Rest House. Carrier time 5 hours. Called in and examined KOIPEKU No.2 and KOIPEKU No.1. These two villages the cleanest seen so far and are ideally situated.

Passed through MIRI (Vill. Const HAVE) and the usual filthy village encountered. This village on the main track approx half an hour from the Rest House.

Rest House serviceable and as all people were assembled, census recorded of MANGURENDA, GAGA & MIRI. All of which being controlled by Vill. Const HAVE.

Vill. Const GUSI arrived later in the afternoon with villagers from GORIMOSUMA AND EMOWAIAGIA together with a small supply of European vegetables.

N.M.O. conducted medical inspection and 5 cases of yaws and ulcers encouraged to go to hospital for treatment.

SATURDAY 11th Nov. Away to KAGO. Vill Const AGUMA. This man for the present away in hospital at KOKODA. Quite a nice district, but owing to the absence of the official, roads etc have been somewhat neglected.

Very heavy rain this afternoon.

SUNDAY 12th Nov. An early start to GIAGIGO Rest House where Vill. Const. GOPA. A very nice Rest House here, the best one seen in the valley.

Passed through WAJU Village, controlled by Vill Const SIVININGI of BOFU and recorded the census of that village amid the filthy confines of the village square.

GARAWAKU, DIMANIGOLA and TURA examined and the Village Official has maintained some sign of order and cleanliness in his area.

Notice across the Valley that the BOFU Rest House was in course of reconstruction. The framework having been completed.

Another day of vicious storms. All N.W.

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MONDAY 13th Nov. A very long carry to FOLEGABE (Vill. Const FONDA) so an early start made. Altogether the carriers took 8 hours for the trip.

A very good man this Official. An ex A/C. Everything in Al order and all his people congregated for census. Villages ASANGA, IRU, ISCRISIA. Abundant supplies of food supplied and it was noticed here that the people are extremely happy and not as timid as the other districts just traversed.

Villages inspected and although nothing outstanding, a good bit of improvement on previous localities. FOLEGABE good.

On the way to FOLEGABE, SUIDA people were awaiting along the road for census. This obtained and another four hospital cases accompanied the patrol to FOLEGABE.

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Tuesday 14th Nov. On to KARUKARU over clear roads and arrived at KAGO a beautifully situated village which commands a lovely view of the ASIMBA River valley. The source of the ASIMBA River is a waterfall, quite conspicuous from the village.

Village Constable TATAFI accompanied the patrol to KARUKARU. Incidentally, the Signal House at KAGO is still being maintained by the people. A kitchen was ordered to be attached to this building. It will make an emergency Rest House for any Officer caught by bad weather in between the long 6 hour carry between FOLEGABE and KARUKARU.

KARUKARU is 1 1/2 hours walk from KAGO.

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WEDNESDAY 15th Nov. Ample food with the patrol, so the lightly loaded carriers straight through to YODDA.

Writer called at KANGA for inspection and census. A further five hospital cases discovered and these were attached to the twenty five already in the main patrol.

The new Rest House at MAINGA is a very nice building and reflects a good deal of credit on the Vill. Const. who constructed it. viz., TATAFI.

This stage of the trip accomplished by the carriers in eight hours.

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THURSDAY 16th Nov. YODDA to KOKODA approx 2 1/2 Carrier time and patrol arrived at KOKODA at 10.15 a.m.

Reported to Capt. F.A. CHAMPION. A.D.C.

.....W.O.11
PATROL OFFICER.

SUMMARY

VILLAGES. In lots of cases, remains of villages only were witnessed. Individual houses were noticed to be scattered throughout the entire Valley.

Houses are all of a standard type, of CHIRIMA design. Sharp, high sloping roofs that reach right to the ground. In all cases houses are completely shut to air and sunlight, with the exception of that, that penetrates through one small door situated at each end of the house.. Houses are large-- an average size being 40' x 20'. Livestock (pigs) share the rooms equally with the human occupants and in consequence the house interiors give off a fetid odour. Pandanas used exclusively for roofing.

Very little attempt is made at keeping the village sites clean. Again the livestock doing all the weed digging etc., in as much so that huge puddles of mud are to be found in the majority of the villages.

Regardless of the above, all villages are situated on excellent sites and good water supplies are always available.

HYGIENE. What latrines that have been installed are ornamental only and not one that had been scrutinised had been used.

Pigs of which there are large numbers in the valley, share everything with their owners, including sleeping quarters, which does not paint a healthy picture.

Natives are dirty, bordering on filthy and washing is not indulged in.

Natives who prior to the war, were Armed Constables and Indentured Labour, have gone back to their former primitive existence and are as dirty as their fellow brethren.

VILLAGERS. From my own observations it is noticeable that the CHIRIMA Valley requires more frequent visits if any object is to be attained with these people.

Villagers in themselves are quite happy, but I was given the opinion, that although the patrol was quite welcome, the people adopted a passive attitude to any suggestions or ideas.

Force will only drive these people further into the bush and on the other hand patrols are too few during the twelve months for any definite object to be attained.

They are good people, but the tragedy that overtook the population some twelve months ago, has left its mark. A lot of understanding and coaxing only will suffice to give these people a foundation for future generations.

The tendency of the people on the North side of the Valley is to migrate to the South side.

The advantage of this is obscure as there are some very fine sites for villages on the North side.

The entire population possess wonderful teeth. Pure white and even. Absence of betel nut probably accounts for this.

Census was recorded as per HQ-Southern Region Instn. No. 22. of 25th September. Great care was taken with this census and there is no doubt as to the number of deaths that occurred from the Dysentery that swept the valley.

A total of 923 names were recorded. Census however, reveals a goodly proportion of children-- families averaging three children. If anything more girls are being born than boys.

AGRICULTURE/ Food is plentiful and more in the valley than the population requires. The gardens are enormous and are well tendered and maintained.

Main crop is sweet potato, yam, taro, corn, with a few bananas. The sweet potato is of excellent quality.

Yields per acre are excellent, and the soil is very fertile.

At KUAMA, English vegetables grow extremely well, include potatoes, cabbage, passion fruit, beetroot and rhubarb.

A quantity of the above for replacement would be extremely useful.

ROADS REST HOUSES. For the most part roads require attention. Axes and knives were issued to the KARUKARU Village Constable together with a 9 foot mark stick, with instructions that the sick and tools complete the circuit of the Valley.

SUMMARY (Cont)

Rest Houses at MAINGA, GIAGICO were excellent. Others fair and serviceable only.

The Rest House at BOFU to be rebuilt and a good start had been made on it as noticed by the patrol passing along the South side of the Valley.

Village Officials. Vill. Const. FOMBA the outstanding official during the visit. An ex Armed Constable, he has looked after his area extremely well.

All other officials gave the patrol every assistance although it seems they are having a hard job getting the people to settle into communities. FASI of SUIDA died in August, being ill, and an ex A/CKOREA of SUIDA is recommended for appointment.

HEALTH.

No epidemics to report. Approx 30 cases of Yaws and T/U's voluntarily accompanied the patrol to KOKODA for treatment.

Treatments as under:-

Scabies	09
Yaws	9
T/U	20
I/Sore	82
Chest Complaint	33
Tini	63
Fever	Nil
Headache	30
Soils	-
Inj. Minor	52
	<u>431</u>

CRIME. No crime reported throughout the entire patrol.

.....W.O.11
Patrol Officer.

ROYAL PAPUAN CONSTABULARY

REG No. 1929 L/Cpl GORO. In no way outstanding. Performed his duties faithfully, but has no initiative and cannot act on his own with any degree of success.

Reg No. 2148 Const HAITA. A quiet efficient A/C for patrol work. Carries out orders to the letter. A good man.

Reg No. 2346 Const IFUMI. A good solid A/C. Ideal for patrol work. Is a go getter and gets things done.

Reg No. 1665 Const SOURO. Efficient and always on the job. Uses initiative and can act on his own. A good man.

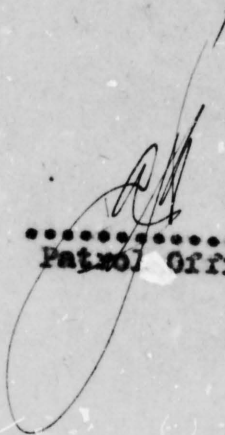


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Patrol Officer.

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REPORT ON NATIVE MEDICAL ORDERLY

N.M.C. LUKAE accompanied the patrol and at all times carried out his duties faithfully. He is interested and keen in his work.



.....W.O.11
Patrol Officer.

No. 7 44/45

Capt CHAMPION -

Sub-District Office,
KOKODA.
18 Jan. 45.

District Officer,
HIGATURU.

Report of Patrol No.7 of 44/45-KOKODA.

Patrol by:- Capt. Champion, F.A.-A.D.C. KOKODA.

Purpose of Patrol:- General Inspection.

Patrol accompanied by:-

Reg. No. 3079 Const.	KANUNU
" " 2010 "	UMIAPARI
Interpreter	DIKAI
N.M.O.	NAIMI
Personal Cook	

Cost of Patrol:- Trade tobacco expended as under:-

Carriers	28 sticks
Food purchases	110 "
Payment Rest Houses	208 sticks
Issues village Officials	<u>78 sticks</u>
	<u>16-5/26 lbs.</u>

Duration of Patrol. 4 Jan. 45 to 16 Jan. 45.

Map. BUNA Strat. 4 miles to 1 inch.

Last Patrol made to area by :-

Capt.F.A.Champion. ADO of District Services
Field Staff during July 1944.

.....Capt.
F.A.Champion. ADO.

PATROL DIARY.

Thurs. 4 Jan. 45.

Having despatched a constable yesterday to warn the people of the approaching patrol I left Kokoda at 0900hrs. per jeep, arriving at the Mamba River it was found to be running too strongly to cross by vehicle so left per foot for Oivi, where the carriers were awaiting my arrival.

Proceeding down the Oivi gorge we arrived at Gorari where lunch was partaken, the Nambisoda village people supplied cooked food for the carriers. Leaving Gorari the patrol proceeded to Ilimo arriving in heavy rain, a short spell here and then onto Wairope.

On arrival at Wairope the place was deserted, no village constables or village natives with food, in spite of the warning sent ahead Vill.Const.HAUMI of Sauni district who had accompanied me from Ilimo volunteered to proceed to Hamara to inquire as to why no one had met the patrol at Wairope.

Later in the evening Vill.Const.TUMBARI of Ajeka reported and said that he had been out with his people cleaning the roads. I warned him that a future breach of this sort would meet with a recommendation for dismissal.

At 2000 hrs. Vill.Const.Haumai returned from Hamara saying that he had had great difficulty in crossing the river as it was in flood, but had told the Hamara Vill.Const. to report in the morning with carriers for the patrol.

Fri. 5th.

Vill.Const.FAHO of HAMARA reported with some food but no carrier he was immediately despatched to his village to bring all his village people to Wairope (effective males) Vill.Const.Tumbari was despatched to Ombi and Tara to get carriers also.

Patrol gear despatched by Ombi and Tara carriers at 0830 hrs, and the Hamara Vill.Const. reported back to say that his people did not wish to carry. I immediately despatched an armed constable to arrest all the eligible males of the village who had refused to carry

Hamara natives arrived eventually and were prosecuted under NRC their excuse being that the river was in flood. The excuse was rather poor as women and children had crossed earlier in the morning.

Leaving Wairope I crossed the Kumusi River and climbed up to Ombi Village where a medical inspection was held and a general inspection of the village. Two natives were prosecuted here also for refusing to carry.

Leaving Ombi we proceeded to Mumuni passing through Tara, Depa and Huvivi en route, where inspections were held.

Vill.Const.KAPUSI reported with a large amount of native food. Camped for the night.

Sat. 6th.

Sent the patrol gear onto SASAMBATA by direct route while I visited the villages of ERUGAHAMEC, HEROTA, PINDA, KENDATA, and GAROMBI arriving at SASAMBATA for lunch. Vill. Const. HINDIKI reported with food. Spent most of the afternoon listening to various minor complaints.

Sund. 7th.

Leaving the gear at the rest house I visited the villages of KEWANA, HAMBURATA, NAIHIHITA, PENGOROTURU, and returned to SASAMBATA and camped. Not such a great quantity of food brought in here.

Mon. 8th.

Despatched patrol gear direct to ISIVITA while I visited the outlying villages of HURARITURU, HURITA, SAVARITURU, NOMOTA, GASARA, PERETEMBARI, HIHORETA, HINOTA, KANDATA, KENDATA, OINGATA, HAUTA, SIGORURU, HARAMA, KARAMASUSU, BOSISETA, PENGIPE and ISIVITA. A large amount of food brought in for sale here.

Spent the remainder of the afternoon listening to complaints.

Tues. 9th.

Despatched patrol gear direct to HIGATURU while I visited the villages of KOROPATA, TAMBORE, EGATURU, POPONDOTA, PINDA, HAMUMUTA, and KAKITA, then proceeded to HIGATURU where I learnt that the DO was in hospital for an operation.

S/Sgt. Nash informed me that the D.O. wished to see me before returning to Kokoda, so decided to remain at Higaturu for several days until the DO was fit enough to be called on.

Wed. 10th. & Thurs. 11th.

At HIGATURU.

Fri. 12th.

To DOBUDURA to visit the District Officer in hospital.

Sat. 13th.

In Court for Native Matters at Higaturu until 1000 hrs. Left Higaturu for Isivita arriving for lunch, then proceeded to SOROPUTA passing through TIMBEKI, HOZANI, OINASUSU, PEROMBA, HANDARITURU, TOGARITURU, HUITA, POPOHAMBO, & SOROPUTA where camp was made for the night.

Sund. 14th.

Despatched gear direct to ANALA while I visited the villages of BEURU, FEMBE, KAKITA, BIRORI, MINDUTA, KHERETA, NAIHIHITA, USOGI & DIPOTA arriving at ANALA for lunch where W/Oll HESSION invited me to be his guest for the night. Spent the afternoon in Court.

Mon. 15th.

Despatched patrol gear to the ONGAHAMBO road camp while I visited the villages of SUIHI, TUNANA, SAWARHAMBO, SAUSUSU, HAUGUSI, OWURI, EGASUSU, JINGITAKIONI, HEWA, FEMBE & SOMBERETA arriving at ONGAHAMBO road camp for lunch.

Leaving Ongahambo we proceeded along the main road to WAIROPE where a huge crowd of natives were awaiting my arrival. I intended going onto Ilimo but seeing that these people had a large amount of food for sale I decided to camp here.

Tues. 16th.

Left WAIROPE at approximately 0700 hrs. and proceeded along the main road to Ilimo where I contacted Kokoda by phone asking for the jeep to meet me at the end of the motor road at 1030 hrs. Leaving Ilimo we proceeded to Kokoda arriving at 1300 hrs. where Lieut. Graham reported all well during my absence.

.....*FAC*.....Capt.
F.A.Champion. ADO.

SUMMARY.

VILLAGES.

All villages visited were found to be exceptionally clean with the undergrowth cut well back from the houses.

Houses are of rather poor quality with coconut plaited walls.

All villages have an abundance of coconut and betelnut trees. The Japanese evidently did little damage to economical trees in this area, whereas on the Buna-Kokoda main road villages practically every coconut and betelnut tree was chopped down by the enemy.

HYGIENE.

All villages have pit latrines and from observations it would appear that they are being used regularly.

VILLAGERS.

It is most gratifying to see such a large number of effective male natives back in their villages and it is assumed that normal village life is in operation.

AGRICULTURE.

There is an abundance of native foods in all sections of the community and with the increased populations there should be larger gardens in the near future.

There is no likelihood of any food shortage.

ROADS & RESTHOUSES.

As on my previous patrol to this area the roads were found to be excellent and there was no cause for any criticism of any sections.

A new Rest House has been built at Gasara, it is rather small but the village policeman informed me that another one was to be erected which would be the largest in the Mambare District.

CRIME.

12 natives were convicted for refusing to carry. 5 for assault, 1 Indecent assault, 1 In possession of firearms.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Village constables & councillors were most co-operative and are all carrying out their duties extremely well.

HEALTH.

Health generally was found to be good. Several cases were sent to Higaturu and Kokoda hospitals for treatment. These consisted mostly of yaws and ulcers. No epidemics were reported.

.....Capt.
F.A.Champion. ADO.

ROYAL PAPUAN CONSTABULARY.

Reg. No. 3079, Const. KANUNU- Keen and energetic. Shows initiative.
" " 2010 " UMIAPARI- Not very bright. Inclined to be lazy.

.....Capt.
F.A.Champion. ADO.

NATIVE MEDICAL ORDERLEY- NAIMI.

This NMO did his job in a very efficient manner. He is very quiet and does not scream at people like some do.

I was very impressed with his work and general attitude towards village people.

.....Capt.
F.A.Champion. ADO.

No. 8

44/45

Sub-District Office,
KOKODA.
16 Feb. 45.

District Officer,
MIGATURU.

Report of Patrol No.8 of 16/45-KOKODA.

Patrol by:- Capt.F.A.Champion. ADO-KOKODA.

Purpose of Patrol:- General Inspection.

Patrol accompanied by:-

Reg.No.2346 Const.HAITA
" " 2213 " DEMBORA
Interpreter:- DIKAI
N.M.O.

Cost of Patrol:- Trade tobacco expended as under:-

Carriers	200 sticks	
Food	70 "	
Village Officials	42 "	<u>TOTAL 12 Lbs.</u>

Duration of Patrol:- 5 Feb. 45 to 14 Feb. 45

Map- KOKODA 1" to 1 mile

Last patrol to area by:-

W/O11 Winterford, P.O. of District Services
Field Staff during October 1944.

NOTE.

It will be noticed that no times between villages are stated in the patrol diary. My own watch has been out of order for some time & I have been in the habit of carrying a station alarm clock with me, but I have been instructed to return one clock to S & S Port Moresby, as WEF does not allow for two clocks. The remaining clock is used on the Station.

.....Capt.
F.A.Champion. ADO.

PATROL DIARY.

Mon. 5 Feb. 45.

Having despatched a member of the R.P.C. to PIRIVE last Saturday to warn the village people that I would be patrolling their district I left KOKODA at 0800 hrs. and proceeded to the Mamba Sig. Station where I branched off onto the PIRIVE road, reaching that village about a quarter of an hour later. Held inspections and proceeded to KANANDARA No.2 passing through MAINAGARI en route, held inspections and proceeded to KANANDARA No.1, thence to KEPARA where camp was made for the night.

Tues. 6 Feb.

Left KEPARA and proceeded to WAJU No.1 passing through and inspecting the villages of PAINTEMBARI, SENGI No.1 & 2 and WAJU No.2.

Wed. 7 Feb.

Left WAJU and proceeded to ILIMO passing through UNJIKI, AMBENI, MARAU, and INGI. Had lunch at Ilimo and proceeded to ASISI, inspecting PAPAKI en route. Camped at ASISI for the night.

Thurs. 8th

Leaving ASISI we crossed the KUMUSI RIVER by cane suspension bridge and proceeded to SAIROPE passing through HOJEVAHAMBO, BOTHU, FEMBI 1&2, Camped at SAIROPE for the night.

Fri. 9th.

Leaving SAIROPE we proceeded to WAIROPE inspecting WARINA and AJEKA enroute. Arriving at Wairope I found Lieut. B. Parer and Sgt. Gleeson doing repairs to the Wairope Bridge. Camped at Wairope.

Sat. 10th.

Left WAIROPE and Proceeded to WASIDA passing through HAKI and HAMARA. Country a little rough in this area.

Sent word ahead to Hungiri to have a canoe ready at the Kumusi to take me down river in the morning.

Sun. 11th.

Leaving WASIDA we walked for approximately 1 1/2 hours and came to the banks of the Kumusi River where a canoe was waiting, boarded the vessel and proceeded down river for half an hour, then a short walk to HUNGIRI village where a dance was in progress. Camped.

Mon. 12th.

Left ~~WASIDA~~ HUNGIRI and recrossed the Kumusi by canoe, then after a short walk crossed the EURU Creek by canoe proceeding to ORARISUSU, then onto the ONGAHAMBO ration dump, passing through SINGITAKIONI and EWAPA enroute. Held an inspection of the labour quarters at Ongahambo.

Tues. 13th.

Leaving Ongahambo proceeded to GORARI inspecting the villages of JEVAHAMBO, APA, EI, ANJIRI and NAMBISODA. Camped at GORARI for the night.

Wed. 14th.

Leaving GORARI we proceeded to KOKODA passing through SISIRETA and OIVI enroute. Arrived at Kokoda at 1100 hrs.

SUMMARY.

VILLAGES.

Villages inspected totalled 39 all of which were found to be extremely clean and tidy.

At HUNGIRI I met a very old man who gave me quite an interesting account of the early Govt. patrols from the TAMATA station near IOMA.

He informed me that when the patrol left Tamata they were attacked by the OPI River people first, then by every village right through and beyond Papaki. Later he found that it was far better to be friends with the Govt. than enemies so he joined the police, thus getting a little of his own back from unfriendly villages.

ROADS & RESTHOUSES.

Roads throughout were found to be excellent. All well cleaned and bridges across all small streams.

A section of road between Orarisusu and Singitakioni was not clean but as this is not a road which is normally used I told the people that it was not necessary to maintain.

HYGIENE.

All villages have pit latrines, but I would not go so far as to say that they are being regularly used. Each village was told about the necessity of using the latrines. The Papaki councillor informed me that his people were in the habit of using the river near the village I instructed them that this practice must cease immediately, and that in future any person caught would be proceeded against under NRO IOI-II

AGRICULTURE.

An abundance of native food was available at all villages. The amount brought forward in most instances was quite embarrassing at times, practically every village had cooked food ready as we passed through.

There is no likelihood of there being any food shortage.

CRIME.

Most cases brought forward were so trivial that they were settled out of Court to the satisfaction of both parties.

RESTHOUSES.

New resthouses have been constructed at AMBENI, WASIDA, and GONARI. The latter being quite a good structure considering that these people are notoriously bad builders.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Village constables and councillors were most co-operative in all sections.

HEALTH.

No serious cases were met with & the general health was found to be good.

.....Capt
F.A.Champion. ADO.

ROYAL PAPUAN CONSTABULARY.

Reg. No. 2346 Const. HAITA:- Quiet, keen, and efficient man. Shows initiative.

" " 2213 " DEMBORA. A fairly efficient man. Had to be very strongly reprimanded once during the patrol for leaving the carriers un-attended.

.....Capt
F.A.Champion. ADO.

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No. 9 44/45

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

File No, 30/4 - 17

Sub-district - Office
A.N.G.A.U.,
KOKODA.

30 Apr 45

D.O. Higaturu.

Patrol Report No. 9 of 44/45 Kokoda.

1. Attached are two copies of the above Patrol Report.
2. It is regretted. Owing/insufficient supplies of India ink only two sketch maps of the area patrolled were drawn, when further supplies are available a map for your office records will be compiled and forwarded.

[Handwritten Signature]
Capt.
 J. McE. FRAME - A.D.O.,

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ATT/HE

(1) Native 30/3-1934 17.

HQ Mambare District,
ANGAU HIGATURU.

Sum and Per 11 May 45. Stray 4 miles to 1 inch.
Sketch map

HQ Southern Region, ANGAU (2)

Patrol Report 9-44/45 - KOKODA

1. Duplicate copies of the a/m report are forwarded herewith. It is regretted that for the moment only one copy of the map is available.
2. Native Agriculture: The reported shortage in the WAWANGA District has been previously mentioned in my patrol reports.
3. Recruits: The 32 natives recruited for work at KOKODA are to be employed as casual labourers for the lengthening of the air strip.
4. The patrol was of a routine nature only.

[Handwritten Signature]
 Capt.
 A.T. Timperley, District Officer.

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Official Copy

Sub-District - Office,
KOKODA.

19 April 45

District Officer,
Mambare District,
HIGATURU.

PATROL REPORT NO. 9 of 44/45 KOKODA.

Report of a Patrol by:- Capt. J.McA. Frame., ADO., KOKODA.

to - Wairope Area Orokatva Villages, Wawanga
and Kokoda Manigalasi Villages.

Date left Station: 6th April 45. Date returned: 17th April 45.

Duration of Patrol: 12 day's

Purposes of Patrol:

- (1) General Inspection.
- (2) Enquire into shortage of food Wawanga Villages.
- (3) Compiling census as per SR. DS Instr. No. 22.
- (4) Check hygiene arrangements established by previous patrols.
- (5) Recruit for casual work - Extension of Kokoda Aerodrome.
- (6) Recruit 10 boys for Kokoda Rubber Estate.

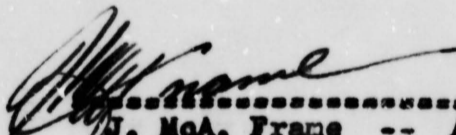
Patrol accompanied by:-

- (a) RPC's 4.
Interpreters 1.
NMO's 1.
- (b) Native carriers 17.

Map:- Buna and Port Moresby Strat 4 miles to 1 inch.
Sketch map attached.

Last patrol to area made by:

- (a) Capt. F.A. Champion
Kokoda Patrol Report No.4 of 44/45.


..... Capt.
J. McA. Frame -- A.D.O.

No. 2/37/44,
Sub District Office,
KOKODA.
3 Jan. 44.

The District Officer,
MIGATURU.

Patrol Report No. 7 of 43/44,
W/O. Blyton, P.O.

Herewith the above Patrol Report, W/O. Blyton appears to have conducted a very good patrol. This Patrol Officer is always willing and energetic and should make a very good officer with more experience.

Unfortunately there is not a copy of the Native Regulations at Kokoda for Blyton to study to get some experience in Courts for Native matters. Perhaps a typed copy could be supplied.

I endorse Blyton's remarks re Const. KABINA. He has done a good job at Kokoda and I strongly recommend him for leave.

R.A. Champion
.....Capt.
R.A. Champion, ADO.

ROYAL PAPUAN CONSTABULARY

R.P.C. who accompanied patrol:

<u>No</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Village</u>	<u>District</u>
1929	L/Cpl	GORO	SANANDA	BUNA
1269	Const	AKURU	HAMARA	KOYODA
1671	"	IEUTU	KEPARA	"
1913	"	KANDO	ISIVITA	"

L/Cpl GORO shaped badly at first on the patrol. He lagged behind and appeared to be in poor condition. On arrival in camp he would slump down. He showed little initiative and required constant direction on simple routine matters. Recently he was transferred from MIGATURU and may do better when he has settled down.

The three Consts carried out their duties well. I would say that they are fair average police and none is outstanding.

D.R. Blyton
.....A/PO 11
D.R. Blyton (Patrol Officer)

No. 10

44/45

Sub-District - Office,
KOKODA.

8 June 45

District Officer,
Mambare District,
TRIGATURU.

PATROL REPORT No. 10 of 44/45 - KOKODA.

Report of a patrol by:- Capt. J. McA. Frame., A.D.O. KOKODA.
to - Chirima Valley Villages.

Date left Station: 20th May 45. Date returned: 7th June 45

Duration of Patrol: 19 days

Purposes of Patrol: (1) General Inspection
(2) Checking of census
(3) Encourage Village hygiene.

Patrol accompanied by:

(a)	RFC's	6
	Interpreters	1
	NCO's	1
(b)	Native carriers	23

Map: Buna Strat 4 miles to 1 inch.
Sketch map attached.

Last patrol to area made by:
(a) W/O11 Winterford, A.J.
Kokoda Patrol Report No. 6 - 44/45.

J. McA. Frame Capt.
J. McA. Frame - A.D.O.

PATROL DIARY.

Sunday 20 May 45.

KOKODA to YODDA.

On the 17th despatched a constable of the patrol detachment to BURE Village (lower Chirima) to inform the people of my coming visit.

Local Crokaiva carriers escorted by patrol RFC, left Kokoda at 0730 hrs. Self with Interpreter and one Constable, left Station at 1130 hrs travelling by jeep as far as KOMO creek, then continuing on per foot crossing MBE creek and arriving YODDA plateau 1315 hrs.

During the afternoon local Kokoda natives brought in a small quantity of native foods. Am carrying extra supplies of rice and biscuits to be left at KARUKARU R.H. for use on return trip.

Monday 21 May 45.

YODDA to MAIGU

Left YODDA at 0730 hrs and proceeded along a muddy but well cleaned track, crossing many small streams, and arriving ISANI creek 0825 hrs. crossed by a newly constructed cane bridge, then on to KANGA creek 0900 hrs. V.C. LAUWE of KANGA reported at the turn off to his village, and informed me that most of his people were working on the road the other side of MAIGU Rest House. Instructed him to have all his people assembled at KANGA village for census and Medical Inspection on my return from the CHRIMA. Reaching the top of FOVOI ridge and looking back towards the East, KOKODA Plantation can be seen from this point, descended and followed LASA creek for 30 minutes, crossed and ascended to MAIGU Rest House arriving 1225 hrs. The carriers were rather slow, and did not arrive until 1400 hrs. During the afternoon Vil. Constable LAUWE of KANGA brought in food.

The road traversed 10-day was very muddy, but well cleaned all the streams with the exception of ISANI were without bridges.

Tuesday 22 May 45.

MAIGU to KARUKARU.

Had expected a change of carriers from KARUKARU, but as these did not arrive on time, continued on with the Crokaivas. Left at 0845 hrs and descended to TOA creek, from here on a succession of ravins and ridges were crossed arriving KARUKARU Rest House 1310 hrs. The change of carriers which were expected at MAIGU this morning, met the patrol half way along the track, and assisted with the carrying. At the Rest House V.C.'s TATAFI of KOGA, and FWOEDA of FOLEGABB, reported with more carriers and a large quantity of food. This Rest house is maintained by the KOGA people, and was found to be in a neglected condition.

I noticed a small 20 x 15 ft building some 50 yds below the Rest house, and was informed by V.C. TATAFI that same was a Mission Rest house, erected by a Priest from the GILALA district some two weeks prior to my arrival. They could not remember the Priest's name, but said that he had returned up the CHRIMA to the village of IONGAI, I later found that he had returned to GILALA, after erecting another Rest house at IONGAI.

Village Constable FWOEDA of FOLEGABB volunteered to accompany the patrol as guide and interpreter - this man I believe has accompanied previous patrols through the Chirima.

Wednesday 23 May 45.

KARUKARU to BURE via ASIMBA R.H.

Returned KOKODA carriers and proceeded on with CHRIMAS at 0815 hrs. travelled a good track, which is level going until ASIMBA Rest house and creek was reached at 0945 hrs. continuing on at 1030 hrs crossed ASIMBA creek by cane suspension bridge, and proceed over rough track arriving Ju creek 1205 hrs. BURE Village creek, and Rest House was reached at 1330 hrs.

Wednesday 23 May continued:

The village is of 9 houses all of which were in a generally dirty condition. The Rest house and barracks are very old and needs to be rebuilt, same is situated across BURE creek from the village. At the time of my visit, the BURE Village Constable together with a number of his people were away dancing at KBLAU village (upper CHIRIMA), an old man, brother of the Vil. Constable was acting in his absence, and arranged food for the patrol.

Thursday 24 May 45.

BURE to BOFU

Left BURE at 0815 hrs, and crossed to the north side of the CHIRIMA river by suspension bridge, then climbed for 3 hrs and descended steeply to Rest house 1200 hrs. The old BOFU village is now deserted and the main village of this Rest house is HUAI-O situated on the Southern slopes of the valley. The only people remaining on the North side are those living in small garden hamlets between the Rest house and the River, these were later inspected, the owners accompanying me back to the Rest house with much food.

Both the BURE and BOFU Vil. Constables puffed into camp about 1730 hrs, full of apologies for not being at their barracks to meet me, both stating that they had not known I was in the CHIRIMA until that day, and that they had left off dancing at KBLAU to come and meet me.

The Rest house was found to be old, and the timbers borer riddled, a new one was ordered to be erected without delay. The main track to-day was fair showing some signs of recent maintenance, the Vil. Constables said that they had worked on their roads before going to the dance, however there is still room for improvement, and they received instructions accordingly.

Friday 25 May 45.

BOFU to EVESA.

Despatched the BURE and BOFU Vil. Constables to GARIMA for carriers. Left Rest House at 0845 hrs and descended steeply to TU-O creek 0940 hrs, continuing on up a steep ridge the track passes through large garden areas of sweet potatoes, yam and a few taro were seen, but not in any quantity. Arrived EVESA R.H. 1145 hrs. Here V.C. SINE had his people assembled, so checked census and passed them on to the NMO for medical inspection. At 1330 hrs descended and inspected the small garden villages of GEREWATE and WASA, surroundings were clean but the houses dirty and in need of repair. Returning to the Rest house, followed the main track for a few hundred yds to EVESA village, consisting of 6 houses this village surrounds a fenced off dancing area, only two of the houses passed the inspection, the rest were in a dirty condition.

Towards dusk the two Vil. constables returned from GARIMA with 15 carriers, EVESA village supplied my further requirements.

Saturday 26 May 45.

EVESA to GARIMA via FORO R/H/

Changed carriers and left EVESA at 0830 hrs, descended steeply to INAMBA creek 0915 hrs, and then climber KEMBESI ridge to FORO Rest house 1000 hrs, while waiting for the people to assemble continued on down the ridge to SUPINGU village of 6 houses, then returning to Rest house inspected IMBOGO, situated a few hundred yards above the R.H. Checked census and held medical inspection. Left at 1200 hrs arriving BILUBERI village 1300 hrs, here I branched off the main track to inspect GIKAMA and EMBABA before crossing SONGO creek and climbing to GARIMA Rest house 1430 hrs, as the people were not all assembled continued on to visit KBLAU and GARIMA villages both situated some distance above the Rest house. KBLAU is the village which has been entertaining the Chirimas to a dance for the past two weeks, and to my surprise the cleanest so far inspected, however the surroundings being littered with many unsightly shelters to accommodate visitors, did not improve conditions.

Saturday 26 May Continued.

Two Vill. Constables and some villager's from the GOILALA district reported, and informed me that they had been dancing in the Chirima Valley for some weeks, they were instructed to return to the GOILALA without delay.

The GARAMA Rest House is a spacious building, and well maintained - roads traversed this day were in fair condition.

Sunday 27 May 45.

GARIMA to KWAMA.

Left GARIMA at 0845 hrs and descended steeply to CHIRIMA river 5 0935 hrs, crossed to south side and followed up the bank until the junction of SINDAPA creek and CHIRIMA river was reached, crossed here and ascended a steep ridge which leads to the KWAMA Rest House, about half way up the ridge turned right and followed a track leading around the ridge to the villages of KWAMA, KIKORI, GU and JUMA, these villages occupy the slopes below the Rest House and are surrounded by extensive garden cultivations. Arrived Rest House 1300 hrs, same is the old Spotters house still being maintained as a Rest House, and in very good order. All the people assembled during the afternoon for checking of census and medical inspection. Large quantities of food was brought in for sale, including a few cabbages and English potatoes.

Monday 28 May 45.

KWAMA to SHELTER.

Yesterday I had arranged with carriers and a guide from the local villages to accompany me the the summit of Mt. Albert Edward - to-day broke dull&drizzle, and I was affraid the locals would advise against making the trip, however they arrived on time and assured me that the weather would soon pass, which proved to be correct. The carriers lightly loaded were sent on ahead, and instructed to repair the shelter if needs be. I left KWAMA at 0930 hrs, accompanied by the guide(V.C.KOKA of "LAVIAS) the Interpreter and one constable. The track folloed was the one generally used by the natives when crossing the range to the GOILALA villages, on arrival at the shelter 1430 hrs found carriers working on repairs to the shelter, same was in a neglected state and it was not until 1700x hrs before we completed the job.

Tuesday 29 May 45.

SHELTER to SUMMIT.

Last night was bitterly cold making sleep more or less impossible. Left the Shelter at 0700 hrs and travelled over undulating grass country, dotted with many small lakes, and patches of stunted trees, until withing an hour of the summit, from here on the track becomes much steeper, with many sharp rocky ridges to cross before ascending steeply to the summit 1030 hrs. Being a perfect day a marvellous view of the surrounding country was obtained. I replaced the tin(containing records of previous visits) with a bakelite screw top jar. Left the summit at 1100 hrs and returned to the shelter 1345 hrs, had a quick lunch and then continued on to KWAMA arriving 1700 hrs.

Wednesday 30 May 45.

KWAMA to IONGAI.

Left KWAMA at 0930 hrs and followed a track down the side of the ridge to SINDAPA creek, ascended steeply to JORIBA village, and then continued along the same ridge to BELAVISA, both these villages belong to the KWAMA Rest house, proceeded on and joined the main track at KOIPDU village, climbed steeply and descended to KAL-A creek 1130 hrs, arrived MARIKU ENDA 1230 hrs, this village is of four houses and situated in the middle of large gardens. proceeding on arrived MIRI a clean village of 6 houses at 1420 hrs. IONGAI Rest House 1440 hrs.

Wednesday 30 May 45. continued:

Village Constables GUSI of MBURAI-AGIA and HAVI of MIRI reported and were instructed to have their people assembled during the afternoon. The Rest House is in good condition and the roads to-day fair, village pigs have churned up a lot of this track.

Thursday 31 May 45. IONGAI

During the morning completed census and medical inspection, also held 3.30 p.m. - seven GARIMA boys having refused to carry were sentenced to 1 month I.M. Most of the afternoon was spent talking to the Chirima Village Constables, who had previously been instructed to congregate at IONGAI for this purpose, all except two were present. They were lectured on their duties as officials, village hygiene etc.,

Held enquires into complaints submitted by the ABO IOMA, which occurred during his recent patrol through the Chirima.

More than sufficient food was brought in for sale.

Friday 1 June 45. IONGAI to GIAGIGO via KAGO R.H.

Yesterday I told V.C. GUSI to apprehend, and bring in for questioning, the four deserters from ABO IOMA recent patrol, at about 0600 hrs a boy arrived at the Rest house with GUSI'S uniform, saying that the Village Constable, had during the night sned his uniform, and 'gone bush' - I then despatched Const. UMOMA to apprehend GUSI and the four deserters and bring them to KAGO R.H. for questioning.

Changed carriers and left IONGAI at 0900 hrs proceeded down the main track to WAGA (now deserted) and branched off up the ridge to LIZIKI Nos 1 & 2 both these villages were in a dirty condition, returned to main track and proceeded down to KULUMUSAMA 1000 hrs (a clean village) from here the track falls steeply to WUMBI creek which was crossed by a well constructed log bridge at 1020 hrs, ascended and continued on down the valley along a very good track to KAGO R.H. continued on up the ridge and inspected KAGO village (deserted) returning to Rest House 1220 hrs. Vil. Constable AGUMA of KAGO is a cripple, and at the time of my visit was away visiting across the valley. Instructions were given for this man to be brought to KOKODA for treatment, and if necessary replacement. These people were ordered to return to their village, they have been living in their garden hamlets for some months now.

Checked census and held med. inspection.

Const. UMOTA arrived while I was at KAGO, and reported that he had gone to V.C. GUSI'S village (garden) and as he was approaching the group of hamlets GUSI and the deserters appeared threatening him with spears, however accompanied by the GARIMA Vil. constable he proceeded up the ridge, when they threw their spears and went bush. I sent him back again with two guides and Const. INGITA to assist in apprehending the offenders.

Left KAGO R.H. at 1330 hrs crossed PANA creek and arrived HUI-0 village 1430 hrs (this village is controlled by the BOFU V.C.) continued on arriving GIAGIGO Rest House at 15.20 hrs - all the people were assembled so checked census without delay. Rest house and roads in excellent condition. Vil. Const. GOPA is a good man and knows his work.

Saturday 2 June 45. GIAGIGO to FOLEGARE.

Left Rest House at 0815 hrs, passed through the old deserted village of MANGOLD, and arrived BOKORAKU village which is situated on the top of SI ridge, this is a large village of 16 houses, and was found to be in a clean and tidy condition, some of the houses required rebuilding. Left at 0915 hrs and descended steeply to junction of KI and BURU creeks, crossed by a well constructed bridge and then a long steep climb to the top of LOISA ridge arriving 1200 hrs. descended to junction of LOMA and JU creeks 1245 hrs.

Saturday 2 June 45. continued:

Here Vil. Const. KOLE of BURE was awaiting the patrol with food already cooked. I instructed V.C. KOLE to rebuild and maintain the old BU Rest house, his people intend making a new village (LOKOHITI) close to this site. This Rest House when completed will divide the long 9 hours walk between GIAGIGO and FOLEGABE into two more suitable stages. Left 1355 hrs and climbed steeply up KANABU ridge until 1455 hrs heavy rains now commenced to fall making the descent into the FOYO-A valley very slippery. Arrived FOLEGABE Village and Rest House 16.15 hrs. The road to-day was in really excellent order - V.C. FWORDA of FOLEGABE being responsible for most of it - this man is also a very keen and energetic Official.

Sunday 3 June 45.

FOLEGABE.

During the morning checked census and held medical inspection of the following villages: FOLEGABE, ASANGA, KIRU, ISIONISIA and WUNDAGOFA.

The afternoon was spent visiting the above villages, with the exception of WUNDAGOFA which consists of scattered garden hamlets towards the headwaters of ASIMBA creek - All villages were found to be in a clean condition, these people are a class above the Chirimas, and their Vil. Const. FWORDA and ex A/C/ keeps them up to the mark. - Left Rest House at 1145 hrs and returned 1545 hrs.

Monday 4 June 45.

FOLEGABE to KARUKARU via KOGA

Left at 0845 hrs and descended steeply to ASIMBA creek 0910 hrs from here climbed steadily along the slopes of SI ridge until KOGA village was reached at 1120 hrs. V.C. TATAPI had taken all his people down to KARUKARU Rest House, so inspected village and continued on arriving Rest House 1400 hrs. Huge piles of food had been brought in by the KOGA people.

During the afternoon Consts. UMOYA and INBITA reported, that V.C. GUSI and the deserters had gone over the range to the GUILALA side - this I believe is the custom of these people when frightened, they panic very easily.

Tuesday 5 June 45.

KARUKARU to MAIGU

Left KARUKARU with 15 hospital patients, 7 prisoners and 6 deserters from ADO IOM's patrol - at 0845 hrs arrived MAIGU R.H. 1215 hrs. During the afternoon V.C. LAUWE of KANGA arrived with food - He was instructed to have all his people assembled at KANGA village pending my arrival in the morning.

Wednesday 6 June 45.

MAIGU to YODDA via KANGA Village.

Left MAIGU at 0930 hrs and arrived KANGA village turn off at 1130 hrs. Sent carriers on to YODDA, and followed the village road which crosses the KANGA creek, and goes steeply up a ridge to the village which is situated on the top, arrived 1210 hrs - this village is of 10 houses and very clean. Checked census and held Med. Inspection obtaining another 4 patients for hospital treatment. Left at 1400 hrs arriving YODDA 16.15 hrs.

Thursday 7 June 45:

YODDA to KOKODA.

Left YODDA at 0815 hrs and was met by Cpl. Elliott with jeep at KOMO creek - who reported everything in order at KOKODA. Carriers and Patrol personnel arrived KOKODA 1100 hrs.

SUMMARY.ROADS AND BRIDGES:

Actually the roads could be classed as fair throughout the Valley proper, and more especially towards the upper reaches, these sections showed much signs of recent efforts, I should judge about two weeks ahead of the patrol.

The sections between GIASIGO Rest House and FOLEGABE and throughout the whole of the FOFO-A valley were really excellent, and deserving of much praise.

The sections from BURE to BOFU and BOFU to EVESA, were found to be overgrown in parts, their excuse being, that they were too few to maintain such a long distance of road, it is true that a lot of these people have migrated across the Chirima river to the southern slopes of the valley, but in my opinion there are still sufficient remaining to maintain this road - the Officials responsible were warned, and instructed to improve the track without delay. The road from KWAMA to the Summit of Mt. Albert Edward is really only a foot pad, and in places hardly discernible - The two KWAMA Vil. constables were instructed to improve this track as far as No. 1 Shelter.

The Chirima terrain is very mountainous, and the track which is continually crossing ridges and ravines is a difficult one to maintain, fallen trees, land-slides etc., are an every day occurrence; ceaseless attention is required on these roads, and without the proper tool - extremely difficult. Village pigs are a nuisance, and are continually churning up the road.

Here again as in any mountainous country, bridges other than of a temporary nature, would be a waste of time and effort, logs span the numerous small creeks, and when washed away are easily replaced. Bridges of a more permanent construction span all the river crossings and larger streams, with the exception of those between Yodda and KARUKARU.

REST HOUSES AND BARRACKS:

Instructions to rebuild the Rest Houses at KARUKARU, BURE and BOFU were issued; these were found to be old and close to the stage of collapsing.

The ASIMBA Rest House, which is situated on the ASIMBA creek between KARUKARU and BURE, serves little if any purpose, and for some considerable time, has not been used by visiting patrols. These people are now living up the FOFO-A Valley some 2 1/2 hours walk from the Rest House - I issued instructions for a new Rest House to be erected at KISUNISI Village, and the old ASIMBA one to be pulled down and burnt.

Vil. Constable KOLE of BURE, is to rebuild and maintain the old JU creek Rest House. This Rest House situated approximately half-way between GIASIGO and FOLEGABE, when completed will reduce the long nine hours walk between barracks, to two more suitable distances.

The remaining Rest Houses were found to be in fair condition - attached buildings for use by RFC and patrol personnel, were usually too small, and on four occasions fly's had to be erected. There are no Rest houses above KWAMA village, which is the last villages before crossing the range to the GOIBALA side - a shelter exists at the turn off to the Summit of Mt. Albert-Edward, but is old and dilapidated, and will not last much longer. The KWAMA people who have been instructed to improve the road to the top of the range, have also been told to repair the Shelter. - It is used frequently by travellers across the range.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE:

I made a special point of inspecting gardens, and found same to be in a flourishing condition, they were all extremely large and scattered throughout the entire valley, some of the slopes being nothing but garden cultivations. The main crops being harvested during my visit were, sweet potatoes, yam, and small quantities of taro, huge piles of which were brought in at each Rest house for sale, not once was I ever short of native foods - salt was the main trade used, although on a few occasions some of the menfolk asked for tobacco. Much clearing and burning off was in progress during this trip, and the valley was continually hazed by ~~the~~ smoke from the fires. There is no shortage of food in the Chirima.

NATIVE SITUATION:

The Chirima's are a shy and primitive people, with the inclination to panic or fright very easily. The incident at IONDAI, when Vil. Constable GUSI, being instructed to bring in the four deserters from the ADO. IOMA's patrol, 'went bush'-confirms this. However other Village Officials present at the time assured me that, running away was the fashion of 'bushmen', they really did appear to be disgusted and ashamed with GUSI'S effort, and volunteered to apprehend him and the deserters as soon as they returned from the GOILALA.

Lack of suitable interpreters makes conversation with these people very difficult - one is continually under the impression of not being understood. Good interpreter's with a knowledge of Government ways, would be of great assistance to patrols through the Valley - It is suggested that suitable men from the Upper Chirima be chosen and brought down to Kokoda for training.

In my opinion a Police Camp, or failing this more frequent patrols, are necessary to the Chirima.

The FOFO-A valley people are definitely a class above those of the Chirima proper.

VILLAGES:

These people are firstly agriculturists - therefore their gardens are their homes. Villages which are usually small, are only used on special occasions, or when work in the gardens has been completed - this is the impression gained while patrolling. Some of the villages were in a clean and tidy condition, but on the whole dirty and untidy, garden houses were found to be in such the same state.

The ASINBA people are building a new village further up the FOFO-A valley, to be known as KISUWISI.

One of the two FOFO Officials, KOLE and his people intend building a new village close to the old JU Rest House, to be known as KOKORETI.

The largest village seen on the patrol was that of GOROVANI consisting of 16 village houses surrounding a fenced off dancing area - this village and those of the FOFO-A valley all passed their inspections.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

Most of the Chirima Village constables lack the necessary influence and control of their people, and to make matters worse have a very poor knowledge of their duties as officials. It was for the purpose of rectifying this position, that I had them all congregate at IONDAI, and spent the whole of one afternoon explaining to them their duties - it is hoped that some good was derived from these talks. Vil. Constable GUSI'S behaviour is regrettable, and I am still at a loss as to why he absconded - perhaps a guilty conscience. Outstanding amongst the officials were:

V.C. FONDA of FOLEBABA	(FOFO-A)
V.C. GOPA of SIAGIRO	(Lower CHIRIMA)

W. J. F. FRAGLE
.....Capt.
J. M. FRAGLE - ADO.

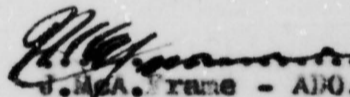
Village Constable GUSI of IONGAI.

Since my return from patrol the above-named Vil. Const. has reported to Kokoda on his own accord, bringing with him the deserters from ADO. IOMA'S patrol.

While the patrol was camped at IONGAI Rest House, Vil. Const. GUSI was asked if his people had any pigs for sale, he later brought along a small one, which I explained to him was not big enough to feed all the patrol personnel. He was still present, when a man from MIRI village arrived with a large pig for sale, which I bought. It appears that Vil. Const. GUSI returned his uniform the following morning, because he was so ashamed of my buying the other mans pig in preference to his.

On being questioned regarding his threatening behaviour towards Const. UNOTA. Vil. Const. GUSI and witnesses say that this is not true, as they became frightened and ran into the bush, when the policeman was first sighted some distance from the village, further that they did not go over the range, but remained in a small hamlet above the village. Const. UNOTA on being questioned again, changes his previous answers considerably, all of which tend to confirm GUSI'S statements that he was not threatened in any way, while approaching, or at the village.

The deserters are being held at Kokoda pending trial.

 Capt.
J. M. A. Frame - ADO.

REPORT ON R.P.C. PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL:

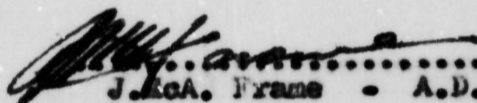
Reg. No.	213	Sgt.	BESO
" "	1070	Const.	UFA
2 "	1465	"	UMOTA
" "	1665	"	SOURO
" "		"	AKAE
" "	2561	"	INGITA

All the above-mentioned members carried out their duties well, although none were outstanding.

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Sgt. BESO, is a little too old for strenuous mountain patrolling, otherwise his work was satisfactory.

Consts. UFA, SOURO and INGITA, are good men accustomed to patrolling, and can be relied upon to carry out their duties well.

The remaining two AKAE and UMOTA have much to learn, and will require more training, before they will be of any real assistance as patrol constables.

.....Capt.
J. McA. Frame - A.D.O.

REPORT ON HEALTH AND HYGIENE.

No. 230 NMO. LAKAUARI accompanied the patrol and held medical inspections at all the villages, some 237 people were treated for minor complaints, and of this number 24 were evacuated to the Native Hospital at Kokoda. The health of the people was found to be quite good, and there has been no further outbreaks of dysentery since the epidemic of 43/44.

Treatments as under:-

Scabies	35
T. Ulcer	40
Yaws	--
Inj. minor	39
Infections	44
Headaches	2
N.G. mouth	1
Cough	22
Tinea	45

NMO LAKAUARI is a good man, and his work during the patrol was satisfactory.

Village hygiene throughout the Shirima valley was found to be neglected, pit latrines as ordered to be constructed by previous patrols are not being properly used, and in certain sections not at all. Talks on village hygiene were given at all villages throughout the patrol.

[Signature] Capt.
S. C. Frame • A. D. O.

NO. 11

44/45

Sub-District Office,
KOKODA.
29 June 45.

District Officer,
HIGATURU.

PATROL REPORT No.11 of 44/45 - KOKODA.

Report of Patrol by:- Capt.F.A.Champion. ADO, KOKODA.
To. BIAGI DISTRICT.
Date left Station. 25 June 45
" Returned 27 "
Duration 3 Days.
Purposes of Patrol. General Inspection.
Census Check
Inquiring into native deaths caused by enemy
action.
Patrol Accompanied by: R.P.C's 2
Interpreter I
NMO's I
Carriers 11
Map. KOKODA 1 Mile to 1 inch.
Last Patrol to area by: Capt.F.A.Champion. ADO Sept. 44.
Tobacco expended:- Carriers 66 sticks
VC's etc. 10 "
PNF 10 "

F.A.C.
.....Capt.
F.A.Champion. ADO.

PATROL DIARY.

Tues. 29th.

Left KOKODA at 0800 hrs. and proceeded through the rubber plantation and climbed up to PITOKI Village arriving at 0850hrs. Vill. Const SINERE reported. Checked the census and held a medical inspection.

Left PITOKI at 0935hrs. for DENIKI arriving at 0950hrs. This village is now situated at the foot of the range and does not occupy the old site. Held inspections and checked census. Made inquiries regarding the number of natives who lost their lives through enemy action, a separate report will be furnished regarding this matter.

Left at 1020hrs. and climbed up to the DENIKI Sig. Station arr. at 1345hrs. Called on the sigs personnel and then proceeded to ISURAVA Sig. Station, which is situated about one and a half hours on the Deniki side of the old Isurava Rest House. Called on the sigs who informed me that there was no carrier accomodation at old Isurava, so I decided to make camp here for the night.

Wed. 28th.

Left ISURAVA sig. station at 0720hrs. and proceeded to ISURAVA, inspected the village of KILOKI (Vill. Const. NAVE) Checked census and proceeded to ALOLA VILLAGE arriving at 0950hrs. This village is situated about 300' above the Alola Signal Station, and is controlled by Vill. Const. NAVE. Leaving Alola we descended steeply to IORA CREEK which was crossed by log bridge and then started a long climb up to ABUARI VILLAGE having passed below the MAIKA waterfall, a wonderful sight.

Arriving at Abuari a census check was made, but most of the able bodied people were at IORA CREEK Sig. Station doing some building work.

A fair quantity of native food was brought in for sale so I decided to camp here for the night.

Thurs. 29th.

Left ABUARI at 0705 for ASIGARI (Vill. Const. USO) arriving at 0820 held inspections and left at 0855hrs. for KAILI arriving at 0920 hrs. Held inspections and had an early lunch then proceeded to SIGA VILLAGE where it was found that seven natives had been murdered by the Japs.

Leaving SIGA we descended steeply to KANANDARA arriving at 1225 hrs had a short spell and proceeded to the Kepara native rubber areas where an inspection was held as there was some question about the ownership of several trees. Leaving Kepara rubber we proceeded to KOKODA arriving 1600 hrs.

SUMMARY.

ROADS.

Considering the nature of the country traversed the roads were excellent, with all streams bridged by logs with adzed topsides.

RESTHOUSES.

These mountain people are very poor builders, hence the poor type of rest house, nevertheless they are quite habitable. Roofing material is very scarce in this area and most of the houses are roofed with the narrow leaves of the bamboo.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE.

There is no shortage of food in the Biagi district, and they grow a very fine type of cucumber. Their staple diet is sweetpotato.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

All are carrying out their duties satisfactorily, and there were no complaints regarding roads, cleanliness of villages or hygiene.

HEALTH.

The general health of the district was found to be very good. Only three cases were sent to hospital. These consisted of ulcers and sores.

.....Capt.
F.A.Champion. ADO.

CENSUS STATISTICS.

<u>VILLAGE.</u>	<u>MA</u>	<u>FA</u>	<u>MC</u>	<u>FC</u>	<u>C/E</u>	<u>Effective in Vill.</u>
PITOKI	30	32	25	23	5	12
DENIKI	18	22	14	9	6	5
ILOKI	8	5	4	Nil	2	2
ALC A	9	5	4	6	7	Nil
ABUARI	12	9	16	13	4	4
ASICARA	9	9	163	7	3	3
KAILI	13	7	3	9	6	4
IGA	9	11	9	3	Nil	6

Patrol Diary.

19 June:

Left Kokoda and proceeded along the main Kokoda-Buna track ~~in~~ then turned off to FIRIVE where Vill. Const. HUJARI reported. Passed on to KEPARA where a flag pole was erected and the flag run up. Left all patrol gear here and visited MAIKAGA 1 and KANDARA Nos. 1 & 2. returning to KEPARA Rest. house. Paraded the police at retreat for the ceremony of lowering the flag. Villagers showed great interest in the parade. xx

20 June:

Departure of the patrol was delayed over an hour due to the failure on the part of Vill. Const. HUJARI to supply carriers on time. Proceeded to KAMONDO where there are only three houses all in a bad state of disrepair. As this village is only 15 minutes from Kepara instructed that rather than rebuild on the present site the inhabitants move to KEPARA. Then proceeded to WAJU No. 1 passing through PAITEMBARI, SENGI Nos. 2 & 1, and WAJU No. 2. Vill. Const. KAURA failed to report. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ A considerable number of villagers were found to be absent from the villages inspected during the day reason for their absence being that they had proceeded to WAIROPE to meet a patrol from BIGATURU distributing Native Rubber Royalties. ed

21 June:

Departed from WAJU No. 1 to AMBENI visiting UNJIKI and MAINGI en route. MAINGI being an exceptionally small settlement, two houses and all inhabitants members of one family with their gardens in the AMBENI area instructed that the site be abandoned inhabitants moving to AMBENI. Heavy rain fell while at AMBENI the rest house roof leaked ~~xxxx~~ badly, police had no barrack and had to quartered for the night with villagers. Instructed Vill. Const. ILIMO to rebuild the rest house and erect a police barracks. n

22 June:

From AMBENI went through to ILIMO inspecting MALAU (AMBENI No2 INGI, EI, and AFA en route. Vill. Const. NAUMA reported to the patrol at INGI accompanying it through. At EI and AFA attention was ~~xxxx~~ drawn to the fact that EI had two Councillors and AFA none, that Counc. KEIVA of EI had been originally of AFA and requested either that he return to AFA or alternatively that KONGORO of AFA be appointed. KEIVA stated he had no wish to be Counc. at AFA and accordingly was dismissed and KONGORO appointed. in

23 June.

Left ILIMO visiting PAPAHI and ASISI crossed the KUMUSI to BOTHU and SORUPE following then down the east bank of the river to WAIROPE. The patrol gear had been sent direct to WAIROPE escorting police visiting AJEKA and HAMARA and instructing Vill. Consts. FAHO and TUMBARI to meet the patrol at that point, with their villagers. TUMBARI and villagers of both places reported HAMARA reporting that Vill. Const. FAHO was absent at KOKODA. A new site for a Rest House was selected and cleared. 1-

24 June.

The new rest house was marked out and villagers instructed to commence immediate construction. The patrol then left for HUNGIRI passing through. HAKI, HAMARA Nos. 2 & 1, WASITA, and KORAPATA. Despite having received warning of the approach of the patrol the majority of the inhabitants of KORAPATA were absent in their gardens. Those present were instructed to advise that all villagers would be expected to be present next day.

25 June:

All gear was sent on to WAIROPE the patrol crossing the KUMUSI to visit ORARISUSU then recrossing the river to KORAPATA and and thence to WAIROPE. Rest House construction was well under way.

26 June:

After sending patrol gear ahead to GORARI visited AJEKA and WARINA then returned inspecting HUVAVAHAMBO ~~xxx~~ HANJIRI and NAMBISODA

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Villagers of HUIJAVAHAMBO were instructed to clear x grass from the WAIROPS air strip to enable it to be ~~used~~ utilised as an emergency landing field, to obtain the assistance of PAPAKI and ASISI in carrying out this work, task to be undertaken without delay. Vill. Const. SUMBURIPA reported at NAMBISODA and ~~XXXXXXXX~~ accompanied the patrol to GORARI where he and his villagers were paid for the construction of the new Rest House.

27 June:

Left GORARI for KOKODA Station visiting SISIRETA, DIWUN and KOKODA. Vill. Const. SUMBURIPA reported that numbers of his villagers are still living in garden houses, not in the village. That others are living in the bush near the MAMBA Sig. line maintenance station. All the persons concerned were present in the village as the patrol passed through and were instructed to return to their village.

G. R. French
G.R. French Lieut. (P.O.)

It was also noticed that trees at WABITA and KORAPATA were being scarred by poor tapping. Villagers stated that these trees were being tapped by a village native not on C/E.

G.H. French
G.H. French Lieut. (P.O.)

Report on R.P.C.

Personnel accompanying Patrol:

Reg. No.	3120	L/Cpl.	KONAGAIA
"	"	Const.	MOIOPAI
"	"	"	HOMBI
"	"	"	IPAI

The above mentioned Native Police accompanied the patrol and at all times performed the tasks required of them willingly and efficiently. L/Cpl. KONAGAIA showed himself as a capable N.C.O. common sense and initiative. Of the Consts. ~~six~~ none were particularly outstanding.

G.H. French
G.H. French Lieut. (P.O.)

Sub-District Office,
Kokoda.
20 Jul. 44..

Lieut. G.P. Searle,
Awala Estate.

Patrol Report. Kokoda No. 12-43/44.

The following is an extract, for your information, from the abovementioned patrol report. Sub-heading; Agriculture, Native Rubber.

"At ORARISSU the inhabitants reported that their plot has not been tapped for several weeks. They stated that this rubber is controlled by Mr. Searle of Awala Estate and that until recently was tapped by one, JORUTE of WASIDA and in their belief should still be tapped. The plot was inspected and it was evident that recent tapping has not been made. It was also noticed that trees at WASITA and KORAPATA (near NUNDIRI) were being scarred by poor tapping. Villagers stated that these trees were being tapped by a village native not on 6/7."

In the case of these latter plots it is understood that you are the purchaser of the rubber and that you would therefore be interested in hearing of the condition of the trees.

G.H. French Lieut.
For A.D.C. Kokoda.

MEDICAL

N.M.O. LAKAUANI accompanied the patrol. He performed his duties well. On only one occasion was any fault found when at NAMBISODA his inspection was incomplete and resulted in his failure to detect two natives requiring treatment his attention having to be drawn to them.

No serious illnesses were encountered. Injections and treatment of superficial injuries, cuts etc. were given.

All Yaws, Ulcers and scabies encountered were despatched to Kokoda hospital resulting in an influx of twenty patients for treatment.

Health throughout the area was good.

G.H. French Lieut. (P.O.)

SUMMARY

SIGNATURES - ARTICLES/MONEYS RECEIVED.

No. 1

SUMMARY.

Roads, Rest Houses:

Throughout the patrol the roads for the most part were in good condition. This was evidently due solely to warning have been given of the coming of the patrol for it was evident that all road work was recent and the first work to have been carried out on these roads for some time. More numerous bridges over streams and the placing of steps on many of the hills would be a considerable improvement and the attention of the natives concerned was drawn to this at all times.

The road from WANBA to BISUNI Creek was in bad condition and Vill. Const. SUMA of BOTUE was instructed to see that this section was cleaned before the patrol returned. Sections for which villages of ANADA, SAGA and BOTUE are responsible had not been cleaned over this period. The matter is being followed up.

EVESA roads were the only other unsatisfactory section on the patrol.

Rest House throughout the district were fair. It was necessary to instruct that repairs be carried out at BOFU, EVESA, X and KUAMA. The necessary repairs being repair of floors and patching of roofs. Rest houses at HAIGU and KOGA were ordered to be rebuilt such as they were in general poor condition. At FOLGABE the building was badly whiteanted and was also ordered rebuilt.

Villages:

Villages were clean and tidy and houses although of a poor type were in fair condition. It was apparent from the number of houses and number of village inhabitants that many of the people are residing in their garden houses. The reason given for this was that they are fearful of residing in large communities the effect of the dysentery outbreak early this year still being in their memories. Every effort was made to try and persuade to cease permanent residence in their gardens and to return to a village life.

Hygiene:

Since the last patrol to the district latrines have been constructed on most of the villages. Nowhere are they being used constantly although in all cases where they have been constructed they are receiving some use. Where no latrines have been constructed the inhabitants were advised to lose no time in rectifying the situation. The advisability of this and of the constant use of the facilities once established was told to them. Their fear of a repetition of a dysentery outbreak was made use of to emphasize the importance of latrines and their regular use.

Village pigs are housed under the same roof as the people throughout this area and the natives were advised to adopt a scheme of erecting special shelters for their livestock, preferably some distance from their dwellings. It is doubtful whether the suggestion had any great effect.

Village Officials:

Vill. Const. ^{OF EVESA} SINE was unsatisfactory. His roads were badly overgrown and obstructed with fallen timber. His Rest House was in disrepair and he took little interest in assisting the patrol. To procure native food it was found necessary to go over his head and make a direct appeal to the villagers. His record as shown in his village book has been excellent in the past in it is only ~~this~~ this fact which prevents a recommendation of his dismissal being made.

All other Vill. Consts. were willing and did a fair job. Their ~~work~~

SIGNATURES AND ARTICLES/MONEYS RECEIVED.

Signature of Vendor		Articles/Moneys Received by each Vendor	Value		
DEGI	of	Kokoda	8	-	-
FOWI	"	"	8	-	-
HARA	"	"	8	-	-
JOPO	"	"	8	-	-
ROBINGO	"	"	25	3	7
HANU	"	Kanadara	25	3	7
OJARI	"	"	25	3	7
OVARI	"	"	25	3	7
MIHA	"	"			
BAUO	of	Pitaki	2	17	9 1/2
BAKHA	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
FVIA	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
USLAPA	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
SESEAU	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
DIUMIDA	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
HAYU	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
LALO	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
AMER	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
PIALU	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
SIKRI	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
QIYI	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
OVE	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
MASONE	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
AGNYA	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
AMENU	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
SISUPU	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
ANOHU	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
SEKLE	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
NOTU	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
HONOKI	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
LARONI	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
HONKA	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
HONKI	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
LALINA	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
EGUTA	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
ONI	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
HAMBELE	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
GEHELE	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
KOKOBA	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
PASOVA	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
YOLIO	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
KLI	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
SANAKA	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
AGNYI	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
PATHE	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
EDSAVA	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
BOGYE	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
AWARA	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
LAKRA	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
PATABA	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
YIOLE	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
SEATU	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
GABELE	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
SAMAI	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
RAROTA	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
GAIDBA	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
SOSOVA	"	"	2	17	9 1/2
TOTAL VALUE					

SIGNATURES AND ARTICLES/MONEYS RECEIVED.

Signatures of Vendor	Articles/Moneys Received by each Vendor	Value
WUTE of Kokoda		13 15 -
ONDO		13 15 -
ETOKA		13 15 -
FAINE		12 10 -
OUDO		12 10 -
IRUMU		12 10 -
SIRURU of Kofasi		16 8
NAMAI		16 8
AMUMA		16 8
DUGARA		16 8
GJANI		16 8
RAKURI		16 8
LALOTE		16 8
KALOGU		16 8
HULAYA		16 8
LEBET		16 8
SAUNE		16 8
MAYVI		16 8
MARENI		16 8
LABA		16 8
ANDORA		16 8
ANDORA		16 8
FAUTA		16 8
MABIA		16 8
SANDIA		16 8
KAGU		16 8
SAMANA		16 8
RAGU		16 8
KELA		16 8
HONTE		16 8
SAYO		16 8
KANORA of Kofasi		2 1 3
SABANA		2 1 3
SOKA		2 1 3
GORI		2 1 3
MAYNI		2 1 3
KRENI		2 1 3
KURKI		2 1 3
LOVI		2 1 3
VALELA		2 1 3
MANG		2 1 3
MUDIVE		2 1 3
KAI		2 1 3
MAGOI		2 1 3
BOGOI		2 1 3
DOGOA		2 1 3
MABU		2 1 3
SALO		2 1 3
DOMSI		2 1 3
FALEDA		2 1 3
ALOKA		2 1 3
BANKA		2 1 3
LALOND		2 1 3
KEORA		2 1 3
TOTAL VALUE		

SIGNATURES AND ARTICLES/MONEYS RECEIVED.

Signatures of Vendor	Articles/Moneys Received by each Vendor.	Value		
GABIRI of Soga		137	15	1
HOMA "		137	15	1
HARIGA "		3	3	9
JIRARI "		3	3	9
KIABU "		3	3	9
PINDO "		3	3	9
IDIGIRI "		3	3	9
PURARI "		3	3	9
ONJE "		3	3	9
HARU "		3	3	9
HARIGA "		3	3	9
AISI "		3	3	9
SUNA "		3	3	9
TUJIKI "		3	3	9
POHA "		3	3	9
ELIGI "		3	3	9
UNDERO "		3	3	9
AKEA "		3	3	9
ABI of Doniki		3	3	9
KOIA "		3	3	9
LOLIA "		3	3	9
SINDIA "		3	3	9
ERIWO " KEPARA		3	3	9
ANGA " KANANDARA		3	3	9
ARARI " KOKORA		3	3	9
KORO " KEPARA		3	3	9
KENDR " KEPARA		3	3	9

DIGI
FOVOI
SARA
JOPO
SOLBIRO

of Kokoda
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WUTE
OIGO
ETOKA

of Kokoda
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" "

FAI DE
OURO
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Sub-District Office,
KOKODA.
7 Sept. 45.

District Officer,
HIGATURU.

PATROL REPORT No.2 of 45/46.

Report of Patrol by:-

Capt.F.A.Champion. ADO.

To:-

AUTEMBO, WAIROPE, & KOROPATA Dists.

Date left Station:-

22 August 1945

" Returned

30 " "

Duration:-

9 days.

Purpose of Patrol:-

General Inspection
Census check.

Patrol accompanied by:-

RFC's 2

Interpreter I

NMO I

Carriers 14

Map:-

KOKODA I mile to I"

Last Patrol to area by:-

Capt.F.A.Champion. ADO. Feb.45

Tobacco expended:-

Carriers 232 sticks

V.C's etc 42 "

PNF 60 "

.....Capt.
F.A.Champion. ADO.

PATROL DIARY.

Wed. 22 Aug.

Left Kokoda at 0750 arrived Pirive 0905. Checked census.
" Pirive at 0940 " Kepara 1015 " " camped.

Thurs. 23rd.

Left Kepara at 0710 arrived Paintembari 0745. Checked census.
" Paintembari 0810 arr. Sengi 0835 " "
" Sengi 0900 arr. Waju No.2 at 0945 " "
" Waju No.2 " Waju No.1 ~~1015~~ 1100 " " Camped.

Fri. 24th.

Left Waju No.1 at 0700 arrived Unjiki at 0725 Checked census.
" Unjiki at 0745 arr. Ambeni 0900 " "
" Ambeni 0930 arrived Marau 1000 " "
" Marau 1015 " Ilimo 1115 " " Camped.

Sat. 25th.

Left Ilimo for Wairope in Jeep.
Left Wairope 0820 arrived Ajeka 0835 Checked Census
" Ajeka 0910 arrived Warina 0920 " "
" Warina 1000 arrived Fembe 1040 " "
" Fembe 1100 " Bothu via Soraps 1200 " "
" Bothu 1245 arrived Asisi 1325 " "
" Asisi 1415 " Papaka 1505 " "
" Papaki 1545 " Ilimo 1610 Camped.

Sun. 26th.

At ILIMO.

Mon. 27th.

Left Ilimo by Jeep for Wairope.
" Wairope at 0745 for Haki arriving 0830 Checked census
" Haki 0915 arrived Hamara 0945 " "
" Hamara 1030 arrived Wasida 1200 " " Camped

Tues. 28th.

Left wasida 0700 arrived Orarisusu 0840 Checked census
" Orarisusu 0850 arrived Hungiri 0945 " " Camped

Wed. 29th.

Left Orax Hungiri 0700 returning to Wairope at 1245.
Left Wairope in Jeep for Ilimo. Camped.

Thurs. 30th.

Left Ilimo 0700 for Kokoda via Anjiri, Sisireta, Nambisoda & Oivi
where a census check was made at each village. Arrived Kokoda 1400

SUMMARY.

VILLAGES.

All villages inspected were found to be clean and tidy with the exception of Warina. The Vill. Const. was severely reprimanded and informed that a further breach of this nature would mean a recommendation for dismissal.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Village Constables and councillors were most co-operative and had all their people assembled for the checking of census.

AGRICULTURE.

The native food position still remains excellent. Large quantities of native foods were brought in for sale and it was noted that all villages had extensive garden areas planted up for future food supplies.

ROADS & BRIDGES.

All roads traversed were exceptionally clean and creeks were crossed by log bridges with adsed topsides.

CRIME.

Only two people were prosecuted during the patrol. These were adultery cases. Many minor complaints were settled out of court to the satisfaction of all parties.

CENSUS.

A complete census check was carried out. Statistics are attached hereto.

KOKODA MOTOR ROAD.

It was most gratifying to see the progress being made on the Kokoda road and if this progress is maintained the road should be through to Kokoda by the end of the year.

MEDICAL.

No serious sickness was encountered. A separate report will be furnished by the EMA.

GENERAL.

In the past two years I have refrained from being too severe on village natives about the condition of their respective districts, but have now informed them that conditions are back to normal and all district must be kept up to prewar standards.

.....Capt
F.A.Champion. ADO.

CENSUS STATISTICS.

<u>Village.</u>	<u>MA.</u>	<u>FA.</u>	<u>MC.</u>	<u>FC.</u>	<u>I/L.</u>	<u>Effect.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
DIVUNI	8	5	9	8	2	nil	30
PIRIVE	18	15	10	9	4	9	52
KEPARA	7	10	6	8	1	2	31
MAINAGARI	21	15	24	8	6	11	68
KOMONDO	10	10	10	12	5	1	42
KAKANDARA	15	19	19	8	7	8	62
WAJU No.2	10	11	8	12	3	4	41
" I	16	16	23	18	nil	8	73
UNJIKI	11	6	5	5	7	3	27
PANTEMBAI	9	9	8	3	1	3	29
SENGI I&2	24	24	18	14	8	13	80
AMBENI	21	11	15	16	4	12	63
MARAU	5	3	6	4	1	2	18
AFA	12	11	9	9	2	5	41
INGI	10	8	8	5	1	7	31
YI	13	13	13	13	3	5	52
ANJIRI	14	15	19	17	2	8	65
WASIDA	17	16	19	10	1	10	62
KOROPATA	15	11	11	10	4	5	47
H UNGIRI	32	19	11	16	6	16	78
ORARISUSU	14	10	17	3	4	6	44
HAMARA	44	39	23	21	20	14	127
HOJAEI	4	5	2	3	1	2	14
H AKI	29	28	21	15	8	14	93
SISIRETA	18	17	15	8	4	10	58
OIVI	3	4	2	5	nil	2	14
HAMBISODA	11	13	15	11	4	3	50
EVEJO	10	8	7	9	1	6	34
WARINA	20	23	15	8	5	3	66
AJEKA	18	17	23	18	6	4	76
ASISI	12	9	13	9	3	5	43
PAIWA	5	9	3	6	1	2	23
BOTHU	18	13	7	9	2	10	47
JEVHAMBO	24	18	22	11	4	12	75
SORAPE	5	7	7	3	1	4	22

TOTAL. 1377.

District Headquarters,
HIMARU;
Makara District.

20 Oct 44.

H. O.,
SOUTHERN REGION;
A. R. S. A. H.,
PORT KOROBY. (FOR A. R. S. S.)

PATROL REPORT NO. A OF A1/A5 - KOKODA.
BY CAPT. P. A. CHAMPION - A. B. S.

The above-mentioned patrol report is forwarded herewith in duplicate.

2. Diary - 28th September. The reference to dismissal of the MARUHA Village Constable by the District Officer and the remarks following are out of place. This should have been the subject of a memo. I have no knowledge of the dismissal yet but a recommendation may be made by Patrol Officer Rich upon his return from the patrol on which he is now engaged.

How?

3. Conditions in the areas patrolled are shown to be most satisfactory.

4. The rubber carrying from Asala has always been a hardship I agree, but it has now been eliminated by the completion of the road to Asala.

Copy to: A. D. C.
KOKODA.

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

REPORT ON NATIVE MEDICAL ORDERLY/

DAVID MANUMANU carried out his duties at all times in a most satisfactory manner.
He is intelligent and interested in his work and never once was caught slacking.

J. Henderford
.....W.O.
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