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PATROL REPORTS WESTERN DISTRICT 1955/56

ROUKU (MOREHEAD)

| <u>Patrol No.</u> | <u>Conducted by:</u> | <u>Area Patrolled.</u>                      |
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| Rouku 1-55/56     | A.M. Bottrill        | Eastern Trans-Fly                           |
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WESTERN DISTRICT

DARU SUBDISTRICT

ROUKU PATROL POST

PATROL REPORTS:

1955/56



16 SEP 1955  
D.A.P.U.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Rouken W.D. Report No. No 1 of 1955/56

Patrol Conducted by A.M. Bottrill

Area Patrolled EASTERN TRANS FLY

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives SIX

Duration—From 29/6/1955 to 11/8/1955 [Less 10 days in Port Moresby]

Number of Days Thirty three

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 1/2/1955

Medical 1/9/1954

Map Reference Map accompanying

Objects of Patrol Routine administration - Medical Check

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

2819/1955

District Commissioner

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

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

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

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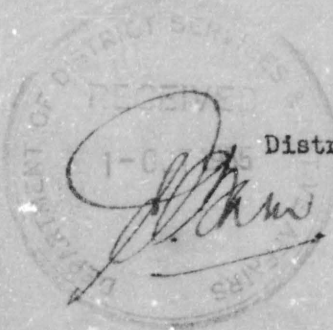
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In Reply,  
Please Quote.

No. 30-5-1/586.

District Commissioner's Office,  
DARU, W.D.

28th September, 1955.



MEMORANDUM for-

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

ROUKU PATROL REPORT No.1 OF 1955/56.

a map.

The a/m report is forwarded in triplicate, together with  
Mr. Bottrill's report is well written and extremely informative.

It is extremely difficult to know what to do with these  
unfortunate but likeable people. As Mr. Bottrill points out, the transport  
difficulties appear to be insurmountable, I agree.

The Buji people should be given some assistance in the way  
of a hand pump. This item would not be expensive, probably £15 would cover  
the entire outlay.

The Medoff has been approached regarding the establishment  
of an Aid Post at Buji. As soon as the people have the buildings ready an  
N.M.A. will be stationed there.

MA

*F. A. Champion*  
( F. A. Champion )  
District Commissioner,  
Western District.



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PATROL REPORT No. 1 of 1955/56.

District : ROUKU, Western District.

Conducted by : A. M. Bottrill, a/ADO.

Area Patrolled : Eastern Transfly.

Accompanied by : Europeans - NIL

Natives - Consts. MAIKERI  
KORISPE  
HATLA  
HAVIA

NMO GUBA.  
Personal Servant - GLAN

Duration : 29th. June, 1955 to 11th. August, 1955.  
(Less period in Port Moresby.)

No. of Days. Thirty-three.

Map Reference. Patrol Map accompanying.

Objects of Patrol : Routine Administration and Medical work.

*A. M. Bottrill*

A. M. Bottrill, a/ADO.



PATROL DIARY.

Wednesday,  
29th. June, 1955. Departed ROUKU Patrol Post at 11.20 a.m. on board  
:v. ERUNGAH. Arrived BULA 11.15 p.m. High tide.  
Placed vessel in makeshift slip built by APC.

Thursday,  
30th. June, 1955. Repairs to WINGAH at low tide. Noon tide not  
high enough to get off slip. Conversations with  
village officials.

Friday,  
1st. July, 1955. Off slip at 2 a.m. Departed BULA 3 a.m. Heavy  
seas encountered at Morehead R. mouth. Arrived  
KAU I., near WASSA KUSSA mouth, at 2.30 p.m.  
Anchored. Prepared meals for passengers ashore.

Saturday,  
2nd. July, 1955. Departed 6 a.m. Entered MAI KUSSA and anchored  
at BUJI landing place at 9.30 a.m. Visited BUJI.  
sent advice to inland village of approaching patrol.  
NMO GUBA treated one woman with pneumonia.

Sunday,  
3rd. July, 1955. Departed 5.30 a.m. Heavy seas and strong S.E.  
winds between BOLEGU and DAJAN Is.. Entered PAHOTURI  
R. and anchored MABADUAN 4 p.m.

Monday,  
4th. July, 1955. Morning tide insufficient for vessel to get out the  
PAHOTURI mouth. Const. HAVEA to SIGABADU for  
carriers. Carriers arrived 7 p.m.

Tuesday,  
5th. July, 1955. Departed 08.40 a.m. Arrived SIGABADU at 1 p.m.  
Track inundated most of the way. Census and medical  
check.

Wednesday,  
6th. July, 1955. Heavy rain. Election of Councillors.

Thursday,  
7th. July, 1955. Departed 8 a.m. arrived TABATATA village at 3 p.m.  
Track swampy. Medical inspection.

Friday,  
8th. July, 1955. Left TABATATA 7.45 a.m. Arrived BEB 2.45 p.m.  
Track inundated most of the way. Heavy rain.

Saturday,  
9th. July, 1955. Medical check. Departed 10 a.m. arrived BUJI 11 a.m.  
Medical check. Election of Councillor. Discussed  
village affairs with deputation. Visited LMS  
school.

Sunday,  
10th. July, 1955. Inspected coconut groves and laid out demonstration  
coconut grove.

Monday,  
11th. July, 1955. Departed 8.30 a.m. by sailing canoe. Arrived LAUGA  
10 a.m. Medical examination.

Tuesday,  
12th. July, 1955. NMO GUBA remained in village treating a child for  
pneumonia. Self and police to WUTAR hamlet by canoe  
up MAI KUSSA and RIRAU KUSSA. Inspected coconut  
grove inland on east coast of Strachan I. on the  
way. Tide and winds unfavourable up the RIRAU KUSSA.  
Arrived WUTAR 7 p.m.

Wednesday,  
13th. July, 1955. Departed by canoe 9 a.m. after medical inspection.  
Down the RIRAU KUSSA and thence up the MAI KUSSA  
to SIBIDERI - new hamlet of BELLEVI. Arrived 3 p.m.  
Medical inspection.



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| Thursday,<br>14th. July, 1955.                 | Left SIMDIRI 8 a.m. Arrived BELEVI 2 p.m.<br>Track well defined and dry. Medical inspection.   |
| Friday,<br>15th. July 1955.                    | Departed 9 a.m. Arrived DIMIRI 1.30 p.m.<br>Medical check.   |
| Saturday,<br>16th. July, 1955.                 | Left DIMIRI 8.30 a.m. Arrived KWIWANG 3 p.m.<br>Track overgrown and many trees fallen. Medical<br>check. Minor native complaint heard.   |
| Sunday,<br>17th. July, 1955.                   | Departed from KWIWANG at 11.30 a.m. Arrived<br>MALAM 5 p.m. Heavy rain during afternoon and<br>night. Most of track inundated. <del>Medication</del>   |
| Monday,<br>18th. July, 1955.                   | Medical Check. Departed 10 a.m. Arrived LIMIL<br>12.30 p.m. Medical check. Native complaint.<br>Villagers staged a dance at night.   |
| Tuesday,<br>19th. July, 1955.                  | Left LIMIL at 8 a.m. Arrived KINKIN at 1 p.m.<br>Medical check.  |
| Wednesday,<br>20th. July, 1955.                | Left KINKIN at 8 a.m. Arrived KONADOBA at 10.50 a.m.<br>Medical check. Departed KONADOBA 2 p.m. arrived<br>BUK 4.30 p.m. Medical check. Tracks excellent.  |
| Thursday,<br>21st. July, 1955.                 | Departed BUK at 7.30 a.m. Arrived DIMISIS at<br>2.45 p.m. Medical check. Villagers staged dance<br>at night.   |
| Friday,<br>22nd. July, 1955.                   | Departed 6 a.m. Arrived BIMADEBUN 1.30 p.m.<br>Medical check. Tracks flooded.  |
| Saturday,<br>23rd. July 1955.                  | Left at 8.30 a.m. Passel through BOMTE hamlet.<br>Arrived GUBAM at 3 p.m. Medical check. APC<br>carrier line also camped at village today.   |
| Sunday,<br>24th. July, 1955.                   | Departed at 11 a.m. Arrived MERIDERI at 2 p.m.<br>Constable DENGO arrived with mail. Medical check.  |
| Monday,<br>25th. July, 1955                    | Departed at 8 a.m. Met APC party near ARUFE.<br>Arrived ARUFE 10.50 a.m. Medical check.<br>Conversation and morning tea with Pastor Ellis<br>and his wife. By seine boat to the APC camp<br>at TARARA. |
| Tuesday,<br>26th July, 1955.                   | At TARARA. discussions with village officials<br>from BUJI, LAUGA & SIMBADU.   |
| Wednesday,<br>27th. July, 1955.                | At TARARA. Awaiting CATALINA to Port Moresby.  |
| Thursday,<br>28th. July, 1955.                 | CNM. Suki natives.   |
| Friday,<br>29th, July, 1955.                   | to Sunday, PORT MORESBY.<br>30th. August, 1955.  |
| Saturday,<br>30th. July, 1955.<br>31st August. | Arrived TARARA at noon.  |
| Tuesday,<br>3th. August, 1955.                 | Const. HAVEA to MIBENI for carriers. Self<br>visited ARUFE village & Mission.  |
| Wednesday,<br>10th. August, 1955.              | Departed 9 a.m. Arrived MIBENI 3.30 p.m.   |
| Thursday,<br>11th. August, 1955                | Medical check. Returned to ROUKU patrol post<br>p.m.   |



PATROL SUMMARY.Introduction.

The purpose of this patrol was to carry out routine administration and medically examine the people in that part of Sub-district lying East of the Morehead R.

Geographically the region can be divided into two fairly distinct regions - the coastline and the inland. These two environments condition the present lives of the people and control economic and social advancement.

The coastline is, on the whole, unattractive. Thompson as far back as 1892 described it vividly in the following terms: "The physical conditions of this section of the coastline are chiefly characterized by their unattractiveness, rendered so by the lowness of its shores and the paucity of human inhabitants, the former affording no scenic effect and the latter infusing no vitality, so that the general aspect is one of gloomy solitude." (British New Guinea: J.P. Thompson. Geo Philip & Son. BRISBANE 1892. p.15b.). Nevertheless there is some possibility for the limited development of the economy of the people in this area. As early as 1876 this was seen by D'Albertis who opined that if a vessel was made available to these people they would be able to trade their produce to the Torres Strait Islands. (Exploration of New Guinea: Vol. II. M. D'Albertis. Sampson Low, London 1880 p.383.). Other opportunities exist for the development of a very small copra industry and for crocodile skinning. The remoteness of the area, the lack of shipping services and the high freight's from DABU to Moresby act as strong deterrents. Attempting to overcome some of these difficulties the patrol endeavoured to encourage the restoration of sailing canoe crafts which, during the past few years, had declined due to the expensiveness and short supply of canvas and other ships' gear.

Any development of the inland would appear to be consequent on coastal development. Transport problems appear to be insurmountable. Nevertheless natives state that horses were used by patrols operating between the PAHOTURI R. and the MAI KUSSA earlier this century and the Australian Petroleum Company have demonstrated that jeeps and landrovers can be used extensively in the dry season. Large virtually empty areas of grassland and savannah would appear to be suitable for cattle but again the difficulties of marketing limit such development.

Historically, although the people have been controlled a long time by the Administration, they have had little prolonged contact with individual Europeans, representing either Missionary or private interests. European prestige is high and this can be attributed, as much as to anything, to the friendly attitude of these gentle people. This has won for them respect, friendship and understanding of a succession of officers. The older people still remember the old times of fear and violence and are sincerely grateful for the reigning peace.

The London Missionary Society has for many years exerted influence in part of the area, particularly along the coast. Apart from occasional visits by European missionaries this influence has been exerted chiefly through native teachers, once Pacific Islanders but now principally KIWAI natives. Last century and earlier this century this influence came from teachers on the off shore Torres Strait Is. of SAIBAI, BOIEGU and DAUAN. F. E. Williams describes the form it took in his book "Papua's of the Transfly." (p.298 and Preface p. vii.). Some time later the Society placed a teacher at BUJI but he was later withdrawn. (op.cit. p.298). Another teacher has since been established there.



In 1952 a European, Mr. C. Ellis, and his wife, representing the New Guinea Revival Mission, opened a station, the only one operated by his sect in the Territory, at ARUFE. Although inexperienced and ignorant of the laws, language, ~~and~~ conditions and usages of the Territory, they are making progress, chiefly in the field of education.

Since the arrival of this Mission the L.M.S. has attempted to strengthen their organization and influence by placing KIWAI teachers at KWIWANG, DIMIRI and SIGABADU villages.

At the present time therefore there is more missionary activity in the area than ever before. From the point of view of secular education and the material advancement of the people, all this activity and the investment of resources by the various communities in it may be wasted unless facilities are made available for the higher education and training of selected pupils. Indeed the position has barely changed since D'Albertis felt constrained to say of missionary education in the last century in this region, "How much more would they not accomplish if, besides the Christian faith, work was also preached to them, and they were shown the way to material prosperity." (Exploration of New Guinea. p.384).

Most visitors to the area have shown a marked sympathetic and charitable feeling for the people of this region. Thomson in 1892 expressed it in the following way. "In consideration of the wretched state in which these fragments of a people have for so long existed, it is to be desired that efforts to ameliorate their condition will characterize future European operations in this part of the British Possession." (British New Guinea. p. 159.). The difficulties confronting the Administration in providing adequate welfare services particularly relating to health in such a sparsely populated and unsophisticated area have yet to be overcome. It is true, however, that since the war these people have acquired a few European goods principally by selling labour outside the district to various plantations or to field parties engaged locally in oil search, to such a degree that all men are adequately clothed. It would appear however that appetites for European goods are increasing in a greater ratio than can be satisfied.

#### NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The period during which this patrol passed through the region coincided approximately with the "taitu" harvest. There was no shortage of food anywhere and crops were everywhere described as satisfactory.

Very few native complaints were made to the patrol and no matters were dealt with by Court action.

At BUJI village, on two consecutive days, the patrol was met by a deputation asking mainly for a Medical Aid Post to be opened at that village. It was pointed out to them that the District is a large one, that there were insufficient orderlies for all areas and that the Medical Officer had to exercise his discretion in placing Aid Posts where they were required and appreciated most. They volunteered to provide the buildings if the M.O. acceded to their request. It was pointed out to them that there was maintenance as well as the original construction and that they had to patronize the Aid Post and consider the advice of the N.M.O.. On assuring me that they would accept these responsibilities I told them that I would recommend to the M.O. that the post be opened. These people definitely feel strongly about this matter. It was raised previously by Mr. Morris, the former OIC, in an earlier patrol report. ( See also headings HEALTH and EDUCATION. )



Due to the death of the Village Constable of SIGABADU some 15 months ago and the inability of subsequent patrols to appoint a new one, it was found that a man, DONE, had assumed the position and title although not the uniform. It was not desirable however to appoint him as he has three wives. The son of the former VC aspired to the position and his appointment is recommended. An election of Councillors was also held in this village as a number of men claimed that rank without any documentary evidence or even badges. IONE was elected unanimously. RUBU and DUANI were also elected. They were given a short talk on the channels in which they should direct their activities. One avenue stressed was the ~~revival~~ revival of the canoe craft. Problems facing them were discussed in detail: Lack of cash for sails and rigging; no big logs locally and too expensive from KIWAI I.. Some old canvas flys have since been obtained from APC parties who are withdrawing from the area and these have been given to BUJI and SIGABADU villages for canoe sails..

A native from BER village was absent at BOIEGU I.. On asking what his business there was, the information was offered that the policeman IODA of BOIEGU (T.S.I.) had come to the mainland and offered him a job building a house for him at BOIEGU. The people were told that this was illegal and VCs were told that henceforth this policeman IODA was not welcome on this coast without getting prior approval from the DC, DARU. While the patrol was still in the area the man returned to his village to get food with the intention of going back to Boiegu. He was prevented from going back.

The people of LAUGA had complied with the advice given on the previous patrol and had commissioned a canoe of moderate proportions. The people of SIDIBIRI, the new BELEVI hamlet on the MAI KUSSA, were also engaged in building a sailing canoe.

#### HEALTH.

The health of the communities visited was good. Numbers of natives with such ailments as scabies, yaws and sores were referred to the various aid posts in the adjoining PAHOTURI R. area, to the ARUFE Mission and to the ROUKU Aid Post.

Elsewhere the objectives of the deputation which attended the patrol at BUJI have been discussed. The establishment of an Aid Post in the near future at BUJI is again recommended. This would provide for the people of TABATATA, BER, BUJI, WUTAR, DIMIRI, SIDIBIRI, LAUGA and TAIS. All of these villages are 35 to 50 miles from any aid post or treatment centre.

AT DIMISIS a man attempted to hide his child from the patrol. The child was found to have infected scabies on several parts of the body. Later the man claimed that the child was an outpatient of the ARUFE Mission and produced a full bottle of BENZOIC Co. as proof. He claimed that Mrs. Ellis had given it to him to treat the child. They were taken to ARUFE where Mrs. Ellis expressed surprise that the child was in such a state after having had 'the usual three days' treatment'.

Two infant children of the VC of DERIDERI were found to have scabies on their heads. The sores had been treated with iodine. On asking the VC who had put the iodine there he answered that it was Mrs. E. Ellis. The children were ordered to ROUKU Aid Post. I later informed Mrs. Ellis what I had done. She denied having treated the children. The VC of ARUFE later told me that he had been present two days previously when the children were treated by Mrs. Ellis with some red medicine.

#### EDUCATION.

The ARUFE Mission has sent two lads to IDJADADA for Medical ~~training~~ training.

The LMS native teacher at BUJI, and the BUJI



villagers themselves, requested that three pupils, WILLIAM, NAMAI/ERAMA, and IOGAI/NAVI, be accepted for the Medical Training School at IDUBADA. It may be that these are not up to Grade III standard, but it is also certain that they cannot reach any higher standard by continuing at the village school. It would be an excellent demonstration of good faith and genuine interest on the part of the Administration if at least one of these lads could be accepted, either immediately by the Training School, or by the Government boarding School at DARU to bring them up to the standard at which they could be accepted at IDUBADA. It would also act as a stimulus to teachers and pupils throughout the village schools in this area.

Supplies of English readers and primers, made available by the Education Dept., were issued to teachers of the LMS village schools. Teachers were found to be handicapped by the lack of writing materials. How they can be expected to teach pupils how to write without paper, pencils or even slate pencils is impossible to explain. No wonder the teachers become lethargic and frustrated!

ROADS & BRIDGES. Due to heavy rains throughout July, all the jeep tracks in the area were unserviceable.

The track from MABADUAN to SIGABADU showed no signs of recent maintenance. Most of the track from MABADUAN to BUJI was inundated. Sheet flooding also affected large sections of the tracks between KWIWANG and MALAM, BUK to DIMISIS, DIMISIS to BIMADEBUN and GUBAM to DERIDERI.

#### VILLAGES.

All the villages visited were clean, houses well - ~~constructed~~ constructed and generally well laid out. In Sigabadu it was noted that a new type of house has become the mode: a single large room, surrounded entirely by verandahs, and standing on piles 6' above the ground. The people of BER still have not completed their houses although they moved to their present site more than two years ago. They were exhorted to complete them before the next wet season.

It was discovered that a number of people of BIMADEBUN actually live at a small hamlet a couple of hours to the north west. Constable HALLA was sent to view it and he reported that there were five households permanently living there, the site was dirty and the houses were without walls. Instructions were given to have the hamlet up to standard by the next patrol.

The new hamlet of BELEVI village was inspected at SIBIDIRI on the MAI ROSSA. It is an old village site set in a grove of some 150 coconut palms. A considerable amount of work in the way of building houses and clearing the site had been completed, but the major task of transporting the yam stores the 15 miles to the new site yet remains to be done. It was noted that the people were having second ~~thoughts~~ thoughts as to whether the goal was worthwhile pursuing further.

At the time of the patrol water supplies in most villages were satisfactory. BUJI is an exception. In the dry season however it is a different story, and there are very few villages with anything like a suitable water supply. There is very little the people, with their present resources, can do to alleviate this condition. The solution would seem to lie in the provision of closed wells with hand pumps; The only way I can see to ensure that a still water supply is not contaminated by humans or animals. The problems of convincing the people of their necessity, of teaching them the methods of installation and above all of putting the proposal within their economic means are not apparently immediately soluble. It might, however, prove worthy of consideration for the Administration to provide one such installation in such a village as BUJI, which has a bad supply all the year round, in the site of a Mission-conducted village boarding school, and the proposed site of a Government Aid Post. Here it would serve as an



example of what can be done in other villages with the same problem and at the same time, providing it is properly maintained, serving as a permanent mark to Administration interest in this remote, backward area. ~~adjoining and in close contact with the offshore Torres Strait~~ Such an installation should not be very expensive.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

In a previous patrol report on this area the limited possibilities in this region were outlined. Further inspection of coconut groves revealed the following further possibilities.

A few miles east of SIGABADU there is a large grove of almost a thousand palms. Other smaller groves exist nearer the village. In 1953 these people produced many bags of copra and took them to DARU selling to a trader there. In 1954, no longer having a canoe, they did not produce any. However a European trader, a Mr. Ron Julian, purchased their nuts delivered to the beach for a price in tradegoods approximating 8/- per hundred. The venture commenced by this European did not prove a success and now they have no market for nuts or copra.

Near the old site of BER village there are also two groves which could be used for copra production. It is however a few hours walk from the present village site. Again with a sailing canoe this could be exploited by these people for their cash needs.

A few miles inland on the east side of Strachan I., at an old village site, there is a grove of some 300 palms belonging to the people of IAUGA village. Here they once produced a few bags of copra and sold it to a DARU trader. Here again they did not continue when they no longer had a canoe. Last year the nuts were sold to Mr. Julian (although they claim that they were not paid).

Kapok is a recent introduction to a few of these villages and several trees were seen coming into production. Villagers were told that this was a useful tree, that its produce was readily marketable amongst the sophisticates of DARU and SOIEGU and they were advised to plant more. Seed was procured and given to villages which had none.

An area was marked out as a demonstration of the correct spacing of palms near BUJI village. Councillor WARAPA stated that he wished to plant the grove personally himself. The area can be extended in the future if desired. If a hundred palms are planted per year for seven years, and maintained, at the conclusion of this period the people of BUJI should have a means of earning cash in their village.

In the introduction it was mentioned that the area might be suitable for the establishment of a pastoral industry, providing the shipping problems can be overcome. It could well be that Strachan I, JARI I, and the various peninsulars of the WASSA KUSSA - MAI KUSSA estuary system are suitable for European development or the establishment of an experimental pastoral property. The presence of deep waterways would probably mean that expensive fencing would be kept to a minimum. Most of the light savannah country is of no agricultural use to the local natives and only slightly exploited for hunting purposes. Tick control might also prove to be more effective in such a ~~FEEDING~~ situation. Deer are known to exist west of the Wassa Kussa.

#### AGRICULTURE.

No important changes in the traditional agricultural pattern of these people were noted.

Peanuts and corn were issued to some interested natives. They were advised to wait until the commencement of the wet season before planting. A quantity was also made available to the Missionaries at ARUFE.

Eschalots were found to have been introduced at MALAM and LIMIL. A quantity was bought and distributed amongst other villages.



At SIBIDIRI it was noted that coconuts were being attacked by a species of animal resembling a flying squirrel (I do not know its English or Motuan name but in KIWAI it is called DINEDINO.). It attacks the green nuts boring a hole about 1" diameter into the centre of the nut. From the numbers of fallen green nuts and the absence of dries, it was thought that the plague was serious to these villagers. The people asked if cats could be found for them as they believed that they would wipe out the pests. None are available locally.

MISSIONS.

The only European Missionaries operating in the area are Pastor C. Ellis and his wife, representing the New Guinea Revival Mission (also now known as the Papuan Revival Mission and the National Revival Mission), and are stationed at ARUFE. They have a young daughter. They informed me that they expect to be relieved by a young New Zealand couple very shortly.

The London Missionary Society are represented by five native teachers, all of them KIWAI natives, stationed at BUJI, MARE, SIGABADU, DIMIRI and KWIWANG.

A.F.C.

During the period of this patrol the Gravity Party stationed at TARAFU on the Wassa Kussa left the area. At present ~~is~~ only a single European remains in this camp to meet Catalinas.

Seismic One are at present carrying out some activities north of GUBAM and BIRADEBUN involving the transport of dynamite to that area. Natives of GUBAM expressed their alarm to the patrol that ~~the~~ flys had been erected 400 yards from the village on the main track for the storage of dynamite. The matter was raised to the European in charge of the movement of the explosives and he gave his assurance that no dynamite would be stored so close to a village.

*A. M. Bottrill*

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a/Assistant District Officer,



## APPENDIX "A".

INLAND WATERWAYS. (vide Circular Instr. 213)

August 1935.

WASSI KUSSA and MAI KUSSA Estuary System.

Lat. 9° 11' S. Long. 142° 03' E. and Lat. 9° 10' S. Long. 142° 15' E.

- (a) 1. Entering the mouth of the MAI KUSSA and following that river to its junction with the JARI KUSSA and thence following that river to its junction with the WASSA KUSSA and proceeding upstream to TARARA, this river is navigable for some sixty miles for vessels up to 7½ feet draft. The s.v. DAVARA has used this course. At the mouth the MAI KUSSA is a mile wide whereas at TARARA it is approximately 60 yards.

The WASSA KUSSA is navigable from its mouth to ARUPE for vessels of 6 feet draft.

The Upper JARI KUSSA is navigable for workboats to within a mile of KAPP hamlet. Sharp bends are said to make it impractical for larger boats of similar draft.

The TAMARIA KUSSA is thought to be navigable for workboats for about ten miles. Beyond that point snags probably occur.

The RIRAU KUSSA appears to be navigable for workboats and possibly larger vessels of similar draft for about 15 miles above its junction with the MAI KUSSA. Beyond that little seems to be known.

A tributary of the WASSI KUSSA enters that river from the west at Lat. 8° 57' S. It is not marked on most maps. It is said to be navigable for workboats for about five miles. Frequently boats proceeding up the WASSI KUSSA mistake the entrance for the main river channel.

Another tributary of the MAI KUSSA enters that river from the west, from St. John's Island, at Lat. 9° 02' S. It is said to be navigable by workboat for three or four miles.

The beds of these rivers are chiefly soft clays. Rocks do exist in some places but none are known to be a danger to vessels operating at present.

## 2. NIL.

3. The WASSI KUSSA mouth offers some difficulty to vessels of 6 ft. draft. Entry is at high tide. Reefs and mud banks are said to make the entrance narrow, at intermediate tides. The MAI KUSSA mouth is deeper and wider allowing vessels of 7½ feet draft free entry.

The Australian Petroleum Company at present have one barge now and one seine boat operating from TARARA.

G. Ellis has one 25 ft launch draft possibly 4', operating from  
No special equipment is available here, save at TARARA.

Visit in these waterways. Canoes are available from  
ARI, WUTAB, BUJI and LANGA villages.

operate transporting APC stores as required at TARARA.  
is now very light. Light canoe traffic is found on  
arways to a limited extent.



- (h) Temporary bush timber wharves at TARARA and ANUPE of no importance.
- (i) These waterways have been of importance only for oil search operations.
- (j) (1) Several places on the MAI KUSA are suitable for Catalina alighting areas. A stretch of the WASSI KUSA about four miles south of TARARA is regularly used for this purpose.
- (11) Banks are for the most part either mangroves or nipa palm although for large parts the savannah comes to the water's edge. Some small tributaries particularly offer cover for small launches.
- (111) Most of the navigable sections of these waterways are salt. The Upper reaches of the JAEI KUSA is an exception.

(This information is from personal knowledge and from conversations with field officers of the Aust. Petroleum Company. Information should be checked with the various "K" boat skippers operating in these waters. )

*A. M. Bottrill*

A. M. Bottrill.  
s/Assistant District Officer.



MORRHEAD RIVER, August 1955.

Lat. 9° 09' S. Long. 141° 20' E.

- (a) 1. The limit of navigability for workboats and "K" boats crossing 8 - 6 feet is at a point about 35 miles from the mouth at a point approximately Lat. 8° 40' S. Long. 141° 39' E. in the dry season.

2. Bomb scoops and seine boats can proceed to a point about 35 miles from the mouth to a point approximately 8° 39' S. 141° 33' E. Snags are a problem here.

The river is about 80 yards wide throughout its navigable length. It is slightly wider at the mouth but diminishes to about 20 yards wide 25 miles from the mouth. At some places in the navigable section weed islands and weed growths from the banks leave only a narrow channel for vessels to get through.

The bed of the river is composed of soft earth over almost the whole of its length. Some rocks occur at a point about 20 miles from the mouth. At the lowest level of the tide in dry season these are only 6 feet below the surface and they have damaged the propeller of a workboat. The depth of the river in most places seem to average twenty feet.

3. Most of the length of the river shows a 11' rise in the wet season, January to May. The navigable length may be increased in this period.

3. There is a sand and mud bar at the mouth. At low tide it is only covered to the depth of a few inches. Vessels can only enter on the highest tides.

- (b) There are no vessels stationed permanently on the river. At present Scientific One Party - APC operate one workboat, one seine boat and one bomb scoop. Temporary workshops for servicing these vessels are at GARBITA APC camp. The camp is scheduled to move shortly.

- (c) No ferries exist. Canoes are available at all villages.

- (d) Daily use of the river by vessels supplying oil search parties has been the rule for the past year. "K" boats transporting supplies to these parties from DASH use the river fortnightly. Administration vessels visit the area quarterly.

- (e) NIL

- (f) Markers have been placed at the mouth by APC employees to indicate the channel.

- (g) NIL

- (h) NIL

- (i) K. is the sole means of supplying the Government post at RONGU is up this river. It has also been an important means of supplying parties engaged in oil search.

- (j) A small tributary joins the Morrhead R. at approximately 8° 30' S. 141° 37' E and is navigable for a distance to the jeep track crossing between SERRAVI and GARBITA villages, by seine boat. In the wet season it might be possible for workboats. There are some snags to be avoided.

B. River banks have lush undergrowth and high trees in many places.



This contrasts with the open savannah of the surrounding country and, with a little camouflage, might provide cover for small motor vessels. Very few navigable tributaries exist in the lower section of the river and therefore little cover can be found in this manner.

- C. The river acts as a barrier to vehicles. It is necessary for them to be ferried across.
- D. Water in the river is fresh above TONDA even in the dry season.
- E. It would be possible in an emergency to land a Beaver type seaplane on a straight section of the river a few miles above RUMU and about 300 yards from the APC camp at GARSITA. For normal use it would be necessary to fell timber for 36 yards on either side of the river.
- F. During the wet season the Morohad R. floods its banks for large stretches of its length. The places where vessels could unload onto dry ground are limited.

*A. M. Bottrell*  
A. M. Bottrell.  
s/Assistant District Officer.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



# PATROL REPORT

District of WESTERN - Rouku Patrol Post Report No. 2/1955-58.

Patrol Conducted by C.C. Giffard, P.O.

Area Patrolled UPPER MOREHEAD AND SUKI

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO.

Natives 3 Members R.P. & N.G.C., 1 Interpreter and 1 N.M.O.

Duration—From 3 / 10 / 1955 to 25 / 10 / 1955

Number of Days 23 days.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services MARCH / 19 55

Medical SEPTEMBER / 19 54

Map Reference APC SHEET TRANSFLY 1: 250,000

Objects of Patrol 1. CENSUS. 2. MEDICAL INSPECTION. 3. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

26/11/1955

District Commissioner

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

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

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



# Village Popula

Year 1955-56

| VILLAGE  | DATE OF CENSUS | Births |    | DEATHS    |   |          |   |     |   |     |   |      |   |         |   | MIGRA |   |                        |
|----------|----------------|--------|----|-----------|---|----------|---|-----|---|-----|---|------|---|---------|---|-------|---|------------------------|
|          |                |        |    | 0-1 Month |   | 0-1 Year |   | 1-4 |   | 5-8 |   | 9-13 |   | Over 13 |   |       |   | Females in Child Birth |
|          |                | M      | F  | M         | F | M        | F | M   | F | M   | F | M    | F | M       | F | M     | F |                        |
| UPARUA   | 3-10-55        | -      | -  | -         | - | -        | - | -   | - | -   | - | -    | - | -       | - | -     | - | -                      |
| SETAVI   | 4-10-55        | -      | -  | -         | - | -        | - | -   | - | -   | - | -    | - | -       | - | -     | - | -                      |
| KIRIWO   | 5-10-55        | 1      | -  | -         | - | -        | - | -   | - | -   | - | -    | - | -       | - | -     | - | -                      |
| SIRISA   | 6-10-55        | -      | -  | -         | - | -        | - | -   | - | -   | - | -    | - | -       | - | -     | - | -                      |
| GOE      | 7-10-55        | -      | -  | -         | - | -        | - | -   | - | -   | - | -    | - | -       | - | -     | - | -                      |
| GWAKU    | 8-10-55        | 1      | 1  | -         | - | -        | - | -   | - | -   | - | -    | - | -       | 1 | 1     | - | -                      |
| KWARI    | 11-10-55       | -      | 1  | -         | - | -        | - | -   | - | -   | - | -    | - | 1       | - | -     | - | -                      |
| AEWE     | 15-10-55       | 3      | 3  | -         | - | -        | - | -   | - | 1   | - | -    | - | 2       | - | -     | - | -                      |
| IWEWE    | 16-10-55       | 1      | 1  | -         | - | -        | - | -   | - | -   | - | -    | - | -       | - | -     | - | -                      |
| TERARUMA | 17-10-55       | 1      | -  | -         | - | -        | 1 | -   | - | -   | - | -    | - | -       | 1 | -     | - | -                      |
| GWIBAKU  | 19-10-55       | 3      | 3  | -         | - | -        | - | -   | - | -   | - | -    | - | -       | - | -     | - | -                      |
| DURU     | 20-10-55       | 1      | 1  | -         | - | 1        | - | -   | 1 | -   | - | -    | - | -       | 1 | -     | - | -                      |
| INAPOROK | 21-10-55       | 2      | 4  | -         | - | -        | - | -   | - | -   | - | -    | - | 1       | - | -     | - | -                      |
| SERKI    | 22-10-55       | -      | 1  | -         | - | 1        | - | -   | - | -   | - | -    | - | -       | 1 | -     | - | -                      |
| KERU     | 24-10-55       | -      | -  | -         | - | -        | - | -   | - | -   | - | -    | - | -       | - | -     | - | -                      |
| TOTAL    | =              | 13     | 15 | -         | - | 2        | 1 | -   | 1 | -   | 1 | -    | - | 4       | 4 | 1     | 2 | 1                      |



# Population Register

Area Patrolled UPPER MOREHEAD AND SUKI

| in Child<br>Birth | MIGRATIONS |   |   |   | ABSENT FROM VILLAGE |   |    |   |          |   |   |   | LABOUR POTENTIAL |       |         |       | FEMALES  |                                      |                              | TOTALS<br>(Excluding Absentee) |     |        |     | GRAND<br>TOTAL |
|-------------------|------------|---|---|---|---------------------|---|----|---|----------|---|---|---|------------------|-------|---------|-------|----------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----|--------|-----|----------------|
|                   | Out        |   |   |   | AT WORK             |   |    |   | STUDENTS |   |   |   | Males            |       | Females |       | Pregnant | Number<br>of Child<br>Bearing<br>Age | Average<br>Size<br>of Family | Child                          |     | Adults |     |                |
|                   | M          | F | M | F | M                   | F | M  | F | M        | F | M | F | 10-16            | 16-45 | 10-16   | 16-45 |          |                                      |                              | M                              | F   | M      | F   |                |
| -                 | -          | - | - | - | -                   | - | -  | - | -        | - | 3 | - | 2                | 19    | 2       | 17    | -        | 16                                   | 3.6                          | 7                              | 9   | 22     | 19  | 60             |
| -                 | -          | - | - | - | -                   | - | -  | - | -        | - | - | - | 6                | 16    | 1       | 16    | 1        | 14                                   | 3.5                          | 15                             | 8   | 17     | 18  | 58             |
| -                 | -          | - | - | - | -                   | - | 2  | - | -        | - | - | - | 4                | 19    | 4       | 19    | -        | 18                                   | 3.3                          | 8                              | 15  | 20     | 23  | 68             |
| -                 | -          | - | - | - | -                   | - | -  | - | -        | - | - | - | 5                | 11    | 2       | 11    | -        | 11                                   | 2.8                          | 7                              | 4   | 11     | 12  | 34             |
| -                 | -          | - | - | - | -                   | - | -  | - | -        | - | - | - | 4                | 13    | -       | 13    | 1        | 13                                   | 3.4                          | 8                              | 5   | 14     | 17  | 44             |
| 1                 | -          | 0 | - | - | -                   | - | -  | - | -        | - | - | - | 3                | 17    | 3       | 15    | -        | 15                                   | 4                            | 11                             | 8   | 20     | 19  | 58             |
| -                 | 1          | 1 | - | - | -                   | 2 | -  | - | -        | 1 | - | - | 3                | 11    | 1       | 5     | -        | 5                                    | 3                            | 4                              | 4   | 9      | 7   | 27             |
| -                 | -          | - | - | 2 | -                   | - | -  | - | -        | 1 | - | - | 15               | 58    | 13      | 71    | 3        | 68                                   | 3.8                          | 58                             | 61  | 57     | 75  | 254            |
| -                 | -          | 1 | - | 1 | 1                   | 1 | -  | - | -        | 1 | - | - | 5                | 17    | 3       | 21    | 3        | 19                                   | 3.6                          | 15                             | 17  | 17     | 22  | 75             |
| -                 | 1          | - | 1 | 1 | -                   | 5 | -  | - | -        | - | - | - | 2                | 19    | 5       | 23    | 1        | 19                                   | 3                            | 8                              | 12  | 20     | 30  | 76             |
| -                 | -          | - | - | 1 | -                   | 9 | -  | - | -        | - | - | - | 11               | 43    | 13      | 35    | 2        | 33                                   | 4                            | 37                             | 40  | 34     | 37  | 159            |
| -                 | -          | - | - | - | -                   | 2 | -  | - | -        | - | - | - | 14               | 30    | 9       | 26    | 3        | 25                                   | 4.4                          | 42                             | 26  | 29     | 29  | 128            |
| -                 | -          | - | - | - | -                   | 2 | -  | - | -        | 1 | - | - | 25               | 5     | 23      | 1     | 22       | 3.4                                  | 16                           | 25                             | 24  | 27     | 27  | 95             |
| -                 | 0          | - | - | - | -                   | - | -  | - | -        | - | - | - | 7                | 24    | 6       | 26    | 1        | 26                                   | 3.5                          | 23                             | 22  | 25     | 26  | 96             |
| -                 | 1          | - | 3 | 1 | -                   | - | -  | - | -        | - | - | - | 5                | 19    | 3       | 12    | -        | 10                                   | 3.2                          | 11                             | 8   | 20     | 15  | 54             |
| 1                 | 2          | 1 | 5 | 2 | 5                   | 1 | 23 | - | -        | - | 7 | - | 84               | 341   | 70      | 333   | 16       | 314                                  | 3.5                          | 270                            | 264 | 339    | 376 | 1285           |







NEWS ITEM FOR 9PA AND "SOUTH PACIFIC POST".

In a report of a patrol he recently carried out in the Upper Morehead and Suki River areas of the Western District, between the Fly River and the Dutch border, Mr. C. C. Giffard, Patrol Officer, commented on the abundance of wild game.

2. Over the Territory generally, game is relatively scarce. Referring to the Suki lagoon, Mr. Giffard wrote: "The water in the lagoon is now very low, most of it being covered with thick grass and reeds, with occasional open stretches of water and canoe lanes. With only a small population surrounding it, the lagoon has become a veritable sportsman's paradise. Crocodiles are supposed to be numerous, though none were seen (by the patrol). Fish and ducks are very plentiful and swarms of over a thousand wild geese are commonly seen."

3. Further on in his report he commented that wallabies are very plentiful in the area, a number being shot by the patrol for food. Wild pigs and cassowary are also common and are keenly hunted by the small local native population, whom Mr. Giffard believes enjoy one of the most protein-rich diets of any native group in the Territory.

4. Domesticated pigs are not bred by the villagers in this area. Wild piglets are captured and fattened in small bamboo cages which are increased in size as the pigs grow. Cassowaries are also sometimes caged and fattened.

5. The people have very few fowls, which Mr. Giffard believes may be partly due to the large number of hunting dogs owned by the people, and to the prevalence of hawks and snakes. At one camp site the patrol carriers killed and ate a python 13'6" long and 10" in girth.

*DMF*  
 (D. M. Finberg)  
 Assistant Director,  
 Department of Native Affairs.  
 20/12/55.



20th December, 1955.

The District Commissioner,  
D.A.R.U.

RAJOL NERPE, DISTRICT 2 of 1955/56 - M. C. C.  
GRASS

Receipt is acknowledged of the above report.

2. Mr. Giffard writes well, gives a good picture of the area and seems to have done a competent job.

3. Referring to your comment on agricultural development, it should be clearly understood that the case of planting new coconut plantings and introducing such simple food crops as peanuts is as much on this Department, working in conjunction with D.A.S.F., as on Education Officers. These latter are to encourage the planting of additional coconut trees wherever possible.

4. Mr. Giffard's comments regarding Moslem activities and education are correct. They are being passed on to Education.

5. It is agreed that we should not worry, at this stage, about the movement of a handful of people to and fro across an international boundary which, to date, is of no significance.

6. The notes on the game in the area will be passed to G.H.

7. In passing, it is suggested that Mr. Giffard be advised that it is generally wiser to refrain from meddling with incidents such as that relating to the suspension of the steam club. Technically, the economic development procedure, not outside of this Department such matters are liable to be misinterpreted.

*A. A. Roberts*  
(A. A. Roberts)  
Director

c.c. Mr. C. G. Giffard, Rouka Patrol Post, Western District.

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20th December, 1955.

The District Commissioner,  
D.A.R.U.

PATROL REPORT, ROUKU No. 2 of 1955/56 - MR. C. C. GIFFARD.

Receipt is acknowledged of the above report.

2. Mr. Giffard writes well, gives a good picture of the area and seems to have done a competent job.
3. Referring to your comment on agricultural development, it should be clearly understood that the aim of growing new coconut plantings and introducing such simple food crops as bananas is as much on this Department, working in co-operation with S.A.S.F., as on Extension Officers. Please instruct all Field Staff to encourage the planting of additional coconut palms wherever possible.
4. Mr. Giffard's comments regarding Mission activity and education are endorsed. They are being passed on to Education.
5. It is agreed that we should not worry, at this stage, about the movement of a handful of primitive people to air fire across an international boundary which, to them, is without significance.
6. The notes on wild game in the area will be passed to GPA.
7. In passing, it is suggested that Mr. Giffard be advised that it is generally wiser to refrain from including small incidents such as that relating to his acquisition of the stone club. Technically, the occurrence involved legal procedure, and outside of this Department such matters are liable to be misconstrued.

*A. A. Roberts*  
(A. A. Roberts)  
Director

c.c. Mr. C. C. Giffard, Rouku Patrol Post, Western District.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

ACJ/RT.

In Reply,  
Please Quote.

No. 30-5-1/764.

District Commissioner's Office,  
DARU, W.D.

9th December, 1955.

MEMORANDUM for-

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

SUBJECT: PATROL REPORT - ROUKU NO.2 1955/56.

Going forward herewith two copies of the above-mentioned Report. My comments are as hereunder:-

Page 4, para 1. The charging of SEGWA under Sec.115 (2) of the N.R.O. appears to be irregular. The provisions of the Section state that the person who has charge of the child can only be prosecuted after they have refused to obey an instruction given by a magistrate or Village Constable to take the child to a suitable place for treatment. As far as can be ascertained from the Report, SEGWA did not disobey the order given by the Magistrate. Mr Giffard has been asked to forward more details.


Page 4, para 2. V.C. JARAI-MOS of TERARUMA was admitted to DARU hospital on 10-11-55 with Pulmonary T.B. and died on the 1-12-55.

Page 4, para 3. It would seem that these people have changed their mind since 25-3-55 ( See Fouku Report No.5 of 1954/55, page 4 final para.).

Page 4, para 4 - 5. I agree with Mr Giffard's remarks that the situation should be viewed with tolerance.

Page 5, para 3. It is to be hoped that native economic development will be given thrust with the arrival of a permanent Agricultural Officer in the Western District at the end of this month.

Mr Giffard has conducted a thorough patrol and has obviously taken great pains in the compilation of the Report. He is to be commended on his work.

  
(A.C. Jefferies)  
a/District Commissioner,  
Western District.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT NO. ROU 2 of 1955-56 : REPORT OF A PATROL TO THE  
UPPER MOREHEAD AND SUKI CENSUS SUB-DIVISION

Officer conducting patrol: G.C. Giffard, P.O.

Area patrolled: Upper Morehead and Suki Census  
Sub-Division

Objects of patrol: (i) Census  
(ii) Medical Inspection  
(iii) Routine Administration

Personnel accompanying: Reg. No. 3209 Cpl. EROHO  
Reg. No. 6365 Const. KOATORO  
Reg. No. 8459 Const. MALIBERI  
Interpreter SIRIKIA  
MSG GUBA

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DIARY

Monday, 3rd October:

8.30am. Left Rouku for Uparua.  
10.5am. Arrived Uparua. Inspected village and area of 140 newly planted coconuts.  
2pm. Village censused. Discussions with Natives.

Tuesday, 4th October:

7.30am. Left Uparua for Setavi.  
10am. Arrived Setavi and inspected village.  
2pm. Village censused.

Wednesday, 5th October:

8am. Left Setavi for Kiriwo.  
1.30pm. Arrived Kiriwo after very hot and dry walk.  
4pm. Inspected village and censused population.

Thursday, 6th October:

8am. Left for Sirisa.  
11am. Arrived Sirisa. Inspected village and took census.  
Returned in afternoon to Kiriwo.

Friday, 7th October:

8am. Left Kiriwo for Goe, arriving at 3pm.  
5pm. Goe inspected and censused.  
8pm. One CNM heard.

Saturday, 8th October:

8am. Left Goe for Gwaku, arriving after a 5 hour walk.  
4pm. Village inspected and censused.

Sunday, 9th October:

Observed.

Monday, 10th October:

8am. Departed Gwaku for Kwari. Const. Zoostore and Interpreter Sirikia left at Gwaku to mind some patrol gear.  
1.30pm. Made camp half-way to Kwari, using bark lean-tos erected in the bush.

Tuesday, 11th October:

7.30am. Broke camp and continued on to Kwari, arriving at 1pm.  
4pm. Inspected and censused village.

Wednesday, 12th October:

Villagers sent to carry out maintenance work on road to Gwaku. Village Constable assisted by Const. Māikeri in supervision.

Thursday, 13th October:

7.30am. Left Kwari for Gwaku. Passed previous camp site at 1pm and made camp at 4pm near good water hole.

Friday, 14th October:

7.30am. Broke camp and continued to Gwaku, arriving at 10.30am. Left Gwaku at 11.30am for Aewe, walking for 1½ hours before boarding canoes on Suki lagoon. Arrived Aewe at 4pm.

Saturday, 15th October:

8.50am. Inspected Aewe and censused population. One CNM held and a number of disputes investigated.  
1pm. Left Aewe for Iweve by canoe, visiting Gigwa UFM mission station en route.  
4.45pm. Arrived Iweve.

Sunday, 16th October:

Iweve inspected and censused.

Monday, 17th October:

7.30am. Left Iweve for Teraruma by canoe down Suki Creek and Fly River. Abandoned village of Kawatangwa visited en route.  
1.15pm. Arrived Teraruma.  
4pm. Village inspected and censused.

Tuesday, 18th October:

8am. Left Teraruma for Iweve by canoe.  
1.30pm. Arrived Iweve.



- Wednesday, 19th October: 7am. Left Iwewe for Gwibaku by canoe.  
11am. Arrived Gwibaku after a visit of 45 minutes to Gigwa mission station.  
12.30pm. Inspected Gwibaku and censused population.  
Visited Gigwa Mission in late afternoon.
- Thursday, 20th October: 8am. Left Gwibaku for Duru.  
10.15am. Arrived Duru after travelling by canoe and road.  
2pm. Inspected village and conducted census. A number of marital complaints brought forward and discussed.
- Friday, 21st October: 7.30am. Left Duru for Inaporok.  
1.30pm. Arrived Inaporok.  
4pm. Inspected village and took census.
- Saturday, 22nd October: 7.30am. Left Inaporok for Serki.  
1.15pm. Arrived Serki.  
4pm. Inspected Village and censused population.
- Sunday, 23rd October: Supervised exhumation of small child buried in village. Body examined for possible violence then buried away from village. GNM held twice. Rested remainder of day.
- Monday, 24th October: 7.15am. Left Serki for Keru.  
2.15pm. Arrived Keru.  
4.30pm. Inspected village and censused population.
- Tuesday, 25th October: Left Serki for Rouku, passing through Mata and Gareita, and visiting the Apc camp at Gareita en route.  
6pm. Arrived Rouku.

#### INTRODUCTION

The Upper Morehead and Suki Sub-division lies north of Rouku Patrol Post, between the Fly River and the Australian-Dutch border, and south of an east-west line drawn through the junction of Suki Creek and the Fly River.

The area consists mainly of thinly wooded kunai country with occasional patches of rain-forest. It is now the dry season and the countryside is extremely parched and rather unattractive. The only flowing water seen was in the Fly River, Suki Creek and Lagoon, Burei Creek just north of Serki, and the Morehead River near Rouku. Elsewhere water is obtained from stagnant pools, and is therefore invariably very poor indeed.

The water in Suki Lagoon is now very low, most of it being covered with thick grass and reeds, with occasional open stretches of water and canoe lanes. With only a small population surrounding it, the lagoon has become a veritable sportsman's paradise. Crocodiles are supposed to be numerous, though none were seen, fish and ducks are very plentiful and swarms of over a thousand wild geese are commonly seen.

#### NATIVE AFFAIRS

In all villages the patrol enjoyed the cooperation of the people and their attitude towards the Administration appears to be very friendly.

Only a few complaints and disputes were brought forward, and it would appear that these Natives are either very law-abiding or else are anxious to settle their grievances amongst themselves in the villages, without having recourse to the visiting Patrol Officer.



At Aewe village John Wavagi was convicted of striking his adult sister on the back with a stone club. As the sister requested that no charge be brought against him, and as the wound was not serious, he was allowed to pay a fine of £1 in kind, the object stipulated being the charged stone club used in the assault.

During the census of Serki village on the 22nd October, Mary, the 2 years old child of Segwa, was found to be very emaciated and ill. Segwa was ordered to accompany the patrol to Rouku, where the child might receive attention at the aid-post. During the night Mary died and about 3 hours later, in the early hours of the morning, was buried in a grave two feet deep only a few feet away from the father's House. Segwa was ordered to bury the child in a deep grave away from the village, and as the circumstances were unusual, the body was examined after being exhumed, but no trace of violence could be found. Segwa was charged and convicted of contravening Sections 100(1) and 115(2) of the Native Regulations Ordinance, and a total of 3 months imprisonment was imposed.

At Teraruma an accusation of sorcery was made by a woman Matere against a man, Kaisa. As Kaisa and an important witness were absent at a dance about a week's travel away, in the Lake Murray area the case was not heard. As the VC of Teraruma is at Daru hospital, the VC of Iwewe was told to bring all those involved into Rouku upon the return of the people from Lake Murray, expected two weeks after the patrol's visit.

The entire population of Kawatangwa, consisting of 62 people, has migrated to the Kiunga Sub-district. These people originally came from that area in 1848, moving down the Fly River and settling on the eastern bank just above Teraruma. The reason for the first migration was the desire of these natives to acquire clothing, tomahawks, knives and other essentials offered by civilization. By entering the Rouku area they were more accessible to recruiters who brought the prospect of employment and, by their standards, wealth. The Teraruma Natives state the Kiunga people left in about July of this year, after they had accumulated a satisfactory stock of the items they were previously in need of. It is believed that they will not be returning to this area. The ADO of Kiunga is aware of this migration into his Sub-district.

As can be seen from the enclosed map the village of Kwari, with a population of 27, is only a couple of hours' walk from the Dutch border. This small population has been a problem over many years for two reasons:-

1. The village is two days' walk from Gwaku, its nearest neighbour in Papua. The return trip involves four days' walking and two nights are spent camping in the bush. The effort and expense required to visit such a small population are therefore considerable.
2. When men leave the village to find employment they invariably enter Dutch New Guinea and work there. In the past they have been encouraged and also ordered to work only in Papua, but this has had no effect. Those at present absent are:-

Dagu - Carpenter at Merauke  
Berid-Kavohai - Pitsaw worker at Eramboe  
Gobwua - Patient with sore hand at Eramboe  
Badira - 5 years old son of Gobwua

The people were informed that there will soon be plenty of work available for those who want it at the APC construction camp near Rouku, which will be in full operation in about a month's time establishing a rig site for an oil drilling party. They appeared interested and it is hoped that some of the men will apply for work there. Concerning those now absent, it is thought that no action need be taken. The Dutch authorities could



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possibly be requested to return them or they could perhaps be prosecuted upon their return for having left the territory without permission, but considering the present stage of development (or rather, lack of it) of this small isolated village, it would probably be more appropriate for the matter to be viewed with a certain amount of benevolence. Incidentally, considering the small population, this village has an excellent rest-house, large and built according to the plan at the back of the Village Constable's Register.

As can be seen from the census figures, there are now very few men absent at work. During the last year a considerable number were employed as Casual Workers by the APC Seismic One Party at Gareita, about one hour's walk up the Morehead River from Rouku. This was on the understanding that they would return to their villages for the yam planting, which in all villages is now either in progress or is about to commence. Seismic One are now leaving the area but an APC construction party will be in full operation within a month's time about 3 hours walk downstream from Rouku, at Sibarasi. It is expected that a large number of the young men from this area will then apply for employment there as Casual Workers, as the yam planting is expected to be completed in about 6 weeks from this date.

To describe the present stage of development of these people, it is difficult to be more exact than to say that they are sophisticated to a certain extent. All the men except one wear cloth lapiaps. The exception, set at Serki village, is an old man who retains the former custom of enclosing the penis in a small shell, supported by a string, and with no other clothing whatsoever. The women in the area wear grass skirts. European cooking utensils are very rare, and most of the food is baked in ant-hill ovens, according to long usage. Fragments of the ant-hill are carried into the village and heated in a fire. When very hot the fragments are removed and after being spread on the ground the food is placed on top. Bark and other leaves are placed over the food which is again covered with bark. The cooking takes a couple of hours.

The only two villages which at present have any prospect of improving their economic position in the foreseeable future by means of cash cropping are Uparua and Setavi, which are  $1\frac{1}{2}$  and 4 hours walk respectively from Rouku. It would be possible for Setavi to canoe any produce to the Station down the Morehead River, which passes close to the village. The only business they appear to have any possibility of being successful in is copra production. They at present do not have many palms, certainly not sufficient to begin producing copra now even on a very small scale, without depriving themselves completely of eating coconuts. The previous OIC at Rouku, Mr Bottrell, ADO, encouraged the Uparua Natives to plant more coconuts, and as a result, 140 new palms were injected during this visit. I pointed out to the Natives that they would need a lot more than this before they could expect to produce copra, and I advised them to extend their plantings.

#### AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND TRADE

At this time of the year food in the various villages is either plentiful, or, if not actually plentiful, at least sufficient. Native crops include the usual varieties, taitu, sago, bananas, pawpaws, coconuts, yam, sweet potatoes, sugar-cane and taro, which is rare. Excellent pine-apples are very plentiful and pumpkins are also in good supply. Sago is the main food in the villages of Suki lagoon and also at Teraruma on the Fly River and at Inaporok. Elsewhere taitu is the chief crop and is at present stored in large quantities in low, floorless, bark houses situated in the villages or gardens.

As far as game is concerned, the area is especially favoured. Wallabies are very plentiful and were often seen and sometimes shot by the



patrol. Wild pigs and cassowaries are also common, so that the Natives are keen hunters and enjoy a larger protein diet than most other Natives of Papua and New Guinea. Fish are plentiful in Suki Lagoon and the few streams and are caught mainly by means of hook and line, which are often requested by these Natives when trading. Snakes are also eaten. At the 1st camp site between Gwaku and Kwari, a snake 13ft 6 ins long and 10" in girth was killed and devoured by the carriers. The abundance of game probably accounts for the fact that pigs are not bred. When wild piglets are captured in the bush, they are enclosed in small bamboo cages, and are kept imprisoned until large enough for killing. The size of the cages, which are barely large enough for the pigs to turn round in, is increased as the pigs grow. Cassowaries are also occasionally caged and fattened.

Fowls are very rare throughout the Upper Morehead and Suki. Some villages have none and others only a few roosters. From my own sad experience, hawks and snakes make a chicken's chances of survival very slim. Natives say their numerous dogs kill most of the game fowls, though roosters seem able to escape this fate. Dogs are everywhere remarkably plentiful, as they are greatly prized for hunting.

Seed peanuts were distributed in every village and the Natives informed of all I knew concerning the planting of them. There were two large bags of these peanuts at Rouku upon my arrival, and these will eventually be given to the Natives throughout the entire area. I have written to DASF, Port Moresby, for full instructions for cultivating this plant.

There are no tradestores in the Upper Morehead and Suki, and money is virtually useless here, as the people have no means of spending it. Favorite trade items are tobacco, fishing-lines, hooks, matches and razor blades. Soap is also occasionally requested.

#### HEALTH AND SANITATION

The health of the Natives is generally satisfactory, and this is indicated by a preponderance of births over deaths, which were 28 and 14 respectively. Sipoma is common throughout the area, and little can be done for this affliction, as there are no Native Medical or Hygiene Assistants posted in the villages. Details of the health position in the Upper Morehead and Suki, showing the incidence of the various ailments, are as follows:-

| Village        | Sipoma     | Scabies   | Yaws     | Pneumonia | Tu Sores & Lacerations | Colds     | Abscess  |
|----------------|------------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Uparua         | 9          | 1         | 1        |           | 1                      |           | 2        |
| Setavi         | 7          | 3         |          |           |                        |           |          |
| Kiriwo         | 13         | 1         |          |           |                        |           | 1        |
| Sirisa         | 7          | 1         |          |           |                        |           | 2        |
| Goe            | 6          |           |          |           |                        |           |          |
| Gwaku          | 5          |           |          |           |                        |           | 5        |
| Kwari          | 4          | 2         |          |           |                        |           |          |
| Aewe           | 5          | 3         |          |           | 1                      |           | 5        |
| Iwewe          | 8          |           |          |           |                        |           | 1        |
| Terarua        | 16         |           |          | 1         |                        |           | 1        |
| Gwibaku        | 2          |           |          |           |                        |           | 1        |
| Duru           | 3          | 1         |          |           |                        |           | 7        |
| Inaporok       | 8          |           |          |           |                        |           | 4        |
| Serki          | 21         | 1         | 1        |           |                        |           | 1        |
| Keru           | 9          |           |          |           |                        |           |          |
| <b>TOTAL =</b> | <b>123</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b>               | <b>29</b> | <b>1</b> |

The pneumonia case is now at the Daru hospital. Those with yaws, scabies, Tus, and bad sores were ordered either to Gigwa Mission aid-post



or to Rouku for further treatment.

NMO Guba accompanied the patrol, and although he is a sluggish individual, showed himself to be conscientious throughout and was of valuable assistance.

Lavatories throughout the area were unsatisfactory. The holes rarely reached a depth of 6 feet and in some cases accumulated faeces almost reached surface level, providing a health hazard more dangerous than if the villagers defecated in the surrounding bush. Deeper holes were ordered in every village and in some a 12ft marker was given to the Village Constable for guidance in future.

The offence committed by Segwa of Serki village, mentioned in "Native Affairs", namely, that of burying a corpse near his house in the village, was unusual for the area and such offences certainly are not a problem here. The people have no cemeteries and merely bury the dead singly in the bush or near the gardens. As the area has been under control for many years it is thought likely that previous officers have had cemetery areas marked out without their being subsequently used. Before arriving at Serki, the second last village visited on the patrol, I had intended not to give any advice to the Natives concerning cemeteries until I knew them better, this being my first patrol from Rouku. However, at Serki and also at Keru, the last village, the provisions of section 100 of the Native Regulations Ordinance were explained to the people. Their opinion concerning the practice of burying the dead together in cemeteries was asked for, and in both villages the Natives stated they thought the idea a good one. The Village Constables were then told to mark out an area to be used as a burial ground, and the Natives were advised to use it, though it was explained that it is still lawful to bury the dead in the bush, away from the villages, if they want to. Similar action will also be taken in the other villages during my next patrol.

These people are scarcely conscious of filth. As most of the eating is done on the ground outside the houses and beside the ant-hill ovens, in which almost all the food is cooked, it is common to see small babies and the family dogs being fed indiscriminately from the same hand.

The area was found to be surprisingly free of mosquitoes and other insect pests, which were usually not noticed. Iwewe was the only exception, and here they were exceptionally bad.

#### MISSIONS AND EDUCATION

There are no Administration schools in the area and education has become the responsibility of the missions. Three missions operate, the Unevangelized Field Mission, the New Guinea Revival Mission, and the London Missionary Society. The UFM station at Gigwa, situated on the edge of Suki Lagoon, was visited during the patrol. With no neighbouring Europeans, wireless or airtel service and with only an infrequent mission launch calling, this station must be one of the most isolated in the Territory. The Rev. Hardy is in charge, and Mrs Hardy and their baby son live there also.

At the time of my visit Mrs Hardy and the baby were at Wasua, as the baby had become seriously ill a few weeks before and had to be evacuated. Mrs Hardy assists in teaching at the Gigwa school, and owing to her absence, and also because Mr Hardy was preparing to leave in a few days for a conference at Wasua, the school was not operating normally. 27 females and 53 males were then attending, but Mr Hardy informed me that there were usually about 120 pupils enrolled. In any one year, the school is open 4 half days a week for 30 weeks. There are at present no Native teachers but in the near future it is expected that a couple will be posted to Gigwa when more graduate from the mission school at Balimo. The Suki language is used during instruction but some English is being taught and Mr Hardy says he is concentrating more on the language now. As can be expected, Bible subjects



are given considerable prominence. This Mission teaches the Natives that such simple pastimes as smoking and dancing are sinful. However, tobacco is still the main trade item requested, and a large dance was held at Serki during Mr Hardy's absence at the Wasua conference. Undoubtedly an unusual amount of sexual promiscuity occurs during the dances. But to prohibit dancing on account of that would be just as sensible as to prohibit flying on account of accidents being more frequent than they would be if there were no aeroplanes. I always tell the Natives myself that there is no law against dancing, and that, in my opinion, it is a good thing - the choice is theirs. Despite this, it is considered that the Mission here is doing excellent work in spiritual and educational matters, and also with regard to health, as an aid-post is operated where Natives receive treatment for illnesses which would probably be neglected otherwise, owing to the distance from Rouku.

The UFM has influence in the Suki area to as far south as Goe and Serki. The Keru people are influenced by the NGRM at Arufe, where Mr and Mrs Ellis are stationed, and they attend church services there, and some of the children also go to school at Arufe. This Mission station is in another Sub-division and was not visited. Those villages south of Goe are influenced by the LMS Native missionary at Rouku village. A European representative of the Mission never visits these villages, but the people occasionally attend church services at Rouku, and some of the children go to the school there. This school is also in another Sub-division and will not be discussed here. No missionary visits Kwari village, near the Dutch border. These people very occasionally attend church services at the Dutch Bramboe Mission station, across the border.

There are no schools or churches in any village of the entire area, though the Duru people are at present erecting a church. In some of the villages about Suki Lagoon hymnsinging is held at night and short prayers offered. Mr Hardy stated that he intended to have a school built at Serki in the near future, but the Natives there say they know nothing concerning these plans yet.

#### ROADS AND BRIDGES

Roads throughout the area were generally satisfactory, especially considering the small village populations and the usual long distances between settlements. These disadvantages are compensated to some extent by the level nature of the country, which is completely devoid of surface rocks. The tracks between the 1st camp site and Kwari village was found to be in a very neglected condition, due allowance being given to the fact that the population of the village is only 27. Owing to its geographical position, Kwari is never called upon to provide carriers for patrols. One day was given to supervising these people in doing some maintenance on the track. It was also necessary to instruct Iwewe village to remove a number of obstructions to Suki Creek and Suki Lagoon canoe lanes, which are commonly found here during the dry season. There are no bridges of importance in the area. The occasional small creeks are bridged by fallen logs with temporary hand-rails provided.

#### VILLAGES AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Villages were clean and housing generally quite good. Only a few individuals had to be ordered to rebuild their dwellings. Houses are built a few feet off the ground, and usually have bark walls and roofs, though where sago is plentiful, particularly in the Suki lagoon area, the stems of the sago fronds are utilized for the walls, and the leaves are sometimes used when building the roofs.

Every village has an Administration rest-house. These are large and



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most satisfactory, particularly as the populations are so small.

Village Officials, though cooperative, are only mediocre and none are worthy of special mention. As I am still only learning Motu my communications with them had to be by means of a Pidgin English interpreter, and under these conditions it is difficult to assess the value of these officials.

ANTHROPOLOGICAL SPECIMENS COLLECTED FOR MUSEUM

NIL.

*C.C. Giffard*  
.....(C.C. Giffard, P.O.)  
OIG ROUKU.

8/11/55.



# VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

Year... 1955-56

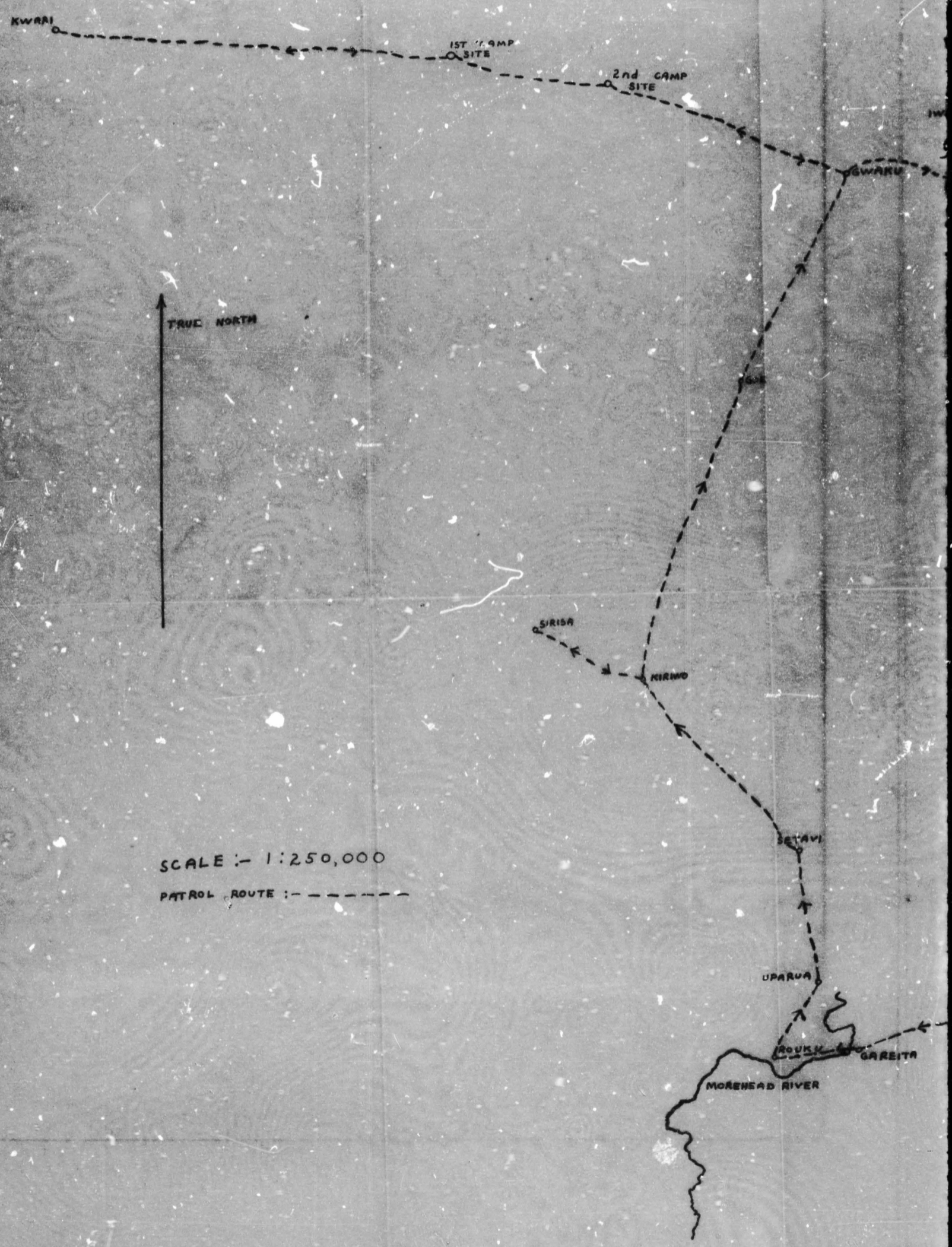
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| VILLAGE      | DATE OF CENSUS | BIRTHS    |           | DEATHS   |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | MIGRATIONS |          |                        |          | ABSENT FROM VILLAGE |          |          |          | LABOUR POTENTIAL |          |          |          | FEMALES  |           | Average Size of Family | TOTALS (Excluding Absentee) |                             |              |            | GRAND TOTAL      |            |             |
|--------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|----------|------------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|------------|------------------|------------|-------------|
|              |                |           |           | 0-1 Mth. |          | 0-1 Year |          | 1-4      |          | 5-8      |          | 9-13     |          | Over 13    |          | Females in Child Birth | In       |                     | Out      |          | AT WORK  |                  | STUDENTS |          | Males    |          | Females   |                        | Pregnant                    | Number of Child-bearing age | Child        |            |                  | Adults     |             |
|              |                | M         | F         | M        | F        | M        | F        | M        | F        | M        | F        | M        | F        | M          | F        |                        | M        | F                   | M        | F        | M        | F                | M        | F        | M        | F        | M         | F                      |                             |                             | M            | F          | M                | F          | M           |
|              |                |           |           |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |            |          |                        |          |                     |          |          |          |                  |          |          |          |          |           |                        |                             |                             |              |            |                  |            |             |
| UPARUA       | 3-10-55        | -         | -         | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -          | -        | -                      | -        | -                   | -        | 5        | -        | 2                | 19       | 2        | 17       | -        | 16        | 3.6                    | 7                           | 9                           | 22           | 19         | 69               |            |             |
| SEIAMI       | 4-10-55        | -         | -         | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -          | -        | -                      | -        | -                   | -        | -        | -        | 6                | 16       | 1        | 16       | -        | 14        | 3.5                    | 15                          | 8                           | 17           | 18         | 58               |            |             |
| KIRIWO       | 5-10-55        | 1         | -         | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -          | -        | 2                      | -        | -                   | -        | -        | -        | 4                | 19       | 4        | 19       | -        | 18        | 3.3                    | 8                           | 15                          | 20           | 23         | 68               |            |             |
| SIRISA       | 6-10-55        | -         | -         | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -          | -        | -                      | -        | -                   | -        | -        | -        | 3                | 11       | 2        | 11       | -        | 11        | 2.8                    | 7                           | 4                           | 11           | 12         | 34               |            |             |
| GOIE         | 7-10-55        | -         | -         | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -          | -        | -                      | -        | -                   | -        | -        | -        | 4                | 13       | -        | 13       | 1        | 13        | 3.4                    | 8                           | 5                           | 14           | 17         | 44               |            |             |
| GWAKU        | 8-10-55        | 1         | 1         | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | 1          | 1        | -                      | -        | -                   | -        | -        | -        | 3                | 17       | 3        | 15       | -        | 15        | 4                      | 11                          | 9                           | 20           | 19         | 58               |            |             |
| KWARI        | 11-10-55       | -         | 1         | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | 1          | -        | -                      | -        | 2                   | -        | -        | -        | 3                | 11       | 1        | 5        | -        | 5         | 3                      | 4                           | 4                           | 9            | 7          | 27               |            |             |
| AEWE         | 13-10-55       | 3         | 3         | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | 1        | -        | 2        | -        | -          | -        | 2                      | -        | -                   | -        | 1        | -        | 15               | 58       | 13       | 71       | 3        | 68        | 3.8                    | 58                          | 61                          | 57           | 75         | 254              |            |             |
| IWISWE       | 16-10-55       | 1         | 1         | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -          | -        | 1                      | 1        | 1                   | 1        | -        | -        | 5                | 17       | 3        | 21       | 3        | 19        | 3.6                    | 15                          | 17                          | 17           | 22         | 75               |            |             |
| TERARUMA     | 17-10-55       | 1         | -         | -        | -        | 1        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | 1          | -        | 1                      | 1        | 5                   | -        | -        | -        | 2                | 19       | 5        | 23       | 1        | 19        | 3                      | 8                           | 12                          | 20           | 30         | 76               |            |             |
| GWIBAKU      | 19-10-55       | 3         | 3         | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -          | -        | 1                      | 9        | -                   | -        | -        | -        | 11               | 43       | 13       | 35       | 2        | 33        | 4                      | 37                          | 40                          | 34           | 37         | 158              |            |             |
| DURU         | 20-10-55       | 1         | 1         | -        | -        | 1        | -        | 1        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | 1          | -        | 2                      | -        | -                   | -        | -        | -        | 14               | 30       | 9        | 26       | 3        | 25        | 4.4                    | 42                          | 26                          | 29           | 29         | 128              |            |             |
| INAPOROK     | 21-10-55       | 2         | 4         | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | 1        | -        | -          | -        | 2                      | -        | -                   | -        | 1        | -        | 25               | 5        | 23       | 1        | 22       | 3.4       | 16                     | 25                          | 24                          | 27           | 95         |                  |            |             |
| SERKI        | 22-10-55       | -         | 1         | -        | -        | 1        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | 1          | -        | -                      | -        | -                   | -        | -        | -        | 7                | 24       | 6        | 26       | 1        | 26        | 3.5                    | 23                          | 22                          | 25           | 26         | 96               |            |             |
| KERU         | 24-10-55       | -         | -         | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -          | -        | 1                      | 3        | 1                   | -        | -        | -        | 5                | 19       | 3        | 12       | -        | 10        | 3.2                    | 11                          | 8                           | 20           | 15         | 54               |            |             |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>=</b>       | <b>13</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>4</b>   | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b>               | <b>1</b> | <b>5</b>            | <b>2</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>23</b>        | <b>-</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>84</b> | <b>341</b>             | <b>70</b>                   | <b>333</b>                  | <b>16314</b> | <b>3.5</b> | <b>270264339</b> | <b>376</b> | <b>1285</b> |



UPPER MOREHEAD AND SUKI CENSUS  
SUB-DIVISION



SCALE :- 1:250,000

PATROL ROUTE :- - - - - -



ND SUKI CENSUS  
ON







TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of WESTERN - Rouku Patrol Post Report No. 5/1955-56

Patrol Conducted by C. G. Giffard, P.O.

Area Patrolled LOWER MOREHEAD AND BENSBACK RIVERS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO

Natives 3 Members R.F. & N.C.C. and 1 N.M.O.

Duration—From 22./11./1955 to 14./12./1955

Number of Days 16 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services APRIL /1955

Medical OCTOBER /1954

Map Reference APC SHEET TRANSFLY 1:250,000

Objects of Patrol 1. CENSUS. 2. MEDICAL INSPECTION. 3. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
PORT MORESBY.

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District Commissioner

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of WESTERN - Rouku Patrol Post Report No. 3/1955-56

Patrol Conducted by C.C. Giffard, P.O.

Area Patrolled LOWER MOREHEAD AND BENSBACK RIVERS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO

Natives 3 Members R.P. & N.G.C. and 1 N.M.O.

Duration—From 29./11./1955 to 14./12./1955

Number of Days 16 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services APRIL /1955

Medical OCTOBER /1954

Map Reference APC SHEET TRANSFLY 1:250,000

Objects of Patrol 1. CENSUS. 2. MEDICAL INSPECTION. 3. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
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# Population Register

Area Patrolled..... LOWER MOHREHEAD AND BENSBAUGH

| in Child<br>Birth | MIGRATIONS |   |     |    | ABSENT FROM VILLAGE |   |   |   |          |   |   |   | LABOUR POTENTIAL |     |         |     | FEMALES  |                                      | Average Size<br>of Family | TOTALS<br>(Excluding Absentee) |     |        |     | GRAND<br>TOTAL |
|-------------------|------------|---|-----|----|---------------------|---|---|---|----------|---|---|---|------------------|-----|---------|-----|----------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-----|--------|-----|----------------|
|                   | In         |   | Out |    | AT WORK             |   |   |   | STUDENTS |   |   |   | Males            |     | Females |     | Pregnant | Number<br>of Child<br>Bearing<br>Age |                           | Child                          |     | Adults |     |                |
|                   | M          | F | M   | F  | M                   | F | M | F | M        | F | M | F | M                | F   | M       | F   |          |                                      |                           | M                              | F   | M      | F   |                |
| -                 | -          | - | 1   | -  | -                   | - | - | - | -        | - | - | - | 2                | 15  | 3       | 18  | -        | 16                                   | 1.2                       | 6                              | 7   | 16     | 20  | 49             |
| -                 | -          | 1 | -   | -  | -                   | - | - | - | -        | - | 1 | - | 1                | 9   | 2       | 8   | -        | 7                                    | 2                         | 4                              | 5   | 8      | 9   | 27             |
| -                 | -          | - | -   | -  | -                   | - | - | - | -        | - | - | - | 7                | 23  | 5       | 23  | -        | 21                                   | 1.7                       | 18                             | 15  | 25     | 30  | 88             |
| -                 | -          | 1 | -   | -  | -                   | - | - | - | -        | - | - | - | 2                | 13  | 4       | 13  | -        | 12                                   | 2.2                       | 6                              | 8   | 15     | 14  | 43             |
| -                 | 3          | 4 | -   | -  | -                   | - | - | - | -        | - | - | - | 1                | 14  | 1       | 13  | -        | 13                                   | 1.4                       | 5                              | 10  | 16     | 16  | 47             |
| -                 | -          | - | 1   | -  | -                   | - | - | - | -        | - | - | - | 2                | 7   | 1       | 5   | -        | 5                                    | 1.3                       | 5                              | 7   | 9      | 8   | 29             |
| -                 | -          | 1 | 3   | 3  | -                   | - | - | - | -        | - | - | - | 3                | 10  | 2       | 12  | 2        | 10                                   | 1.9                       | 9                              | 7   | 13     | 15  | 44             |
| -                 | -          | - | 2   | 2  | -                   | - | - | - | -        | - | - | - | 1                | 13  | 2       | 11  | -        | 11                                   | 1.8                       | 8                              | 9   | 16     | 14  | 47             |
| -                 | -          | - | -   | 1  | 1                   | - | - | - | -        | - | - | - | 5                | 13  | 3       | 13  | 1        | 13                                   | 2                         | 13                             | 10  | 14     | 16  | 54             |
| -                 | -          | - | 2   | 3  | 1                   | - | - | - | -        | - | - | - | 5                | 14  | 2       | 15  | 3        | 12                                   | 2                         | 15                             | 8   | 15     | 20  | 59             |
| -                 | -          | 1 | -   | -  | -                   | - | 2 | - | -        | - | - | - | 8                | 18  | 3       | 21  | -        | 19                                   | 2.1                       | 18                             | 10  | 18     | 25  | 73             |
| -                 | -          | - | -   | -  | -                   | - | - | - | -        | - | - | - | 4                | 18  | 5       | 15  | -        | 14                                   | 1.7                       | 14                             | 11  | 19     | 21  | 65             |
| -                 | 5          | 8 | 3   | 12 | 2                   | - | 2 | - | -        | - | 1 | - | 41               | 167 | 33      | 167 | 4        | 153                                  | -                         | 121                            | 107 | 184    | 208 | 625            |



STORES TAKEN ON PATROL

| ITEM              | Amount Taken on Patrol | HOW ISSUED       |                    |                     |                  |                | Amount Returned to Store |           |
|-------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------|
|                   |                        | Issues to Police | Issues to Carriers | Payment of Carriers | Purchase of Food | Hire of Canoes |                          | DNA STAFF |
| RICE              | 112 lbs                | 112 lbs          |                    |                     |                  |                |                          | NIL       |
| MEAT              | 30 tins                | 30 tins          |                    |                     |                  |                |                          | NIL       |
| SUGAR             | 5 lbs                  | 5 lbs            |                    |                     |                  |                |                          | NIL       |
| TEA               | 1 lb                   | 1 lb             |                    |                     |                  |                |                          | NIL       |
| SALT              | 10 lbs                 | 2 lbs            |                    | 8 lbs               |                  |                |                          | NIL       |
| BISCUITS          | 25 lbs                 | 25 lbs           |                    |                     |                  |                |                          | NIL       |
| TORCH BATTERIES   | 2                      | 2                |                    |                     |                  |                |                          | NIL       |
| SOAP              | 10 lbs                 | 2 lbs            |                    |                     | 8 lbs            |                |                          | NIL       |
| MATCHES           | 144 bxs                | 9 bxs            |                    |                     | 135 bxs          |                |                          | NIL       |
| FISH HOOKS        | 50                     |                  |                    |                     | 44               |                |                          | 6         |
| FISH LINES 10 ozs | 12                     |                  |                    |                     | 1                |                |                          | 11        |
| RAZOR BLADES      | 100                    | 6                |                    |                     | 54               |                |                          | 40        |
| KNIVES 4"         | 6                      |                  |                    | 6                   |                  |                |                          | NIL       |
| MANTLES TILLEY    | 2                      |                  |                    |                     |                  |                | 2                        | NIL       |
| FISH LINES 16 ozs | 15                     |                  |                    |                     | 15               |                |                          | NIL       |
| MIRRORS 3" x 3"   | 4                      |                  |                    |                     | 4                |                |                          | NIL       |
| MIRRORS 6" x 4"   | 6                      |                  |                    |                     | 5                |                |                          | 1         |
| MIRRORS FANCY     | 15                     |                  |                    |                     | 5                |                |                          | 10        |
| BEADS             | 6 lbs                  |                  |                    |                     | 2 lbs            |                |                          | 4 lbs     |
| TOBACCO           | 806 stks               |                  |                    | 350                 | 215              |                |                          | 243 stks  |
| KEROSENE          | 4 gals                 | 1                |                    |                     |                  |                | 3                        | NIL       |



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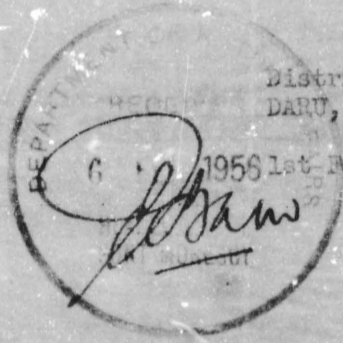
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
Please Quote  
No. 30-5-1/60.

District Commissioner's Office,  
DARU, W.D.



1956 1st February, 1956.

MEMORANDUM for-

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
FORT NORESSBY.

SUBJECT: PATROL REPORT - ROKU/ DARU SUB-DISTRICT NO. 3-55/56.

Forwarded herewith the abovementioned Report.

Mr Giffard is proving to be an energetic Patrol Officer capable of carrying out sound patrols and submitting well written reports.

NATIVE AFFAIRS: The remarks re the A.P.C. Drilling site require no comments from this office, the situation has been fully explained by Mr P.C. Day in his Special Report.

It is pleasing to note the copra production by the natives of BULA village. Mr Giffard is being advised under separate cover to arrange a definite delivery date for copra at ROKU and this office will arrange the District transport accordingly.

MISSIONS AND EDUCATION: The depressing standard of education observed by Mr Giffard is not confined to ROKU/DARU sub district alone, it exists throughout the Western District. I am afraid that the Christian Missions operating in the District have neither the financial resources or staff to carry out any education programme of merit. It behoves the Administration to open schools at suitable centres.

*(Signature)*  
( A.C. Jeffries )  
District Commissioner,  
Western District.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT NO. ROU 3 of 1955-56 : REPORT OF A PATROL TO THE  
LOWER MOREHEAD AND BENSBACH RIVERS CENSUS SUB-DIVISION

Officer conducting patrol: C.C. Giffard, P.O.

Area patrolled: Lower Morehead and Bensbach  
Census Sub-Division

Objects of patrol: (I) Census  
(II) Medical Inspection  
(III) Routine Administration

Personnel accompanying: Reg. No. 1325 I/Cpl UNINI  
Reg. No. 7158 Const. HAVIA-SOLAE  
Reg. No. 8035 Const. DENGGO-DAIMBART  
IMO SIMUA



DIARY

- Tuesday, 29th November: 3pm. Left Rouku for Sibrasi, travelling down the Morehead River in crocodile shooter Mr P. Vaczi's small boat.  
4pm. Arrived Sibrasi.
- Wednesday, 30th November: At Sibrasi. Expected APC barge CABUNA to visit Sibrasi in morning from APC camp at Gareita, up the Morehead River from Rouku. Barge arrived at 12.30pm and the master advised he would be leaving Sibrasi for the mouth of the Morehead River at 6am next day.
- Thursday, 1st December: 6am. Departed Sibrasi with the GABUNA, travelling down the Morehead River.  
6.30pm. Arrived Bula, at the mouth of the Morehead River, and went ashore.
- Friday, 2nd December: Village inspected and censused. CMM held. Assisted villagers in distributing equitably £59-4-0 worth of trade goods and money to the value of £10-1-0, which they had received for the sale by tender of 17½ bags of copra in Daru.
- Saturday, 3rd December: 7.40am. Left BULA for Bandaber.  
1.40pm. Arrived Bandaber.  
4pm. Inspected village and conducted census.
- Sunday, 4th December: 7.45am. Left Bandaber for Wando.  
10.15am. Arrived Wando.  
3pm. Inspected village and censused.
- Monday, 5th December: Rain throughout the day. Conversations with villagers.
- Tuesday, 6th December: 8am. Left Wando for Korombo.  
11am. Arrived Korombo.  
3pm. Inspected village and censused.
- Wednesday, 7th December: 8am. Left Korombo for Mengete. Small filthy hamlet belonging to Mengete people inspected en route.  
10.30am. Arrived Mengete. Const. Havia sent back to Mengete hamlet with inhabitants to supervise cleaning of area.  
2pm. Inspected village and revised census. CMM held.
- Thursday, 8th December: 8am. Left Mengete for Kandarisa, arriving at 9.30am. Village inspected and censused.  
11am. Left Kandarisa for Weam, arriving at 1pm.  
4pm. Village inspected and censused.
- Friday, 9th December: 8am. Left Weam for Wereave.  
10.30am. Arrived Wereave.  
2pm. Inspected and censused village.
- Saturday, 10th December: 8am. Left Wereave for Taipo, a small hamlet of Iandorodoa.  
11am. Arrived Taipo. Hamlet inspected and inhabitants censused and medically examined here though their names are in the Iandorodoa book.  
12 noon. Left Taipo for Iandorodoa, arriving at 3.15pm.  
5pm. Inspected and censused village



Sunday, 11th December: 8am. Left Landorodoa for Tokwa.  
12.30pm. Arrived Tokwa.  
3pm. Inspected and censused settlement. People of Tokwa have their names in the Wemenevre Village Book.

Monday, 12th December: 8am. Left Tokwa for Wemenevre, arriving at 10.25am.  
2pm. Inspected village and revised census.

Tuesday, 13th December. 7.30am. Left Wemenevre for Sibrasi, arriving at 10.45am. Visited APC and Wimpey construction camp adjacent to village.  
3pm. Inspected and censused village. Had dinner with APC and Wimpey personnel.

Wednesday, 14th December: 8am. Left Sibrasi for Rouku Patrol Post by APC motor boat, arriving at 9am.  
2pm. Inspected and censused Rouku village, adjacent to station.

#### INTRODUCTION

This was a routine patrol, and no unusual difficulties or unpleasant incidents were experienced.

The area visited lies between the Morehead River and the Australian-Dutch border, and consists mainly of flat, open bush country with no mountains or hills. Nearer the coast south of Bandaber there are large stretches of low-lying kunai plain having very few trees. At this time of the year, just at the end of the dry season, travelling is no hardship, but during the months after Christmas when most of the rain falls, large areas of the Lower Morehead and Bensbach Sub-Division are reduced to swamp, and any patrol visiting the area then would certainly travel under very difficult conditions.

#### NATIVE AFFAIRS

The Natives are at present living quietly and are to all appearances generally contented. No serious crimes were reported and, in fact, there were remarkably few minor disputes or complaints. It seems that these people are fortunately able themselves to deal with the numerous minor altercations which must arise in everyday village life, without relying upon a visiting Patrol Officer to attempt a settlement.

Boma, of Bula village, was convicted under section 101(4) of the NRO and sentenced to one week's imprisonment. He had hung, as an ornament, a large dead bird, in an advanced state of decomposition, on a coconut palm next to his house. This village has always been a problem, and has usually been found by visiting patrols to be very dirty, with the people making little effort to carry out instructions.

Four men of Mengete village, Kera, Darai, Kapai and Tanggan, were also convicted for contravening the same NRO section, after it was found that the areas about their houses were in an extremely filthy condition. On account of their advanced age, Darai and Kapai were given only a reprimand, but Kera and Tanggan were sentenced to 3 weeks imprisonment.

An APC construction party is now working adjacent to Sibrasi village establishing a drilling site. There are at present about 40 Europeans and over 200 Natives employed here, most of the Europeans being engaged by the Wimpey construction company, which is working under a contract with APC.

On Wednesday, 23rd November, 1955, just prior to my departure on this



patrol the following Tuesday, three members of APC, Messrs J. Senior, A. Phillips and M. Steer, visited me at Rouku and stated that they intended asking APC headquarters at Port Moresby for permission to negotiate with the Sibrasi Natives in an effort to come to some agreement with them whereby the village might be shifted away from its present position immediately adjacent to the camp, for which they would be compensated.

They stated their main reason for desiring the move was that the village would be a health hazard to their personnel. I informed them that I could not agree that it would be such. However, considering the possible effect that a large number of APC Native employees, probably a few hundred, would have upon the village if it remained so close to the camp, I was of the opinion that it would be beneficial to all if APC and the Sibrasi Natives could come to some agreement, satisfactory to both parties, whereby the Natives might withdraw to a more distant site. Messrs Phillips, Senior and Steer, stressing that they had no authority to make any promises then to the Natives regarding compensation, put forward the following tentative proposals which might be agreed to by their headquarters:

- (1) The Natives to be given the full ration scale under the Native Labour Ordinance for a maximum period of 12 months immediately they vacated the present site. The minimum period to be three months, and thereafter until the full 12 months had expired rationing to be continued according to the needs of the Natives, at the discretion of the Patrol Officer at Rouku. I stated that I would not be keen to have such a discretion, but this was their tentative proposal.
- (2) That they be paid for the houses at present at Sibrasi, which would be subsequently used by APC.
- (3) That all crops at present at Sibrasi would not be disturbed, and that the Natives would retain ownership of them, having the right to compensation for any damage or loss.

The following day I went to Sibrasi and explained all this to the Natives, stressing that they would be free to remain if they so desired, and also stressing that the proposals made were only tentative, not having originated from either APC or DNA headquarters. I then asked them if they might be willing to consider entering into an agreement with APC to move. They could give me no answer then, but the following day they came to Rouku and advised that they had held a meeting the previous night and were interested in coming to an agreement with APC, whereby they would return to a former village site of theirs at Iokwa, approx. 1 hour's walk from Sibrasi. Here they have their main gardens, and although there is only a small water-hole at Iokwa, the Natives claimed they had found it sufficient in the past.

I accordingly informed Mr Phillips, who was then at Gareita, about an hour's walk up the Morehead River from Rouku. I suggested to him that the following day, Saturday the 26th November, we should proceed to Sibrasi and discuss a detailed tentative agreement with the Natives, which would, of course, not be signed, but forwarded both to APC headquarters and the District Commissioner, Daru, for necessary approval, modification or rejection. Mr Phillips declined this suggestion, saying he considered it premature, and that he wanted to request permission from his headquarters first to discuss an agreement with the Natives. He also stated that he doubted very much whether headquarters would agree to the Natives' moving.

The following Tuesday I departed for this patrol, and on arriving at Sibrasi on December 13th, was informed by Mr Phillips that he had heard nothing from headquarters concerning his suggestions. The Sibrasi Natives were accordingly informed that it appeared probable that APC headquarters would not wish to come to any agreement with them. It was then stressed that their village must be maintained in a strictly hygienic condition, and that anything done or left undone by them which might endanger both their own health and the health of the APC personnel would be viewed most seriously.



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The following instructions were then given to and impressed upon them:

- (1) The village to be swept clean every morning.
- (2) In dry weather all rubbish to be burned.
- (3) In wet weather, all rubbish to be buried.
- (4) Four lavatories to be built with holes to a depth of 12ft. At any one time the majority of these people are not in the village, but live either near their gardens or are absent on hunting expeditions.

I instructed them to wait one month before commencing work on the lavatories, until it was certain that APC was not desirous of coming to some agreement with them to move. I was reluctant to have them do this work, if in the near future considerable effort would be required of them in the erection of a new village.

Mr Day, P.O., arrived at the APC drilling site yesterday, and he will be remaining there for about two weeks. Acting on instructions from headquarters, he is investigating the entire matter.

During the visit these Natives asked whether compensation would be paid for any damage caused to their crops or other property by APC operations. They were informed that by law APC is required to compensate them for any such loss sustained. They were, of course, warned that frivolous claims would not be entertained. I have had discussions with Mr A. Phillips and Mr J. Senior, of APC, and Mr West, of Wimpeys, concerning this subject of compensation, and they have expressed themselves as most anxious that the rights of these Natives be preserved, and that any damage to their property be fully compensated. I greatly appreciate their attitude on this matter, and during the 5½ months that I have been at Rouku, have found all APC and Wimpey personnel to be extremely helpful.

During the last patrol to the area, Mr Bottrill, a/ADO, encouraged the Natives of Bula village, at the mouth of the Morehead River, to produce copra. Constable Maikeri, of Rouku Detachment, was able to give these people some instruction in this business, with the result that they have until now sold copra on two occasions by tender to traders in Daru, receiving £28/10/- and £69/5/- for  $\frac{3}{4}$  and 1/9 tons respectively. Transport, of course, is a difficulty, as the Administration vessel visits the area only about once every three months. It is as yet too early to consider that this venture has blossomed into a well-established business, but the Natives are being given every encouragement and any assistance possible. The Natives of Bandaber village, who have coconuts on the coast, have also become interested in copra production, and although these people live a considerable distance from the Morehead River, they have also been encouraged to follow the example of Bula.

Wereave village is about 1½ hours' walk from the Australian-Dutch border. There is naturally a certain amount of border crossing by both Dutch and Australian Natives, for social purposes such as the visiting of friends or occasionally there is the movement of larger groups to attend dances at neighbouring villages. During November three Natives who stated they were from villages west of Merauke applied for work at the APC construction camp at Sibrasi. They were escorted back to the border by a police Constable and were ordered not to return.

#### AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

The principal vegetable of these people is the yam, and at this time of the year supply is plentiful. Yams will become scarce as the wet season commences in about January, and these people are usually rather short of food from about February until about June, though they are generally able to subsist without any great hardship. Other crops are bananas, coconuts, pawpaws, manioc and pineapples, which are all plentiful, sago, in only a few villages, mangoes, sugar cane, taro, pumpkins and sweet potato. At Wando village it was also possible to purchase corn, tomatoes and water



melons. The planting of taitu (yam) is almost completed everywhere now.

A large quantity of seed peanuts were carried from Rouku, and these were distributed in every village. The Natives were given all the information I knew concerning their cultivation. On first arriving at Rouku I wrote to DASF requesting information on this plant, but have not yet received a reply. It is thought that this crop may be suitable for the area, planted at the beginning of the wet season, during which it is believed only about 70" of rain falls.

Only a few villages have fowls, and they are nowhere numerous. They have little chance of survival with the large number of dogs kept by the villagers for hunting purposes. Wallabies, cassowaries and wild pigs are common and hunting expeditions for them are undertaken quite often. Fish are also caught and eaten, very often by the Natives of the Rensbach River, at Wereave, Weam, Wanda and Bandaber. Small but delicious lobsters were also purchased at Wanda.

Small wild pigs which are caught in the bush are brought back to the villages and imprisoned in enclosures scarcely larger than the pig itself. Here they are fattened for eventual slaughter. They are never bred, but castrated, and the supply renewed by the occasional capture of other piglets.

#### HEALTH AND SANITATION

The health of the natives in this area is generally satisfactory. They are suffering from no epidemics, but a large number of minor ailments were found. Most of these were treated during the patrol's visit, but it was necessary to send 33 people, the majority of them children, to Rouku for further treatment. A detailed list showing the cases of sickness found in the various villages is given in appendix "A".

A common fault found in this area is that parents are reluctant to take their sick children to Rouku for treatment. A check was kept on those who were ordered to Rouku during the patrol, and it was found on returning to the station that all had complied with instructions.

As can be seen from the census figures, there have been 16 births and 20 deaths since the previous census. A few villages, particularly Weam, suffered from a whooping cough epidemic which appears to have occurred during May, 1955, and a number of the deaths resulted from this.

There are no Native Medical or Hygiene Assistants posted to these villages. The Native missionary at Wereave has an aid-post and is able to do good work in treatment of minor ailments.

Villages were generally clean during the visit. Lavatories, however, were unsatisfactory, in a couple of cases being merely ornaments for the patrol's benefit, consisting of hastily erected shacks with a 1ft deep hole scooped out inside. A 12ft marker was given to each village, and they were told to dig lavatory holes to that depth in future.

#### MISSIONS AND EDUCATION

The area is not under extensive Mission influence. The London Mission Society is the only religious body operating, and they are represented by Native missionaries stationed at Rouku and Wereave. European representatives of the Mission come to this area very infrequently, and in the past have visited only Rouku village. The Native missionaries occasionally travel from village to village, so that most of the people are aware of the Mission's aims to some extent, and in a number of villages hymnsinging is a popular event at night. Since I have been at Rouku these men have been absent at a



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conference in Daru and also on their Christmas holidays.

There are Mission schools at both Rouku and Wereave, but these were closed during the visit owing to the absence of the teachers and nothing can be said concerning them except that they are at least of value in that they give the children the opportunity of receiving elementary instruction which would not be available but for the efforts of the teachers.

#### ROADS

The terrain is flat and completely devoid of rocks. Road maintenance is consequently not difficult, though one disadvantage is the small population, and in two instances where there are lengthy stretches of road joining small villages continual first class maintenance could hardly be expected.

Nevertheless, roads were generally unsatisfactory, and instructions were often given for them to be cut and improved. In spite of this travelling was not difficult, owing to favorable natural conditions and not to the efforts of the Natives.

The jeep road mentioned by Mr Bottrill in Rouku Patrol Report No. 6 of 1954/55, is now unserviceable and will not be repaired by APC. None of the bridges remaining would be able to support a jeep.

#### VILLAGES AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Villages were generally clean, some of them being exceptionally well prepared for the visit. Houses are built with a type of palm floor, a few feet above the ground, and walls and roofs are constructed of bark. The Natives of this area are certainly not noted for the skill or care with which they build their dwellings. Most houses have the appearance of having been hurriedly built with little attention being paid to having uprights as near to the vertical as possible, or levels as accurately horizontal as could be expected even by Natives who have no proper tools. The housing was nevertheless generally satisfactory and it was necessary to issue instructions in only a few cases.

The Village Constables were found to be generally fair and cooperative. The most satisfactory Village Constable encountered was undoubtedly GAMEJI, of Iandorodoa, who is a young man with several years experience of his position. He is not brilliant, but is energetic, intelligent, cooperative and apparently has some standing in the community. He seems to take a considerable interest in his work, and often pays visits to the Patrol Post. Gameji is an enterprising individual who has become interested in crocodile shooting, and has to date sent 10 skins away to Daru.

Waiwai-u, the Village Constable of Wemenevre, is suffering from cancer of the penis, and is unwilling to undergo further treatment for it, as he has already been a patient at the Port Moresby hospital where the treatment was unsuccessful. He has been a VC since 1926, and in recent years has received numerous adverse comments on his conduct and ability by visiting Patrol Officers. On this occasion he was cooperative and his village was in good order. He wishes to continue as VC.

In a separate memorandum the appointment of two new Village Constables will be recommended, Mbavir-Wamo for Bandaber and Wanggap for Mengete.

#### ANTHROPOLOGICAL SPECIMENS COLLECTED FOR MUSEUM

NIL.

*C.C. Giffard*  
..... (C.C. Giffard, P.O.)  
OIC ROUKU. 31-12-55.



APPENDIX "A" - Patrol Report No. 3 of 1955/56 - Bower Morehead & Bensbach  
 Census Sub-Division.

Village Sipoma Scabies Yaws Pneumonia TU Sores & Lacerations

|                |            |           |          |          |           |           |
|----------------|------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Fula           | 7          |           | 1        | 2        |           | 7         |
| Bandaber       |            |           | 1        |          |           |           |
| Wando          | 11         | 3         | 1        | 1        | 3         | 14        |
| Korombo        | 7          | 2         |          |          |           | 4         |
| Mengete        | 8          |           |          |          | 4         | 16        |
| Kandarisa      | 4          |           |          |          |           | 4         |
| Weam           | 14         | 1         |          |          |           | 9         |
| Wereave        | 8          |           |          |          |           | 11        |
| Iandorodoa     | 8          | 2         |          |          | 3         | 5         |
| Wemenevre      | 9          | 1         | 2        |          | 1         | 14        |
| Sibrasi        | 13         | 3         | 1        |          | 3         | 7         |
| Rouku          | 12         |           |          |          |           | 9         |
| <b>TOTAL =</b> | <b>101</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>99</b> |

*C.C. Giffard*  
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 OIC ROUKU. 31-12-55.



APPENDIX "B" - Patrol Report No. 3 of 1955/56 - Lower Morehead & Bensbach  
Census Sub-Division.

Native Medical Orderly SIMUA

This Medical Orderly, who is in charge of the Aid-post at Rouku Patrol Post, and who accompanied this patrol, proved himself to be keen and competent, and was of very great assistance.

*C.C. Giffard.*  
.....(C.C. Giffard, P.O.)  
OIC ROUKU. 31-12-55.



APPENDIX "D" - Patrol Report No. 3 of 1955/56 - Lower Morehead & Bensbach  
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ALIENATED LAND

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*C.C. Giffard.*  
..... (C.C. Giffard, P.O)  
OIC ROUKU. 31-12-55.



# VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

Year..... 1955/56 .....

LOWER MOREHEAD AND BENSBACK

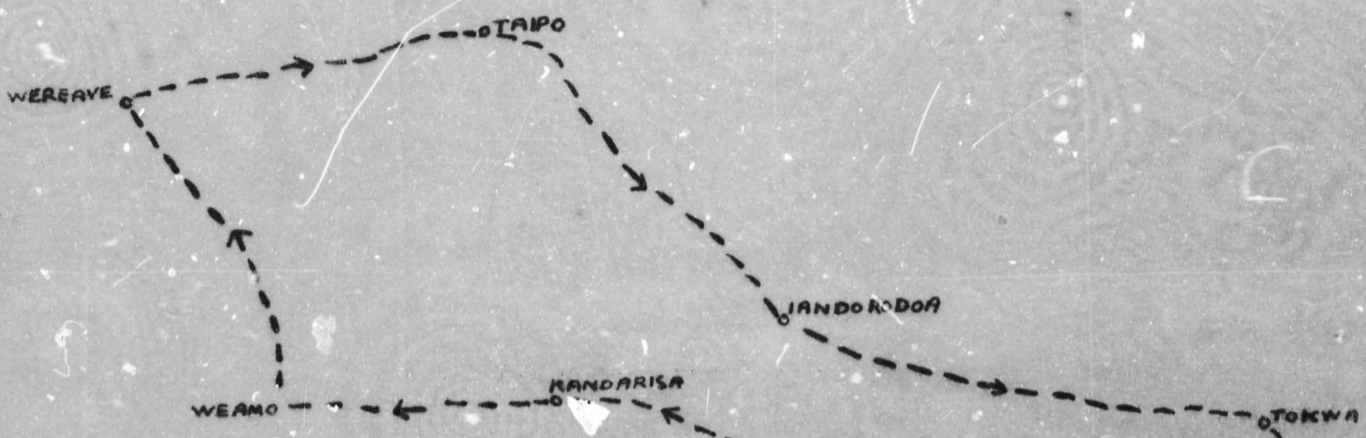
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| VILLAGE    | DATE OF CENSUS | BIRTHS |   | DEATHS   |       |          |       |         |   |     |        |      |   | MIGRATIONS |   |                         |   | ABSENT FROM VILLAGE AT WORK |   |     |   | LABOUR POTENTIAL |   |                  |   | FEMALS |    |         | TOTALS (Excluding Absentee) |       |    |         | GRAND TOTAL |          |                  |                        |       |     |        |
|------------|----------------|--------|---|----------|-------|----------|-------|---------|---|-----|--------|------|---|------------|---|-------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|-----|---|------------------|---|------------------|---|--------|----|---------|-----------------------------|-------|----|---------|-------------|----------|------------------|------------------------|-------|-----|--------|
|            |                |        |   | 0-1 Mth. |       | 0-1 Year |       | 1-4     |   | 5-8 |        | 9-13 |   | Over 13    |   | Females in Child Births |   | In                          |   | Out |   | Inside District  |   | Outside District |   | Govt.  |    | Mission |                             | Males |    | Females |             | Pregnant | Number of Deaths | Average Size of Family | Child |     | Adults |
|            |                | M      | F | M        | F     | M        | F     | M       | F | M   | F      | M    | F | M          | F | M                       | F | M                           | F | M   | F | M                | F | M                | F | M      | F  | M       | F                           | M     | F  | M       |             |          |                  |                        | F     | M   | F      |
|            |                |        |   | 10-16    | 16-45 | 10-16    | 16-45 | Females |   |     | TOTALS |      |   |            | M |                         | F |                             | M |     | F |                  | M |                  | F |        | M  |         | F                           |       | M  |         |             | F        |                  | M                      |       | F   |        |
| BULA       | 2-12-55        | 1      | - | -        | -     | -        | -     | -       | - | 1   | -      | -    | - | 2          | 2 | -                       | - | 1                           | - | 1   | - | -                | - | -                | - | -      | 2  | 15      | 3                           | 18    | -  | 16      | 2           | 6        | 7                | 16                     | 20    | 49  |        |
| BANDABER   | 3-12-55        | -      | 1 | -        | -     | -        | -     | -       | - | -   | -      | -    | - | -          | - | -                       | 1 | -                           | - | -   | - | -                | - | -                | 1 | -      | 1  | 9       | 2                           | 8     | -  | 7       | 2           | 4        | 5                | 8                      | 9     | 27  |        |
| WANDO      | 4-12-55        | 2      | - | -        | -     | -        | 1     | -       | - | -   | -      | -    | - | 1          | 1 | -                       | - | 1                           | - | -   | - | -                | - | -                | - | 7      | 23 | 5       | 23                          | -     | 21 | 1.7     | 18          | 15       | 25               | 30                     | 88    |     |        |
| KOROMBO    | 6-12-55        | -      | - | -        | -     | 1        | -     | -       | - | -   | -      | -    | - | 1          | - | -                       | - | -                           | - | -   | - | -                | - | -                | - | 2      | 13 | 4       | 13                          | -     | 12 | 2.2     | 6           | 8        | 15               | 14                     | 43    |     |        |
| MENGETE    | 7-12-55        | -      | 1 | -        | -     | -        | -     | -       | - | -   | -      | -    | - | -          | - | -                       | 3 | 4                           | - | -   | - | -                | - | -                | - | 1      | 14 | 1       | 13                          | -     | 13 | 1.4     | 5           | 10       | 16               | 16                     | 47    |     |        |
| KANDARISA  | 8-12-55        | -      | 2 | -        | -     | -        | -     | -       | - | -   | -      | -    | - | -          | - | -                       | - | -                           | 1 | -   | - | -                | - | -                | - | 2      | 7  | 1       | 8                           | -     | 5  | 1.3     | 5           | 7        | 9                | 8                      | 29    |     |        |
| YEAM       | 8-12-55        | 1      | 1 | -        | -     | 2        | 3     | -       | - | -   | -      | -    | - | 1          | - | -                       | - | 1                           | 3 | 3   | - | -                | - | -                | - | 3      | 10 | 2       | 12                          | 2     | 10 | 1.9     | 9           | 7        | 13               | 15                     | 44    |     |        |
| WETRAVE    | 9-12-55        | -      | 1 | -        | -     | -        | -     | -       | - | -   | -      | -    | - | 1          | - | -                       | - | 2                           | 2 | -   | - | -                | - | -                | - | 1      | 13 | 2       | 11                          | -     | 11 | 1.8     | 8           | 9        | 16               | 14                     | 47    |     |        |
| IANDORODOA | 10-12-55       | -      | 1 | -        | -     | 1        | -     | -       | - | -   | -      | -    | - | 1          | 1 | -                       | - | -                           | 1 | 1   | - | -                | - | -                | - | 5      | 13 | 3       | 13                          | 1     | 13 | 2       | 13          | 10       | 14               | 16                     | 54    |     |        |
| WEMENEVRE  | 12-12-55       | 1      | - | -        | -     | -        | -     | -       | 1 | -   | -      | -    | - | -          | - | -                       | - | 2                           | 3 | 1   | - | -                | - | -                | - | 5      | 14 | 2       | 15                          | 1     | 12 | 2       | 15          | 8        | 15               | 20                     | 59    |     |        |
| SIBRASI    | 13-12-55       | 1      | 1 | -        | -     | -        | -     | -       | - | -   | -      | -    | - | 3          | - | -                       | - | 1                           | - | -   | - | 2                | - | -                | - | 8      | 18 | 3       | 21                          | -     | 19 | 2.1     | 18          | 10       | 18               | 25                     | 73    |     |        |
| ROUKU      | 14-12-55       | 1      | 1 | -        | -     | -        | -     | -       | - | -   | -      | -    | - | -          | - | -                       | - | -                           | - | -   | - | -                | - | -                | - | 4      | 18 | 5       | 15                          | -     | 14 | 1.7     | 14          | 11       | 19               | 11                     | 65    |     |        |
| TOTAL      | -              | 7      | 9 | -        | -     | 4        | 4     | -       | 1 | 1   | -      | -    | - | 7          | 3 | -                       | 3 | 8                           | 7 | 12  | 2 | -                | 2 | -                | - | 1      | 41 | 167     | 33                          | 167   | 4  | 153     | -           | 121      | 107              | 120                    | 3     | 625 |        |

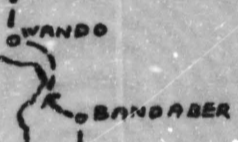
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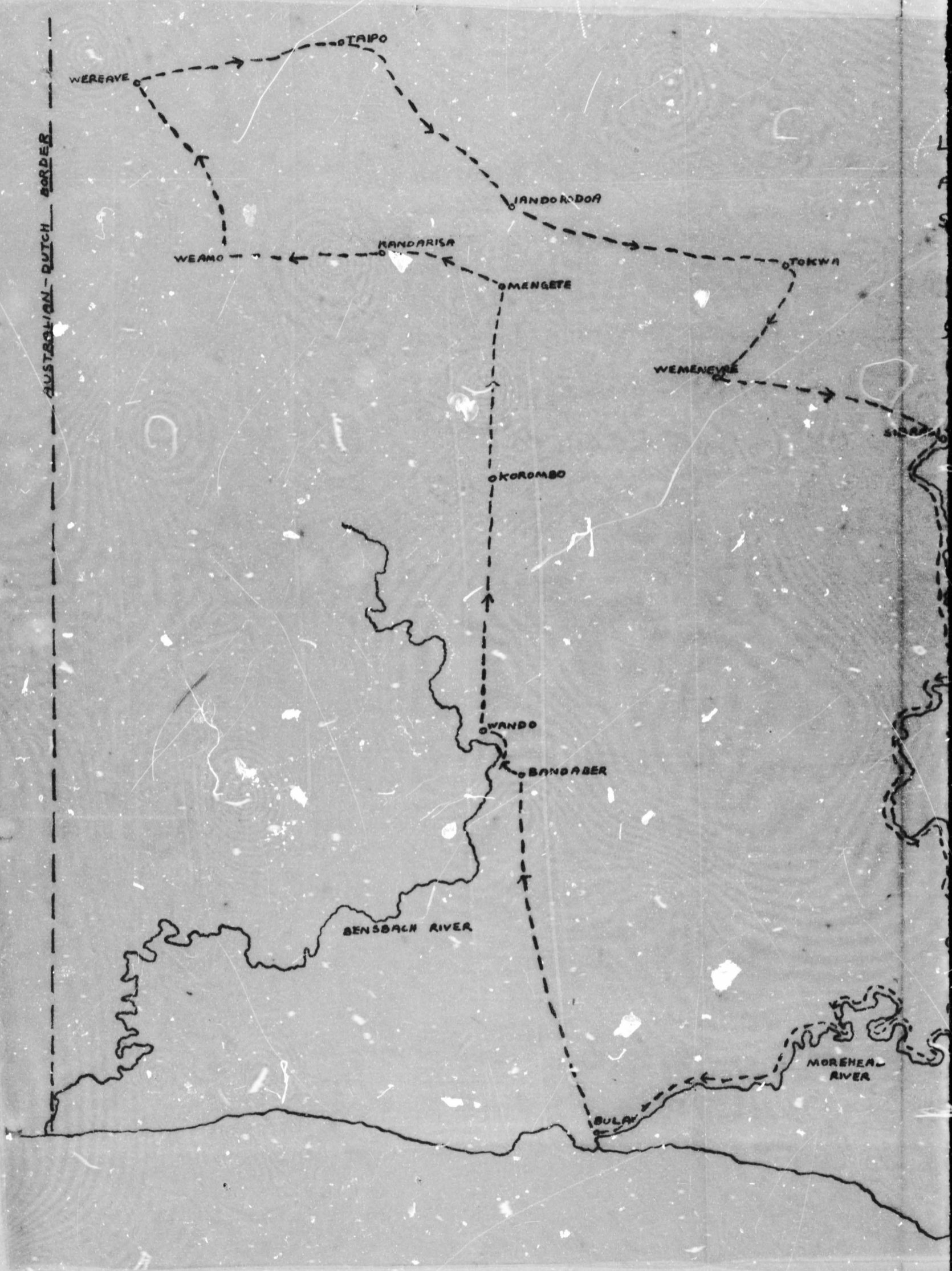
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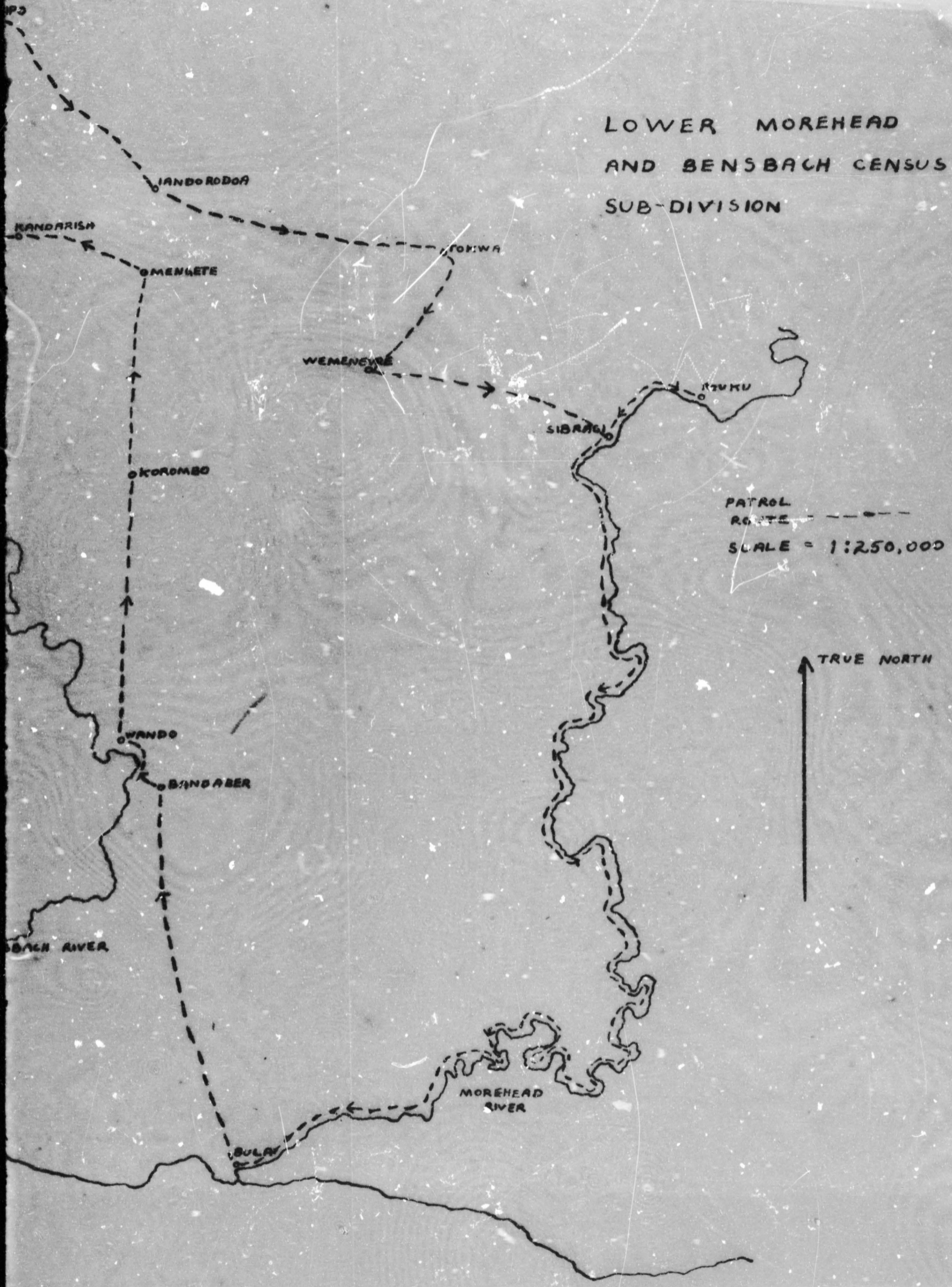
MOREHEA RIVER

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LOWER MOREHEAD  
AND BENSBACH CENSUS  
SUB-DIVISION



PATROL  
ROUTE  
SCALE = 1:250,000

TRUE NORTH  
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of WESTERN - Rouku Patrol Post Report No. 4/1955-56

Patrol Conducted by C.C. Giffard, P.O.

Area Patrolled EASTERN TRANSFLY CENSUS SUB-DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO

Natives 3 Members B.P.A. & N.G.C., 1 Interpreter and 1 N.M.O.

Duration—From 31 / 1 / 19 56 to 29 / 2 / 1956

Number of Days 30 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services JULY / 1955

Medical JUNE / 1953

Map Reference APC SHEET TRANSFLY 1:250,000

Objects of Patrol 1. CENSUS. 2. MEDICAL INSPECTION. 3. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

*16/1/1956*

District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damag: Compensation .... £.....

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

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

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# Village Popul

Year.....1955-56.....

| VILLAGE   | DATE OF CENSUS | Births |    | DEATHS    |   |          |   |     |   |     |   |      |   |         |    |                        |   | MIGR |   |
|-----------|----------------|--------|----|-----------|---|----------|---|-----|---|-----|---|------|---|---------|----|------------------------|---|------|---|
|           |                |        |    | 0-1 Month |   | 0-1 Year |   | 1-4 |   | 5-8 |   | 9-13 |   | Over 13 |    | Females in Child Birth |   |      |   |
|           |                | M      | F  | M         | F | M        | F | M   | F | M   | F | M    | F | M       | F  |                        | M | F    |   |
| GAREITA   | 31.1.56        | -      | -  | -         | - | -        | - | -   | - | -   | - | -    | - | -       | -  | -                      | - | -    | - |
| MATA      | 1.2.56         | 1      | -  | -         | - | -        | - | -   | - | -   | - | -    | - | 1       | -  | -                      | - | 1    | - |
| DERIDERI  | 1.2.56         | -      | -  | -         | - | -        | - | -   | - | -   | - | -    | - | 1       | -  | -                      | - | -    | - |
| ARUFE     | 2.2.56         | 1      | -  | -         | - | -        | - | -   | - | -   | - | -    | - | -       | 2  | -                      | - | -    | - |
| GUBAM     | 3.2.56         | -      | -  | -         | - | -        | - | -   | - | -   | - | -    | - | -       | 3  | -                      | - | -    | - |
| BIMADEBUM | 4.2.56         | 1      | 1  | -         | - | -        | - | -   | - | -   | - | -    | - | -       | -  | -                      | - | -    | - |
| DIMUSIS   | 6.2.56         | -      | 3  | -         | - | -        | 1 | -   | - | -   | - | -    | - | -       | -  | -                      | - | -    | - |
| BUK       | 7.2.56         | 4      | 1  | -         | - | 1        | 1 | -   | - | -   | - | -    | - | -       | 1  | -                      | - | -    | - |
| KONDOBA   | 8.2.56         | 1      | 1  | -         | - | -        | - | -   | - | -   | - | -    | - | 3       | -  | -                      | - | -    | - |
| KINKIN    | 9.2.56         | -      | 1  | -         | - | -        | - | -   | - | -   | - | -    | - | -       | -  | -                      | - | -    | - |
| MALAM     | 11.2.56        | 1      | 2  | -         | - | -        | - | -   | 1 | -   | - | -    | - | 2       | -  | -                      | - | -    | - |
| KWIWUNG   | 13.2.56        | -      | -  | -         | - | -        | - | -   | - | -   | - | -    | - | -       | -  | -                      | - | -    | - |
| DIMIRI    | 14.2.56        | 2      | 1  | -         | - | -        | 1 | -   | - | -   | - | -    | - | 1       | -  | -                      | - | -    | - |
| BELEVI    | 16.2.56        | 1      | 2  | -         | - | 1        | - | -   | - | -   | - | -    | - | -       | 1  | -                      | - | -    | - |
| WUTAR     | 17.2.56        | -      | -  | -         | - | -        | - | -   | - | -   | - | -    | 1 | 1       | -  | -                      | - | -    | - |
| BUJI      | 18.2.56        | 2      | 1  | -         | - | -        | 1 | -   | - | -   | - | -    | - | 1       | 2  | -                      | - | -    | - |
| BER       | 18.2.56        | 1      | 1  | -         | - | -        | - | -   | - | -   | - | -    | - | -       | 1  | -                      | - | -    | - |
| SIGABADU  | 21.2.56        | 2      | 1  | -         | - | -        | - | -   | - | -   | - | -    | - | -       | -  | -                      | 4 | 5    | - |
| TABATATA  | 20.2.56        | -      | -  | -         | - | -        | - | -   | - | -   | - | -    | - | -       | -  | -                      | - | -    | 1 |
| LAUSA     | 23.2.56        | 1      | 1  | -         | - | -        | 1 | -   | - | 1   | - | -    | - | -       | -  | -                      | - | -    | - |
| TAIS      | 25.2.56        | -      | 2  | -         | 1 | 1        | - | -   | - | -   | - | -    | - | 1       | -  | 1                      | - | -    | - |
| MARE      | 25.2.56        | -      | -  | -         | - | -        | - | -   | - | -   | - | -    | - | 1       | 3  | -                      | - | -    | - |
| JARAI     | 26.2.56        | -      | 1  | -         | - | -        | - | -   | - | -   | - | -    | - | -       | 1  | -                      | 1 | 3    | - |
| TONDA     | 29.2.56        | -      | -  | -         | - | -        | - | -   | - | -   | - | -    | - | -       | -  | -                      | - | -    | - |
| MIBENI    | 29.2.56        | -      | 1  | -         | - | -        | - | -   | - | -   | - | -    | - | -       | -  | -                      | - | -    | - |
| TOTAL     | =              | 18     | 20 | -         | 1 | 3        | 4 | 1   | 1 | 1   | 1 | -    | 1 | 12      | 13 | 1                      | 6 | 9    | - |



# Population Register

Area Patrolled... EASTERN TRANSFLY CENSUS SUB-DIVISION.

| Persons in Child Birth | MIGRATIONS |       |       |       | ABSENT FROM VILLAGE |    |    |   |          |    |    |    | LABOUR POTENTIAL |    |         |    | FEMALES  |                             |                        | TOTALS (Excluding Absentee) |     |        |      | GRAND TOTAL<br>M + F |
|------------------------|------------|-------|-------|-------|---------------------|----|----|---|----------|----|----|----|------------------|----|---------|----|----------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----|--------|------|----------------------|
|                        | In         |       | Out   |       | AT WORK             |    |    |   | STUDENTS |    |    |    | Males            |    | Females |    | Pregnant | Number of Child Bearing Age | Average Size of Family | Child                       |     | Adults |      |                      |
|                        | M          | F     | M     | F     | M                   | F  | M  | F | M        | F  | M  | F  | M                | F  | M       | F  |          |                             |                        | M                           | F   | M      | F    |                      |
|                        | 10-16      | 16-45 | 10-16 | 16-45 |                     |    |    |   |          |    |    |    |                  |    |         |    |          |                             |                        |                             |     |        |      |                      |
| -                      | -          | -     | -     | 2     | -                   | -  | -  | - | -        | -  | -  | 2  | 10               | 1  | 8       | -  | 6        | 3.3                         | 4                      | 5                           | 8   | 9      | 28   |                      |
| -                      | -          | -     | -     | 5     | -                   | -  | -  | - | -        | 2  | -  | 5  | 25               | 7  | 21      | -  | 19       | 3.5                         | 15                     | 19                          | 20  | 26     | 87   |                      |
| -                      | 1          | -     | -     | 3     | -                   | -  | -  | - | -        | 4  | 4  | 5  | 17               | 4  | 20      | -  | 17       | 3.2                         | 9                      | 13                          | 13  | 21     | 67   |                      |
| -                      | -          | -     | -     | -     | -                   | 2  | -  | - | -        | -  | -  | 3  | 19               | 2  | 12      | -  | 10       | 2.7                         | 10                     | 3                           | 20  | 13     | 48   |                      |
| -                      | -          | -     | -     | 1     | -                   | 2  | -  | - | -        | 7  | 9  | 4  | 21               | 6  | 22      | 1  | 18       | 3                           | 10                     | 8                           | 19  | 27     | 83   |                      |
| -                      | -          | -     | -     | -     | -                   | -  | -  | - | -        | 3  | -  | 4  | 11               | 4  | 14      | -  | 11       | 2.8                         | 10                     | 15                          | 16  | 23     | 67   |                      |
| -                      | -          | -     | -     | -     | -                   | -  | -  | - | -        | 1  | -  | 3  | 22               | 6  | 29      | -  | 26       | 3                           | 18                     | 20                          | 28  | 34     | 101  |                      |
| -                      | -          | -     | -     | -     | -                   | 4  | -  | - | -        | -  | -  | 3  | 22               | 3  | 21      | -  | 19       | 2.5                         | 19                     | 14                          | 23  | 21     | 31   |                      |
| -                      | -          | -     | 1     | 3     | -                   | -  | 3  | - | -        | -  | -  | 5  | 18               | 3  | 14      | -  | 12       | 3.5                         | 13                     | 17                          | 16  | 17     | 66   |                      |
| -                      | -          | -     | -     | 5     | -                   | 1  | -  | - | -        | -  | -  | 1  | 11               | 2  | 9       | 1  | 7        | 2.1                         | 8                      | 7                           | 8   | 11     | 40   |                      |
| -                      | -          | -     | -     | 14    | -                   | 7  | -  | - | -        | -  | -  | 4  | 39               | 7  | 34      | 1  | 30       | 2.4                         | 20                     | 16                          | 21  | 37     | 115  |                      |
| -                      | -          | -     | -     | 1     | -                   | 5  | -  | - | -        | -  | -  | 1  | 20               | 2  | 20      | 2  | 17       | 1.2                         | 13                     | 12                          | 20  | 22     | 73   |                      |
| -                      | -          | -     | -     | -     | -                   | 4  | -  | - | -        | -  | -  | 6  | 21               | 4  | 19      | 1  | 16       | 3                           | 19                     | 14                          | 19  | 24     | 80   |                      |
| -                      | -          | -     | -     | -     | -                   | -  | -  | - | -        | -  | -  | 7  | 23               | 1  | 21      | 2  | 20       | 2.9                         | 11                     | 10                          | 23  | 25     | 69   |                      |
| -                      | -          | -     | -     | -     | -                   | 1  | -  | - | -        | 2  | -  | -  | 5                | 2  | 5       | -  | 5        | 1.6                         | -                      | 2                           | 4   | 6      | 17   |                      |
| -                      | -          | -     | -     | 1     | 1                   | 3  | -  | - | -        | -  | -  | 3  | 13               | 3  | 16      | 1  | 15       | 2                           | 11                     | 16                          | 20  | 19     | 70   |                      |
| -                      | -          | -     | -     | 1     | -                   | 1  | -  | - | -        | -  | -  | 1  | 18               | 1  | 10      | -  | 10       | 2.8                         | 8                      | 8                           | 18  | 12     | 47   |                      |
| -                      | -          | -     | -     | 2     | 1                   | 19 | -  | - | -        | -  | -  | 4  | 33               | 9  | 24      | 5  | 22       | 3.1                         | 22                     | 20                          | 17  | 35     | 114  |                      |
| -                      | 4          | 5     | -     | 3     | 4                   | -  | -  | 4 | -        | -  | 3  | 2  | 1                | 10 | 2       | 9  | -        | 9                           | 2.2                    | 1                           | 3   | 7      | 12   | 32                   |
| -                      | -          | 1     | -     | -     | -                   | -  | -  | - | -        | 5  | -  | 5  | 8                | 3  | 6       | 1  | 6        | 2                           | 8                      | 6                           | 8   | 2      | 29   |                      |
| -                      | -          | -     | -     | 4     | -                   | -  | -  | - | -        | -  | -  | 1  | 15               | 1  | 15      | -  | 15       | 2.1                         | 5                      | 7                           | 12  | 19     | 47   |                      |
| 1                      | -          | -     | -     | 3     | -                   | -  | -  | - | -        | -  | -  | 4  | 12               | 2  | 15      | 1  | 14       | 2.4                         | 9                      | 9                           | 11  | 19     | 51   |                      |
| -                      | 1          | 3     | -     | -     | -                   | 4  | -  | - | -        | -  | -  | 2  | 12               | 4  | 20      | -  | 18       | 2.6                         | 6                      | 6                           | 16  | 20     | 52   |                      |
| -                      | -          | -     | -     | -     | -                   | 5  | -  | - | -        | -  | -  | -  | 9                | -  | 6       | -  | 6        | -                           | -                      | -                           | 6   | 12     | 23   |                      |
| -                      | -          | -     | -     | 1     | -                   | 2  | -  | - | -        | 3  | 2  | 2  | 12               | 4  | 14      | 1  | 12       | 2                           | 6                      | 8                           | 10  | 17     | 49   |                      |
| 1                      | 6          | 9     | 5     | 11    | 41                  | -  | 67 | - | -        | 22 | 19 | 81 | 438              | 83 | 404     | 17 | 360      | -                           | 255                    | 258                         | 385 | 485    | 1536 |                      |







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4th May, 1956

The District Officer,  
DARU.

ROUKS PATROL REPORT No. 4/55-56

Receipt of the Report is acknowledged.

Would you please refer to paragraph 4 of Circular  
Instruction No. 217.

The correct procedure with this report would have  
been for you to comment to the Officer-in-Charge Rouku and  
forward the report to Headquarters with a copy only of your  
comments.

Only if certain action is required, need you address  
a separate memo to Headquarters. Such action may be the  
noting of a special part of the Report or as in 4(a) or action  
under 4 (b).

*(Handwritten initials)*  
P/P  
S/S

(A.A. Roberts)  
Director

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 30-5-1/276.

District Commissioner's Office,  
DARU, W.D.

APR 17 1956  
17th April, 1956.  
J. A. Champion

MEMORANDUM Cor-

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

ROKU PATROL REPORT NO. 4/55-56.

The a/n report is attached, together with a sketch map of the area covered.

The patrol was of a routine nature and covers all aspects of native administration.

The people have always been a quiet and lawabiding crowd.

I agree with Mr Giffard, it would be extremely difficult to help these owing to transport problems. The only vessels to visit the area is the District vessel "Elevala" and then only at three monthly intervals. We cannot guarantee to run to a time table.

The Agricultural Officer will be visiting the Trans Fly after his survey of the Kiunga and Lake Murray areas of which he is at present doing.

*J. A. Champion*

( J. A. Champion )  
District Commissioner,  
Western District.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT NO. RCU 4 OF 1955-56 : REPORT OF A PATROL TO THE  
EASTERN TRANS-FLY CENSUS SUB-DIVISION

Officer conducting patrol: C.C. Giffard, P.O.

Area patrolled: Eastern Trans-Fly Census Sub-Division

Objects of patrol:

- (I) Census
- (II) Medical Inspection
- (III) Routine Administration

Personnel accompanying:

- Reg No. 5209 Cpl ERORO-DIASAI
- Reg No. 6678 Const. LOLOEA-HEKAHU
- Reg No. 7599 Const. HAILA-DIMDA
- Interpreter SIRIKIA
- N.M.O. SAMOA

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DIARY

- Tuesday, 31st January: 9am. Left Rouku Patrol Post for Gareita, arriving at 10.30am. Half an hour spent having carriers and gear transported across the Morched River by canoe. Village inspected and censused. 12.15pm. Left Gareita for Mata, arriving at 3.15pm in heavy rain, which continued for remainder of afternoon.
- Wednesday, 1st February: 8am. Inspected Mata and censused population. 10am. Left Mata for Pongaki, arriving at 12 noon. 2pm. Inspected Pongaki and censused the population with the Derideri village Natives, who had assembled here. The names of the Pongaki people are in the Derideri Village Book.
- Thursday, 2nd February: 8am. Left Pongaki for Arufe, inspecting Derideri en route. 11.30am. Arrived Arufe and visited Papuan Revival Mission station. 4pm. Arufe village inspected and censused.
- Friday, 3rd February: 9am. Left Arufe for Gubam, arriving at 1pm. 3pm. Village inspected and censused.
- Saturday, 4th February: 8am. Left Gubam for Bimadebum, arriving at 2.15pm. Walking difficult owing to most of the track being under water. 3pm. Village inspected and censused.
- Sunday, 5th February: Rested.
- Monday, 6th February: 8am. Left Bimadebum for Dimisis. 1pm. Arrived Dimisis. 3pm. Inspected and censused village.
- Tuesday, 7th February: 8am. Left Dimisis for Buk, arriving at 2.30pm. 4pm. Inspected village and censused population.
- Wednesday, 8th February: 8am. Left Buk for Kondoba, arriving at 10.30am. 2pm. Inspected village and revised census.
- Thursday, 9th February: 10am. Belated departure for Kinkin owing to heavy rain during morning. 12.40pm. Arrived Kinkin. 5pm. Inspected and censused village.
- Friday, 10th February: 8am. Left Kinkin for Limil, a hamlet of Malam, arriving at 12.15pm. 2.30pm. Inspected hamlet and revised census.
- Saturday, 11th February: 8.30am. Left Limil for Malam, arriving at 12noon. 2pm. Village inspected and censused.
- Sunday, 12th February: Heavy rain all morning. Rested.
- Monday, 13th February: Left Malam for Kwiwung, arriving at 2pm. Almost entire track under several inches of water. 4pm. Inspected village and revised census.
- Tuesday, 14th February: Left Kwiwung for Dimiri, sending patrol gear direct to Belevi. 12.30pm. Arrived Dimiri, inspected and censused village. 2.30pm. Left Dimiri for Belevi, arriving at 5.45pm.



- Wednesday, 15th February: 8am. Belevi censused and inspected.  
9.30am. Left Belevi for hamlet Sibidiri. After 2 hours 10 minutes walking arrived at Wamaria Kussa and boarded canoes, completing the rest of the journey by water.  
5pm. Arrived Sibidiri after very slow trip.
- Thursday, 16th February: 8am. Sibidiri censused and inspected.  
9.30am. Left Sibidiri by canoe for Wutar. Torrential rain during part of the trip.  
4pm. Arrived Wutar, which is about 20 minutes walk from canoe landing.
- Friday, 17th February: Wutar censused and inspected.  
11am. Left Wutar canoe landing for Buji, arriving at 4.30pm.
- Saturday, 18th February: Buji and nearby village of Ber censused. Concerning a dispute between Councillor and Mission teacher arising from the burning of a coconut grove by the teacher, walked to and inspected the grove and arranged a settlement. As personal servant very ill with fever, having a temperature of 104, remained at Buji.
- Sunday, 19th February: 9.30am. Left Buji by sailing canoe for Tabatata, heavy rain falling shortly after departure, which continued for most of the trip.  
1.30pm. Arrived beach near Tabatata and a constable went to village for carriers. These arrived at 3.30pm but were insufficient for all gear.  
4.30pm. Arrived Tabatata, after wading through an extensive foul swamp. Carriers sent back for remainder of gear, which eventually reached the village at 6.30pm.
- Monday, 20th February: 8am. Inspected and censused village.  
10am. Left Tabatata for Sigabadu, walking half an hour to Tabatata Creek where canoes had been brought from previous landing site. Boarded canoes and sailed for Sigabadu, arriving at 2pm. Owing to the rough sea and the strong winds blowing from a westerly direction, canoe crew advised it would be difficult to attempt the return trip during the day. Hence decided to leave Sigabadu Tuesday night.
- Tuesday, 21st February: 8am. Inspected village and conducted census. Conversations with the Natives.  
10.30pm. Left Sigabadu for Buji by sailing canoe.
- Wednesday, 22nd February: Sailed with poor winds to Buji, all morning from midnight, arriving at 2.30pm. Remained 1/2 hour at Buji, then left for Iauga, arriving at 5.15pm.
- Thursday, 23rd February: Sailing canoe carried away by tide during night. Two remaining canoes searched for it during the day.  
4.30pm. Canoes returned after unsuccessful search. Inspected village and revised census. One large canoe sent out again to search, without result.
- Friday, 24th February: 8am. Left Iauga for Tais. Progress very slow with rough sea and strong adverse winds making it necessary to tack most of the distance. One canoe forced to return to Iauga.  
3pm. Arrived beach near Tais. Left for Tais at 3.30pm, walking inland through large swamp until



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reaching the village at 9.30pm. Other canoe arrived in early hours of the next morning.

Saturday, 25th February: 3am. Inspected and censused village.  
10am. Left Tais for Mare, arriving at 4pm.  
5pm. Inspected and censused village.

Sunday, 26th February: Rested.

Monday, 27th February: 3am. Left Mare for Jarai, inspecting small hamlet of Jarai, Walater, en route.  
11am. Arrived Jarai. Inspected village and revised census.  
1pm. Left Jarai for Mare, arriving back at 4pm.

Tuesday, 28th February: 6am. Left Mare for Tonda.  
5pm. Arrived at small creek where Tonda Natives had placed canoes. Travelled by canoe down creek to the Morehead River, then upstream to Tonda, arriving at 7pm.

Wednesday, 29th February: Tonda censused and inspected.  
5.30am. Left Tonda for Mibeni.  
11.45am. Arrived Mibeni, inspected and censused village.  
1.15pm. Left Mibeni for Rouku Patrol Post, arriving back at 4.30pm.

#### INTRODUCTION

As the Rouku Patrol Post area is visited by the wet season during the months from November to May, this patrol to the Eastern Trans-Fly Sub-Division met with difficult travelling conditions. Villages invariably have small populations and, as can be seen from the diary, are usually situated long distances apart. The entire area is completely flat except for a section of the country in the north-east of the sub-division, as seen along the tracks extending from Bul to Melam. Here the ground rises, probably in some cases to a few hundred feet, and there are even places along the road where one has the unusual privilege of an extended view, greatly appreciated when accustomed to the endless monotony of the flat, open, bush land which is the prevailing feature of the countryside elsewhere in the Rouku area.

Except for this small section of elevated land, the Eastern-TransFly is reduced to large areas of mud and swamp during the wet season, with short, heavy showers falling almost every day, so that travelling can be undertaken only with considerable difficulty. It is undoubtedly an area of great climatic extremes. Concerning a journey from the Wassi Kassa to Tonda, Sir Hubert Murray wrote in the Annual Report of 1921-22, "It was the dry season and the track across was good and hard, but the heat was simply appalling, both day and night. I have never had so hot a walk before, either in New Guinea or anywhere else." A Mr Lyons, describing the same area in a Patrol Report in 1913, wrote, "a hot and godless place to be in, in the dry season. It is absolutely without water except perhaps for some small pools in a swamp here and there, wherein wild pigs wallow." Conditions were greatly different during this patrol, but, if anything, more unattractive.

#### NATIVE AFFAIRS

The Native situation throughout the Trans-Fly Sub-Division can only be described as satisfactory. The people are living quietly and an outstanding feature of the patrol, usual throughout the Patrol Post area, was that very few complaints or disputes were brought forward for settlement. No cases were heard before the Court for Native Matters. There is apparently none of the



Distrust and antagonism between villages or groups which exists in some other areas in the Territory visited by the writer, and, generally speaking, these people appear to be well settled and contented.

Following instructions from the District-Commissioner at Daru, Mr A.C. Jefferies, an inquiry was made into the possibility of these people improving their standard of living by means of some form of cash-cropping. It is regretted that prospects do not appear to be bright, due, as is so often the case in this country, to the inevitably poor transport facilities. Copra production would appear to be the only possibility at present, and it is now intended to discuss individually each village which may seem capable of disposing of any produce.

Jerai: There is a large grove of coconuts near this village, and the people were encouraged by a previous officer to produce copra. Copra bags were given, some old canvas was obtained from APC and sent to them as sails for a large canoe, and a police constable was stationed in the village to instruct them in copra production. The people state they are unable to find a tree suitable for the making of a large sailing canoe. This is probably true, as the complaint is fairly general along the coast. Copra was produced by these people, but, owing to the impossibility of transporting it to market, most of it rotted. Nine bags, however, were sent by a canoe borrowed from Mabaduan to Daru, where it is understood the marketing of it was carried out by the LMS European Missionary, though the people have not yet received payment. There is no anchorage near Jerai and as far as I can gather the Administration vessel would be unable to approach closer than a couple of miles to the village. Even if the Jarai people possessed a canoe, I do not believe the Administration vessel would ever be allowed to be delayed for the length of time which would be necessary for copra to be ferried from the village to it. Transporting of copra from the village to Daru by sailing canoe is considered impossible. The distance is too great, and it would not be an economic proposition with the few bags a canoe would carry. The possibility of transporting the produce by canoe to Bula, at the mouth of the Morehead River and about 6 hours walk from Jerai, was considered. This, however, is also thought impracticable. The Administration vessel keeps to no fixed schedule and travels so far from the coast that it would often pass the village unnoticed, and it would be essential, if it were to pick up any Jarai produce at Bula, for some of the men to travel to Daru with the vessel, to unload and arrange for the sale of the copra. However, apart from this, the main problem is that these people do not have a canoe.

Mare: There is no anchorage here and the Administration vessel would probably be able to approach no closer than a couple of miles.

Tait: This village is situated about one hour's walk from the coast. Transport by a visiting Administration vessel is therefore considered impossible. There are no canoes here.

Iauga: These people have a large grove of coconuts at an old village site on the eastern coast of Strachan Island. They are interested in producing copra, and possess a sailing canoe. If the Administration vessel could approach close to the village and pick up their copra, I feel sure that these people would not hesitate to produce. However, before encouraging these people further to undertake copra production, it would be necessary to obtain information from the District Commissioner at Daru about the possibility of the Administration vessel visiting Iauga to pick up the produce. The skipper of the Administration vessel "Elevala" would probably know whether the necessary channels and anchorage exist.

Buji: These people have very few palms. They were encouraged by a previous officer to plant 100 new palms, with the proper spacing, but only about 12 have been planted so far. I have encouraged each able-bodied male to plant at least 50 palms. A marker was given and the 30 feet triangular method of spacing was demonstrated. With this village, also, I would request information concerning the possibility of the Administration vessel picking up any copra produced on its return trip from Rouku to Daru, having regard to channels and an anchorage close to the village. The Natives inform me that a boat can approach quite close to the village.



Tabatata: This village is situated about half an hour's walk in from the coast. They are at present building a sailing canoe. Some old canvas obtained from APC is at Rouku, and this will be given to them as they have no sails. It was suggested to them that they might send copra to Buji for picking up by the Administration vessel. They appear keen about this but any production would, of course, depend on the possibility of the vessel calling in to Buji on its return trip from Rouku to Daru.

Sigabadu: Some years ago these people produced a few bags of copra and transported them by sailing canoe to Daru, where they state they received a satisfactory price from a local trader. When their canoes rotted, however, they were not replaced and no more production was attempted. The Sigabadu people now have a large canoe and they were encouraged to begin production again, and transport the copra themselves to Daru.

Tonda: This village is now sadly depleted of able-bodied men, absent in other districts. When they return it should be possible for them to produce copra and extend plantings, as the village is situated near the bank of the Morehead River, and they could easily send their produce to Daru by the Administration vessel.

Gareita: This small village is also situated near the bank of the Morehead River and about one hour's walk up the river from Rouku. The possibility of their carrying copra to Rouku was pointed out to them and they appeared interested. However, they have very few palms. Each able-bodied male was therefore advised to plant 50 new palms.

Other villages in the Trans-Fly Sub-Division are too far from transport facilities for any production of copra by them to be successful.

#### AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

Food is at present sufficient though not plentiful in most of the villages. Supplies of the staple yam (taitu) have been exhausted almost everywhere, and it will not be until about June that harvesting of the present flourishing gardens will commence. After harvesting the yams are accumulated in large stores constructed entirely of bark with dirt floors, situated either in the villages or at the gardens. These stores are now empty, but the people are not suffering any hardship and will be able to exist until the harvest upon such foods as manioc, bananas, taro, sweet potato, pawpaw, water-melons, pumpkins and coconuts. Many inland villages, particularly those towards the east, depend a great deal upon sago, and for them the present shortage of yams is a matter of very little consequence.

Most villages have a few fowls, but they are nowhere plentiful. Pigs are also seen in the majority of villages, where they are imprisoned in small roofed enclosures, leaving the pig scarcely enough room in which to turn around. Here they are kept until slaughtered and become quite tame, although rarely allowed any freedom. One woman accompanied the patrol from Malam to Kwiwang, continually calling to a large pig which docilely followed behind. These pigs are never bred, but found as piglets in the bush. The inhabitants of the area augment their very meagre meat ration by hunting with bows and arrows the wallabies, pigs and cassowaries, which are fairly numerous in some localities.

#### HEALTH

The health of the Trans-Fly people is generally satisfactory, as there were no epidemics or outbreaks of diseases during the visit. 24 patients suffering from minor ailments were ordered to aid-posts, either to Rouku, Arufe or Kibuli.

Since the previous census there have been 39 deaths as against 38 births, and it is thought that the population will continue to decrease in the near future, as there were disappointingly few pregnant women in the area.

There are no Native Medical Orderlies stationed in the area. Some



months ago advice was received that the District Medical Officer would post an NMO to Buji village as soon as these people had built the houses necessary for an aid-post. These have now been constructed and were inspected during the visit. The Medical Officer has already been advised and it is expected that an NMO will be stationed in the near future at Buji, where he is eagerly awaited by the villagers. It is thought that he will have the full cooperation of the surrounding population who have been clamouring for such an appointment for some years.

#### MISSIONS AND EDUCATION

Mission influence over the Trans-Fly people is only very slight. Most of the population are to some small extent aware of the aims of the missions, but only a few have a close association with a religious body. Two missions are working in the area, the Papuan Revival Mission and the London Missionary Society.

The Papuan Revival Mission: This is only a small organisation having one station and two Europeans in the Territory. Mr and Mrs Jenkins are now posted to Arufe, having recently relieved the previous missionaries Mr and Mrs Ellis. They are a young New Zealand couple who have been in the country only about two months. Their influence reaches to Arufe, Derideri, Pongaki, Gubam and Binadebum, where some of the hymnsinging at nights could compare with that of Australian congregations. There is a school at Arufe and during my visit I was told it would be opened the following Monday for the year's work. There are no Native teachers. Having as yet very little knowledge of any of the Territory languages, it will probably be difficult for these missionaries to conduct classes for some considerable time. The station has an aidpost and treatment of minor complaints is given. Mrs Jenkins informed me that she is a qualified midwife, and her treatments will undoubtedly be a great benefit to the local people.

The London Missionary Society: This organisation has no European representatives in the area, and they rarely visit the few Native-staffed schools and churches which have been established. There are at present schools at Sigabadu, Buji, Eriwang, Mare and Dimiri. Only the teacher at Buji was present during the patrols visit. There are 33 pupils now attending his school, but he has only 12 slates and no chalk. He asked if he could be given more slates, and also some chalk and slate pencils. A separate memorandum to the District Commissioner at Daru has been written concerning this. If the Administration cannot help him at least the request may be passed on to the LMS representative at Daru, as the present conditions under which this teacher is working are very poor.

At Sigabadu the villagers complained about the inattention of the LMS teachers to their duties. It was stated that 4 or 5 teachers had been posted to the village and that none had shown himself to be even slightly conscientious. The most recent appointee had emulated the conduct of his predecessors in remaining in Sigabadu barely a week before returning to his home in the neighbouring village of Mabaduan. These people have no idea how long he intends to remain absent from his duties. The Sigabadu people stated they want no more Native teachers but are anxious to have a European put in charge of the school, and produced the sum of 27 which they wanted me to send to Daru as an inducement for one to settle in the village. The money, of course, was not accepted, and they were told that as far as I knew there was only one LMS European at Daru, and it was very unlikely that the Mission would have any available for posting to Sigabadu. They then said they would like to have the Papuan Revival Mission post a missionary to the village. They were advised that the District Commissioner at Daru would be informed of their complaint, and that he might pass it on to the Mission's European representative at Daru.



ROADS AND BRIDGES

The APC Seismic 1. party, which was, until recently, stationed near Gareita, had maintained a jeep road from their camp to Buk, which was regularly used during their field operations. This road is still in good condition, and most of the bridges across the numerous small creeks are as yet fit for jeeps. These bridges, however, will rapidly deteriorate, being built only of rough bush timber, and often submerged under several feet of water during the wet season. The people were not told to maintain them, as there would be no heavy traffic to make use of the bridges, and a simple log with a hand-rail provided is considered sufficient for pedestrians.

From Buk to Malam, also, the tracks are generally satisfactory, the Natives along this section of the route having made a considerable effort to fulfil their road maintenance obligations. Elsewhere the tracks have been neglected, and the necessary orders had to be issued. On this patrol, however, any failure to maintain the roads usually caused no inconvenience, as it was generally necessary to walk through the grass and keep off the cleared strip of road which becomes, in the wet season, a slimy, bog trap, necessary to be avoided at all cost, for fear of becoming irretrievably stuck.

The long track from Mare to Tonda appears to have never been maintained. These two villages have only small populations, and they were told that the usual standard of maintenance would not be expected of them, but that some improvement would be required. As it is now, a stranger travelling along this lengthy stretch would surely become lost, as for most of the journey there is nothing to distinguish a track from the surrounding bush.

VILLAGES AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Villages were usually clean and most were well prepared for the Patrol's visit. Housing was also satisfactory and only in a few cases was it necessary to order the replacement of dwellings. Houses are constructed of various materials, bark or the stem of the sago frond for walls, bark or sago leaves for the roofs, and a type of palm (goru) for the floor. Administration rest-houses were usually well-constructed, and were in some cases excellent, large buildings.

The ability of the Village Constables ranges from only fair to satisfactory, but they all appeared anxious to cooperate during the visit. Maimun, of Guban village, is outstanding for this area, and is a capable man who shows an interest in his work which is not apparent in the others.

In separate correspondence two new Village Constables are being recommended for appointment to Dimiri and Mare villages, where the previous appointees have died.

ANTHROPOLOGICAL SPECIMENS COLLECTED FOR MUSEUM

NIL.

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APPENDIX "A" - Patrol Report No. 4 of 1955/56 - Eastern Trans-Fly Census  
Sub-Division

| Village   | Sipoma | Scabies | Yaws | Colds | TU | Sores | Lacerations |
|-----------|--------|---------|------|-------|----|-------|-------------|
| Gareita   | 5      |         |      |       |    | 4     | 2           |
| Mata      | 11     |         |      |       |    | 3     | 1           |
| Derideri  | 14     | 3       |      |       |    | 2     |             |
| Arufe     | 7      |         |      |       |    | 2     |             |
| Gubam     | 11     | 1       |      |       |    | 2     |             |
| Binadebum | 9      |         |      |       |    | 5     | 2           |
| Dimisis   | 20     |         |      |       |    | 3     | 2           |
| Buk       | 12     |         |      |       |    | 5     | 5           |
| Kondoba   | 18     | 2       | 1    |       |    | 4     | 2           |
| Kinkin    | 3      |         |      |       |    | 3     | 2           |
| Lindl     |        |         |      |       |    | 2     | 1           |
| Malam     | 8      | 2       | 1    |       |    | 2     |             |
| Kwiwung   | 13     |         |      |       |    | 1     |             |
| Dimiri    | 23     | 1       | 1    |       |    | 5     | 3           |
| Belevi    | 5      |         |      |       |    |       |             |
| Sibidiri  | 8      |         |      |       |    | 1     |             |
| Wutar     |        |         |      |       |    | 1     |             |
| Buji      | 16     |         |      | 1     | 1  | 4     | 4           |
| Ber       | 8      | 1       |      |       | 1  | 3     | 2           |
| Tabatata  | 2      |         |      |       |    | 2     | 1           |
| Sigabatu  | 17     |         |      | 6     | 4  | 5     | 5           |
| Iauga     | 2      |         |      |       |    | 1     | 1           |
| Tais      | 4      |         |      | 1     | 2  | 2     | 1           |
| Mare      | 13     | 1       |      |       | 2  | 1     | 1           |
| Jarai     | 15     | 2       | 1    |       |    | 1     |             |
| Tonda     | 7      |         |      |       |    | 1     |             |
| Mibeni    | 13     | 1       |      |       |    |       |             |
| TOTAL =   | 262    | 14      | 4    | 8     | 10 | 65    | 33          |

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APPENDIX "B" - Patrol Report No. 4 of 1955/56 - Eastern Trans-Fly Census  
Sub-Division.

Native Medical Orderly SAMOWA

This is a young Medical Orderly who has only recently completed his training at Dara. Throughout the patrol he showed himself to be conscientious and was of considerable assistance.

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APPENDIX "C" - Patrol Report No. 4 of 1955/56 - Eastern-Trans-Fly Census  
Sub-Division.

Inland Waterways

A report was made on inland waterways by Mr Bottrill, ADO, in Rouku  
Patrol Report No. 1 of 1955/56, and I am unable to add to this.

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# VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

EASTERN TRANSFLY CENSUS SUB-DIVISION

Year 1955-56

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| VILLAGE   | DATE OF CENSUS | BIRTHS |   | DEATHS   |   |          |   |     |   |     |   |      |   | MIGRATIONS |   |                        |    | ABSENT FROM VILLAGE AT WORK |   |     |   | LABOUR POTENTIAL |   |                  |    | FEMALES |    | Average Size of Family | TOTALS (Excluding Absentee) |     |       |     | GRAND TOTAL |         |     |          |                             |       |   |
|-----------|----------------|--------|---|----------|---|----------|---|-----|---|-----|---|------|---|------------|---|------------------------|----|-----------------------------|---|-----|---|------------------|---|------------------|----|---------|----|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----|-------|-----|-------------|---------|-----|----------|-----------------------------|-------|---|
|           |                |        |   | 0-1 Mth. |   | 0-1 Year |   | 1-4 |   | 5-8 |   | 9-13 |   | Over 13    |   | Females in Child Birth |    | In                          |   | Out |   | Inside District  |   | Outside District |    | Govt.   |    |                        | Mission                     |     | Males |     |             | Females |     | Pregnant | Number of Child bearing age | Child |   |
|           |                | M      | F | M        | F | M        | F | M   | F | M   | F | M    | F | M          | F | M                      | F  | M                           | F | M   | F | M                | F | M                | F  | M       | F  | M                      | F                           | M   | F     | M   | F           | M       | F   |          |                             | M     | F |
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| GAREITA   | 31.1.56        | -      | - | -        | - | -        | - | -   | - | -   | - | -    | - | -          | - | -                      | -  | -                           | - | -   | - | -                | - | -                | -  | 2       | 10 | 1                      | 8                           | -   | 6     | 3.3 | 4           | 5       | 8   | 9        | 28                          |       |   |
| MATA      | 1.2.56         | 1      | - | -        | - | -        | - | -   | - | -   | - | 1    | - | -          | - | 5                      | -  | -                           | - | -   | - | 2                | - | 5                | 25 | 7       | 21 | -                      | 15                          | 3.5 | 15    | 19  | 20          | 26      | 87  |          |                             |       |   |
| DERIDERI  | 1.2.56         | -      | - | -        | - | -        | - | -   | - | -   | - | 1    | - | -          | - | 5                      | -  | -                           | - | -   | - | 4                | 4 | 5                | 17 | 4       | 20 | -                      | 17                          | 3.2 | 9     | 13  | 13          | 21      | 67  |          |                             |       |   |
| ARUPE     | 2.2.56         | 1      | - | -        | - | -        | - | -   | - | -   | - | -    | 2 | -          | - | -                      | 2  | -                           | - | -   | - | -                | - | 5                | 19 | 2       | 12 | -                      | 10                          | 2.7 | 10    | 3   | 20          | 13      | 48  |          |                             |       |   |
| GUBAM     | 3.2.56         | -      | - | -        | - | -        | - | -   | - | -   | - | -    | 2 | -          | - | 1                      | 2  | -                           | - | -   | - | 7                | 9 | 4                | 21 | 6       | 22 | 1                      | 18                          | 3   | 10    | 8   | 19          | 27      | 85  |          |                             |       |   |
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# VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

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EASTERN TRANSFLY CENSUS SUB-DIVISION

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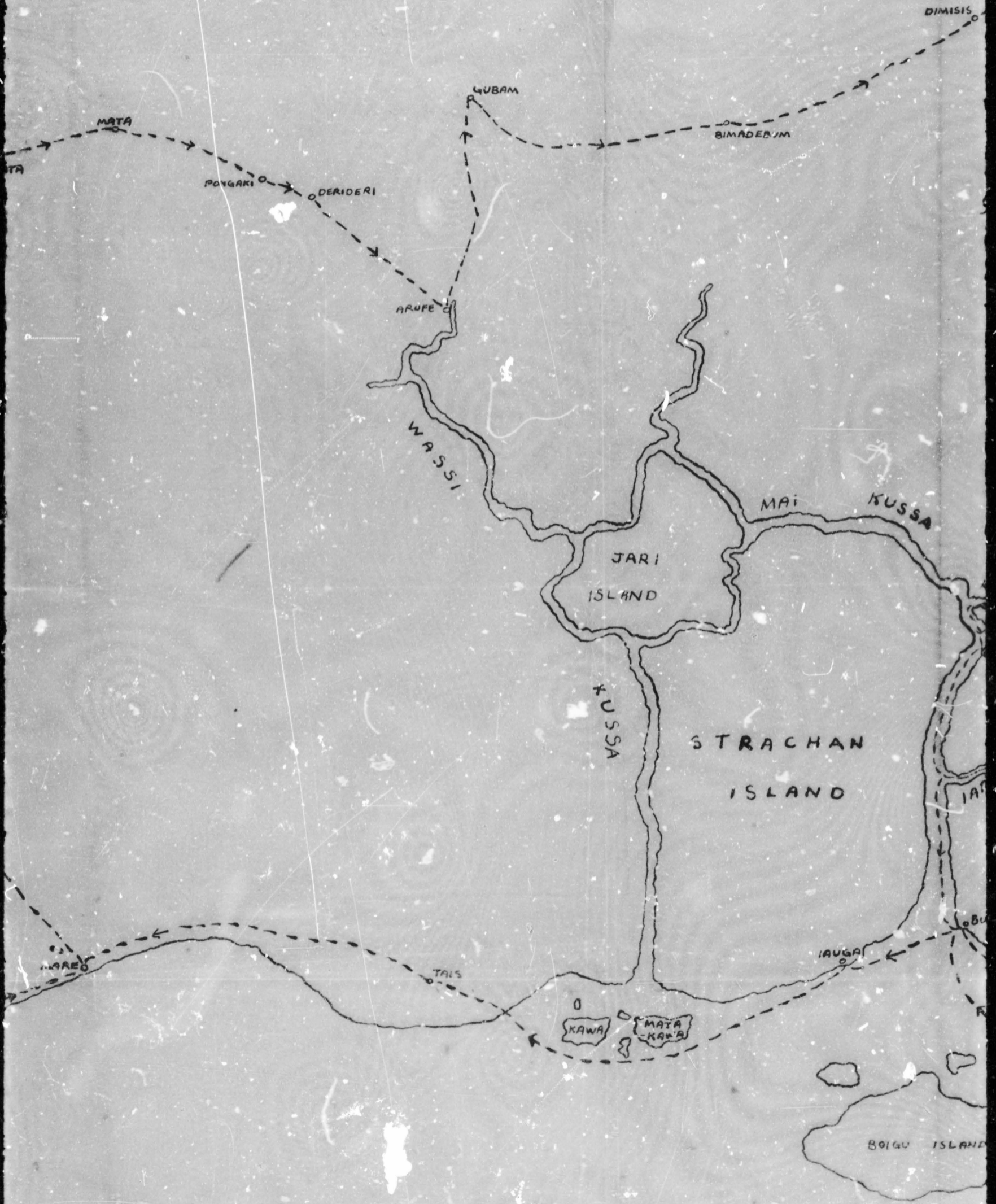
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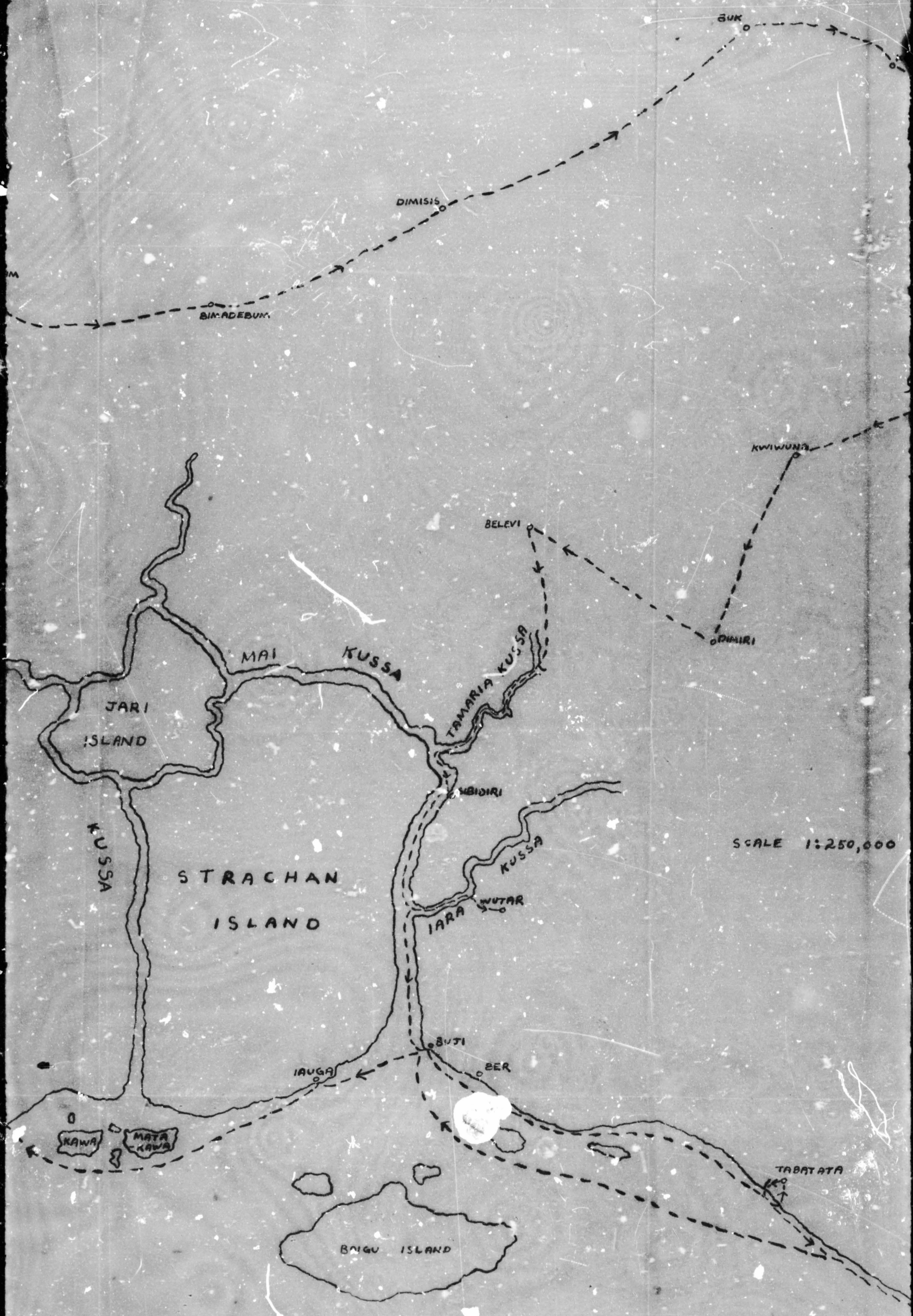




EASTERN TRANSFLY CENSUS  
SUB-DIVISION







STRACHAN ISLAND

JARI ISLAND

BAIGU ISLAND

SCALE 1:250,000

BIM-ADIBUM

DIMISIS

SUK

KWIWUNA

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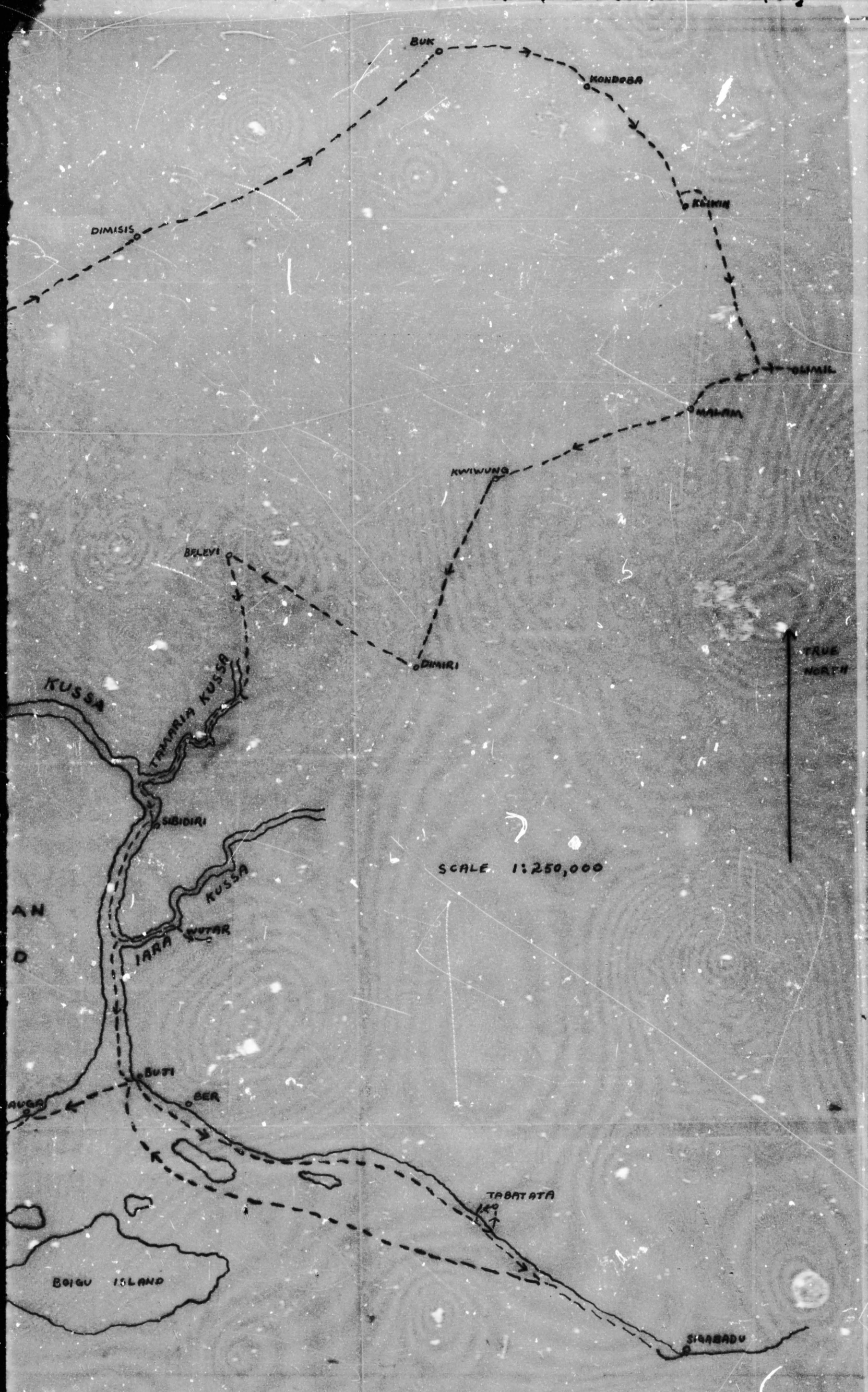
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BOIGU ISLAND

SIGABADU

SCALE 1:250,000

TRUE NORTH





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of ~~WESTERN~~ Rouku Patrol Post Report No. 5/1955-56

Patrol Conducted by C. C. Giffard, P.O.

Area Patrolled UPPER MOREHEAD AND SUKI CENSUS SUB-DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO

Natives 2. Mambana R.P. & N.G.G. Interpreter and 1 N.M.O.

Duration—From 24/4/1956 to 19/5/1956

Number of Days 26

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services OCTOBER/1955

Medical SEPTEMBER/1954

Map Reference APC SHEET TRANSFLY 1: 250,000

Objects of Patrol 1. Census Check. 2. Medical Inspection. 3. Routine Administration.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

30/6/1956

District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £ NIL

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

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





30/1/57 ✓

In Reply  
Please Quote  
No. 30/1/57

District Office,  
DARU, PAPUA.

22 Jan 57

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY, PAFUA.

Your NA.30-A-10 of 7-1-57 Refers.

ROUKU PATROL REPORT NO 5 OF 55-56

It appears that the officer responsible for the above mentioned memorandum shows a complete lack of knowledge of the Trans Fly area.

PA  
[Handwritten initials]

[Handwritten signature]  
(F.A. Champion)  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER



N.A. 30-4-10

7th January, 1957.

The District Officer,  
Western District,  
P. A. J. H.

ROUKU PATROL REPORT NO. 5 OF 1955-56.

There is no need to take any action in the case of KWARI Village. Normal, customary migration and group shifting in the border area should not be interfered with. Our only formal arrangement with the Netherlands Government touching on these matters is the Treaty for the Mutual Surrender of Fugitive Criminals.

Second paragraph, page 5 - Mr. Giffard is not showing any imagination or initiative whatever. Transport and marketing problems are to be overcome, not to be accepted with fatalism to leave the area abandoned. It is not clear whether a good quantity of palms already exist or not.

  
(A.A. Robertson,  
Director.



HC/RI.

30/4/10 ✓



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District Commissioner's Office,  
Daru, Western District.

2nd July, 1956.

Officer-in-Charge,  
Rouku, Daru Sub-District,  
Forehead River N.D.

PATROL REPORT NO. 5 OF 1955/56.

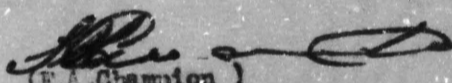
The a/m Report is acknowledged.

With reference to KWARI village, it is my intention to recommend the H.Q. that these people be permitted to remain in H.N.G. but I wish you to inform them that they cannot claim two nationalities. They must choose one or the other.

Copra Production

I agree, it is very difficult to arrange any definite transport. Previous officers have encouraged the production of copra but it has not been a great success mainly through transport and marketing.

The District Agriculture Officer will be making a survey as soon as the country dries out.

  
(F.A. Champion)  
District Commissioner,  
Western District.

Copy to:

D.N.A.  
PORT MORESBY.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT NO. ROU 5 OF 1955-56 : REPORT OF A PATROL TO THE UPPER  
MOREHEAD AND SUKI CENSUS SUB-DIVISION

Officer conducting patrol:

C.C. Giffard, P.O.

Area patrolled:

Upper Morehead and Suki Census  
Sub-Division

Objects of patrol:

- (1) Census check
- (11) Medical Inspection
- (111) Routine Administration

Personnel accompanying:

Reg. No. 1323 L/Cpl UNINI  
Reg. No. 7138 Const. HAVIA-SOLAE  
Reg. No. 7140 Const. KOREPE-KAIRI  
Interpreter SIRIKIA  
N. M. O. SAMOWA

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DIARY

- Tuesday, 24th April: 9.15am. Left Rouku for Uparua, arriving at 11am.  
2pm. Village inspected and census checked.
- Wednesday, 25th April: 8am. Left Uparua for Setavi.  
10.30am. Arrived Setavi.  
2pm. Inspected village and checked census.
- Thursday, 26th April: 8am. Left Setavi for Kiriwo.  
1.30pm. Arrived Kiriwo.  
5pm. Inspected village and checked census. Census of Sirisa people also checked, as they had assembled at Kiriwo.
- Friday, 27th April: 8am. Left Kiriwo for Goe. Track difficult for most of the journey owing to recent rains.  
4pm. Arrived Goe. Villagers unprepared for visit and most of them absent in the bush making sago.
- Saturday, 28th April: Villagers began in early morning to clean up their village, which occupied them for most of the day.  
4pm. Inspected village and checked census. CNM held.
- Sunday, 29th April: 8am. Left Goe for Gwaku.  
1pm. Arrived Gwaku.  
4pm. Inspected village and revised census.
- Monday, 30th April: 8.30am. Left Gwaku for Kwari, leaving Const Havia and Interpreter Sirikia at Gwaku to mind portion of patrol gear.  
2.30pm. Arrived camp site, half way to Kwari. Shelters had been destroyed by a bush fire. New bark shelters constructed, and camped for the night.
- Tuesday, 1st May: 7.45am. Left camp site and arrived Kwari at 2.30pm. Village deserted with the exception of the Village Constable, his family and a few others. Rest of Kwari people reported to have migrated across the Dutch border and settled near Iramboe.
- Wednesday, 2nd May: Remained at Kwari. Conversations with people and Village Constable.
- Thursday, 3rd May: 8am. Departed Kwari on return journey to Gwaku, arriving at camp-site at 2pm.
- Friday, 4th May: 8am. Left camp site for Gwaku, arriving at 1.30pm. CNM held.
- Saturday, 5th May: 8am. Left Gwaku for Aewe by canoe, arriving at 11.30am.  
3pm. Inspected village and checked census. Investigated a dispute.
- Sunday, 6th May: CNM held. Rested.
- Monday, 7th May: 8am. Left Aewe for Iwewe, visiting UPM Gigma station en route.  
11am. Arrived Iwewe.  
2pm. Inspected village and checked census.
- Tuesday, 8th May: 8am. Left Iwewe for Terarua, arriving at 12.30pm. Delayed for about half an hour in clearing Suki Creek of an obstruction. Village inspected but census could not be checked as Village book had been taken to Daru by the Village Constable, who recently died in the hospital there. People commenced cleaning village of grass and rubbish under police supervision.



- Wednesday, 9th May: Villagers worked throughout day in cleaning village under supervision of police.
- Thursday, 10th May: 8am. Left Teraruna for Iwewe, arriving at 5pm. Delayed for about four hours while canoe crew cleared Suki Creek of an obstruction completely blocking traffic.
- Friday, 11th May: Left Iwewe for Gwibaku, arriving at 9.30am. Visited the nearby UFL Giga station.  
2pm. Inspected village and checked census. Again visited Mission station.
- Saturday, 12th May: Scarcely able to walk owing to infected foot which was swollen and very painful, giving me no sleep for the previous three nights. Treatment gratefully accepted from the Missionary. CNM held.
- Sunday, 13th May: Rested. Visited Mission in afternoon.
- Monday, 14th May: 8am. Left Gwibaku for Duru by canoe. Necessary to complete the last stage of the trip by foot.  
10.15am. Arrived Duru.  
2pm. Duru inspected and census checked.
- Tuesday, 15th May: 8am. Left Duru for Inaporok, arriving at 2pm.  
4pm. Inspected village and checked census.
- Wednesday, 16th May: 8am. Left Inaporok for Serki, arriving at 2.15pm.  
4pm. Inspected village and revised census.
- Thursday, 17th May: 8am. Left Serki for Keru, arriving at 12 noon.  
2pm. Inspected village and revised census.
- Friday, 18th May: 8am. Left Keru for Mata, arriving at 5.15pm.
- Saturday, 19th May: 8am. Left Mata for Rouku via Gareita, arriving at 11.45am.

INTRODUCTION

No census figures are included with this report as a census patrol was completed in this area in October, 1955. A map is also not attached, as one was forwarded with Patrol Report No. ROU 2 of 1955/56, which should be readily available.

The area visited lies north of Rouku to Suki Lagoon and the Fly River, and stretches as far west as the Dutch border. As elsewhere in the Rouku Patrol Post area, it is an extremely flat, monotonous country to travel over. From Rouku through Uparua and Setavi to Suki Lagoon and across to Kwari near the Dutch border the country consists of fairly open kunai bushland with occasional patches of thick scrub and forest. These patches of forest are usually found on slightly higher ground than the surrounding kunai country, and at this time of the year, when damp though not inundated after the recent heavy rains of the wet season, these small areas are fairly plagued with leeches, a constant irritation. South from Suki Lagoon through Inaporok and Serki on to Keru, the road passes mainly through rather thick forest country, which seems generally to be on a higher level than the more open areas. The wet season here occurs between November and May, and during the patrol it was noticeable that the countryside, though often waterlogged so as to cause difficult travelling conditions, was in the process of drying up.



The water of Suki Lagoon is now at a high level, and whereas in the dry season canoe travel is restricted only to a few narrow canoe lanes bordered by thick swamp reeds and other vegetation, it is now possible to travel between the villages around the lagoon almost along a straight course. During the dry season this lagoon is visited by large swarms of geese and ducks which are able to feed on the floor of the lagoon. Now, however, with the water at a high level, this is impossible and the lagoon is deserted by almost all bird life, which will not return for some months.

#### NATIVE AFFAIRS

The people in this area are pleasant to have dealings with, and during the patrol's visit exhibited a cooperative attitude towards the Administration.

Court for Native Matters was held on five occasions and nine people received convictions for such offences as assault, adultery, neglecting to appear before a magistrate after lawfully required to do so, failing to work on roads and neglecting to keep clean a section of the village allotted to them.

The small village of Kwari situated a few hours' walk from the Dutch border and having a population of only 27 was found to be deserted by almost all its former inhabitants. Only the Village Constable and a few others were waiting for the patrol. Some of these people are working in Dutch New Guinea at Merauke and Iramboe, and the V.C. reported that the others, including the Councillor, had migrated across the border and had built houses and planted gardens near Iramboe. The V.C. could not state whether they intended at some future date to return to Kwari. This small village has always been a problem. In order to reach Kwari it is necessary to travel from Gwaku on the edge of Suki Lagoon west towards the border for two days, camping one night in the bush. A day is usually spent in the village before the return trip to Gwaku, so that five days' are required to visit this small group. As they are so far from other villages in this area their interests have naturally been directed towards the Dutch side, and they have invariably entered Dutch New Guinea when seeking employment. The Village Constable was told to visit these people and order them to return to Kwari, or, if they refused, to find out their intentions, whether they ever wished to return to the Australian side. The V.C. has since visited the station with the report that after he had gone to the new village the people refused to return and would not indicate whether they would eventually be coming back to Kwari. Those now settled near Iramboe are:-

BADIRA - m - 6  
 AWONLE - m - 17  
 GUBIMA - m - 16  
 SAGWAN - f - 36  
 BUKI - m - 33  
 GWESI - m - 29 - Councillor  
 PITALI - f - 25  
 DJAN - f - 15  
 WO-ITI - f - 2  
 TARANGA - m - 32  
 KWERE - m - 16  
 BERID - m - 19

Probably the Dutch authorities could be requested to have these people returned. However, in my opinion, nothing more need be done at this stage. These people are backward and considering their close contact with the Dutch Papuans can hardly be expected to appreciate the significance of the border. Also, if they do not return, considerable expense will be prevented by not having to visit Kwari in the future. The Village Constable wishes to migrate to Sirisa Village. He has been told that he may do this, but has been ordered to



visit Kwari periodically so as to keep himself informed of further developments, and so that he may advise me of the intentions of the few people now at Kwari, who claim they do not know where they will go. If the migrants do return perhaps they may be prosecuted in the CMI for such offences as neglecting to keep their village clean, etc.

*Best means  
to keep the  
status quo  
for another year*

Concerning cash cropping it was intended to encourage the people living nearer to Rouku to produce copra, but I have now decided that nothing can be done here on account of the poor transport facilities. The Administration vessel servicing Rouku would be the only means by which these people could send their produce to Daru. This service is unavoidably irregular, having to provide for the needs of other stations and also for emergencies, and visits this station anything between every two or five months. If the vessel visited Rouku according to a fairly strict timetable some planning could be done, but this is obviously impossible. Another point to be considered is that some of the villagers would have to travel to Daru with any copra in order to unload and look after it until sold. Considering the distance they would need to walk in order to get back to their villages and the usual low price which Daru traders could afford to offer for their produce cash cropping here hardly seems a worthwhile proposition.

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

Always at this time of the year food is rather scarce, as it is still a month or two before the yams are harvested, and the people have to subsist on such items as bananas, sago, pawpaws and tapioca. Pineapples are very plentiful here at the end of the year but are now in short supply. Food, however, is everywhere sufficient for the needs of the people, particularly about Suki Lagoon, where sago is plentiful. Towards the end of the patrol a few of this seasons yams were being harvested but it will be some weeks yet before the main harvest begins in earnest. Other foods eaten by these people include pumpkins, watermelons, sweet potatoes, taros and most things that crawl, swim and fly. These people, incidentally, relish many things, including snakes and hawks, which are scorned by the inhabitants of other areas.

Poultry is very scarce and only a few fowls can escape the numerous dogs which are kept for hunting purposes. Pigs, wallabies and cassowaries are hunted in the bush and fish and an occasional crocodile are obtained from the streams. Any piglets caught while hunting are brought back to the villages and fattened in small enclosed pens. They are never bred.

During the previous patrol to this area peanut seeds were distributed in each village, just before the wet season. Only at Goe have a few of the plants survived.

HEALTH

The health of these people is generally good, though a disturbing feature was the very noticeable fact that sicknesses among children had definitely increased since the previous patrol. There are, however, no epidemics and hence no cause for alarm. A detailed list of the incidence of ailments in each village is given in Appendix "A". It may be noticed that sipona is prevalent in the area, so prevalent, in fact, that little can be done to combat it until there are NIA's stationed in the villages. At present there are no NIA's posted in the area though the IIM station at Gigwa operates an aid-post and is considered to be providing an excellent service for sick people about Suki Lagoon.

One complaint made by the Missionary was that people fail to bring



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their sick children to the aid-post. Apparently they use the aid-post quite freely when sick themselves, but the long walk entailed usually discourages them from seeking medical treatment for their children. This unsatisfactory behaviour has been noticed at Rouku and every effort is being made to encourage the villagers to bring their children in for treatment. During the patrol a large number of people were ordered to take their children either to Gigwa or Rouku, whichever being the nearer.

#### MISSIONS AND EDUCATION

There is only one Mission station here operated by a European, that being the Unevangelized Field Mission station at Gigwa on Suki Lagoon, where Mr W. Hardy and Mrs Hardy are in charge. Their influence includes the villages of Iwewe, Aewe, Gwaku, Goe, Gwibaku, Dura, Inaporok and Serki. They have no Native Mission teachers posted to the villages. There is a school at Gigwa with about 60 pupils, both male and female, and the standard which they can reach there is equivalent to about Administration school standard 2. From Gigwa any promising pupil is sent to the higher Mission school at Balimo. Mr Hardy states one difficulty experienced is in persuading the young children to enter the school. The older people are sometimes quite keen, but they can hardly benefit from such schooling to the extent that children of about 5 to 10 could. This problem, I know, is met with in other areas by Administration schools.

The LMS has some influence in the villages of Kiriwo, Setawi, Uparua and Mata. European missionaries never visit these villages but there is an LMS Native teacher posted to Rouku village adjacent to the Patrol Post. Children from these villages attend his school and he occasionally visits the people.

Except near Rouku and Gigwa there is very little mission influence.

#### ROADS AND BRIDGES

Roads from Suki Lagoon through Inaporok and back to Rouku were well maintained and considerable work had obviously been done on them just prior to the visit. Roads between Kiriwo and Kwari, however, were poor, and some prosedations were inevitable. Large stretches of these roads were under water so that travelling was most difficult. These people claimed they were unable to maintain the roads owing to the wet season, but there were also fairly large sections never under water which had not been cut for some considerable time. In this stoneless country it is thought that the best maintenance is provided by simply cutting the grass on the tracks with a knife. Roads where the grass roots have been dug out with shovels become useless quagmires for about 3 months of each year, so that it is necessary to walk through the grass.

#### VILLAGES AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Four villages, Goe, Gwaku, Kwari and Teraruma, were found to be in an unsatisfactory condition. Kwari has already been mentioned under 'Native Affairs'. The other three villages were cleaned during the presence of the patrol. Just before the rain harvest when there is some shortage of food these people usually spend a great deal of time camping near their sago groves which are often a considerable distance away from the main village. Consequently some villages are deserted for months on end, and for this reason the villagers are occasionally caught unprepared by visiting patrols. Elsewhere the villages are good, housing and general cleanliness of the village areas being satisfactory.



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During my last patrol to this area some villages with poor latrines were given 12ft markers to guide them when digging holes in future. These villages are now provided with good deep latrines which should lessen the risk of dysentery.

Village Constables are generally of fairly reasonable competence. None proved outstanding, though the Village Constable of Gwaka distinguished himself by his complete lack of ability. He accompanied the patrol to Kwari and was given a good deal of advice concerning his duties. If no improvement is evident during the next visit consideration will need to be given to his replacement.

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| Village        | Sipoma     | Scabies   | Yaws     | TU       | Sores     | Lacerations | Malaria  | TB       | Colds    |
|----------------|------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Uperua         | 13         | 2         |          |          | 1         | 1           |          |          |          |
| Setavi         | 19         |           |          |          |           |             |          |          |          |
| Kirwo          | 18         |           |          |          |           |             |          |          |          |
| Sirisa         | 6          |           |          |          |           |             |          |          |          |
| Goe            | 10         |           | 1        |          |           |             |          |          |          |
| Gwaka          | 9          |           | 1        |          | 1         |             | 2        |          |          |
| Aewe           | 18         | 5         | 1        |          | 5         | 4           |          |          |          |
| Iwewe          | 10         |           | 1        |          | 2         | 1           |          |          |          |
| Teraruma       | 17         | 4         |          |          | 4         | 2           |          |          |          |
| Gwibaku        | 5          | 5         |          |          | 7         | 3           |          | 1        |          |
| Duru           | 8          | 10        | 1        | 1        | 4         | 2           |          |          | 3        |
| Inapokok       | 16         | 3         |          |          | 3         | 1           |          |          | 3        |
| Serki          | 43         | 3         |          |          | 3         | 1           |          |          |          |
| Kera           | 16         | 1         | 1        |          |           |             |          |          |          |
| <b>TOTAL =</b> | <b>208</b> | <b>33</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>18</b>   | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>6</b> |

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