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1961/62.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Kokoda N.D. Report No. Kokoda Special No. 1 ^{6/62} ~~2/12/61~~

Patrol Conducted by C. MANCIA C.P.O.

Area Patrolled Kokoda - Mt Kenari

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans 3

Natives 50

Duration—From 21/4/61 to 3/5/61

Number of Days 10

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../...../19.....

Medical /...../19.....

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol Recover remains of crashed B.25 bomber.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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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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District Office,
POPONET A. North rn District.

27th June, 1961.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KOMEDGBH. Pusa.

PATROL REPORT: KOKODA SPECIAL HQ.1 of 1960/61

- MR. C. NANCEY, CADET PATROL OFFICER -

Forwarded herewith is Mr. Nancey's diary of his
patrol to escort members of the R.A.A.F. and U.S.A.A.F.
Recovery Team to MT. KENEVI.

The brief but succinct entries for each day are
well written.

(G.T. Linsley)
DISTRICT OFFICER.

:Attachments

c.c. Assistant District Officer,
KOKODA.

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Sub District Office,
Kokoda.

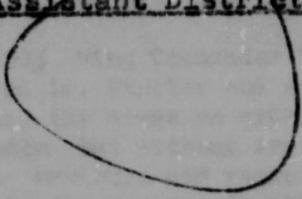
16th June, 1961.

The District Officer,
Northern District,
Popondetta.

Special Patrol No 1/ 1960-61 - Kenevi Area
With the A.A.A.F/ U.S. team.

1. Your Memo 67 - 1 - 1 of 18.5.61 refers.
2. Mr (CPO) C. Mancey now submits three copies of a Special Patrol Report to the Kenevi area accompanying the RAAP/ US team, who were searching for the remains of the air crew of a B25 bomber, which crashed on the side of Mt Kenevi early in 1944. This diary is being submitted to support his claim for Camping Allowance already at your office.


(J. B. BUNTING.)
Assistant District Officer.



PATROL DIARY.

AFRII.
Monday 24.

Patrol moved out of Kokoda by Landrover and tractor and trailer to Kovele.

Patrol consisted of Wing Commander K.M. Rundle of the R.A.A.F., Sergeant Henry Paullis and Lieutenant J.W. Wheeler of the U.S. Army, myself and approximately 50 native carriers. The patrol left Kovele village at 1000 and walked towards Isurawa. Rain started early in the afternoon and camp was set up before reaching Isurawa. Carriers rationed and patrol settled for night.

Tuesday 25.

Many carriers reported sick and wishing to return to Kokoda. With not enough carriers the patrol stayed at the camp site and a policeman was sent to Isurawa and Abuarl to get more carriers. Policemen arrived back in the afternoon with eight carriers. Too late to move on so carriers rationed and settled down.

Wednesday 26.

Patrol left camp site at 0700 and walked to Isurawa. Rested for a short while and continued to Templetons crossing arriving at 1430. Camp set up and carriers rationed and settled down for night.

Thursday 27.

Left Templetons crossing at 0700 and walked to Lake Myola. First carriers arrived at 1130 but slower carriers arrived at 1330. Set up camp and rationed carriers.

Friday 28.

Departed from Myola at 0700 and walked to previous base camp. Very rough walking. Country very hilly and bamboo laying along the track. Patrol arrived at small tundra at 1500 and set up camp. Carriers rationed and radio set up. Good radio contact with Port Moresby. Heavy rain and very cold.

Saturday 29.

Left camp at 0800 and led the party to the crashed B25. Wing Commander Rundle and Sergeant Paullis together with one policeman and five carriers worked on the aircraft to recover remains and belongings of the crew. Lt Wheeler and myself together with one policeman and a number of carriers set out from B25 on a bearing of 135° to look for an Anson aircraft believed to be nearby. Walked on the bearing for an estimated distance of a mile and a half and searched the surrounding area. No trace of the Anson could be found and the party returned to camp. Carriers rationed and radio contact made with Port Moresby.

Sunday 30.

Left camp at 0800. Wing Commander Rundle and Sergeant Paullis worked on B25 and Lt. Wheeler and myself together with police and carriers searched the areas on either side of the glen bearing towards the Anson but without any success. Party returned to camp. Carriers rationed and radio contact made with Port Moresby. Wing Commander Rundle decided to abandon search for Anson aircraft.

MON
Monday 1.

Left camp site at Tundra and patrol returned to Lake Myola arriving at 1300. Camp set up. Carriers rationed and radio contact made with Port Moresby.

Tuesday 2.

Left camp site at Myola at 0700 and walked to Templetons crossing arriving at 1430. Heavy rain and cold, camp set up. Carriers rationed and radio contact with Port Moresby.

MAY

Wednesday 3.

Left Templetons crossing at 0600 and proceeded to Isurava. Rested for a while at Isurava and then proceeded to Kevale arriving at 1600. Met by Landrover and tractor & trailer at approximately 1630 and proceeded to Kokoda.

Thursday 4.

Checked in patrol equipment and paid carriers.

The duration of the patrol was ten days. The object of the patrol was to recover the remains of the crew of a B25. on Mt. Kenevi. The carriers worked well during the patrol but were obviously not used to the cold weather and could not be kept in the area for a long period. During the patrol the carriers received rations of rice, meat, tea & sugar and used the equipment left here from the Figgie search patrol.

Colin Mancey
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(COLIN MANCEY.) G.P.O.

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Radio set up and had test transmission with Moresby. Good reception.
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Colin Manney
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(COLIN MANNEY.) C.P.O.

Kokoy. REPORT. No. 21 of 1961/64

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

DISTRICT OFFICE

31 OCT 1961

POPONDETTA

PATROL REPORT

District of KOKODA (N.D.) Report No. 3/61-62
 Patrol Conducted by R. Bentnik (ADO) & KNEEN (CPO)
 Area Patrolled WAWONGA AREA

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....
 Natives 2 CONSTABLES (L/CPL WAVE)
CONST TUMENTS

Duration—From 9.10.1961 to 19.10.1961
 Number of Days 11 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 9.4.1960

Medical /...../19.....

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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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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MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No. 3/ 61 - 62 Subdistrict KOKODA District NORTHERN
Officer Conducting Patrol R. A. J. BENTINCK (ADO) and B. KNEEN (CPO).
Census Division Patrolled THE WAWONGA AREA.
Objects of Patrol a) Tax Census work.
b) General Administrative work.
Date Patrol Commenced 9/10/61 Date Completed 19/10/61.
Duration—days 11 days. (10 nights camped out.)

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

1. Village Population Registers attached.
2. Camping Allowance Contingencies for Messrs Bentinck and Knaen.
3. S.A.P. applications. 38 - 1 - 5.
4. Namanaia's request to join the Ilimo Council 14 - 8 - 1.
5. Inspection by ADO of partly cleared airstrip site near Awoma village. 4 - 7 - 2

R. A. J. Bentinck
(R. A. J. BENTINCK.)
Assistant District Officer.

Patrolling Officer's Signature.

I certify that all necessary local administrative action has been or is being taken on matters arising out of this patrol and that the correspondence above indicated by a "tick" has been forwarded to the Headquarters, Department of Native Affairs, Port Moresby.

L. S. Moresby
District Officer.

PATROL No 3/61 - 62. KOKDA sub district - Northern District.

AREA PATROLLED: The Wawonga Area.

PATROL DIARY:

9.10.61.

Left Kokoda about 1pm by landrover and arrived at Asisi village about 3.30 pm. No carriers standing by as arranged. Camped at Asisi for the night.

10.10.61.

Left Asisi about 0500 hours and arrived at Sirorata about 10 am. Again help up for carriers to proceed into the Wawonga. Rain set in. Camped at Sirorata for the night.

11.10.61.

Left Sirorata about 0800 hours and arrived at Namanaiia about 1430 hours. Did tax/census work here. Namanaiia and Warobila villages are living together in a composite village at Namanaiia. Village - new site therefore clean. 12 Houses in good repair. Total population = 113. Increase of 8 on last figs. Births = 3 Deaths = 5 Men away at work = 1 Lab. Potential = 30 Tax Collected = £ 11 - 0 - 0.

Census figures for Warobila village:
Total population = 48 Increase of 6
Births = 2 Deaths = 1.
Men away at work = 1 Labour potential = 9.

3 applications received for SAPs. No guns held in the village at present. (See Memo 38 - 1 - 5.)

One small coffee garden noticed at Namanaiia - in poor shape - no shade trees - explained need for shade trees for crops such as these - advised to see Agriculture Officer when he comes into this area on FAO survey and get him to actually demonstrate how to grow coffee.

Village Constable is a young energetic man. People at Namanaiia asked the ADO to explain to them all about Councils. The Ilimo natives have been telling these people that it would good if they joined the Ilimo Council. (See Memo 14 - 8 - 1.) Camped at Namanaiia for the night.

12.10.61.

Left Namanaiia village about 0700 hours and arrived at Manugube about 0900 hours. Did tax census work here.

Village - clean Houses = 7 all in good repair.
Total population = 71. Increase of 6.
Births = 7 Deaths = 2.
Men away at work = 5 Labour potential = 15.
Tax Collected = £ 10 - 10 - 0.

~~V.C. - very old and with a bad TU on his leg. Resigned and a new man selected (See VC form.)~~

1 application for an SAP received here.

Coffee grown in small quantity here as well, but garden and trees in much better condition than at Yamanaia. People advised to see A.O. on patrol at the end of this month and learn from him the art of processing the beans. Some trees are mature now.

The patrol moved on to Rumara village. Did tax census work here. Village - cleaned for the patrol. Houses = 8 and 4 new ones going up. The Emo River people are moving out of Emo to live at Rumara. Instructed the new people moving in to build fairly good houses and not tiny humpies.

Total population = 62 Increase of 7 over last figures.

Births = 3 Deaths = 1.

Men at work = 7 Labour potential = 18.

Rather high figure for men away at work, but will not recommend that village be closed, as people have no other sources of getting money.

Tax Collected = £ 12.

2 applications received for SAPs here.

Small quantity of coffee grown in this village. Same advice given every where as to contacting the AO on his next patrol.

The patrol moved on to Emo River village. Did tax census work here as well.

Only 4 houses left near the Rest house. Houses in good condition but village area had to be cleaned up while patrol was in.

Total population = 98. Decrease of 1

Births = 6 Deaths = 6

(about 20 deaths in the Wawonga area were due to a pneumonia epidemic. Aid Post orderly instead of combatting the illness, left his post to go to Kokoda. Orderly has been sacked.)

Men at work = 11 Labour potential = 26.

Tax Collected - £ 25.

Small quantity of coffee grown here.

1 application for an SAP received.

An Anglican Mission church and school at Emo River. 3 native teachers look after 65 children, in three classes. English is taught. Children from far away villages stay at Emo as boarders. Camped for the night at Emo.

13.10.61.

Left Emo at 0700 hours and arrived at Ejaro at 0800 hours. Tax census work done here.

Village - clean Houses = 9 in good condition, one new one to be finished in a month's time.

Total population = 82 Increase of 1.

Births = 6 Deaths = 4.

Men at work = 12 Labour potential = 22.

Tax Collected = £ 11.

Small quantity of coffee grown in this village.

2 applications for SAPs received here.

Old graves noticed right in village area. Instructions given to have bones removed and buried in the new cemetery area about 1/4 mile away from the village.

Patrol moved on to Ujilo village. Tax census work done here.

Village - clean Houses = 10, good repair.

Births = 8 Deaths = 3

Total population = 92 Increase of 14.

Men away at work = 2 Labour potential = 18

Tax Collected = £ 7.

1 application for SAP received here. One gun already held in village.

The SDAs have a church built in the village and a village man leads in prayers everyday. No school - only SDA school at Awoma. No coffee grown in this village owing to his adherence to SDA.

Patrol moved on Awoma village. Tax census work done here. The main village where the Rest House is, is called Awoma. A few minutes walk away is the village of Tetebe or Awoma 2. Census of both villages or hamlets is under the name of Awoma. Both villages - clean Houses in both sections = 42, very good houses and in good repair. Total population = 319 Increase of 11. Births = 21 Deaths = 7. Men away at work = 18 Labour potential = 89. Tax Collected = £ 38 - 10 - 0.

SDA Mission church and school in this village. A Rigo teacher looks after the school. he was not in the village when patrol visited but was away at Bisiatabu for a Mission Conference. Ujilo and Awoma villages being SDA, their children attend the SDA school at Awoma.

4 applications for SAPs received here. VC of Awoma lent his shotgun to a village native, who did not have an SAP. The native was sentenced to 3 months IHL. The VC's gun has been confiscated and his SAP revoked. Someone getting a new SAP can buy his gun.

As most of the Awoma people are SDAs they are not interested in growing coffee. Advised all SDA villages to think about growing coffee. Camped at Awoma for the night.

14.10.61.

Left Awoma about 0700 hours, arrived at Kovio at 0820 hours. Did tax census work here.

Village - clean. Houses - 14 in good condition. Total population = 122 Increase of 15. Births = 10 Deaths = 3. Men away at work = 10 Labour potential = 29 Tax collected = £ 22 - 10 - 0

Small quantity of coffee grown here, but in very bad condition. Ordered to clean immediately and keep in that way always.

This is again Anglican Mission area. No school here and children are not sent to Emo River school. Advised parents to do so as there is a place for boarders at Emo.

Returned and camped at Awoma for the night.

15.10.61.

The Awoma people being SDAs were willing to show the ADO the airstrip site today, although it was Sunday. The ADO and CPO went and inspected the site. (See Memo 4 - 7 - 2.)

Returned and camped at Awoma for the night.

16.10.61.

Left Awoma 0800 hours walked back towards Emo River checking on work being done on roads etc. Arrived at Emo River about 1200. Heavy Rain. Camped at the Rest House for the night.

17.10.61.

Left Emo River about 0800 hours. Checked on all road work back to Namanaiia village. Heavy rain. Camped at the rest house for the night.

18.10.61.

Left Namanaiia about 0800 hours arrived at Sirorata village 1440 hours. Heavy rain in the afternoon. Camped at the Rest House for the night.

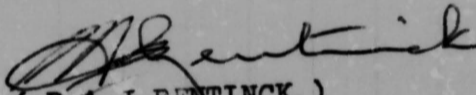
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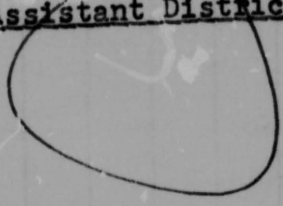
Left Sirorata village about 0800 hours and arrived at Asisi at 0930 hours. Boarded the landrover here and arrived back at Kokoda station, thus finishing this patrol.

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General Remarks about the patrol.

1. Census - Census figures in all villages but one show an increase. Total births registered on this patrol are 66 and deaths 32. It was a shame that the native aid post orderly at Emo River behaved so badly when the people had a pneumonia epidemic. The DMO has complete reports from the Kokoda AMP.
2. Taxes - The ADO addressed the people gathered at each village about taxation before really collecting it. The few exemptions asked for were granted. Men paid their tax without any trouble. Total tax collected on this patrol was £ 137 - 10 - 0.
3. Villages - All villages and roads were cleaned for the patrol. The ADO gave orders that those Emo people who were moving into Rumara village were to build fairly good size houses and not tiny humpies put together anyhow. The SDA villages (Awoma and Ujilo) had very fine houses in them and in good condition. The rest of the Wawonga people go in for tiny skimpy houses.
4. Roads and Bridges - Roads are being maintained better in this area than in the Upper Musa, although both areas are in the mountains. New foot bridges were in evidence everywhere for this patrol.
5. Query on Councils- The Namanaiia people were told it would not be to their good if they joined the Ilimo Council now. They do not possess economic crops and they would find the Council Tax oppressive.

6. S.A.P.s Unlike the Chirima people who said that they did not have money to buy shot guns, these people seem to have fair amounts saved up. —
7. Cash crops Most of the Wawonga villages are growing small quantities of coffee. The A.O., Kokoda will be requested to persuade these people to grow larger plots and to teach them how to process the beans. F
8. Airstrip site Although the natives have already cut down the large forest trees within a rectangle 1800' x 300' approximately, there would be quite a lot more work to be done before the strip could be used. The site could be remembered, but the ADO would not recommend that work be carried out immediately on it, because there is no economic potential developed at present in the Wawonga area.


(R.A.J. BENTINCK.)
Assistant District Officer.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of KOKODA, NORTHERN ^{KOKODA} Report No. 4/61-62

Patrol Conducted by R. A. J. BENTINCK A.D.O.

Area Patrolled 14 MW COUNCIL CENSUS DIVISIONS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 13/11/1961 to 2/12/1961

Number of Days 11

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../...../19.....

Medical /...../19.....

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol TAX/CENSUS ROUTING ADMINISTRATION

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

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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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District Office,
POPONDETTA. North rn District.

22nd December, 1961.

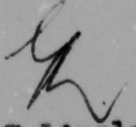
The Assistant District Officer,
KOKODA.

PATROL REPORT KOKODA NO.4/1961-62 = R.A.J. BENTINCK
- ILIMO COUNCIL CENSUS DIVISIONS -

Receipt of the above is acknowledged with thanks.

The matter of the cocoa fermentery at Ilimo will be discussed at the next District Economic Development Committee Meeting.

A generally satisfactory native situation appears to exist throughout the area patrolled.


(G.T. Linsley)
DISTRICT OFFICER.

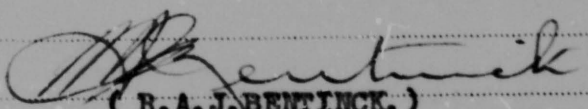
MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Kokoda
Patrol No. **4 / 61 - 62** Subdistrict **KOKODA** District **NORTHERN**
Officer Conducting Patrol **R. A. J. BENTINCK. ADO.**
Census Division Patrolled **THE ILIMO NATIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL AREA.**
Objects of Patrol **a) Tax / Census work.**
b) General Administrative work.

Date Patrol Commenced **13 / 11 / 61** Date Completed **2 / 12 / 61**
Duration—days **11 days (8 nights camped out at village Rest Houses.)**

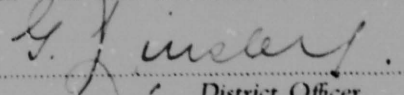
SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

- 1. **Village Population Registers attached.**
- 2. **Camping Allowance Contingency for Bentinck only.**
- 3. **S.A.P. applications** **38 - 1 - 5.**
- 4. **Cocca fermentary at Ilimo** **6 - 7 - 1.**


(R. A. J. BENTINCK.)
Assistant District Officer.

Patrolling Officer's Signature.

I certify that all necessary local administrative action has been or is being taken on matters arising out of this patrol and that the correspondence above indicated by a "tick" has been forwarded to the Headquarters, Department of Native Affairs, Port Moresby.


District Officer.
21/12/61.

PATROL REPORT NO 4/ 61 - 62. Kokoda Sub District.

AREA PATROLLED:

Songe, Umokombu, Fahinaembo and
Kahinaembo Tax Census divisions.
This area is now commonly called "
The Ilimo Council Area."

PATROL DIARY:

13/11/62.

Left Kokoda 0900 hours by landrover and arrived Ilimo Council Chambers at 1100 hours. Held a Coroner's Enquiry into the fire which completely destroyed the native clerk's house. Moved on to Haki and Hamara villages and did Census work at each.

Haki.

Total population = 127 Increase from last year's figs.
Births = 6 Deaths = Nil.
Labour potential = 24 Men away at work = 13. (54%)
Some of the Haki people have built houses near the Hamara School site and are living there. The rest are living in the old site. Both villages were clean for the patrol. Houses were in good repair.

The Administration school was visited. Two native teachers are doing a good job. Children were addressed and told to attend school regularly.

These Haki people have only a small communal Cocoa garden and no individual gardens as they reported last year. There has been a change in Councillors. The present man is quite truthful and asked the ADO to address the people in an effort to see if they could be persuaded to start individual gardens. The ADO addressed the gathering.

Hamara.

Total population = 154. Increase in population.
Births = 8 Deaths = 2
Labour potential = 34 Men away at work = 17. (50%)
Village Clean for the patrol
16 houses in good repair, 2 new houses ordered to be finished in 2 months time.

The NMO from the Hamara Aid Post was collected here and began to treat small sores as was found on this patrol. He accompanied the patrol to Hungiri and returned.

The Hamara people also have only one small communal Cocoa garden. But they have 1112, 8' tall rubber trees planted in a communal grove. From the older rubber trees which are tapped, the people get about £ 10 every two months (ie- when they sell the rubber to Mr Ross.) The ADO addressed these people too - asked them to plant individual plots of cocoa trees instead of living like their forbears.
Camped at the Hamara Rest House for the night.

14/11/62.

Left Hamara about 0800 hours and arrived at Koropata about 1100 hours. Did Census work here.

Koropata.

Total population = 165. Increase since last visit.
Deaths = 1
Births = 7 Men away at work = 13. (32%)
Labour potential = 40
Village cleaned for the patrol. Hamara - Koropata road cut this time.
Houses 25, 3 ordered to be rethatched in two months time. Two new ones being built.
The coffee and cocoa trees in this village are still immature. Rubber being tapped and sold to Awala Plantation.
The Aid Post Orderly from Hamara who accompanied the patrol treated sores and boils.
3 applications received and investigated for SAPs. (See 38-1-5.)
Rain set in so patrol camped at Koropata for the night.

15/11/61.

Left Koropata 0700 hours and arrived at Hungiri about 1100 hours. As the Kumusi river was in flood the Urarisusu people were already congregated at Hungiri. Did Census work.

Hungiri.

Total population = 82 Increase of 5 since last visit.
Deaths = Nil.
Births = 5 Men away at work = 13. (54%)
Labour potential = 24
Houses = 12 all in good repair.
Hungiri and Urarisusu people belong to the Higaturu Council. They have small quantities of Coffee, Cocoa and Rubber. Cocoa they refuse to sell at the Ajeka fermentary because they say the price is too low.
Coffee is immature. Rubber they sell spasmodically to Awala.

Urarisusu.

Total population = 83 Increase of 3 since last time.
Deaths = 1.
Births = 3 Men away at work = 13 (52%)
Labour potential = 25
NMO treated many children from Hungiri and Urarisusu for small sores and boils and scabies.
These people too refuse to sell their cocoa now that the price has fallen.
The ADO addressed the people here on World Markets and the advisability of continuing with the Cocoa and Coffee projects. The people seem to think that they must go out to work to obtain money for their taxes. Rather high percentages of men away at work obtain in these two villages.

Held 2 Courts of Native Matters and fined 4 Hungiri men 5/- each for dirty Cocoa gardens and 5 Urarisusu men 5/- each for dirty Cocoa and Coffee gardens.

Rain in the afternoon. Camped at Hungiri Rest House for the night.

16/11/61.

Left Hungiri at 0900 hours owing to rain and arrived at Koropata 1300 hours.
Heavy rain, so camped at Koropata Rest House for the night.

17/11/61.

Left Koropata about 0700 hours and arrived at Ilimo village about 1030 and did census work there.

Ilimo.

About 18 months ago when several small villages were combining and forming larger villages, the two villages AFA and INGE combined and built their village near the Ilimo Council Chambers and called themselves Ilimo Village.

Total population = 147 Increase of 17 on last count.
Births = 3 Deaths = Nil.
Labour potential = 26 Men away at work = 12 (46%)
Village was clean for the patrol.

Houses = 16 all in good repair.

An Afa man runs a native trade store in the village. He reports that he is making some money on the venture.

NMO treated small sores here.

People are selling their wet cocoa beans to the Ilimo Fermentary and their rubber to Mr Ross or Mr Kienzle.

Moved on from here to Asisi village and did census work there.

Asisi:

Total population = 129 Figures the same as last count.
Births = 3 Death = 1
Labour potential = 30 Men away at work = 13 (43%)
Village clean Houses = 15, three to be rethatched
and two new ones being built.
Small sores treated by the NMO accompanying.
Wet cocoa beans being sold to Ilimo fermentary.
People advised to plant up bigger cocoa gardens and thus improve themselves financially.

Camped at Asisi Rest House for the night.

18/11/61.

Left Asisi about 0700 hours and visited and did census work at Bothu, Evasusu and Sorape villages on the other side of the Kumusi.

Bothu.

Total population = 90 Decrease of 1 from last count.
Births = 3 Deaths = Nil.
Labour potential = 19 Men away at work = 2 (10%)
Village clean 16 houses in good repair.
One N.L.G. Councillor looked after Bothu and Sorape villages.
Small sores treated by the NMO.
These people still sell their wet cocoa beans to the Ajeka Fermentary. The pressed for more and more individual cocoa gardens to be established.

Sorape.

Total population = 53 Decrease of 3 from last count.
Births = 1 Deaths = 1
Labour potential = 14 Men away at work = 5 (35%)
Village was clean for the patrol
10 Houses all in good repair.
NMO treated children's small sores.
Wet cocoa beans still being sold to the Agriculture Dept.
No Rubber is grown at Sorape and Bothu.

Evasusu.

Total Population = 104 Increase of 10 since last count.
Births = 5 Deaths = Nil.
Labour potential = 30 Men away at work = 7 (23%)
Village clean. 12 houses in good repair.
One NLG Councillor looks after this village. He has just been elected and seems to be a strong type, who will do a good job. The Evasusu people have Cocoa and Rubber. They sell their wet cocoa beans to the Agriculture Dept. They have also started a new coffee garden. Somehow or the other, all these Kokoda Council people seem to think that there is more money in coffee than in cocoa.
A SAP application investigated here (See Memo 38 - 1 - 5.)

Came back to Asisi then moved on to Sirorata village (about 2 hours walk away.) Did Census work there.

Sirorata.

Total population = 207 Decrease of 3 since last count.
Births = 5 Deaths = 2
Labour potential = 43 Men away at work = 14 (32%)
Village clean for the patrol 32 houses, all in good repair.
NMO treated small sores.
These people sell their wet cocoa beans to the Ilimo fermentary. The Anglican Mission school at Sirorata is still doing a good job among the children. The Councillor asked the ADO to address some of the children on truancy. The pit saw concern is still thriving and the produce is being sold to Mr Ross.
This is still the only village in the Songe sub division.

Returned to Kokoda station in the afternoon to fix up some important jobs there.

20/11/61.

Left Kokoda by Landrover and arrived at Papaki village about 1000 hours. Did census work there.

Papaki (No1).

Total population = 201 Increase of 2 since last count.
Births = 4 Deaths = 1
Labour potential = 44 Men away at work = 13 (29%)
NMO treated small sores among the children.
Wet cocoa beans still being sold to the Agriculture Dept.
Rubber being tapped and sold to Mr Ross.
No Mission school in the village. Children all go to the Eiwo Anglican Mission school.

Left Papaki village and went to do work at Hojavohambo village.

Hojavohambo.

This is commonly called (Papaki No 2.)
Total population = 76 Population static since last count.
Births = 6 Deaths = 1
Labour potential = 21 Men away at work = 7 (33%)
Village clean 12 houses in good repair.
NMO treated small sores among the children.
They sell their wet cocoa beans to the Ilimo fermentary.
All their children go to school at Eiwo.
Left Hojavohambo and arrived at Hojaki to do work there.

Hojaki.

Hojaki.

Total population = 29 Increase of 3 on last count.
Births - Nil Deaths = Nil.
Labour potential = 8 Men away at work = 5 (62%)
The NIG Councillor has a trade store in the village. He does not seem to be doing very well.
Wet cocoa beans still being sold to Ilimo fermentary.
Hojaki is commonly known as (Haki No2).

Returned to Kokoda station to be there for the District Officer's inspection.

28/11/61.

Left Kokoda station about 1000 hours by landrover. Did quite a lot of work at the Ilimo Council Chambers. The Ilimo people wanted me to hold a meeting for them, which was done about 6pm. Points discussed were :-

- a) Price of cocoa is too low for the people.
- b) If a loan could be obtained from the Government, they could build a good fermentary (like the one at New Britain) do all the work themselves and then maybe they would get a better price for their cocoa. (See 6-6-1.)
- c) The people wished the ADO, Kokoda to let them know when next there are any Administration landrovers for sale. They want to buy one.
- d) The Councillor of Ilimo village wanted to know what sort of compulsion or force he could use to keep his men home and make them plant up cocoa in large blocks. The ADO immediately replied that there was no force to be used. People had to be gently led by persuasion.
- e) The Ilimo people had heard from Higaturu Council people that every male adult there was paying £ 5 each for some sort of a venture. The ADO promised the people to find out all about this.
- f) The men wanted the ADO to give them a talk about Russia. The ADO knew that this was a dangerous topic as the people could misunderstand things said, so he told them that the Russians were an agnostic type of people, who had no time for human life if it cut across their materialistic progress.

Camped at Ilimo Rest House for the night.

29/11/61.

Left Ilimo about 0700 hours and arrived at Ambeni village to do Census work there.

Ambeni.

Total population = 131. Decrease of 1 from last count.
Births = 4 Deaths = 2.
Labour potential = 35 Men away at work = 13 (42%)
NMO treated small sores.
These people have about 25000 cocoa trees planted. The only village in the Kokoda sub district to have such a lot of cocoa trees. The other villages just have pilot plots and do not seem happy with the income they get out of their pilot plots. They seal their wet cocoa beans to the Ilimo fermentary. They are still tapping their rubber and selling it to Mr Ross.

The majority of the Ambeni children go to the Ewo school, but some go to the Administration school at Ilimo.

From Ambeni the patrol moved on to Hanjiri, where work was done.

Hanjiri.

Total population = 158	Increase of 34 from last count.
Births = 8	Deaths = 2.
Labour potential = 36	Men away at work = 5 (14%)
Village clean	23 houses, all in good repair.

They sell their wet cocoa beans to the Ilimo fermentary.
Rubber too is produced in small quantities and sold to Mr Ross.
Whenever they feel energetic they do some pit sawing and sell the produce to Mr Ross.
There is a N.L.G. Council Aid Post just outside the village.
An aid post orderly lives right at the post. He is paid by the Administration.
No church or school in the village. The children usually go to the Anglican Mission school at Gorari or the Administration school at Ilimo.

The patrol moved on to Sisireta village, where work was done.

Sisireta.

Total population = 171	Decrease of 11 since last count.
Births = 6	Deaths = 4.
Labour potential = 31	Men away at work = 22.

This village lies on a block of land contiguous with the Gorari Mission. It is made up of Sisireta and Nambisota villages.
Village cleaned for the patrol. 15 Houses in good repair.
NMO treated small sores among the children.
They sell their cocoa beans to the Ilimo fermentary.

Camped at the Gorari Rest House for the night.

30/11/61.

Left Sisireta about 0700 hours and moved to Waju where census work was done.

Waju .

About 18 months ago, Honjeta village decided to combine with Waju village. These two villages are still living together.

Total population = 209	Increase of 21 since last count.
Births = 12	Deaths = Nil.
Labour potential = 43	Men away at work = 12 (30%)
Village clean;	18 houses, all in good repair.

NMO treated those who needed treatment.
No church or school at Waju. The children usually go to the Gorari school.
Cocoa wet beans sold to the Agriculture Dept.
Rubber produced in small quantities and sold to Mr Ross.
The NLG Councillor seems a good, sound man, who listens to what is told him. He seems to be leading the people in the correct direction.

From here moved on to Pirive village where work was done.

Pirive.

Total population = 133	Increase of 5 since last count.
Births = 4	Deaths = 3.
Labour potential = 32	Men away at work = 10 (31%)

These people have built a new village about 200 yards away from where the old one was situated.

The ADO could not see why they should move, but they did so. Because of their move they did not want to do any road work, or look after their cocoa gardens. They were not allowed to do as they pleased.

Wet cocoa beans still being sold to the Ilimo fermentary.
Some rubber is still being produced and sold to Mr Ross.

From Pirive the patrol moved on to Kanadara village, where census work was done.

Kanadara.

Total population = 99 Increase of 7 on last count.
Births = 4 Deaths = Nil
Labour potential = 23 Men away at work = 14. (60%)
Village clean for the patrol 10 houses in good repair, 3 men ordered to rethatch their houses in 2 months time.
Wet cocoa beans sold to the Ilimo fermentary.
These people have rubber trees but they do not tap them.

Returned to Kepara Rest House and camped there for the night.

1/12/61.

Left Kepara about 0700 hours and arrived at Sengi to work there.

Sengi.

Total population = 153 Increase of 9 on last count.
Births = 10 Deaths = Nil
Labour potential = 36 Men away at work = 13 (36%)
Village - clean; 18 houses in good repair.
Wet cocoa beans being sold at the Kokoda fermentary.
Rubber in small quantities being sold to Mr Ross.
Children go to the Kepara Anglican Mission school.

Left Sengi and the patrol moved to Kokoda village, where census work was done.

Kokoda.

Total population = 76 Increase of 10 on last count.
Births = 5 Deaths = 1
Labour potential = 18 Men away at work = 6 (33%)
Wet cocoa beans are sold to the Kokoda fermentary.
Rubber is produced in small quantities.

Returned to Kokoda station and carried on with office work there.

2/12/61.

Left Kokoda station and visited Saga village to do census work there.

Although all the people from Botue village are at Saga now, the ADO still registers them separately, because he feels that this situation may not obtain for too long. The ADO has noticed that in other districts after about a year or so, these combined villages usually split up into their component parts. There are very few people in Amada village nowadays - they are moving into Saga.

Saga.

Total population - 94 The number is static.
Births = 5 Deaths = Nil
Labour potential = 25 Men away at work = 11 (44%)

Village cleaned for the patrol; 16 houses in good repair, 3 more new houses going up in a few months time. Wet cocoa beans are being sold to the Kokoda fermentary.

Botue.

Total population - 111 13 increase from last count.
Births = 2 Deaths - Nil
Labour potential = 28 Men away at work = 14 (50%)
Wet cocoa beans are being sold to the Kokoda fermentary.

The patrol moved on to Amada village to do census work there. These people are buidling a new village, about 1/4 mile away from where the old one used to be. They have been working at this for months and still one can only see that the area has been cut and small shanties have been erected on the ground to house the people. They were advised to build themselves good houses and watch the sanitation.

Amada.

Total population = 32 Decrease of 13 from last count.
Births = 1 Deaths = Nil
Labour potential = 10 Men away at work = 5 (50%)
Wet cocoa beans are still being sold to the Kokoda fermentary.

27/11/61.

Kepara and Kamondo villages were inspected and census work done.

Kepara.

Total population = 107 Decrease of 1 from last count.
Births = 4 Deaths = 1
Labour potential = 35 Men away at work = 16 (45%)
Village clean for the patrol; Houses - 16, ordered 5 to be renovated.
There is an Anglican Mission school at this village run by three native teachers. The children from Kepara, Kanaddara, Pelai, Kamondo, Pirive, Seng, and Hagutawa attend this school. Wet cocoa beans are still being sold to the Kokoda fermentary. They tap and sell their rubber and even that belonging to the Kanandara people, who are too lazy to do it for themselves. The Ilimo Council has just built a new Aid Post at Kepara of permanent building materials.

Kamondo.

Total population = 93 8 increase on the last count.
Births = 4 Deaths = 1
Labour potential = 26; Men away at work = 7 (27%)
Village clean for the patrol; 14 houses in good repair.
Wet cocoa beans still being sold to the Kokoda fermentary.
Rubber produced in small quantities.

This patrol of the Ilimo Council area was completed on 2/12/61.

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GENERAL REMARKS.

- 1. Census - Total births noted = 118 (64m , 54 f)
Total deaths = 26. Shows an increase and that medical work is playing a part in keeping

these people alive.

The labour potential figures were obtained by counting the number of adult males between the ages of 17 and 45.

There is a rather high percentage of men away at work, but one must not forget that the majority are only working at Mamba or Kokoda Plantations, which is within the sub district.

No recommendations to have the villages closed to recruiting will be made, because it does not affect them adversely.

2. Schools In the area visited there are the following schools:-

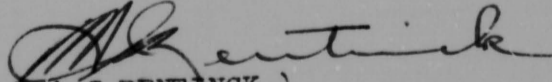
- a) Administration school - Kokoda station.
- b) " " - Mamba plantation.
- c) " " - Kovelov village.
- d) " " - Ilimo.
- e) " " - Hamara village.
- f) Anglican Mission" - Saga.
- g) " " - Kepera.
- h) " " - Gorari.
- i) " " - Eiwo.

3. Tax Only £ 1 was collected (Personal Tax) on this whole patrol. All make adults pay Council Tax and only those working in foreign districts, who have failed to pay, did so on this patrol.

4. Agriculture People everywhere were advised to plant larger cocoa gardens and to make them individual ones and not communal gardens. The Ilimo people have not only approached the ADO but have also asked the Agriculture Officer to let them, with a loan from the Administration, build a real good fermentary and dryer. The D.A.O. will have to be approached on this subject, because he would know if it would be advisable to let these people start this project or not.

5. SAPs Only one application was received and investigated on this patrol. Many men want guns, but they were told that all the villages in this whole sub district has sufficient guns to enable them get proteins.

6. Ilimo Council - Every woman who pays Council Tax was questioned on this patrol to find out if anyone has forced her to do so. No force of any nature has been used. From the time the present ADO took over Kokoda sub district, he has constantly persuaded the women to join the Council and take part in the political set-up. There are still many young women over 17, who cannot be persuaded to join the Council.


(R.A.J. BENTINCK.)
Assistant District Officer.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of *NORTHERN* Report No. *KOKODA No. 5 of 1961/62*

Patrol Conducted by *R. A. J. BENTINCK A.D.O.*

Area Patrolled *BIAGE*

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From *20/12/1961* to *22/12/1961*

Number of Days *3*

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../...../19.....

Medical/...../19.....

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol *TAX / CENSUS ; ROUTINE*

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

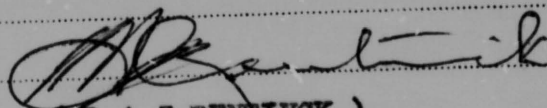
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MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

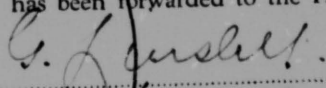
Patrol No. 5 / 61 - 62 Subdistrict KOKODA District NORTHERN
Officer Conducting Patrol R. A. J. BENTINCK ADO
Census Division Patrolled THE BIAGE AREA (comprising of only six villages)
Objects of Patrol a) Tax / Census work
b) General Administrative work.
Date Patrol Commenced 20 / 12 / 61 Date Completed 22 / 12 / 61
Duration—days 3 days (2 nights camped out in Village Rest Houses.)

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

- 1) Village Population Registers attached.
- 2) Camping Allowance Contingency for Mr Bentinck only.
- 3) _____


(R. A. J. BENTINCK.)
Assistant District Officer
Patrolling Officer's Signature.

I certify that all necessary local administrative action has been or is being taken on matters arising out of this patrol and that the correspondence above indicated by a "tick" has been forwarded to the Headquarters, Department of Native Affairs, Port Moresby.


District Officer.

PATROL NO 5/ 61 - 62 - KOKODA SUB DISTRICT.

AREA PATROLLED: The Biage Tax/ Census Division.

PATROL DIARY:

20.12.61.

Left Kokoda by landrover about 0800 hours and arrived at Kanan-dara village about 0900 hours. Picked carriers here and began at once to climb towards Abuari village. Stopped at Pelai village to do Tax / Census work.

Pelai.

Total population = 113 Increase of 5 on last count.
Births = 4 Deaths = Nil
Labour Potential = 28 Men away at work = 18 (64%)
Village in a clean state for the patrol
8 houses in good repair - 2 new ones being constructed, gave orders that these 2 be finished in 2 months time.
People are clearing new areas for Cocoa.
No Mission school or church at Pelai - children go to Kepara Anglican Mission School.
These Pelai people although they are Biages, yet they belong to the Ilimo Council.

Moved on to Hagutawa, did work here.

Hagutawa.

Total population = 39 Increase of 1 from last count.
Births = Nil Deaths - Nil
Labour Potential = 7 Men away at work = 3 (42%)
Village in a clean state for the patrol.
5 Houses all in good repair, 2 new ones being erected.
These people bear no allegiance to any Christian Mission body.
These people are so few in number, they do not bother about Cash Crops like coffee or Cocoa.

Moved on to Abuari and did Tax/ Census work here.

Abuari.

Total population = 82 Increase of 5 on the last count.
Births = 6 Deaths = 1
Labour potential = 24 Men away at work = 14 (58%)
Village cleaned for the patrol.
6 houses in good repair, one new house being erected.
An old Village Constable and a Councillor look after this village.
These people are interested in growing English potatoes. They receive 5d a pound from the European population down in the Kokoda valley. Extensions are being made to their gardens.
Their coffee is doing well on the hill sides.
A native SDA missionary lives in the village - no school.

Camped at Abuari for the night.

21.12.61.

Left Abuari about 0700 hours and walked to Isurava and Alola. These 2 villages live in one big place. Did tax census work here.

Isurava.

Total population - 48 Increase of 4 since last count.
 Births - 1 Deaths - 2
 Labour potential = 12 Men away at work - 7 (58%)
 10 houses in good repair in this village.
 The Village Constable lives at this large village and looks after
 the upkeep of the Rest House. A councillor lives at the smaller
 place (Isurava No2).
 These people are doing a good job with their English potatoes and
 Coffee. It is a credit to them.

Alola.

Total population - 53 Decrease of 12 since the last count.
 Births - 1 Deaths - 1
 Labour potential = 16 Menaway at work = 6 (37%)
 9 houses in the Alola section of the village are in good repair.
 The whole village was in a clean state for the patrol.
 These people like the Isuravas are working hard at their English
 potatoe and Coffee gardens. They seem to be extending them
 all the time.

Left Isurava and walked back to Kepara village where the patrol
camped for the night.

22.12.61.

The Administration Landrover met the patrol about 0800 hours
and the patrol then went to do Tax/ Census work at Kovelovillage.

Kovelovillage.

Total population = 158 Decrease of 12 since the last count.
 Births - 6 Deaths - 6
 Labour potential - 44 Men away at work - 22 (50%)
 The village was very clean for the patrol.
 16 houses are in good repair, one new house being erected.
 These people belong to the Ilimo Council and therefore have
 quite a few individual Cocoa gardens. The gardens inspected were
 clean.
 Although the figure for men away from village at work seems a bit
 high, still it only represents on the whole ~~only~~ men away at
 Mamba Estates. Savaia village is almost on the boundary of the
 Estate, that all these men go home at night. The Kovelovillage men
 work at Mr Ross' plantation.
 The patrol moved on to Savaia village.

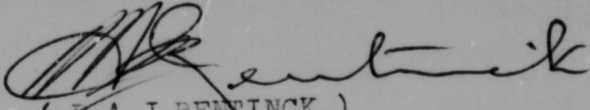
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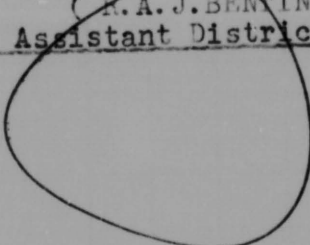
Total population - 168 Increase of 14 since last count.
 Births - 6 Deaths - Nil
 Labour potential - 26 Men away at work - 22 (46%)
 Village clean for the patrol.
 16 houses in very good state of repair.
 These people also belong to the Ilimo Council, therefore have
 Cocoa gardens. The gardens inspected were in good condition.
 There is no Mission school at Savaia - children go to Saga or
 Kokoda school.

This ends the Biage patrol. With this patrol, the ADO, Kokoda
has checked and revised Census figures once in every village of
his sub district for the year 1961.

General Remarks.

1. Census Total population of these people in Nov '60 was 646, now it has risen to 661.
- Total Births noted since last year - 24;
total deaths - 10.
- The figures for men working inside the district is rather high, but not alarming as the men all work at nearby plantations. They usually get home every night.
- Men within the age group of 17 to 45 form the Labour Potential, as described in this patrol.
2. Tax. Tax collected on this patrol are as follows:-
- a) Hagutawa - 30/-
 - b) Abuari - £ 12 - 10 - 0
 - c) Isurava - £ 5
 - d) Alola - £ 7
- (the high tax figures for Abuari show that men returning from Moresby who have not paid taxes for years have now done so.)
- The villages Pelai, Kovelu and Savaia are in the Ilimo Council therefore pay high Council Tax and not the usual 10/- per male.
3. Agriculture All the Biage people seem to be doing a good job either at Coffee, or Cocoa or potatoes. The Isurava and Abuari people asked for the Agriculture Officer, Kokoda to go up to them and advise them.
4. Education On this patrol school children were all home on leave. They were advised to go to school regularly and not play truant, because only will they progress in their studies.
5. No court cases were heard on this patrol, as the people seem to be living in harmony. They seem quite happy having received their SAPs early this year. The ADO is still waiting for an Army Bomb disposal squad to come to Kokoda and get rid of the bombs to be found in the Isurava - Abuari area and also some in Mr Ross' plantation.


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Assistant District Officer.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NO. RIVER Report No. KOKODA No. 6/61-62

Patrol Conducted by R.A.J. BENTINCKI, A.D.O.

Area Patrolled ILIMO COUNCIL

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 26/3/1962 to 10/4/1962 (Break periods)

Number of Days 16 Days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../...../19.....

Medical /...../19.....

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol tax/cens, routine administration

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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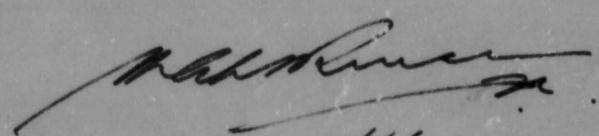
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District Office,
Popondetta. Northern District.

25th May, 1962.

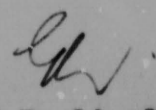
The Assistant District Officer,
KOKODA.

PATROL REPORT KOKODA No.6 OF 1961/62 -
ILIMO COUNCIL AREA -
R.A.J. BENTINCK, ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER.

Receipt of the above-mentioned Patrol Report is
acknowledged with thanks.

This was a thorough and well conducted patrol.
I am particularly pleased to see the attention that was
devoted in the villages to Council matters.

A generally satisfactory situation prevails through-
out the area.


(G.T. Linsley)
DISTRICT OFFICER.

DISTRICT OFFICE
18 MAR 1962
POPONDETTA

MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No. 6 / 61 - 62 Subdistrict KOKODA District NORTHERN

Officer Conducting Patrol R. A. J. BENTINCK. A.D.O.

Census Division Patrolled The Ilimo Council Area.

Objects of Patrol a) Inspect villages in the Ilimo Council lying on the other side of the Kumusi River.

b) Tax/Census work for villages lying in the Fahinaembo, Kahinaembo, Umokmbu and Songe Tax/Census divisions.

c) General Administration work

Date Patrol Commenced 26/3/62 Date Completed 18/4/62

Duration—days 16 days - 13 nights camped in Village Rest Houses.

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

- 1. Village Population Registers attached.
- 2. Camping Allowance contingency for Mr Bentinck only.
- 3. Land - Kokoda sub district 35-7-1.
- 4. SAP applications 38-1-5.
- 5. Land, Kokoda: A.D.O. Kokoda; Dist. Comm: D.O. 35-2-4.
- 6. S.A.P.s: A.D.O. Kokoda: D.O. 38-1-3.
- 7. Comments: A.D.O. Kokoda: D.O. 67-1-1.

(R. A. J. BENTINCK.)
Assistant District Officer
Patrolling Officer's Signature.

I certify that all necessary local administrative action has been or is being taken on matters arising out of this patrol and that the correspondence above indicated by a "tick" has been forwarded to the Headquarters, Department of Native Affairs, Port Moresby.

District Officer.

DISTRICT OFFICE

18 - MAY 1962

PATROL REPORT NO 3/ 61 - 62.

KOKODA SUB DISTRICT POPONDETTA

AREA PATROLLED.

SONGE, UMOKOMBU, FAHINAEMBO and KAHINAEMBO Tax/Census divisions, which is now commonly called " The Ilimo Council Area."

Also on this patrol the seven villages which lie on the other side of the Kumusi River but which are included in the Ilimo Council were visited.

PATROL DIARY.

26/3/62.

Left Kokoda station by landrover after attending to office matters about 12 noon. Arrived at the Ilimo Council Chambers, checked Council books and gave the Council Clerk advice with respect to his work. Checked and supervised the work of the native carpenter building the Ilimo Classroom. Camped at the Ilimo Rest House for the night.

27/3/62.

Left Ilimo by landrover about 0800 hours and arrived at the Kumusi River. Crossed over to Ajeka village with native carriers and walked on to Sairope village (1200 hours.) Visited Maujeta village (1 hour walk away from Sairope.) Asked the Maujeta people to come to Sairope village about 7pm to attend a meeting - because most of the people were away at their gardens. As these villages are in the Tax/Census divisions of the Popondetta sub district, no Census work was done here.

The night meeting lasted from 7pm to 10.30 pm at which the ADO, Kokoda addressed the people about the detailed working of the Ilimo Council. Explanations were given as to why people had to pay taxes. The First Revised Estimates was gone through with the people carefully.

The villages were clean and the patrol noticed that all the Cocoa gardens en route were also cleaned.

The two councillors that look after Sairope village and the Councillor that looks after Maujeta and Butemu villages are not very impressive men. How could the people be expected to pay their taxes promptly if they are led by men who fail to pay theirs. They paid theirs on this patrol. £ 33 in all, council tax, was collected from these villages on this patrol.

Camped at Sairope Rest House for the night.

28/3/62.

Left Sairope about 0730 hours. Walked through to Ajeka doing Census work at Sorape, Bothu and Evasusu villages en route. These villages, although they are on the other side of the Kumusi, are in the Kokoda sub district. They are commonly known as " Asisi No 2." Council Tax picked up in this area amounted to £ 23 /10/8.

Bothu.

Total population = 91
Births = 1
Labour potential = 19

Increase of 1 from last count.
Deaths - Nil
Men away at work = 5 (26%)

Village clean 13 houses in good repair, 3 being rebuilt.
One NLG Councillor looks after Bothu and Sorape villages - seems an energetic man and has the makings of a leader.

Agriculture. The old rubber plots are being tapped and the produce sold. People sell their wet cocoa beans to the Ajeka fermentery. Cocoa gardens were found in a clean condition. People seem to be cleaning small plots of ground for new cocoa gardens.

Health. People and children seen on this patrol all look healthy. Few small sores seen but they seem to be attended to by the Aid Post orderly at Sairope.

Education. Noticed that 11 children attend the Administration school at Ajeka, while 12 children go to the Mission school at Sairope. A very good trend.

Sorape.

Total population - 49 Decrease of 4 from last count.
Births - 1 Deaths - Nil.
Labour potential - 14 Men away at work = 10 (76%)
(Although the percentage of men away at work is high, it only represents the number of men gone to Popondetta to get tax money.)
Village was clean for the patrol.
10 houses all in good repair, 2 new houses being erected.

Agriculture. People working on Rubber plots and Cocoa gardens. New areas (very small) being cleaned for new cocoa gardens.

Health. Good.

Education. Administration School - 9 pupils; Mission school - 3.

Evasusu.

Total population - 104 No increase since last count.
Births - 1 Deaths - Nil.
Labour potential - 30 Men away at work - 9 (30%)
Village was clean for the patrol.
10 houses in good repair 3 new houses being rebuilt.
One NLG Councillor looks after this village. He seems to be a strong type and will lead his people.

Agriculture . People are industriously working on their Rubber and Cocoa. New plots of ground are being cleaned for new Cocoa gardens.

Health. Nothing detrimental to report.

Education. Administration School - 10 ; Mission school - 4.
An excellent trend to notice. Shows that people are taking notice to what is told them.

Camped at Ajeka Rest House for the night.

29/3/62.

Walked around Ajeka and Ombisusu area inspecting village Cocoa gardens. Found them in fair condition. Warned those who had only half cleaned their gardens to finish them off before the Executive Committee members come on an inspection tour.

As Ombisusu, Tara and Ajeka village belong to the Popondetta sub district, no Census work was done amongst them, but a meeting was

held in the afternoon at Ajeka at which all the people attended. The ADO discussed Council work with the gathering. Heard the people's views and then gave them talks on Councils as laid down in DNA Circular Instructions and N.L.G. Bulletins.
£ 43 - 10 - 0 in Council Tax was collected from these people.
Camped for the night at the Ajeka Rest House.

30/3/62.

Left Ajeka about 0730 hours, crossed the Kumusi river and as no landrover was on the other side continued walking to the Ilimo Rest House, doing Census work enroute at Hojaki, Papaki (No 1) and finally Ilimo village.

Hojaki.

Total population - 31. Increase of 2 from last count.
Births - 1 Deaths - Nil.
Labour potential - 8 Men away at work - 5 (62 %)
Village was clean for the patrol.
6 houses in good repair.

Hojaki village is commonly called " Hamara No 2 ", so there is one NLG Councillor for Hamara Nos 1 and 2. This man seems quite a strong type and should prove a good leader. He has a Trade Store at Hojaki and from the money he has in a CSB Book , he seems to be doing fairly well, even though he says he is not doing too well.

Agriculture. People are selling wet cocoa beans to the Ilimo fermentery. Small plots are being cleared for new cocoa gardens.

Health. Nothing detrimental to be reported. People look quite healthy and councillor reports that they use the Hamara Aid Post frequently.

Education. Admin School - 5; Mission school - Nil.

Land. Land discussions were held in each village in the Ilimo Council area with the clan elders (landowners) to see if land (arable land) was available for Transfer to the Crown for re-settlement schemes. In this village the people said that they did not have sufficient land for themselves and for future generations, so found it impossible to sell any to the Administration.

Papaki (No 1).

Total population = 205 Increase of 4 on the last count.
Births - 4 Deaths - Nil
Labour potential - 44 Men away at work - 14 (31%)
Village was clean for the patrol.

25 houses were in good repair; 6 new houses being built.
One NLG Councillor looks after this village. He is a young man and mission educated. Does not seem to have very good control of the people, owing to his youth.

Agriculture. People are as usual working on their Rubber and Cocoa. People are cutting new plots of ground for cocoa culture.

Health. Nothing detrimental to report. People look healthy. Eiwo (the mission aid post) is frequently used.

Education. Administration school - 8; Mission school - 20.

Land. People reported that they own insufficient land for their present and future needs, so cannot sell to the Administration. See Memo 35 - 7 - 1. People nearly everywhere in the Kokoda sub district report the same as these people. There is sufficient land if they wish to sell, but the whole point is that they do not wish to sell, so they use an excuse.

Ilimo.

Total Population - 132 Decrease of 15 from last count.
People are coming and going from this new village and it will take
a few years to really settle down.
Births - 2 Deaths - 3
Labour potential - 24 Men away at work - 6 (25%)
Village was clean for the patrol.
16 houses in good repair, 3 being rebuilt.
There is a Trade store being run in this village. He reports that
he is doing well.

Agriculture. People are working at their Rubber and Cocoa as usual.
Small plots are being cleared for new cocoa gardens.

Health. The people appeared quite healthy on this patrol. They
frequent either the Eiwo or Hanjiri Aid Posts.

Education. Admin School - 21 ; Mission school - 18.
Very encouraging to notice this all over the sub district.

Land. The same report - the people did not wish to sell as they
did not have sufficient for themselves.

Camped at Ilimo Rest House for the night.

31/3/62.

Did some more work at the Council Chambers. Inspected and super-
vised the native carpenter at work at the Ilimo classroom.
Returned to Kokoda station to get things ready for the District
Officer's visit next Tuesday. Patrol will be resumed after that.

6/4/62.

Left Kokoda station by landrover and arrived at Ilimo Council
Chambers. Checked and supervised the native carpenter's work on
the Ilimo Classroom and did some work with the native clerk at
the Council Chambers. Left later in the day by landrover to the
Divuni Creek and from there walked on to Hamara Rest House doing
Census work at Haki and Hamara.

Haki.

Total population - 127. No increase on last count.
Births - 1 Deaths - Nil.
Labour potential - 24 Men away at work - 10 (41%)
(Nothing to be worried about at present as these men have just
gone out to work to get their tax money. They will be back in a
few months.)

Village was clean for the patrol. Part of this village have built
a few houses near the Hamara Administration School site, the rest
are still living at the old village site.
Houses are all in good, repair.
One NLG Councillor looks after this village. He is a new man to
the job but he seems to be a bit better than the younger man who
held the position before the last elections.

Agriculture. These people seem to be a lazy lot. They have one
community cocoa garden and a few stands of old Rubber which they
tap when they feel inclined. They have a new patch of coffee just
put in. The ADO advised them to take more interest in their Cash
Crops, because it will make things a lot easier to find money for
taxes. It remains to be seen if this new Councillor can persuade
the people to do better things.

Health. The health of these Haki people seems good. The Hamara Aid Post is only a few minutes away from their village.

Education. Administration School - 33; Mission School - Nil.
(All children of school age go to the Hamara Administration school. A good trend to notice.)

Land. Clan elders and owners of land report that they cannot sell any land to the Administration, as they have not sufficient for themselves.

Hamara.

Total population - 155 Increase of 1 on last count.
Births - 1 Deaths - Nil.
Labour potential - 34 Men away at work - 16 (47%)
This figure seems a bit high, but it only represents the number of men just gone to Popondetta or Kokoda to get casual labour for a month or so, to enable them pay their Council taxes. They will be back very shortly.

Village was cleaned for the patrol.

18 houses in good repair.

The NMO from the Hamara Aid Post was collected here and made to accompany the patrol to Hungiri and Koropata.

One NLG Councillor looks after Hamara Nos 1 and 2. He is a rather an old man but seems to have the qualities of a leader.

Agriculture. People are working industriously at their old and new Rubber plots. The new Rubber is coming on well. Advised them to keep it clean always, lest the grass choke the young rubber. New plots are being cleaned for new cocoa gardens.

Health. Good - people seem to be using the Aid Post regularly.

Education. Admin School - 40 ; Mission school - Nil.
People seem to prefer sending their children to the Admin school which is very close to their village, rather than send them a few miles to the Eiwo Mission school. An encouraging trend these days.

Land. As usual clan elders say that they have not sufficient land for themselves to think about selling any to the Administration.

Camped at Hamara Rest House for the night after holding an evening meeting for the Haki and Hamara people, at which Council matters were discussed fully and the people informed of the important part that taxes play in the efficient running of a Council.

7/4/62.

Left Hamara about 0730 and within 2½ hours time arrived at Koropata. Changed carriers here and moved on to Hungiri as the Hungiri and Urarisusu people were expecting the patrol that day at Hungiri. Did Tax / Census work here.

Hungiri.

Total population - 82 No increase on the last count.
Births - 1 Deaths - 1.
Labour potential - 24 Men away at work - 12 (50%)

Village was clean for the patrol.

12 houses in good repair, 3 new ones being built now.

People reported that the native missionary at Divinikoiari was trying to persuade these people to leave their village and make a composite camp at Urarisusu across the Kumusi river. Clan elders were not in favour, so ADO advised them to stay put on their own clan land and not move.

Agriculture. People cleaning their cocoa gardens and coffee gardens. Rubber being spasmodically being sold to Awala plantation. People not too happy about prices for cocoa. ADO gave them a talk on world prices etc.

Health. Health of the people seen seems good.

Education. Mission school - 3 only No one goes to Administration school. ADO commented on this point to the people assembled and tried to persuade parents to send their children to the Mission school at Divinkolari.

One NLG Councillor looks after Hungiri and Urarisusu. He lives at Urarisusu. He seems a fairly intelligent young man, who should do a good job. He was advised not to persuade the Hungiri people too much to leave their own ground to go to Urarisusu.

£ 1 - 10 - 0 was collected as back Personal Tax from people who were not in the village when the patrol last visited them.

Urarisusu.

Total population - 90	Increase of 7 since the last count.
Births - 2	Deaths - Nil.
Labour potential - 26	Men away at work - 2 (8%)

Agriculture. People reported that they are cleaning new plots for coffee culture. They have small plots of cocoa too which they are keeping clean. These people too are not too pleased about prices given them by the Agriculture Department for their cash crops. The ADO tried to explain the situation.

Health. Health good among the people seen.

Education. Mission school - 17.

Personal tax. £ 2- 10 - 0 back tax collected here.

Camped for the night at the Hungiri Rest House.

8/4/62.

Sunday - Did office work. Camped at Hungiri for the night.

9/4/62.

Left Hungiri 0730 hours and walked through to Koropata. Did tax / census work here.

Koropata.

Total population - 163	Decrease of 2 since last count.
Births - 1	Deaths - 2.
Labour potential - 39	Men away at work - 8 (20%)

Village was clean for the patrol.

26 houses in good repair; 4 new houses being rebuilt to replace other that are a bit poor in condition.

One NLG Councillor is in charge of this village. He seems a good man.

Agriculture. People are working industriously at their cocoa and coffee. Rubber is being tapped and sold to Awala.

Health. People appeared in good health.

Education. Mission school - 32. None go to the Administration school at Hamara as it seems a bit too removed from their village.

Land. The ADO did not ask the people in this village if they had land to sell, because of the inaccessibility factor.

Tax. £ 1 back tax was collected from those who were away in foreign districts when the patrol visited last year.

Camped for the night at Koropata Rest House after addressing the people on the subject of Councils.

10/4/62.

Left Koropata 0730 hours and walked right through Hamara and Haki villages to the Council Chambers at Ilimo. Did the Cash Books at the Council Chambers and supervised the work of the native carpenter building the Ilimo Classroom. When the Administration landrover arrived at Ilimo later on in the afternoon, the patrol moved to Asisi No 1, where Tax / Census work was done.

Asisi (No1).

Total population - 130 Increase of 1 since the last count.
Births $\frac{3}{1}$ Deaths - Nil
Labour potential - 30 Men away at work - 11 (36%)
One NLG Councillor is in charge of this village. He is a young man but seems devoid of qualities of leadership because he seems too scared of the people to assert ~~himself~~ himself and get projects moving that will be of benefit to the people.

Agriculture. People seem to be working as usual on their old Rubber and Cocoa. New clearings are evident and reports have it that they are for new cocoa gardens. The clearings are not large enough for the ADO, but it seems so difficult to get it across to the people that large plots will finally give them good profits.

Health. The people seem quit healthy. The Eiwo Mission Aid Post is not far away and the people seem to be using it regularly.

Education. Administration school - 6 ; Mission school - 26.

Land. The clan elders were asked about selling land to the Administration for settlement schemes, but the ADO received the usual reply that they have not sufficient land for themselves, so cannot sell.

Tax. Back Personal Tax collected amounted to £ 1.

After a long discussion on Council work the patrol camped at Asisi for the night.

11/4/62.

Left Asisi about 0730 hours and walked to Sirorata village, which is 2 hours walk away. Did tax / census work here.

Sirorata.

Total population - 207 No increase or decrease on last count
Births - 2 Deaths - 3.
Labour potential - 43 Men away at work - 13 (30 %)
Village was clean for the patrol.
35 houses all in good repair.
An Anglican Mission church and school is in this village.

One NLG Councillor looks after this village. He is the president of the Ilimo Council. He is a mission trained young man, although good is not forceful enough for these Kokoda people.

Agriculture. People seem to be working well at their Cocoa gardens. The pit-saw concern still seems to be thriving and the produce being sold to Mr Ross.

Health. Although these people seem to be far away from Eiwo Mission Aid Post, yet they all look healthy.

Education. Administration school - 1; Mission school - 63 (this number represents the children attending both the Eiwo and Sirorata Mission schools.)

Land. The clan elders were not in favour of selling land to the Administration because of insufficiency for themselves. Even if it were available, the ADO would report on its accessibility.

Tax. £ 3 back tax was collected from here.

Left Sirorata and going through Asisi arrived at Hojavohambo, near Ilimo. Did tax/census work here.

Hojavohambo. (or Papaki No2.)

Total population - 76 No increase or decrease.
Births - 1 Deaths - 1.
Labour potential - 21 Men away at work - 8 (38%)
(men seem to be away at work trying to get tax money.)
village was clean for the patrol.
12 houses in good repair; 2 being rebuilt.
One NLG Councillor is in charge of this village. He is a young man and seems inclined to be lenient with his people to their detriment.

Agriculture. People seem to be working well enough at their cocoa gardens. New clearings are in evidence.

Education. Administration school - 6; Mission school - 8.
The Administration schools all over the sub district are working to full capacity. The people favour them generally to the mission schools.

Health. People seem to be healthy.

Land. As usual clan elders are not in favour of selling any land to the Administration. They use the excuse that there is insufficient for present and future use.

Gave these people, like everyone else, a tãak on Councils. Tried to impress on them how necessary it was for the Council to get taxes and also showed them how the money was being used for their benefit.

Camped for the night at the Ilimo Rest House.

12/4/62.

Left Ilimo about 0730 hours and went to do census work at Ambeni.

Ambeni.

Total population - 132 Increase of 1 from last count.
Births - 1 Deaths - 1.
Labour potential - 35 Men away at work - 10 (29%)
One NLG Councillor is in charge of this village. He is an elderly man, but seems to be leading his people plant cocoa extensively.
These Ambeni people have about 40,000 cocoa trees - a good number.

Agriculture. The people seem to be working very well at their cocoa gardens. The ADO is trying to use the Ambeni people's cocoa figures to get other villages to compete with them. So far not with much success. Rubber is being tapped and sold to Mr Ross.

Health. People seem quite healthy.

Education. Administration school - 29; Mission school - 22.

Land. As usual clan elders are not in favour of selling the Administration any land. The usual excuse is being used, although it is not quite true.

Tax. Back tax of 10/- was collected.

Gave these people a talk on Councils and moved on to Hanjiri village where tax/census work was done.

Hanjiri.

Total population - 161

Increase of 3 from last count.

Births - 2

Deaths - 3.

Labour potential - 37

Men away at work - 3 (8 %)

Village clean for the patrol.

25 houses, all in good repair.

One NLG Councillor looks after this village. He is an elderly man and not very impressive.

Agriculture. People seem to be working at their cocoa and rubber as usual. New clearings for cocoa gardens are in evidence.

Health. People are quite healthy. There is an Aid Post built by the Council just outside the village. An Administration paid aid post orderly lives at the post. He seems to be doing a good job.

Education. Administration school - 29; Mission school - 22.

Land. As usual the clan elders do not seem willing to sell any land to the Administration.

Tax. Back tax of £ 1 - 10 - 0 was collected on this patrol.

Gave these people a talk on Councils and then moved on to Sisireta village, which is situated near the Gorari Mission.

Sisireta.

Total population - 170

Decrease of 1 from last count.

Births - 2

Deaths - 2.

Labour potential - 30

Men away at work - 20 (66%)

(Men mainly gone out to work in the district to earn money for Council taxes.)

The village was clean for the patrol. As a matter of fact within the last few months, these people have shifted their village from one side of the Gorari Mission to the other. This was done owing to the two deaths, the people say.

15 brand new houses are up; 3 more under construction.

One NLG Councillor looks after this village. He is an elderly man and an ex sergeant of the RPC, but he is hopeless in so far as being a leader.

Agriculture. As usual people are working on their cocoa gardens and are tapping their few rubber trees. New clearings for cocoa gardens have been reported.

Health. People seem quite healthy and attend the Hanjiri Aid Post when in sickness.

Education. Administration school - 8; Mission school - 37.

Land. As usual the clan elders do not seem willing to sell land to the Administration.

Tax. Back tax of £ 1 was collected here.

The Mission teacher at Gorari Mission put in an application for an SAP (See Memo 38 - 1 - 5.)

Gave these people a talk on Councils and tried to explain to them the important part taxation played.

Camped at Gorari Mission Rest House for the night.

13/4/62.

Left Sisireta about 0730 hours and moved through Waju, Kamondo and Pirive villages doing tax/ census work at each.

Waju.

Total population - 210 Increase of 1 since the last count.

Births - 2 Deaths - Nil

Labour potential - 43 Men away at work - 17 (39%)

Village clean for the patrol.

18 houses all in good repair ; 2 more new houses being built.

One NLG Councillor looks after this village. He is an elderly man and very pro-Administration. He seems to pay a lot of attention to what is told him and tries his best to get things done.

Agriculture. Rubber and Cocoa work is progressing well in this village. New clearings for Cocoa gardens have been reported.

Health. People appear quite healthy.

Education. Administration school - 7 ; Mission school - 11.

Land. Clan elders do not seem willing to sell any land to the Administration.

Tax. Personal Back tax amounting to 10/- was collected here.

Gave these people a talk on Councils generally and finances particularly and then moved on to Kamondo village.

Kamondo.

Total population - 93; No increase or decrease in count.

Births - 2 Deaths - Nil

Labour potential - 26 Men away at work - 5 (19%)

Village clean for the patrol.

As it is fairly new, 15 houses all in good repair.

One NLG Councillor looks after this village. He is a young man and does not seem too impressive at his job.

Agriculture. Rubber and Cocoa work is progressing well here. People report that new clearings for cocoa gardens have been made.

Health. People appear quite healthy.

Education. Administration school - 7; Mission school - 11.

Land. Genealogical tables were drawn up with respect to the owners of the Kamondo - Pirive land. People were not too decided whether they would sell or not. They asked for some time to discuss the matter again among themselves.

Tax. Personal back tax amounting to 30/- was collected here.

Gave these people a talk on Councils and then moved on to Pirive village.

Pirive.

Total population - 134 Increase of 1 on the last count.

Births - 2 Deaths - 1.

Labour potential - 32 Men away at work - 11 (34%)

Village was cleaned for the patrol.

As it is a newly built village all the houses are in good repair. One NLG Councillor looks after Pirive and Kokoda village. He is a young man and seems very energetic. He seems to have good qualities as a leader.

Agriculture. People are working as usual on their cocoa gardens. New clearings for cocoa have been reported.

Health. People seen at this village, all seem in good health.

Education. Administration school - 4; Mission school - 33.

Land. Just as at Kamondo, genealogical tables were drawn up here. People advised that they wanted to have a conference with the Kamondo people before they finally decided to sell the block of land near Kamondo village.

Gave these people a talk on Councils and moved on to camp for the night at the Kepara Rest House.

14/4/62.

Left Kepara about 0730 hours to do census work at Kanandara. Then returned and went to Sengi, then finished the work at Kepara village itself before returning to Kokoda station.

Kepara.

Total population - 108 Increase of 1 on the last count.

Births - 1 Deaths - Nil.

Labour potential - 35 Men away at work - 25 (71%)
(Men away at work mainly to get money for taxes.)

Village clean for the patrol.

All houses in good repair.

Agriculture. People are working as usual on their cocoa gardens and tapping their rubber when they feel like it. It is reported that they tap Kanandara's rubber as well, as those people are too lazy.

Health. People seem to be quite healthy here. There is a Council Aid Post staffed by an Administration Aid Post orderly.

Education. Administration school - 2; Mission school - 24.

Land. Clan elders do not seem willing to sell any land to the Administration.

Gave these people talks on Councils and Council finances.

Kanandara.

Total population - 100; Increase of 1 on last count.

Births - Nil Deaths - Nil.

Labour potential - 23 Men away at work - 15 (65%)

Village clean for the patrol; 12 houses in good repair.

One NLG Councillor looks after Kanandara and Pelai villages. He is a young man, but does not seem to have the qualities of a leader. He seems too easily led by the people.

Agriculture. Very reluctantly they tend to their cocoa business. Seem a very lazy people or too disinterested in modern trends.

Health. People quite healthy.

Education. Administration school - 6; Mission school - 12.

Land. Clan elders not interested in selling land to the Administration.

Gave these people talks on Councils and Council finances.

Although Pelai village belongs to the Ilimo Council, the next patrol to the Biage will visit them and do census work then.

Sengi.

Total population - 153 No increase or decrease on last count.
Births - nil Deaths - nil.
Labour potential - 36 Men away at work - 11 (30%)
Village clean for ^{the} patrol.
18 houses in good repair.
One NLG Councillor looks after this village. He is an elderly man and not very impressive.

Agriculture. Cocoa and Rubber being tended and sold for cash. Small plots being cleared for new cocoa gardens.

Health. Health of these people is good.

Education. Administration school - 1; Mission school - 27.

Land. People not interested in selling land to the Administration.

Gave these people talks on Councils and Council finances.

Moved back to Kokoda station in the afternoon.

18/4/62.

Left Kokoda station by landrover and visited Kokoda, Saga and Amada villages where tax/census work was done.

Kokoda.

Total population - 78 Increase of 2 on last count.
Births - 2 Deaths - Nil
Labour potential - 18 Men away at work - 9 (50%)
Village was clean for the patrol. Houses all in good repair.

Agriculture. People working on their cocoa and rubber concerns. One has coffee in this village and he is working well on it.

Health. People all seem quite healthy.

Education. Administration school - 18; Mission school - 2.
(The reason why so many of these children attend the Administration school at Kokoda is that it is so close to their village.)

Land. The ADO was surprised when these clan elders told him that they were willing to sell the Administration a block of land near the Iora creek.

Gave these Kokoda people talks on Councils and Council finances, then moved on to the composite village of Saga and Botue, which is situated now at Saga. But Census figures will still be given separately.

Saga.

Total population - 102 Increase of 8 on last count.
Births - nil Deaths - nil
Labour potential - 26 Men away at work - 9 (34%)
The composite village of Saga was clean for the patrol.
32 houses in good repair.

Botue.

Total population - 113 Increase of 2 since last count.
Births - 1 Deaths - 1
Labour potential - 28 Men away at work - 15 (53%)
(Most of the men work at Mamba plantation and sleep at Saga.)

Agriculture. These people are working well at their cocoa gardens.

Health. Health is good.

Education. Administration school - 10; Mission school - 49
(these figures are for the composite village of Saga.)

Land. This question was not discussed with these people because they are living on a Reserve.

Gave these people talks on Councils in general and Finances in particular. Then moved on Amada village.

Amada.

Total population - 32 No increase or decrease on these figures
Births - nil Deaths - nil
Labour potential - 10 Men away at work - 6 (60%)
(5 of the 6 men work at Mamba plantation during the day and sleep at Amada at night.)

These people have shifted their village about 1/2 a mile. There are only 2 houses up so far. The men were given one month more to have houses up for each family.

Agriculture. These people are working away at their cocoa gardens. They were given one week to clean their cocoa gardens.

Education. Administration school - 1; Mission school - 8.

Health. The people seen were all quite healthy.

Land. As these people live on a Reserve, the question of buying land from them was not gone into.

Gave these people talks on Councils and Council finances.

Although Savaia and Kovelovillages belong to the Ilimo Council, a tax/census patrol will be done to them separately as they are Biage villages.

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General Remarks.

- 1. Census. Total births noted on this patrol = 35 (14m, 21 f.)
 Total deaths - 18

The labour potential figures were obtained by counting the number of adult males between the ages of 17 and 45.

There is a rather high percentage of men away at work, but one must not forget that most of them work at Kokoda and Mamba plantations, which is within the sub district. The men usually get home during the weekends.

No recommendations will be made to close any of these villages to recruiting.

2. Schools. In the area visited there are

- a) 5 Administration schools - 246 pupils
- b) 5 Mission schools - 519 pupils.

It is very encouraging to notice these figures, because it shows that the parents are beginning to realise that it is good for their children to attend regularly some school.

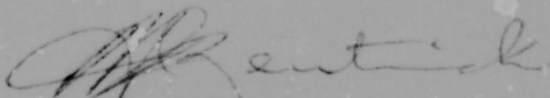
3. Agriculture. It is also encouraging to notice that in nearly every village people have begun to clear plots of land for cocoa culture. The ADO has been advising them of this for the last 12 months or so, but only now are some fruits of his labour shown.

It is a bit discouraging to notice that the plots are still very small ones, but it is hoped that in time the people will learn to plant up big.

4. SAPs. Only one application was received and investigated on this patrol. Many men still want more guns in their villages, but they were reminded that every village in the sub district has its quota of guns.

5. Land. A very forceful woman in this sub district (the wife of Dikai, a NLG Councillor) seems to have influenced native thought about selling land to the Administration. With the exception of the Kokoda people who seem willing to sell land to the Administration, all other villages have expressed the idea that they did not wish to sell.

The Pirive - Kamondo people have asked for time for a further discussion amongst themselves before they finally decide whether to sell or not. When the District Commissioner recently visited Kokoda station and went to see the clan elders at Pirive, they have finally decided to sell.



(R.A.J. BENTINCK.)

Assistant District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN Report No. Kokoda. No 7/61-62.

Patrol Conducted by R. A. J. BENTINCKI

Area Patrolled Lower Chirima Area

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 14/5/1962 to 22/5/1962

Number of Days 9

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../...../19.....

Medical /...../19.....

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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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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MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No. 7-61/62 Subdistrict Kokoda District Mouton

Officer Conducting Patrol R.A.J. BENTINCK : A.D.O.

Census Division Patrolled Lames Chimina

Objects of Patrol
① Collection of Sars for year 1962
② Census Revisions for year 1962
③ General Administration & Census Work
④ Census data for survey of traditional beliefs & attitudes in health related matters.

Date Patrol Commenced 14/5/62 Date Completed 22/5/62

Duration—Days 9 days (8 nights camped out at Mlean West Haines)

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

1. Village Population registers.
2. Camping allowance contingency for Mr Bentinck only.
- ✓ 3. Village Constable's Record of Service
- ✓ 4. Survey of Traditional Beliefs & Attitudes in Health Related matters

R.A.J. BENTINCK
Patrolling Officer's Signature

I certify that all necessary local administrative action has been or is being taken on matters arising out of this patrol and that the correspondence above indicated by a "tick" has been forwarded to the Headquarters, Department of Native Affairs, Port Moresby.

[Signature]
District Officer

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For your information
please.

G. Linsley.

✓ D.O.
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District Office,
Popondetta. Northern District.

27th June, 1962.

The Assistant District Officer,
KOKODA.

PATROL REPORT KOKODA No.7/61-62 -
LOWER CHIRIMA AREA : MR. R.A.J. BENTINCK,
ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER.

Receipt of Patrol Report KOKODA No.7 of 1961/62
is acknowledged with thanks.

The prolonged absences from their villages of the lower CHIRIMA natives attending feasts and dances in the upper CHIRIMA villages, with the resulting poor health, non-attendance of children at school, lack of economic development, etc., constitute a problem which we can only begin to solve by the establishment of closer contact with them through more frequent patrols.

One Tax/Census patrol per year is simply not enough. Since the lower CHIRIMA patrol occupies only 9 days, there is no reason why more frequent patrols cannot be conducted - certainly, 3 patrols totalling 4 weeks in a year should not be beyond the capabilities of the Assistant District Officer KOKODA, especially in view of the fact that it takes only 30 days to patrol the entire sub-district.

You are therefore requested to ensure that at least 3 patrols are conducted through the lower CHIRIMA in 1962/63: it would be of advantage to have the Agricultural Officer and the Medical Officer stationed at KOKODA, if this can be arranged, accompany at least one of these patrols.

G.T. Linsley
(G.T. Linsley)
DISTRICT OFFICER.

Minute to :

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

memorandum of

The above mentioned patrol report is forwarded
herewith, please.

G.T. Linsley
(G.T. Linsley)
DISTRICT OFFICER.

PATROL REPORT NO 7/61 - 62. KOKODA SUB DISTRICT. NORTHERN DISTRICT.

AREA PATROLLED. The Lower Chirima Area - 6 villages in all.

PATROL DIARY.

14.5.62.

Left Kokoda Government Station by Landrover about 1000am and arrived at the Komo River. From here the patrol party and carriers set off on foot. Arrived at Kanga village about 1330 hours. Inspected the village and new clearings for Rubber, collected Personal Tax for 1962 and revised the Census figures for 1962.

Kanga.

Village clean for the patrol.

9 houses in good repair.

Total population - 26

Decrease of 2 on last count.

Births - Nil

Deaths - Nil.

Labour potential - 4

Men away at work - 4

These people work at Mr Kienzle's rubber in the Kanga area. They are casuals and sleep in their home village every night.

Tax collected - £ 3/10/-

Agriculture - 4 new blocks of land have been cleared of heavy forest for Rubber culture - total acreage about 6 or 7. This is a vast improvement from last year when they were doing nothing. Rubber seedlings are in the nursery and will be shortly planted out.

Education - 1 at Saga Mission school.

Health - All the people seen seemed in good health.

Survey of Traditional Beliefs - The ADO collected only the elders (because he knows how youngsters make a joke of serious questions) and obtained answers for the questions given.

Councils - The ADO gave the assembly a long talk on Councils. The people informed the ADO that they were not ready yet to pay the Ilimo Council tax, but that they were preparing themselves for Councils by starting to grow Rubber. Camped for the night at the Kanga Rest House.

15.5.62.

Left Kanga about 0700 hours and arrived at Seiba about 1330 hours. Patrol did its work here.

Seiba.

Village clean for the patrol.

6 houses in good repair.

People ordered to fix the foot bridges between Kanga and Seiba and have them done by the time the patrol returns.

Total population - 18

No increase or decrease on last count

Births - Nil

Death - Nil.

Labour potential - 5

Man away at work - 1

Tax collected - £ 1/ 10 /-

Agriculture - These people are only looking after their subsistence gardens. With numbers so small, they seem to lack enthusiasm. However, they promised to go and work with the Kangas and clear some more land for Rubber. It will be a good idea if they do so.

Education - No children attending school - promised to send one to Saga very soon.

Health - The people seen seem in good health.

Survey of Traditional Beliefs - Data obtained.

Councils - After listening to the talk given by the ADO on Councils, the people said that they were not ready for Councils at present as they could not pay the Ilimo Council tax rate. They were told that it is present policy to get as many people into Councils because it was good training ground for economic and political progress.

Camped at Seiba Rest House for the night.

16.5.62.

Left Seiba about 0700 hours and got to Karukaru. Patrol did its work here.

Village clean for the patrol.

15 houses in good repair; but 7 men ordered to build houses to ease the congestion have not done so.

Total population - 120 Increase of 4 on last count.

Births - 11 Deaths - 7.

Labour potential - 36 Men away at work - 1

Tax collected - £ 22 - 10 - 0

Agriculture - No cash crops grown here. Although people promised to do something about it, they have done nothing. Only subsistence crops grown.

Education - Although the parents and elders made the ADO understand that 23 children were attending the Roman Catholic School at Asimba, this was a fabrication as the teacher showed only 5 or 6 children to the ADO when he visited the school the next day. On the return trip the ADO addressed the parents to send their children regularly to the Asimba school, for these were new days and education was going to play a very big part in the development of the Territory generally.

Health - Word was sent for the Aid Post Orderly at Asimba to join the patrol at Karukaru. Although the adults looked healthy enough, many children received treatment for sores and scabies. There seems to be too many deaths for a big village like this. But these are due to exposure (pneumonia) and bowel complaints which come through the people constantly going to the Upper Chirima for dances. ADO advised them to try and cut the time spent in singsings to about a week or so. Now they spend months just camping in the open.

Survey of Traditional Beliefs - Data obtained from old folk.

Councils - The ADO gave the people assembled a long and detailed talk on Councils. All the mouthpiece of the people could say to the ADO was that the people would try to grow Cash Crops only if the Administration built some sort of an airstrip near Asimba. The ADO expressed the idea that this was out of order and that the people should first of all show the Administration that they were really keen on working and helping themselves.

Camped at the Village Rest House for the night.

17.5.62.

Left Karukaru about 0800 hours and proceeded to Asimba to do work there.

The village was cleaned for the patrol. Just cleaned the day before the patrol arrived because prior to that all the people were away in the Upper Chirima attending a Singsing. 16 houses in good condition. 2 men put in gaol for not repairing their houses when ordered to do so about 15 months ago.

Total population - 96	No increase or decrease on last count.
Births - 4	Deaths - 6 (due to exposure and bowel diseases through eating pigs killed under insanitary conditions.)
Labour potential - 17	Men away at work - 1 (most of the men seem to have come home to stay for awhile.)
Tax collected - £ 16 - 10 - 0	

Agriculture - People have made no attempt to grow any Cash crops. Only attending to the usual subsistence gardens.

Education - 10 children attending the Catholic school at Asimba. Even this not regularly. And then when the parents go away to the Upper Chirima for their Singsings they take the children away with them. A most unsatisfactory condition as the children are away from school for months and therefore no progress can be made with their studies. ADO advised parents to watch this part of their social lives.

Health - The Aid Post Orderly attended to the sores found among the children. Owing to these children being away in the bush for so many months, they were covered with sores and scabies. People advised to watch this. The ADO tried to persuade the people to help the Aid Post Orderly in building a nice house for himself, a good Aid Post and a small Ward. Also tried to persuade the people to be helpful to go to Kokoda and bring back their medicines for the Aid Post.

Survey of Traditional Beliefs - Data obtained from old men.

Councils - After listening to the ADO's talk on Councils, the people informed that as they had no Cash Crops growing in the area they would find it impossible to pay the Ilimo Council's tax rates. The ADO tried to persuade them to give these long and tedious Singsings away and to settle down growing Cash Crops. Camped at the village rest house for the night.

18.5.62.

Left Asimba to do TAX/Census work at Korogo and Samana. Came back to Rest House for the afternoon.

Korogo.

Village clean for the patrol. 7 houses burned down while the people away at the Singsing. Ordered that they build new houses in three months time.

Total population - 59	No increase or decrease in population since last count.
Births - 2	Deaths - 3
Labour potential - 16	Men away at work - Nil.
Tax collected - £ 6 - 0 - 0.	

Agriculture - Even though all the males are at home, the people are not making any attempt to better themselves by growing Cash Crops. Only subsistence gardens are being looked after. The ADO tried to persuade these people to see the error of their ways in this new jet - space age.

Education - 8 children are supposed to attend the school at Asimba but are not doing so for the reasons given already.

Health - The Aid Post Orderly attended to children's sores and any other sickness reported.

Survey of Traditional Beliefs - This was done at Asimba when all the elders of the three villages (Asimba, Korogo and Samana) met the ADO.

Councils - These people too said that as they had no Cash Crops they could not possibly pay the Ilimo Council tax. All these Lower Chirima people seem to show that they are not interested in new changes if it's going to involve any hard work. They want to be left alone like their forefathers - just tending their subsistence gardens and attending long singsings.

Samana.

The village was cleaned for the patrol.

9 houses 3 ordered to be repaired in three months time.

Total population - 43 Decrease of 2 since last count.

Births - 2 Deaths - 3

Labour potential - 13 Men away at work - Nil.

Tax collected - £ 4 - 10 - 0

Education - 6 children supposed to be attending school at Asimba.

Agriculture - These people are only tending their subsistence gardens and not making any effort to plant Cash Crops.

Health - The Aid Post Orderly tended to the sick. Health of the adults seen seems to be good, but still the death rate is not healthy.

Survey of Traditional Beliefs - Elders came to Asimba and data collected there.

Councils - Listened to ADO's talk but did not seem interested. Camped at Asimba Rest House for the night.

19.5.62.

Visited the Catholic school at Asimba. Gave the children a talk on regular attendance so that the teachers could accomplish something as set in their programmes.

Went back to Karukaru. Did some court cases there.

Checked up road work set.

Camped at Karukaru rest house for the night.

20.5.62.

Left Karukaru and walked back to Seiba.

Gave some more talks on Councils and General Topics.

Camped at the Seiba rest house for the night.

21.5.62.

Walked back to Kanga.

Gave the people talks on Councils, Cash crops and several other general topics (like the space age and what the Americans and Russian are doing with space travel, how the Western Highland people are progressing and forming Councils etc, etc.)

Camped at Kanga Rest House.

22.5.62.

Left Kanga and arrived back at Kokoda Station, thus ending the Lower Chirima patrol.

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General Comments.

1. CENSUS

Somehow the total 362 seems to be holding for this year as well.

Total Births = 219 Total Deaths = 19.

Men away at work this year = 7, which shows that the able bodied men at home, but they seem to be wasting their time attending these Singsings in the Upper Chirima.

2. HEALTH

There are two diseases which seem to be killing the people (pneumonia and bowel complaints.) This seems to be natural from the way the ADO had descriptions of the singsings. They seem to camp out in the open and eat all these pigs which are killed under the most insanitary conditions. The ADO tried his best to dissuade them from going so often to these singsings and even if they went he tried to tell them that they should cut it down to only about a week or two.

There is an Aid Post at Asimba but the Aid Post Orderly reports that he has no one to treat as the people all move over to villages in the Upper Chirima. Therefore when the ADO contacts these people, there are many sores and scabies to be treated among the children. The people neglect to help the Aid Post Orderly build a good Aid Post for them and they do not seem too keen to help him bring the medicines up for them from Kokoda.

3. TAXES

£ 68 - 10 - 0 was collected from all these people. Before tax was collected the ADO gave a talk describing what taxation was all about. Those who had returned from Moresby and had not paid taxes for years were persuaded to do so, so that they would realise their responsibility. If the people had only helped the Comworks Officers building the Recording Site at the Chirima gorge, they would have had hundreds of pounds saved.

4. VILLAGES.

All villages were cleaned for the patrol only a day or so before the patrol actually arrived. They were slowly drifting in from their singsing as the patrol advanced into the area.

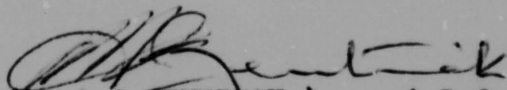
5. HOUSES.

These people seem to have been away continuously for the last nine months or so. They turned up when they heard that Dr Gaunede was visiting them but then ran away again, to come back for the ADO's patrol. So they do not seem to pay much attention to their houses.

6. CEMETERIES
Eight natives in the several Lower Chirima villages were charged with having buried their dead right in the village. The Village Constables did not think it was their job to report the first case, so that this custom could be stopped before eight were buried. Cemeteries were prepared for each village and the remains respectfully interred.
7. COURT CASES
13 natives were dealt with in the Court for Native Matters for not repairing their houses. Each of them received 14 days IHL

1 native was dealt with for Indecent Assault and received three months IHL

1 native was dealt with for not having presented himself for Census and received one month IHL.
8. Cash Crops
Only the Kanga natives seem to have taken any notice of the ADO's talk last year and they have cleared about 6 acres of land for Rubber. The Agriculture Department helped them with seeds and they have them now in a nursery and are only waiting for them to grow a bit more before they are planted. The ADO is not quite sure whether the other Chirima natives will take notice to his talks. They seem so primitive and disinterested in change.
9. COUNCILS
The ADO gave talks on Councils at each village. They all say that they just cannot pay the Ilimo Council tax rates at present. They do not seem interested in changing their way of life.
10. SURVEY OF TRADITIONAL BELIEFS.
The ADO followed the District Officer's instructions and took the book submitted by the Department of Health out with him. The ADO used only elders for the answers because he knows how younger men make jokes of serious questions. Even the elder men seem to forget that their traditional beliefs were required and not answers tinged with the whiteman's teachings. For example - they now say that flies are dirty creatures, but still when one watches a pig being butchered in their villages, no one seems to pay the slightest notice to the flies and blowflies sitting on the meat. Therefore this shows that they traditionally do not believe that the fly is a dirty creature.
11. LABOUR.
Only 7 men are working in the district at present. It seems to be customary here for young men to stay in the village and take part in these Singsings and then die at a reasonably early age by not watching their health.


(R.A.J. BENTINCK.) A.D.O.

Patrol Report Yule Camp



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN Report No. KOKODA No. 8/61-62

Patrol Conducted by D. A. J. BENTINCK, A.D.O.

Area Patrolled ~~BIA~~ UPPER BIAGE

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 28/5/1962 to 31/5/1962

Number of Days 4

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../...../19.....

Medical/...../19.....

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol Census, Gen. Routine Administration

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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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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P.R.s. KAKODA Nos. 7+8

To D.C. for
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District Office,
Popondetta. Northern District.

27th June, 1962.

The Assistant District Officer,
KOKODA.

PATROL REPORT KOKODA No. 8/61-62 -
UPPER BIAGE - MR. R.A.J. BENTINCK
ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER

Receipt of the above mentioned patrol report
is acknowledged with thanks: it requires no particular
comment.

(G.T. Linsley)
DISTRICT OFFICER.

c.c. Gen Director,
D.N.A.
Korodobu

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patrol is forwarded herewith, please

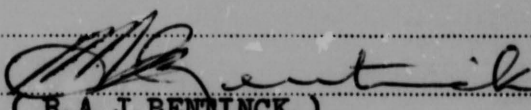
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MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No. 8/ 61 - 62 Subdistrict KOKODA. District NORTHERN
Officer Conducting Patrol R. A. J. BENTINCK. ADO.
Census Division Patrolled The Biage Area.
Objects of Patrol 1) Collection of Taxes for the year 1962.
2) Census revision for the year 1962.
3) General Administration.
4) Gather data for a survey of Traditional Beliefs and Attitudes in Health and Allied Matters.
Date Patrol Commenced 28/5/62 Date Completed 31/5/62.
Duration—days 4 days (3 nights camped out at Village Rest Houses.)

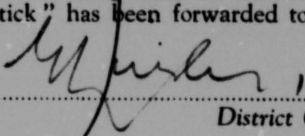
SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

1. Village Population Registers attached.
2. Camping Allowance contingency for Mr Bentinck only.
- ✓ 3. Survey of Traditional Beliefs & Practices: 80.1.1.


(R. A. J. BENTINCK.)
ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER.

Patrolling Officer's Signature.

I certify that all necessary local administrative action has been or is being taken on matters arising out of this patrol and that the correspondence above indicated by a "tick" has been forwarded to the Headquarters, Department of Native Affairs, Port Moresby.


District Officer.

PATROL REPORT NO 8/ 61 - 62. KOKODA. NORTHERN DISTRICT.

Area - The Upper Biage Area.

Objects of Patrol -

- a) Collection of 1962 Taxes.
- b) Revision of Census figures for 1962.
- c) General Administration Work.
- d) Gather data for a survey of Traditional Beliefs and Attitudes in Health and Allied Matters.

Patrol Diary -

28.5.62.

Left Kokoda Station about midday by landrover and went as far as Kepara. Here engaged carriers and walked to Kanandara and then to the first Biage village, Pelai. Did Tax/Census work here.

Pelai.

Village clean for the patrol.

Some people live at Pelai itself, others at Usikara. Houses are in good repair. Three building new houses now.

Total population - 114

Increase of 6 on last count.

Births - 2

Deaths - 2

Labour potential - 27

Men away at work - 15

(Most of men are working at Mr Ross' plantation or Mr Kienzle's.)

Tax Collected - 10/-

Pelai is included in the Ilimo N.L.G. Council.

One NLG Councillor looks after these people. He does not impress at all.

Agriculture - Pelai has 6 cocoa gardens that the people do not keep clean until sanctions are applied. They appear to be a rather primitive lot. ADO advised them to pay more attention to their Cash Crops.

Education - 5 attending Mission school at Kepara; 2 Admin school at Kovelolo. Quite a lot of children of school-going age are in the village. Parents were advised to send them to some school to fit them for life in this new world.

Health - All people seen seem to be in good health. Although the two deaths reported show that those people could have been saved if brought to the Kepara Aid Post and maybe to Kokoda Native Hospital. Both died of bowel complaints and nothing was done for them.

Survey of Traditional Beliefs - Data collected.

Councils - The ADO gave the assembled people a long talk on the working of a Council and tried to show them what really happens to their tax money. Camped here for the night.

29.5.62.

Left Pelai early in the morning bound for Abuari.

Stopped at Hagutawa village to do Tax/Census work.

Hagutawa.

Village was clean for the patrol.

5 houses in good repair.

As the population is so small, they find it hard to do much road work.

Total population - 41 Increase of 3 on last count.

Births - 2 Deaths - Nil.

Labour potential - 7 Men away at work - 4

Tax collected - £ 1 - 10 - 0.

This village is not in the Ilimo Council. It has an unofficial councillor who looks after it.

Agriculture - These people only have English potatoe gardens at present. The councillor informs that they are going to prepare ground for Coffee.

Education - Only 1 child attending the Admin school at Kovelov. Parents in these villages just do not like their children attending any school. Finally they grow wild and bushy.

Health - People appear in good health.

Councils - The ADO gave the people a talk on Councils and wanted to know if they felt inclined to join the Ilimo Council. As usual they say that they are not economically sound at present. They say they will have to start on Cash crops to be able to get money for Ilimo Council taxes.

Moved from here to Abuari and did Tax/ Census work there.

Abuari.

Village clean for the patrol.

42 houses in good repair.

The Abuari and Hagutawa people could do a bit more work to the mountainous road.

Total population - 84 Increase of 7 on last count.

Births - 2 Deaths - Nil.

Labour potential - 24 Men away at work - 13.

(Most of these men go away to work at Moresby.)

Agriculture - They have coffee growing on the hillsides in 3 large gardens. They have many English potatoe gardens. These people do not seem lazy to bring their produce in to Kokoda to be sold there.

Education - 3 children attending Admin schools because their parents are working at Mamba. 2 children attending the SDA school at Moresby. Many children just playing around in the village without attending school. They are all SDAs and as the European Missionary refuses to send a teacher to start school either at Isurava or Abuari the children are just growing up without any schooling whatsoever. The ADO has talked to the Missionary but he seems bent on getting a school started in the Kokoda valley. Of course, the land position is holding everything up.

Health - People seem healthy enough.

Survey of Traditional Beliefs - Got the elders from Isurava, Alola and Abuari at Abuari and worked on the survey.

Councils - The ADO gave the Abuari people a talk on Councils but they did not seem interested in joining the Ilimo Council for two reasons - 1) they say they do not have the money for

Council taxes at present. 2) they would rather be free and primitive than under Council Rules etc. The ADO told these people that it was Administration policy these days to get as many people into Councils - The Western Highland people are an example of primitive people (some 20 years ago) now in Councils. Camped at Abuari Rest House for the night.

30.5.62.

Left Abuari and crossed over to Isurava where the Isurava and Alola people were gathered. Did Tax/ Census work here and returned in the afternoon to Abuari Rest House.

Isurava.

Village clean for the patrol.

Total population - 51	Decrease of 7 from last count.
Births - Nil	Deaths - 1
Labour potential - 13	Men away at work - 8.
Tax Collected - £ 3.	

A Village Constable and one unofficial councillor look after these two villages which are situated close to each other. The VC is very eager to help everybody who goes through his village.

Agriculture - These people have coffee and English potatoes growing. They do not seem lazy for regularly they bring in their produce to Kokoda to be sold there.

Education - No children attend school in this village as there is no school there. Advised the people to try the European SDA Missionary for a school there.

Health - People appear quite healthy.

Survey of Traditional Beliefs - Data collected at Abuari.

Councils - After listening to the ADO's detailed talk on Councils, the people said that they did not want to join the Ilimo Council because they did not have the money for Council taxes.

Alola.

Total population - 53	Decrease of 2 from last count.
Births - Nil	Deaths - Nil.
Labour potential - 16	Men away at work - 7
Tax Collected - £ 3.	

This village like Isurava, Abuari and Hagutava is not in the Ilimo Council.

Agriculture - These people have a communal coffee garden and a potato garden.

Education - These children too are just found wasting their time in the village. The ADO is sure they will attend school if there was one in the village.

Councils - These people too are not interested in joining the Ilimo Council at present.

Camped at Abuari Rest House for the night.

31.5.62.

Left Abuari about 0700 hours and arrived at Kepara about 1400 hours where the station landrover was to take the patrol back to Kokoda station.

6.6.62.

As there was a long weekend holiday from the 1st June to 4th June, the patrol left by landrover on the 6th to do Census work at Kovelovillage.

Kovelovillage.

Total population - 154 Decrease of 4 since the last count.
Births - 5 Deaths 1
Labour potential - 44 Men away at work - 30
(21 of these 30 men are working on Mr Ross' plantation clearing the new area he has just leased. They are only casual labour and return home to their village every night, thereby not creating a bad social situation.)

The village was clean for the patrol.
20 houses are all in good repair.

Agriculture - These people are working well on their individual plots of Cocoa gardens. The gardens inspected were all clean. By working for Mr Ross they are helping themselves to become more economically sound every day. They also sell a fair quantity of native foods to the Kokoda station.

Health - The people seen were all in good health. They are so close to the Administration Native Hospital, Kokoda that they cannot help being healthy.

Education - Because of the Council school being so close to the village all their school-age children attend this school. The number being - 33. It is very pleasing to notice this.

Councils - The ADO gave the gathering a talk on how their tax money is spent by the Council. One cannot depend on the Councilors explaining this matter very clearly to the people.

The patrol then moved on to Savaia village.

Savaia.

Total population - 171. Increase of 3 since last count.
Births - 4 Deaths - 1
Labour potential - 26 Men away at work - 21
(Most of these men are working as casual labour for Mamba Estates.)

The village was clean for the patrol.
25 houses are all in good repair.

Agriculture - These people too are working well at their cocoa gardens. The gardens inspected were all clean. The people are making some money on the sidelines by selling their native foods to the Kokoda station.

Health - As these people live so close to Mamba Estates and can get medical treatment, they all seem quite healthy.

Education - 23 children go to the Mission school at Saga;
5 go to the Administration school at Kokoda.

Councils - The ADO gave the gathering a talk on Councils generally - and in particular how their tax money is being spent by the Council.

This brings the Biage Patrol to a close.

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GENERAL COMMENTS.

1. CENSUS

Total Births noted on this patrol = 15;
(10m, 5f.)
Total Deaths - 5 (2m, 3f.)
As usual the labour potential figures were obtained by counting the number of adult males between the ages of 17 and 45.

The percentage of men away at work seems rather high, but it is nothing to be worried about as they are mostly casuals working on nearby plantations. It is good to see so many able bodied men picking up easy money by working on these plantations. Sometimes one sees many young men in villages just wasting their time away. Therefore no recommendations will be made to close any of these villages to recruiting.

Total population = 668
In the area visited there are

2. SCHOOLS

- a) Two administration schools - (31m, 15f)
- b) Two Anglican Mission schools - (18m, 12f.)

Except the two villages Kovezo and Savaia which are very close to schools, the other villages do not seem to be encouraging their children to go to schools. Parents were advised that this is a new day or new era and therefore should send their children to school to learn how to cope with it.

3. HEALTH

The people seem to be quite healthy and using the Aid Post at Kepara, the native hospital at Kokoda and Mr Kienzle's aid post at Mamba.

4. AGRICULTURE

The three Council villages seem to be clearing fresh plots for Cocoa culture. The plots are small ones and not as large as the ADO would like to see. Every time the ADO gets the opportunity he tells people to plant up large areas with Cash Crops. Apparently the people cannot see the sense in it or they have not got the will to do so.

The Upper Biage people are continuing in their Coffee culture and maintaining English potatoe gardens.

5. LAND

This question was not brought with these people for 2 reasons - 1) the Lower Biage

people, like the Savaias, are squatting on Crown Land themselves and 2) The Upper Biage people have land on high mountains which are inaccessible.

6. TAXES

Those natives who have returned from working at Moresby in the Upper Biage Area were persuaded to pay all their back taxes. Never has the ADO just collected taxes from any native people without explaining quite clearly to them what taxation really meant to a Government.

7. COUNCILS

The people in the Upper Biage villages do not seem interested in joining the Ilimo Council at present for 2 reasons

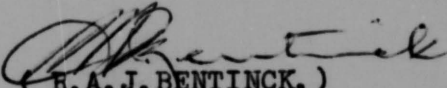
a) They say they have not got the money to pay the Ilimo Council taxes. They say they are trying their best to develop.

b) They feel that Councils have too many rules and Executive Committees members who seem to be inspecting their villages and Cash Crop gardens etc. They say that they want to carry on living a simple and primitive life without too many encumbrances.

The ADO tried to explain to them that this was a new age and that all people should try to change their ways of life and learn new things. It would not do to carry on like their forefathers.

8. SURVEY OF
TRADITIONAL
BELIEFS

The ADO followed the District Officer's instructions about this survey on the people's Traditional Beliefs. Only elders were used to get the answers for these serious questions. The ADO thinks he did right by keeping the younger men out of this discussion, because he has had experience in the past where young men always seem to be in the habit of making jokes about serious affairs.


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