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PATROL REPORTS GULF DISTRICT

BAIMURU & IHU 1963/64

KIKORI

<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
<u>BAIMURU</u>		
1-63/64	J. Irwin	Baimuru/Earoe Census Division
2-63/64	J. Irwin	Koriki, Iare, Kaimare and Maipua Census Divisions
3-63/64	J. Irwin	Baimuru Patrol Post area
4-63/64	J. Irwin	Purari Delta area
5-63/64	J. Irwin	Era River, Pie River and Kaimari Census Divisions
<u>IHU</u>		
1-63/64	D.C. Hampton	Upper Vailala Census Division
2-63/64	K.A. Bond	Vailala East
3-63/64	P.G. Whitehead	Upper Vailala
<u>KIKORI</u>		
4-63/64	A.C. Plummer	Goaribari, Ikobi-Mairi, Urama, Era and Gope Census Divisions





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

*Duplicate held.*

District of..... GULF - KIKORI ..... Report No. .... KIKORI NO. 4 of 62/63 .....

Patrol Conducted by..... Mr. A.C. PLUMMER C.P.O. .....

Area Patrolled..... GOARIBARI, IKOBI-KAIRI, URAMA, ERA AND GOPE CENSUS DIVISIONS .....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... A.D.O. MR. H.G. de C. MILNE in PART .....

Natives..... 2 members B.P.N.G.C. .....

Duration—From..... 2/6/1963 ..... to..... 26/7/1963 ..... in part

Number of Days..... 45 .....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... NO .....

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

Medical .... /...../18.....

Map Reference..... KIKORI FOURMIL SERIES .....

Objects of Patrol..... (1) Tax collection (3) Census revision (3) Common Roll .....

Goaribari- 5/10/61  
Ikobi-Kairi- 26/4/62  
Gope, Urama & Era-10/7/61

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 .... ..

67-2-22

28th October, 1963.

The District Officer,  
Gulf District,  
K E R E M A.

PATROL REPORT KIKORI 4-62/63:

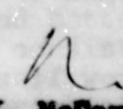
The above Patrol Report is acknowledged.

It was unfortunate but inevitable under the circumstances that this long patrol for census, Common Roll and tax purposes had to be hurried. Even though the Assistant District Officer did join Mr. Plummer for part of the patrol, the latter officer should have been issued with written instructions before his departure. He has obviously done a creditable job under difficult circumstances.

It is pleasing that the neglect of the Census Divisions concerned through lack of regular patrolling in recent years, is confronted with the enthusiasm of Messrs. Milne and Plummer and the follow-up work proposed is most essential. It is intended to restore your depleted staff from recently recruited Cadets and officers returning from the current ASOPA Long Course.

The matter of water transport is being dealt with in separate correspondence. Its importance to the development of your District is fully appreciated by this Headquarters. The limitations of 10-12 h.p. Archimedes are understood, as are the frustrations that result therefrom. An extract from your report has been forwarded to the Superintendent of Marine and the Water Transport Committee.

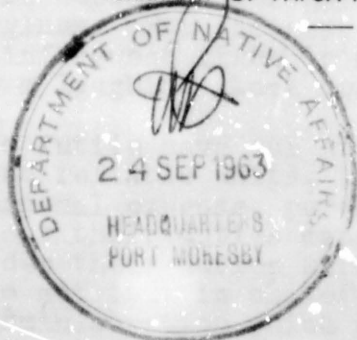
The unsatisfactory situation in respect to agriculture particularly policy will be discussed with the Director of Agriculture.

  
(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



GRGW:SO;

In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 67-2-3(PR4)

Dept. of Native Affairs,  
Gulf District Headquarters,  
KEREMA.

9th September, 1963.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT : KIKORI NO.4/62-63

1. The attached report of the above patrol carried out by Mr. A.C. Plummer, Cadet Patrol Officer, is forwarded for your information, please.
2. This report was received as a supplementary report to a memorandum of patrol submitted by Mr. Milne. I have separated the two and dealt with each as individual patrols, renumbering them in accordance with circular memorandum 67-1-0 dated 19th February 1963.

Native Affairs.

I do not think any serious harm can have been done by the need for haste during this patrol. The compilation of the Common Roll was a necessary priority which had to be completed. The mere fact that the patrol visited the villages is, at this stage, important enough. That instructions were issued for the improvement of village standards is sufficient. The important patrol will be the follow-up patrol which will impress upon the people the purpose of the instructions and the need for their implementation. Whether this follow-up patrol will be carried out as soon as the Assistant District Officer at Kikori had planned has become dubious, as a result of the intra-district transfers made necessary by the loss of field staff to resignations and leave. I regret this no less than the Assistant District Officer himself but until staff arrives to replace the 'resignee', I have no alternative.

3. At the close of this patrol, the Assistant District Officer expressed concern over the safety of the personnel, as the party was overdue. I was at Kikori at the time and the captain of the Catalina agreed to fly over the area in an attempt to locate the patrol. In this we were unsuccessful but, as events showed, our fears were pleasantly ended.

X Transport.

An increasing volume of verbiage has been written and spoken about the inadequacies of the means of water transport provided in the Delta area. I can see no relief from this until present engines are replaced by bigger and better units. The 10-12 HP Archimedes has malfunctioned far more consistently than it has operated successfully. It has proved itself weak, unreliable, uneconomic and little better than the proverbial "two bob ticker"



The Administration is the only entity in this District which will have anything to do with these units. All other operators of outboards recognize and realize the need for high-powered engines. Few, if any, use units of less than 40HP. It is not an infrequent sight to see an Administration patrol going backwards: a laughing stock to all who witness, or hear of, it.

So futile have our efforts been to obtain the more powerful and reliable units, that individual officers have, at no mean personal expense, purchased their own units so that they can carry out their duties capably and with the enthusiasm which they consider their duties warrant. I consider the need for officers to act thus is shameful and is a most sorry reflection upon the Administration which professes a progressive policy in the development of this Territory.

At Kikori today, the only motive waterpower is a 40HP outboard motor and a fibreglass dinghy owned by the Assistant District Officer. The Administration cannot lay claim to one operative unit, better than a dug-out canoe with paddles. For the past six months, officers have been awaiting the supply of 22 feet workboats. But these are mythical units of which we must satisfy ourselves with photographs and catalogue descriptions of their capabilities. If they are ever supplied, they will have to be adequately powered to guarantee a minimum speed of 12-14 knots. It must be realized that the rivers and creeks in the Delta area are capable of a flow as high as 8-10 knots. The flow is rarely less than 4-5 knots.

One of the immediate needs of the Delta area is the supply of six outboard motors of minimum 40HP capacity and four lightweight large dinghies - two outboards and one dinghy to be stationed at Baimuru, the remainder at Kikori. These will be required in addition to the 22 feet workboats which would fulfill the purpose of supply vessels for patrols - the dinghies being used for the faster communications between villages.

I repeat that this need is immediate. There is an extensive electoral education campaign to be carried out forthwith. Early in 1964, an election must be completed within a specified time limit. Neither can be achieved even partially at present. Without the education campaign, the conduct of elections will be a waste of time, manpower and all other necessary energies.

#### Agriculture.

The deficiencies in the economic development of this area, from an agricultural viewpoint, have been outlined elsewhere.

It seems that they stem from two causes - lack of staff and an inconsistency of policy.

The lack of staff is, I believe, only temporary and will be relieved at the end of this year. It is sincerely hoped that this will be so. To expect any technical Department, with the responsibility that the Department of Agriculture has, to foster development, to operate with three field officers of whom one is a fixture at the agricultural training centre and a second is, of necessity, the Departmental clerk is like expecting an ant to trample to death an elephant. Without field staff, the whole training programme of the Department loses a considerable amount of its effectiveness. Trainees graduate from the Murua Extension Centre and return to their villages as farmer trainees. However, they still need supervision and, even more, support to enable them to help their fellow village people. The deplorable lack of agricultural staff precludes both the supervision and support.

I am also sufficiently hopeful to think that the inconsistency of policy is also only temporary and that at long last experimentation has concluded and something concrete will emerge therefrom. That experimentation is necessary is accepted, but I disagree with the methods of experimentation as they appear to have been : encourage farmers to prepare for a certain crop then announce, per medium of an agency Department, that that particular crop is not considered suitable for that particular area. The effect on the reputation of the administering authority is irrefragable.

Census and Taxation.

The amount of tax collected is interesting. It will be interesting to learn the total number of individuals who paid their tax and the number of tax exemptions which were issued. These latter could be itemized by the reasons for which exemptions were issued. Such statistics will be sought from the Assistant District Officer as a necessary prerequisite regulating the preliminary survey of the Local Government potential of the area.

General.

Mr. Plummer has acquitted himself most admirably in this, his first, major patrol. He has displayed a natural ability rarely found in officer of such junior status. His method of reporting is quite mature and could well be followed by officers who are his senior in experience.

It is indeed unfortunate that no patrol instructions were written for Mr. Plummer. The attention of the Assistant District Officer will be drawn to this deficiency.

*G.R.G. Wearne*

(G.R.G. WEARNE)  
District Officer.

c.c. Mr. Plummer.



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Sub-District Officer,  
KIKONI,  
Gulf District.  
16th August 1963

The District Officer,  
Gulf District,  
KEREMA.

Patrol Report 4-63/63 - General .

Attached please find the above report . The main body of the report was written by Mr Plummer, C.P.O. and I think you will agree that it is quite up to standard.

My main motive for joining this patrol was to reacquaint myself with the area and to assist Mr Plummer with the Common Roll compilation. Mr Plummer is a very capable Officer, and as he knows the area well he will be spending the next two months in it conducting an education programme for the forthcoming elections. He will also be responsible for improving village conditions and trying to get these people to take more of an interest in life, he will also attempt to resurrect the economic activities of the people.

The Common Roll compilation is now complete and we have started to revise it. Mr Black is presently in the KAIRI on this work in conjunction with the education programme.

I fear that the lack of patrolling in this area over the past few years has left its mark, however if we are given the chance to remain in the Sub-District for the next year or so we shall really be able to get something done. The local people are still pro Administration and apart from an adultery or two are very law abiding. We received a genuine welcome in every village we visited.

Mr Plummer's remarks about Agriculture, or the lack thereof are endorsed by myself and I am particularly hostile about the refusal to supply seed for coffee gardens established in the first place by D.A.S.F. I am willing to acknowledge the fact that D.A.S.F. have not the staff to carry out patrolling in this area, but there is no reason why they should not assist us in furthering economic activity in the area.

The patrol was transported by single canoe and Archimedes out-board. This area is too dangerous for this primitive sort of transport. I have written hundreds of words on this subject and my feelings are well known to you. It is essential that we have a sea worthy boat.

All objects of the patrol were carried out though general administration was somewhat neglected in the haste to get the Common Roll completed as soon as possible. This will be afforded more time on the next patrol which is due to depart early next month.

For your information please, Sir.

*H.G. McIlne*  
H.G. McIlne.

(a/Assistant District Officer)



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Sub District Office,

KIKORI.

4th August, 1963.

Assistant District Officer,  
Kikori Sub-District,  
KIKORI.

PATROL NO. 4 - 62/63.

Area patrolled- Goaribari Census Division, Ikobi-Kairi (Part) Census Division,  
Urama Census Division, Gope Census Division, and the Era Census Division.

Duration of Patrol- 2/6/63 to 16/6/63.  
19/6/63 to 21/6/63.  
30/6/63 to 26/7/63.

No. of Days 45.

Last Patrols to Area  
by D.N.A.

Goaribari:- 5/10/61 - A. Asmussen.  
Ikobi-Kairi:- 26/4/62 - M. Brown.  
Gope, Urama and Era:- 10/7/61. - A. Asmussen.

Objects of Patrol:- (1) Tax Collection.  
(2) Census Revision.  
(3) Common Roll.

INTRODUCTION

The patrol was a long one involving five census divisions and was conducted at some haste due to the urgency of the Common Roll. In the process of compiling the Common Roll the census figures were revised and Tax was collected in these areas for the first time. Due to this haste it was not possible to stay in all villages for any projected period of time. The patrol stopped in central villages where possible and operated from these. This fact is to be regretted as it was impossible to carry out routine administration to any great advantage.

The Urama, Goaribari Census Divisions are close to the coast and have very little arable land. Most villages in these areas are in extremely muddy and swampy places and village hygiene correspondingly suffers. The Gope Census Division is little better, but considerable improvement is seen in the Era and Ikobi-Kairi villages. A general rule of 'the further away from the coast the better' seems to hold good in the areas.

(2) DIARY

SUNDAY 2/6/63 - 1000 hrs departed Kikori. Outboard trouble delayed arrival at PAI'IA'A until 1415 hrs. Advised villagers on construction of drains. Showed films at night.

MONDAY 3/6/63 - 0815 hrs departed PAI'IA'A. 1145 hrs arrived GOARI after delay by taking wrong creek. Afternoon spent revising Census, collecting tax and compiling Common Roll. Slept the night.

TUESDAY 4/6/63 - 0845 hrs departed GOARI. 1015 hrs arrived DOPIMA. Census / Tax / Common Roll carried out. Village inspection.

WEDNESDAY 5/6/63 0800hrs walked to old DOPIMA village arriving at 0825 hrs. Inspected and issued instructions re latrines. 0840 hrs departed arriving back at DOPIMA at 0905 hrs. Departed 0905 hrs by canoe arriving old KEREWA village at 0945 hrs. Quick inspection carried out and then carried on to PAI'IA'A arriving at 1200 hrs. Afternoon spent doing bookwork ( Common roll )

THURSDAY 6/6/63 Supervision of drainage construction in village while waiting for the A.D.O. to join Patrol as per instructions.

FRIDAY 7/6/63 Drainage construction continued and fence put around village to keep out pigs. In view of A.D.O.'s non-arrival decided to depart in morning leaving note.

SATURDAY 8/6/63 0850 hrs departed PAI'IA'A arriving AI'ID'IO at 1000 hrs. Census / Tax / Common Roll carried out. 1130 hrs departed arriving IOWA at 1230 hrs. Census / Tax / Common Roll carried out for both IOWA and KEMET. A.D.O. arrived at 1430 hrs halfway through Census.

SUNDAY 9/6/63 0900 hrs departed IOWA. Proceeded with A.D.O. in his boat while canoe followed. At 1000 hrs arrived at A.P.C. camp. Arranged for line up of labour on our return. 1300 hrs departed A.P.C. camp arriving at KIBENI at 1700 hrs.



MONDAY 10/6/63 At KIBENI Census / Tax / Common Roll carried out.  
Village inspected.

TUESDAY 11/6/63 0830 hrs canoe departed for GIBIDAI. A.D.O. and myself  
departed at 1000 hrs. 1300 hrs arrived at GIBIDAI.  
Afternoon spent on bookwork.

WEDNESDAY 12/6/63 Canoe departed 0800 hrs. Census / Tax / Common Roll  
carried out for GIBIDAI by A.D.O. and myself.  
1100 hrs departed arriving A.P.C. camp at 1400 hrs.  
Canoe sent to Kikori for more fuel.

THURSDAY 13/6/63 Tax collected from labour at A.P.C. camp. Canoe returned  
at 1730 hrs.

FRIDAY 14/6/63 0800 hrs canoe departed. 1300 hrs A.D.O. and myself  
departed travelling across to PAI'IA'A and thence  
up the Omate river to GIHITERI arriving at 1500 hrs.

SATURDAY 15/6/63 Census / Tax / Common Roll carried out. Word sent to  
IBA to prepare for Census on the morrow.

SUNDAY 16/6/63 0800 hrs canoe departed for Kikori. A.D.O. and myself  
departed for IBA arriving at 0840 hrs. Census / Tax /  
Common Roll carried out. Departed IBA at 1000 hrs  
arriving PAI'IA'A 1300 hrs. Purchased Sago for school  
at Kikori. Departed 1400 hrs and arrived Kikori at  
1800 hrs after taking the wrong ~~xx~~ turning.

WEDNESDAY 19/6/63 0800 hrs proceeded to BABAGUINA arriving 0845 hrs.  
Census / Tax / Common Roll carried out. 1530 hrs  
departed arriving back at Kikori at 1615 hrs.

THURSDAY 20/6/63 0800 hrs departed Kikori arriving KORIOWO 0900 hrs.  
Census / Tax / Common Roll carried out. 1200 hrs  
proceeded to PAILE arriving 1215 hrs. Census / Tax /  
Common Roll carried out. 1400 hrs departed PAILE  
arriving back at Kikori at 1440 hrs

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 2200 hrs



FRIDAY 21/6/63 0800 hrs departed Kikori arriving at KARATIOWA 0845 hrs  
Census / Tax / Common Roll carried out. People  
involved in Sorcery dispute sent to Kikori. 1200 hrs  
Proceeded to DOIBO arriving there at 1230 hrs.  
Census / Tax / Common Roll carried out. Departed at  
1500 hrs arriving back at Kikori at 1525 hrs.

TUESDAY 25/6/63 0830 hrs proceeded to MUMURIA arriving 0845 hrs.  
Census / Tax / Common Roll carried out departing  
at 1100 hrs for Kikori. Arrived Kikori 1115 hrs.

SUNDAY 30/6/63 1030 hrs departed Kikori via M.V. Ruby with canoe  
attached arriving BAIMURU at 1730 hrs.

MONDAY 1/7/63 0800 hrs departed BAIMURU arriving MAIRIPEPEA 1000 hrs.  
Census / Tax / Common Roll carried out. Departed  
1100 hrs arriving KINOMERE 1300 hrs. Low tide, so  
villagers dragged the canoe over the last 100 yards.

TUESDAY 2/7/63 Census / Tax / Common Roll carried out for KINOMERE,  
OMAUMERE and TOVEI. Bookwork till midnight.

WEDNESDAY 3/7/63 0800 hrs proceeded to AIBIGAI arriving at 0815 hrs.  
Census / Tax / Common Roll carried out. Departed 1030  
hrs arriving LARIMIA 1100 hrs. Census / Tax / Common  
Roll carried out for LARIMIA and MAIAKI. 1600 hrs  
departed arriving back at KINOMERE 1645 hrs.  
Bookwork at night.

THURSDAY 4/7/63 0800 hrs departed KINOMERE arriving AIBIGAI 0815 hrs.  
Deposited most of gear and at 0830 hrs proceeded on  
to MORAVAMU arriving there at 0940 hrs. Census / Tax  
/ Common Roll carried out. 1100 hrs departed for KIVAUMAI.  
Rough seas delayed our arrival at KIVAUMAI  
until 1215 hrs. Census / Tax / Common Roll carried  
out for KIVAUMAI 1 & 2. Departed 1715 hrs arriving  
back at AIBIGAI at 1810 hrs. Spent most of night  
completing Common Roll.

FRIDAY 5/7/63 0800 hrs departed AIBIGAI arriving MIRIMAIRAU 0840 hrs. Census / Tax / Common Roll carried out. 0930 hrs proceeded to OMAUMERE arriving there, carrying out an inspection then proceeding back to AIBIGAI arriving 1200 hrs. Spent afternoon collecting Tax and settling many small disputes. During night had discussions with AIBIGAI people re possible purchase of an outboard for use in Copra transportation.

SATURDAY 6/7/63 1000 hrs A.D.O. arrived from GOPE. Left for BAIMURU with A.D.O. arriving at 1100 hrs. Borrowed some supplies from the O.I.C.. Slept at Baimuru.

SUNDAY 7/7/63 Observed at Baimuru.

Monday 8/7/63 Sick in bed at Baimuru. A.D.O. in court.

TUESDAY 9/7/63 0900 hrs departed BAIMURU with A.D.O. 1000 hrs arrived at AIBIGAI. A.D.O. departed for GAURI thence Kikori. Spent afternoon collecting Tax.

WEDNESDAY 10/7/63 0800 hrs proceeded to MIRIMAIRAU enroute to DAMAIBARI. Arrived there at 0840 hrs and did not depart until 1430 hrs due to rain and rough seas. Arrived DAMAIBARI at 1520 hrs.

THURSDAY 11/7/63 Census / Tax / Common Roll carried out. 1100 hrs proceeded to VARAIBARI arriving there at 1200 hrs. Census / Tax / Common Roll carried out.

FRIDAY 12/7/63 0800 hrs departed for ERA. Rough seas partly swamped the canoe and we had to paddle to safety. Continued on to GAURI where we slept the night.

SATURDAY 13/7/63 0800 hrs proceeded to AIMEI arriving there at 1200 hrs. Tank on outboard now leaking quite profusely. Village people set to working constructing new latrines and generally cleaning village.



SUNDAY 14/7/63 Census / Tax / Common Roll carried out for AIMEI, GIGORI and IMEIA. The distance between these villages can be covered in about three minutes. Bookwork on the Common Roll all night.

MONDAY 15/7/63 0800 hrs proceeded to VEIAMU. Arrived at 0930 hrs. Census / Tax / Common Roll carried out. 1200 hrs carried on to Baimuru arriving there at 1300 hrs. Had new tank put on outboard. Slept at Baimuru.

TUESDAY 16/7/63 0730 hrs departed being back at AIMEI at 0900 hrs. 1000 hrs proceeded on to NAHOROMERE arriving there at 1020 hrs. Census / Tax / Common Roll carried out for NAHOROMERE and GOIRAVI. 1400 hrs departed and arrived back at AIMEI at 1420 hrs. Bookwork all afternoon.

WEDNESDAY 17/7/63 0800 hrs proceeded to ERA MAIPUA arriving at 0850 hrs. Census / Tax / Common Roll carried out. 1300 hrs proceeded on to AUREI arriving at 1330 hrs. Census / Tax / Common Roll carried out. Departed 1600 hrs arriving back at AIMEI at 1700 hrs. Bookwork all night.

THURSDAY 18/7/63 0800 hrs proceeded to WAITARI arriving 1000 hrs. Census / Tax / Common Roll carried out.

FRIDAY 19/7/63 0730 hrs departed for TETEHUI arriving at 0750 hrs. Census / Tax / Common Roll carried out. 1030 hrs proceeded to EPEGAU arriving there at 1035 hrs. Census / Tax / Common Roll carried out. 1300 hrs departed and arrived back at WAITARI at 1330 hrs. Spent all afternoon and part of the night doing bookwork.

SATURDAY 20/7/63 0900 hrs departed arriving WOWOBO at 1100 hrs after some outboard trouble. Census / Tax / Common Roll carried out. Bookwork at night.



SUNDAY 21/7/63 0800 hrs departed from WOWOBO arriving at the new site of TOVEI village at 1000 hrs. Census / Tax / Common Roll carried out. Departed 1130 hrs and arrived Kikori at 1430 hrs.

MONDAY 22/7/63 0830 hrs departed from Kikori and proceeded to BABAI arriving there at 1230 hrs. Census / Tax / Common Roll carried out for both BABAI ~~xx~~ and KAIMURUMAKO.

Bookwork most of night.

TUESDAY 23/7/63 Rough seas preventing any travel. Bookwork and village inspection.

WEDNESDAY 24/7/63 Rough seas. Several minor disputes amicably settled.

THURSDAY 25/7/63 Rough seas. Purchase of native foods for Kikori.

FRIDAY 26/7/63 Seas lightened considerably although passage to AVIOUA still out of the question. 1100 hrs departed BABAI for Kikori seeing Catalina circling over AVIOUA as we left. 1500 hrs arrived back at KIKORI.

#### END OF PATROL

(3) NATIVE AFFAIRS

The patrol was well received at all villages and the people went out of their way to supply fresh food to the patrol. Several minor disputes were settled and only twice were serious enough to be sent to Kikori for further action. Several persons, however, were either sent to Kikori or Baimuru for prosecution for failure to implement the instructions previously given them by the last patrol. Fresh instructions were given to villages where warranted.

Upon seeing these villages it is clear that an extensive follow up patrol is needed. The last patrol to these areas was in 1961 and it is evident that the people think that it will probably be a considerable time before another patrol goes to their area. These lengthy intervals between patrols have probably contributed a large extent to the lackadaisical attitude which prevails. By instigating more regular patrols we may be able to improve their conditions and outlook, because at the moment after reading past instructions and comments improvement has been so slow as to hardly bear notice.

The climactic and soil conditions, however, have a lot to do with the outlook of these people. In the Goaribari Census Division, which is the extreme example, the soil is poor (if not just mud) and conditions are the worst. They exist mainly on sago supplemented by some fish. This situation provides little incentive for money earning or improvement. These conditions have provided a large absenteeism in the work force of the villages. Many of the men in the 18 to 30 age group have taken it upon themselves to seek work in the main centres. Conversely, from what was seen of the four Ikobi-Kairi villages the soil is good and a large variation exists in the diet of the people. Consequently very few men have sort work elsewhere. It can be noticed from the census figures that the size of families have a direct relation with the conditions existing in the villages. In the Goaribari villages the average size is about 1 whereas in the Ikobi-Kairi it is above 2. The answer to these problems, I feel, is in the hands of the Department of Agriculture. This is discussed under Agriculture.



(4) TRANSPORT

Before starting this patrol I read the patrol reports of previous officers who visited these areas and it became evident that transport had been a considerable worry. This was born out by this patrol. The Archimedes 10-12HP outboard used on this patrol gave continuous trouble throughout.

Due to the position of several villages in the Urama and Goaribari census divisions it is necessary to pass across open stretches of water facing the sea. With a South-Eastern wind blowing this presents quite a problem. If the seas are at all rough a canoe has an unfortunate habit of nosediving and taking in large quantities of water. This happened twice on patrol and necessitated considerable baling. Coming back from MORAVAMU to Urama island rough seas encountered threatened to end the patrol there and then as the waves must have been 8 to 10 feet high.

The presence of these numerous waterways in the Delta region lends itself to water travel but I feel that the present combination of Archimedes and canoe can be considerably improved upon.

(5) AGRICULTURE

As previously mentioned the answer to the problems in these areas rests with the Department of Agriculture. The only evidence in the Village Books of a visit by an Agricultural Officer existed in the Ikobi-Kairi census division. If Agricultural patrols have been occasioned in the other census divisions encountered then there is certainly no evidence of them.

A considerable amount of shade was seen at GIHITERI preparatory to coffee planting. The A.D.O. informs me that correspondence has been entered into such that these villages may be able to obtain coffee seeds.

A fair amount of Coconut trees were seen throughout although little activity is evident in this field. The people of AIBIGA, however, informed me that they wanted to buy an outboard to transport their Copra to Baimuru and Kikori. The cost, advantages and disadvantages were explained to them but they were still adamant in their object. This is very commendable but I feel the inevitable squabbles will occur in the village as to use, etc. and thereby jepodise any chance they may have of making a profit.

There seems little reason to suppose that the diet of the people in the coastal areas will improve. On the whole it appears a rather dismal picture agriculturally and it is to be hoped that an Agriculture Officer will patrol these areas in the future, especially the coastal areas, and try and achieve more for these people who have been neglected in the past.



(7) MISSIONS AND EDUCATION

Missions in the area are the S.D.A. and L.M.S.. The S.D.A. villages seen in the Ikobi-Kairi were a credit to them and apparently have influenced the people considerably. Their schools are clean and attract a large proportion of the children in the area. On the other hand the L.M.S. does not appear to have such a large influence on the people in the villages under their control.

Mission teachers were at all times helpful to the patrol and nearly without exception gave to the patrol presents of fish, etc..

Quite a few students at the Kikori school come from the Urama and Gope census divisions. As these areas are reasonably far away from Kikori, I feel that another school could better serve the people from these areas.

(8) CENSUS AND TAXATION

The census figures are self explanatory and no marked deviation from the normal trends is evident. Due to previous officers using the Village book in preference to the Tax/Census sheets it was nigh impossible to reconcile my figures with the last Officer's.

Tax collected on the patrol amounted to £933-0-0. In practically all villages a concerted effort was made to pay tax. Lists of all able-bodied men who did not pay were made. These men were told to present their Tax money at Kikori within six weeks. On the event of non payment prosecution will follow.

(9) COMMON ROLL

Besides Tax collection the main purpose of the Patrol was the compilation of the Common Roll. At the beginning of the patrol the common roll was written out while actually carrying out the Census. However as the patrol went on, due to the time factor involved, it was found faster to write up the Roll of a night time after the census during the day. The only village remaining to be done at the conclusion of the patrol was AVIOUA which we could not reach due to bad weather.



(10) CONCLUSION

The people in these areas were very co-operative and helpful to the patrol and much good could be done by a follow up patrol to these areas. As, due to the common roll, this seems likely to come about these people may be made to help themselves. This area is one which can only be helped by constant patrolling, and in particular by Agriculture patrols.

I hope that in the ensuing months the envisaged patrol activity will do much to not only improve relations with these people but to stimulate their ambitions. Only by constant guidance can these people cause any resurgence of Economic activity.

A.C. PLUMMER. C.P.O.



## II.

### (6) HEALTH

Surprisingly enough health was found to be quite good. No medical orderly was taken on the patrol so treatment could not be given for the few bad cases of sores seen, but these people were ordered to go to the nearest Aid Post for treatment.

One emaciated looking person was sent down to Kapuna hospital for treatment. It appeared to be a bad case of Tuberculosis.

The large preponderance of skin diseases seen suggests that it may be well worthwhile for a medical patrol to visit these areas. Although in the past these areas have been regarded as having a high proportion of Venereal diseases no specific cases were recognised although this is not to say that on closer examination several cases may ~~be disclosed~~ not be disclosed.

It would appear that not an unreasonable state of health exists in these areas.

### (7) GOVERNMENT AND TAXATION

The general tax system is self explanatory and no marked deviation from the normal trends is evident. Due to previous officers using the Village as a reference to the P.O. Census Office it was difficult to ascertain the details of the tax system with the last officer's.

The collection on the patrol amounted to 1935-0-0. In practically all villages a concerted effort was made to pay tax. Lists of all who did not pay were made. These men were told to present their tax money at the end of six weeks. In the event of non payment prosecution will follow.

### (8) COMMON HALL

Besides the collecting the main purpose of the Patrol was the compilation of the Common Hall. At the beginning of the patrol the Common Hall was written out while actually carrying out the patrol. However as the patrol went on, due to the time factor involved, it was found faster to write up the Hall at a night time after the patrol during the day. The only village remaining to be done at the end of the patrol was the village which was collected on the day of the patrol.

APPENDIX 'A'POLICEConstable 1st Class DAURI - 2744Conduct - GoodDress - GoodRemarks - This man is a wonderful  
asset on patrol with  
his vast patrol  
experience behind him.Constable 2nd Year SESAURA - IOI16Conduct - GoodDress - FairRemarks - A young policeman who  
tries hard but still  
lacks patrol experience.



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