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[7] 1 of 1953/54	67-77	K.E. CONNOLLY P/O	East Coast & Inland groups of MOLEAVE, POPO & KOVIO	-	10.9.53 - 22.10.53
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[13] 1 of 1955/56	118-125	D.A. ELDER CPO	EAST COAST	-	11.6.56 - 16.6.56
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<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol.</u>	<u>Area Patrolled.</u>
Ihu 1-53/54	P.R.Y.Donaldson ✓	All east coast villages bet. Auma and Herehere, inland villages of Harora, Belepa and Iori groups.
" 3-53/54	P.R.Y.Donaldson ✓	Muro, Arehava and Orocolo.
" 4-53/54	P.R.Y.Donaldson ✓	All villages east of Vailala River to Ihu Boundary at Bluff
" 1-54/55	M.J.Denehy ✓	East coast villages between Auma and Herehere, inland Keuru and Belepa groups and Upper Vailala villages of Kek Paku and Iori.
" 2-54/55	M.J.Denehy ✓	West Vailala Census Division
" 1-55/56	M.J.Denehy ✓	Upper Vailala Census Division
Kukip 1-53/54	K.E.Connolly	East coast and inland groups of Moreava, Popo and Kovio
" 1-54/55	G.G.Hardy	Inland group of Kovio
" 2-54/55	W.J.G.Lambden	East Coast
" 3-54/55	D.A.Elder	Moiavi and western Motumotu groups.
" 4-54/55	D.A.Elder	Lese, Popo and Kovio groups
" 1-55/56	D.A.Elder	East Coast

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IHU PATROL POST

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Patrol Post,
IHU, G.D.

10th August, 1953.

PATROL REPORT No. 1 of 1953/54.

Officer Conducting Patrol: P.R.Y. Donaldson P/O

Area Patrolled: All East Coast Villages between AUMA and HEREHERE, and inland Villages of HARORA, BELEPA and IORI Groups.

Patrol Accompanied By: No. 7979 Const. DEDOIE
No. 7581 " PANGU.
1 Interpreter.

Duration of Patrol: 27/7/53 to 6/8/53.

Objects of Patrol: (1). Compilation of Village Census.
(2). Routine Administration.

Map Reference: Army Strat. Series, 4 Miles to 1 inch. KIKORI Sheet.

INTRODUCTION:

The route followed by this patrol was from IHU Patrol Post, through the Villages of AUMA, HARUAPE, KUKIPT, VAILALA/HILOI and VAILALA WEST, thence through to HEREHERE, thence to the inland Villages of HIRU, PEKOI, ARURUHU, NEVINONO, LAKOVO, and thence back to the coastal villages of OVA, OVAHUU, KEAKRA, EPETIAMO, KOJALAHU, HERARE, AIVAU, and VAILALA EAST Villages. Thence inland to KAPORARO, LUI, POIVO, HARORA, HILOI, BELEPA, APOROREA, OPA, IORI and IMPOKERA. Thence back through the AUMA and VAILALA/HILOI Group.

The previous census of the area patrolled was carried out during September, 1952, by Mr. G.J. Mathieson, a/A.D.O.

All Villages are within one day's reach from IHU Patrol Post.

DIARY:

Departed IHU Patrol Post in company with Mr. J. Turner, E.M.A. KEREMA and Mr. B. Bowman, C.P.O. KEREMA on Monday, 27th, August, 1953. Medical talk given to VAILALA/HILOI people by Medasst. Turner. 1400 hrs proceeded from VAILALA EAST per Tractor and arrived KEURU Creek 1500 hrs. Proceeded on foot to HUIVA Plantation, arriving at 1630 hrs.

Monday, 28th August, 1953.

0600 hrs inspected old AGIPUNU Village Site, and returned

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HUIVA Plantation 1000 hrs. HIEREMERE Villagers lined for Census at 1300 hrs, which was followed by general talk and inspection of the Village. Returned to HUIVA at 1715 hrs.

Wednesday 29th July, 1953.

0750 departed HUIVA and arrived HIRU Village at 0850 where inspection of Village was carried out. During morning inspected Villages of PEKOI, ARURUHU and KOVIHOMO. 1300 hrs census of the four Villages followed by general talk with people. At 1600 hrs inspected LAKOVO Village, and informed people to be ready for census at KEURU the following morning. Returned to HUIVA for the night.

Thursday 30th July, 1953.

0730 inspected Villages of OVA and OVAHUU which was followed by census of these two Villages together with LAKOVO. Departed Keuru Creek at 12 noon and arrived KEAKEA and SPEBIAMA 1300 hrs. Inspection and census of these two Villages followed. Left for KOIALAHU Rest House 1600 hrs, inspecting BERARE Village enroute. Arrived Rest House at 1830 hrs.

Friday 31st July, 1953.

0730 inspected AIVAU and KOIALAHU Villages. 1100 hrs conducted census of these two Villages. During afternoon heard various Native complaints and conducted Court For Native Matters. Departed Rest House at 1630 and arrived VAILALA East Rest House at 1715 hrs.

Saturday 1st August, 1953.

Inspection carried out during morning of VAILALA EAST No 1 and 2. Census and routine Administration during afternoon.

Sunday 2nd August, 1953.

Left VAILALA EAST at 0800 per canoe for HAROKAIO, arriving at 0845 hrs. Small Village inspected, followed by census. Departed 1100 hrs and arrived inland HARORA Rest House at 1300 hrs. Enroute inspected hamlets of LUI and POIVO. 1430 conducted census etc.

Monday, 3rd August, 1953.

0715 departed for BELEPA, arriving at 0830. During morning inspected villages of BELEPA, HILOI, APOROREA and OPA. 1300 hrs. conducted census, followed by general talk with people. 1500 hrs. visited the S.D.A. Mission, but unfortunately, the O.I.C. Mr. Lee was absent. 1600 hrs departed for IHU and arrived back at the Station at 1830 hrs.

Tuesday 4th August, 1953.

0830 departed IHU and arrived IORI Village at 0930. Inspection of IORI and LEPOKERA Villages carried out during the morning, followed by census and routine administration during afternoon. Departed for IHU at 1645 hrs.

Wednesday 5th August, 1953.

HARUWE Departed IHU 0815 and arrived AUMA at 0835 hrs. AUMA and ~~BELEPA~~ Villages inspected. 1100 hrs conducted census of these two villages, which was followed by general talk. Returned to IHU Station at 1600 hrs.

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Thursday 6th August, 1953.

Left IHU Station at 0200 hrs., arriving VAILALA/HILOI 0835 hrs. Inspected Villages of KUKIPI and VAILALA/HILOI. Census etc. followed. 1300 hrs departed for VAILALA/WEST arriving at 1315 Hrs. Census etc., held during the afternoon. Returned to Station at 1700 hrs.

END OF DIARY.

NATIVE AFFAIRS:

The majority of these Villages are frequently visited, and owing to the proximity of the Government Station, very few complaints were lodged. Village Officials pay regular visits to IHU.

The Native situation in all Villages was quite satisfactory, and the Patrol was well received. It was noted, however, that there was a tendency by many people to refer minor complaints to Mission Bodies, prior to bringing them to YEU.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE:

All native foods are plentiful., the gardens showing an abundance of food. Sago is the staple diet of these people.

No pigs were sighted in the BELEPA area and very few in the inland KEURU. This is brought about by S.D.A. Mission influence in this area.

VILLAGES:

KEURU GROUP:

This group consists of the Villages of HEREHIRE, LAKOVA, OVA and OVAHUU. The Village of LAKOVA is situated on the bank of the KEURU Creek, approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the mouth. The other three Villages are situated on the beach, and have a wind swept appearance. However villages were quite clean on inspection.

KEURU GROUP (INLAND)

Consists of the Villages of HIRU, PEKOI, ARURUHU and NEVIHOHO, situated approximately 2 miles inland. All Villages and houses clean and in good condition.

EAST VAILALA GROUP:

Consists of EPEBIAMO, KEAKEA, KOIALAHU, BERARE, AIVAU, VAILALA EAST Nos 1 and 2. The first 5 Villages are strung out along the beach. VAILALA EAST 1 and 2 are situated on the eastern side of the mouth of the VAILALA River. Over the past few weeks there has been a marked improvement in the VAILALA EAST Villages.

INLAND GROUP:

Consists of the villages of KAROKARO (on the eastern bank of the Vailala River 2 miles from the mouth), LUI, POIVO, HARORA, BELEPA, HILOI, APOKOKA, OPA, IORI and LEPOKERA. No fault could be found with these villages by the writer.

VAILALA WEST GROUP:

Consists of the villages of AUMA, HARUAPE, KUEIPI,

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VAILALA/HILOI and VAILALA WEST. The latter village is situated on the West bank of the VAILALA River, and the other villages are situated inland., all in close proximity to IAU Station. At VAILALA/HILOI several houses were declared as unfit for human habitation, and owners instructed to build new houses. The Villages were clean.

REST HOUSES:

KEURU.

Situated on the beach near KEURU Creek. Rather small but in fair condition.

KOTALAHU.

A windswept building, but is in fair condition

HARORA.

A newly constructed building - rather small but adequate.

VAILALA EAST.

An old building, but by far the most comfortable Rest House in this area.

BELEFA.

Rest House in fair condition.

IORT.

A well constructed Rest House which has only recently been completed.

VAILALA/HILOI.

Rest House in fair condition, but very rarely used owing to the proximity of the Government Station.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

V.C. KAHOMA-MOKO of OVA Village. controls the Villages of HEREBERE, LAKOVA, OVA and OVAHOU. Appears to be trying to do his best to control a rather tough crowd.

V.C. AHEVA-KERORO of ARURUHU. Controls the Villages of HIRU, PEKOI, ARURUHU and NOVIOHO. Quite helpful during the patrol. Has been instructed to report to IAU more often than he does.

V.C. HAVAREKA-HAMONO of KRAKEA. Controls EPEBIANO and KRAKEA. Did not impress.

V.C. MAIPU-HUHA of KOTALAHU. Controls BERARE, KOTALAHU and AIVAU. A willing and energetic type.

V.C. MAIVIRA-HEKAHO of VAILALA EAST. Controls the two VAILALA EAST Villages. Tries to do his best, but has rather a sophisticated crowd to handle.

V.C. NAU-NAVURU of HARORA. Controls KAROKARO, LUI, POIVO and HARORA. Appears to be doing a good job.

V.C. HAE-ATLANE of BELEFA. Controls BELEFA, HILOI, APOROREA and OPA Villages. Did not impress the writer, and was

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instructed to report to IHU more often. His area is strongly influenced by Seventh Day Adventists.

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V.C. KURU-ARITA of AUMA. Controls AUMA and HARUAPE. Appears to be doing a good job.

V.C. ERARI-LOLUPE of VAILALA/HILOI. Controls KUKIPI, VAILALA/HILOI and VAILALA WEST Villages. Is trying his hardest.

COUNCILLORS:

Good co-operation was received from Village Constables and Councillors during the patrol. All Councillors appear to be doing their best for the welfare of their people, and appear to be held in high respect by the Villagers.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

All Government roads in the area patrolled were well maintained by the villages responsible, with the exception of a portion of the road from HARORA to BELEPA.

Foot Bridges and motor bridges are in good condition. At KURU Creek a preliminary survey was made with regard to constructing a bridge suitable for motor transport. The Managers of HUIVA Plantation and BEACH Stores have expressed their willingness to co-operate in the construction of a suitable bridge.

MISSIONS:

Two missions are operating in the area patrolled. The S.D.A Mission in the KURU, KOYALAHU, BELEPA and IORI areas, and the L.M.S. in the AUMA and VAILALA EAST and WEST areas. One Samoan Pastor, under the supervision of Rev. S. Dewdney of OROKOLO is in charge of L.M.S. activities at VAILALA EAST. The S.D.A. have their headquarters at BELEPA under the direction of Mr. J. Lee.

Relations between the two missions appears to be cordial.

EDUCATION:

Mission schools exist in most of the villages, and are all conducted by Native Teachers.

(See "Appendix A").

MEDICAL AND HEALTH:

The general health of the people was good, although several cases were sent to the Aid Post, IHU, for treatment. As previously stated Mr. J. Turner conducted a talk with the VAILALA/HILOI people. As a result, the Aid Post at VAILALA/HILOI has been temporarily closed pending the absence of the N.M.O. who has been recalled to KIRIEMA for further training.

The S.D.A Mission have quite a good hospital at BELEPA under the care of a European nurse, Sister N. Curtis.

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CENSUS:

During the course of the patrol a Census check was carried out. In all 29 Villages were lined for a total count of 4137. An excellent response was received in all villages, and there were no prosecutions for "Failure to Appear".

167 Births were recorded in and 71 Deaths recorded since the last census. Migrations In exceeded Out by 16.

In the matter of polygamous marriages, statistics indicate that less than 5 percent of all marriages are polygamous, and in 80 % of cases, the second wife is the widow of a deceased brother.

COURT FOR NATIVE MATTERS:

Six natives were convicted in C.N.M. and fined the sum of 10/- each for contravention of Regulation 101(4) of N.R.O.

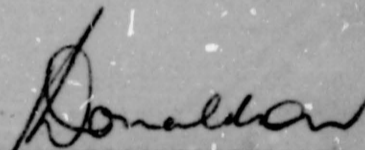
Two natives were convicted in C.N.M. and sentenced to One Month I.H.L. at Her Majesty's Gaol, IHU, for contravention of Regulation 101(9) of N.R.O.

One native was convicted in C.N.M. and fined the sum of £1. for contravention of regulation 71(e) of N.R.O.

4 Natives were each convicted and sentenced to Two Months I.H.L. for contravention of Regulation 83(b) of N.R.O.

One native was convicted and sentenced to One Months imprisonment with Hard Labour for ~~excess~~ for contravention of Regulation 80(b) of N.R.O.

One native was convicted and sentenced to Six Weeks imprisonment with Hard Labour for contravention of Regulation 69(d) of N.R.O.


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P. Donaldson P.O.

APPENDIX "A"

EDUCATION.

VILLAGE	No. of Teachers.	No. of Girls.	No. of Boys.	Denomination.
HERIBURE	1	13	14	Seventh Day Adventist.
HIRU	1	12	13	" " "
PEKOT	1	7	20	" " "
NOVIHONO	1	10	10	" " "
LAKOVO	1	20	16	London Mission Soc.
OVA	1	5	7	" " "
KRAKRA	1	13	18	Seventh Day Adventist.
KOYALAHU	1	152	41	" " "
VAILALA EAST	2	(Teachers absent)		
KAROKARO	1	4	10	" " "
LUYI	1	11	11	" " "
APORAREA	1	10	14	" " "
ICRY	1	13	39	" " "
LEPOKERA	1	14	38	" " "
AUMA	1	36	35	London Mission Soc.
VAILALA/AYLOI	1	29	20	" " "

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APPENDIX "B"

REPORT ON ROYAL PAPUAN CONSTABULARY.

No. 7979 Constable DADOUS.

A reliable man with good patrol experience. His appearance is excellent and discipline good.

No. 7531 Constable PANGU.

Willing and reliable. His appearance rather poor, but discipline good.

P. Donaldson
P. Donaldson. P/O/

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27th August, 1953.

The District Commissioner,

NIKOPI.

P/R IHS NO.1 OF 1953-54.

The abovementioned Report of a Patrol carried out by Mr. Donaldson is attached in quadruplicate.

Mr. Donaldson appears to have carried out a thorough patrol.

Under the heading 'Native Affairs' the fact that natives take minor complaints to missions is noted with interest and one feels they probably receive encouragement to do so.

For your comments and on forwarding, please.


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(E. Flower)

s/Assistant District Officer.

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P.R.Y. DONALDSON

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA

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Patrol Post,
INU. G.D.

2ND February, 1954.

PATROL REPORT No. 3 of 1953/54.

Officer Conducting Patrol: P.R.Y. DONALDSON P/O
Area Patrolled: MURO, AREHAHA & OROKOLO.
Patrol Accompanied by: No 1754 L/Cpl. TORTONE
" 8376 Const. MONAI.
Interpreter POVE.
Duration of Patrol: 11th January, 1954 to
20th January, 1954.
Objects of Patrol: Routine Administration.
Map Reference: Army Strat Series 4 Miles
to 1 inch: KIKORI.

INTRODUCTION:

The object of this patrol was purely Routine Administration.

DIARY:

Monday 11th January, 1954.

Departed INU Patrol Post at 0900 hrs. Called at Catholic and L.M.S. Missions enroute, arriving at AREHAHA Rest House at 1400.

Tuesday 12th January, 1954.

Departed AREHAHA Rest House at 0700 and arrived MURO Rest House at 0815. Villages of AHHE and PURARI inspected during the morning. During afternoon visited Villages of ERE, KILAVE, MAITA and MAIVA. Full inspection of these villages carried out.

Wednesday 13th January, 1954.

Courts for Native Matters and general complaints heard during the morning. At 1500 hrs departed for AREHAHA No. 2 Village which was inspected at 1600 hrs. Left Village at 1745 hrs and arrived AREHAHA Rest House at 1850 hrs.

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Thursday 14th January, 1954.

Inspection of KAIWUKABU, IOLEHAIKU, HAREA and HAREVAVO Villages carried out during the day. 1500 hrs Courts for Native Matters and general complaints heard.

Friday 15th January, 1954.

Departed AREHAVA Rest House at 0930 and arrived IOKU Village at 1000 hrs. Village inspected which was followed by general talk with people, and hearing of complaints. Proceeded from IOKU at 1300 hrs and arrived OROKOLO Rest House at 1330 hrs. During afternoon inspected HARELALEVA and HOPAIKU Villages.

Saturday 16th January, 1954.

Inspected MURURU and KAVAVA Villages during the day, which was followed by general talk and hearing of complaints.

Sunday 17th January, 1954.

Day Observed.

Monday 18th January, 1954.

S.N.M. held during the morning. At 11 am departed for Inland OROKOLO Group, arriving at PAIVERA Village 1145 am. Villages of PAIVERA, LAIKORA and KWAIPIEA inspected during the day. Returned to OROKOLO Rest House at 1800 hrs.

Tuesday 19th January, 1954.

To KAVAVA to inspect new Bridge Site. Visited Catholic and L.M.S. Missions. General complaints from OROKOLO Villagers heard during the afternoon.

Wednesday 20th January, 1954.

Departed OROKOLO Rest House at 0730, arriving LARIAU Village at 0835 hrs. Village inspected followed by general talk with assembled people. Proceeded onto HEREKERA Village at 1115. Routine inspection etc. carried out. Departed for HONORO 1 & 2 Villages at 1330 hrs, arriving at 1350 hrs. Villages inspected before departing for PAKOVAVU Village at 1500 hrs. Arrived at latter Village at 1530 hrs. Departed PAKOVAVU at 1700 hrs and arrived HAIARI Village 1705. Village inspected before proceeding to INU Patrol Post at 1800 which was reached at 1815 hrs.

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NATIVE AFFAIRS:

The patrol was well received in all Villages visited.

The KAVAHERE Catholic Mission Plantation at MURO has now been sub-leased to Mr. R. Guinan. The latter pointed out to the writer that the AHEHE and PURARI Villagers were encroaching on the lease with their gardens. These two Villages are also situated on the lease. (Please refer INU Patrol Reports No 1 of 1950/51 and No. 4 of 1952/53 under heading "Native Affairs"). Instructions were issued for these people to keep off the Plantation land. During this visit a track was being cut around the Plantation Boundary, and as soon as this is completed, the writer intends to proceed to MURO and take a survey to determine whether the two Villages are within the Plantation.

NATIVE AFFAIRS (CONT.)

During the patrol the following cases were heard before the Court for Native Matters:-

<u>N.R.O. No.</u>	<u>No. of Cases.</u>	<u>Convictions</u>	<u>Discharged.</u>
71 (a)	2	1	1
71 (c)	1	1	-
80 (2a)	1	1	-
84 (1)	1	1	-
101 (4)	5	5	-
115 (2)	1	1	-
118 (2)	12	12	-

Numerous petty complaints were heard and these were satisfactorily settled out of Court.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE:

All gardens seen in the areas were in excellent condition, and appeared to be abundant with food. There are huge Sage areas throughout the area as also Coconuts. The latter are the main source of income to these people, the nuts being sold to the Co-operative Societies and to various Traders and Plantations.

The Catholic Mission have intimated that they intend to open an Agricultural School on their land at MURO. If this does eventuate, it will prove to be the means of greater prosperity to the local natives. The ground at MURO is ideal for rice, cocoa and even Coffee.

Pigs and fowls are numerous throughout the Coastal Villages, but very few pigs were seen inland.

VILLAGES:MURO GROUP:

This Group consists of ANIHE, PURARI, ERE, KILAVE, MATTA, MAIVA and AREHAHA No. 2 Villages, and are all situated approximately 90 minutes inland from the AREHAHA Coastal Group. With the exception of a few houses, all were in good order. The Villages were exceptionally clean for inland Villages. Water from all Villages is drawn from the numerous streams in the area.

AREHAHA GROUP:

Consists of HAREVAVO, MAREA, KAIVUKAVU, LOLEHAIYU and TOKU Villages, all spread out along the beach. Since the last visit by the writer, these Villages have considerably improved, both in general cleanliness and in the rebuilding of their houses. Water for all Villages is drawn from wells, which all appeared to be in good condition.

OROKOLO GROUP:

This group consists of HARELALEVA, HOPAIKU, HURURU and KAVAVA Villages. Like AREHAHA they are strung out along the Coast, but are slightly better sheltered than the AREHAHA Group. All Villages were clean, and houses in good condition. Water is drawn from wells.

INLAND OROKOLO GROUP:

Three small Villages of PAIVERA, LAIKORA and KWAIPEA, situated directly inland from OROKOLO. Villages found to be in fairly clean condition. Water is drawn from small creeks which abound in this low undulating area.

EASTERN OROKOLO GROUP:

Consists of LARIAU, HIREKERA, HONORO No. 1 & 2, PAKOVAVU and BIAI-HAIARI Villages, which spread out from OROKOLO

VILLAGES (CONT)

along the Coast to within 15 minutes from IHU Patrol Post. Houses in these Villages were in excellent condition, and all Villages were clean during the patrol. Water in all Villages is drawn from wells.

REST HOUSES:

MURO. Small Rest House in fairly good condition. Situated in central position to serve all MURO Villages. Police Barracks fair.

AREHAVA A large Rest House which is in good condition. During heavy South East ~~blasts~~ is subject to heavy winds.

OROKOLO A good Rest House ideally situated in the OROKOLO Area. New Police Barracks excellent.

HAIARI. Rest House far too small and too close to IHU Patrol Post.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

A slight improvement was noted amongst the Village Constables in the area visited. The Coastal V.C's have a fairly tough crowd under them to handle, but they appear to be trying their hardest.

Throughout the patrol good co-operation was received from Village Constables and Village Councillors.

MISSIONS:

Three Missions are at present operating in the area patrolled. The London Missionary Society have their headquarters at OROKOLO, with the Rev. S. Dewdney in Charge. The Catholic Mission have their headquarters at KAVAVA, OROKOLO, with Rev. Fr. Gasser as Priest in Charge. The Catholic Mission also have one other Priest and two Nuns in attendance at KAVAVA. The Seventh Day Adventist, controlled from BELEPA H.Q. have a small mission at MAREA Village.

Very little activity is being carried out by the Catholic Mission, as they are content at present with only the one Mission Post at KAVAVA.

ROADS & BRIDGES:

All roads seen in the area were in excellent condition, with the exception of one patch in the MURO area.

Vehicular Bridges are at present under construction at OROKOLO and IOKU. When finished these bridges will allow vehicles to travel from IHU Patrol Post as far inland as MURO, and will prove of great benefit to the Co-Operatives, as the Co-operative tractor will then be able to pick up copra from the various societies during high tides on the beach, and not be restricted as they are at present in having to wait for low tides. The vehicular road will follow the coast approximately 50 yards inland.

The main foot bridge at OROKOLO was found to be in poor condition, and action was taken during the patrol to have this bridge repaired.

EDUCATION:

During the visit of the patrol, the majority of Native Teachers were absent at L.M.S. OROKOLO attending a meeting. All schools in the area with the exception of one S.D.A. School at MAREA and one Catholic Mission School at KAVAVA, ~~which~~ are under the control of L.M.S. Teachers.

The Catholic Mission did not expect to start their School until early February, 1954. An attendance of 30 pupils is however expected by this Mission.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH:

The general health of the Coastal people is fairly good. The L.M.S. have a hospital at OROKOLO under the supervision of Sister M. Woodland. The Catholic Mission have a small Aid Post under the supervision of Sister Canasius.

Government Medical Aid Posts are situated at ARHAVA, IOKU and WIRREKERA. All these Aid Posts appeared to have good stocks. A new Aid Post is to be erected in the MURO area. The general health of these latter people is fair, but many Yaws and Ulcer cases were sent to IMU for treatment.

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P. Donaldson P.O.

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REPORT ON ROYAL PAPUAN CONSTABULARY.

No. 1754 L/Cpl TORTONE.

A most efficient N.C.O. His appearance and conduct during the patrol excellent.

No. 8376 Const MONAI.

A new man to the Force and this was his first patrol. With more experience he shall prove to be a worthy member. His appearance and discipline during the patrol excellent.

P. Donaldson
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P. Donaldson P.O.

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Territory of Papua & New Guinea



file: 30-1/708

District Office,
Gulf District,
Kikori.

8th March, 1954.

The Director,
Dept. of District Services & Native Affairs,
Port Moresby.

P.R. No 3 1953/54 IHW Patrol Post

Please find attached the A/M report.
The natives concerned in this land matter at Mura
have known for many years that they were in occupation of
crown land.

L.J.O'Malley
(L.J.O'Malley)
District Commissioner.

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P. R. Y. DONALDSON

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA

Patrol Post,
IHU G.D.

29th April, 1954

PATROL REPORT IHU No. 4 of 1953/54

Officer Conducting Patrol: P.R.Y. Donaldson

Area Patrolled: All Villages east of the VAILALA River to IHU Boundary at the Bluff.

Patrol Accompanied by: Mr. E. Luke, E.M.A
L/Cpl. TORTONE No. 1754
Const. HOREMBOPA No. 7582
1 Interpreter.
1 Native Medical Orderly.

Duration of Patrol: 1/4/54 to 14/4/54

Objects of Patrol: Routine Administration and Medical.

Map Reference: Army Strat. Series, 4 Miles to 1 inch. KIKORI & WAU.

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INTRODUCTION:

It was intended that this Patrol should start from the BLUFF Boundary and work towards IHU Patrol Post. However, whilst at KEREMA word was received that the Mission Store at BELEPA had been broken into, thus necessitating the immediate movement of the Patrol Party to that area.

The route thus followed was:- BELEPA Villages, HARORA, LUI, POIVO and KAROKARO Villages, IORI and LEPOKERA Villages, thence down to the Beach Villages of VAILALA EAST, AIVAU, KOIALAHU, BERARE, EPEBIANO, KEAKEA, OVA, OVAHUU, thence inland to LAKOVO, HIRU, PEKOI, ARURUHU and NOVITHONO, and then finishing with the Coastal Village of NEMHERE.

A Census was not carried out during this patrol as the last census had been carried out during July, 1953, by the writer.

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DIARY:

Thursday 1st April, 1954.

11 a.m. departed IHU for KEREMA per jeep. Enroute called at all Beach Villages, warning Village Officials of the impending Patrol. Arrived KEREMA at 6-30 p.m.

Friday 2nd April, 1954.

At KEREMA for interview with A.D.O., and also awaiting arrival of Snadringham from Port Moresby.

Saturday 3rd April, 1954.

At KEREMA.

Sunday 4th April, 1954.

Day observed at KEREMA.

Monday 5th April, 1954.

Held Court for Native Matters at KEREMA during morning. Departed KEREMA per jeep for VAILALA EAST at 11 a.m. accompanied by the Medical Assistant Mr. Luke. Arrived VAILALA East at 1-15 p.m. Crossed VAILALA River and arrived at ITHI Patrol Post at 4 p.m.

Tuesday 6th April, 1954.

Departed IHU at 0730 hrs per canoe and arrived MAIRA Plantation at 0830 hrs. BELEPA Rest House finally reached at 0945 hrs. . Remainder of day spent in conference with Mr. Lee, Director of BELEPA Mission, and in carrying out investigations re theft of monies from the Mission Store.

Wednesday 7th April, 1954.

Inspection of all Villages in the BELEPA group made during the morning. During afternoon all Villagers gathered at Rest House for a Medical Inspection, which was followed by general talk. 1800 hrs departed for HARORA Rest House, which was reached at 1855 Hrs.

Thursday 8th April, 1954.

0800 carried out inspection of POIVO and HARORA Villages which was followed by medical inspection etc. 1330 Hrs proceeded to LUI Village. Routine Administration and Medical carried out. Departed at 1600 hrs and arrived KAROKARO at 1625 hrs. Inspection, talk and Medical carried out before departing for IHU at 1745 hrs per canoe. IHU reached at 1905 hrs.

Friday 9th April, 1954.

0800 hrs to IORI and LEPOKERA Villages which were reached at 0915 hrs. Inspection of both Villages followed by Medical and general talk was carried out during the day. Left IORI at 1700 hrs and arrived IHU 1805 hrs.

Saturday 10th April, 1954.

0730 proceeded to VAILALA EAST which was

DIARY (CONT).

reached at 0745 hrs. An inspection of the two Villages comprising VAILALA EAST was carried out. Medical inspection of gathered peoples commenced at 1130 a.m., which was followed by general talk with the people. Left VAILALA EAST at 1600 hrs. THU reached at 1700 hrs. At 1730 hrs transported Mr. Luke to TOKU Village, OROKOLO, to open the newly completed TOKU Aid Post. Returned to THU that night.

Sunday 11th April, 1954.

Departed THU at 0630 hrs and arrived VAILALA EAST at 0710 hrs. KOIALAHU Village reached at 0800 hrs. Inspection and Medical of AIVAU, KOIALAHU and BERARE Villages carried out during the morning. 1200 hrs departed for KEAKEA, arriving there at 1225 p.m. Routine Administration and Medical carried out on Villages of EPEBYAMO and KEAKEA. Departed KEAKEA at 1700 hrs and arrived HUIVA Plantation at 1815 hrs.

Monday 12th April, 1954.

0800 hrs to KEURA and HEREHERE Villages. Inspected HEREHERE, OVA, OVAHUEU and LAKOVA Villages, which was followed by Medical and Routine talk with all people assembled at KEURU. 1230 hrs departed for inland Villages of HIRU, PEKOI, ARURUHU, and NOVITHOHO. Routine and Medical Inspections carried out before departing at 1700 hrs for HUIVA which was reached at 1755 hrs.

Tuesday 13th April, 1954.

Before departing for KEREMA on the low tide at 1130 a.m. a general talk was held with Plantation Employees. Arrived at KEREMA 1500 hrs.

Wednesday 14th April, 1954.

Departed KEREMA for THU at 1100 hrs and arrived back at Patrol Post at 1600 hrs.

END OF DIARY.

NATIVE AFFAIRS:

The Patrol was well received throughout. These people had ample warning that a patrol was to take place, and as a consequence were well prepared, in so much, that their Villages were clean and in good order. It was however made clear to the people, that it was not a good policy for them to only clean their Villages when they had prior talk that the "Government" were coming. Now that vehicular transport is available at THU, all beach Villages in this area are within one hours distance from the Station, and the locals realise that at any time they can expect a surprise visit.

Very few complaints were heard during the patrol, as also few Courts for Native Matters were heard.

A report on investigations carried out on the theft of monies from the S.D.A. Mission Store at BELLEPA is forwarded under separate cover.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE: & LIVESTOCK:

The majority of Beach Villages are under the influence of the Seventh Day Adventists, and all inland Villages also under the S.D.A. As a result very few pigs were noticed. However the lack of Pigs is made up by an abundance of Dogs and fowls.

The inland Village Gardens are in excellent condition, and all people reported an excellent crop of food stuffs. Sage is plentiful and is the staple food for these people.

VILLAGES:

BELEPA GROUP:

HILOI VILLAGE. Situated approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the S.D.A. Mission Station. Is well set out and has numerous Croton and Orange trees planted in between houses. Houses in good condition. Water for the Village is drawn from two good water holes.

BELEPA VILLAGE: $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the S.D.A. Station at BELEPA. Well set out and shrubbed with crotons and Orange trees. Water drawn from a small creek near the Village.

GPA VILLAGE. Approximately 1 mile from HILOI. The largest Village in the group and by far the cleanest. Water is drawn from two water holes and a small creek near Village.

APOROREA VILLAGE: The farthest inland of the BELEPA Group, approximately 2 miles from the Rest House at HILOI. A good clean Village. Water drawn from a small creek in close proximity to the Village.

HARORA GROUP

POIVO VILLAGE: A small Village of 6 houses situated approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the Rest House at HARORA. Village clean and all but two of the houses new. Water drawn from 2 Water holes.

HARORA VILLAGE: A well laid out Village. Houses in good condition. Village well planted with Crotons and Orange Trees.

LUI VILLAGE: All houses in fairly good condition and Village clean during the inspection. Water drawn from 3 water holes.

KAROKARO VILLAGE: Situated on the bank of the VAILALA river and approximately 2 miles from HARORA. Village in good condition. Water is drawn from water holes, but water rather brackish.

IORI/LEPOKERA GROUP

IORI VILLAGE: A large Village situated 1 mile inland from the eastern bank of the VAILALA directly opposite IHU Patrol Post. Village clean and houses in fair condition during visit. Two water holes serve this Village.

LEPOKERA: Approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from IORI. No complaints regarding this Village. 5 Water holes in good condition being used by villagers.

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VAILALA EAST: Two Villages VAILALA EAST 1 and 2 make up this group. The majority of houses in both Villages fairly good. Villages situated near the mouth of the VAILALA River and bordered on one side by the beach, and on the other by a small creek, which runs into the VAILALA R. All water holes seen appeared to be in good condition.

KOIALAHU GROUP:

AIVAU Village: Situated on the beach, approximately 3 miles from the mouth of the VAILALA R. Like all Beach Villages in this area, has a windswept appearance. 2 waterholes serve this village.

KOIALAHU Village: Approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile along the beach from AIVAU. Houses and Village in fair condition. 4 water holes in good condition.

BERARE Village: Small Village of 5 houses situated $\frac{1}{2}$ mile along the beach from KOIALAHU. 1 Water hole only at this Village.

KEKKEA Village: A fairly large windswept Village with houses as good as could be expected. 3 Water holes with 2 in good condition.

EPEBIANO Village: Village and houses fair. 3 Water holes seen and appear to be in good condition.

KEURU GROUP:

OVAHUUH Village: Situated on the Western bank of KEURU Creek. During the last few months floods and heavy seas have cut into this Village, and as a result the people have been advised to shift their Village farther back onto higher ground. Houses in a poor state.

OVA Village: Situated on the opposite bank to OVAHUUH. All houses in good condition and Village clean. 2 water holes serve this Village.

LAKOVA Village: Approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile up the KEURU Creek. A small Village of which no complaints could be made.

HEREHERE Village: Situated along the beach approximately 1 mile from KEURU Creek. Windswept, but Village clean during inspection. Water obtained from 3 water holes.

INLAND KEURU GROUP.

HIRU Village: Village well set out approximately 2 miles inland from beach. Well planted with shrubs and Citrus trees. Houses all in excellent condition, and Village clean.

PEKOI Village: Situated $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from HIRU. Same remarks as for HIRU.

ARURUH Village: Well planted with shade trees. Houses and Village in good order and clean. 1 water hole serves the Village.

NOVIHOHO Village: Same comments as for ARURUH.

REST HOUSES:

Rest Houses are situated at BELEPA, HARORA, IORI, VAILALA EAST, KOYALAHU, KEURU.

The Rest House at BELEPA is sadly in need of repairs, and the Village Constable was advised to this effect. All other Rest Houses and Police Barracks in good condition.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

The utmost co-operation was given to the patrol by all Village Constables and Councillors.

MAIVIRA-HEKAHO, Village Constable of VAILALA EAST has been absent in Port Moresby Native Hospital for the past 3 months. It is believed that he is suffering from T.B. and will be useless as a Village Constable on his return to the Village. Recommendation for the appointment of a new V.C goes forward under separate cover.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

All roads in the inland groups were in excellent condition, as also was the road bordering the beach from VAILALA EAST to KEURU. It is to be hoped that in the near future this road can be improved to take vehicular traffic. At present the main thoroughfare for the jeep from VAILALA to KEREMA is by the beach, and can only be traversed during low tide.

At KEURU Creek the possibility of constructing a bridge across the KEURU to take vehicular traffic was investigated, and it was found that, owing to the swampy approaches to the creek, it would practically be an impossible task.

MISSIONS:

Two missions operate in the area patrolled, with the Seventh Day Adventists predominating over the L.M.S. Relations between the two Missions appears to be cordial. No complaints were received from either Mission.

EDUCATION:

Mission Schools exist in most of the Villages.

See Appendix "A".

MEDICAL & HEALTH:

As previously reported, this patrol was accompanied by E.M.A. LUKE of KEREMA Native Hospital. The general health of the coastal people was good, but it was noticed in the inland Villages, the excessive number of cases SIPOMA and YAWS.

During the absence of Mrs Lee in Australia, the well equipped Hospital at BELEPA S.D.A. Mission is being capably run by the Director, Mr. Lee.

COURT FOR NATIVE MATTERS:

2 Natives were convicted in C.M.M and sentenced to One Month in Hard Labour at Her Majesty's Gaol, DHU, for contravention of Regulation 71(e) of M.R.O. 1939, as amended to date.

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COURTS FOR NATIVE MATTERS (CONT)

1 Native was convicted in C.M.M. and was adjudged to pay a fine of 10/- for contravention of Regulation 71(a) of N.R.O. 1939, as amended to date.

1 Native was convicted and sentenced to One Month in Hard Labour at Her Majesty's Gaol at IHU, for contravention of Regulation 127 (9A) of N.R.O. 1939, as amended to date.

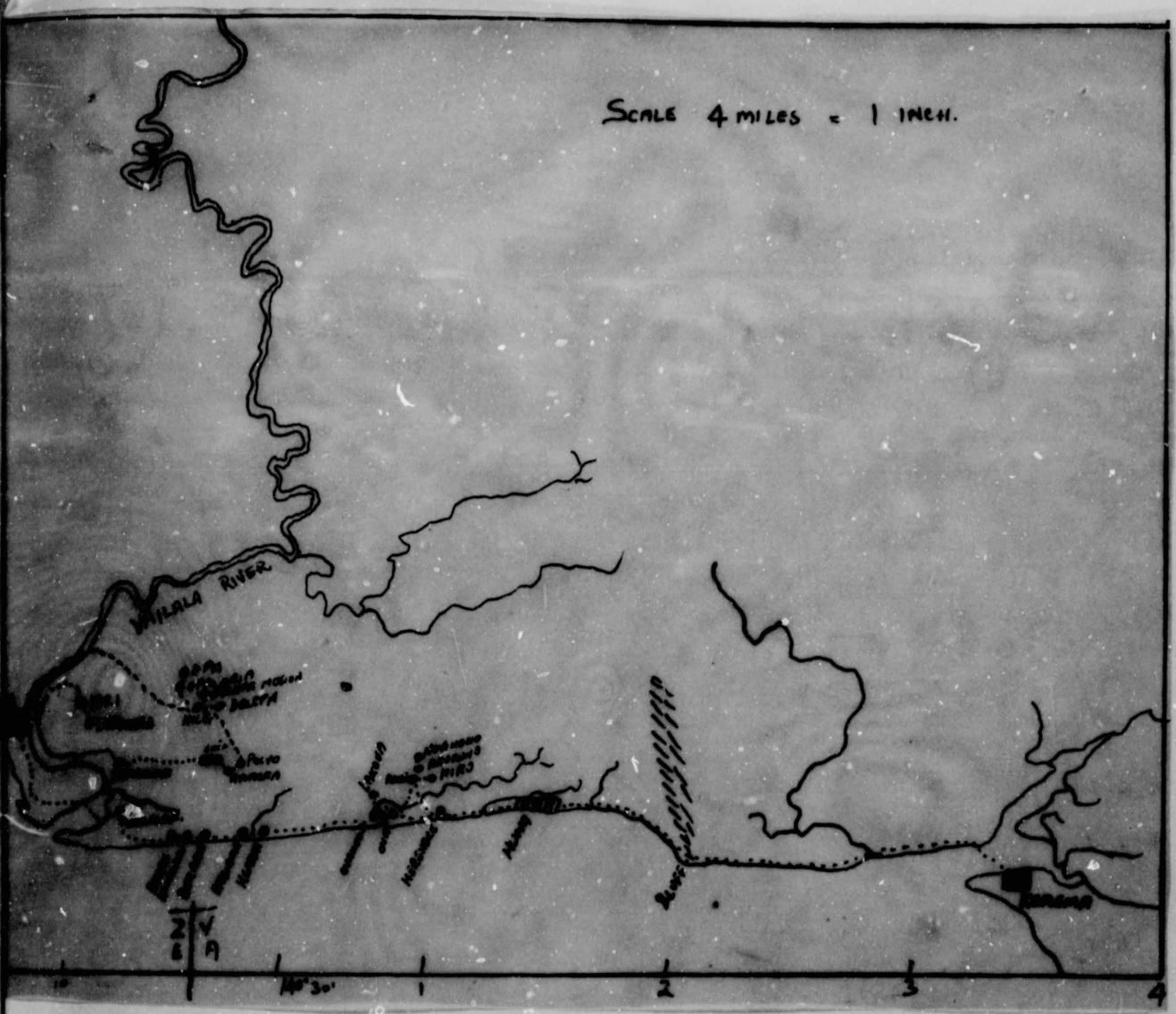
ANTHROPOLOGY:

- (a) NIL
- (b) NIL

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SCALE 4 MILES = 1 INCH.



APPENDIX "A"

EDUCATION

SCHOOL	NO OF TEACHERS	GYRLS	BOYS	TOTAL	DENOMINATION
BELEPA	6	50	148	198	S.D.A.
OPULARIA	1	10	23	33	"
HARORA	1	8	12	20	"
LUI	1	5	9	14	"
KAROKARO	1	5	11	16	"
IORI	1	14	27	41	"
LEPOKERA	1	11	25	36	"
VAILALA EAST	2	29	59	88	L.M.S.
AIVAU	1	10	17	27	S.D.A.
EPBIAMO	1	5	11	16	"
OVA	1	4	9	13	L.M.S.
OVANUHU	1	7	14	21	"
LAKOVA	1	3	9	12	"
NOVIHOHO	1	8	15	23	S.D.A.
HEREHERE	1	10	17	27	"

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APPENDIX "B"

REPORT ON ROYAL PAPUAN CONSTABULARY.

No. 1754 L/Corporal TORTONE/

A conscientious and reliable N.C.O.
His appearance is excellent and
discipline good.

No. 7582 Constable HOREMBOPA.

A willing Policeman who is not afraid
to work. His appearance and discipline
both very good.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND N.G. GUINEA.

File 50-1/77

District Office,
Dist. District,

P. Donaldson
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P. Donaldson
OFFICER OF R.P.C & N.G. P.F

The Director,
P.O. B.A.N.A.
PORT MORESBY.

Patrol Report No. 53/54-III.

Attached please find the above mentioned report.
The patrol was of routine nature, and affairs
throughout appear to be satisfactory.

L.J. O'Malley
L.J. O'Malley
District Commissioner.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

File 30-1/98

District Office,
Gulf District,
KIKOR I.

15 June 54.

The Director,
D.D.S.&N.A.
PORT MORESBY.

Patrol Report No 4 53/54-IHU.

Attached please find the above mentioned report.
The patrol was of routine nature, and affairs
throughout appear to be satisfactory.

[Handwritten Signature]
L. J. O'Malley
District Commissioner.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
Please Quote

No.

Patrol Post,
IHU,
KEREMA SUB-DISTRICT,
GULF DISTRICT.

4th April '55

PATROL REPORT NO. 1 of 1954/5

A report of a patrol to all villages east of the IHU patrol post and certain villages on the Upper Vailala River.

Officer Conducting Patrol: M.J. DENEHY, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled: All East Coast villages between AUMA and HEREHERE, the inland ENURU and BELEPA groups and the Upper Vailala villages of KEKA, PAKU and IOMI.

Objects of Patrol: 1. Revision of Census
2. Routine Administration

Duration of Patrol: 7th - 29th March '55

Personnel Accompanying: Reg.No.6909 Constable KAVIRI
" " 7582 " HOREMBOPA

Map Reference: Army strat. series 4 miles to 1 inch - KIKORI and WAU Sheets.
Sketch attached.

INTRODUCTION

The patrol was of a routine nature primarily to revise the census of the area. The opportunity was taken to travel on Mr. M. Connell's launch to the Upper Vailala to a point approximately 80 miles from the mouth. It was more or less a familiarisation trip which was completed in five days instead of a fortnight or more by paddle canoe.

The close proximity to the station of some villages permitted a number of day trips to be made.

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DIARY

- March 7 Departed IHU and visited villages of IORI and LEPOKERA. Revised census revised and inspected villages. Arbitrated a dispute concerning ownership of coconut palms.
- March 8 Compiled census figures for above two villages and in the afternoon proceeded up river to MAIRA plantation and thence to HILOI rest house.
- March 9 Census of HILOI/BELEPA and inspection of these two villages. Inspected land applied for by the local Native Society.
- March 10 Census of OPA/APOROREA. Inspected these two villages and returned to rest house at HILOI.
- March 11 Returned to IHU.
- March 12 at IHU
- March 13 Sunday observed.
- March 14 Proceeded down stream to KAROKARO hamlet. Census and inspection. Proceeded to LUJ. Census and inspection. A marriage dispute arbitrated. Patrol moved to rest house at HARORA.
- March 15 Census and inspection of HARORA and POIVO. A number of disputes settled out of court. Inspected S.D.A. saw mill near HARORA. Moved to KOIALAHU and revised census.
- March 16 Inspected village and censused AIVAU hamlet. Proceeded to KEURU group via KEAKEA.
- March 17 Census and inspection of OVARUHU, OVAHARA, and LAKOVU. Palm ownership dispute settled. Returned to rest house.
- March 18 Census and inspection of PEKOI, HIRU, KOVIHONO and ARURUHU. Returned to rest house where a number of disputes were settled.
- March 19 Census and inspection of HEREHERE Village. Patrol returned to IHU.
- March 20 Sunday
- March 21 To OVAHURU to survey site for Society store.
- March 22 To VAIBLA ~~WEST~~ ^{EAST} village. Inspection and census. Returned to IHU.
- March 23 To VANALA WEST and KUKIPI/HILOI. Census and inspection. Returned to IHU.
- March 24 Census and inspection AUMA and HAREAPE. Surveyed land for Society.
- March 25 Departed IHU at 3 pm by launch up the Vailala and made camp at 6.45pm at the junction of the EVORI.

- March 26 Broke camp at 6.15 am and continued upstream and arrived at PAKU at 6.45 pm after halting briefly at UPOIA.
- March 27 Departed at 6.45am and arrived at PAK KEKA at 11.45. Revised census and inspected village.
- March 28 Returned downstream to IORI, arriving at 9 a.m. Conducted census and inspected village and returned to PAKU. Inspected village and revised census. Time from IORI to PAKU - 30 minutes.
- March 29 Broke camp at 7 am and arrived at IHU at 4.30, calling in at the AROARG people's rice project en route.

NATIVE AFFAIRS

The patrol was an interesting one, in as much as it enabled the newly appointed Officer in Charge to see at first hand the progress made by the Co-operative movement in the area and to observe some of the changes, if any, it has made in native customary life.

All villages visited, with the exception of those on the Upper Vailala have been effected to some degree.

In some villages, notably those in the coastal belt between AUMA and KOIALAHU, and in the inland BELEPA group, it is readily apparent that the traditional "big men" are being pushed further and further into the background - to the young man of today they are back numbers. It is to be expected because the missions (L.M.S. and S.D.A.) have succeeded in wholly stamping out all the old indigenous customs - dances, grave ceremonies and other institutions described by F.E. Williams in his "Drama of Orokololo". Indeed today the elders' power and authority seem to lie only in sorcery (to which they do not admit) and to a lesser extent in garden magic. In point of fact the latter is of lessening significance because the trade store with its tinned meat, rice, biscuits, flour, tinned fruit etc is now an important institution in the community.

In the more "progressive" villages even the Village Councillors are young men. For example in VAILALA EAST (population 745) there is not one Councillor over 40 years of age.

Today the "big men" in the community are the office bearers of the local Co-operative Society. The chairman and secretary of the local Society are forces not to be underestimated. The amount of work the people will do when called upon by these leaders is staggering to one who has worked in the past in less progressive areas where a certain amount of coercion is necessary for any form of public works.

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Unfortunately however it is noted that the greatest response comes when the job on hand can be seen to mutually benefit the pockets of those on the job - i.e. a new road or bridge to enable the tractor to collect copra and transport consumer goods, a new wharf, copra store, dwellings and office for Association workers. But when called upon to build an Aid Post or buildings for a Village Higher School the response is sometimes poorer than usually found in backward areas (where often the response is very good). Similarly there is the same lack of interest in providing hospital treatment for children and expectant mothers.

A point worth noting in passing is that the people distinguish sharply between officers of the Co-operative Section and regular Field Staff of D.D.S. They know that Co-operative Officers are here to help them, and thus most suggestions are quickly taken up. The Field Staff Officer, on the other hand, is to be feared and given respectful obedience. I do not wish to give the impression that the people walk in fear and trembling of the magistrate. The relationship between governed and governing is as good as I have seen elsewhere, and in many instances, better, but the barrier is apparent.

To sum up. The Co-operative movement is here to stay - at any rate as long as there is a good market for copra. (Virtually no attention has been given to the introduction of any other cash crop in the area.) As an experiment in leadership and self help it has been very successful - in the economic field. Furthermore, there can be little doubt of the advantages accrued to the people by the internal organization of production is far greater than if organised by private entrepreneurs. The fact that the traditional big men have been more or less displaced is regrettable, but it is to be expected in the evolution of a backward country. In this instance, Co-operatives have merely capped the efforts of the Christian Missions.

Nevertheless it is distressing to see all energy channeled along one aspect of development, and it would appear that Officers of the Co-operative Section are best in a position to emphasise this over-all self help, simply because he is accepted almost on arrival by the people. On the other hand field staff officers have to win acceptance - a slow process invariably interrupted by transfer.

To avoid any misunderstanding it should be placed on record here that past and present Co-operative Officers have carried out their duties with great enthusiasm and diligence and have accomplished much. The criticism, if it is such, is levelled at the Section's policy.

Other points noted in passing were that the area still continues to contribute heavily to the Territory's labour force, although no recruiters work in the area - approximately 37% of the 16-45 age group being in employment. Also the people are still quite human: husbands continue to beat their wives and the occasional village brawl makes an interesting topic of conversation along the coast. In common with other areas where a certain crop has suddenly assumed an economic value, disputes over land and palm ownership are ever increasing.

The people of the Upper Vailala - living in small villages and scattered garden settlements - have only sufficient coconuts to meet local demands, and a number of them are casting envious eyes towards their relations on the coast. From the short time I was in the area I gained the distinct impression that they could easily be interested in some form of economic development.

As this report is written the AROARO people on the Lower Vailala are harvesting an experimental field of rice, planted and cultivated under the guidance of the Catholic Mission. I understand the yield is estimated to be in the vicinity of $\frac{1}{2}$ ton to the acre (paddy). The experiment has been watched with interest by some of the Upper river villages, and it should take but little proselytising for rice cultivation to gain momentum.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

The traditional crops are grown in the area - yam, taro, sweet potato, manioc, banana, pawpaw and coconut. The major staple is sago, and whilst the emphasis lessens inland it still plays an important part in the diet. The KEKA people are still considering returning to the PURARI because they have insufficient sago at their present site. There are few vegetables of European origin grown apart from beans, pumpkin and corn.

Almost every village has at least one orange tree.

Nearly all villages east of the Vailala are adherents of the S.D.A. Mission and there are virtually no pigs in the area. However, as inferred earlier, money is plentiful, and tinned meat is a much more regular source of protein than the odd pig that would normally have been slain. In other villages pigs are numerous, enormous and generally healthy.

All the beach people are keen fishermen and the produce of the sea makes an important contribution to the diet.

Fowls of very poor strain were seen in all villages.

As noted earlier, the trade store is an important contributing source of food.

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HEALTH

Most of the area was patrolled by Mr. E.S. Luke, E.M.A., earlier in the year.

Health, for the most part, is as satisfactory as one can expect, although there is a regrettable lack of Village Aid Posts throughout the area - due solely to public apathy. There is only one Aid Post in the area patrolled at AUMA, ten minutes walk from IHU station where there is a well conducted Area Aid Post under the control of N.M.O. PUKARI - an efficient and conscientious orderly.

Parents of four children were ordered to present them at Kerema for medical treatment.

The health of those people seen on the Upper Vailala was much better than anticipated. Despite apparent lack of bathing, they were found to be remarkably free of skin diseases.

EDUCATION

Education is in the hands of the Seventh Day Adventist Mission at BELEPA, and the London Missionary Society at OROKOLO. The Catholic Mission, also based at OROKOLO, have a school at VAILALA WEST.

Considering the length of time the first mentioned bodies have been operating in the field, the results to date have been disappointing. At IORI/LEPOKERA (an S.D.A. stronghold) it was ~~suffi~~ impossible to find a lad sufficiently competent to act as storeman for the local Society, and the people were forced to call in an L.M.S. lad from OROKOLO - a bitter pill for the locals!!

The S.D.A. at BELEPA has quite an elaborate set-up now that should augur well for the future. The buildings are well laid out and have electrical reticulation. The syllabus includes carpentering and a printing press is being set up, all largely due to the energy and enthusiasm of the resident missionary, Mr. J. Lee.

The L.M.S. has a Samoan Pastor stationed at VAILALA EAST who is normally controlled from OROKOLO. He has 150 students attending and is assisted by one native teacher.

Most villages have local schools in charge of semi-literate teachers.

There are nine boys and two girls attending the Administration Central Schools at Kerema.

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ROADS AND BRIDGES

All roads, with the exception of the road to the
the road from the station to the

The road to the station is in good condition
on the coast and there is a satisfactory bridge over
between HILLOI and VAILALA. A very good waterway
bridge was recently completed by the people over HILLOI
Creek - previously ferried at low tide.

Another water road is under construction linking
HILLOI, HILLOI and HILLOI with HILLOI Creek plantation
(formerly owned by the late Native Services Association).

The road between HILLOI and VAILALA WEST is in good
repair.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Village officials are carrying out their duties
to the best of their respective abilities, with the
marked exception of V.C. BALAKU of HILLOI (Island Centre)
who has repeatedly proved himself to be utterly incompetent.
As soon as a replacement can be found a recommendation
for the dismissal of this man will be forwarded.

VILLAGES

WEST VAILALA GROUP

Consists of the villages of HILLOI, HANUAPA, VAILALA/
HILLOI and VAILALA WEST. This group was found to be
in excellent shape and a credit to the Village Officials
and people generally.

EAST VAILALA GROUP

Consists of the villages of VAILALA EAST, HENIARO,
KOTALAHU, BERARE, AIVAU, HENI and KAKARA. This group
was found to be clean and tidy, but there is still room
for improvement, particularly in the type of houses, many of
which are particularly small and built in a slipshod manner.

KEURU GROUP

Consists of OVAHUU, OVAHAHA, LAKOVA and HENI.
The first mentioned in very poor condition due mainly
to repeated flooding from KEURU Creek and houses being
washed away. An effort is to be made to move the village
to a more satisfactory site. The remainder of the group were
found to be satisfactory, although there is room for
improvement in housing.

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INLAND KEURU

HIRU, PEKOI, ARUHUU and NOVIHOHO. These villages were found to be in excellent condition and a credit to Officials and people.

INLAND GROUP

BELEPA, HILOI, OPA, APOROREA, IORI, LEPOKERA, KAROKARO, LUI, POIVO and HARORA. These villages are strongholds of the S.D.A. and were found to be in excellent condition, although more attention should be paid to the placing of latrines. In two instances latrines were sited so as to be a possible source of contamination of the water supply-- if they should be used. They were destroyed on the spot and new ones commenced.

CENSUS

Attendance was good - only three people were charged in the Court for Native Matters for failure to attend.

The last census was carried out in July/August 1953. Since that date births have exceeded deaths by 140.

MISSIONS

As noted earlier, the spiritual guidance of the area is in the hands of the Seventh Day Adventist Mission based at BELEPA and the London Missionary Society based at OROKOLO (outside the area patrolled). The Catholic Mission (also based at OROKOLO) has a competent native teacher stationed at VAILALA WEST.

The S.D.A. Mission at BELEPA, under the guidance of Mr. J. Lee (at present on leave) is being rebuilt and is by far the best equipped organisation in the area. During the census it was noted that this body have 39 families scattered in other Districts from Daru to the Sepik as mission helpers. During Mr. and Mrs. Lee's absence the station is being run by a native pastor from the Solomons.

The L.M.S. missionary in charge at OROKOLO is on leave and there is no European on the station at the time of writing. This body is slowly losing ground, and will continue to do so unless they can provide better teachers and educational facilities for their adherents.

The Roman Catholic Mission is staffed by Father Gasser, Father Coltre and two Nuns. Father Gasser is a man of apparently unlimited energy who placed greater emphasis on the use of English in schools than do the other bodies in the area, and is also directly responsible for the AROARO people's rice project.

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EDUCATION

VILLAGE	No. of Teachers	No. of Girls	No. of Boys	Denomination
KAROKARO	1	5	20	Seventh Day Adventist
LUI	1	7	10	do
HARORA	1	14	20	do
OPA	1	12	13	do
PEKOI	1	13	16	do
HEREHERE	1	12	18	do
NOVIHOHO	1	6	11	do
KEAKEA	1	14	20	do
KOIALAHU	1	17	42	do
VAILALA EAST	2	54	96	London Missionary Society
AUMA	1	36	35	do
VAILALA HILOI	1	26	29	do
LAKOVO	1	16	20	do
OVAHAHA	1	7	9	do
APORAREA	1	12	16	Seventh Day Adventist
IORI	1	10	41	do
LEPOKERA	1	15	38	do
VAILALA WEST	1 (Teacher Absent)			Roman Catholic

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APPENDIX "B"

ROYAL PAPUAN CONSTABULARY ACCOMPANYING PATROL

- Reg. No. 6909 Constable KAVIRI An experienced constable. His appearance is good and was alert and on the job.
- Reg. No. 7582 Constable HOREMBOPA A good constable with intelligence above the average. Appearance and discipline good.

Forwarded herewith the report of a patrol conducted by Patrol Officer M. J. Dandy to East Coast villages. The patrol visited the KAVIRI and HOREMBOPA groups and the upper KAVIRI villages of KAVIRI, KAVIRI and KAVIRI.

The patrol covered an area greater than a normal patrol division. The two patrol divisions were kept well separated and the remainder of the area covered.

The difficulties that Mr. Dandy will have encountered in the development of the patrol throughout the area district. In the way of police work in place of the normal constabulary work the patrol had to overlook other duties. The prospect of a serious outbreak has appeared in the area and the patrol has to be alert at the slightest suggestion of trouble. The increased assistance of Co-operating Officers is required for the patrol and the patrol is to be kept as an important part of their duties and to be most valuable.

Continuing the production in the KAVIRI area, a report will be made for the area and the KAVIRI.

The road development in the area is most encouraging.

Mr. Dandy has carried out a thorough patrol and has prepared a detailed and clear report.

(M. J. Dandy)
Patrol Officer

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

File:- 30-1/810.

Sub-District Office,
Gulf District,
K E R E M A.

19th April, 1955.

The District Commissioner,
Gulf District,
KIKORI.

PATROL REPORT IHU No. 1 OF 1954/55.

Forwarded herewith the report of a patrol conducted by Patrol Officer M.J. Denehy to East Coast villages, The inland KEKUA and BELEPA groups and the upper Vailala villages of KEKA, PAKU and IORI.

The patrol covered an area greater than a defined census sub-division, thus some figures have been withheld pending completion of the remainder of the area concerned.

The difficulties that Mr. Denehy outlines concerning Co-operative developments are present throughout the sub-district. In the very primary desire to place Societies on a sound commercial basis the Section has had to overlook other factors. The prospect of economic advancement has appealed to and strengthened the materialist outlook of the younger generation of natives. The increased assistance of Co-operative Officers in supporting non-commercial communal projects as an important part of their duties would be most valuable.

Concerning rice production in the ABOARO area, a request will be made for seed rice from KAIRUKU.

The road development in the area is most encouraging.

Mr. Denehy has carried out a through patrol and has prepared a concise and clear report.

A. E. Jackson
(A. E. JACKSON)
Assistant District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
Please Quote

No. 30 -1/636.

District Office,
KIKORU, G.D.

6th May, 1955.

Director,
D.D.S. & N.A.
PORT MORESBY.

SUBJECT: PATROL REPORT NO.1-1954/55.IHU

PATROL POST.

Please find attached the abovementioned report in triplicate.

The report gives a clear idea of the conditions prevailing in the area covered by the patrol.

It seems a pity that no attention is being directed towards the introduction of other types of cash crops, other than copra; however it appears that an experiment of rice growing is being undertaken by the Catholic Mission. The Assistant District Officer at Kerema, is making a request for seed rice from KAIRUKU.

I personally have never found any barrier between Field staff and the natives of this area, or any indications of fear, in fact I have them most helpful and friendly; however if there is a barrier it is up to the officer to break it down - if it exists.

The Upper Vailala area has good agricultural ground and there should be no great difficulty in producing rice, and on receipt of the rice seed, the Assistant District Officer will be informed to try out a section of the area.

Native foods appear to be plentiful in the areas visited, and it is good to note that the health of the people is satisfactory.

The natives throughout this area are well catered for in regard to Education, and every encouragement is given for them to attend school.

A map of the area patrolled is also attached.

For your information, please.

L.J. O'Malley,
District Commissioner, G.D.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Patrol Post,
Ihu,
Kerema Sub-District,
GULF DISTRICT.

27th May '55

PATROL REPORT NO. 2 of 1954/55

A report of a Patrol to all coastal villages lying between the VAILALA and PURARI Rivers.

Officer Conducting Patrol: M.J. DENEHY, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled: The VAILALA WEST Census sub-Division.

Objects of Patrol: 1. Revision of Census
2. Routine Administration

Duration of Patrol: 2nd - 14th May '55

Personnel Accompanying: Reg.No.6909 Constable KAVIRI
" " 7582 " HOREMBOPA

Map Reference: Army strat. series 4 miles to 1 inch
KIKORI Sheet.
Sketch attached.

INTRODUCTION

The patrol was of a routine nature primarily for the revision of census.

The villages between AUMA and VAILALA WEST were patrolled and reported in March vide P/R No.1 of 1954/55. Census figures for these villages are included with this report.

DIARY

- May 2 Patrol proceeded to PAKAVAVU and revised census. Village and the hamlets of MIAI and HAIARI inspected and found to be in good order.
- May 3 At PAKAVAVU attending to land disputes. New site for Village Co-operative Society's buildings surveyed.
- May 4 Patrol proceeded to HERAKERA. Census revised and hamlets of HOHORO No.1, HOHORO No.2 and LARIAU inspected.
- May 5 Patrol moved to KAVAVA. Census and inspection of Village. Not up to the required standard, thus cleaned under supervision. HURURU hamlet inspected and found in good order. Patrol moved to OROKOLO.
- May 6 Inspection and census of HOPAIKU and HARELALEVA.
- May 7 Returned to IHU to meet Area Education Officer to discuss matters concerning the Village Higher School at Ihu.
- May 8 Sunday - observed.
- May 9 To AREHAVA group. Census of IOKU, LOLEHAIRU and MAREA.
- May 10 At AREHAVA Group. Continued with census of KAIBAKAVU and HAREVAVO. Inspection of all villager and hamlets.
- May 11 Patrol moved to the MURO group. Census revised of AHEHE/PURARI, ERE/KILAVE, MAITA and AREHAVA No.2.
- May 12 A few minor disputes arbitrated. Inspection of all hamlets.
- May 13 Patrol moved to PAIVERA. Census and inspection of hamlets.
- May 14 Patrol returned to IHU.

NATIVE AFFAIRS

The patrol was well received throughout the area.

This was the first formal visit by the writer, but all villages, with the exception of PAIVERA and some of the MURO group, have been visited numerous times for various reasons affecting native administration - e.g. to settle land use disputes (which are numerous), cursory Friday inspections, survey of Co-operative sites etc..

From these visits it is apparent that the native situation is good - the interests of Co-operatives and Church (the area is strongly L.M.S.), plus occasional Government tasks, keep the people sufficiently occupied. In common with the Territory they are enjoying a wave of prosperity never before experienced, and are looking forward in a vague way for further development. As yet any thoughts of area councils have not been crystallised, and in any case the people have a considerable distance to travel in education, in every sense, before serious thought in that sphere is necessary.

The remarks concerning the general native situation made in my P.R. no.1 of 54/5 are equally applicable to the coastal villages of this area.

One man of the new order who impresses considerably is KAREVA/LAVARO, Secretary of the Orokelo Native Society. The man is a born leader, a progressive individual and has a pleasant personality. In the years to come he will be a driving force in the development of the area.

A number of complaints were brought to the patrol, but they were settled out of Court.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

The traditional staples are grown in the area, which, in order of emphasis, are sago, coconuts, taro and banana. Subsidiary staples include yam, sweet potato, manioc, corn, sugar cane and pawpaw. Pumpkins and beans have also been accepted as a regular crop.

The people are dependent upon sago almost entirely for about eight months of the year. Most of it is hand planted, and after flowering is cut by the men and processed by the women. Gardens are usually village affairs, although not infrequently two small hamlets will join together for the project. Towards the end of the patrol, work was just commencing along the coast on the initial clearing of garden sites.

At MURO Estate, Mr. V.F.B. Guinan is clearing ten acres of land with the intention of planting rice. Neighbouring villagers are taking an academic interest in the work, and any real interest will depend upon the success of Mr. Guinan's venture. Even so, with copra being such a lucrative source of income it is very doubtful if rice cultivation, and the hard work entailed, will appeal.

All villages have numerous pigs and many have a strong Berkshire strain, introduced, I believe, by the L.M.S. many years ago.

Likewise there are some good strains of domestic fowl to be seen, largely due to Mr. H.A. Aiken, manager of Vaiviri Plantation, who breeds poultry on a large scale.

All beach people are keen fishermen and the produce of the sea makes an important contribution to the diet.

As noted in P/R. No.1 of 54/55, the trade store is an important contributory source of food.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

HEALTH

The area was patrolled by Mr. E.S. Luke, E.M.A., earlier in the year.

The health of the people generally is reasonably good, although there remains the unfortunate apathy of parents towards illness in small children, and an unnecessary large number of parents were ordered to present their children at the L.M.S. hospital at Orokolo for treatment of yaws, skin diseases and malnutrition.

Despite economic progress and more limited progress in the educational sphere it is apparent that in many instances children under the age of four years are still regarded as expendable.

There are three Aid Posts functioning in the area, and the only one which appears to be approaching reasonable efficiency is the one at HERAKERA. There the N.M.O. appears to be intelligent, efficient and possesses a reasonable appreciation of his duties.

The L.M.S. hospital at OROKOLO has been re-opened with the return of Sister Woodland, accompanied by Sister Leighton. Much good work is done by this institution.

VILLAGES

ROKORO GROUP

EDUCATION

The principal education effort in the area has been in the hands of the L.M.S. at OROKOLO. When compared with the efforts of the same body at ~~AREHAVE~~, which has been established approximately the same length of time, the standard in this area is discouragingly poor.

All villages have schools in charge of semi-literate teachers.

The Catholic Mission, also based at OROKOLO, find it difficult to hold their students, although the education offered is sounder than elsewhere.

The S.D.A. Mission has a village school in the AREHAVE group.

A Village Higher School has been built by the people at IHU, and this institution should provide an impetus for education within the area.

MURO GROUP

There are twenty four boys and four girls attending the Central Schools at KEREMA from the area.

AREHAVA AND AREHAVA NO. 2

These villages controlled by V.C. BRUA were in excellent condition and a credit to the people and the Government. The roads were sufficiently clean to

ROADS AND BRIDGES

AREHAVA

All roads and bridges are in good order. There is a good vehicular road linking IHU with all coastal villages to AREHAVA, and a secondary road linking MURO Estate with OROKOLO.

Foot tracks were clean, although some were very muddy after rain - particularly those west of MURO.

The HAILRELALEVA section of the track linking PAIVERA, whilst clean, needs improving, and orders were given to that effect.

CENSUS

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Attendance was good and there were no disruptions in the Central Schools. Village Officials were all attentive and helpful to the patrol, and they appear to be carrying out their duties to the best of their respective abilities. Last census was carried out in May 1954, and since that date there have been 347 births recorded as against 145 deaths. Approximately 30% of males in the 16-45 age group are absent from the village at the time of census. There are no recruiters working in the area.

VILLAGES

HOHORO GROUP

Consists of the villages of MIAI, HAIARI, PAKAVAVU, HOHORO, HERAKERA and LARIAU. This group was quite clean and roads are well maintained. A number of hamlets are situated right on the beach and present a windswept appearance. Housing is adequate, nevertheless there is ample scope for improvement in the general standard. This last observation applies to the whole area generally.

KAVAVA GROUP

Consists of KAVAVA, MIRIMURU and HURURU. The last two mentioned were found to be in good order, but it was considered necessary to have the former cleaned under supervision, it being generally untidy - but not disgracefully so.

OROKOLO GROUP

Consists of HOPAUKU and HARELALEVA. In very good order with some high standard housing.

ANTHROPOLOGY

MURO GROUP

Consists of AHEHE, ERE, PURARI, KILAVE, MAITA, MAIVA and AREHAVA No.2.

Those villages controlled by V.C. ERUA were in excellent condition and a credit to the people and officials. The remainder were sufficiently clean to escape severe criticism.

AREHAVA GROUP

Includes IOKU, LOLEHAIRU, MAREA, KAIVAKAVU, HAREVAVO.

The villages are situated right on the high water mark and present a windswept appearance. Nevertheless a special effort had been made by the people and they were in commendably good order.

PAIVERA VILLAGE, an offshoot of OROKOLO, was also in very good order.

CENSUS

Attendance was good and there were no prosecutions in the Court for Native Matters for failure to attend. Village officials and the people generally were all helpful, and in each village the revision was made without fuss.

The last census was carried out in May '53, and since that date there have been 347 births recorded as against 146 deaths. Approximately 38% of males in the 16-45 age group are absent from the village at the time of census. There are no recruiters working in the area.

MISSIONS

The spiritual guidance of the people is largely in the hands of the London Missionary Society, based at OROKOLO. The missionary in charge, Rev. S. Dewdney, is on leave and will return about the end of the year.

The Roman Catholic Mission, also at OROKOLO, is staffed by two priests and two nuns. As yet this institution has not made much headway in the area.

There is a native teacher of the S.D.A. faith at AREHAVA. He is controlled from BELEPA, outside the area patrolled.

The remarks in P/R No.1 54/5 are applicable.

ANTHROPOLOGY

In the area under discussion descent and inheritance is patrilineal and marriage is generally patrilocal.

The value of land and coconut palms has been enhanced tremendously over the last generation because (1) of the steadily increasing population and, (2) the economic value of copra, consequently this new emphasis on the possession of land has in some degree effected the social structure. For example, originally clans were strictly exogamous - any person marrying a clansman would break a strong social tabu and would be forced to leave the community. Today however, to keep land within the group, it is not unusual for marriages within the clan to be arranged.

As pointed out by F.E. Williams in his "Drama of Orokelo", the people of this area originally came from Orokelo POPO, and subsequently expanded to the ARIHAVA and OROKOLO groups. In due course individualists and those who had offended against the society's laws formed new communities along the coast as far east as the Vailala River. Thus the case of MIRI, founder of VAILALA/HILOI. Three generations ago KIRI of OROKOLO, an eldest son, had an argument with his father concerning precedence in an initiation ceremony, the father wanting to put a younger son through first. KIRI, highly incensed, left his father's community and built the first house on the west bank of the Vailala River. In due course friends, people who had offended, or those who had been offended against, joined the settlement.

(The land at VAILALA HILOI was owned by the people on the east bank of the river - but peace was made by sending a woman from the former group to be married.)

The settlers at VAILALA/HILOI did not, in many instances, completely sever all relations with the parent community and many still lay claim to land in the old community.

This process of breaking up of large communities has occurred in many instances resulting in, among other things, difficulty in settling disputes regarding land use.

It has also resulted in instances where representatives of the whole ten clans of the area are represented in one village, consequently it is the local community, rather than the clan, which is the focal point of the individual's interest.

Native customary law regarding land and land usage has been investigated fairly fully in the course of routine administration, but because of their importance and apparent complexity they are not recorded here pending further study.

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APPENDIX "A"

EDUCATION

Village	No of Teachers	No of Girls	No of Boys	Denomination
PUKUVAVU	1	18	16	London Missionary Society
HEREKERA	1	11	13	do
LARIAU	1	12	12	do
KAVAVA	1	25	23	do
IOKU	1	20	25	do
AREHAVA	1	71	44	do
HAREVAVO	1	61	29	do
MURO	1	15	26	do
MAIVA	1	14	26	do
PURARI	1	12	11	do
PAIVERA	1	9	9	do
AREHAVA	1	29	28	Seventh Day Adventist

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VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

TOTAL

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

Year.....1954-55

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VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS												MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES Pregnant Number of Child. been the age Average Size of Family	TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL								
				0-1 Mth.		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13		Females in Child Birth		In		Out		Inside District		Outside District		Govt.			Missica		Males			Females		Child		Adults			
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VAILAWA WEST																																									
AUMA	24.3.55	2	1			1	1	1						1	3			2	2	5	3	4	1	2		9	11	29	25	17	2.5	23	21	21	27	112					
HARUPE	-	3	6		1													3	3	12	2	3		5		10	40	10	30	1	27	24	32	29	23	33	145				
KUKUPI	23.3.55	11	8			1	1											4	3	18	6	2	2	9	5	25	65	28	48	3	37	24	40	53	57	47	246				
VAILAWA W.	-	2	3												1				8	1				2	1	9	23	7	22	1	18	2	20	16	20	26	94				
AHEHE/PURARI	11.5.55	5	2	1		2	1							4	2	1	1			15	1	8		1		14	38	12	28	3	27	2	20	19	28	36	138				
ERE/KILAVE	11.5.55	6	5		1			1	1					1	2	4				16	5	7	1	1		22	53	13	43	2	38	2	28	29	51	49	187				
MAITA	11.5.55	3	4				2							3	3			2	1	1	1	1				9	26	16	19	6	21	2	15	28	16	31	106				
MAINA	11.5.55	8	1			1	1							3	2					13		1		1		17	43	17	30	1	33	2	29	25	42	43	154				
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No 30 - 1/740.

District Office,
KIKORI, G.D.

June 17th, 1955.

Director,
Dept. District Services & N.A.
PORT MORESBY.

SUBJECT : PATROL REPORT NO.2 OF 1954/55.
KEREMA, G.D.

Please find attached a report submitted by Mr. Denahy,
Patrol Officer, IHU.

The patrol was of a routine nature.

It is pleasing to note that administration affairs
throughout the area appear to be good.

The report covers a well conducted patrol.


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L.J. O'Malley,
District Commissioner, G.D.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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No.

Patrol Post,
IHU,
GULF DISTRICT.

5th August '55

PATROL REPORT NO.1 of 1955/56

A report of a patrol to the Upper Vailala River
Census Sub-division.

Officer Conducting Patrol: M.J. DENNHY, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled: Upper Vailala Census sub-division.

Objects of Patrol: 1. Revision of Census
2. Routine Administration

Duration of Patrol: 26th July - August 2nd '55

Personnel Accompanying: Reg.No.6909 Const. KAVIRI
" " 7582 " HOREMBOPA

Map Reference: Army strat series 4 miles to 1 inch -
WAB and KIKORI Sheets.
Sketch attached.

INTRODUCTION

The patrol was of a routine nature primarily for the
revision of the census.

Excellent weather prevailed during most of the period
and much better than average times were made travelling
upstream against a slack current.

DIARY

July 26 Departed from IHU Government Station at 9 am in
heavy double canoe powered by Seagull outboard
and arrived at HEPEA at 1500. Inspected village
and made camp in rest house. Discussed rice
production with the people.

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- July 27 Revised census and settled two minor disputes out of court. Departed from HEPEA at 1000 for HEAWA. Inspected KAIRAVA hamlet en route and arrived at the rest house at 3.30 pm. Inspected village and arbitrated several minor disputes. Discussed the advantages of rice cultivation with the people during the evening.
- July 28 After revising the census broke camp at 10.10 and proceeded upstream to LOHIKI. Trouble was experienced with the outboard for several hours the canoe scarcely made way. However eventually the fault was righted and the patrol arrived at LOHIKI Rest house at 6.40pm.
- July 29 Census and inspection of LOHIKI. At 11 am departed upstream for HEPEA, arriving there at midday. Departed at 2 pm and arrived back at LOHIKI at 2.30.
- July 30 Departed from LOHIKI at 6.50am and arrived at NAKOEA Village at 7.40. Inspection of village and revision of census. General discussions with the people. Departed at midday and arrived at HUKULABA half an hour later. Inspection of hamlet and revision of census. At 3 pm departed for HEAWA Rest House and arrived there at 3.45.
- July 31 Broke camp at 7 am and arrived at IHU Patrol Post at 2.30.
- August 1 Extremely heavy rain delayed the departure of the patrol until 12.30. Arrived at AROARO Village at 4 pm. Inspected village and revised census.
- August 2 Census of PEAWORA Village. Patrol returned to IHU.

NATIVE AFFAIRS

The patrol was hospitably received throughout the area, and ample foods were made available to the party. The people had been given ample notice of the patrol's itinerary and consequently all villages were found to be reasonably clean.

The villages of KEKA, IORI and PAKU were visited and reported in March of this year and were not revisited. The KEKA people are in the process of migrating back to the PUPARI River and it is expected that shortly the site will be deserted. The PAKU people were met en masse on the first day out. They were coming down to IHU with a number of people for treatment at the Ihu Aid Post, and also brought a large amount of sago which they hoped to send into Port Moresby.

Casual talks were had in all villages sounding out the people in the matter of rice cultivation. Unlike their more fortunate relatives on the coast these inland people have sufficient coconuts for subsistence only and are keen to plant an economic crop to make obtainable some of the more commonplace consumer goods offering on the coast.

At the moment every river community is sadly depleted of young men, a large percentage of them being absent in employment at local plantations and a lesser number absent in Port Moresby. The elders hope that an economic crop in the village will act as an incentive to keep the young men at home.

A bag of seed rice was received recently and is being issued to the people.

Unfortunately the KUKUKUKUS who have formed a settlement at LOHIKI were absent on a walkabout at the time of the patrol. These people raft down to IHU for medical attention in parties of ten or so quite frequently. Usually as soon as one party returns to the home area another comes down, oft times bringing with them very good quality taro and sweet potato for sale to the Administration.

There was only one conviction in the Court for Native Matters on the patrol. All the people in the Sub-division are in the habit of bringing their disputes direct to the Government Station.

HEALTH

The general health of the people was found to be much better than anticipated. The parents of two children only were ordered to present them at IHU for medical attention, although, as mentioned earlier, ample warning was given of the intended patrol and a large number of patients flooded the Aid Post a month previously.

There are no Village Aid Posts in the area.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

The people appear content with a staple diet of sago. No large gardens were seen. For the most part each man has his own pocket handkerchief sized plot which are scattered throughout the bush. It was noted on an earlier visit to the area that the PAKU and IORI people place a far greater emphasis on gardening than do these other people, and very good quality sweet potato and taro was made available in huge quantities to the patrol.

In addition to sago, breadfruit, coconuts and banana all play an important part in the diet.

Orange trees were observed in all villages.

The ABOARO people are clearing more ground for rice cultivation. Earlier this year they harvested approximately two tons of paddy from an acre plot.

A Councillor at HEPEA has a small plot which is flourishing.

Pigs were in evidence in every village, but not in large numbers. Most of the river people owe nominal allegiance to the S.D.A. Mission.

Fowls were more plentiful, many of them of quite good stock, bred up from Rhode Island Reds and Australopes obtained over the last few years from Vaiviri Plantation.

The bush abounds with game - wild pig, cassowary, pigeons etc., and in addition quite a bit of fishing is done in the Vailala.

VILLAGES AND HOUSING.

HEPEA.

Consists of three hamlets of HEPEA (4 houses), AKVARE (2 houses) and ORE (5 houses). As with most of the river villages, the standard of housing leaves a lot to be desired. They are all raised off the ground, but construction is slip shod and most villages present an uncared for appearance. The group was clean.

KAIRAVA is a hamlet of three well constructed houses, with two more being built. Well situated on an elevated bend of the river, it was particularly clean and a credit to the inhabitants. A number of citrus trees were bearing heavily.

HEAWA. A depressing village of twelve houses poorly constructed, with another seven being built. The majority of the OROVOI people are living here. Clean after a fashion, improvements were carried out on the spot. The biggest eyesore is the ramshackle school-quarters of the L.M.S. Mission teacher.

LOHIKI. Quite clean, this village is situated at the junction of the Vailala and Lohiki rivers, and consists of 12 houses in reasonable condition.

HEPA. Three houses in reasonable repair. The HEPA people were assembled at LOHIKI for census and numbered 26. The explanation for only three houses in the 'village' is that the majority of the HEPA people live in other communities, but preserve their common identity by coming together for census.

NAKORA consists of five well built houses. The area was quite clean.

HUKULARA has only three houses, some of the people having shifted back to their old site at KAIRAVA. As a responsible Councillor is living in the latter hamlet, and as it is possibly the cleanest and most pleasantly situated of all the villages visited, I can see no sound objection to this breakaway.

AROARO is a large village situated on a razor back ridge two hours walk over a poor road from the Vailala. The village was clean and the housing is solidly constructed - if unprepossessing.

PEAVORA. Three houses. This community is breaking up - the inhabitants are migrating to HEPEA and AROARO.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Village officials are performing their tasks satisfactorily and were most helpful to the patrol. The solitary exception was V.C. AIVA of AROARO who has made no attempt to carry out the instructions of the previous patrol. His dismissal will be recommended

as soon as a competent replacement is selected.

REST HOUSES

The are Rest Houses as HEPEA, HEAWA, LOHIKI, PAKU, and KEKA, all in reasonable condition. The rest house at AROARO is almost adequate, but the police quarters proved untenable. The necessary instructions were given.

ROADS

The road from the Veilala to AROARO is the worst stretch of road in the area, although the village is only three hours from the station. Although for the most part low-lying, no attempt has been made to drain it, and scarcely no attempt had been made to remove trees that had fallen across it. The necessary orders were given and police supervision will be made available to ensure obedience. The apathy of V.C. AIVA is largely responsible for this state of affairs.

MISSIONS AND EDUCATION

Education is in the hands of the L.M.S., based at Orokelo, and the S.D.A. at Belepa - both centres being outside the area patrolled. There are village schools in charge of semi-literate teachers at AROARO (L.M.S.), HEAWA (L.M.S.) and HEPEA (S.D.A.). The S.D.A. teachers at LOHIKI and KEKA have been withdrawn.

The rice project at AROARO Village owes its inception solely to the energy and foresight of Fth. Gasser of the Roman Catholic Mission at Orokelo. To the best of my knowledge there are no adherents to the Catholic faith in the village.

CENSUS

The census of the area was revised with a minimum of trouble. Village officials were helpful and attendances were good. Figures show that in all village except one deaths have equalled or exceeded births, and for the subdivision only 34 births were recorded as against 42 deaths. In the majority of instances the deaths were in the adult age group in the over 35 years bracket.

Slightly more than one third of the men (16-45) are absent at work, and some communities are suffering accordingly. The area has not been recruited - the young men go to work of their own volition.

The last census was conducted in October 1953.

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ANTHROPOLOGICAL

Many years ago, all the people lived in one big village called HEVE. It was a very big village and had many dubus. It was before the time the people started to make gardens, and they only ate food gathered from the bush, and the wild game they killed.

And in those days one clan found that some people were stealing hiri (an edible fungus that grows on the MOWARI and HIRIKORA tree) from their bush.

Now this hiri was a highly prized food, so the people watched their bush to see who was stealing it, but they caught no-one. Then one day a clan elder found some human excreta in the bush and saw there was plenty of hiri in it. And he was very angry, because he had not eaten hiri for a long time, because some people were stealing it from his bush. So he took the excreta home in a leaf and told one woman to prepare two large bowls of hiri soup. So the woman stole some hiri from other people's bush and made a very good soup from hiri and coconut oil, and the elder placed the excreta in it and took the two dishes of soup to the dubu.

Then he called out to some of the other dubus to come and have this soup. And many men from some of the other dubus in HEVE came and ate this soup.

After they had finished the elder said "Was it good soup you had?" and they answered him and said "Yes, it was very good soup." Then the elder said: "All the time our women go to the bush to collect hiri, and all the time they cannot find any because it has been stolen", and he continued and told them what was in the soup.

When all the men heard that they had eaten soup with excreta in it they were greatly shamed and asked among themselves "Whose wife has been stealing hiri from the bush of this dubu", and the men went among their women and asked them and none would admit it."

So the men called a meeting by themselves and talked of their great shame, and decided in the face of this insult they could no longer stay within the community. So straightway they went to their houses and bundled up all their possessions, and when night came and the village was asleep they stole away. And in the morning when the remainder of the people awoke they found these people's houses were empty.


Thus it was that all the offended peoples left their houses and moved eastwards towards the Vailala River and settled at AHIAMI, which is near the present day village of AROARO. In the course of years they spread from AHIAMI. Some crossed the river and stopped at BELEPA, and others moved up the west bank of the Vailala, which is why all the old villages are on that side. And some crossed the Vailala near LOHIKI and built a village there. One group went into the hill country among the Kukukukus, but found they could not live peacefully with these warlike people, and eventually they returned to the coast near Kerema Bay and formed the OPAU Group of villages.

And that is the story of why the people left HEVE where the Vailala people originally came from. And HEVE was where MURU Plantation is today.

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ROYAL PAPUAN CONSTABULARY ACCOMPANYING PATROL

Reg.No. 6909	Constable	KAVIRI	An alert constable of good appearance. Smart and conscientious.
" 7582	"	HOREMBOPA	An alert constable of good appearance. Intelligent and conscientious.


(M.J. Denehy) P.O.


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District Commissioner.

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EDUCATION

Village	No. of Teachers	No. of Girls	No. of Boys	Denomination
HEPEA	1	3	14	S.D.A.
HEAWA	1	6	21	L.M.S.
AROARO	1	7	19	L.M.S.
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[Handwritten Signature]
 District Commissioner.

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

UPPER VAILALA

Year...1955.....

G.P., Papua-1057/12.47

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS												MIGRATIONS		ABSENT FROM VILLAGE				LABOUR POTENTIAL		FEMALES		Average Size of Family	TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL								
				0-1 Mth.		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13				Females in Child Birth	In		Out		AT WORK				STUDENTS		Males	Females		Child		Adults					
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F							
		10-16	16-45	10-16	16-45	Pregnant	Number of Child-bearing age	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F								
HEPEA	27.7.	2	2											3	1			1	2	1	2					2		13	18	6	18	2	18	2.1	13	9	28	29	86
PEAVORO	2.8.55	1						1						3														3	5	4	3	1.7	2	3	8	5	18		
AROARO	1.8.55	8	2											2	2	1				3	3							15	32	13	30	2	31	2	39	24	41	46	156
HEAWA	28.7.55	1	1					1						2	1			6	4									6	23	2	14	1	6	2.1	5	9	17	16	57
OROVOI	"	1	2											1	2							1						7	20	3	17	11	1.5	11	7	25	20	64	
HUKULARA	30.7.55	1	2											1						8	3							5	19	2	11	1	9	1.7	4	3	13	14	45
NAKORA	30.7.55	2																1	1									4	11	3	12	8	2	8	9	11	14	44	
LOHIKI	29.7.55													1				4	2									7	12	6	11	1	8	2.1	9	7	11	14	47
HEPA	29.7.55																	1	3	3								3	10	1	6	3	1.5	2	2	8	8	26	
PAKU	27.3.55	2	1					1						2	1	1				5	1	3						3	12	5	8	2	11	1.9	7	3	8	15	42
IORI	26.3.55	4	2	1	1			1						1	1			1	1	10	2					2		7	18	4	24	3	14	2	14	8	18	28	82
KEKA	26.3.55	1	1					1						1	3	1		2	4	6								7	32	6	16	1	14	1.8	11	9	27	21	78
TOTALS		23	11	3	1			1	2	2				2	17	10	2			3	3	46	4	28		4		80	212	51	171	13	136	125	93	215	230	745	

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

No.30-1/ 189.
District Office,
Kikori, Gulf District,
7th September, 1955.

The Director,
Dept, Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

P/R.No.1. of 1955/56. IHU PATROL POST.

Please find attached the a/m patrol report submitted
by Patrol Officer Denehy.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

It is pleasing to note that the patrol was met by
hospitable people throughout the area patrolled.

KEKA Village. These people are semi nomadic and it
is only natural that they should move about from one place to
another. Until they have more contact with patrols and Europeans,
they will remain unsettled. It is good to note also that the PAKU
people are coming down to IHU for medical treatment at the Aid
Post.

Every encouragement is given to the people in the
the area in regard to agricultural development, and already a start
has been made with rice in the Ihu area. It is to be encouraged
amongst all the people of the Vailala area. I believe that if we
can get the people to take an interest in their own cultivation
of crops, many of them will remain in their villages, instead of
proceeding to other areas to work.

HEALTH.

There are sufficient people in the area, and this calls
for the establishment of an Aid Post. I shall suggest to the Medical
Officer at Kerema that this matter be investigated, and an endeavour
be made to establish an aid posts somewhere in the Lohiki Village
area. An Aid Post in that area would save the long journey up and
down the river.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK.

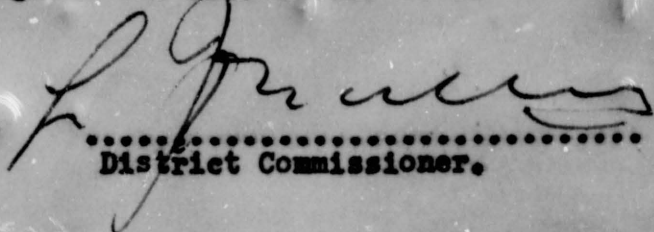
Although these people may have pocket size gardens,
there does not appear to be any shortage of food supplies amongst the
people. The encouragement of agricultural development in this
area, will I feel, be a success.

VILLAGES.

Most of the villages throughout appear to be in
fair condition.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Village Officials continue to do their best to help
at all times, and affairs throughout the area appear to be
satisfactory.


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District Commissioner.