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PATROL REPORTS CENTRAL DISTRICT 1962/63

KAIRUKU

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Conducted by:</u>	<u>Area Patrolled.</u>
Kai 1-62/63	D.Read	Bush Mekeo
" 2-62/63	T.J.A.Heuston	Kuni Census Division
" 3-62/63	I.D.Gibbons	Kairuku Council Area
" 5-62/63	T.J.A.Heuston	Nara and Kabadi Census Divs
" 7-62/63	T.J.A.Heuston	Kuni
" 9-62/63	D.J.Parker	Gabadi Census Division
" 12-62/63	D.J.Parker and D.J.Byrne	Mekeo Census Division
" 14-62/63	A.N.Asmussen	"





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

## PATROL REPORT

District of **KAIRUKU. West Central** Report No. **1/62-63.**

Patrol Conducted by **D. READ.**

Area Patrolled **BURU MEKEO.**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **NIL.**

Natives **1**

Duration—From **1** / **7** / 19 **62** to **15** / **7** / 19 **62**

Number of Days **15**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **NO.**

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services **2** / 19 **61**

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

Map Reference **CENSUS TAX REVISION.**

Objects of Patrol.....

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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The District Officer,  
West Central Division,  
Central District,  
TARINI.

The Bush Mekeo have always been a pleasing co-operative people and they do not appear to have the preoccupation with land disputes that is demonstrated by their neighbours, the true Mekeo groups.

I hope your conjecture that the removal of Sub District Headquarters to Bereina will induce these people to have greater access to their own Administration personnel, however, I am inclined to doubt it as the direction of their waterway communications is against the proposition. I hope you are right.

(W. E. Wilson)  
DIRECTOR.



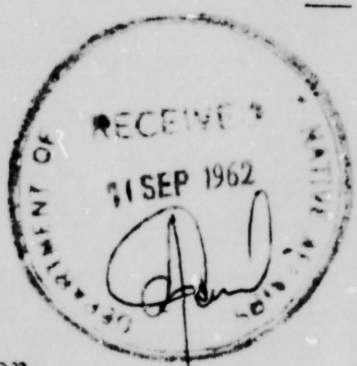
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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District Office,  
West Central Division,  
Central District,  
TAPINI.

6th September, 1962.

The Director,  
Dept. of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu.

KAIRUKU PATROL 1 OF 1962/63.

The abovementioned report submitted by Mr. D. Read  
Patrol Officer, is forwarded herewith.

Some comments follow:-

Paragraph 5: The shotgun confiscated by Mr. Read  
is being held at Kairuku pending investigation.

Paragraph 6: This matter has been the subject of  
separate correspondence.

Paragraph 7: All we can do is advise these people  
as Mr. Read has done. However, I believe, that their judgement  
in such matters is better than ours and it is now a matter  
for them to decide if and when they will vacate the area.  
I agree that these people should be discouraged from moving  
onto land owned by the MAIPA people.

Paragraph 10: I feel sure that the movement of the  
Kairuku Sub-District Headquarters from Yule Island to Bereina  
will encourage these people to bring their troubles to Bereina  
rather than Kairuku. I do not blame them for previously not  
wanting to make the frustrating journey to Kairuku.

Paragraph 22: A.D.O. Kairuku, has been requested to  
make a firm recommendation in this matter.

Paragraph 23: Necessary forms have been forwarded  
under separate cover.

Paragraph 32: This matter has been brought to the  
attention of the Co-operative Officer at Kairuku.

Mr. Read appears to have carried out a thorough patrol  
and has submitted an interesting report.

c.c. Assistant District Officer,  
KAIRUKU  
~~Patrol Officer-in-Charge,~~  
GUARI.

(O.J. Mathieson)  
District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
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No. 67-2-33

Sub-District Office,  
West Central Division,  
Central District,  
KAIRUKU  
18th July, 1962.

The Assistant District Officer,  
Kairuku Sub-District  
KAIRUKU.

PATROL REPORT NO. 1/1962-63 KAIRUKU

DIARY

1st July 1962	Departed BEREINA at 1815 arrived at 1845. at BEIPA. Slept Beipa.
2nd July 1962	Departed Beipa at 1130 for BABANONGO village arriving at 1320. Inspected village, revised census and collected tax. Discussions with villagers and then prepared census figures until 2130 Slept Babanongo
3rd July, 1962	By canoe from Babanongo at 0830 and arrived APANAIPI 1520, General discussions with people. Slept Apanaipi
4th July, 1962	0700 Census revision and tax collection. Minor complaints and worked on village census figures. Slept Apanaipi
5th July 1962	Departed Apanaipi at 0845 by canoe 5½ hours upstream to PIUNGA village. Tax and census on arrival. Inspected village. Talked with people about an alternative site for the village. General discussion and census figures until 2015 hours. Slept Piunga
6th July, 1962	Piunga to AMAIAKA at 0715 arrived 0740. Inspected village and surrounds. Visited Mission school then tax and census in the village. Discussion on general matters with people and returned to Piunga at 1540. Prepared census figures until 1945. Slept Piunga.
7th July, 1962	Departed Piunga at 0730. One hour 5 minutes to INAUKINA village. Census and tax collection. Inspected village and heard some minor complaints and had a talk with the villagers. Slept Inaukina



PAGE TWO

8th July 1962	To MAIPA village at 1035 arrived at 1220. Visited airstrip and discussed its functioning with the people. Looked around the village and mission. Slept Maipa.
9th July, 1962	Tax and census revision at Maipa and departed for IOI at 1030 arrived at 1133. Track in very bad shape. Heard some minor complaints and visited village. Slept IoI
10th July, 1962	Revised the census and collected tax further talks with people and left for ENGEFA village 0920 and reached there 1122. Track in worse shape than Maipa IoI track. Villagers celebrating rice harvesting time with a feast and dance at the time of the visit. Talked with village officials. Slept Engefa
11th July, 1962	Tax and census revision at Engefa then to Beipa at 1020 and arrived at 1310. Prepared census figures . Slept Beipa
12th July, 1962	Departed Beipa for Bereina at 0750 by Landrover arrived at 0820. Radio call to Kairuku and then to Bereina office. Enquiries and complaints until 1700. Slept Bereina
13th July, 1962	0800 Native Matters Courts at Bereina until 2130. Slept Bereina
14th July, 1962	To Beipa for N.L.G.C. meeting at 0900 Police investigation and courts at 1130 completed 1810 and returned to Bereina. Slept Bereina
15th July, 1962	0820 by tractor to ARARANA landing. Arrived 1000 departed by launch for Kairuku at 1005 and arrived back on the station at 1210.

END OF PATROL

INTRODUCTION.

1. The patrol was a routine tax collection and census revision patrol and these functions were carried out without trouble. The last patrol in the area was conducted by Mr. Gibbins Patrol Officer some 7 months ago and was a routine administration patrol. At the completion of the tour of the Bush Mekeo some time was spent at Bereina Patrol Post assisting Mr. Gibbins with some courts.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

2. The Bush Mekeo is perhaps the quietest area in the Sub-District and the most pleasant to patrol.

3. The patrol was very well received in all villages and I feel that amicable relations were established between the villagers and the patrol which enabled the patrol work to function smoothly.

4. No difficulty was experienced in obtaining carriers when required and fresh food was readily available.

5. Numerous request were received for shotgun permits, however it was explained to all that the patrol was not in position to grant their requests and they would have to present their cases to the Assistant District Officer at Kairuku. The area abounds in game and in particular is there plenty of bird life (ducks etc) should however there be an increase in the number of shotguns in use in the census division the quantity of game would rapidly decrease. One shotgun was confiscated and brought to Kairuku as the holder of the gun had no permit. The gun had been left to him by his father when he died.

6. Some requests were received for rifle permits so as to enable the people to do some crocodile shooting. The position was explained to the people concerned. While at Apanaipá the people requested that all European and mixed-race crocodile hunters be advised that their presence is not appreciated in the area.

7. Piunga village is situated on a very sharp bend in the Akaifu River. The village is bounded on three sides by the river and during periods of flood the village ground is usually submerged under about 5 feet of water. Over the years the river has gradually worn a small passage through the village site and there is a very strong possibility that this wet season the river will make a complete break through causing damage to the houses and causing a possible loss of life. Should the river break through at this point an ox bow lake would be formed. It was suggested to the people that they look around for an alternative site to the rear of the present village where the ground is higher. Some of the people suggested that they move to the other side of the river and be nearer to Ameiaka village, however I feel that this should be discouraged as the land belongs to the Maipa people and although at the present time the owner of the land is in favour of the move there is no guarantee that the next generation would be of the same frame of mind.

8. From the census figures obtained an increase of 81 on the 1961 figures is noted, accounted for mainly by the high rate of births over deaths. A large proportion of the male population is absent from the area most of whom are in Port Moresby. The people had no real idea of where they are working only that most of them were working as carpenters and mechanics. No difficulty was experienced in collecting tax from the eligible males who were in the village and many paid for relatives in Port Moresby. Census figures are attached hereto.

9. In nearly all villages people expressed appreciation of the work done for them by the Administration and also expressed the wish for more frequent visits.

10. The Akaifu River joins the Makunga River at Apanaipí and flows to the coast near Lese in the Kerema Sub-District. The Makunga is a large river and when the two join they provide a natural outlet for the people of the Bush Mekeo who live either on these river banks or on their tributaries. Consequently many of the people prefer to travel by canoe to KUKIPI Patrol Post rather than travel overland to Bereina or to Kairuku. Possibly when a better system of roads is built up in the area then more of the people will proceed direct to Kairuku. At the moment however it appears that any pressing problems are taken to the Kukipi patrol post and some difficulty is experienced by Kairuku in keeping 'au fait' with the current happenings.

#### LAW AND ORDER

11. The people are a law abiding group and no individual complaints requiring Court action were brought before the patrol. A number of minor complaints, mainly to do with pigs, were brought forward however these were settled satisfactorily between the parties concerned without court action.



### ROADS AND BRIDGES

12. Water provides the main means for transport in the area and the inter village tracks are in the main in very poor condition. The Bush Mekeo would seem to consist of large areas of swamp or almost swamp with an intricate network of connecting streams and rivers. As previously mentioned the majority of the villages are to be found on the Akaifu and Makunga river or their tributaries and there is not the need to maintain top grade foot tracks which because of the nature of the country would be almost impossible to keep in good order. There is no foot track from Babanongo to Apanaipi and none from Apanaipi to Piunga, all travel being done on canoe. From Piunga to Inaukina the track is passable during the present dry season but is under water in the wet season. The track from Inaukina to Maipa was the driest track seen and was in reasonably good order. From Maipa to Ioi the track passes through a large area of swamp and even at this time of the year was shin deep in mud. Ioi to Engefa was the worst section of track being for the first almost knee deep mud and for the latter half thigh deep water. After Engefa the track improved until it the tractor track into Beipa was reached and from then on the road was good.

13. Bridges are non-existent, the river crossings being by canoes operated by Administration paid ferryman. Over the smaller streams the bridges consist of single logs and some of the deeper areas of swamp have bamboo platforms built over them. A number of complaints were received about the ferrymen and their lack of enthusiasm. In particular the ferrymen on the Apanaipi - Piunga and Apanaipi - Babanongo stretches. The ferryman at Apanaipi is doing his share to foster the economic development in his particular area by refusing to take passengers and referring them to one of the other men in the village who has an outboard motor and who will take anyone up the river at a price.

14. A tractor road is at present under construction from Beipa to Babanongo and a tractor can now be taken to within one and half hours walk from Babanongo

### MEDICAL AND HEALTH

15. The Catholic Mission hospital at Beipa serves the Bush Mekeo as well as the Mekeo. The hospital is run by trained sisters.

16. A government Aid post is situated at Piunga and a mission run Aid post is found at Maipa. The piunga orderly has a large area to cover and experiences difficulty in making regular visits to some of the further away villages in particular Apanaipi which has the largest population in the division (435) and only receives a visit every 3-4 months.

17. Because of the swamps the mosquitoes are rather bad with the exception of Maipa which has, to some extent, been dried out. To drain other areas in the lower reaches of the rivers would be hardly feasible at present.

18. Clean water is something very hard to come by. There are no wells and the people use the river water for drinking, cooking and ablutions the people however seem to be remarkably healthy.

19. It was suggested to the Apanaipi people that if they wanted a staffed Aid Post in their village, that they could provide one of their number for training.

### VILLAGES AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS

20. All the villages were found to be neat and tidy with a large number of relatively new houses.

21. Rest houses were the best I have seen in the Sub-District and made the patrol a comfortable one.

22. Village officials, with the exception of the Piunga Village constable, were very co-operative and enabled the work of the patrol to run smoothly. The Piunga policeman was anything but efficient and I think he rather resented the intrusion of the patrol. It is recommended that he be dismissed and a suitable substitute be appointed by the next patrolling officer.

23. The village policeman of Engefa tendered his resignation as he is getting a little old now. He has done a good job. A replacement has been found and the necessary papers are attached hereto.

#### MISSION

24. The Roman Catholic mission is the only mission in the area and have churches and schools in all villages. The headquarters for the area are at Beipa and the Priests visit the villages every 2-3 months.

#### EDUCATION

25. This is entirely in the hands of the mission and nearly every child between the ages of 6 and 14 attend school. English is taught in all the schools and up to standard 3. After standard 3 students may be sent to schools at either Mainohana or Yule Island. The school at Maipa is in the hands of an approved A teacher. A large number of people in the area speak English or understand English.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

26. Rice is grown throughout the area and would provide the most important crop. In the last season Apanaipi produced 157 bags. 80 bags are to be given to the mission and the remainder is sold to the Co-operative association through Kukipi patrol post. All the other villages produce rice but crop figures were not available.

27. The villages in the lower Bush Mekeo do a considerable amount of trading with the Kerema people and Port Moresby. The goods, mainly vegetables, are taken downriver by canoe to Kukipi and then forwarded to Moresby by K Boat.

28. The villages of Inaukina, Maipa and Ioi have ready access to a self made airstrip situated some 20 minutes walk from Maipa. This airstrip is serviced from Port Moresby by STOL Airways who provide a regular service flight each Thursday. Produce consisting mainly of oranges and betel nut but also lemons, tomatoes, pineapples, pepper fruit, pitpit, cucumbers and some peanuts are purchased at the strip by STOL and sold in Port Moresby.

29. Complaints were received from Piunga and Ameiaka people that the Maipa people would not let them sell their produce at the strip. When the airstrip was under construction these two villages provided only 3 men between them to help in the work. It was explained to all the people in the Bush Mekeo that if they wished to use the strip when it was completed they would all have to provide a reasonable amount of labour. These two villages were against the construction of the strip and failed to provide much labour, consequently they have only themselves to blame for the present situation.

30. The strip is well looked after, mainly by the Maipa people, and the grass well cut and the people are very happy with it.

31. A couple of enquiries were made by the people of Maipa and Inaukina about the possibility of opening small trade stores in their villages.



32. The Apanaipi people are saving towards a Co-operative store which they are to start when they have £2000 in cash. At the moment they have £372 and hope to have the rest by the end of next year. Their income is derived mainly from the sale of rice and copra. The Piunga people are also trying to start an economic venture trading with Port Moresby and are at present constructing a large canoe.

AGRICULTURE

33. In all the villages visited coffee is being planted under the guidance of the Agricultural station at Beipa. Some fairly large areas have been cleared for planting and at Maipa they are almost ready to pick their first crop. The people receive considerable assistance from the Beipa station in the form of visits from Agriculture Field Workers.

CONCLUSION.

34. The most satisfying patrol I have done in the Sub-District. The people showed a willingness to co-operate and to do a bit of work to help themselves which attitude seems to be lacking in other sections of the Sub-District.

*David Read*  
( DAVID READ )  
Patrol Officer

*Best meeting I have always had  
a person's co-operation is  
they do not allow to come to  
the station with the same  
demonstration by the same people.*

ASSOCIATED PATROL MEMORANDA.

<u>File No.</u>	<u>Subject.</u>	<u>Addressee.</u>
52 - 2 - 1.	OLEKE-AMI ex P.I.R.	A.D.O.Kairuku.
28 - 10- 5.	Inoperative Accounts.	" " .
	Census Figures <del>✓</del>	" " .
	Crocodile Hunters. ✓	" " .
25 - 2 - 1.	Loan - Piunga Villagers. ✓	" " .
52 - 3 - 1.	Bomb Disposal.	" " .
25 - 3 - 3.	Native Vegetable Trade- MAIPA.	" " .
49 - 6 - 4.	KAUFIA-KOKO'E of Maipa	" " .
28 - 10 - 2.	Lost Pass Books.	" " .
	Camping Allowance claim	" " .





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

## PATROL REPORT

District of **WEST CENTRAL DIVISION**..... Report No. **KAIRUKU 2/62-63**.....

Patrol Conducted by **Mr. T.J.A. HEUSTON C.P.O.**.....

Area Patrolled **KUNI CENSUS DIVISION (PART)**.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **NO**.....

Natives **NO**.....

Duration—From **27** / **7** / 19 **62** to **30** / **7** / 19 **62**.....

Number of Days **FOUR**.....

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

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

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

Map Reference **ADMINISTRATIVE MAP KAIRUKU SUB DISTRICT - READ 1962.**.....

Objects of Patrol.....  
at **KUBUNA** (1) To settle in some Gailala road labourers, working  
(2) To construct labour quarters.  
(3) General Administration.

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ /19

.....  
District Commissioner

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

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

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

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2nd October, 1962.

The District Officer,  
West Central Division,  
Central District,  
TAPINI.

PATROL REPORT NO. 2-62/63 - KAIRUKU

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report  
is acknowledged with thanks.

I think the people should be strongly dis-  
couraged from moving on to land owned by the MAIPA people.  
Such arrangements never seem to work out over an extended  
period.

The movement of the Sub-District Headquarters to  
Bereina should facilitate administration.

It is of significance that the Gollala people  
are offering for work in the road construction. They  
are certainly much better engaged in this type of activity  
rather than attending extended dances.

Mr Houston has done a good job in his preparation  
for the reception of the Gollala labourers.

*(Signature)*

(W.R. DISHON)  
A/Director.





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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Mr. OJM:AL



District Office,  
West Central Division,  
Central District,  
TAPINI.

6th September, 1962.

The Director,  
Dept. of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU.

KAIRUKU PATROL 2 OF 1962/63.

The abovementioned patrol report submitted by Mr. T. Heuston is forwarded herewith.

£50,000 is at present being spent on the reconstruction of the KUBUNA Road. The work is mainly being done by road equipment but it was necessary to import some Gailala labour.

Mr. Heuston's visit to the Kubuna area was for the purpose of explaining proposed road development plans to local natives and to advise them of the approaching arrival of the Gailala labour, thus eradicating any friction which might otherwise occur.

*[Signature]*  
(G.J. Mathieson)  
District Officer.

copy: A.D.O., Kairuku.



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In Reply  
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No. 67-2-34

Sub District Office,  
Kairuku Sub District,  
KAIRUKU.

31st July, 1962.

The Assistant District Officer,  
Kairuku Sub District,  
KAIRUKU.

KAIRUKU PATROL NUMBER 2/62-63.,  
KUBUNA AREA.

INTRODUCTION.

1. The A.D.O. Kairuku's verbal instructions refer.
2. The objects of this patrol were to meet some thirty Goilala labourers walking to KUBUNA from TAPINI, in order to work on the KUBUNA - AROPOKINA road; to get them to construct native material labour quarters, and to reassure local people as to the purpose of Goilala people working and living in their area, and that any damage caused through, or materials used in road work would be compensated.
3. It was prearranged that the patrolling officer would have to meet a launch at AROPOKINA Landing on Monday 30th July, and return to KAIRUKU.
4. In the event the Goilala labourers did not arrive as expected. I was able to employ four labourers for two days, and to complete the building of one 10' x 12' floored house, before I was due to return to Kairuku. This house, together with two existing shelters (also near the KUBUNA Rest House) should be sufficient to house the Goilalas until they can construct some more houses themselves.

PATROL DIARY.

- Friday 27th July. 0900 left KAIRUKU Government Station by motor-launch to AROPOKINA Landing, arriving 1230. Proceeded by foot to KUBUNA, where discussions with some local people. Continued to UKUA Estate arriving 1800. Slept UKUA Estate.
- Saturday 28th July. 0730 to KUBUNA Rest House. No news of any Goilala people. Set four men to work collecting timber, vines, and building materials from nearby bush (on Crown Land). 1300 - 1400 lunch. Construction of one house commenced in afternoon work continuing till 1730. Returned and slept at UKUA Estate.
- Sunday 29th July. 0700 to KUBUNA Rest House. Framework completed and thatching commenced in morning. 1300 - 1430 lunch. Thatching and flooring completed in afternoon. Still no news of Goilala's. 1800 returned and slept at UKUA Estate.
- Monday 30th July. 0800 left UKUA Estate, by P.W.D. landrover as far as WANONO, given lift by timber contractor Mr. G. Burgess to AROPOKINA Landing arriving 1130. Truck bogged at AROPOKINA. Unloaded timber and unbogged by 1330. Launch arrived 1900. Arrived Kairuku 2200. End of patrol.



NATIVE AFFAIRS.

5. The population of this area is sparse, the people living in widely scattered villages and hamlets. Their main interest at the moment seems to be concentrated in their resettlement at BAKOI'UDU of the people from the mountains fringing the Goilala Sub District. There is a growing interest amongst the people closer to KUBUNA Airstrip in trading in vegetables, betel and okari nuts with Port Moresby, this however is just beginning, and at present, with no marketing organisation in Moresby these people fly in with their goods.

6. Law and order seems very good, and under control. The launch was met at ARCPOKINA on Friday by two Village Constables taking some men and a woman to Kairuku for a Court hearing.

NATIVE ATTITUDES.

7. The people seem content to live their own life and are not over interested in what the Government is doing in the KUBUNA area. They seem to be quite pleased that Goilala people are coming to rebuild the AROPOKINA - KUBUNA road, and I anticipate no trouble here. Their growing interest in economic development is shown by the fact that they recently clubbed together and bought a landrover, with the intention of trucking vegetables from BAKOI'UDU to KUBUNA A/s. The Land Rover is being held and driven for them by one RAPHAEL AIDA, who is running what seems to be, quite a profitable trade store at KUBUNA. This man is a Legislative Council Observer for the area. The vehicle, a second hand one, apparently cost £250 in Port Moresby, and is now at KUBUNA.

REST HOUSES.

8. The rest house at KUBUNA is a solid structure built of permanent materials, and with an iron roof. The labour quarters referred to in this report were built on the same block of land as the rest house, that is a 17 acre Government Reserve.

ROADS.

9. The AROPOKINA - KUBUNA Road is in very poor condition in a number of places, and at no place is it good. Mr. Ken Jarvis, of the Department of Public Works is due to arrive at KUBUNA on Tuesday 1st August, to Supervise reconstruction of this road. His base camp will be at the KUBUNA Rest House, and the object of this patrol was to construct some labour quarters and settle in the labour before his arrival.

CONCLUSION.

10. As stated above, in paragraph 4, the Goilala labourers did not arrive as expected, and as there was a transport schedule to keep, I could not remain and wait for them. However with the help of four labourers, I was able to make adequate temporary accommodation available in preparation for their arrival.

11. Although this was a somewhat frustrating patrol, I was interested and pleased to visit this area, even for such a short period, and to gain some appreciation of the work being done, and the potential near KUBUNA for settlement and development.

T. Heuston.

(T. Heuston.)  
Cadet Patrol Officer.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

## PATROL REPORT

District of KAIRUKU. WEST CENTRAL Report No. 3/1962/63.

Patrol Conducted by I. D. GIBBINS.

Area Patrolled KAIRUKU COUNCIL AREA.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans 1 (Part time)

Natives 1.

Duration—From 16./7./19 62 to 2./8./19 62.

Number of Days 17

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

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

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

Map Reference .....

Objects of Patrol PRE ELECTION CAMPAIGNE.

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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28th September, 1962.

The District Officer,  
West Central District,  
TAPINI.

KAIKUKU PATROL REPORT No.3/1962-63

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(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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In Reply  
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No. 67-3-4

District Office,  
West Central Division,  
Central District,  
TAPINI.

13th September, 1962.

The Director,  
Dept. of Native Affairs,  
KONIGSBURG.

KAIRUKU PATROL 3 OF 1962/63.

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*[Signature]*  
DISTRICT OFFICER.

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KAIRUKU PATROL 3 OF 1962/63.

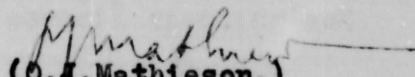
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A.D.O., Kairuku.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

*In Reply  
Please Quote*

No. 41-4-2.

Patrol Post,  
BEREINA,  
Kairuku Sub-District.  
22nd August, 1962.

Assistant District Officer,  
KAIRUKU,  
West Central Division,  
Central District.

KAIRUKU PATROL REPORT No. 3/1962-63.

PRE-ELECTION PATROL: KAIRUKU N.L.G. COUNCIL.

The following report is based on a series of some fourteen meetings conducted during the above patrol. The form taken by these meetings followed along the lines of Department of Native Affairs Circular Instruction 306, Local Government Memorandum No.2.

2. The patrol was accompanied in part by Mr.C.P.O. Heuston who attended the first five meetings.
3. The following is submitted for your information and comment, please.
4. Claim for camping out allowance is attached.

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Outline of Meetings.

- A. (1) Simplified historical sketch of development of democratic government in British countries and development in the Territory leading to formation of native local government councils. Here emphasis was placed on the fact that local government councils were not a new idea but rather a long proven institution which had flourished in all English speaking countries.
- (2) Explanation of the organisation and functions of a council, with emphasis on its legal basis, election of councillors, taxing powers and tax collection, estimates and council spending and rule making powers.
- (3) Political aspects of councils - as an outlet for increasing political aspirations of people and way in which councils facilitate representation on political bodies such as District Advisory Councils, Legislative Council, and conferences such as combined councils conference, South Pacific Conference etc.
- (4) Question time to ensure that everyone had clarified their ideas about the aims and functions of councils.



- (5) An opportunity for all who desired to express their views on before mentioned matters. This generally proved a lively period.
- B. (1) Concerning the mode and type of forthcoming elections to be held in September, an explanation was first given on the reason why a person should vote and the value of recording their vote - the article by Peter Canhan "Why should I vote" was used to illustrate this aspect.
- (2) Eligibility of voters - every male and female over the age of 17 in initial election. Here stress was laid on fact that success of election depended on women as well as men taking an active interest in election.
- (3) Eligibility of candidates - not essential for candidate to have had a formal education as everyday experience of administrative practice is a great teacher. However he should be able to express himself well in his own language - not necessarily English - and think and act for the benefit of his village and council area as a whole. Above all a candidate should be a man who has proved himself willing to set a good example in his village and whom his people know will give his wholehearted support to their council.
- (4) Mode of election - the mechanism and advantages of the secret, whispering ballot which would be employed in forthcoming elections.

#### C. Incidents at Meetings.

Quite a deal of opposition was expressed at many of the meetings to the introduction of the council - notably at the two Waima meetings and at Mou and Biotou. Basis of this opposition appeared to be the fear of Council introducing an excessive tax rate.

Many references were made to the failure of Government sponsored co-operative societies in the area and the possibility that the same fate would attend the new council. However all such points raised were countered by fresh explanations and assurances which apparently clarified the points raised to the speaker's satisfaction.

It must be kept in mind that the Waima people are probably the most apathetic in this district while their cousins the Mous and Biotous are some of the most intractable.

Following are some sample extracts from speeches made at Waima meeting:

"Has the Government been with us for a long time or only a few years? The Government should have started these Councils a long time ago but it is only just starting now. This is why we have not progressed".

"We people are like a heavy stone that cannot move. What the Government is now trying to do is like someone with a crowbar trying to lever this stone up and get it rolling."

The village of Roroaiara point blankly refused to nominate any candidates at the meeting conducted during this patrol. As a result I conducted a second meeting there on completion of the patrol and was met with a second refusal. However following this they held a meeting themselves and nominated four candidates.

Attendance at Meetings.

Of the fourteen meetings held during this patrol, none was begun before at least 90% of adults present in the village had assembled so that all talk given went directly to the ears of 90% of the population present at the time in the Council area.

Female Participation.

Although as stated the majority of female adults attended the meetings they took little if any part in discussions and there were no female candidates nominated. In view of the number of womens' clubs in this area I had anticipated more female participation and possibly some female candidates from the larger villages but, unfortunately for the council I think, this did not materialise.

Candidates for 1962 Elections.

See attached schedule.

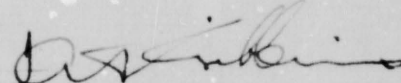
CONCLUSION.

Although as previously mentioned there was a considerable amount of opposition expressed to the introduction of the Kairuku Council by various speakers at the meetings in Waima I am of the firm belief that it was not popular opposition.

However an energetic group of councillors with close support from the Administration will be needed to break through the inertia which has settled over much of the new Council area.

There is little doubt that a council is long overdue here and as with the rest of the Territory it is an essential organisation for future advancement.

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(I.D. Gibbins)  
Patrol Officer-in-Charge.



SCHEDULE.

CANDIDATES FOR 1962 ELECTIONS - KAIRUKU N.L.G. COUNCIL.

<u>Village.</u>	<u>Candidate.</u>	<u>Nominor.</u>	<u>Seconded (1)</u>	<u>Seconded (2).</u>
Kivori-poe	1.Jack Baupua	Ai'aba Aia	Ume Kevau	Ume Ro'i.
"	2.Aihi Poe'i	Taria Ere	Vake Iramu	Ume Naime
"	3.Taria Ere	Oa Baki	Kivori To'oro	Batai Kewa
"	4.Vaki Eki	Ume Araia	Kevau Hau	Rovera Mare
"	5.Aiava Kia	Rarai Airi	Pabine Maoni	Taita Mare
Kivori-kue	1.Ovia Iramu	Api Api	Karuka Maoni	Beni Aura
"	2.Oa Beni	Airi Ume	Mare Arawai	Ume Kariana
"	3.Bera Ume	Lau Maria	Taure To'i	Ume Rau
Hereparu	1.Bihui Aihi	Akauma Moaba	Miria Arua	Oa Iramu
"	2.Heni Moaba	Paru Aihi	Oa Aroba	Aihi Moeri
Waima-Aviara	1.Naime Paru	Lohia Ume	Paru Okari	Aba Ume
"	2.Makani Paru	Oa Naime	Ametu Tore	Tsiara Aba
"	3.Arua Oa	Aihi Kupu	Aihi Miria	Mame Aihi
Hauramiri	1.Beata Maoni	Bahau Aihi	Ume Aume	Arua Ikupu
"	2.Aihi Oa	Baki Tarupa	Hau Maoni	Abeo Tarupi
"	3.Hau Mare	Poha Ketoa	Arua Ikupu	Beata Paru
"	4.Arua Ikupu	Paru Beata	Hau Mare	Ara Magani
Roroaiara	1.Paraha Ume	Baura Ume	Beni Bure	Magani Aruovo
"	2.Ikupu Arabo	Paru Ikupu	Naime Ikupu	Miria Launa
"	3.Harima Lau	Lau Beata	Baki Arua	Ovia Beata
"	4.Warupi Ume	Miria Ume	Ume Miria	Aihi Kupu
"	5.Aihi Lo'i	Lo'i Aihi	Oa Henia	Baki Kupu
"	6.Arabu Hau	Poha Oa	Kupa Naime	Aruoba Ikupu
Ere'ere	1.Hau Paru	Aihi Here	Naime Baki	Hauramiri
"	2.Arupu Hauramiri	Naime Miria	Ara Paru	Arua Aihi
"	3.Anave Vakeu	Ikupu Vi'o	Ikupu Ovia	Ikupu Hau
Bereina	1.Arua Bare	Arua Warupi	Wani Kere	Warupi Arua
"	2.Aitsi Warupi	Aihi Miria	Ara Bahe	Ume Kaipa
"	3.Kaipa Aitsi	Aitsi Ketoto	Miria Aitsi	Naime Aitsi
"	4.Miria Aitsi	Koae Eru	Aihi Aume	Aitsi Miria
Aviara-Oreke	1.Hua Momo	Arua Miria	Arua Bio	Arua Aihi
"	2.Paul Naime	Aria Kapani	Aihi Arua	Aihi Berehai
Babiko	1.Naime Miria	Huai Aitsi	Ipi Aitsi	Iburo Aitsi
"	2.Parau Onai	Onai Awaha	Paru Naime	Ta'ita Ketoa
"	3.Muere Aitsi	Aitsi Koae	Aitsi Muere	Onai Kono
Mou	1.Aisi Oa	Aburu Meauri	Paru Ai'io	Naime Bio
"	2.John Ai'io	Parama Arure	Aua Dai	Aisi Oa
"	3.Aisi Kairuku	Aisi Naime	Aroba Aua	Oa Parama
"	4.Aisi Arure	Meauri Ro'i	Aia Roaia	Ono Aia
Rapa	1.Baki Teamau	Aisi Abau	Tauni Para	Tou Aisi
"	2.Aburu Meauri	Koai Otoro	Baki Aisi	Tsibo Aba'u
"	3.Koai Aisi	Aisi Taitai	Aba'u Masu	Warupi Bobo
Biotou	1.Orea Meauri	Aisi Tai'ita	Aisi Iburo	A'i Tou
"	2.Aisi Rabau	Iburo Aisi	Aisi Rakani	Louaia Aisi
Nikura	1.Rabau Koaba	Naime Aumari	Koai Rabau	Ume Tatahu
"	2.Aumari Naime	Aisi Vailala	Koaba Rabau	Toto Koai
"	3.Koai Rabau	Koai Kivori	Tou Imana	Aumari Taita

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<u>Village.</u>	<u>Candidate.</u>	<u>Nominator.</u>	<u>Seconder(1).</u>	<u>Seconder(2).</u>
Delena	1.Naime Henry	Meauri Aisi	Oa Tavesi	Makuri Wani
"	2.Vailala Aisi	Ume Nou	Uraru Kone	Ta'ita Rabau
"	3.Vakai Koava	Nou Perry	Loco Sevese	Puro Oa
Poukama	1.Dikana Vailala	Tauni Vailala	Koai Aila	Meauri Naime
"	2.Oa Noi	Koai Aia	Aisi Kapani	Oini Vailala
"	3.Vaupua To'oro	Rabau Bera	Pou Evoa	Avia Rauma
Keabada	1.Aihi Paru	Charlie Peter	O'oru Ume	Hari Ume
"	2.Hari Ume	Aihi Bite	Kabana Ani	O'oru Ume
"	3.David Charlie	Ume O'oro	Aiaba Bure	Roi'o Abara
Tsiria	1.Aba'u Aisi	Haurama Naime	Leo Oa	Aisi Baupua
"	2.Warupi Morea	Bure Apa	Aisi Bio	Koaba Warupi
"	3.Francis Hau	John Bure	Aisi Miauri	Arua Aisi
"	4.Bera Baupua	Aisi Warupi	Warupi Aisi	Aisi Kuekue
Pinupaka	1.Meauri Parau	Meauri Aisi	Koai Aisi	Mare Aisi
"	2.Bakeu Aisi	Aria Aisi	Hebei Aisi	Haurama Sevesi
"	3.Tia'au Miria	Koae Miria	Aisi Miria (1)	Aisi Miria(2)



RORO-WAIMA-KIVORI PRE-ELECTION PATROL DIARY.

Monday, 16th July, 1962.

Departed Bereina Patrol Post 1030hrs by D.A.S.F. truck to Kivori-poe arriving 1200hrs. Mr.C.P.O. Heuston accompanying. Council pre-election discussion for 5 hours in p.m. About 300 adults present. Nominations for candidates accepted (5).

Slept Kivori-poe.

Tuesday, 17th July.

Left Kivori-poe 0800hrs and on request inspected L.M.S. and Catholic schools en route Kivori-kue. Held meeting in p.m. at which 250 adults from Kivorikue and Hereparu present. Nominations accepted.- Kivori-kue (3), Hereparu (2).

Slept Kivori-kue.

Wednesday, 18th July .

Left Kivori-kue 0830hrs and arrived Ere'ere rest house 1000hrs. Some minor complaints attended to. Meeting held in afternoon at adjacent village of Hauramiri. 400 adults from Waima-Aviara and Hauramiri present. A very lively meeting. Nominations accepted: Waima-Aviara (3), Hauramiri (4).

Slept Ere'ere rest house.

Thursday, 19th July.

Morning spent attending to further minor complaints and custody claims. In afternoon meeting held at Ere'ere village but very poor attendance. Arranged another meeting to be held on Friday.

Slept Ere'ere.

Friday, 20th July.

Meeting of both Ere'ere and Roroaiara. Waited until almost full attendance of both villages. Meeting began 1000hrs and ended 1400hrs. About 500 adults present. Nominations accepted from Ere'ere only. Roroaiara refused to nominate candidates. Proceeded to Bereina village and slept.

Saturday, 21st July.

Morning spent at Bereina Patrol Post attending to some urgent correspondence. Returned to Bereina.

Slept Bereina.

Sunday, 22nd July.

Observed at Bereina.

Monday, 23rd July.

Meeting held at Bereina in a.m. All Bereina and Awiara-Oreke adults present -200. Nominations accepted from Bereina only. Left Bereina 1500hrs and arrived Babiko 1700hrs.

Slept Babiko.

Tuesday, 24th July.

Mr. C.P.O. Heuston departed for Kairuku 0800hrs.  
Meeting held at Babiko lasting three hours in a.m.  
120 adults present. Nominations received (3).

Left Babiko 1130hrs and arrived Mou village  
1200hrs. Meeting held in p.m. 100 adults present.  
Nominations accepted (4).

Slept Mou.

Wednesday, 25th July.

Left Mou village 0800hrs and arrived Rapa  
village 0900hrs, inspecting Kerema-Rapa hamlet of  
Ipaipana en route. Dealt with minor complaints while  
waiting for all village to assemble including two Kerema  
hamlets of Ipaipana and Iura. Meeting held in p.m.  
lasting from 1330 to 1730hrs. 170 adults in attendance.  
Nominations accepted (3).

Slept Rapa village.

Thursday, 26th July.

Left Rapa 0830hrs and reached Biotou 1130hrs.  
- the last hour wading through thigh deep mud and swamp.  
Informed by Village Constable that all men, women and  
children had been absent for past two weeks hunting in  
preparation for a funeral feast- a past-time apparently  
peculiar to this village as I have struck it on  
numerous occasions. Spent afternoon in discussion of  
various village problems and minor complaints.

Slept Biotou village.

Friday, 27th July.

Pre-election meeting at Biotou on return of  
all adults - 160 all told. Quite a rowdy affair with a  
few agitators trying their best to wreck it. Meeting  
lasted three hours. Nominations finally accepted (2).

Left Biotou 1230hrs by canoe for Nikura against  
incoming tide, arriving 1400hrs.

Held meeting at Nikura attended by 40 adults.  
Candidates chosen (3).

Left Nikura 1600hrs aboard launch calling at  
Delena and arriving Kairuku 1800hrs.

Slept Kairuku as guest of A.D.O.

Saturday, 28th July.

Proceeded to Delena village by launch 0830hrs.  
Combined meeting of Poukama and Delena villages held at  
Delena - 150 adults in attendance. Delena candidates (3)  
Poukama candidates (3) chosen.

Mr. P.O. Sanderson accompanying - both returned to  
Kairuku 1330hrs.

Slept Kairuku.

Sunday, 29th July.

Observed at Kairuku.

Monday, 30th July.

Left Kairuku 0900hrs to Delena by launch and then  
by bicycle to Keabada, arriving 1030hrs. Held meeting  
and accepted nominations (3) - 60 adults in attendance  
(majority away at work). Returned by bicycle and canoe  
to Kairuku 1530hrs.

Slept Kairuku.



Tuesday, 31st July.

Attending to various matters in Sub-District Office, Kairuku in a.m. In p.m. to Tsiaria accompanied by Mr. A.D.O. Lambden and Mr. P.O. Sanderson.

Meeting attended by about 300 adults. Nominations received (4).

Returned to Kairuku and slept.

Wednesday, 1st August, 1962.

Day spent attending to correspondence and in discussion with A.D.O. at Sub-District Office.

Slept Kairuku.

Thursday, 2nd August.

Left Kairuku 0900hrs by launch to Pinupaka and held pre-election meeting lasting from 1030hrs to 1330hrs. About 60 adults in attendance. Candidates selected (3).

Continued by launch to Ararana landing and thence by tractor and bicycle to Bereina Patrol Post, arriving 1630hrs.

End of Patrol.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

## PATROL REPORT

District of... WEST CENTRAL DIVISION. Report No... KAIRUKU. 5/62-63.

Patrol Conducted by... T. J. A. HEUSTON. Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled... NAPA & KABADI. Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans... NIL.

Natives... 1. R.F. & N.G.C. 1st Class.

Duration—From... 13./8./1962 to... 26./8./1962.

Number of Days... Fourteen Patrol days.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?... NIL.

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

Medical ... / / 18.

Map Reference... KAIRUKU SUB-DISTRICT MAP. READ. 1962.

Objects of Patrol... (1) Land use Investigation. Hisiu Reserve.  
(2) C.I. 235 Investigation. PINU Village.  
(3) Land Availability Investigation for Kabadi Patrol Post.  
(4) General Administration.

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ... £.

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

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



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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In Reply  
Please Quote

No. C.L.O. R.12

Office of the Crown Solicitor,  
Department of Law,  
Konedobu, Papua.  
14th March, 1963.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU

Enforcement of Roads Maintenance Ordinance  
Your Reference: 67-1-8

I refer to your memorandum of 8th March, 1963.

I am not quite sure what your query really is; however, I cannot agree with the statement that the Roads Maintenance Ordinance is unenforceable in relation to foot tracks.

Section 8 of the Ordinance provides for a path or foot-way serving a Native Community to be declared a track for the purpose of the Ordinance, and Regulation 15 provides for the method of service of the declaration on the Native Community.

Section 12(2) provides for a member of a Native Community to be liable to do maintenance work as directed and for a penalty of £3 for failure to do so.

However, an offence under Section 12(2) can only be prosecuted in a Court of Petty Sessions in Papua and a District Court in New Guinea, and a Court for Native Matters and a Court for Native Affairs have no jurisdiction to hear complaints for this offence.

It may be that the Assistant District Officer at Tapini has in mind Regulation 118 of the Native Regulations. I would like to restate my previous advice that this Regulation is impliedly repealed by the Roads Maintenance Ordinance.

NOTE TO:

District Officer,  
Central District,  
TA PINI.

(P. J. CLAY)  
Acting Crown Solicitor.

Your 10-3-1 of 2nd March, 1963 refers.

67-1-8  
19/3/1963

(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

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8th March, 1963.

The Secretary for Law,  
Department of Law,  
KONEDOBU.

ENFORCEMENT OF ROADS MAINTENANCE  
ORDINANCE.

A copy of memorandum 10-3-1 dated 2nd March, 1963 to me from the Assistant District Officer, Tapini is attached.

2. The opinion that the Road's Maintenance Ordinance is unenforceable refers specifically to the sections relating to foot tracks.

3. I will be grateful for your information on this matter please.

J. K. McC.  
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(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

Att.



WET.LBK

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams

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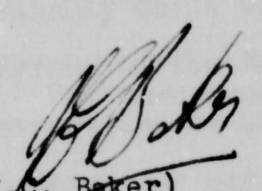
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2nd March, 1963.

The Director,  
Dept. of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU.

ROADS MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE.

1. Your 67-1-8 of 8th November 1962, refers.
2. In paragraph reference (e) (35) you state, "I understand that the provisions of the Road Maintenance Ordinance are unenforceable".
3. A search of files here has produced nothing on this question.
4. It would appreciate if you would supply the background to this, including any Crown Law opinions or Supreme Court decisions affecting this question.
5. This information is required both for information of officers in their general administration duties and also that adequate advice may be given to Councils seriously concerned with road deterioration and anxious to proceed with road maintenance rules.

  
(J. C. Baker)  
Assistant District Officer.

67-1-8

8th November, 1962.

The District Officer,  
West Central Division,  
Central District,  
TAPINI.

PATROL REPORT KAIRUKU No.5/1962-63

Thank you for the report of the above patrol and your covering memorandum 67-3-4 dated 22nd October, 1962.

Some comments follow. Bracketted numbers refer to the report paragraph.

- (a) The heading in the report suggests that this is one Census Division. In fact the area patrolled is two Census Division - one called NARA and the other KASADI.
- (b) (4) The erosion of the influence of Village Constables is to be expected as communities move into the development phase. Once this process is well established, they are left with little more than their statutory police functions. Any further influence depends on their personality and perhaps any traditional position they may have in the village. It is possible that the political and religious divisions of this village are in fact only manifestations of the same basic historic structure of the village.
- (c) (4) I agree with your view that the eventual institution of a Native Local Government Council should help in the provision of a village water supply for Hisiu. In the interim, if the project enjoys wide support in the village, sufficient funds may be collected. Should there be sufficient pressure, it may be useful to encourage formation of a village Committee to lead community efforts in this direction. It is most desirable any funds raised should be banked. I would like your further advice of any development in this project. vi
- (d) (19) I trust the PINU is suitably dealt with.
- (e) (35) I understand the provisions of the Road Maintenance Ordinance are un-enforceable. How then does Mr. Heuston propose to follow up the instructions he has issued?

The report is well presented but unfortunately there are a few errors in spelling. Please send Mr. Heuston a copy of this memorandum and discuss with him any necessary issues.

W.R.D.  
(W.R. Dishon)  
a/DIRECTOR.  
WET



Paragraph 20, 24 and 25.

These matters have been dealt with in separate correspondence.

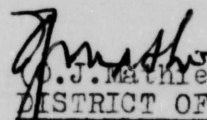
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Associated correspondence is forwarded herewith.

  
P.J. Mathieson)  
DISTRICT OFFICER.

Copy: A.D.O., Kairuku.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-1-8

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No. 67-3-4



District Office,  
West Central Division,  
Central District,  
TAPINI.

22nd October 1962.

The Director,  
Dept. of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU.

KAIRUKU PATROL 5/62-63.

The report covering the abovementioned patrol  
is forwarded herewith.

Some comments follow:

Paragraph 4.

(a) This particular village has had  
a long history of inter-denominational strife and I think  
that most of the present problems can be traced back to  
religious differences. In 1954 it became necessary to  
appoint a Village Constable from each faith.

A Local Government Survey of this area was  
carried out about three years ago but the introduction  
of the Council has not been proceeded with because the  
people stated they did not want a Council at that stage.

I believe that a Council could now be satisfacto-  
rily introduced into this area but would not recommend  
any positive action being taken until the proposed Patrol  
Post is established in this area in the next financial  
year.

(b) Women's Clubs.

Mr. Lambden, A.D.O., Kairuku has  
recently personally investigated this situation  
and his report will be forwarded as soon as it comes  
to hand.

The establishment of a Council in this  
area would allow for the provision of reticulation of  
fresh water. Fresh water could be obtained by the use  
of wells and windmills and reticulation costs would then  
not be great.



Paragraph 20. 24 and 25.

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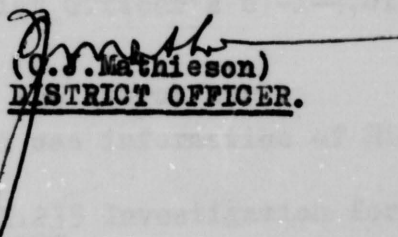
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-1-8 ✓

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TJH/hpo.

No. 67-2-34.



Sub-District Office,  
West Central Division,  
Central District,  
KAIRUKU.

6th September, 1962.

The Assistant District Officer,  
KAIRUKU Sub-District,  
KAIRUKU.

KAIRUKU Patrol No. 5/62-63.  
NARA-KABADI, Census Division.

1. The Assistant District Officer's 67-1-4, of 10th August, 1962 refers.
2. The main objects of the Patrol were:
  - (a) To find out land use information of Hisiu native Reserve.
  - (b) To conduct a C.I.235 Investigation for the School site at PINU.
  - (c) Investigate land availability for a future Patrol Post site in the Kabadi.
  - (d) General Administration.

PATROL DIARY.

Monday 13th August. Morning spent preparing for Patrol.  
1100. Left Kairuku by M.V. "St Francis". Seas rough and unable to land at OBO, landed on beach at HISIU Estate 1600. Left Hisiu Estate 1630 to HISIU village arriving 1645, by courtesy Mr. L. Simon's Land Rover. Village meeting in progress re cleaning up village and preparations for opening of Women's Club and D.C.'s visit 24th August. Inspected village, Rest House occupied by C.S.I.R.O. Stayed at Hisiu with Education Officer Graham Warrenner. Visited by and discussions with Area Planter Mr. E. Cleland on land and other matters in evening.

14/8/62. 0700-0900. Inspection of Hisiu Village.  
0900-1200. Discussions with various women about Women's Clubs. A "wake" held in the village this day, and unable to do much work. 1300-1700 inspection of boundaries of Hisiu Reserve, and reference to Map with the assistance of Mr. E. Cleland. Attended funeral in evening and some discussions.



- 15/8/62. 0800-1200, 1400-1800. Discussion with people and "Land owners" re dispositions of land both inside and outside Reserve. 1900-2200 discussion with Village Councillors and Constable re "dancing for water", scheme initiated by MIRIA-MARE and other problems of village affairs.
- 16/8/62. 0700-1000. Talks to village people on village cleanliness and condition of houses. Work commenced on cleaning up. Advice given in answer of minor complaints. Inspected newly set up trade store of IKUPU-UME. 1000-1500 visited OBO and OBU plantations, discussions with Managers 1500-1700. Discussions with Hisiu V.C. re initial organisation of village. 1700-1800. Visited by Mr. & Mrs. TEALBY of Hisiu Plantation.
- 17/8/62. Village cleaning continued, but work complicated by a squabble between the two Women's Clubs. 0800-1200 Time spent talking to and reassuring parties to dispute. 1300-1700. Work on land use report of Reserve and Patrol Report. Village reinspected.
- 18/8/62. 0800. Left by truck to Aroa River, and by canoe to PINU village arriving 0930. Village Constable absent in Port Moresby. Inspection of village, in good condition - some people to clean up. Discussions with village Councillors till 1200. 1300-1700. discussions with people about land and commenced C.I. 235 Survey. Slept Pinu.
- 19/8/62. 1000-1400. Discussions with people concerning land continued and information for C.I. 235, report compiled. A number of land disputes between Hisiu people brought to my notice. 1600-1700. Land traversed and measured. Discussions with teachers till 2200. Slept Pinu.
- 20/8/62. 0700. Left Pinu by bicycle to UKAUKANA village. Inspected KEVEONA village and spoke to those present, till 0930. To Keveona village. Ditto. Left Keveona 11-30. Inspected land on Aroa River. 1330 Arrived AROANA Estate 1500 to Kanosia Estate. Discussions with Assistant Manager. Returned Aroana and inspected land near sawmill with river frontage with Mr. Dymock till 1700. Returned Aroana. Slept Aroana.
- 21/8/62. 0900. Left Aroana by Land Rover (Mr. Dymock) to Mata-Paili village. Spent morning at this village - inspected - discussions with people. Inspected school. One girl 15 years coughing blood in large quantities - Arrangements made to fly her into Moresby Wednesday - probably T.B. Inspected Matapaili village. Bicycle to Keviona 1300. Ditto. To Ukaukana 1400. Inspected village and all hamlets till 1600. Returned to Pinu by bicycle 16-30. Inquiry into loss of canoe till 1800 concluding in agreement by losers to pay £4 to owner. Slept Pinu.
- 22/8/62. Morning spent at Pinu village. One boy sent to Aroa with broken wrist. Child with large ulcer sent for Medical treatment. Village cleaned under supervision. School inspected and observed. P.M. by canoe to Aroa and thence to Hisiu village. Arriving 1600. Re-inspected Hisiu village. Slept Hisiu.

- 23/8/62. Morning spent in Police Investigation at Aroa Estate, and arrangements made to send wounded man to Port Moresby. 1200 to Ala-Ala Village, visiting OBU and OBO Plantations enroute. Arrived Ala-Ala 1500. After a slow start as all men absent in gardens, rest house given temporary repairs and village cleaning commenced. Some discussions V.C. and Councillors. Slept Ala-Ala.
- 24/8/62. Day spent at Ala-Ala village. Talks with all people. Inspection of houses. No complaints but discussion of village problems. Supervision of a large scale village cleaning up during day and burning up of rubbish etc. Finishing 1800. People congratulated on good work, encouraged to do regularly. Slept Ala-Ala.
- 25/8/62. Walked to Obo Plantation to enquire about transport and whether A.D.O. arriving. Returned to Ala-Ala 1000. Packing up of camp. 1200 lunched at OBO Plantation. Mr. Coliaux. Rang A.D.O. at Obu. By Landrover to Obu and hence to Hisiu village 1500. Opening of Women's Club attended by D.C. and family, A.D.O. and family and local European families till 1700. Remained till 1800 at Hisiu in discussion with village people. Dinner and social evening at Hisiu Plantation. Slept Hisiu at School Teacher's residence.
- 26/8/62. 0900/ With D.C. and A.D.O. at Hisiu. Discussions by D.C. with people concerning problems of two Women's Clubs and possible amalgamation. Also women's meeting held by Welfare Officers. 1300 by Landrover to Ala-Ala and hence to Delena arriving 1500. Arrived Kairuku by barge 2000 hrs.

END OF PATROL.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

4. Most of the time spent by the patrol was at Hisiu Village, and the Hisiu people appear to be more sophisticated than their neighbours in the Nara and Kabali Census Division.

There are three main points to note in the Native Affairs situation at Hisiu Village. They are: the breaking down of the traditional system of Administration through Village Constables and Councillors; bitter intra-village rivalries, leading specifically to the formation of two mutually opposed Women's Clubs; and a millennial scheme introduced earlier this year of "Dancing for water" which may develop cultist tendencies.

(a) Breakdown of traditional Administration.

The authority of Village Constables and Councillors at Hisiu is very weak. It is necessarily confined to Village health and hygiene, law and order, but with the development of village factions acting and working on different Political lines their authority even in this sphere has been weakened, and they complain bitterly that activities take place within the village, without their being consulted, and are in fact in semi ignorance of important village affairs.

The situation is complicated by the fact that as well as "political" division (for which see below) the village is split into a ratio of about 80% L.M.S. adherents and 20% Catholic. Despite attempts over a number of years by a number of Officers to boost the authority of these Officials, their positions is relatively weak. Perhaps they hold authority with some 25% of the village population judging by the attendance at meetings held by the village Officials.



It seems to me that a strong and perhaps legally constituted form of village Government could well be applied to Hisiu village - a possibility might be a village Government Council constituted under the "Trustee" of the Reserve to Administer Bye laws made by the Trustee.

(b) Women's Clubs at Hisiu.

There are two women's clubs at Hisiu village which may be loosely termed the "Official" and "Unofficial" clubs. One the smaller of the two, is an orthodox welfare club with aims of normal welfare work among the women. This club was mainly responsible, with the support of local plantation people, for the erection of the club house at Hisiu village, which was Officially opened by the District Commissioner Mr. Kaad on Saturday 25th August, 1962. It has a membership of about 30 women. The other club having a membership of about 90 women is set up in opposition. It could be most accurately described as a women's work club with a wider aim than women's welfare work - namely saving money to aid the wished for water reticulation scheme, for which see below.

Attempts were made by Mr. Kaad whilst he was at Hisiu to reconcile the two clubs with a view to amalgamation but the presence of a great deal of bitter and long standing recrimination would make this task very difficult. The major bones of contention being:

- (a) The presumed L.M.S. domination of the Women's "Welfare" Club.
- (b) The difference in fundamental aims described above.
- (c) Dancing for water.

This scheme began in April, 1962 - the main organiser being MIRIA-MARI who approached the District Officer, Mr. Marsh in Port Moresby and obtained permission from him for the villagers to dance at Port Moresby in order to save money for a village water reticulation scheme. Two dances have been held: One in May at Ela Beach and another in June at Koki. Two more dances are planned in November 1962 and February 1963. Due to a number of deaths recently in the village, other dances to have been held recently were not staged as planned. The money saved from the two dances is £150. As well as this the women's work club has saved £90 over the past year and intends to devote it to the water reticulation scheme. In view of the distance of the village from fresh water (about three miles) the cost of a water reticulation scheme would be estimated at about £4,000 to £5,000 as the idea seems to me to be highly impractical particularly as reasonable good water can be obtained by sinking wells in the village the water table being quite constant.

The leader of the scheme MIRIA-MARI seems quite genuine in his desire to help the village but is a man of dubious reputation and past history. I also think he is of sufficient sophistication to realise that the scheme is too big for the village and that, results so far do not measure up to the effort, but, possibly through pride, refuses to admit it to himself. Unless this idea dies a natural death I consider that it may well develop cultist tendencies through frustration at the lack of success, as feelings run very high in the village about it. With this in mind I suggest that a careful watch be kept.

5. The Kabadi villages visited during the course of the patrol - PINU, UKAUKANA, KEVIONA and MATAPAILI were all quiet and in good relationships. These villages were generally well built - although a number of instructions were issued on occasions to repair or rebuild dilapidated houses.

6. Ala-Ala village in the Nara was in a particularly dirty and dilapidated condition when I visited it. A big clean up took place during my stay there and instructions were issued to fence the village wall and to repair a number of houses. It was also suggested that each Friday a clean up take place and that piles of rubbish from last cleanings littering the boundaries of the village be burnt and disposed of.

The Ala-Ala people seem particularly lacking energy and drive.

7. The Nara and Kabadi people seem mainly concerned with their traditional society although they seem to do a reasonable amount of trading in native foodstuffs and betel-nut with Port Moresby and local plantations.

#### LAW AND ORDER.

8. The situation in the Nara-Kabadi is quite peaceful and few complaints came to my notice. An agreement was reached through my agency concerning compensation for the loss of a native canoe at Pinu Village.

9. A Police investigation was carried out at Aroa Plantation into entering a dwelling house at night, by a Highland native labourer, and this matter has subsequently been dealt with by the A.D.O. Kairuku.

10. There are a number of complaints both at Hisiu and surrounding plantations of men burning off and damaging coconut palms. However evidence is difficult to obtain in these cases. One man was caught at Aroa Plantation lighting a fire and has been dealt with by A.D.O. Kairuku.

11. A number of "abductions" were reported to me at Hisiu village, but in all cases the parties were unmarried and of age. Furthermore it seems apparent to me that marriage abductions is common in these parts, and the bigger the fuss made by the parents the bigger the brideprice.

#### NATIVE ATTITUDES.

12. No unusual or striking native attitudes were noted on this patrol with the exceptions of Hisiu village for which see above under paragraph 4. The people seem generally pleased to see a Native Affairs Officer, although they did not get excited about his presence they were quite helpful and co-operative.

13. A request for the establishment of an Aid Post at Pinu was made. The reason being that there is a Primary T. School at Pinu and the nearest Aid-Post is at Hisiu village - the return journey to Hisiu by canoe taking a full day.

#### REST HOUSES.

14. Only two rest houses were slept in during the course of the patrol, at Pinu and Ala-Ala, both of these were in fair condition.



15. During my stay at Hisiu the rest house was occupied by a C.S.I.R.O. Botanist, Mr. P. Darbyshire and I stayed with the School Teacher at Hisiu Primary T. School, Mr. Warrenner.

16. The Hisiu rest house was repaired during my stay at the village.

#### VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

17. Village Constables and Councillors were quite helpful and for the most part commanding a fair amount of respect from their village.

18. The Village Constable at Hisiu did not seem very effective, but I consider that this is as much a result of the attitudes prevailing within the village, as the indulgence in factional rivalries or lack of perseverance of the individual concerned. I consider that Hisiu needs another Village Constable in any case to handle the work involved.

19. The Pinu Village Constable was absent in Port Moresby during my stay, apparently without first obtaining permission from A.D.O. Kairuku Contra the D.O. Tapini's standing orders for Village Officials.

#### TAX.

Not Applicable.

#### CENSUS.

Not Applicable.

#### LAND.

20. A large part of this patrol was devoted to an examination of the land use on the Hisiu Native Reserve, with a view to the subsequent declaration of By-Laws for the Reserve. The most striking part of this study was that approximately two thirds of the gardens for Hisiu village are not on the Reserve, but on nearby unused land owned by the B.N.G.D. Company on Aroa Plantation. The Company is quite happy to let the people garden those but if they were intended to extend existing plantings I foresee trouble as the people consider that they are establishing rights to this land.

21. A number of gardens are on Nara and Kabadi land and this has led to a number of disputes with these people. However until a re-survey is done on the area and the limits of the boundaries definitely established, there seems to be no way of settling them.

22. There is at present no disputes in land rights between the Pinu and Matapaili people - the old dispute seemingly having been settled. There are disputes between the Pinu people and the people of Manu-Manu village, Port Moresby Sub-District.

23. A C.I. 235 investigation was carried out at Pinu of the land upon which the Primary T. School is built. The people are quite willing to sell but a wary that an encroaching of this land might occur. I reassured them on this point.

24. An examination was made of land availability for a future Kabadi Patrol Post. A suitable area for a site was discovered on the Kanosia - Delena road, near the Aroa River, some two miles of Rogers Strip.

25. The land in this area is partly native owned and partly by Aroana and Kanosia Plantations. Depending on the actual site chosen these three land owners would be approached. The native people are very pleased to hear of the establishment of a future Patrol Post and are more than willing to sell land to the Government for this purpose, but the Manager of Kanosia Plantation could not give an answer before consulting his superiors.

#### HEALTH.

26. The people appear generally healthy and fairly concerned with preserving their health. However there are indications that there is much T.B. in the area.

27. I sent several persons into Moresby and others to the Aid-Post at Hisiu or to nearby plantations for treatment. One case was that of a 15 year old girl who was coughing great deal of blood - she was at Matapaili - her parents spent 1959 and 1960 at Gemo Island Sanatorium.

28. There is an Aid-Post at Hisiu staffed by a Native Medical Orderly. This was inspected and found to be in good condition, however the Orderly concerned does not seem over enthusiastic in his duties. A large number of the more complicated wounds and illnesses are treated by the Managers of local plantations.

29. A request was made at Pinu for a Medical Orderly to Service the School and surrounding villages as the area is rather distant from Hisiu, and the school teachers do not feel sufficiently qualified in first Aid treatment to be able to be of much assistance.

#### EDUCATION.

30. Schools were visited at Hisiu, Ala-Ala, Pinu and Matapaili. There are Primary T. Schools at Hisiu and Pinu fully staffed by Education Department personnel and subject to inspection by the Area Education Officer, Kairuku.

31. The non-Administration schools (Catholic) at Hisiu and Ala-Ala were found to be in fair condition, although a new building is needed at Ala-Ala, the existing structure being in an advance state of decay.

32. I also visited the school at Matapaili which is run by the L.M.S. Mission. This School claims to be a Primary T. School, but I was informed that had not been inspected by the Area Education Officer in the past year. I spent some time observing here, and it was unfortunate perhaps that the head teacher (The L. M.S. Pastor) was absent at Manu-Manu rounding up absentees. I noticed a great deal of confusion and disorder and a lack of any teaching organisation, work planning or study discipline. There are 62 pupils in this school graded into Grades 1, 2 and 3, classes A and B. This is the worst school I have seen in the Kairuku Sub-District and I feel that regular inspection would help to raise its standards and improve its teaching methods.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS.

33. There are Co-Operative Societies at Pinu, Hisiu, Ala-Ala, Matapaili, Keveona and Ukaukana. Apart from intermittent copra production through the co-operatives there is a reasonable trade



from this area with Port Moresby and local Plantations in betelnut ,fresh vegetables and green coconuts.

34. Hisiu shows the most signs of development, there being in the village three small stores, a Copra dryer, three large outboard canoes (one more in the course of construction) a tractor, one three ton truck and two two ton trucks (in varying stage of repairs).

#### ROADS.

35. The main Delena - Kanosia road passes through this area and is for the most part in reasonable condition and in some places very good. I have no idea of its condition during the wet season. There are minor dry weather roads to Matapaili and Pinu villages, and another to Rodgers Strip. Instructions were given at all villages to clean roads and repair where necessary.

CONCLUSION. This was an interesting patrol as development in this area is quite advanced, and consequently there was much to inquire into during the course of the patrol.

37. No opportunity was available during the patrol to visit the mixed race community either near Aroa or in the Galley reach area, however various remarks and comments were heard from the people which would seem to indicate that their relations with the native people are not the best.

38. Hisiu Village is the most outstanding in this area and unless some means is found to provide positive opportunities for it, or to link it developmentally with the other Nara-Kabadi villages will provide quite a few headaches for Administration in the next few years.

39. Generally however prospects and development in this area are most encouraging as it does not seem to be a very rich area, although again, particularly at Hisiu much more could be made of existing land resources. e.g. increased plantings of coconut, this however seems to be hampered by squabbles as to land rights within the Reserve.

*T. Heuston.*

(T. Heuston.)  
Cadet Patrol Officer.

MEMORANDA ACCOMPANYING THIS REPORT.

- 1 - 1 - 7. ✓ Availability of Land for Patrol Post - Kabadi area.  
34 - 2 - 2. ✓ Native land use - Hisiu Native Reserve.  
35 - 3 - 7. ✓ C.I.235. Investigation - Pinu Village.  
~~35 - 3 - 7.~~ ~~Investigation Report.~~  
37 - 1 - 3. Bride Price - Request for legal opinion - Hisiu Village.  
37 - 4 - 1. Abduction complaint - Hisiu Village.  
37 - 4 - 1. Accidental wounding by shotgun - Hisiu village.  
37 - 7 - 3. Non payment of Judgement Debt - Ala Ala village.  
38 - 2 - 3. S.A.P.claim; Councillor NAIMÉ-PARU, Hisiu village.  
38 - 3 - 2. Application for Trade Store licence - IKUPU-~~EME~~ Hisiu village.  
49 - 4 - 1. Requested Aid Post , PINU village.  
67 - 1 - . Claim for Camping Allowance.  
Form. R.S. 1. Constable 1st Class. VASINUFA.

*T. Heuston*

(T. Heuston)  
Cadet Patrol Officer.

*Spelling*





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

## PATROL REPORT

District of WEST CENTRAL Report No. KAIRUKU. 7/62-63.

Patrol Conducted by T. Houston. C.P.O.

Area Patrolled KUNI

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL.

Natives 2

Duration—From 5/10/1962 to 25/10/1962

Number of Days 21.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 6/19/62

Medical 10/19/62

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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*District Commissioner*

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

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

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

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35-20-18 / 67-1-17

15th February, 1963.

The Assistant District Officer,  
KAINIHI,  
West Central Division,  
Central District.

PATROL REPORT - KAINIHI No. 2/1962-63  
KUNI

Thank you for the report on the above patrol and your covering memorandum 67-1-2 of 5th December, 1962.

Mr. Houston has carried out a useful patrol. However, a number of references in the report indicate that he has adopted a directive rather than a consultative approach in his work with the Kuni people. It seems unlikely that there is any statutory backing for the orders that apparently have been issued. Further, in matters concerning their own development the correct approach is to consult and advise and not to order. It is correct because it is effective and produces the most lasting results.

There are possibly seeds of difficulty in the present land occupation arrangements. Lacking a clear definition of the rights of the settlers, the next or subsequent generations of people involved could produce endless litigation. This of course would involve all the fixed assets which by then will have been added to the land. I do not propose we should force a system of occupation or tenure on the Kuni when they have no wish for it, and I think any rationalisation of tenure should be approached on the basis of what the people themselves desire - assuming of course this can be given suitable statutory form. I feel the problem could be usefully discussed with the people on your next visit to Sakoiyudu.

WRD  
(W.R. Dishon)  
a/DIRECTOR.

c.c. The District Officer,  
West Central Division,  
Central District,  
TAPINI.

c.c. The District Officer,  
East Central Division,  
Central District,  
PORT MORESBY.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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In Reply,  
Please Quote

No. 97-1-2

Sub District Office,  
West Central Division,  
Central District,  
RAIWAU.

5th December, 1962.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU.

KAIRUKU PATROL REPORT, 7/62-63.

1. As there is no District Officer at Tapini, the above report is forwarded direct to you with a copy to Tapini. Local action is being taken on all memoranda.
2. The main object of the patrol was to assist the Kuni people in their resettling at HAKOIUDU. Some village Officials visited Kairuku prior to the patrol and requested assistance in getting the road through to HAKOIUDU and general help in getting materials etc. Mr. Houston was instructed to spend at least three weeks in the area and give them any assistance.
3. The main road from Arapokina to IREIRE has now been completed and most of the plant is being returned to Moresby.
4. The C.I. 235 report submitted by Mr. Houston does not give sufficient details and the investigation will have to be completed by another officer. A copy is forwarded for your information.

(G. Houston)  
Assistant District Officer.

D.O. Tapini.

*Attention?*  
*Will you please forward this report to the District Officer at Moresby.*  
*12 photos accompanying*

TH/hpo.

35-3-6.

Sub District Office,  
West Central Division,  
Central District,  
KAIRUKU.

26th October, 1962.

The Assistant District Officer,  
KAIRUKU.

C.I.235. Investigation MOKA-MOKA-ABU-ABU.

1. Your 67-1-4 of 4th October, 1962 refers.

2. During the course of Kairuku Patrol Report No.7/62-63.  
the requested investigation was carried out as follows:

- (i) The present owners of the land are FAIKA-PETO and KONA-PAPAIDA. Normally usufructuary rights are passed from father to son, ownership being retained by the clan or village group. In this case the village as a whole agreed that FAIKA and KONA had the right to dispose of the land if they so desired. All wished that the requested extension to the Agricultural station be granted.
- (ii) The total area to which the above persons can lay claim is unknown and impossible to estimate but would be considerable, about 3 miles of land in this area alone is claimed by these two persons. This is apart from holdings in other areas.
- (iii) Population 39 at last Census in 1962. Population appears to be static but fell by 2 last two years.
- (iv) Subsistence pattern is based on shifting Agriculture with a staple of sweet potatoes, bananas, taro, yams and other crops. In addition sago is harvested from natural stands in off seasons. Fishing and hunting important. Economic development is just beginning with the cultivation of rice, and coffee and some 200,000 rubber seedlings are to be planted out this month.

This area is adjacent to that being used for the Kuni resettlement scheme at BAKOI-UDU which is a scattered series of villages. As such with the help given by the Agricultural Extension station economic prospects are quite good.



- (v) The area is partly cleared lowland rain forest of an altitude of about 1,300 feet. The topography is medium foothill country broken by a number of small ridges and creeks. Soils vary from clay to clayey loams of reasonable fertility. The rain forest is mixed and it is doubtful if there any large stands of valuable timber, although good quality timber is scattered throughout the forest.
- (vi) Impossible to estimate future requirements but wide areas of land through the entire claims of these people are surplus to requirements.
- (vii) The total area of the land which the owners will to sell is unmeasured but most it unsuitable due to terrain and isolation.
- (viii) No improvement of any kind on this application. There are two permanent material houses and a machinery shed on the adjacent Agricultural extension station, which is called MOKA-MOKA-ABU-ABU.
- (ix) Access is along a good all weather road from Arapokina landing to Ike-Iki( about 21 miles) thence by fourwheel drive vehicle(Jeep or Land Rover) for about five miles. Arapokina is three hours by launch from Kairuku harbour. The nearest Airstrip is at Kubuna(Cessna's only) about twelve miles away. The nearest village is BAKOI-UDU about 1½ miles away. This is adjacent to the already aliagnated D.A.S.F.Extension Station also at MOKA-MOKA-ABU-ABU.

3. For your information please.

T. Houston.

(T. Houston)  
Cadet Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
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No. 67-2-33

Sub District Office,  
West Central Division,  
Central District,  
K A I R U K U.

30th October, 1962.

The Assistant District Officer,  
K A I R U K U.

KAIRUKU PATROL NO 7/62-63:

KUNI CENSUS DIVISION.

1. The Assistant District Officer's 67-1-4 of 4th October, 1962 refers.
2. This was a routine administration patrol to the Kuni Census Division, with particular attention paid to assisting the resettlement of the Kuni people at BAKIOUDU.
3. Of the three weeks of the patrol, two and a half were spent working at BAKIOUDU, assisting with various problems arising out of the resettlement. The major obstacle at the time was that many people were sleeping on the ground in the open. Arrangements were made, followed through, and sufficient houses for all were constructed prior to my leaving. The Kuni people greeted the patrol with enthusiasm, and responded very well to all orders and advice given to them as to the organisation and handling of their work.

PATROL DIARY.

Friday 5th October. 0900 left Kairuku by launch to AROPOKINA, arriving 1200. 1300 by truck towards WANONO. Bugged several times and caught in heavy cloudburst 1500-1700. Slept WANONO.

6/10/62 0900 - 1000 discussions with EPA village officials. Waited at WANONO till roads dried out. 1300 by truck to KUBUNA. Bugged three hours, arrived KUBUNA 1715.

7/10/62 Sunday. Observed KUBUNA in morning. 1300-1330 by truck to IKEIKI. Walked to BAKIOUDU arriving 1415. 2200 news that PWD Supervisor Ken Jarvis had driven jeep over cliff between Ikeiki and Bakoiudu. With Fr. Boell to scene of accident. Ken Jarvis driven through to UKUA Estate and given first aid treatment. No serious injuries.

8/10/62 At UKUA Estate. Returned to Bakoiudu with Fr. Boell 0230. Notified Kuni people to start urgent maintenance work. 1000 to road and scene of accident. Kuni's working. 1100 D.6 arrived and recovered Toyota Jeep, returned to KUBUNA. Remained supervising road work returning Bakoiudu 1730.



7/10/62

0800 to road, inspecting several hamlets en route. Remainder of day spent in supervision of road work and discussions with Village Officials. Heavy rain from 1515. Returned Bakoiudu 1600.

10/10/62

Day spent at Bakoiudu, supervising work of digging nursery for rubber seedlings as Agriculture Officer absent: building of pig fences; cleaning of hamlets etc. Discussions with various village officials in evening.

~~11/10/62~~  
11/10/62

Day spent at Bakoiudu, inspection of work of Medical Orderly; getting all sick people to appear for treatment; supervision of work on rubber nursery. Meeting of Village Officials 1800 - 1930.

12/10/62

0600 - 1000 supervision of road work. 1000 to KUBUNA for discussions with Ken Jarvis and Delta Contractors re work on road and transport of native building materials to Bakoiudu. Heavy rain at KUBUNA from 1400 hours. Stranded at river and slept overnight at Mission.

13/10/62

0800 returned to Bakoiudu. Supervision of road work and coffee nurseries. Work continued until 1730 hours.

14/10/62

Sunday. Observed Bakoiudu. Discussions with people AM.

15/10/62

Supervision of work on rubber nurseries. Some fifty new arrivals set to work constructing houses and collecting building materials. Work on patrol report in afternoon till 1700.

16/10/62

Conducted C.I. 235 Investigation into proposed Agricultural extension at MOKAMOKA ABU ABU. Walked round boundaries with owners and traversed area. Work on C.I. 235 report in afternoon. Inspection of villages and meeting of people. Thirty men selected to go to Wannono to cut sago leaf for roofing houses.

17/10/62

Men left for Wanono early in morning after medical inspection and treatment. Day spent supervising work of house building, rubber nurseries etc. All people from MAIMAI and JAIPA arrived in afternoon. Discussions and talks.

18/10/62

Day spent supervising and advising working parties in gardens, nurseries, house building; inspection of all Bakoiudu hamlets and houses; discussions with various people. OBAKOBA and DILAVA villagers arrived today.

19/10/62

0800 all men to road. Work continued all day cutting bush at both sides of road. All clearing work finally completed from IKEIKI to Bakoiudu. Returned Bakoiudu 1700.

20/10/62

Morning spent working on patrol report. All people working in gardens and house building. Rubber nurseries digging and leveling completed. All people from DEVADEVA No 4, KEAKAMANA and YOUAKA arrived. Set to work building houses and temporary accommodation.

21/10/62

Sunday. Observed Bakoiudu. General meeting of people held 1700 - 1900. Much lively discussion.

22/10/62

0800 to IKEIKI. Most people newly arrived carrying sago leaf to Bakoiudu and working on house building. Some thirty men working with pick and shovel repairing road. More new arrivals today, and some food shortages.

23/10/62 0700 to KUBUNA, attempted to contact A.D.O. by radio, but unable due to poor reception. Discussions IDOICO and LAPEKA village officials. Returned Bakoiudu 1400. Many people from BOINA, VALE 1, VALE 2, and BUBUNI. 1600 - 2000 General meeting of all people held, lively discussions about resettlement.

24/10/62 0700 - 1200 discussion with people on all matters relating to resettlement. 1200 left Bakoiudu by foot to IKEIKI arriving 1330 thence by jeep to KUBUNA arriving 1400. Slept KUBUNA Rest House.

25/10/62 0800 left KUBUNA by jeep arriving AROPOKINA 0930. Road in very good condition. 1100 by launch to Kairuku arriving 1730. Slept Kairuku. End of patrol.

#### NATIVE AFFAIRS.

4. The major energies of the KUNI people are concentrated in the resettlement scheme at Bakoiudu, which to date is proceeding successfully, although I suggest that regular visits by patrolling officers would tend to keep things in order and speed things up.

5. The work involved in this resettlement is as follows:

(A) The migration of some 1,300 people from their scattered mountain villages, to a centralised location at BAKOI'UDU (1,300 ft. A.S.L.)

At the outset of the patrol some 500 people had already migrated and permanently settled at Bakoiudu. The remainder of the people were in the process of moving intending to come down before the advent of the wet season. Due to lack of organisation this process was a haphazard long drawn out affair. There was also a third group of about 300 people who were refusing to come down.

All of the people remaining in the mountains had previously committed themselves to the move, but for various reasons: some wishing to hold dances; some fearing tribal strife arising from old quarrels; an understandable attachment to the old way of life and the old gardens amongst the older people; some fearing sorcery as one of their number had died (of pneumonia) after returning from Bakoiudu; had postponed the move and were continuing to postpone it.

At BAKOI'UDU I held a series of general meetings stressing the following practical and social points: - it would be better to move down prior to the wet; that ceremonial dances should be postponed until the settlement was well established; that old quarrels would have to be forgotten and men be careful to avoid new ones; that isolation in the high mountains would now mean a more difficult and isolated life than before, as most people and the Mission had already moved down; that the Government was willing to aid the resettlement if the people were prepared to do the bulk of the work themselves and to continue working regularly; the advantages for health, education, economic and religious reasons of all the people living together at Bakoiudu.

The response of the people to these meetings was excellent, and there was lively discussion on all points. Delegations were sent to all people in the mountains in an effort to get them all to come down. As a result, by the time I left Bakoiudu some 900 had made their final move, some 200 more were in an advanced stage of readiness, and only 200 refused to come.



(B) The building of subsistence gardens, and the provision of of a cash crop as a basis for future economic development.

Subsistence gardens are now very well established at Bakoiudu, and there is sufficient food for all people who have just moved down, with the exception of some 100 people from DEVA DEVA No. 1, who are at present in the process of moving. A large number of gardens for the new season are now in the course of preparation, and will be completed before the advent of the wet. It will be some 2 or 3 months before sufficient food is available for all people to settle at Bakoiudu permanently. By appearance and indications of the crop growth the soil appears to be quite fertile, certainly far more fertile than the mountain soils the people have just left.

There has been a crop of white rice earlier this year and there are still an estimated 2½ tons (unthreshed) in storage here. The Agricultural Extension officer stationed at Bakoiudu is engaged in preparations for planting some 40,000 rubber seedlings which are to arrive in two batches. The labour for this is voluntary and unpaid and regular. Another crop of rice is to be planted on the land cleared for the rubber trees, in order to pay for the seedlings. If this work is adequately supervised there seems to be no reason why the venture should not be most successful. Coffee is grown in the area, and there is a privately owned coffee mill for processing.

(C) The provision of adequate housing.

When I first arrived at Bakoiudu the housing shortage was so acute that a number of people were sleeping in the open on the ground. The main trouble was the absence of good roofing materials, as the nearest sago swamps are 16 miles away at WANONO. With the new influx of people from the mountains a large number of men were taken off other tasks and sent down to WANONO. An arrangement was made to have the cut leaf transported to IKEIKI and the people carried it in from there. There are now sufficient houses for all including all new arrivals from the bush. The majority of these houses are of good construction and standard far better than the bush hamlet dwelling. There is still a great deal of overcrowding, but everyone is dry and warm, and new houses are still being built.

(D) The provision of adequate health and education facilities.

An aid post was ~~was~~ planned to be erected at Bakoiudu earlier this year, however awaiting the arrival of promised roofing iron the cut timbers rotted and the site became overgrown again. The iron had still not arrived, despite frequent queries, and so in view of the urgent necessity for an aid post, work was commenced again, and it will be constructed entirely of native materials if nothing else is available.

There are now some 400 children of school age at Bakoiudu. There is a school being held for 200 children in the open D.A.S.F. Machinery shed. There is only one fully qualified teacher at Bakoiudu. These figures speak for themselves and need no comment.

## NATIVE ATTITUDES.

6. General native attitudes to the resettlement at Bakoiudu are most encouraging. Generally the people are highly in favour of the move, appreciate the benefits, and were full of helpful suggestions as to how to make it a success. At Bakoiudu the people are working long hours, on various tasks, with a highly commendable enthusiasm. A fairly rigid system of policing their number has developed so that there are few defaulters from communal tasks such as road work, and preparation of rubber nurseries. The resettlement was their own scheme, and with regular patrolling to straighten out any difficulties that may arise from time to time they should be able to carry it out under their own enthusiasm.

7. There are a minority group of people, mainly those from outlying hamlets of VALE 1, VALE 2, and BUBUNI, who have been living in isolation near the FUYUGE, who do not wish to come down. One reason given was a fear the the FUYUGE people would come and take over their land, or at the very least raid their betel nut, and orange trees which are well established there. For other reasons see above under para 5 (A). There are also reported to be some of these people living in the prohibited settlement area of the BABALA River Valley, between the AUGA, and DILAVA Census Divisions of the Gailala Sub District. The KCAKA people also remain in the mountains, half their number already having moved up to TAPINI, the remainder intending to follow shortly.

8. The villages of LAPEKA and IDOICO, the people of which live in widely scattered hamlets, as a result of the movement to Bakoiudu are now considering consolidating their villages, and moving closer to the AROPOKINA - IKEIKI road, so that they too may have the advantages of the transport link, and engage in cash cropping. However at this stage the idea is not very highly advanced, and for the most part these people are still concerned with their traditional society.

9. It seems worthy of comment that this was the first patrol I have conducted in the West Central Division, during which NO requests for shotguns were made. Apparently the people are fully occupied, happy with the present state of development and find no necessity to make gratuitous demands.

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## LAW AND ORDER

10. From my observations the Kuni people appear to be peaceful and extremely law abiding. There were no offences brought to my notice during this patrol. In one instance ~~the~~ I was asked to intervene in a personal quarrel and soothe the protagonists.

11. The patrol was able to locate, and bring in for questioning one ABIO - MABE of VALE 2, who has been hiding in the bush for about a year, and who is suspected of having committed a robbery at AROANA plantation in July, 1961.

## VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

12. I was generally impressed by the smartness of their bearing, uniform, and the energy with which they performed their duties. However it seems to me that now that the people are collected at Bakoiudu future patrols could rationalise the situation, and reduce the numbers of these officials by removing the more incompetent and least respected.



## REST HOUSES.

13. Only one rest house was slept in during the course of the patrol - and that only for one night, as on all previous occasions it had been fully occupied. Private arrangements were made to reimburse the mission with whom I stayed on other occasions. There is no rest house yet constructed at Bakoiudu, the people at the present time being fully occupied constructing sufficient accommodation for themselves. However I was informed by the people that a rest house would be constructed as soon as practicable after the completion of the ~~aid~~ aid post.

## TAX.

Not applicable.

## CENSUS.

14. It was not possible to take an accurate census of the people now at Bakoiudu, as the census books could not be obtained. However on Sunday 21st October I counted the heads of some 800 people who were attending church. Possibly another 100 or 200 people remained behind in their houses. This would have meant 900 to 1,000 people at Bakoiudu at that date. Since then some 200 more people arrived from the mountains. This leaves about another 200 people who have not come.

## HEALTH.

15. The general health of these people seems fair, and they appear to have the general stamina of mountain people, this as always including many coughs, colds and a few pneumonias during unseasonable weather and the rainy season. With the considerable number of people settled at Bakoiudu there is at present a full time job for a capable senior Medical Orderly and the Department of Health intends establishing one here.

16. The people will construct an aid post and house for the Medical Orderly as soon as possible, and work was commencing on this task as I left Bakoiudu.

17. Mr. Ryan, Medical Assistant, arrived at Bakoiudu during the patrol. His intent is to make a detailed examination of the health factors operating at Bakoiudu, and also to give the first Combined and Triple Antigen injections to all children.

## EDUCATION.

18. There are now some 400 children of school age at Bakoiudu. Of these, some 200 are attending school which is held in an open D.A.S.F. machinery shed, under the supervision of one fully qualified teacher and several semi-qualified assistants. The teaching standards appear to be very high despite the overcrowding. Teaching is in English, well disciplined and organised and there is a great deal of class participation. The children have a good morale and are very eager to learn as much as they can.

19. As the resources of the Mission are strained to the limit at the moment, I consider that there is a very good case for Education Department ~~aid~~ aid, in money, buildings, and teaching materials for this school. A big effort is needed to get the other 200 children who have only recently arrived from the mountains, into the routine of formal schooling, as at the moment only half the children of school age receive schooling. The attitude of the Kuni people towards education is such, that if the facilities were available they would send 100% of their children to school.

Effort of recruitment calls for an Admin response

## AGRICULTURE.

20. There is a D.A.S.F. officer, who visits Bakoiudu from his station at BEIPA'A in the MEKEO. His aims for the development of the area are: the planting of 40,000 Malayan Rubber seeds, as a basis for a permanent cash crop - these seeds which are from improved stock should be arriving in two batches between now and July 1963, and it will take about 4 years before they are well established and laid out in plantation -; to plant rice as an annual cash crop, on the land cleared for the rubber, in order to pay for the rubber seeds; to establish coffee as a permanent crop also. Research has yet to be done into the possibility of cocoa as a subsidiary crop.

21. Provided adequate skilled supervision is kept over these ventures, and there is a good transport link between Bakoiudu and Aropokina I see little reason why this plan should not be most successful. The people are certainly, at the present time showing a great deal of energy and enthusiasm in the preparations for the planting of these crops, and they have a number of forceful and capable leaders who are keeping them up to the mark.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

22. There is a growing trade in Okari nuts, and coffee with Port Moresby based on KUBUNA airstrip. While I was at Bakoiudu some 2½ ton of sweet potato was sold to the road contractors, and shipped to the Mission at Yule Island. The Mission also buys locally produced coffee, and ARABICA coffee which is carried down from the mountain villages.

23. A local entrepreneur PAHAEL AIDA of KUBUNA, appears to be doing well. He has bought a land rover with loan capital subscribed by his relatives, and makes two or three trips to Bakoiudu a week where he has established a second store. He has kept a record of all loans and is repaying them as he goes. He handles the bulk of the goods sold by the Bakoiudu people.

## ROADS.

24. Major maintenance and rebuilding works are at present being carried out on the AROPOKINA - IKEIKI road. This is a contract by Delta Constructions under the supervision of Mr. Ken Jarvis of P.W.D. The major part of the work is now said to have been done, it being stated by Delta that only gravelling and grading work remains, and that this should be completed in November. However it does not seem to me that the work can be adequately completed in that time for the following reasons:

- (a) The KUBUNA - IKEIKI section has only been roughly completed, and still needs grading, surfacing and draining, no work has been done on it for about a month, and at present all machinery is fully occupied on the lower sections, and would seem to be needed down there for at least a month.
- (b) The heavy afternoon rains are impeding gravelling particularly as often work cannot commence till about midday till the roads dry out, this was not taken into consideration when the original time for the contract was worked out by Delta.
- (c) The equipment used is insufficient, and incapable of doing the job - of six trucks used for the work only two were operational the day I returned to Kairuku - mechanical breakdowns are effecting most of the equipment, with consequent loss of time.
- (d) The WANONO swamp area needs many tons of rock filling before it will be negotiable in all weather, bogging occurs there frequently yet.



25. Unless there is very good gravel surfacing on many sections, the road will be impassable. It is difficult to see where the £42,000 set out for this contract is being spent. These comments are my own personal opinion, but I believe that they correlate with trepidations held by the Public Works Supervisor on the job, and that Mr. Dexter is also taking the matter up with the District Advisory Council.

26. At present the only link from IKEIKI to Bakoiudu, is a small track accessible for four wheel drive vehicles (jeeps, land-rovers) only. It is in a dangerous condition and in need of urgent maintenance. The dangerous condition of the road was the primary cause of the accident in which Mr. Jarvis's jeep went over a cliff on Sunday 7th October.

27. It is essential for the development of Bakoiudu that maintenance work be commenced on this road in the near future. As a start to this work the Bakoiudu people, under my direction have cut all bush, a hundred feet on each side of the road, and have spent some time on widening and drainage. However the task is such that it is beyond the capacity of purely manual labour to do. Furthermore the people are extremely busy on other tasks, and it is difficult for them to find the time to do this work.

#### CONCLUSION.

28. This proved to be an interesting and pleasant patrol, and the people did much work during my stay at Bakoiudu. Due to the fact that work at Bakoiudu was so pressing, it was not possible to visit other villages.

29. The resettlement at Bakoiudu promises to be quite successful. Although at the present there are some food shortages and overcrowding, about six months should see these people well established. Once Bakoiudu is well established and showing signs of prosperity, those people who are still dubious will probably find themselves induced to move down, as the prospects and conditions there are far better than anything offered by the mountains.

30. I suggest that patrols be sent to Bakoiudu to check progress at about three monthly intervals, as the presence of a D.N.A. officer helps the people to work together far better and with better spirit.

T. Heuston.

(T. Heuston.)  
Cadet Patrol Officer.

#### Memoranda accompanying this report.

28-10-5	Inoperative Savings Accounts - Kuni.
35-3-6	C.I. 235 Investigation - Mokamoka Abu Abu.
38-3-2	Licences - Raphael Aida of Kubuna.
38-4-4	
49-6-3	T.B. Absconders - Kuni area.
67-1-2	Camping Allowance claim.
R.S. 1	Constable 1st Class - VASENUFA.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

## PATROL REPORT

District of..... **CENTRAL** ..... Report No.. **9/62-63** .....

Patrol Conducted by..... **D.J. PARKER C.P.O.** .....

Area Patrolled..... **GABADI C.D. (Part)** .....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... **No.** .....

Natives..... **1 RP&NGC** .....

Duration—From..... **4 / 12 / 1962** ..... to..... **13 / 12 / 1962** .....

Number of Days..... **10** .....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany..... **No.** .....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol..... **Land Survey Tax Census** .....

**Routine Administration.** .....

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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



13	Over 13	Female in Child birth
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67-1-19

19th February, 1963.

The District Officer,  
East Central Division,  
Central District,  
PORT MORESBY.

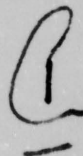
PATROL REPORT NO. 9 - 62/63 -  
KAIRUKU:

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol  
Report together with covering memoranda is acknow-  
ledged with thanks.

The patrol which was of a routine nature  
does not call for particular comment.

Arguments concerning pigs have been going  
on for generations and no satisfactory answer seems  
to have yet emerged as to the penning or otherwise  
of them.

The people appear to be very land conscious.



(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

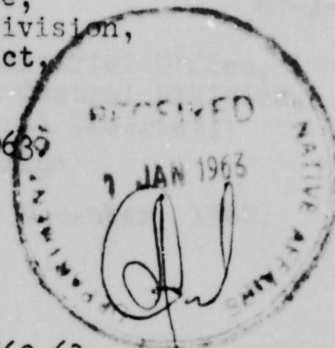
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No. 67-1-0

District Office,  
East Central Division,  
Central District,  
Port Moresby

4th January, 1963



The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu.

PATROL REPORT - KAIRUKU NO.9/62-63.

Fencing and hand-feeding pigs is unsatisfactory in this area. The answer is to fence the village to keep pigs out and to fence gardens. The cheapest way to do this is to grow teak which makes ideal fencing in a short period and is also excellent for housing material. In the long term it is valuable as timber. The A.D.O. should contact Forests for seedlings this month. ✓

2. I do not favour a patrol post in the midst of plantations. It would be better situated on the coast at Hisiu. However, we are unlikely to have staff this year and by that time there will be a road link from Port Moresby which could obviate the need for a post altogether. ✓

(D.R. MARSH)  
DISTRICT OFFICER.

cc. A.D.O. KAIRUKU.



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67-1-2

Sub-District Office,  
West Central Division,  
Central District,  
BEREINA.

28th December, 1962.

District Officer,  
Central District,  
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT KAIRUKU 9/62-63.

1. Attached hereto in triplicate please find the above report submitted by Mr. D.J. Parker Cadet Patrol Officer.

2. The purpose of the patrol was to attend to various outstanding matters in this area.

Some comments follow:-  
Paragraph 4-10.

3. The dispute between pig owners and garden owners is a perennial one throughout the Territory. It is a difficult problem but as far as possible they should be kept out of gardens and housing areas.


4. The close yarding of pigs causes diseases among them, some of which are transmissible to human beings. It also necessitates hand feeding, a grossly uneconomic proposition in this country.

4. Paragraph 14.

The land which has been tentatively selected forms part of Kanowia Estate on the old Rorona Plantation. This land was purchased in approximately 1901. These are not the only people of the Sub-District who dispute early land purchases. Other early purchases in dispute include BA 300 and 330.

5. Paragraph 16.

This recommendation will be taken up in separate correspondence. Camping Allowance claim is attached for your signature please.

  
(G. Lambden).  
Assistant District Officer



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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No 67-2-34

Sub-District Office,  
West Central Division,  
Central District,  
BEREINA.

20th December, 1962.

Assistant District Officer,  
Kairuku Sub-District,  
West Central Division,  
Central District,  
BEREINA.

PATROL REPORT BEREINA NO.9/62-63.

INTRODUCTION.

1. Patrol instructions 67-1-4 of 29th November, 1962, refer.
2. Patrol objects (2) and (3) listed in paragraph 2 of the above instructions could not be carried out during this patrol. Please refer to my associated correspondence.
3. Few villages are to be found in the area patrolled. The only native people contacted were Ukaukana villagers and Officials from Keveona and Hisiu, Gabadi Census Division. Information contained under the following headings is necessarily scanty and non-representative.

PATROL DIARY.

DECEMBER, 1962.

Tuesday 4th. 0800 Preparation for departure by Launch to Kanosia. 0830 Departed 1500 Arrived. Introduction to Plantation Staff.  
Slept Kanosia.

Wednesday 5th. 0800 Sent Const., Evo'o to Mariboi area to enquire re whereabouts Sirinumu Dam land owners. Discussion with Mr. J. Orea re transfer lease. Sighted new lease site. 1330-1600 Interviewed Mr. Taylor of Loloma Estate re labour trouble. Assisted Mr. R. L. Houseman to fill in Naturalisation papers.  
Slept Kanosia.

Thursday 6th. 0800 Departed by canoe. Accompanied by Mr. J. Orea sighted Hedoa lease. Boundary markers lost. 1330-1600 Interviewed landowner MOROATA UDIA and attended to Land Purchase documents and payments. Assisted Mr. Van Slooten to fill in Naturalisation papers.  
Slept Kanosia.



Fri. 7th. 0800-1200 Completed land purchase documents of Moroata Udia. 1200-1600 Discussion with Mr. Cornish and Mr. Orea re new lease. Slept Kanosia.

Sat. 8th. 0800 Departed for Ukaukana. 1000 Discussion with Keveona Village Officials. 1000 Arrived Ukaukana. Inspected village and hamlets. Slept Ukaukana.

Sun. 9th. Tax Census of Ukaukana village. Various arbitrations. Slept Ukaukana.

Mon. 10th. 0700 Departed for Hisiu. 0900 Arrived. Radio out of order. Returned to Ukaukana. 1330 Discussion and arbitrations. 1400 Const Evo'o returned from Manumanu village after investigating a report of canoe thefts. Slept Ukaukana.

Tues. 11th. 0800 Departed for Aroana Estate. 0900 Arrived. No radio. 1000 Departed for Kanosia. 1100 Arrived. 1330 Discussions with Mr. Cornish and Mr. Orea re lease. 1600 Returned to Ukaukana. Various arbitrations. Slept Ukaukana.

Wed. 12th. 0800 Departed for Hisiu. 1200 Arrived. 1330-1600 Attended complaint of theft laid by Mr. Warrenner and waited for transport to Yule Island. Discussions with Village Constable and other villagers. Slept Hisiu.

Thurs. 13th. 0800 Inspected Aid Post 0900 Departed by canoe for Yule Island. 1200 Arrived. 1330-1600 Unpacked and prepared to leave for Bereina next day. Slept Yule Island.

END OF PATROL.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

4. Not long after arrival at Ukaukana village, heated argument and insult slinging among the villagers made it obvious that some social disharmony was present.

5. The cause of the dispute was openly explained by the Councillor and a number of disputants. "For some years", they said, "this penning of pigs argument has not been settled and we are always having trouble between pig owners and garden owners".

6. Names of a number of D.N.A. Officers were brought into the ensuing discussion but what they were purported to have said did little to solve the problem.

7. The people were at a loss as to what should be done decided some time ago to ban all pigs from the village. This having failed, they again gathered together and decided that anyone who wanted pigs must pen them up at all times or alternatively take the risk of their being destroyed by irate garden owners.

8. "Compulsory" penning of pigs, the people reason, has not been 100% effective because the owner of the destroyed animals win their claims for compensation. For obvious reasons fencing of the gardens is out of the question.
9. Embarrasement for the Law is inevitable when a pig owner presses his demands of compensation for his destroyed pig. Discussion of the problem with villagers from other areas revealed that the only satisfactory solution to the problem lies outside the law.
10. Keveona and Hisiu village Officials complained of the same difficulty in solving their pig problem. No doubt elsewhere the problem exists.
11. Complaints of canoe stealing, non-payment of debts and proaching were successfully arbitrated upon.
12. It was interesting to note that the majority of villagers making up Ukaukana village are from areas outside the Gabadi Census Division. The village is flooded ~~us~~ every year by the AGEVAIRU river and mosquitoes are plentiful. But the people appear happy with their lot and are eagerly looking forward to the establishing of a Government Station nearby.

#### NATIVE ATTITUDES.

13. People of Ukaukana and Keveona villages are keenly interested in the Administration's move to establish a Patrol Post in the area and hopes that the Government would thereby "open up" the area were expressed.
14. One villager of Keveona stated that the land on which the Government hoped to build its Station did not belong to the Government as when it was bought, his grandfathers were tricked into selling it and a fair price was not paid. This villager gave me to understand that his claim would be taken to higher authority before any work on the site was started. A sympathetic ear was given to this tale of woe and he and others interested were assured that plenty of time for investigation of the claim was available. Also all present were told that fears of the Government using land which did not belong to it might all be in vain as the Government had not yet definitely decided to settle in their area.
15. Interesting discussion with Ukaukana villagers on varied topics was enjoyed on more than one occasion. However, other than a first insight into personal aspirations of a number of individuals, little of interest was gained.

#### VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

16. The dismissal of V.C. Kere of Ukaukana village is strongly recommended. Earlier this year Kere expressed a wish to resign. For all practical purposes his resignation has already taken effect. Twice in three months he has absented himself from duty without authority. This has caused considerable inconvenience for patrolling officers. He has also failed to report to the Sub-District Office after being instructed to do so on two occasions.

#### REST HOUSES.

17. Only one rest house was slept in. This was at Ukaukana village. It is in excellent condition.



TAXATION.

18. It was necessary to collect tax at Ukaukana village as during the September Tax Patrol all villagers were absent dancing in Port Moresby. More than a dozen men didn't pay their tax on first request during Census. However, when the patrol was ready to depart three (3) days later all but one had fronted up with the money. This one offender has been given one (1) month in which to find £2-0-0. Head Tax of £2-0-0 is not heavy for these people whose trade in Port Moresby is extensive.

CENSUS.

19. Ukaukana villagers did not impress with a prompt attendance for Census. They did however, co-operate on arrival and little time was wasted during Census taking.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

20. The Ukaukana - Agevairu Crossing road is overgrown and in need of maintenance. Councillors and villagers were requested to carry out the required work before the next patrol visited the area.

EDUCATION.

21. Although a crying out for Education was not apparent at Ukaukana and few parents seemed prepared to make an effort to continue their children beyond a village level of schooling, villagers realise that the forces of change are strong and that in order not to be left behind neighbours, greater efforts in this regard must be made.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

22. A cash income for the men is provided by trade in betel nut, bananas, vegetables etc. at Koki Market and Copra at the local Co-operative Store. The sale of Gabadi Grass Skirts would appear to provide good pocket money for the women.

CONCLUSION.

23. A pleasant introduction to coastal patrolling.

(D.J. Parker).  
Cadet Patrol Officer.

ASSOCIATED CORRESPONDENCE.

35-5-6 RE-LOCATION LEASE - J. OREA.  
37-4-1 INVESTIGATION - MISSINE WIRELESS.  
67-1-2 CAMPING ALLOWANCE CLAIM.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

## PATROL REPORT

District of West Central Division Report No. 12/62-63 Kairuku  
Patrol Conducted by C.P.O's D.J. Parker and D.J. Byrne  
Area Patrolled Mekeo Census Division  
Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil  
Natives Joseph Apini - Native Local Government Assisat.  
Duration—From 7 / 1 / 1963 to 18 / 1 / 1963  
Number of Days 11  
Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No  
Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 20 / 12 / 1962  
Medical 10 / 8 / 1962  
Map Reference  
Objects of Patrol Mekeo N.L.G.C. Elections

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation .... £.....  
Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund .... £.....  
Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund ....



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**The District Officer,  
Eastern Central Division,  
Central District,  
PORT MORESBY.**

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

The content of the report is adequately covered in the accompanying memoranda. I think that one of the prime causes in not having a large number of people vote was the fact that sufficient time was not given them to make their arrangements to attend the elections. The elections will be dealt with in a subject file.

The peoples interest in "cowboys" is not confined to this particular area.

I am pleased to note you have taken action in getting Agricultural officers into the area to see what can be done to assist the people in their cocoa planting.

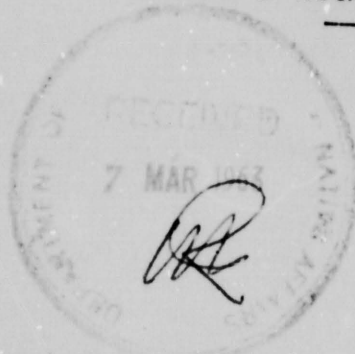
I feel that sometimes we give too much supervision and guidance to Councils - if we continue to do this the people will never become self reliant and it is probably wise to withdraw guidance and supervision to see how the people react.

(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67.1.27



In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 67.1.0

District Office,  
East Central Division,  
Central District,  
Port Moresby

5th March, 1963.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu.

PATROL REPORT KAIRUKU 12-62/63 - Submitted  
by D.J.Byrne C.P.O.

I am forwarding herewith Patrol Report Kairuku No. 12-62/63 as submitted by Mr.D.J.Byrne, C.P.O. together with the Assistant District Officer, Bereina's comments.

2. In addition, I would comment:-

Paragraph 5.

While the voting figures are not disturbing, I would not agree that sufficient warning was given regarding the impending election. Advice of one day is not satisfactory. On a patrol such as this there is no reason why the patrol's movements could not be determined before the commencement of the patrol and then well publicised.

Paragraphs 30/31.

An extract has been forwarded to the District Agricultural Officer.

3. I agree with the Assistant District Officer and the patrolling officer that it is imperative that the Mekeo Council succeed. Fortunately, all officers are well aware of this fact.

(C.FLEAY)  
ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER.

cc. A.D.C.BEREINA.



GL/ha

67-1-2

Sub-District Office,  
West Central Division,  
Central District,  
BEREINA.

26th February, 1963.

District Officer,  
Central District,  
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT KAIRUKU 12/62-63.

1. Attached hereto please find 3 copies of the above patrol report. This patrol was conducted by Mr. D.J. Parker C.P.O. who transferred to Education the day after the patrol was completed. The report was written by Mr. Byrne C.P.O.

2. Paragraph 5. Although Mr. Byrne states that many people abstained from voting an overall percentage of 67.1% voted. This included 77.1 of the males and 57.9% of the females. I do not think that we should be too discouraged by these figures.

3. Paragraphs 7.11. The Council hygiene rule is now being enforced in all villages and this has resulted in 3 convictions.

4. Paragraph. Both the Bereina-Inawauni and Inawaia-Meeko roads are down on this years works program.

5. Paragraph 24. This village has long been a trouble spot of the Meeko and I consider that only time and patience will bring about any change.


6. Paragraph 28. The loans board has refused to grant this loan.

7. Mr. Byrne appears to be rather discouraged after his patrol of the Meeko but I am convinced that if the Meeko Council is a success we will notice a marked difference in Meeko attitudes. The Council appears to be getting over its teething problems and at long last appears to be on road to success.

8. Future success of the Council will of course depend on the availability of experienced staff.

9. Camping Allowance claims are attached.

10. For your information, please.

  
(G. Lambden).  
Assistant District Officer.

cc. Assistant District Officer,  
TAPINI.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

*In Reply  
Please Quote*

No. 62-3-34

Sub-District Office,  
West Central Division,  
Central District,  
BEREINA.

21st January, 1963.

The Assistant District Officer,  
West Central Division,  
BEREINA.

DIARY - PATROL REPORT No.12/62-63 KAIRUKU.

JANUARY 1963.

Monday 7th. Departed Bereina 1000 for Oriropetana crossing by tractor thence to Inawaia by foot arriving Inawaia at 1300. 1300 - 1600 arrangements made for tractor to pick up patrol equipment at Oriropetana and talk with villagers. Film shown. Slept Inawaia.

Tuesday 8th. 0800 - 1300 Elections held at Inawaia. 1300 Departed Inawaia by tractor for Inawabui arriving 14.30. 14.30 - 1600 Inspection of village. Slept Inawabui.

Wednesday 9th. 0800 - 1300 Election held at Inawabui 13.30-1430 movement by tractor to Eboa 14.30 - 1600 arrangements for films to be shown. Films shown. Slept Eboa.

Thursday 10th. 0800 - 1200 Elections held at Eboa 1300 movement to Jesubaibua where elections were completed by 1500. Thence to Oriropetana by tractor arrived 1700. Film shown. Slept Oriropetana.

Friday 11th. 0800- 1200 Elections held at Oriropetana thence to Bebeo by bicycle - elections completed 1500. Return to Oriropetana by bicycle approx 15 minutes trip. Films shown. Slept Oriropetana.

Saturday 12th. 0900 Departed Oriropetana by Beipa tractor for Inawauni arrived Inawauni 1400 15.30- 1700 election held. Films Shown. Slept Inawauni.

Sunday 13th. Sunday Observed - afternoon spent compiling election figures.

Monday 14th. 0700 Departed Inawauni by foot for Imounga arrived Imounga 1000 (Inspected Bona Paeke's cocoa plot on way) 10.30 11.30 elections held 12.30 departed Imounga for Rarai via Inawauni arriving Rarai 16.30 all patrol equipment preceded us from Inawauni by Beipa tractor and taken to Rarai. Films shown. Slept Rarai.



(2)

- 15/1/63 - 08.00-12.00 Elections held at Rarai. 12.00-13.00 inquiry into village fight. 13.00-14.00 departed Rarai. For Amoamo by Beipa tractor 14.00-16.00 elections held at Amoamo, Beipa for Beipa.  
Films Shown.  
Slept Beipa.
- 16/1/63 - Elections held at Beipa. 13.00-16.00 spent compiling figures and discussion with A.D.O.  
Slept Beipa.
- 17/1/63 - 08.00-12.00 Elections held at Aipeana. 12.00-13.00 discussion with villagers 13.00-16.00 spent getting film, Generator Engine in workable condition.  
Film Shown.  
Slept Beipa.
- 18/1/63 - 07.00-08.00 Departed Beipa for Inawi by Agriculture Depts tractor 08.00-13.00 elections held at Inawi 13.00-13.45 departed Inawi for Inawa 13.45-15.00 elections held at Inawa 15.00-16.30 return to Bereina station.

End of Patrol.

#### INTRODUCTION.

(1) The object of this patrol was to carry out the 2nd Mekeo Native Local Government Election. The patrol was carried out from the 8th - 18th January, 1963 by Mr. D.J. Parker C.P.O. (who has since transferred to the Education Department.) Joseph Apini - Local Govt- Assistant and myself.

(2) The patrol was carried out over flat country most of it traversable by tractor with the exception of the Inawauni-Imounga section which is a foot track over undulating country covered by rain forest and crossed by several swift through small rivers. All of which feed into the St. Joseph River which serves as a means of transport from the Mekeo to the sea, and as a dividing line between the East and West Mekeo.

The Mekeo area has two main variations of vegetation, below Beipa and Aipeana villages the country is considerably dry, (30"-40"-A.P.) where as the furthest point of the Mekeo toward the mountains is tropical rain forest.

(3) The patrol was accompanied by Andrew-Opu who showed films wherever the patrol stayed. The film unit was happily met at all village a large majority of adults and children attending. However when it became known that no Western Films were to be shown there was a noticeable decline in adult attendance.

(4) As per instructions a standard patrol report has been submitted together with the necessary particulars in regards the elections.

#### Native Affairs.

(5) The patrol was well received in all villages on first arrival. However when the people were called for the elections, many abstained and went usual to their gardens.

With the exceptions of Imounga and Bebeo - the patrol had to wait at all villages for about 1-2 hours before enough people gathered to carry out the elections.

(6). This can only be attributed to lack of interest because the elections were well published beforehand, and the patrol sent word, or arrived at all village, the day before the elections.

(7) In many cases the patrol came upon people who complained that the Government was not maintaining certain laws to make the people work.

(8) At Aipeana village prior to the elections, two separate men spoke on this subject- one blaming the Government the other the Council.

(9) The cause of their aggravation seems to be the fact that there is no law to make the people work on council work days thus the Councillors are powerless to ~~fix~~ make the work. Work in this case refers the marking out of the area around each man's house so as the people concerned know the area they have to keep clean.

(10) The Council has passed a rule in this regard- but until the area around the houses and villages has been marked no man can be punished for not doing it, and as there is no council work day, and majority of Councillors are not keen enough to do it themselves- the first Council Rule (i.e.) The hygiene rule) appears to be at a stand still- unless some stand is made on this shortly, the position of the council authority will become somewhat doubtful. Mr. A. Hill Supervising Officer is aware of the position and plans to go out to villages and mark them with the Councillors.

(11) On the patrol I personally checked all villages for the enforcement of the rule, but not having the time to stay and help to mark out the village an appeal was made to the Councillors and the position clearly explained. However even with many assurances that it would be done. I doubt whether much has been achieved.

#### Law and Order.

(12) There were only 2 incidents on the patrol one concerning fishing rights. The other was a fight which occurred at the village of Rarai. In both cases the people concerned were sent to the A.D.O. at Bereina, after, an inquiry has been made and the position clarified.

#### Roads and Bridges.

(13) The Mekeo Census Division is completely covered by a network of road and tractor tracks, Except for the section between Inawauni and Imounga which is undulating, Rain Forest area and a good foot track exists here, but there are several unbridged river, to be crossed enroute.

(14) With the exception of the Inawabui and the Inawaia road the connecting road between Oriropetana and Beipa village all roads are little more the overgrown tracks, with numerous places where even tractors have difficulty in passing due to the mud.

(15) The Mekeo Council is making enquiries as regards a rule for road maintenance if the enquires prove successful and the rule passed- it will at least ensure that the present network of roads does not deteriorate further.

#### Medical and Health

(16) This area is served by Catholic Mission- Medical services in East Mekeo being available at Inawaia and Beipa and the West Mekeo.

(17) As well as this the Council intends erecting an Aid Post at Rarai as soon as the lease is approved and another at Inawabui if staff can be found for it.



(18) P.H.D. maintains a hospital at Bereina under a Medical Assistant, who frequently visits many Mekeo villages by Landrover.

(19) Health appears particularly good in this area- although T.B. is quite prevalent; this was discovered by the T.B. patrol through the region last year.

#### Village & Village Official.

(20) Rest houses are available at Inawabui, Ebeo, Oriropetana, Rarai, Inawauni and Imounga. This represents 6 out of the 14 Mekeo villages. This being because of the easiness of day trips from Bereina to many Mekeo villages and because villagers refuse to make land available for rest houses. However where no rest house was available alternate shelter was quickly provided by Councillors. Where the council hygiene was being enforced at Bebeo, Inawabui and Imounga the villagers were well kept, rubbish pits dug, apart from these all others were in a reasonable state of cleanness.

(21) All Council Officials present in their villages were most helpful in all regards.

#### Mission.

(22) The Roman Catholic Mission serves the whole of the Mekeo. Having one mission at Beipa in the West Mekeo and one at Inawaia in the East Mekeo.

(23) Mission influence is very strong-all people being most diligent to their religious beliefs- but not prepared to help the Mission in actual physical work.

(24) This is very prevalent in the village Inawaia where the Catholic Father In-Charge of the Inawaia Mission holds a rather poor opinion of his congregation, because of their unwillingness to help on church, and school building construction or general maintenance of the Mission area.

#### Education.

(25) This is entirely in the hands of the Mission; Schooling is available to Standard 3 in all villages except Inawabui who refuse to build a School or lease the Council Land on which to build one. Any pupil who obtains standard 3 may progress by attending either Mainohana or Yule Island.

#### Economic Development.

(26) The chief source of income in this area is derived from the Betel Nut trade to Port Moresby, as well as this copra is marketed Hot Air Dryers exist in nearly all villages.

(27) There are numerous Native Societies in the area and five tractor Companies are still operating.

(28) While at Inawabui the patrol was questioned, as regard a loan for a tractor trailer unit, The group stated they have £1100 in hand and wish to attain a loan for the rest of the unit, it was suggested that they continue saving as the availability of loans for future, Mekeo tractor companies is somewhat doubtful. If they wish to enquire further they were told to see the A.D.O. Bereina.

(29) While at this village the patrol encountered a brand new 18.h.p. Outboard Motor, costing \$195 and being totally paid for. The person concerned intends running it from Bioto landing to Kairuku charging \$2-10-0 a trip or 5/- a person. This was noted for future reference as the Mekeo Council intends buying an Outboard Motor this year to run on a different route from the above but will probably decide on a similar hiring charge.

#### Agriculture.

(30) The most interesting experiment in this line is that of Bona-Paeke of Inawauni. Bona-Paeke has planted 1400 cocoa trees, many of which are non bearing. Time was taken to inspect this plot, and it was observed that many pods are being attacked by rats and much loss is being incurred. Bona-Paeke has already written to the Agriculture Department concerning the eradication of these pest and is awaiting a reply.

(31) While at Inawaia several bags of rice were noticed but it seems little rice is grown for selling. Inawaia producing more rice for sale than any other Mekeo village.

(32) Numerous plots of teak stands are to be found throughout the Mekeo, with more planting in the immediate future.

(33) Little effort by the people to increase the commercial agricultural output of the area is being made, most people being content to reap the harvest of that already growing (Bananas-Cocoanuts-Betel Nuts)

(34) To help people increase the commercial output of the area and improve the gardens the Council intends employing an Agricultural Assistant, this financial year.

#### Conclusion.

As this area has been under Mission and Administration control for many years- I find it hard to believe that so little will to progress in all ways, exist.

Perhaps this will has been somewhat stifled by the various failures of native societies, rice schemes and that most tractor companies are in a rather precarious financial position.

However to allow the Mekeo Council to become a failure in the eyes of the people would result in complete failure of the Mekeo region for many years.

Thus it is imperative, I think that every possible attention be given the Mekeo Council for some time to come. As there will be a new Supervising Officer shortly, and he has to supervise both the Mekeo and new Kairuku council as well as general Administration it would be a pity to see the Mekeo council and thus the Mekeo people drop behind or falter in its progress due to lack of proper supervision.

For your information please.

*D. J. Byrne*  
( D.J. BYRNE.)  
Cadet Patrol Officer.



Amount  
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

## PATROL REPORT

District of WEST CENTRAL Report No. KAI 14/62-63

Patrol Conducted by A.N. ASMUSSEN

Area Patrolled MEKEO CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 1 RPNGC, 1 CLERK

Duration—From 8 / 4 / 63 to 28 / 5 / 63

Number of Days 15

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 28 / 8 / 19 62

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

Map Reference .....

Objects of Patrol COMMON ROLL COMPILATION AND CENSUS REVISION

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

67-1-37

2nd July, 1963.

The District Officer,  
East Central Division,  
Central District,  
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT NO. 14-62/61 - KAIRUKU:

You should ensure that the Assistant District Officer is fully conscious of the people's attitudes towards Councils.

I am gratified to note that the people were co-operative towards the patrol.

It seems to me that far too many people accompany goods to be traded in Port Moresby and any profits that might accrue are eaten up in travelling expenses. The Assistant District Officer should arrange that the produce be assembled and probably one, or at the most two persons accompany it to the market.

The notes on fishing rights are of particular interest particularly as because of changes in the courses of rivers or the shifting of villages might distinguish them. Careful records should be kept of these rights at the Sub-District Office.

It appears that rice has become a consistently used item in the people's diet - it is a good stand-by even if the grains are split in the husking process.

I see no particular merit in having villagers living in one centre as the people are better off living on their cultivated blocks using the community centre as a meeting place or as a place where services are available.

I am gratified to note that the Common Roll for the area has been completed.

(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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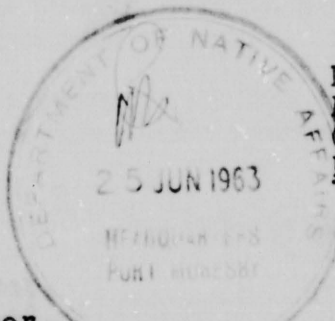
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Our Reference

If calling ask for

Mr



District Office,  
East Central Division,  
Central District,  
Port Moresby

21st June, 1963.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu.

Patrol Report Kairuku 14/62-63

Mr. Asmussen has been most observant on the patrol and his remarks on council attitudes will need to be heeded by the A.D.O. and the A.D.O.(L.G).

2. The people without a trailer for their tractor can overcome their problem by building a sled and a little imagination could quickly achieve this.

3. Until such time that the Mekeo people are prepared to sell their produce locally to agents, they will not make any money marketing vegetables in Port Moresby. As it is, all profit is eaten up by transport of passengers and their cost of living in Port Moresby.

4. The report does not call for any action by yourself but I will discuss it with the A.D.O. and try to eliminate problems which have been raised.

(D.R. Marsh)  
District Officer

att.

GL/ha

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Sub-District Office,  
West Central Division,  
Central District,  
BEREINA.

18th June, 1963.

District Officer,  
Central District,  
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT KAIRUKU 14/62-63.

1. Attached hereto please find original and 2 copies of the above report submitted by Mr. Asmussen.
2. The main purpose of the patrol was to compile the common roll in respect of the Mekeo Census Division Opportunity was also taken to revise the census.
3. Mr. Asmussen became ill towards the end of the patrol and had to return to Bereina. The remaining 3 villages of ANOAMO, INAWI and INAWAE were completed by Mr. D.J. Byrne in day trips from Bereina.
4. The patrol has given Mr. Asmussen a better appreciation of the Mekeo Council area and he has submitted a clear report Census statistics and the claims for camping allowance are attached.

*Att*

(G. Lambden).  
Assistant District Officer.



Patrol Report No. 14/62-63 Kairuku.

DIARY

- 8/4/63 Depart Bereina per Administration Landrover (A 53) in company with one Administration Servant as Clerk to assist in Common Roll compilation, at 0900. Conducted Census and compiled Common Roll at Beipa village - not completed. Return Bereina 1730.
- 9/4/63 Depart Bereina for Beipa 1000. Census and Common Roll completed 1745 when returned to Bereina.
- 10/4/63 Depart Bereina for Aipeana 1030. Census conducted and Common Roll compiled. Returned Bereina 1730.
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- 13/5/63 Depart Bereina for East Mekeo 1030 arriving Oriopetana 1100. Patrol accompanied by one R.P.N.G.C.F. and Administration Clerk. Crossing of river completed 1115. Arrived Inawaia village 1345. Census and Common Roll commenced 1400, but unable complete this day. Ceased work 1800.  
Night. Discussions with villagers on Common Roll and Local Government.
- 14/5/63 Several villagers volunteered to sink holes with 6" earth auger (borrowed from Comworks) for re-siting of Inawaia well. Water struck at 12 ft. Finalising Census and Common Roll at 0800 - completed 1000.  
Depart Inawaia for Eboa arriving 1300. Commenced Census and Common Roll compilation, completed 1830.  
Night. Discussions with villagers on Local Government, Common Roll etc..
- 15/5/63 Inspected work on Council Water Scheme to date and saw traditional watering place. Depart Eboa 0930 arriving Jesubaibua 1030.  
Commenced Census and Common Roll 1045 - completed 1430.  
PM. Several disputes heard.  
Night. In discussions with villagers. Jesubaibua strongly refuse to consider the water scheme offered by the Council, i.e. for a well, though the women would gladly accept. Short discussion on Common Roll.
- 16/5/63 Depart Jesubaibua 0915 arriving Inawabui village 1215. Commenced Census and Common Roll 1400. Completed 1800.  
Night. Discussions with villagers on Common Roll, Local Government, Council Tax, Council Projects etc..
- 17/5/63 Depart Inawabui 0945 arriving Oriopetana 1315. Crossed Angabunga river and loaded gear on Administration tractor. Arrived Bereina 1445.
- 18/5/63 Census and Common Roll statistics.
- 19/5/63 ~~Census and Common Roll statistics.~~  
Sunday - observed.
- 20/5/63 Census statistics.
- 21/5/63 At Bereina
- 22/5/63 Depart Bereina 1000 per Admin. tractor for Inawaia crossing of Angabunga river. Arrived Inawaia 1200. Arrived Oriopetana 1600. Discovered tomorrow is a Mission Holy Day - Ascension Day. Self returned to Bereina via Beipa taking earth auger collected at Jesubaibua.

Diary (cont)

- 23/5/63 Picked up water pump at Bereina and returned Oriopetana 1100. No Census and Common Roll as Mission Holy Day observed. Day spent on statistics.  
Night. Discussions with villagers.
- 24/5/63 Census and Common Roll 0800 to 1030. Depart Oriopetana for Bebeo 1100 arriving Bebeo 1210. Census and Common Roll. Discussions with villagers. Depart Bebeo 1530 for Inawauni village arriving 1645. Will not do Census and Common Roll here at this stage but on return from Imounga.  
Night. Discussion with villagers.
- 25/5/63 Depart Inawauni 0800 arriving Imounga 1130.  
Afternoon taken as spell for patrol for ablutions etc. and purchase of fresh foods.
- 26/5/63 Sunday - observed. Self sick with high temperature.  
Afternoon spent in discussions on Common Roll, Local Government etc., with villagers.
- 27/5/63 Commenced Census and Common Roll 0800. Completed 0930. Depart Imounga 0950, arriving Inawauni 1305. Commenced Census and Common Roll 1400 - completed 1530. Further discussions with villagers till 1700 when departed Inawauni for Rarai. Arrived Rarai 1800.  
Night. Discussions with villagers.  
Self feeling very low all day - temperature, congestion etc..
- 28/5/63 Commenced Census and Common Roll 0730 - completed 1030. Discussions with villagers till 1300 when departed Rarai. Arrived AmoAmo 1330.  
ADO Bereina arrived 1345 in company with EMA ; self accompanied back to Bereina leaving Clerk and RPNGC with patrol.  
Mr C.P.O. Byrne is to complete Census and Common Roll of remaining three villages.  
Self went to bed at Bereina 1600 on instruction of EMA.

END OF PATROL



## INTRODUCTION

The prime object of the patrol was the compilation of the Common Roll for the Mekeo Census Division. The population of the Mekeo constitutes approximately 30% of the total sub-district population. The Angabunga river bisects the census division into what is known as the East Mekeo and the West Mekeo.

## NATIVE AFFAIRS (see also Appendix "A" - Local Government)

Reception of the patrol was on the whole favourable, and the people co-operative. In some instances difficulty was experienced in obtaining carriers - a not unusual problem facing a patrol in this area.

Absenteeism is rather high in this area. As well as the usual absentees "at work" both inside and outside the district, a large proportion were trading in Port Moresby for the purpose of obtaining sufficient money to pay Council Tax. The Mekeo Council Tax patrol was conducted in early April (males £3.10.0, females 10/-).

Some instances were experienced of people absent in gardens or visiting in other villages - a necessary facet of village life, but unsatisfactory from the viewpoint of census. Due notice of the coming census had preceeded the patrol in all instances. There is also an increasing number of people residing permanently at garden or sago sites.

The breakthrough of the Angabunga River in 1958 has been felt strongly by the three villages of Inawaia, Eboa and Jesubaibua. To the Eboa and Jesubaibua people, the breakthrough, though initially causing an upheaval in their social and economic life, has been adjusted to, and in some ways has been beneficial - proximity to the river, increased fishing rights, etc.. The Inawaia people have not adjusted, and possibly will not for many years. The Inawaia village groups, before the breakthrough, retained the majority of fishing rights over this section of the river, which ran approx. a half mile from their village. Today the river is four miles distant and does not pass through their land. Thus today the Inawaia people find themselves in a rather inferior position insofar as they must wait for an invitation from the other two villages to join in a fishing venture. This bites deeply, and they feel their social position has fallen. The Eboa and Jesubaibua people are taking advantage of their new status in this local issue, but realise the unpredictability of the river, and regard the problem of the Inawaia people in a sympathetic light.

In addition to the problem of fishing rights the Inawaia groups have found that during the prolonged "dry" season previous

highly fertile garden areas are dying off and loosing productivity - even large trees are thinning out in some places.

Damage caused by fire and pigs to gardens in the Mekeo creates a never ending string of complaints. Some time before this patrol was conducted, almost the entire garden areas of the Inawaia people were lost in one huge fire. At time of writing, rice harvesting is in full swing, but is marred by the attacks of both wild and domesticated pigs on plantings. Overall, in the census division there is no food problem.

Attitude towards any work for the patrol, in particular the readying of Rest Houses, Police barracks, latrines etc., remains one of indifference. Rest Houses are available in the following villages - Imounga, Inawauni, Rarai, Beipa/Aipeana, Inawi, Oriopetana, Bebeo (of sorts), Jesubaibua and Inawabui. Other villages made available disused smoke houses, and old co-operative Trade Stores, for the use of the patrol.

Under the pressure of the Council's Village Sanitation and Hygiene Rule, the villages are kept reasonably clean, though most cleaning was done as the patrol arrived in the villages.

#### ECONOMIC ACTIVITY.

As recorded under "Native Affairs", rice harvesting is now in full swing. As a result no figures of productivity are available at present. Harvested rice is either sold to D.A.S.F. or kept for consumption. The latter is husked in the villages by placing the rice in a conical wooden stand, and pounding the rice with a large stake. The rice is then winnowed by tossing on a plaited disc. The result is "split" grains of rice often badly fragmented by the initial pounding. This rice affords a welcome change of diet in the villages, but in flavour seems inferior to even Store rice - probably a result of the husking process.

Mekeo villages carry on a rather large scale supply of betel nut trading to Port Moresby, forwarding bags through one of two avenues. Firstly, some 6,000 lbs of betel nut and vegetables are sent to Moresby each week per media of the P.A.T. DC3 service on Fridays. The second avenue is to forward produce either by boat or canoe to Moresby. This latter method is used mainly by the East Mekeo groups, and affords cheaper transportation costs. It is impossible to even attempt to estimate the value of these "exports". Most of the proceeds gained from these enterprises are used up in fares, living costs whilst in Moresby, and general high living. Some trading expeditions drag on for six months.



There are currently eight native owned tractors in the area, of which five belong to local "companies", the balance being of co-operative societies. Of the five privately owned tractors, two are owned by the Inawaia Transport Company, of which one, a Massey Ferguson 65 is mostly inoperative with mechanical breakdowns. Another tractor, that owned by an Inawabui group, and only recently purchased, appears to be something of a "white elephant". When the tractor was bought, straight cash was paid for an outright purchase. The group now find they are unable to buy a trailer - most necessary if their tractor is to operate economically - for two reasons :

- (a) The group has exhausted their current savings, and are unable to outlay a further sum for the trailer.
- (b) They are unable to obtain a loan to purchase a trailer.

To complicate the issue, the other two local companies in the East Mekeo refuse to even consider hiring out their trailers when not in use, to the Inawabui group - and not unreasonably so, as to do so would be to cut their own income. At present in this portion of the census division there is not enough business to support three companies.

Ownership of a tractor and trailer has become a status symbol in Mekeo villages. Some have by-passed the tractor stage eg. Rarai village has a truck, purchased some time ago from a coastal plantation.

There are only three Co-operative Societies functioning at present in the Mekeo. Defunct Co-operative enterprises have left vacant and unused stores in most other villages.

#### LAW AND ORDER

A few minor complaints were brought before the patrol, most of which were settled amicably to the satisfaction of all parties.

Village housing has suffered somewhat with the advent of the Local Government Council. Under the Village Sanitation and Hygiene Rule, instructions may only be issued by a Councillor after the advice of a Medical Practitioner, Medical Assistant etc.. This advice has not eventuated. As a result instructions re. housing were issued in several villages under reg 101 of the N.R.Os, by the writer.

### MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

Health facilities in the census division are handled chiefly by the Catholic Mission. The nearest Administration hospital is at Bereina. There are no Administration Aid Posts in the area at present. These facilities are for the most part, within easy access of most villages. The main problem in this regard encountered by the patrol was that of health facilities in the East Mekeo area of Jesuhaibua, Eboa and Inawaia villages. The area is served by the Catholic Mission who, due to local pressures (from the Inawaia) are in the process of shifting their station some short distance to a now closed Agricultural station. Assistance was requested (by the Mission) from the local people, to shift the Aid Post. This did not eventuate. The position has now been remedied and the Aid Post is standing in its new locale.

At the northern extremity of the census division in that area encompassing the villages of Imounga, Inawauni, Rarai and Bebeo, access to health facilities is somewhat difficult (to the Mekeo). However with the erection of an Aid Post by the Mekeo Council, the position will be relieved somewhat.

There is a "reluctance" among the Mekeo people to assist a sick person to an Aid Post or hospital for treatment. Usual procedure is to leave the sick person in the village in the often forlorn hope that he or she will get better, and thus save the villagers a long walk, and the trouble of going out of their way. Charity is sadly lacking. Sorcery is still usually blamed for village sickness.

On the whole health appeared fair.

### EDUCATION.

This is wholly in the hands of the Catholic Mission, and has been for many years. Attendance at village schools is erratic, though it rose sharply whilst the patrol was in the area.

Inawabui village is in the process of erecting a new school, but the local teacher appears to be doing most of the work.

### ROADS AND BRIDGES

Roads and bridges in the area are scarcely recognisable as such. The only decent road in the area is that connecting Bereina to Beipa, and also perhaps the Inawabui/Eboa road. Tractor traffic can be blamed for much of the damage done to roads, but portion of the blame must also fall on village pigs which use sections as wallows.



VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

With the introduction of the Local Government Council, these positions were removed. However most ex-officials gave every assistance to the patrol.

CENSUS

Village population registers are attached and Tax Census Adjustment Advice sheets have been completed and forwarded.

There is no change in village breakup.

CONCLUSION.

The prime object of the patrol was the compilation of the Common Roll of the Mekeo Census Division. This has been completed. However the sickness encountered by myself in the last stages of the patrol interrupted a full and complete coverage of the area. Mr C.P.O. Byrne was obliged to complete the patrol.

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APPENDIX "A"

KAIRUKU

For attachment to Patrol Report No. KAI 14/62-63.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Mekeo Local Government Council has been in existence some 16 months. The Council has experienced many difficulties in finding its feet, and morale in the area has been on the ebb. However I feel that the discussions held in the villages did much to allay fears that the Council was destined for the limbo of so many other social and economic enterprises in the Mekeo.

From these discussions I gained the impression that awareness of the importance of the Council's activities and the necessity of local support and self help, are aspects which are not realised, appreciated or even considered.

Inter village rivalries flourish, and old quarrels and hatreds run just below the surface at all times. There is little feeling of "oneness" except perhaps among the council members themselves.

It is anticipated that the first major project of the council will be underway within a few weeks, and be completed within a few months. These are the water schemes planned for four villages. This project will give pure water from wells, reticulated to central water points in the four villages, a service for 47% of the Mekeo people. Completion of this and other council projects should give a lift to the depressed morale presently encountered.

The main drawback to the success of the Council has been the failure, to date, to have something to show for its 16 months existence - in the eyes of the Mekeo people. This position will be rectified.

For the above reason, the Council tax recovery for the current year has been excessively low. Only 37% of that estimated has been received (estimated recovery 76% males, 99% females - total £4432 ; amount received to date £1600). Recovery measures are at present underway through the approved procedure (ref. our Director's memo 39-2-11 of 26/3/63). The reasons for non-payment of tax were investigated further (ref. initial correspondence 41-1-6 of 3/5/63 from this office to ADO(LG) Tapini), but the points covered in this letter and report were those encountered again on this patrol, i.e. chiefly the absence of council achievements.

Since the completion of the patrol, some defaulters have come forward and paid their tax.