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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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NEW BRITAIN DISTRICT

KOKOPO SUB DISTRICT REPORTS 1957/1958

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TERRITORY OF PAPAUA AND NEW GUINEA



# PATROL REPORT

District of NEW BRITAIN Report No. 1 of 1957-58

Patrol Conducted by Patrol Officer A. D. STEVEN

Area Patrolled Wide Bay

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives four

Duration—From 22/7/1957 to 7/8/1957

Number of Days 17 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 8/1956

Medical 8/1956

Map Reference Army Provisional Map Wide Bay

Objects of Patrol (1) Census Revision

(2) Routine 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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# Village Pop

Year.....1957-58.....

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	Births		DEATHS												Females in Child Birth	
				0-1 Month		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13			
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		
KALAMPUN	25.7.57	2	2			2	1	2		1				1	6	5	
GUMA	"	10	2							1					1		
KOLOM	"	1	1													1	1
KILALUM	26.7.57	1	2													1	1
KIRKIHAI	"	-	-			1		1	1						1	4	
IWAI	"	4	4			1	1		1	1					1	2	
MU	27.7.57	1													1	1	
MILIM	"					1									2	1	
DANPUR	"	3	2			3	2	1						1	2	1	
KAUKUM	29.7.57	1														1	
KALIP	"	1	2			1	2		1						1	1	
LAMARIEN	1.8.57	2	1				2		1						2		
KAVUDEMKI	"		5		1	4	2	2							4	2	
MARUNGA	2.8.57	6	3			1									3		
KARONG	3.8.57	3	2			4									2		
ILI	"	3	2												1	3	
MERAI	4.8.57	1	2												3	1	1
MUNGOU (Gar.)	5.8.57	-	2					1		2					1	2	
LAT	"		3					1							1		
<b>Total</b>		<b>39</b>	<b>35</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>				<b>2</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1</b>



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

20th November, 1957.

THE DIRECTOR OF NATIVE AFFAIRS.

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MINUTE

File No. NA.30-13-58

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SUBJECT

The District Officer's comments are passed to you for your information and any action you might think necessary, please.

*T. G. Aitchison*

(T.G. Aitchison)  
A/Chief of Division  
(Government and Research)

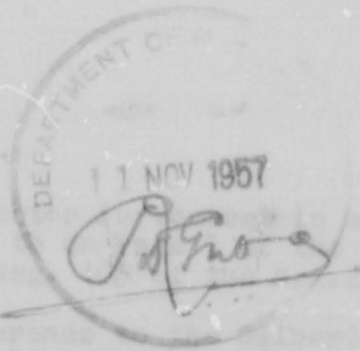
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5th November, 1957

Regional Medical Officer,  
RABAUL.

Kokopo Patrol Report No. 1 of 1957/58 -  
Wide Bay Area.

I refer to extracts of the above mentioned patrol report which were forwarded to you.

I have received further information from the Assistant District Officer, Kokopo vide his memorandum KPO.30/1 of the 2nd November, 1957 where he states, inter alia

"An extract of the medical section of the patrol report has been received by the E.M.A. Kokopo. There is at present a medical patrol being conducted of the Wide Bay area by two of the E.M.A.'s best native medical assistants and the location for a fourth aid post is being considered.

Medical opinion is that the average poor health and high rate of skin infection is related to the low standard of housing and hygiene generally. If a European Medical Assistant could be sent there for three months I think an improvement would be effected. Experience has shown that Aid Post orderlies require constant inspection and supervision if they are to carry out their work satisfactorily. The shortage of European Medical Staff at Kokopo would not allow the E.M.A. in charge to be absent himself for such a period."

I am particularly interested from a Native Affairs angle in the health of these people as their population is consistently on the decline.

From my experience regular European patrolling is the only method of satisfactorily supervising the aid posts and, at the same time such patrols often ascertain from the people the reasons in instances for such a decline. Would you therefore give consideration to arranging a patrol of extended duration to this Wide Bay Sub Division of the Kokopo Sub District, please.

I respectfully make this request, knowing the people personally and, feeling as I do that only by concentration by your own Department and mine can we hope to reverse the present population tendency.

I would be pleased to discuss the matter with you at your convenience.

(E. Flower)  
a/District Officer,  
New Britain District.

c.c. Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

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The Director is correct in assuming that the offences referred to on Page 7 of the report were in contravention of Reg. 105 of the N.A.R.

The reference to the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Catholic Mission relates to a private agreement between the Bishop of Vanapope and the Gilbert and Ellice Mission that the profits from Karlai Plantation should go to the Gilbert and Ellice Mission. The rights and title to Karlai Plantation remain vested in the Sacred Heart (New Britain) Property Trust.

(I. B. Tuohy)  
a/Assistant District Officer.

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY

Your 30-13-58 of the 15th October, 1957 refers. I am attaching copy of a letter I have sent to the Regional Medical Officer in the matter of a medical patrol to the area. I think you will agree that, whilst it is, of course a matter for Public Health Department policy, the patrolling of even the best native medical assistant is quite inadequate in areas such as this.

30/1/2  
5th November, 1957

(E. Flower)  
a/District Officer,  
New Britain District.

J Knr.  
AVNA:



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KPO.30/1

Sub District Office,  
KOKOPO. NEW BRITAIN.

2nd November, 1957.

The District Officer,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
R A B A U L.

PATROL REPORT No.1 OF 1957/58 KOKOPO

I refer to your minutes 30/1/2 of 16th October and the 21st of October to the Director's comments on Patrol Report No. 1 of 1957/58.

I have referred the matter of the Lamerein dispute to the Patrol Officer Mr. Steven. He spent a full day in the village and assures me that he warned the people and their leaders that open disputes might not be to their mutual interests. Luluai MAITGUR who had suggested the physical division took heed of the warnings and agreed not to proceed further. MAITGUR's projected move was to KAVJDEMKI, a Bainings village with whom the SULKA natives have few social ties and who belong to a different language group. Moreover MAITGUR's followers would be occupying alien land.

I intend to personally visit Lamerein at the first opportunity to assure that this dispute has been settled.

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With reference to the Director's remarks regarding cocoa plantings at Gar and Lat these plots are in the nature of experimental plantings. There are only two of them and their progress is being carefully watched by patrolling officers. If they prove successful, and it appears that they are, they will serve as a nursery for more extensive plantings. I personally arranged the sale of cocoa pods with the manager of Sum Sum Plantation. The District Agriculture Officer is aware of the existence of these plots.

living in hamlets or in houses near their gardens. We have the example of the flourishing Tolai people who have always been permitted to live on their land. Perhaps you would think of trying this among the Baining-Sulka?

6. No doubt you are watching the cocoa plantings at Gar and Lat and it is presumed that the plantings have been approved by the Extension Officer of D.A.S.F. Patch planting of cocoa is against the law and can lead to uncontrolled disease.

7. Your attention is drawn to the second paragraph of Page 7 of the Report. I presume the offence refers to that under Regulation 105 of the N.A.R.

8. The reference - on the same page - to the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Catholic Mission is not understood. There is no Mission registered under that name in the Territory.

9. I would suggest that you implement as best as you are able, the recommendations made by the Assistant District Officer, Kokopo, regarding health, education and improved living standards of these people so that we may yet succeed in advancing them.

*J. McCarthy*  
(J.K. McCarthy)  
Acting Director

P.S. I know PRANIS as a man who did a gallant work for us during the War and who has honestly endeavoured to lead and advance his people. He may make mistakes, but I ask that you give him every opportunity to assist the Administration.

*J. McCarthy*



30-13-58

15th October, 1957.

The District Officer,  
New Britain District,  
RABAUL.

PATROL REPORT No. 1, 1957/58 - WIDE BAY AREA  
MR. A.D. STEVEN - PATROL OFFICER

1. Although comments have been forwarded to you over my signature (30.13.58), I have just had the opportunity of reading the Report myself.

2. I like the concise style of Mr. Steven. The Report is fully informative to anyone professing to have a knowledge of Native Affairs. However, the covering letters do not indicate whether the various matters raised in the Report have been taken up with the representatives of the various Departments in the District.

3. It is quite correct to say that the Baining and Sulka people have been a problem to the Administration for many years - in fact, the German Administration was concerned with the future of these tribes and had noted that the population was decreasing.

It is indeed difficult to find a remedy - but we can still try and persuade them of the benefits of health services and improved diet. While this may help, it must be recognised that the people (said to be the descendants of the original inhabitants of the Gazelle Peninsula) are a "defeated" race and have been harshly treated by their conquerors, the Tolai, for many years.

4. As to food, we must take care not to insist on the peoples' economic development at the expense of their traditional food supplies unless they are entirely willing to make such a change. I refer to the killing of pigs so that coconut groves may be cultivated. Perhaps the meat is more valuable than the cash that the coconuts will eventually provide. I leave this to your discretion.

5. You will have little sympathy with the suggestion that the people be placed (by what means I am not clear) on to the Sulka Reserve unless the great majority of them really wish to take this step. A few well meaning leaders can do great harm here in misrepresenting the wishes of the people. This should be pointed out to the Patrol Officer and it should be emphasised to him that this Administration does not force people to live in areas unless they are willing to do so. The reference in the second paragraph on Page 4 seems to indicate that the people must live in villages and that any attempt to "split" and separate the village population will be sternly discouraged. It occurs to me that they might prefer



Director of Native Affairs,

NA.30-13-58

Your attention is invited to Patrol Report No.1  
of 1957/58 - Kokopo, pages 5 and 7.

*T. G. Aitchison*

(T.G. Aitchison)  
Chief of Division  
(Government and Research)

30-13-58

The District Officer,  
New Britain District,  
RABAU.

8th October, 1957

Patrol Report No.1 of 1957/58 - Kokona

The decline of 42 in 1,196 is alarming, and a thorough investigation should be carried out immediately staff permits.

2. I feel the people will have to be first convinced that their health will improve with a moving to the reserve. Every effort should be made to convince them of the benefits which will attain from such a move.
3. Please let me have further information on Pranis and Maitgur - it appears an unsatisfactory situation might develop unless some action is taken in the immediate future.
4. Information concerning the blight attacking the native taro has no doubt been provided by the Department of Agriculture, whose officers have studied this problem.
5. More Aid Posts are required in the area to combat the yaws, ulcers, etc.
6. Please advise me what action is proposed in matters mentioned in this memorandum at your early convenience. The Patrol Report is no doubt a faithful record of what has taken place, but I find nothing of a constructive nature in it.

*J.K.M.*  
(J.K. McCarthy)  
(Acting Director)



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30/1/2  
DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AFFAIRS  
30 SEP 1957

District Office,  
Rabaul.  
24th September, 1957

Assistant District Officer,  
KOKOPO.

Patrol Report 1 of 1957-58  
Wide Bay Area.

Receipt is acknowledged of the above mentioned Patrol Report which I have delayed sending to Headquarters, awaiting a reply to my 30/1/2 of the 17th September. However, it has not been forthcoming and I shall forward it later to Headquarters together with the claim for camping allowance.

I endorse your remarks regarding the suggested movement of the Sulka people to the Sulka Reserve, and feel that they would be very reluctant to leave the areas they are at present inhabiting.

The census figures unfortunately reveal a general decline in population. From the figures it may be that this decline has been slightly arrested. Last year the total deaths exceeded the total births by 42, whereas this year it was 33. You will note that there is a difference of 70 in the total population and, excluding absentees, of 81. Deaths 0-1 year are (28), whereas last year they were (11). However, less adults (over 13 years) died (59) than in 1956 (94).

Can Mr Steven give any explanation of the reason for the high 0-1 year death rate. Did he receive any reports of any epidemic.

I agree that the report is presented in a concise but informative manner.

Relevant extracts have been forwarded to the Department of Public Health, Department of Agriculture and Department of Education. ✓

*(Signature)*  
(E. Flower)

Minute to:  
Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

a/District Officer,  
New Britain District.

Forwarded herewith original of above mentioned Patrol Report, together with covering letter from the A.D.O. Kokopo and copy of my 30/1/2 of 17th September, 1957.

Claim for camping allowance will be forwarded when received.

30/1/2  
25th September, 1957

*(Signature)*  
(E. Flower)  
a/District Officer,  
New Britain District.

30/1/2

District Office,  
Rabaul.

17th September, 1957

Assistant District Officer,  
KOKOPO.

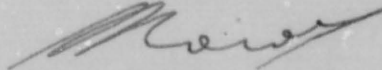
Camping Allowance - P/O A.D. Steven

Reference your KPO.30/1 of the 6th September,  
1957.

From the Diary of Mr Steven's Patrol Report it would appear that he was victualled on board the 'Mangana' on the 22nd and 23rd. Mr Steven is therefore not entitled to claim camping allowance for this period.

... I am therefore attaching the Contingency in respect of the camping allowance which I request he resubmit, please.

In the body of his Patrol Report Mr Steven has commenced with the date at the top as the 15th March, 1957 for a Patrol which took place in July and August, 1957. Please confirm that the date should be the 15th August, 1957.



(E. Flower)  
a/District Officer,  
New Britain District.



KPO.30/1

Sub District Office,  
KOKOPO, NEW BRITAIN.

6th September, 1957.

The District Officer,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
R A B A U L.

Wide Bay Patrol - Report No.1/1957-58

Forwarded is a report of patrol conducted by Mr. A. D. Steven, Patrol Officer. The patrol was one of routine Administration and census revision.

Native Affairs.

The mass movement of the Sulka people to the more accessible Sulka reserve area has been attempted before. It introduces all the problems associated with re settlement which has to combat that nostalgic desire among the migrants to return to the lands already familiar to them. The Sulkas have developed their coconut groves and have become more settled on the coast.

The problems of declining population had best be tackled by concentrating on providing the best possible medical and health facilities and improving the educational and living standards. When these people are finally induced to abandon the practice of using the ground as the house floor, I think there will be a general improvement in health. I will follow up the matter of medical patrols with the medical assistant. Future patrols will be able to help improve the food situation by encouraging cultivation of a wider variety of foods including European type vegetables.

Could the appointment of Waretnuang as Tultual of ILI be confirmed please as recommended by the patrol.

It is noted that the patrol was impeded by the heavy rain and it was fortunate that a launch was obtainable locally.

An informative and detailed report is presented by Mr. Steven indicating considerable thought and observation of the problems of the Wide Bay area.

Claim for camping allowance is attached.

*I. B. Tuohy*

(I. B. Tuohy)

a/Assistant District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Kpo. 30/1

Sub-District Office,  
KOKOPO, NEW BRITAIN.

15th March, 1957

PATROL REPORT

NO. 1 of 1957-58

Officer Conducting Patrol	A.D. Steven, P.O.
Area Patrolled	Wide Bay
Patrol Accompanied by	Two Native Constables One Native Medical Orderly
Duration of Patrol	22/7/57 to 7/8/57 (17 days)
Objects of Patrol	(1) Census Revision (2) Routine Administration

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DIARY

Monday, July 22

Left Kokopo per M.V. Mangana 9 a.m. Arrived Induna Plantation 4 p.m.  
Night in Induna Anchorage.

July 23

Left Induna by MANGANA 5.30 a.m. Arrived Kiep Plantation 1.30 p.m.  
Mangana departed 4.40 p.m. Night at Kiep. Heavy rain day and night.

July 24

Left Kiep by Rail Pinnacle 11 a.m. and arrived RAIL 12.15 p.m.  
Walked to GUMA arriving 4 p.m. Night at GUMA Mission with Father Herberman.

July 25

Walked to KALAMPUN. Revised census. Returned to Guma and revised  
Guma census. Walked to KILALUM and IWAI. Revised census and slept IWAI.  
Heavy rain at night.

July 26

Revised census KILALUM and KIRKINAU and heard land dispute cases  
and E.N.A. cases at IWAI and KIRKINAU. Left IWAI 1.30 p.m. and arrived  
MU 3.50. Night at MU.

July 27

Census revised MU. Walked to MILIM via KIEP. Census revised MILIM  
and DANPUR. Night at KIEP.

July 28

Day at KIEP.

July 29

To Kaukum by Rail pinnace. Census revised KAUKUM-KALIP and C.N.A. cases heard. Continued by pinnace to KARLAI, arriving 4 p.m. Night at KARLAI.

July 30

Day at KARLAI.

July 31

Left KARLAI on foot 9 a.m. Arrived LAMEREIN 9.50. Census revised. Left LAMEREIN 12 noon and arrived KAVUDEMKI 2 p.m. Census revised. Slept KAVUDEMKI.

August 1

Left KAVUDEMKI 9 a.m. and arrived TOL 11 a.m. To MARUNGA in the afternoon. Revised census and returned by pinnace to sleep at TOL.

August 2

Left TOL by pinnace 8.15 a.m. Arrived MAMBUI, a hamlet of KARONG, noon. Slept MAMBUI.

August 3

Revised KARONG census and left MAMBUI 10 a.m. for ILL. Arrived 12.45 p.m. Revised ILL census in afternoon and slept ILL.

August 4

Day at ILL.

August 5

Left ILL 9 a.m. Walked to MERAI arriving 11.30. Census revised and disputes settled. Continued to SUM SUM arriving 4 p.m. Slept SUM SUM. Showers during day and heavy rain at night.

August 6

Left SUM SUM 9 a.m. on foot and arrived GAR 10.15. Revised census and left noon for LAT. Revised census at LAT and continued on to sleep at INDUNA. Heavy rain during afternoon.

August 7

Left PUT PUT by jeep 9.15 a.m. Interviewed pastor Lock S.D.A. Mission, KAMBUBU and continued on to PUT PUT. Interviewed Mr. T. Haafstad of MATA LA No. 1 Plantation. Patrol left PUT PUT per M.V. Gazelle 1 p.m. and arrived Vunapope Mission Wharf 3.45 p.m.

INTRODUCTION

The Wide Bay Sub-Division comprised the eastern coast of the Gazelle Peninsular south from the Warangoi River and the Wide Bay area itself as far as Kalampun village, the southernmost village of the Kokopo Sub-District.

The patrol moved from Kokopo to Kiep Plantation at the southern end of Wide Bay by Administration trawler. It was intended to land the patrol at Kalampun but the move was frustrated by high seas.



Unfortunately the patrol was conducted during a period of phenomenally heavy rain which made movement by foot always difficult and sometimes impossible. Had I not been able to charter the Tol pinnace for a day it would have been impossible to proceed from MARUNGA to KARONG because of flooded rivers. Three natives in the area have lost their lives in recent months trying to ford swollen streams. Plantation owners and managers stated they have never known such consistent rain. Some falls of over thirty inches were recorded for July. Although the south east is normally regarded as the dry season the rainfall is fairly evenly distributed throughout the year. However, future patrols would do well to avoid the south east season as rivers are often flooded at this time due to rain in the hinterland and travel by canoe and launch is difficult because of the exposed coast.

#### NATIVE AFFAIRS

There are two main linguistic groups in the sub-division, the Sulkas and the Coastal Bainings. The Tamoips, a fast declining group now numbering only 125 are rapidly losing their identity through inter-marriage with their neighbours.

The Sulka group consists of the villages of KALAMPUN, GUMA, KOLOM, KILALUM, KIRKIHAI, IWAI, MU, MILIM, KALIP, LAMEREIN and LAT. This represents a total population of 1196, a decline of 42 over the last year. The declining population is a chronic problem, which has apparently persisted since the early days of Australian administration. In Kokopo Patrol Report No. 2 of 1953-54 the then acting Assistant District Officer, Mr. M.B. Orken suggested that one means of arresting the decline would be to concentrate the whole Sulka population in the Sulka Reserve which lies to the north of the Warangoi River. The Sulkas were settled in the Reserve in German times but the majority eventually drifted back to Wide Bay. There is ample land within the Reserve for all Sulkas. The present Reserve population of 276 is healthy and comparatively prosperous. They are easily accessible by road from Kokopo and consequently benefit from constant medical attention.

On the other hand the Sulkas have now got extensive coconut plantings in the Wide Bay area. Whereas such a move would have been relatively simple to effect ten years ago, the natives are now reasonably well settled. To be effective the scheme would have to be ruthlessly policed for several years and even then the drift back that occurred before would probably occur again.

The birth rate among the Sulkas is quite satisfactory but is more than offset by the child death rate. The Sulkas have a deep-rooted distrust for European medicine, excepting injections, and it is most difficult to persuade them to voluntarily seek treatment.

The economic future for the southern Sulka villages is brighter than it has ever been. Under the vigorous supervision of the Catholic priest at Guma, Father Kelleher, all villages have made extensive plantings of coconuts. It was pleasing to note that the plantings were made in rows and although planted rather close together the effort was a vast improvement on the usual haphazard methods of planting.

Father Kelleher's efforts in this direction were at first frustrated by the depredations of village pigs and wild pigs. However, he managed to convince the reluctant villagers to kill off and eat a large proportion of the pig population. Most of the palms are only one to two years old and it will be at least five years before they show returns.

The only attempt at cocoa plantings seen were at GAR and LAT. The Luluai of Gar has a few trees which are just beginning to bear, but most of the trees have been planted only in the last year. The manager of Sum Sum Plantation is buying the pods at a penny halfpenny each.

Internal strife has caused a split at LAMEREIN village where two factions led by Luluai MAITGUR on the one hand and PRANIS on the other are now openly hostile. Previous patrolling officers have reported fully on PRANIS, a progressive and energetic native in his early forties who commands considerable respect throughout the Wide Bay area. Luluai MAITGUR is a capable leader and the fact that he has retained a majority following in the village despite PRANIS's obvious efforts to depose him indicates a strength which cannot be ignored.

However, MAITGUR, who lives in a hamlet apart from the LAMEREIN village wishes now to make a complete break and combine with the Baining village of Kavudemki, about two hours inland from LAMEREIN. I warned MAITGUR that any attempt to force open the split in the village would probably lead to his dismissal. If ever MAITGUR is dismissed the present Tul Tul, KAITANG, would make a competent replacement. He is a very able official, but he has not the inherited power of MAITGUR.

A few months ago MAITGUR was brought to Rabaul by Father Kelleher and interviewed by the District Officer regarding allegations that he was using his influence to promote anti-European feeling among the natives. I feel that the charge was engineered by PRANIS and that there was no basis for it. MAITGUR was disturbed at the increasing number of workers leaving the village and tried to restrain further males from leaving. There was certainly some justification for this attitude as at time ~~time~~ of census twenty one males from a total population of 140 were absent at work.

The six coastal Baining villages now have a population of 1026, a decrease of twenty two on last year's figures. The Baining villages are KAVUDEMKI, MARUNGA, KARONG, ILLI, MERAI and GAR. These people previously occupied the mountainous interior of the WIDE BAY area, but were settled along the coast during, and immediately after, the war. The change seems to have been made at the expense of the health of the people. Formerly the Bainings spent the majority of their time far from their villages at their garden places. But they now appear to be making more use of the gardening ground in the immediate vicinity of the villages.

The majority of Baining natives have a strong aversion to water and skin diseases are rife. Kavudemki is an exceptionally clean and well kept village but most of the Baining villages were below standard.

Several male natives, mostly Sulkas were absent from their villages and said to be working for natives in the RAINAU-MAKURAPAU area. The men are usually away for about three to six months and earn up to five pounds per month and food cutting copra. None of the employers are registered as such.

#### NATIVE AGRICULTURE

The manager of Induna Plantation, Mr. R. Diercke, reported that a blight was attacking the native taro and a crop failure was imminent. I made enquiries at all villages but found that the report was exaggerated. Because of exceptionally heavy rains this season's taro is not up to its usual standard. The current crop is inclined to be mushy and in some cases a worm is infesting the taro root. In some gardens leaves had been partly eaten by some pest, but this did not seem to affect the root unduly.

For both Bainings and Sulkas the staple diet is taro. It is planted practically to the exclusion of all other starchy foods. The only sweet potatoes seen were growing on plantations. A very few bananas were seen and no yams or manioke although the Baining villagers say they grow a few yams in the hills.



This monoculture of taro possibly accounts for the poor standard of health in the area. Although it is reputed to be a comparatively nutritious food taro is a low yielder and takes about nine months to mature. Very extensive gardens are necessary to produce sufficient food for the population and the gardens are just not big enough.

Every opportunity was taken to encourage the natives to experiment with other crops. These people do not seem to have taken the usual interest in European foods such as tomatoes, corn, beans etc. so widely grown on the Cavalli Peninsula. E.g. pawpaws and pineapples are scarce, although several orange trees were seen.

The slaughtering of a large proportion of the Sulka pig population has had a beneficial effect on the production of coconuts and gardens generally. Several complaints were laid about the destruction of gardens by domestic pigs. I drew the attention of all complainants to the provisions of S. 101 of the Native Administration Regulations and recommended destruction of the pigs in accordance with the regulations. ✓

#### MEDICAL AND HEALTH

A Native Medical Orderly accompanied the patrol and triogen injections were given to all natives. Two follow-up medical patrols will be sent at monthly intervals to complete the course of three injections which should provide immunity to whooping cough, tetanus and diphtheria.

The general standard of health among the Sulkas and Bainings was not good. I have never seen such a high incidence of skin diseases. Among the Bainings people there would hardly be one person in ten not affected by scabies, grilles, ulcers or yaws. Eye infections were also very common and there is a high rate of blindness among the elderly people. Women seem to be worse affected than men.

Despite the anti-yaws treatment by a patrolling E.M.A. last year there were many cases of primary yaws among young children.

Aid Posts are situated at MARUNGA, KAVUDEMKI and KILALUM. The MARUNGA and KAVUDEMKI Medical Orderlies were carrying out their duties satisfactorily. They both accompanied the patrol back to Kokopo to replenish supplies of drugs. The N.M.O. at KILALUM, RAI-U, had neglected his work. He was posted to KILALUM twelve months ago, but he only stayed at his post for about three months. He became involved with a local married woman and for several months prior to the patrol had been living at his village, KAUKUM. RAI-U was sentenced to three months I.H.L. for adultery.

#### CENSUS

Despite the fact that it was not always possible to advise the natives in advance of the patrol's movements there was a good attendance at all villages. Some areas had been cut off from each other for several weeks because of flooded rivers and knew nothing about the presence of the patrol. This isolation is not unusual at this time of the year when rivers are high and heavy seas preclude canoe travel.

There were only two cases of deliberate absenteeism. One man at Gar had been in trouble with the Luluai and failed to appear. A man from ILLI who was gaoled by the previous patrolling officer for adultery is still living with the complainant's wife. Police are searching for the offenders.



The total population of 2393 represents a decrease of 70 since the last census, a year ago. Twenty two of the decrease is accounted for by migrations out. The majority of these were Sulka migrations to the Sulka Reserve, which is in a different census sub-division. However, deaths exceeded births by thirty three. Forty six of the 107 deaths were children under the age of eight years.

Census taking in the Baining villages is made difficult by the fantastically long names, many of which run to seven syllables. Some names are incapable of being written correctly with our limited alphabet and are consequently unrecognisable to the owners. An added difficulty is the fact that a person's name may not be spoken by himself. Because names could not be recognised it was found that many names had been duplicated as new names. In some cases the names had been re-written almost exactly as they had been in the first instance.

The majority of the ninety one males employed ~~xxx~~ inside the district are working on plantations near their villages.

#### AIRCRAFT AND AIRFIELDS

The matter of re-opening the TOL airstrip has been made the subject of a separate letter to the District Commissioner.

#### VILLAGES AND HOUSING

Most villages were clean and tidy but the standard of housing was only fair. There is very little kunai grass or sago in the area and consequently roofing materials are a problem. The most common thatching is lawyer cane leaf but it has to be replaced about every six months.

The traditional houses are small and rectangular with dirt floors although many of the new houses now have limbon flooring.

#### VILLAGE OFFICIALS

For a complete list of village officials and comments thereon see Appendix A. The provisional appointment of a Tul Tul was made at ILL. The appointee is WARETNUANG who replaces a Tul Tul who died two or three years ago. Could WARETNUANG's appointment please be confirmed.

#### ROADS AND BRIDGES

A gazetted road exists from the Warengoi River to Sum Sum Plantation. However, because of the extensive flooding normally fordable creeks were impassable.

Considering the amount of rain during July the village tracks were in good condition.

Officers following would be advised to travel by launch from MARUNGA to KARONG if possible. This obviates a ten hour carry over rugged country. Mr. G. Reynolds of TOL Plantation is prepared to hire his launch at the rate of £5 0 0 per day. This less than it would cost to hire thirty carriers for an all day walk at the prescribed rates. During this patrol those rivers were impassable. The launch journey from TOL to MAMBUI (the anchorage near KARONG) takes about three hours.

LAW AND ORDER

Three village natives were convicted and imprisoned for adultery during the patrol. A normally law-abiding people these natives are notorious for marital infidelity. They are the despair of the Catholic Mission in this respect. Although under Mission influence for some thirty years plural marriage is still quite common. Most of these who have forsaken the privilege of extra wives seem determined to borrow someone else's.

Three contract labourers from Induna Plantation were sentenced to gaol for sodomy.

PLANTATIONS

There are nine plantations in the area patrolled. They are KIEP, KARLAI, TOL, KAMANDRAN, SUM SUM, FALILIS, INDUNA, MATAJA No. 1 and MATAJA No. 2. KIEP, TOL, SUM SUM, TALILIS and the MATAJA Plantations are privately owned. INDUNA is owned by the Catholic Mission and KARLAI is leased from the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Catholic Mission.

The southernmost plantations, KIEP, TOL and particularly KARLAI are run on very progressive lines and have an enviable record of labour relations. All the other plantations are very satisfactory in this respect. TOL and KARLAI Plantations have a good system of incentive payments, whereby many of the workers are able to earn three pounds per month above their wages working an eight hour day. Both plantations are using more labour than they need because they do not wish to spoil the good will with the labour sources by summary dismissal.

A young Filipino, Mr. Felix Asuramba, has a trading allotment lease at RAIL between KIEP and GUMA. His main source of income is from copra purchased from the local natives.

MISSIONS AND EDUCATION

The Catholic Mission is pre-eminent in the area. Mission stations are situated at GUMA and MARUNGA. The Guma station is in charge of Father W. HERBERMAN, a German. He relieved Father KELLEHER who recently left on furlough to Ireland.

The Guma parish takes in all the Sulka speaking peoples excluding GAR. Father Herberman is something of a linguist and is currently engaged in learning the Sulka language. However, it is the first Papuan language he has attempted and he finds progress rather slow. Before going to Guma Father Herberman was stationed at RAKANDA on the Duke of York Islands. He has spent some thirty years in New Guinea. A rather reserved but kindly intellectual he contrasts with his predecessor, a vigorous Irishman for whom the Sulkas had a deep respect tinged with a certain fear. The Sulkas were genuinely sorry to lose Father Kelleher. He achieved quite a lot for their material welfare by his force of personality.

Father Esch is a young priest who believes in visiting his parishioners regularly. He was absent in the Central BAININGS area at the time of the patrol. He spends comparatively little time at MARUNGA and is popular with the BAININGS people.

Every Catholic village has a catechist and there are village higher schools at Guma and Marunga. I inspected the school at Guma with Father Herberman and the standard of teaching appeared to be quite good.



KAVUDEMKI is a mixed Methodist and Catholic village. Inter-denominational friction was reported from there two years ago but the trouble seems to have subsided now.

The only other Protestant elements are a few S.D.A. adherents at LAT and MERAI villages. The Seventh Day Adventist Mission runs a training centre at KAMBUBU near Rugen Harbour. It is attended by trainee Pastors from various parts of New Guinea and from the British Solomon Islands Protectorate. The school is under the control of Pastor Lock who has a staff of four Europeans under him. Until earlier this year there was a trained nursing sister stationed at Kambulu, but medical treatment is now given by a native medical assistant who is supervised by Mrs. Lock a partially trained nurse.

*A.D. Steven*

A.D. Steven  
Patrol Officer

A P P E N D I X A

V I L L A G E    O F F I C I A L S

<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>LULUAI</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	<u>TUL TUL</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
KALAMPUN	TIPIANGTUN	Aged and wishes to return but suggested successor absent	KUSKUS	Quite sound
GUMA	LANGPUL	Very good	PRUA	Good but aging
KOLOM	No Luluai		PAKAKLEI	Quite good
KILALUM	GUSA	Rather weak; is not obeyed.	KAVE	" "
KIRKIHAI	SONI	Doing a good job. Resignation refused.	TAIDKEN	Satisfactory
IWAI	YANEK	Very good	KOMOK	Satisfactory
MU	MITANAGING	Quite good	POTKO	Satisfactory
MILIM	MANGIL	Satisfactory	TORO	Very good
DANPUR	LAKAU	Quite good	OSPUKAU	Satisfactory
KAUKUM	MALU	Satisfactory	WILI	Satisfactory
KALIP	KUSKUS	A good man	KANDIKUN	Satisfactory
LAMEREIN	MAITGUR	Strong personality, but in conflict with PRANIS.	KAITANG	Very satisfactory
KAVUDEMKI	MANAS	Quite sound	Nil	MASAWA resigned. No re-appointment made.
MARUNGA	NGIRKWANG	Satisfactory	<del>Satisfactory</del> MAINDU	Satisfactory
"			LUKAS	Satisfactory.
KARONG	LANGARAES	Weak	NANDEN	Slightly better than Luluai
ILI	MASAIRGUM	Aged but still effective	WARETNUANG	Provisional appointment this patrol. Previous T.T. died last year.
MERAI	SAMENGANDE	Useless	WANDIRIM	Very good
GAR	PULOK	Good man	No Tul Tul	
LAT	PATNAKUR	Quite good	SIBI	Satisfactory.

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APPENDIX B

REPORT ON POLICE ACCOMPANYING PATROL TO WIDE BAY

Reg. No. 8308 Const. BEPEBISO

Conduct and appearance satisfactory. However, not very intelligent or energetic.

Reg. No. 7892 Const. YIMBIN

Conduct and appearance good. This constable has good command, plenty of initiative and is keen on his work. Has been recommended by several officers as good n.c.o. material. I agree.

*A.D. Steven*

A.D. Steven  
Patrol Officer

# VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

YEAR.....

Govt. Print.—5435/154.

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS												MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE AT WORK				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES	Average Size of Family	TOTALS (excluding absentee)				GRAND TOTAL			
				0-1 Mth.		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13		Females in Child Birth	IN		OUT		Inside District		Outside District		Govt.		Mission			MALES		FEMALES			Present	Number of Child-bearing age	Child
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F			
KALAMPUN	25.7.57	2	2		2	1	2		1		1		6	5			7	7	7		1				2	24	65	13	51	4	48	2.2	44	35	75	69	233
GUMA	"	10	2						1				1		2	1	2	2	7				3	9	43	12	36	3	33	2.1	25	26	44	48	153		
KOLOM	"	1	1										1	1	2	2			1				2	-	17	6	10	2	10	1.7	10	11	18	16	58		
LILALUM	26.7.57	1	2										1		1		1	2	6				1	9	22	6	18	1	18	1.4	12	18	22	29	88*		
KIRKIHAI	"	-	-		1		1	1					1	4			5	4	1				2	1	20	4	17	1	16	1.2	8	4	18	22	55		
WAI	"	4	4		1	1		1	1				1	2	5	2	2	1	6				4	17	52	15	48	-	43	2.3	40	32	53	60	495		
U	27.7.57	1											1	1			1		2					6	22	6	20	2	21	1.7	10	10	24	27	73		
LILIM	"				1								2	1					2	1					10	5	27	23	1	27	1.3	13	13	38	31	96	
KANPUR	"	3	2		3	2	1						1	2	1					1					6	29	9	29	-	27	1.3	14	17	40	41	142	
MUKUM	29.7.57	1											1		2		1		5					3	21	5	12	2	11	1.3	7	7	4	27	18	61	
LIP	"	1	2		1	2		1					1	1	4	2			1	1				1	5	15	8	18	1	17	1.0	8	12	19	23	64	
MARIEN	1/8/57	2	1			2		1					2				5	1	21	2			1	7	41	5	38	3	34	1.2	18	9	36	53	140		
MUDEMKI	"	5		1	4	2	2						4	2					2				1	7	69	5	54	5	50	1.1	14	23	86	79	205		
RUNGA	2.8.57	6	3		1								3						21				2	18	90	5	66	4	61	1.7	48	27	90	84	272		
RONG	3.8.57	3	2		4								2		2		1							9	43	10	38	-	36	1.1	24	23	55	51	153		
"	"	3	2										1	3										10	23	9	27	2	24	1.0	27	21	37	41	126		
RAI	4.8.57	1	2										3	1	1	4	3	2	2				1	2	14	44	15	41	-	58	1.2	18	41	57	53	172	
NGOU (Gar.)	5.8.57	-	2			1		2					1	2					8					7	30	4	21	2	20	1.3	14	16	31	27	96		





# Population Register

Area Patrolled.....Wide Bay.....

HNS	ABSENT FROM VILLAGE								LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		Average Size of Family	TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL	
	AT WORK				STUDENTS				Males		Females		Pregnant	Number of Child Bearing Age		Child		Adults			
	Out	Inside District		Outside District		Govt.		Mission		10-16	16-45	10-16				16-45	M	F	M		F
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F												
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5	4	1						2		1	20	1	17	1	16	1.2	8	4	18	22	55
2	1	6						4		17	52	15	48	-	43	2.3	40	32	53	60	195
1		2								6	22	6	20	2	21	1.7	10	10	24	27	73
	2	1								10	5	27	23	1	27	1.3	13	13	38	31	96
	1									6	29	9	29	-	27	1.3	14	17	40	41	112
1		5								3	21	5	12	2	11	1.3	7	4	27	18	61
	1	1						1		5	15	8	18	1	17	1.0	8	12	19	23	64
5	1	21		2				1		7	41	5	38	3	34	1.2	18	9	36	53	140
		2						1		7	69	5	54	5	50	1.1	14	23	86	79	205
		21						2		18	90	5	66	4	61	1.7	48	27	90	84	272
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		8								7	30	4	21	2	20	1.3	14	16	31	27	96
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of..... New Britain ..... Report No. 2 of 1957-58 .....

Patrol Conducted by..... A. D. Steven Patrol Officer .....

Area Patrolled..... Duke of York Islands .....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... E.M.A. J. Snashall .....

Natives..... 3 Police Constables  
2 Medical Orderlies .....

Duration—From..... 2./12/1957 .. to 16./12/1957 ..  
16/1/58 to 8/2/58

Number of Days..... 36 .....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... Yes .....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... / 3 / 1957...

Medical ... .. / 1 / 1957...

Map Reference..... Army Provisional Map B56/2 New Britain .....

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

..... 3. Land Survey      4. Plantation Inspections .....

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 .... £.....

# Village Po

Year 1957/58

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	Births		DEATHS												Females in Child Birth				
				0-1 Month		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13						
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F					
KUMAINA	3.12.57	2	1																1	
NAKAKOR 1	4.12.57	3	4																2	2
NAKAKOR 2	"	10	6			1					1								1	
KABILOMO	5 " "	12	19			2		2	2										3	3
URAKUKUR	" " "	7	4						1										2	3
NAGAILA	6 " "	5	6				1	3					1						5	2
PALIPAL	"	2																	1	
MOLOT	7 " "	13	11						1										2	1
URAKUK	9 " "	10	5							1									1	
MAREN	" " "	8	8																1	
BUTLIWAN	"	6	3																	
IRIMUT	10. " "	4	5	1	1			1						1					1	
IRIMUT	"	4	4																	1
KABABIAI	"	3																		2
WAIRAI	11. " "	11	10																2	
WATARA	"	6	4					1					1							
NABUAL	"	9	6				1		1	1										
INOLO	12 " "	10	6			1	1	1	1											2
KABATIRAI	" " "	6	3				1						1							1
MUALIM	13 " "	13	10						1											
KERAWARA	14. " "	6	2					1				1								2
UTUAN No.1	" " "	6	6	1											1				1	1
UTUAN No.2	" " "	6	2																1	2
MICKO	16. " "	7	7																4	1
PALPAL	" " "	12	6																1	3
TOTAL		181	138	2	1	4	4	10	7	4	-	2	2	26	28	1				



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Over 13		Females in Child Birth
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30-13-68

27th February, 1958.

The District Officer,  
New Britain District,  
RABAU.

Patrol Report No. 2, 1957/8 - Kokopo.

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

It appears to me that the people are suffering from confused thinking in that they are mixing up the relations and functions of Councils and Co-operatives. I believe they had and probably still have, the idea that profits from Co-operatives would be sufficient to meet their financial obligations to Councils.

I am of the firm opinion that Co-operatives, both produce and consumer, may be proved redundant in the Rabaul/Kokopo area. It appears to me that competition between local traders provides all necessary facilities and safeguards required by the local native population.

In order that a review of the situation concerning Co-operatives in the area may be made, Mr. Jackman of the Co-operatives Branch of this Department has been detailed to carry out a complete survey of Co-operative activities in the Rabaul/Kokopo area, with a view to making a submission to me early in April, 1958.

I urgently request your closest co-operation with Mr. Jackman in his task, in order that a full and accurate submission may be compiled by him.

Mr. Steven's report is full yet concise and is indicative of a job thoroughly and intelligently performed.

*J. K. M.*  
(J. K. McCarthy)  
Acting Director.

30/12/68 ✓

However, once again constant patrolling by Native Affairs and Health officers is the best remedy for this, and I am certain natives will more and more of their own volition take their sick for treatment.

(e) NATIVE LANDS:

A map showing alienated land in the Dukes of York Islands has been forwarded under separate cover. In view of the fact that Misko natives have not availed themselves of the permission to collect nuts on the Credner Islands, I agree with your decision.

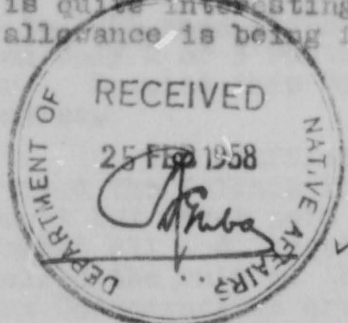
(f) VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

The confirmation of appointments of Luluais as listed will be requested from the Director, and that of Tultul, KALASEL of Nakukur No. 1 is hereby confirmed.

(g) CENSUS: The

The population increase is certainly alarming and I shall look forward to your land survey report in due course. There is a very small death rate in the 0 - 1 month and 0 - 1 year group, and I assume in the former at any rate some escape reporting. Do you know, however, whether the majority of expectant mothers go to Watnabar for confinement.

In concluding, I would comment that your report is quite interesting and concise. Claim for camping allowance is being forwarded.



(E. Flower)  
a/District Officer,  
New Britain District.

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

... Copy forwarded for your information. Relevant extracts have been forwarded to the departments concerned.

Would you please confirm the appointments of the following Luluais:

- TONENAGIR of Nakukur No. 1
- TOLAIKEM of Nakukur No. 2
- OTTO of INLIMUT
- AMBO of Kerawara
- TOALIT of Kababai.

... Claim for camping allowance is attached for your approval.

30/1/2  
21st February, 1958

(E. Flower)  
a/District Officer,  
New Britain District.



30/1/2

21st February, 1958

Assistant District Officer,  
KOKOPO.

Patrol Report Kokopo 2 of 1957-58  
Duke of York Islands.

Receipt is acknowledged of the above mentioned report of a patrol conducted by Mr Patrol Officer Steven, and I have the following comments to make:-

(a) NATIVE AFFAIRS:

I quite agree with your comments as to the reason for the failure of Co-operatives in the Duke of Yorks. However, in such an area with its relative inaccessibility and, at the time distinct lack of Administration patrolling, I do not consider Co-operatives should ever have been started. Up to 1956 when these Islands came under Kokopo, there had been only 2 or 3 routine patrols to the Islands since the war. Despite this Co-operatives had been started in various centres.

The unofficial Payamount, Manuan, was, when I first visited the Islands in 1956 riding a push bike which he had bought but never paid for. This system of "dinau" was rife amongst all and, together with pilfering from the stores, spelled the ruin of the Co-operative venture. I submit that that Co-operatives are only successful in this country where they can be regularly supervised, and in areas which are under strong Administration control, which could certainly not be said of the Duke of Yorks at this time.

Councils: It will be necessary to collect Capitation Tax within the next couple of months, and we must therefore take the necessary action to collect Council tax from Mualim. I will be pleased to discuss with you the modus operandi.

I know the native Antcn Samuel who is proving a little difficult but would point out that he was only one of many such anti-Administration natives in the Islands 2 years ago.

(b) LAW & JUSTICE:

There has always been a lot of talk of liquor consumption and explosives being used in this area but, like Mr Steven I have found it most difficult to obtain concrete evidence.

(c) VILLAGES & HOUSING:

Please be careful not to force natives to settle in communal villages against their desire, as this is not good policy. The Tolai people normally live in scattered houses or hamlets and it is not considered that we should take any action to stop them.

(d) HEALTH:

There has always been a reluctance by these people to travel the distance to Watnabar - and most of them are Methodists - until their sickness reaches a really serious state. Time and time again the Sisters have told me of deaths because children and adults are received into hospital too late.

KPO.30/1

Sub-District Office,  
KOKOPO, NEW BRITAIN.

20th February, 1958.

District Officer,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
RABAUL.

KOKOPO PATROL No.2 1957-58  
DUKE OF YORK ISLANDS

Attached please find two copies of the report of the above patrol conducted by P. O. Mr. A.D. Steven.

Native Affairs.

The Co-operative failures in the Duke of York group can be directly attributed to the natives themselves. Had the natives given honest and whole-hearted support to the Co-operatives there is no reason why they should not have flourished like other Co-operative ventures in this Sub-District. It is obvious that great caution should be used in establishing future Co-operatives in this group.

The native local government council movement at Miko, Palpal and Mualim has reached a crucial stage. I think that any compromise with the Mualim faction at this stage would mean a weakening of support by the Miko and Palpal people. There are waverers in both villages who, I feel, will oppose the councils unless the Administration remains firm.

Health

I understand that the Medical Officer, Kokopo is making arrangements for the replacement of the Aid Post orderly dismissed from Nabaal.

Village Officials

Would you please recommend the appointment of Luluais as shown in the report and would you please confirm the appointment of Tul Tul KALASEL of NAKAKOR.

Camping allowance claim is forwarded with the report.

*A. D. Steven*  
(A. D. Steven)  
Patrol Officer in Charge.



KPO.30/1

Sub District Office,  
KOKOPO. NEW BRITAIN.

2nd December, 1957.

Mr. A. D. Steven,  
Sub District Office,  
KOKOPO.

Duke of York Patrol December '57-January '58.

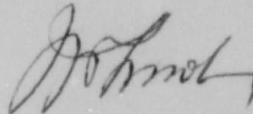
The patrol will be spread over two periods. Arrange to return to Kokopo by the 18th December approximately and resume the patrol by 10th January, 1958.

Attend to outstanding matters as per patrol file, relating to native complaints and debts, banking, repair to Mioko Wharf - N.M.T.A. payments and Native Deceased estate queries - licences.

You are required to conduct Native Labour inspections of plantations.

Enquire into properties listed for clearance under Section 36 of N.G.L.T. Restoration Ord.

Preliminary investigation into Lands social survey as required by the Director.



(I. B. Tuohy)  
a/Assistant District Officer.

KFO. 30/1

Sub-District Office,  
KOKOPO, NEW BRITAIN

17th February, 1958

PATROL REPORT

No. 2 OF 1957-58

Officer Conducting Patrol: A.D. Steven, P.O.  
Area Patrolled: Duke of York Islands.  
Patrol Accompanied by: European Medical Assistant.  
Duration of Patrol: 2/12/57 to 16/12/57 (15 days)  
17/1/58 to 8/2/58 (21 days)  
Objects of Patrol: (1) Census Revision  
(2) Routine Administration  
(3) Land Survey  
(4) Plantation Inspections.

DIARY

Monday Dec. 2, 1957

Left Kokopo on M.V. Mangana 3 p.m. Arrived Mioko 5.15 p.m. Slept Mioko.

Tues. Dec. 3

Left Mioko by powered dinghy 8.30 a.m. Called Ulu Plantation, thence to Kumaina arriving 11 a.m. Census revised and discussions with villagers. Left Kumaina 2.30 p.m. and arrived Nakakor 3 p.m. Slept Nakakor.

Wed. Dec. 4

Census revision No. 1 and No. 2 Nakakor. Payments of copra money, Temporary luluai appointed Nakakor No. 1. To Kabilomo late afternoon. Slept Kabilomo.

Thurs. Dec. 5

Census revised Kabilomo in morning. To Urakakur in afternoon for census revision. Minor complaints heard. Returned to sleep Kabilomo.

Friday Dec. 6

To Makada Island 10 a.m. Census revised Nagaila and Palipal villages. Returned to Kabilomo late afternoon.

Sat. Dec. 7

To Makada Plantation 9 a.m. and continued on to Molot 11 a.m. Census revised Molot in afternoon. Slept Molot.

Sunday Dec 8



Sunday Dec. 8

Day observed Molot.

Mon. Dec. 9

To Urakuk (10 minutes walk) Census revised and returned Molot. To Maren (10 minutes) Census revision and on to Butliwan (15 minutes). Census revised Butliwan and continued on to Piratop. Slept Piratop.

Tues. Dec. 10

Census revised Piratop ~~and~~ and complaints settled. Walked to Inlimut (30 minutes) where census revised. To Kababiai (10 minutes). Census revised and complaints settled. Returned Piratop 3 p.m. Slept Piratop.

Wed. Dec. 11

Left Piratop 8 a.m. Arrived Waira 8.10. Census revised and continued on to Watara (15 mins.) Census revised thence to Nabual (20 mins) Census revised. Slept Nabual.

Thurs. Dec. 12

To Inolo 9 a.m. Census revised. To Kabatarai in afternoon. Revised census and continued on to Mioko for the night.

Fri. Dec. 13

To Mualim in morning. Revised census and discussions with villagers. To Rakanda Plantation in afternoon and returned to sleep Mioko.

Sat. Dec. 14

To Kerawara 8 a.m. Census revised. Tilburra arrived from Kokopo 10.30 a.m. Returned to Mioko on Tilburra, which left again for Kokopo 1 p.m. Revised census Utuan No. 1 and No. 3 in afternoon. Slept Mioko.

Sun. Dec. 15 Day observed Mioko.Mon. Dec. 16

Mioko and Palpal census revised in morning. To Ulu 11 a.m. Returned to sleep Mioko 5 p.m.

Tues. Dec. 16

Left Mioko 5.45 a.m. on Mr. G. Edward's pinnace. Arrived Kokopo 8.45 a.m.

Fri. Jan 17 Left Kokopo to resume patrol. 12 noon per M.V. Tilburra. Arrived Mioko 2 p.m. Night at Mioko.

Sat. Jan 18

Talks with Mioko and Palpal villagers. Minor disputes settled. Night at ~~Kakapa~~ Mioko.

Sun. Jan. 19

Visited Ulu and Rakanda Plantations. Returned Mioko in afternoon.

Mon. Jan 20

To Kerawara 7.30 a.m. Inspected gardens and plantings Kerawara Island. Thence to Mauke where gardens inspected. To Kabakon 3 p.m. Plantation inspection and returned Mioko 5.30 p.m.

Tues. Jan. 21

To Utuan 8 a.m. to inspect gardens and plantings. Thence to Mauke and inspected Utuan garden land there. Returned Mioko 4.30 p.m.

Wed. Jan. 22

Morning on repairs to outboard motor. To Ulu 10.30 a.m. Plantation inspection and inspection of Watnabara land. Returned Mioko 5.45.

Thurs. Jan 23

To Rakanda 8 a.m. Plantation inspection and discussions with Brother Ruschoff regarding plantation holdings. Returned Mioko noon. Inspected ground and gardens Mioko and Palpal in afternoon. Slept Mioko.

Fri. Jan 24

All day on inspection of Palpal, Mioko and Mualim holdings excised from Rakanda.

Sat. Jan 25

Returned to Kokopo to collect spare sheer springs for outboard motor. Left Mioko 3.30 a.m. on Mr. G. Edwards' pinnace towing disabled native launch Balus. Arrived Rabaul 8.50 a.m. To Kokopo 10.15 a.m.

Sun. Jan. 26 At Kokopo

Mon. Jan 27 At Kokopo.

Tues. Jan. 28

Left Kokopo 9 a.m. per M.V. Tilburra. Arrived Mioko 11 a.m. Remainder of day and night at Mioko.

Wed. Jan. 29

Inspected Mioko and Palpal village land on Mioko Island. To Inolo 3.30 p.m. Shaft of outboard motor snapped en route. Arrived Inolo 3.30 p.m.

Thurs. Jan. 30

Dinghy and outboard motor returned to Mioko. Inspected Inolo land and gardens. Slept Inolo.

Fri. Jan 31.

Inspected Kabatarai land and gardens in morning. Commenced survey of Inolo land in afternoon. Slept Inolo.

Sat. Feb. 1

Continued survey of Inolo land. Slept Inolo.

Sun. Feb. 2

Day observed at Inolo.

Mon. Feb. 3

Survey of Inolo land. Slept Inolo.

Tues. Feb. 4

Land survey of Palpal and Mualim land. Slept Inolo.



Wed. Feb 5

Land survey of Kabatarai and Wirian land. M.V. Tilburra from Rabaul in morning with Co-operative Officer McAuley and P.O. Haywood. Returned Inolo 2.45. Slept Inolo.

Thurs. Feb 6

To Mioko by M.V. Tilburra 7.30 a.m. Thence to Manuan and Makada Plantations. Discussions with natives re purchase of launch, Kombon. Returned Mioko via Molot. Tilburra to Rabaul with McAuley and Haywood 4.45 p.m. Night at Mioko.

Fri. Feb. 7

Mioko pinnace arrived from Kokopo 10.30 a.m. with Vanamami N.L.G.C. Tax Tribunal. C.N.A. Courts Palpal. Supervised tax collection Palpal village.

Sat. Feb. 8

M.V. Tilburra from Rabaul 6 a.m. Supervised N.L.G.C. tax collections Mioko in morning. To Mualim 1 p.m. Attempted to collect tax but met with hostile opposition. Returned Mioko with tax tribunal and continued to Kokopo by Tilburra arriving 5 p.m.

INTRODUCTION

The patrol was conducted in two parts. The first phase, occupying the period from December 2 to December 16 was devoted to routine administration and census revision. During this stage the patrol was accompanied by E.M.A. Mr. J. Snashall, who conducted medical examinations of all natives.

The patrol was resumed again on January 17 and was completed on February 8. During the second stage of the patrol I was mainly occupied with a land survey as per D.N.A. letter NA 34-10-10 (A) of July 18, 1957 and New Britain D.O.'s minute of 31/1 of July 25, 1957.

The Administration owned 20 ft. dinghy powered by an outboard motor was used to transport patrol personnel and cargo until it broke down on January 30.

NATIVE AFFAIRS

It is apparent that increased attention by D.N.A. officers to these island people over the last two years is having a beneficial effect. The natives have been appearing more frequently at Kokopo and are much less reticent in discussing their problems than they were twelve months ago.

During the second stage of the patrol Co-op. Officer Mr. J. McAuley arrived from Rabaul and paid back share capital to shareholders in the now defunct Mioko Co-operative Group. The majority of share-holders - those from Mioko, Utuan No. 1 and No. 2 and Mualim received back their full share capital of five pounds each. The Palpal shareholders who were responsible for the collapse of the store received just over two pounds each for their shares plus some unsold trade items from the store.

The Mioko Co-operative collapsed on May 30 last year when a group of Palpal natives rioted and smashed the store removing all the contents to various houses in the village. As a result eighteen natives were sentenced to one month's imprisonment for riotous behaviour. The repayment of the money should alleviate some of the ill feeling by Utuan, Mualim and Mioko natives over this misadventure.

The history of Co-operatives and other communal business ventures in the Duke of York Islands is a sorry one. There is so much inner dissension that most of the group efforts seem inevitably doomed to failure. Another Co-operative collapsed at Kabilomo in 1956, the shareholders receiving back about three pounds for their five pound shares.

Councils: On the second last day of the patrol the tax tribunal from the Vanamami Native Local Government Council arrived to collect taxes at Falpal, Mioko and Mualim. The response from Mioko and Falpal was better than I had expected. At Falpal 54 per cent of eligible males paid £74 in taxes and at Mioko 72 per cent of eligible males paid nearly £111. In neither village did many females register voluntarily, but several contributed a few shillings as a gift to the council.

The response from Mualim was quite different. When the tribunal arrived the whole village slowly assembled and sat in sullen silence. Then Councillor William Pilo called the first name from the village census book all the younger men arose with one accord and advanced towards the table where the tribunal was seated. Spokesman for the group, Anton, then began to declaim against the council stating that the people of Mualim wished to have nothing to do with councils, repeating his previous statements that the Mualim people had petitioned for councils on the condition that the Mioko Co-operative proved successful. As it had failed they now wished to withdraw their support, he said. As the crowd was beginning to shout and become disorderly I ordered them to be seated which they did after a short while.

I then explained again to them that they had unconditionally petitioned the Administrator to join either a Duke of York Council or the Vanamami Council and that as a result they had been proclaimed into the Vanamami Council. As such they were legally bound by all Council rules and all law pertaining to councils. This, the mob refused to acknowledge.

I restored order again for a short while and called on William Pilo to call the next name for inclusion in the tax register. The crowd began to mutter threateningly and Pilo was reluctant to call the name so I told the people that the tax register would be compiled from the census book at Mioko and that failure to pay tax before April 1 would probably lead to prosecutions. A Mualim native picked up the village book from the table, but quickly dropped it when I spoke to him.

I then sent the tribunal back to the pinnace and followed them to Mioko. No attempt was made to molest the tribunal or myself but the crowd was in a dangerous mood.

This is the third time that the Mualim natives <sup>have</sup> had demonstrated against the council. The first time was when the A.D.O. Kokopo and myself tried to conduct council elections. The second time was in the first phase of this patrol when I spoke about the forthcoming tax collections. On each occasion the same argument was used. The natives seem quite unable or unwilling to disassociate Co-operatives from Councils although the differences were carefully explained. I feel that the Co-operative failure is simply an excuse used by some of the younger men to wean the people away from councils.

There is a fairly strong core of opposition to Councils in Falpal village. Mioko also has a few council opponents. The leader of the Falpal opposition group is a man named Anton Samuel. On February 7, 1958 he was convicted in the Court for Native Affairs under Reg. 83 (a) and sentenced to three months i.h.l. for assaulting one of the prominent council adherents. I personally know of two recent convictions against Anton, one for assault, and I am told that he has served about eight gaol sentences before and since the war. He is fanatically opposed to councils and the Administration. He was the ring leader in the riot that demolished the Co-operative Store ~~and~~ at Falpal last year (see above). When I arrived in the village on this patrol he prevented some women from bringing firewood to the rest house.

A further charge against Anton for spreading false reports tending to give rise to trouble amongst the people of Falpal (Reg. 83 b, N.A.R.s) was dismissed because of conflicting evidence. I suspect that his witnesses admitted perjury but I could not definitely establish this. The charge related to an alleged public announcement that the Americans were going to return to New Guinea and would decapitate the Council supporters at Falpal. Anton has consistently antagonised the young Councillor, Manuel and has made his job most difficult. I believe he has also fostered the anti-council attitude at Mualim.



During the first stage of the patrol all non-council villages were informed of their obligation to pay an annual capitation tax. The purpose and meaning behind the tax were carefully explained and there seemed to be a general willingness to pay. On the second stage of the patrol I informed the few villages that I visited that I was not making a general tax collection but individuals could pay me if they wished. No tax was forthcoming. At that time the recommended rate of two pounds per head had not been confirmed.

All villagers were informed of the outstanding payments for copra owing to some Duke of York <sup>notes</sup> by the Copra Marketing Board at Rabaul and Kokopo. Where it was possible to identify the names of individuals this was done. But as the list provided gave only names, amounts and receipt numbers it was not possible in most cases to establish identity. If in future C.M.B. could provide the name of the payee's village it would be much easier to arrange payment.

Apart from the council strife at Palpal and Mualim there was nothing untoward to report. There was no unlawful absenteeism from census and every assistance was given to the patrol.

Investigations were made at Nagaila and Palpal villages regarding the proposed sale of a 35 ft launch by Mr. D. Armstrong of Manuan Plantation to the Nagaila-Palipal natives. A separate report has been submitted on this matter.

## IX

### LAW AND JUSTICE

Sundry minor complaints most of them concerning debts, were settled during the patrol. The only serious case was that involving Anton of Mualim (See Native Affairs).

Reports from Europeans living in the islands suggest that there are considerable amounts of liquor being drunk by the natives, but it is very difficult to find concrete evidence.

The managers of Rakanda and Mioko Plantations also report that natives from the southern villages are consistently using explosives for blasting fish. Again it is difficult to find the right evidence when a patrol is in the area. The natives have been repeatedly warned against both practices.

The information required by Crown Law Office in the claim by Alipet against Chin Pak over the purchase of the launch Kombon was collected during the patrol. The information was requested by memo C.L.O. 3-5-2-16 of 21st October, 1957. The final questionnaires were collected by Patrol Officer, Mr. Haywood on February 3 and returned to Rabaul.

### VILLAGES AND HOUSING

Villages were all clean and housing fair to good. The lack of suitable building materials such as kunai, sago palm and even timber has resulted in a standard of housing that is not generally as good as could be desired.

A few natives have built permanent type houses and two owners approached me regarding the insurance of such dwellings. They were given letters of introduction to one of Rabaul's insurance agents whom they nominated.

A hamlet of the inland village of Inlimut is built on Administration Reserve land. At the suggestion of the Luluai the members of this hamlet were asked to settle near the central village where the school and church are established. The main village is on native land. The natives agreed and were given one year in which to move.

The main portion of what was Uratantan hamlet of Kababiai village has now moved to Kabalomo. The natives are still near their ground and gardens.

HEALTH

The general standard of health among the village natives appeared to be satisfactory. Medical Assistant, Mr. J. Snashall accompanied the patrol on the first round of the group and inspected all natives.

An Infant Welfare Sister from Rabaul has conducted two patrols of the island during the last twelve months and most mothers of young babies were in possession of cards issued by the Sister.

There are two Aid Posts situated at Nabual and Molot. The Molot post seemed to be functioning satisfactorily, but the Nabual post had been obviously neglected. I understand that the orderly there has since been dismissed and that the post is closed temporarily.

The Methodist Overseas Mission Hospital at Watnabar on Ulu Island is run by two qualified nursing sisters. The majority of Methodist natives normally report there for treatment of more serious complaints. The Brother in charge of the Catholic Mission Plantation at Rakanda gives first aid to the village natives who wish it and sends more serious cases to the Vanapope Mission Hospital.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

As the patrol travelled mostly by sea there was no opportunity to make a complete inspection of roads and tracks. Those seen were all in good condition.

As instructed by the District Officer's letter 26/5/3 of the 18th September, 1957 I inspected the two wharves at Mioko Island. The one at Palpal point was indeed in poor condition. This was virtually rebuilt in one day and there is now a good substantial wharf near the Administration Rest House.

NATIVE LANDS

During nearly all the second stage of the patrol I was occupied with a native land survey as required by the Director's letter NA.34-10-10 (A) of 18th July, 1957. A complete survey was made of the Utuan, Kerawara, Palpal, Kabatarai, Mualim and Inolo lands. The survey of Mioko land is complete except for the positioning of a 100 hectare piece of ground which was excised from Rakanda Plantation.

The surveyed villages are the ones where the greatest land pressure exists. The villages on the northern section of the main island all appear to have sufficient ground for their immediate needs.

The data has yet to be correlated and the required maps prepared. The report will be forwarded separately as soon as this can be done. If the plans of the alienated lands in the Duke of York group could be made available as requested by letter Kpo. 14/14 of 28th January, 1958 they would be of most valuable assistance in compiling the report.

Enquiries were made into native rights of three properties for clearance under S. 36 of the N.G.L.T. Restoration Ordinance. The recommendations have been forwarded separately.

Enquiries were made regarding the use of coconuts on Credner Island as instructed by District Officer's memo 34/6/11 of 1st October, 1957. The Mioko natives were given the right to harvest these nuts in 1951, but have not availed themselves of this opportunity for several years. In view of this the Kerawara natives were given permission to collect the nuts for food.



VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Most officials were doing their work conscientiously. A list of village officials with comments is attached as appendix A.

Could the following changes of officials please be confirmed:

Luluai TONENAGJA of Nakakor No. 1 to replace TOMARINGEN, who died December 3, 1957.

Luluai TOLAIKEM of Nakakor No. 2, formerly Tul Tul to replace TOLIKOT, who resigns because of old age. No appointment of Tul Tul recommended.

Luluai OTTO of Inlimut to replace TEPIRTOP who resigns because of old age.

Luluai AMBO of Kerawara to replace TONGA who retires because of old age.

Luluai TOALIT of KABABIAI to replace PUKATI, who has not again taken up residence in the village and who is dismissed as per Director of Native Affairs Instructions in his NA 30-13-44 of 19th March, 1957.

Luluai Kauba of Molot, who was absent at work during patrol No. 6 of 1956/57 is now back in his village. As Kauba was absent for only a short time and as he is the most competent man available it is not recommended that he be dismissed.

Tul Tul KALASEL of Nakakor No. 1 to replace IWADA who resigns because of old age.

CENSUS

The total population recorded was 4419 an increase of 244 since the last census revision in April 1956. While this increase is gratifying from a medical point of view it is most alarming from the aspect of land availability. The heaviest increases are noted in the areas of greatest land shortage. This matter will be dealt with more fully in the land survey report.

Births (319) exceeded deaths (91), a ratio of about 3.5 : 1.

The large number of males at work inside the district, 200, is mainly made up by day to day labour working on Ulu, Rakanda and Manuan Plantations. According to the Managers of those plantations the average worker stays no more than one month.

SHIPPING

There are now six native owned launches in the group. Most of them are communally owned on a village basis. They are stationed at Mioko, Kabatarai, Inolo, Waira (two) and Nakakor.

One of the Waira pinnaces, Balus, went aground on a reef near Watnabar early on the morning of January 14 during a heavy north west wind. The natives salvaged it a few days later and it was patched sufficiently well to be towed to Rabaul on January 25.

Following this incident the Harbourmaster, Rabaul, asked that all native owned craft in the group be sent to Rabaul on a given date for a marine survey. This was arranged for January 30.

All too frequently the Duke of York native pinnaces are guilty of overloading with passengers for whom insufficient life saving equipment is provided. The frequent breakdown of engines indicates improper maintenance.

PLANTATIONS

Inspections were carried out at the six plantations in the group and reports are submitted separately.

Rakanda Plantation, which occupies approximately a quarter of the southern portion of the main island has now been transferred from the Catholic Bishopric of Vunapope to the newly formed New Ireland Bishopric. Vunapope's manager, Brother Ruschoff, who has been at Rakanda for 27 years left just before the completion of the patrol.

It is understood that two American brothers from New Ireland will take over the management of Rakanda. The new managers are said to have had little or no experience in plantation management. Rakanda produces nearly 80 tons of copra per month and is not yet in full production.

Mioko Plantation and trading station, which was formerly managed by a Chinese is now under lease to a European, Mr. E. Edwards. Mr. Edwards is living at Mioko with his wife and brother and appears to be on good terms with the local natives.

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MONEY PAYMENTS

Payments of money due to natives from Deceased Native Estates and for copra sold through the Copra Marketing Board were made to those natives who could be contacted.

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*Atkinson P.O.*



VILLAGE OFFICIALS

<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>LULUAI</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>TUL TUL</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
KUMAINA	BALANTAIN	Very Good	LAIN	Satisfactory.
NAKUKUR (1)	TONENAGIR	Tonenagir replaces Tomaningin who died 3.12.57 (Recommend)	KALASEL	Kalesel replaces Iwada who resigned because of age.
NAKUKUR (2)	TOLAIKEM	Tolikit resigned because of age. Tolaikem a former TulTul appointed temporarily.	-	Satisfactory
UNAKUKUR	OKNA	Luluai not very bright.	TAUPA	Tul Tul satisfactory
KABILOMO	MANUAN	Manuan unofficial Paramount Luluai very good	TAMTI	Tul Tul good.
NAGAILA	TONURU	Luluai good	TOMAREP TOWAGAL	Both Tul Tuls satisfactory.
PALIPAL	TOTITING	Satisfactory.	TEBIRARA	Satisfactory.
MOLOT	KAUBA	Kauba dismissal as Luluai recommended in last Patrol Report . Recommendation withdrawn.	LEVAU	Tul Tul mediocre.
URAKUK	TORUNGUN	Quite good	TOPIDAN	Very good
MAREN	TONUNIWAR	Very Satisfactory	TOUARTAKUN	Satisfactory
BUTLIWAN	TEMARIT	Very Good	TAWE	Good
PIRATOP	KOLTAR	Seems best of a poor selection	TOMULAI	Fair
INLIMUT	OTTO	A new appointee. Seems alright. Previous luluai Tepirtop resigned old age.	MANDEI	Fair
KABABIAI	TOALIT	Satisfactory	TOWA	Satisfactory
WAIRA	DUKKUK	Very useful	MITIMAUN	"
WATARA	TOMAKAU	Good	MISIWET	Good

## AIPVGE OBJECTIVE

VILLAGE	LULUAI	COMMENTS	TUL TUL	COMMENTS
NABUAL	MITRILA	Not completely trustworthy	TOGALAT	Satisfactory
INOLC	LANDI	Very Helpful	KAMAI	Satisfactory
KABATIRAI	TOKUMBIL	Satisfactory	TINDIL	Satisfactory
KERAWARA	AMBO	Recommended appointee to replace Tonga who retires because of age. Seems very good.		
UTUAN 1	TOBUNBUN	Very Satisfactory	TURKIAKE	Satisfactory
UTUAN 2	TORORIKE	Good	TORUMU	Satisfactory

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APPENDIX B

REPORT ON POLICE ACCOMPANYING THE PATROL

No. 7515 Const. TOMLI

Conduct and behaviour very good. Carried out all his duties conscientiously. Has a friendly approach with village natives.

No. 8104 Const. TATU

Conduct, behaviour and appearance good. A rather forceful constable who needs restraining sometimes.

No. 7605 Const. SIMWAH

Conduct, behaviour and bearing good. Not very quick, but conscientious and reliable.

*A.D. Steven*  
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Patrol Officer

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# VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

YEAR 1957/58

Duke of York Islands

Govt. Print.—5438/1.54.

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS												MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		Size of Family	TOTALS (excluding absentee)				GRAND TOTAL				
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Area Patrolled... Duke of York Islands .....

NS	ABSENT FROM VILLAGE								LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		Average Size of Family	TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL
	AT WORK				STUDENTS				Males		Females		Pregnant	Number of Child bearing Age		Child		Adults		
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17 JUN 1958

### MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No. 3 Sub-District Kokopo District New Britain  
Officer Conducting Patrol J. R. Wolsey, P/O.  
Census Division Patrolled Kulon/Birara  
Objects of Patrol Census Revision  
Tax Collection  
Routine Administration.  
Date Patrol Commenced 11. 3. 58 Date Completed 6. 5. 58  
Duration—days 19

#### SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

- ✓ 1. Census Trends 7/1/2 of 21. 5. 58.
- ✓ 2. Taxation 43/1 of 21. 5. 58 *Direct Tax Commission*
- ✓ 3. Council Petitions - Rainau and Manurapau 14/4/1 of 21. 5. 58.
- ✓ 4. Purchase Sulka Reserve 34/4/2 of 21. 5. 58. *34/13/10*
- 5. Foreign Natives 14/10 of 21. 5. 58. *Local*
- ✓ 6. New Officials 14/2/1 and 14/2/2 of 21. 5. 58. *14/3/13/4*

*J. R. Wolsey P/O.*  
Patrolling Officer's Signature.

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

*M. W. ...*  
District Officer.



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PATROL DIARY

Tuesday 11/3/58

1.30 p.m. To TOGORO by landrover. Partly censused and taxed this village. Returned Kokopo 4.30 p.m.

Wednesday 12/3/58

9 a.m. To TOGORO completed census and tax. No defaulters. Two taxes to be collected elsewhere. TOBAKAVIL, present Tultul is recommended to be appointed to the vacant post of luluai and TO-ALAVI to succeed as Tultul (See my 14/2/58 & 14/1/58 of 2/5)

Monday 24/3/58

9 a.m. To Ratavul by landrover. Censused and taxed. No defaulters. Luluai TOBUEI fairly good. Two minor disputes settled. Returned to Kokopo.

Tuesday 25/3/58

1 p.m. To Ralabang by landrover returned Kokopo 5.30 p.m. Partly censused and taxed.

Wednesday 26/3/58

9 a.m. To Ralabang. Completed tax and census. No defaulters - some to be collected elsewhere. Luluai TOWILI very powerful - seems to lead the anti council faction in this area. Brought up the question of alleged non payment for land now known as Sulka Reserve (See my 3/2/58 of 2/5) Few disputes, mostly re debts, settled.

Thursday 27/3/58

To Tauwi (No.1) returned 12.30 p.m. - heavy rain all afternoon. Partly censused and taxed.

Friday 28/3/58

Back to TAUWI completed census and tax. No defaulters. Village Officials here are only fair and seem to have little knowledge of Village Affairs. Six debt cases brought before the patrol.

Monday 31/3/58

9 a.m. To ULAGUNAN (TAUWI No.2) returned Kokopo 5 p.m. Partly censused and taxed.

Tuesday 1/4/58

10 a.m. to ULAGUNAN. Completed census and tax collections. Few to be paid elsewhere. Village officials good and but for TOWILI's influence (L. RALABANG) would possibly lead this village into the Council. Settled few minor disputes.

Tuesday 15/4/58

9 a.m. To PALADA returned 1.30 p.m. Taxed and censused. No disputes, etc. Luluai TCBILAK is a good official.

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Wednesday 16/4/58

8 30 a.m. To WUNABAUR. Completed census and tax. No defaulters and no disputes. Officials both good. Thence to Wat Wat. Some procedure C.N.A. convened once for assault. Few minor disputes. Returned Kokopo 5.30 p.m.

Thursday 22/4/58

9 a.m. To Mar Mar. Censused and tax collected. No disputes. Access road to village in very poor condition - instructions given to clear gutters, etc. and cut the grass. Thence to Marowa - some procedure. Several petty disputes settled. Returned Kokopo 5 p.m.

Thursday 24/4/58

9 a.m. To Ganai by landrover. Taxed and censused. No defaulters. There is a steady influx of people into the Sulka Reserve from the Wide Bay area. Population of this villages has increased by 58 in four years - 38 by migrations.

Thence to TABUNA and KATAKATAI - Council Villages. Both censused. Steady return to these villages of pro council people who migrated to BITACALIP when that village preceeded their own into the Council. Returned Kokopo 4.30 p.m.

Monday 28/4/58

To MAKURAPAU. Censused this village but collected no tax as they petitioned to be proclaimed into the Vunamami Council. Large majority in favour. (See my 14/4/58 of 21/5 )

Thence to MENEBOBON to investigate Trading Allotment Licence. Returned Kokopo 3 p.m.

Tuesday 29/4/58

To RAINAU. Censused village and received petition to enter the Council. Not so solid as the previous village but still a 3 to 2 majority for ( 14/4/58 of 21/5 ) Settled a few disputes - mostly debts. Returned Kokopo.

Wednesday 30/4/58

To MALAGUNA. Taxed and censused. No defaulters. At their request conducted Council poll among eligible adults - 3 to 2 majority against. As with most other villages in this area a number of foreign natives - in this case 25 men, women and children asked to be included in the book. ( 14/10 of 21/5 ) Settled few disputes thence returned Kokopo

Thursday 1/5/58

9 a.m. To KAMAKAMAR. Taxed and censused village. No defaulters. Villages officials both good. A few of their adjudications were referred to the patrol and I was able to support each one. Thence to KORAI, once again census revised and all tax collected. No disputes. Returned Kokopo 4 p.m.



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MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Monday 5/5/58

9 a.m. To BIRARA. Censused and taxed. Settled few disputes. Returned.

Tuesday 6/5/68

9 a.m. To MENEBOBON. Censused and taxed. No defaulters. Village officials very good. Thence to KULON - Council Village. - census revised. No complaints. Returned to Kokopo.

*J. R. Woisey*

(J. R. Woisey)  
Patrol Officer.

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# MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

18 JUN 1958  
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Patrol No. 4 of 57/58 Sub-District Kokopo District New Britain  
 Officer Conducting Patrol A. D. Steven, A/A.D.O.  
 Census Division Patrolled Raluana  
 Objects of Patrol (1) Tax Collection  
(2) Census Revision  
(3) Routine Administration  
 Date Patrol Commenced 22/3/58 Date Completed 22/4/58  
 Duration—days twelve days.

## SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

✓ KPO.14/4/3 of 19th May, 1958 to District Officer, Rabaul } 9/8/3(10)  
 Subject: Reaction of Raluana natives to tax patrol. ✓  
 KPO.7/1/2 of 19th May, 1958 } 7/2/10  
 ✓ Subject: Census - Raluana Group ✓

*A. D. Steven A/A.D.O.*  
 Patrolling Officer's Signature.

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

*[Signature]*  
 District Officer.



17/3/58 To RAJUANA 8.30 a.m. ... returned Kokopo noon. KPO.30/1

Sub District Office,  
KOKOPO, NEW BRITAIN.

19th May, 1958.

The District Officer,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
RABOUL.

PATROL No.4 1957/58 TO RAJUANA GROUP  
A. D. STEVEN A/A.D.O.

DIARY

22/3/58

To VUNATAGIA 9 a.m. with Patrol Officer Wolsey in Administration vehicle. Tax collected without incident. Returned to Kokopo 4.30 p.m.

26/3/58

To VUNAMURMUR 9.15 a.m. Commenced tax revision. Returned Kokopo 4.30 p.m.

28/3/58

To VUNAMURMUR 10 a.m. Tax collection continued until 2.30 p.m. when rain interfered. Returned Kokopo 3 p.m.

31/3/58

To VUNAMURMUR 8.30 a.m. Completed tax collection and returned Kokopo 11.30 a.m.

3/4/58

To BARAWON village 9.15 a.m. Tax collection until 3.15 p.m. when rain interrupted proceedings.

10/4/58

To BARAWON 8 a.m. Completed tax collection and returned Kokopo noon.

14/4/58

To YELAKUA 9.30 a.m. Tax collections until 2 p.m. when heavy rain interfered. Returned Kokopo

15/4/58

To YELAKUA 2 p.m. Completed tax collections and returned Kokopo 5 p.m.

17/4/58

To RALUANA 8.30 a.m. Commenced tax collections. Returned Kokopo noon.

18/4/58

To RALUANA 10 a.m. Tax collections continued until 4. p.m.

21/4/58

To RALUANA 8 a.m. Tax collections completed 11.30 a.m. Returned Kokopo

22/4/58

To RANGUNA 8 a.m. Tax collections completed 2 p.m. Returned Kokopo.

*A. D. Steven*

(A. D. Steven)

A/Assistant District Officer.

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30/1/58 ✓  
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

KPO.30/1

PATROL REPORT

Sub-District Office,  
KOKOPO, NEW BRITAIN.

10th June, 1958.

District Officer,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
RABAUL.

District of New Britain Report No. 3 of 1957-58

Patrol Conducted by Capt. B. A. Besasparis PATROL No. 7 OF 1957-58

Area Patrolled Wide Bay CENTRAL BAININGS

I am forwarding herewith diary, correspondence, village population registers, memorandum of patrol and claims for camping allowance in respect of the above patrol.

Duration: C.P.O. B.A. Besasparis accompanied me throughout and performed census revision under my guidance. I consider that Mr. Besasparis is now competent to carry out routine patrols by himself.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany: The villages of MALABANGA, TAULIL, GAULIM, KAINAGUNA and IVERE were not visited as census revision was done there last October and the natives are in easy access to Vunadadir and Kokopo.

Map Reference: ASST Provisional Map Wide Bay

Character of Patrol: Routine Administration

*A. D. Steven*  
(A. D. Steven)

A/Assistant District Officer.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES

30/1/2  
Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded herewith together with relevant correspondence for your information.

12th June, 1958

*E. Flower*  
(E. Flower)  
a/District Officer,  
New Britain District.

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund

Amount Paid from P.E.D.F. Trust fund

D.N.A. Port Moresby



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of.....New Britain..... Report No. 5 of 1957 - 58.....

Patrol Conducted by.....Cadet Patrol Officer B. A. Besasparis.....

Area Patrolled.....Wide Bay.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....E.M.A. A. J. McCluskey.....

Natives.....four.....

Duration—From.....1./...4./19.58...to...11./...4.../1958...

Number of Days.....11 days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....Yes.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../...8.../19.57..

Medical .... /...8.../19.56..

Map Reference.....Army Provisional Map Wide Bay.....

Objects of Patrol.....Routine Administration.....

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

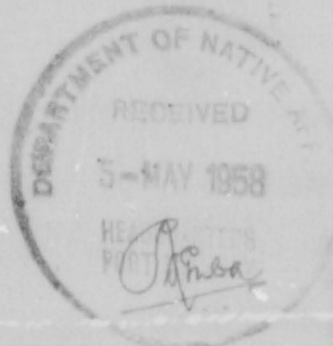
Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund .... £.....

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

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1st May, 1958

Assistant District Officer,  
KOKOPO.

Patrol No. 5 of 1957-58 - Wide Bay Division

Receipt is acknowledged of the above mentioned patrol report together with your instructions and comments.

The important matters raised have been dealt with by yourself in separate correspondence.

As you stated, the patrol was a little too rushed, but I realise that this is not the fault of Mr. Besasparis, and that he carried out instructions given him. Native Affairs patrols, especially to areas such as the Wide Bay Division, serve little purpose if they are rushed and, in view of the officer's comment (under heading Villages and Housing) "though word of the patrol's coming had not reached them", I cannot see how it could have achieved much medically. For example, if the child death rate is due to malnutrition of expectant mothers it would seem that it called for discussion with the women and their men folk in an endeavour to assist them. This cannot be undertaken together with other normal duties in 1½ hours spent in villages.

I would suggest that you take Mr. Besasparis on a Census Patrol yourself and instruct him in the tasks and then send him on a leisurely patrol to the Wide Bay Division, including the census in some 3 months time.

Your instructions for the patrol are quite explicit. I would only add that one of the main reasons for always making a point of calling on plantations and more especially, missionaries, is that they are close to native thought in their respective areas and can be of great assistance to patrolling officers.

I would stress again that the object of a patrol is to carry Administration and every assistance possible to the people concerned. The object is not merely the submission of a report - it is the Patrol Officer's duty to carry out whatever he possibly can whilst in the field, not to merely report on a situation. This, you will realise, cannot be accomplished in a rush patrol.

Camping allowance claim is being forwarded.

Relevant extracts have been forwarded to the Departments concerned.

(E. Flower)  
a/District Officer,  
New Britain District.

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

... Forwarded please. Claim for camping allowance attached.

30/1/2  
1st May, 1958

(E. Flower)  
a/District Officer,  
New Britain District.



KPO.30/1

Sub-District Office,  
KOKOPO. NEW BRITAIN.

24th April, 1958.

The District Officer,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
RABAU.

KOKOPO PATROL No.5 of 1957-58

Forwarded herewith please find two copies of the report of the above patrol conducted by C.P.O. Mr. B. A. Besasparis.

This was Mr. Besasparis's first patrol and I consider that he has done his job satisfactorily. I did expect that the patrol would have taken at least a fortnight, but as Mr. Besasparis was instructed to keep pace with E.M.A. Mr. McCluskey the speed with which the patrol was completed is no reflection on Mr. Besasparis. Progress was hastened by the fact that there was a pinnacle at the patrol's disposal for most of the time.

Native Affairs

The poor nutritional standard and high infant mortality rate have been noted by all patrolling officers in recent years. The fault lies squarely with the natives themselves. It is the practice among these people to give huge feasts during the harvest period after which there is a long period of semi - starvation until the next crop is ready. Efforts by the Administration, Missions and private planters to discourage these habits and influence the natives in growing a greater variety and more abundance of food have met with little success.

Native Agriculture

I understand from the Regional Agricultural Officer that the blight attacking the taro is one which has swept the Solomons but has not been reported before in this area. Apparently the only way of combating the disease is to remove all infected plants and substitute with other food crops such as Chinese Taro or Sweet Potatoes.

I think this is a matter which requires further attention from D.A.S.F. and ourselves and you will doubtless wish to pursue this matter further.

Medical and Health

A fourth Aid Post at MARUNGA has been closed for some time and the orderly from KAVUDEMKI is supposed to be treating the people from around Marunga. E.M.A. Mr. McCluskey states that he is attempting to get another A.P.O. for Marunga. I think four aid posts are ample for this area; what is required is more supervision from Europeans.

Attached please find claims for camping allowance.

*A. D. Steven*  
(A. D. Steven)

A/Assistant District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

*In Reply  
Please Quote*

No. KPO. 30/1

Sub-District Office,  
KOKOPO. NEW BRITAIN.

17th April, 1958.

PATROL REPORT

No. 5 of 1957-58

Officer Conducting Patrol	B. A. Besasparis C.P.O.
Area Patrolled	Wide Bay
Patrol Accompanied by	E.M.A. A. J. McCluskey Two Native Police Two Native Medical Orderlies
Duration of Patrol	1/4/58 - 11/4/58 (11days)
Objects of Patrol	Routine Administration.

D A I R Y

Tuesday, April 1

Left Kokopo by M.V. Tilburra 9 a.m. Arrived Tol  
Plantation 6 p.m. Night at Tol.

April 2

Left Tol by M.V. Tilburra 7.30 a.m. Arrived Kalampun  
village 11 a.m. Left Kalampun by M.V. Tilburra 1.40 p.m. Arrived  
Guma 2 p.m. Left Guma 4.40 p.m. Arrived Kilalum 4.55 p.m.  
Night at Kilalum.

April 3

Left Kilalum by M.V. Tilburra 10.40 a.m. Arrived Mu  
11.25 a.m. Left Mu 1.10 p.m. Arrived Kirkihau 1.55 p.m. Left  
Kirkihau 5.40 p.m. Arrived Kilalum 5.50 p.m. Night at Kilalum.

April 4

Left Kilalum by M.V. Tilburra 8.40 a.m. Arrived Kiep  
Plantation 9.40 a.m. Left Kiep 3.20 p.m. Arrived Milim 3.40 p.m.  
Night at Milim.

April 5

Left Milim by M.V. Tilburra 7.45 a.m. Arrived Danpur  
8.10 a.m. Left Danpur 10 a.m. Arrived Kalip 10.30 a.m. Left  
Kalip 12.30 p.m. Arrived Karlai Plantation 1.10 p.m. Night  
at Karlai.

April 6

Sunday observed at Karlai. M.V. Tilburra returned  
to Kokopo.

April 7

Heavy rain during morning. Left Karlai on foot 11.20 a.m.  
Arrived Lamerein 12.50 p.m. Night at Lamerein.



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April 8

Left Lamerein walking 8.20 a.m. Arrived Kavudemki  
9.25 a.m. Left Kavudemki 1.35 p.m. Arrived Tol Plantation  
3.15 p.m. Examined airfield. Night at Tol.

April 9

Left Tol by pinnace 8.25 a.m. Arrived Marunga 9.15 a.m.  
Left Marunga by pinnace 2 p.m. Arrived Mambui, a hamlet of Karong  
at 5 p.m. Night at Mambui.

April 10

Left Mambui on foot 8.45 a.m. Arrived Ili 11.15 a.m.  
Left Ili walking 2 p.m. Arrived Merai 4.45 p.m. M.V. TILBURRA  
rejoined patrol at Merai. Night at Merai.

April 11

Left Merai by M.V. Tilburra 7.20 a.m. Arrived Sum Sum  
Plantation 7.45 a.m. Left Sum Sum 9.15 a.m. Arrived Gar 9.30 a.m.  
Left Gar 11.15 a.m. Arrived Lat 11.30 a.m. Left Lat 1.45 a.m.  
for Kokopo via Induna and Put Put Plantations. Arrived Kokopo 7.p.m.

Introduction

The Wide Bay Sub Division takes in the eastern coast  
of the Gazelle Peninsular south of the Warangoi River and the Wide  
Bay area extending to Kalampun village, the most southern of the  
Kokopo Sub District.

The patrol moved from Kokopo to Kalampun by Administration  
work - boat and intended walking back. When the first village was  
reached and a number of hospitalization cases were found, it was  
correctly assumed that there would be more patients at the other  
villages to be visited and the work boat was retained to transport  
them to the hospital at Kokopo.

The patrol proceeded as far as Karlai with the work - boat  
which was then sent to Kokopo with a load of patients. From Karlai  
to Tol was walked and the pinnace hired at Tol for the uninhabited  
coastal stretch between Marunga and Karong. The patrol moved then  
to Merai on foot where the work boat returned and the remainder of  
the coast was patrolled from the work boat.

All villages and plantations with the exception of  
Kavudemki village are on the coast and during the north west season  
could be patrolled from a work boat or trawler.

Native Affairs

The population in this area is divided into three linguistic  
groups, the Sulkas, Coastal Bainings and Tamoips. The Tamoips who are  
small in number are separated from others of their group who come  
under the control of Pomio.

The Sulka villages are grouped along the coast from  
Kalampun to Lamerein with Lat isolated at the north of the sub-  
division. The Bainings villages extending from Kavudemki to Gar  
whilst the two Tamoip villages are situated next to each other  
amongst the Sulka villages.

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The child death rate was checked by Mr. McCluskey on this patrol and it is his opinion that the majority of these deaths were caused indirectly by malnutrition first of the expectant mothers then the children thus lowering their resistance to malaria and other sickness which cause their death. At the time of the patrol, the majority of the villages had insufficient supplies of their normal food due supposedly to the dry season and this apparently occurs every year and varies from two to six months in duration over the period of January to June. One way to overcome this situation would be to enforce the planting of gardens large enough to provide necessary food and all villages were strongly urged to plant larger gardens.

The matter of the internal strife at Lamerien village was checked, and it appears that both the Luluai and Pranis have taken heed of Mr. A. D. Steven's instructions in this matter and there was no appearance of any further trouble although Pranis was in Rabaul at the time. The Luluai of Lamerien requested information regarding planting cocoa in his area and appears to be quite keen on this project having previously had experience in planting shade and cocoa on a plantation near Kokopo.

Cocoa planted on Kiep and Tol Plantations was growing well and there appears to be no reason why it could not be grown all along the Wide Bay coast from Lamerien to Kalampun as the soil appears to be very much the same. A large number of cocoa trees were planted on Karlai amongst the coconuts with palm fronds for shade and it appears that two thirds of these will be lost. The Dept of Agriculture & Stock and Fisheries has been requested for advice in this matter.

#### Aircraft & Airfields

The only airstrip in the area is the war time strip at Tol Plantation. The subject of commissioning this strip for use by medium aircraft has been previously investigated, and at present it is not known whether it will or will not be commissioned.

#### Villages and Housing

Most of the villages visited were clean and tidy even in some cases though word of the patrols coming had not reached them. The majority of the housing was only fair but a new type of construction using boards roughly hewn from a soft wood tree known locally as "Gamrur" up on stilts were seen mainly at Gilalum but also at quite a few of the other villages. These new type houses are quite attractive and more hygienic than the customary types but the working of the planks and the shortage of that type of tree near at hand have prevented more buildings of this nature. At all Sulka villages it was agreed that they were a better type house and efforts may be made to build more.

#### Village Officials

A complete list of village officials and comments is given in Appendix A. Both the Luluai and the Tultul at Ili wished to retire from office due mainly to the fact that nobody listens to their orders. As all the men in the village had been lined and instructed regarding the provisions of Regulation 119 of the Native Administration Regulations 1921-1945, both officials consented to remain in office. The new badges of rank were given to all officials.



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### Roads and Bridges

The only gazetted road in this sub-division is that from the Warangoi River to Sum Sum Plantation and this was in quite good condition except for the stretch at Kambubu Mission Centre where logs were being dragged to the sawmill. It was all passable by vehicle.

All village tracks were in good condition and rivers were easily fordable. The section of wartime road between Kamandran Plantation and Lamarien village was in good repair.

### Law and Order

Only one complaint regarding a debt was brought before me on this patrol and this is being settled. It appears that in most cases the village officials arbitrate in the minor disputes and all appear to be quite happy with this arrangement.

### Plantations

The ten plantations in this area are KIEP, KARLAI, KAMANDRAN, TOL, SUM SUM, TALILIS, INDUNA, MATALA No.1, MATALA No.2 and PUT PUT. The privately owned plantations are KIEP, KAMANDRAN, TOL, SUM SUM, TALILIS and the MATALAS whilst the remainder are owned by the Catholic Mission which has leased Karlai to Messrs. B. & C. Parer.

The four southern most plantations, KIEP, KARLAI, KAMANDRAN and TOL have all planted cocoa with varied success but the majority of it has not yet come to bearing. All plantations and particularly the four most southern are well managed and in clean condition.

*B. A. Besasparis*  
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Cadet Patrol Officer

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Native Agriculture

The last crop of taro planted by the villages from Karong to Lat was almost completely lost due to a blight that caused the leaves to shrivel up. A fresh planting is being affected in the same manner and a few samples have been sent to Rabaul for expert opinion. If these villages are unable to grow taro in future it will greatly affect their diet and even now they have been living off kau kau, manioto and coconuts.

A slight change was also noted amongst the Sulkas in that Kau Kau has become the staple diet in three villages. The remaining villages still have taro as a staple supplemented with yams and kau kau. Quite a few bananas and paw paws can now be seen in most of the villages and they have been urged to grow more.

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Medical and Health

E.M.A. Mr. McCluskey accompanied the patrol and a more detailed report on this subject will be given by him. On the whole, the general health was poor with a large incidence of skin and eye diseases. The anti - yaws treatment appears to be a success as no active yaws cases were encountered.

The aid posts situated at Gilalum, Milim and Kavudemk are all manned by Aid post Orderlies but the people are still reluctant to make use of their knowledge and treatment.

At Kavudemk which is a Catholic village, only the Catholics are schooled by their catechist whilst the Methodist teacher is awaited.

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From Kavudemk, the only school in the area is the Seven Day Adventists with a training centre at Kambuu for training pastors from the Territory and the Solomon Islands, and also a group at Horal village who live separate to the Catholics.

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Missions and Education

The Catholic Mission is predominant in this area with two Mission Stations situated at Kolom and Marunga. Both these Stations are in charge of a priest and each has village higher school where the standard of teaching appears quite reasonable. The village higher school at Kolom obtains students from the villages extending from Kalampun to Kirkihau whilst the one at Marunga only has Marunga village students. All the remaining villages have at least one catechist who gives lessons to the children of that village after a fashion depending on his own standard of education.

At Kavudemki which is a mixed Methodist and Catholic village, only the Catholic children are being schooled by their catechist whilst the arrival of a Methodist teacher is awaited.

Apart from Kavudemki, the only other Mission in the area is the Seven Day Adventists with a training centre at Kambubu for training pastors from the Territory and the Solomon Islands, and also a group at Merai village who live separate to the Catholics.

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Anthropology

At Kilalum village it was ascertained that all the land used near the coast belonged to the clan of the ex-Luluai NANTU. A curious arrangement has taken place where the ground has been placed in charge of the present Luluai KUSA who is not a member of the clan for his lifetime then to revert to RAMAIN the son of NANTU after his death. All members of the clan have their rights to the land which is actually looked after by the eldest member living. Before the land can be sold or leased, the approval of the clan must be obtained, the powers of the person in charge being limited to allowing various people to use the land for gardens for which there is no payment.

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APPENDIX A

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>LULUAI</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>TULTUL</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
KALAMPUN	TIPIANGTUN	Reasonable but aged.	KUSKUS	Sound
KOLOM	-	-	LOKAL	Satisfactory
GUMA	LANGPUL	Very good	PAKAKLEI	Good
KILALUM	KUSA	Fair	PRUA	Satisfactory
KIRKIHAI	SONI	Good	KAVE	Satisfactory
IWAI	IANEK	Quite good	CAPTAIN	Fairly good
MU	DANAGING	Good	KOMOK	Satisfactory
MILIM	MANGIL	Fairly good	POTKAU	Reasonable
DANPUR	MALO	Reasonable	TAURA	Very good
KAUKUM	LAKAU	Good	PILEI	Satisfactory
KALIP	KUSKUS	Good	OSIPAKAU	Fair
LAMERIEN	HAI-ITGU-UR	Quite good	KANDIKUM	Satisfactory
KAVUDEMKI	MANAS	Fairly good	KAI-ITANG	Good
MARUNGA	MAKUWANG	Fair	MAINGO	Fair
KARONG	LANGRAES	Weak	NOROMBAROM	Fair
ILI	MASAIRGUM	Satisfactory but aged.	ARGUNANDIN	Satisfactory
MERAI	SEMENGANDIN	Very fair	WARETNUANG	Fairly good
GAR	FULOK	Good	UANDRUM	Good
LAT	FATNAKUP	Quite good	SIBI	Satisfactory

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Cadet Patrol Officer



# Register

## APPENDIX B

### REPORT ON POLICE ACCOMPANYING PATROL TO WIDE BAY

Reg. No. 6191 L/Cpl. RAKA

Conduct and appearance good.  
An able N.C.O.

Reg. No. 8429 Const. OMANSI

Conduct and appearance good.  
A good patrol policeman.

*Besaspars*

(B. A. Besaspars)  
Cadet Patrol Officer

Amount  
Returned  
to State

30/1/10 ✓

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Sub-District Office,  
KOKOPO, NEW BRITAIN.

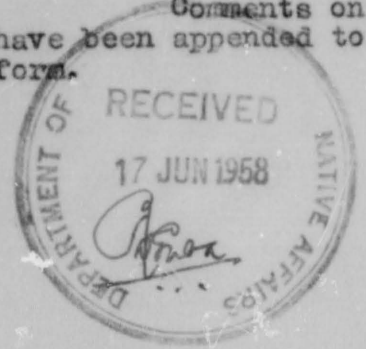
6th June, 1958.

District Officer,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
RABAU.

KOKOPO PATROL No.6 1957/58  
DUKE OF YORK ISLANDS

Forwarded herewith please find patrol  
diary, memorandum of patrol, correspondence arising  
out of the patrol and claim for camping allowance.

Comments on matters arising from the patrol  
have been appended to the correspondence in minute  
form.



*A. D. Steven*  
(A. D. Steven)  
A/Assistant District Officer.

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded please.

30/1/2  
13th June, 1958

*E. Flower*  
(E. Flower)  
a/District Officer,  
New Britain District.



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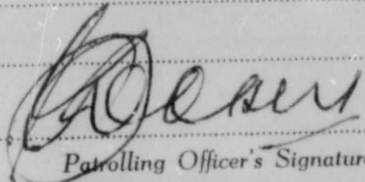
# MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No. 6 Sub-District Kokopo District New Britain  
Officer Conducting Patrol J. R. Wolsey P/O  
Census Division Patrolled Duke of Yorks  
Objects of Patrol Routine Native Administration

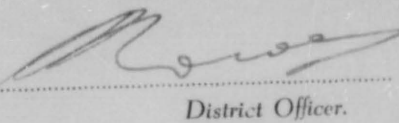
Date Patrol Commenced 10/5/58 Date Completed 17/5/58  
Duration—days 8

## SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

- ✓ Native Affairs 14/14
- ✓ Land - IANABUI 34/9/1 NA 34-9-10
- Council Matters 14/4/1 local
- Nakakur Boat 14/14 local
- Co-operatives 14/14 local

  
Patrolling Officer's Signature.

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

  
District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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No.

KOKOPO PATROL No. 6 - DUKE OF YORK ISLANDS

PATROL DIARY

Saturday 10/5/58

9.30 a.m. Departed Kokopo by Workboat. C.P.O. Sewell, Rabaul accompanied. 12.00 arrived MIOKO. In afternoon held discussions with MIOKO villagers. Enquired into customary rights of IANABUI. Portion 400 (See my 24-9-1 of 29/5). Native situation here is normal. All Council Tax paid. Slept MIOKO.

Sunday 11/5/58

Held up until 11 a.m. through Church attendance. Visited PALPAL. Talked to people and mediated in a few disputes. Spoke to ANTON leader of anti Council group. He is recently out of gaol and with seven others in this Village refuses to pay Council tax. In direct contrast to his previous behavior he conducted himself in a most restrained manner but remained adamant is his refusal to pay the tax (See my 14-4-1 of 20/5). Thence to MUALIM. This Village as a whole refuses to pay Council tax or acknowledge the fact that they have been proclaimed into the Council. Once again ANTON's influence evident. They link their attitude with failure of Co-ops. Invited an observer to come to Kokopo to see the Council functioning on an endeavour to break down this association. Thence to KABATERAI. Held discussions and settled a dispute. These villagers seem willing to pay their head tax. Back to MIOKO. Slept.

Monday 12/5/58

7.30 a.m. To NABUAL by Workboat. Discharged cargo and conducted discussions with villagers. Still anti-Council but willing to pay the Govt. tax. In past have petitioned to be placed within the sphere of unofficial paramount MANUAN of KABILOMO instead of ALIBET of MIOKO. Now that MIOKO has entered Council the question has resolved itself and they are content with the result. Thence walked back to INOLO (40 mins). Village is best yet seen. Warned them of forthcoming census and tax patrol - willing to pay. Walked back through gardens which are more than adequate. To NABUAL. P.M. Walked to Watara (20 mins) and then WAIRA (15 mins). Examined main source of fresh water here - a spring covered at high tide. These two small villages had nothing that they wished to bring to the patrol's notice. Both seem willing to pay their tax. Back to NABUAL. Slept.

Tuesday 13/5/58

Heavy rain all night and early morning. 9 a.m. by Workboat to PIRATOP in fairly big sea. Held discussions with the people here. A very approachable crowd - far more willing to talk. Have just concluded a dispute with NAKAKUR over coconuts and land usage. (See my 14/14 of 27/5/58).



Few disputes settled. Thence on foot to INLIMUT and KARABIAI (40 mins). These are the only inland villages in the group. Both were in a very poor state and whilst no action was taken this time, warnings were issued that the forthcoming census patrol will not view the matter so lightly. Both have a dispute with INOLO regarding port facilities for their outgoing copra. Settled amicably. Villagers are willing to pay their tax. Walked back in heavy rain to FIRATCP. Thence by workboat to MOLOT. Slept.

Wednesday 14/5/58

URAKUK and MOLOT assembled for discussion. Warned about forthcoming tax patrol - ready to pay. Five debt cases settled and details of two others taken. Village and environs in very good condition. The anchorage here is the only really safe one on the east side in the S.E. season. Thence by Workboat back to BUTLIWAN and MAREN. Not very keen on the head tax but after lengthy explanations said they would think about it. I feel that they will all pay. They claim their resources are too poor to bear the tax but this is manifestly untrue. Few minor disputes settled. Late p.m. to KABILOMO by Workboat. Visited Mr. D. Armstrong at MANUAN Pltn and told him of the forthcoming tax patrol which will include plantation labour. He appears to have fairly amicable relations with the locals and they have told him recently that they have decided to pay their tax. Slept KABILOMO.

Thursday 15/5/58

To URAKAKUR held lengthy talks on tax and other matters. They are willing to pay but wished to know how it would be applied and whether there was any tie up with Councils. Able to reassure them on that point. Village in poor state. They claim they have been working on the Church. Warned them that improvements must be made before the next patrol. Thence back to KABILOMO. Similar discussions conducted. Village in similarly poor condition apparently for the same reason. Thence by Workboat to PALIPAL and NAGAILA on MAKADA island. Both very clean. All villagers on both places assembled to meet the patrol. They reaffirmed their loyalty to the Government and voiced their willingness to pay the tax. No disputes here. Called in a MAKADA Pltn, and advised the Manager of the forthcoming tax patrol. Thence by Workboat to NAKAKUR but found the Rest House too poor to sleep in and returned to KABILOMO. Slept.

Friday 16/5/58

Returned to NAKAKUR by Workboat. This place appears to be the major trouble spot, in the group and it was some time before they would even air their own grievances. They still resent the Government's action in closing down the Co-ops but as I was informed by two Europeans here that these people retailed 25 bags of rice for £3, they have only themselves to blame. One shareholder presented his ticket and claimed he had not been repaid (See my *14/14 of 58/5*). Details of another complaint, involving now fulfilment of a contract, were taken (See my *14/14 of 58/5*). These people were unwilling to commit themselves on the subject of tax but neighbouring villages may shame them into paying. Thence to Kumaina by Workboat. Complete village (47 people) greeted patrol. No disputes. Expressed willingness to pay their tax. Thence to RAKUNDA R.C. Mission Pltn. Advised the Manager of the forthcoming tax patrol. Thence to MIOKO, unloaded cargo before visiting UTUAN. Both villages assembled for discussions. Few minor disputes settled. As with all villages off the main island, little fault could be found with houses, police barracks and environs.

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There should be no difficulty here in collecting the head tax. Thence to ULU, Methodist Mission Pltn. Advised the Manager of forthcoming tax patrol. Back to MIOKO to sleep.

Saturday 17/5/58

8.00 a.m. departed by Workboat for KERAWARA. Village in good order. Few villagers sighted as they claim that many had left for Rabaul the previous day. General hostility to the head tax expressed by those seen. Explained several times over the reasons and implications but they remained unimpressed. They finally conceded that they would wait and see whether the other villages paid. Arrived back in Kokopo 11 a.m.

Patrol Commenced 22/5/58 Date Completed 27/5/58

Duration - days six

(J. R. Wolsey)  
Patrol Officer.

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMENTS	
✓ Comment on Census figures 7/2/58	Xpo. 1/1/2 of 10/6/58
Native Casho Venture	Xpo. 17/4/1 of 10/6/58
Taro Disease	Xpo. 17/6/1 of 10/6/58

Patrol Officer's Signature

Patrol Officer

I certify that all necessary local arrangements have been made for the collection of the head tax and that the tax has been forwarded to the Department of Native Affairs, Port Moresby.



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MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No. 7/57/58 Sub-District Kokopo District New Britain

Officer Conducting Patrol A.D. Steven A/A.D.O., B.A. Besasparis C.P.O.

Census Division Patrolled Central Baining

Objects of Patrol 1. Census Revision

2. Routine Administration

Date Patrol Commenced 22/5/58 Date Completed 27/5/58

Duration—days six

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

✓ Comment on Census figures 7/2/10 Kpo.7/1/2 of 10/6/58  
Native Cacao Venture Kpo.17/4/1 of 10/6/58  
Taro Disease Kpo.17/6/1 of 10/6/58

*A. D. Steven*  
Patrolling Officer's Signature.

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

*M. S. Nicholas*  
District Officer.

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TERRITORY OF  
DIARY

JJRT KOKOPO PATROL No.7 of 1957-58 - CENTRAL BAININGS

22/5/58

Left Kokopo by truck 8.45 a.m. Arrived Sanum 9.45. Revised census and had discussions with village officials regarding new cacao venture. Several hospital patients ordered to be returned by truck to Kokopo. Left Sanum 11 p.m. Arrived end of the road 11.15 and proceeded on foot. Arrived Riet 1.30 after an easy walk. Census revised in afternoon. Slept Riet.

23/5/58

Left Riet 9.15 and arrived Arambum 10.50. Revised census and held discussions with villagers regarding proposed cacao plantings. Slept Arambum.

24/5/58

Left Arambum 8 a.m. and arrived Maranagi 10.30 a.m. Revised census and continued on to Lemingi at 11.15 Arrived Lemingi 12.5 p.m. Census revised in afternoon. Discussions with villagers regarding disease which is reported attacking Taro causing a food shortage. Villagers advised to plant Chinese Taro and greater varieties of food. Slept Lemingi.

25/5/58

Sunday observed Lemingi.

26/5/58

Left Lemingi 8.15 and arrived Kiligia 9.05. Census revised and discussion of Taro disease with natives. Same advise as for Lemingi. Natives of Sinbum whose names were included in Kiligia book were found assembled at Kiligia. A separate book issued and natives informed that they would be censused at their own village, which is four hours walk away, in future. Left Kiligia 10.15 and reached Sinbum 2.25. Revised census of Marumba natives who were found assembled at Sinbum. Slept Sinbum.

27/5/58

Left Sinbum 8.15 a.m. Followed a rough track to the coast arriving 12.45 p.m. Reached Put Put Sawmill 1.15 thence by truck to the wharf at Put Put Plantation. Embarked M.V. Gazelle and left 1.50 p.m. for Rabaul arrived Rabaul 6.30 p.m. Left Rabaul 7 p.m. by truck and arrived Kokopo 7.45 p.m.

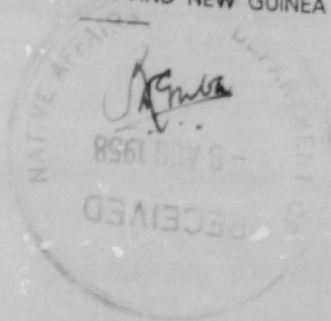




TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

*Wainike H. J. J. Wainike*  
*Patrol 1108*

JJR:TR



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No. 18-3-32 /F2024

Department of Public Health,  
Port Moresby.

8th August, 1958.

A/Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Reference: Your minute of 6th August,  
1958.

I have asked for an investigation into the  
irregularity of clinics and a plan by which this irregularity  
may be overcome.

*Maternal*  
*P. 13/8.*

*Joan J. Refshauge*

(Joan J. Refshauge)  
A/Assistant Director (Infant Child &  
Maternal Health)  
for A/DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

6th August, 1958.

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File No.....

SUBJECT

Your attention is invited to folios 22,23,24  
of this file.

For your information, please.

*J.K. McCarthy*  
(J.K. McCarthy)  
Acting Director of Native Affairs.

*J.M. Sp...*

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Thank You

*Noted*  
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6th August, 1958.

The District Officer,  
New Britain District,  
RABAU.

PATROL REPORT NO. 8 - 1957/58 - KOKOPO.

Receipt of the memorandum of patrol is acknowledged with thanks.

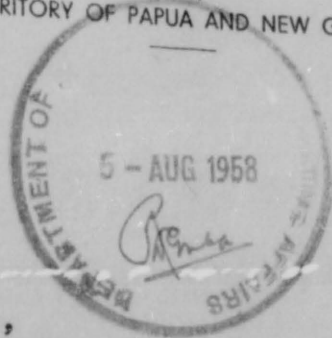
It is noted that action is being taken with Department of Public Health concerning the increased death rate and in the organisation of welfare patrols.

Mr. Welby's graph on population is of interest and has been passed to the Director of Public Health for his information.

*J. K. McCarthy*  
(J.K. McCarthy)  
Acting Director.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



30/1/10 ✓ (21)  
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In Reply  
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District Office,  
Rabaul.

30th July, 1958

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Patrol Kokopo 8 - 1957/58

... Forwarded herewith Memorandum of Patrol for  
... a routine census revision of the Vunamami area together  
... with copy of correspondence.

(E. Flower)  
a/District Officer,  
New Britain District.