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STATION: GEHUA, 1958-1959

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MILNE BAY DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1958/59

KONIMAIAVA, GEHUA & MISIMA

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
<u>KONIMAIAVA</u>		
1 - 58/59	L.Hanson	Suau Census Division
2 - 58/59	L.Hanson	Mailu - Dimuga Census Division.
3 - 58/59	R.E.Fockem	Mailu and Dimunga Census Divisions
<u>GEHUA</u>		
1 - 58/59	J.R.McArthur	North East Coast Census Division as far as Awaiaama
2 - 58/59	J.R.McArthur	North East Coast Censu Division
<u>MISIMA</u>		
1 - 58/59	R.I.Barclay	Major portion Misima Island Census Division
2 - 58/59	N.F.Fowler	Deboyne and two villages of Misima
4 - 58/59	P.H.Moloney	Sudest Island



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Milne Bay Report No. Gehua I of 58/59

Patrol Conducted by John Robert McArthur, a/ADC

Area Patrolled North-East Coast census division as far as Awaiama

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans nil

Natives Police 2, Interpreter 1, Crew of M.L. Kingfisher 3.

Duration—From 29/5/58 to 19/6/58
I 7 58 5 7 58

Number of Days 27

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services April 1958

Medical unknown/19

Map Reference Pcugh sketch map attached

Objects of Patrol Revision of census; compilation of tax registers;
collection of personal tax; routine administration.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

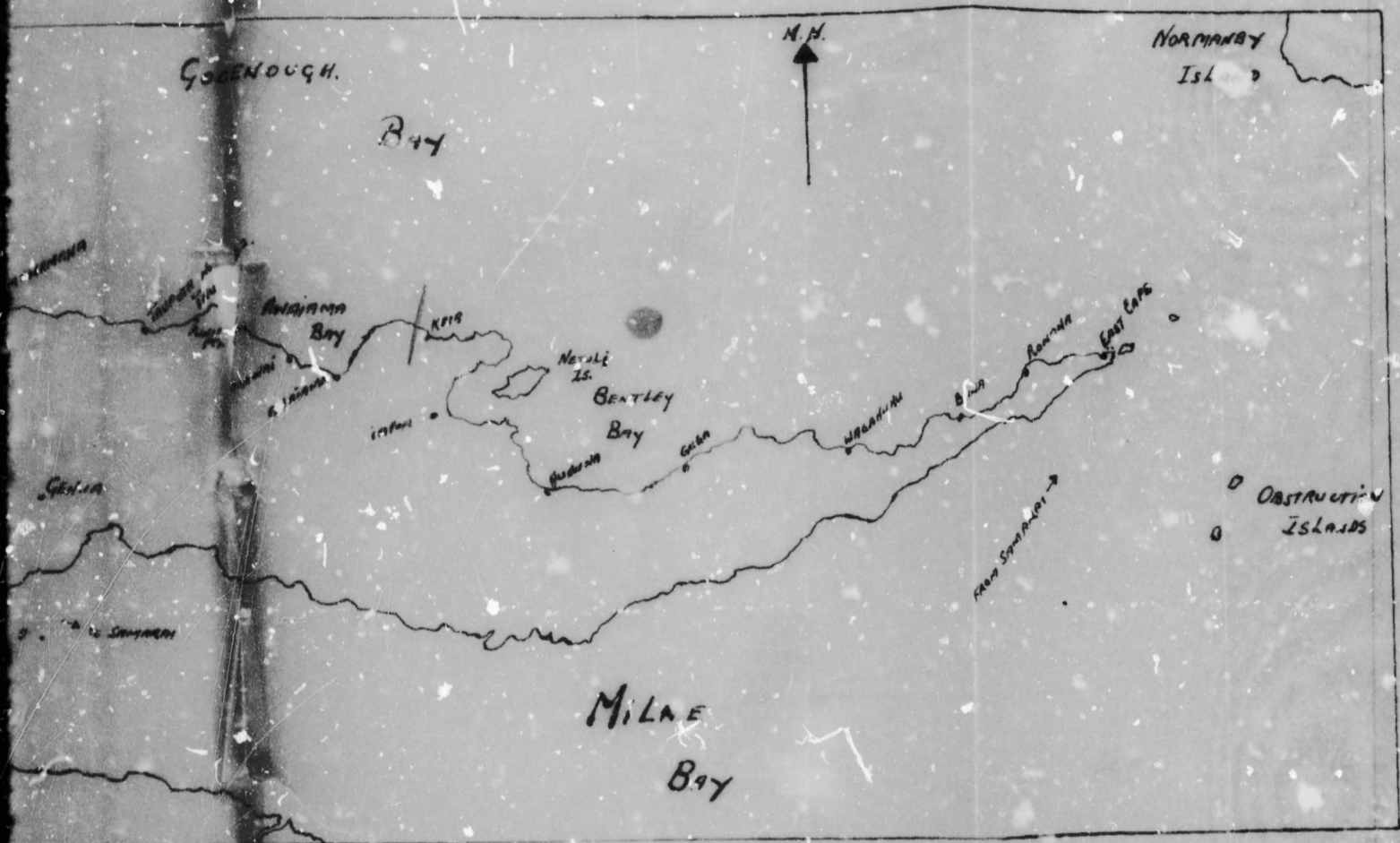
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5/8/58

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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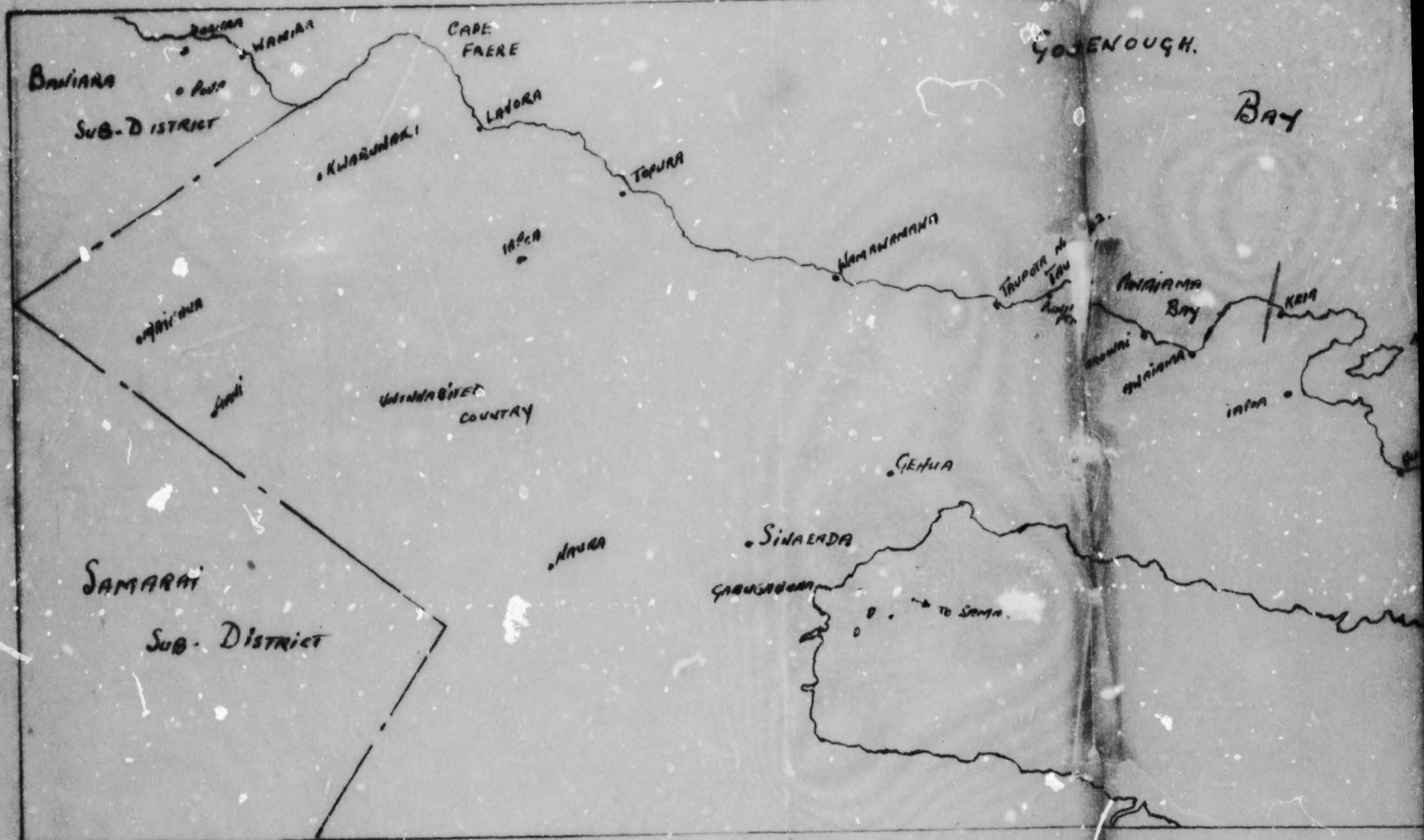
NORTH EAST COAST - GEHUA SUB-DISTRICT.



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GENUA PATROL REPORT No. 1 OF 1950-59.
JR. MCARTHUR a/ADO

NORTH EAST COAST - GEHUA



SCALE 4 MILES TO 1 IN

30-6-73

15th August, 1958.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

Patrol Report No. 1, 1958/59 - G. H. A.

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks. The Patrol was of a routine nature and it is noted that necessary action has been taken at District level.

I am gratified to note that the Officer has taken pains to explain the workings of Local Government Councils to the people at Ronana and East Cape.

Encouragement from the Department of Agriculture on the cultivation of rice and coffee will no doubt assist these people in economic expansion.

The attitude of the people towards the payment of tax is good.

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

Territory of Papua and New Guinea

PATROL REPORT No. Gehua I-56/59.

The District Commissioner,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

Report of a patrol from Gehua as far as
Taupota concentrating on the area from
East Cape to Awaiama or the lower portion
~~of the North-East Coast Census Division.~~

Patrol
Conducted By : John Robert McArthur, a/ADO.

Area
Patrolled : Lower portion of the North-East Coast census
division, as far as Awaiama.

Patrol
Accompanied By : Europeans - nil
Police - 2
Interpreter - I
Crew of M.L.Kingfisher

Duration
of Patrol : 29.5.58 - 19.6.58
1.7.58 - 5.7.58 (twenty-seven days)

Purposes
of Patrol : Revision of census; compilation of tax
registers; collection of personal tax;
routine administration.

Map Reference : Rough sketch map is attached.

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INTERNAL PATROL.

Circular Instruction No.267 has been studied, and
as no supplies of Memorandum of Patrol forms have been
received yet, the old pattern of reporting is here
adhered to.

The division was not completed, and matters
needing attention when it is patrolled in the future
for the purpose of completing it have been listed in
the conclusion of this report.

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PATROL DIARY

Thursday, 29th ~~April~~^{May}, 1958.

Departed from Bogilabaubau anchorage in M.L.Kingfisher at 0620 for Rabe 0705. After discharging some cargo left for Melehudi. Picked up Merrick, pensioned interpreter, and proceeded to East Cape I406. RON.

Friday, 30th ~~April~~^{May}, 1958.

Morning rain. Discussions with village officials. RON.

Saturday, 31st April, 1958.

Visited Methodist Overseas Mission. RON.

Sunday, 1st June, 1958.

Observed.

Monday, 2nd June, 1958.

Revised census, made out tax sheets, and partially collected tax. RON.

Tuesday, 3rd June, 1958.

Completed tax collection. Left I400 for Ronana I425. RON.

Wednesday, 4th June, 1958.

Revised census, made out tax sheets, and collected tax. RON.

Thursday, 5th June, 1958.

Completed paper work. Court for Native Matters convened for case of spreading false reports. (Refer Patrol Report No.3 of 1957-58.) Left for Biwa I610 arriving I734. RON.

Friday, 6th June, 1958.

Revised census, made out tax sheets, and collected tax. CNM convened once. RON.

Saturday, 7th June, 1958.

Left Biwa II20 for Wagahuhu I200. RON.

Sunday, 8th June, 1958.

Observed.

Monday, 9th June, 1958.

Revised census, made out tax sheets, and collected tax. CNM convened once. RON.

Tuesday, 10th June, 1958.

Completed court hearings and left I013 for Guga III5. Revised census. RON.

Wednesday, 11th June, 1958.

Made out tax sheets, collected tax, and left I606 for Huhuna I643. RON.

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Thursday, 12th June, 1958.

Revised census and made out tax sheets. Very difficult working conditions account of strong winds. RON.

Friday, 13th June, 1958.

Collected tax, conditions again very difficult. RON.

Saturday, 14th June, 1958.

Left 0905 for Iapoa 0945. RON. (Rest house 15 min. from anchorage).

Sunday, 15th June, 1958.

Observed.

Monday, 16th June, 1958.

Revised census and made out tax sheets; intermittent rain. RON. (Did not find out that this was a holiday until later.)

Tuesday, 17th June, 1958.

Collected tax, heard some courts, and left I552 for Keia I720. RON.

Wednesday, 18th June, 1958.

Revised census, made out tax sheets, and collected tax. RON.

Thursday, 19th June, 1958.

Left 0545 for Bubuleta I225. Left Bubuleta I315 for Bogilabaubau I615.

20th June to 30th June spent at station - end of year work.

Tuesday, 1st July, 1958.

Left Bogilabaubau 0615 for Keia I635. RON.

Wednesday, 2nd July, 1958.

Left Keia II44 for Awaiama I225. Revised census of Awaiama and Garowai. RON.

Thursday, 3rd July, 1958.

Made out tax sheets, and investigated report of fighting between Huhuna and Guga. At I630 received message from storeman in charge of F. Craig's store at Iapoa that seemed to mean that I was to return to Samarai. The message was addressed to me at Taupota which is the Anglican Mission station.

Friday, 4th July, 1958.

Left 0450 for Taupota 0606 to see Father Hatters to find out what message was. His wireless was in Samarai. Left 0747 for Awaiama 0850, gave instructions to the NCO, and left 0925 for Iapoa II20. Just missed Samarai Broadcast, but have decided to proceed Samarai. Left II40 for East Cape I453. In view of south-east wind, remained the night.

Saturday, 5th July, 1958.

Left-0627

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Saturday, 5th July, 1958.

Left 0627 for Bogilabaubau I20I. Proceeded to station to get some clothes ironed, and left Bogilabaubau I4I3 for Samarai I9I3. Reported to ADO.

J.R. McArthur
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J.R. McArthur
a/ADO GEHUA

General SummaryNATIVE AFFAIRS.Activities of Pita of Ibulai :-

For the details of Pita's activities, refer Genua Patrol report No. 3 of 1957-58.

Pita was charged under Regulation 7I(b) of the N.R.O. with spreading lying reports tending to give rise to trouble among the people as a whole.

He was charged on three separate counts and sentenced on the first charge to six months imprisonment, on the second to two months imprisonment, and on the third to six months imprisonment, the second and third sentences to be served concurrently with the first.

The courts were heard in three separate villages where Pita had spread his reports.

Some people were still reluctant to give evidence. The Ronana people tried to secure his release from imprisonment with a fine.

It is hoped that they will forget his talks, and influence over them, and that Pita himself will not repeat these activities.

Other Courts:- The Court for Native Matters was convened once more, for an adultery case.

Several matters were settled out of court, these being mainly marital and pig problems.

General:- A matter that needs reporting is that at Ronana and East Cape, Robert Toleau, chairman of the Agricultural Association, has appointed five men, Tonamina, Wadigoa, Sideni and Norman of Ronana, and Kudige of East Cape, as councillors for Local Government. This was reported by the Village Officials, who wanted a ruling on the position of these new "appointments", and their own position. The men appointed by Toleau said that Toleau had told them "You are councillors for Local Government. You do not work yet. Wait until the Patrol Officer comes around. He will give you a medal. After that you work."

The manner in which Local Government Councils operate was explained to the people in detail. The Proclamation, initial elections, meetings, etc. were explained, and it was pointed out that the area had not been proclaimed in the Government Gazette as a Local Government area, there had been no initial survey, and no elections whereby the people elected their councillors; and that Toleau's appointments were therefore null and void.

The Ronana Village Officials also complained that the Agricultural Committee had criticised and ridiculed them, telling them that they did not work properly, and that their heads were like empty tins. I told the men who had made these remarks that it was not good to speak thus of their leaders.

Toleau himself was absent at the time of the patrol.

A report of a brawl between some Huhuns and Gage people was being investigated when I was recalled to Samarai, and this matter was not finalised. It was not very serious and nobody was seriously injured.

Another report reached me via the Corporal when I recalled him with the patrol gear to the station. It was an assault by husband on wife, and the wife is now in Dogura Hospital with a fractured mandible. This is being investigated.

Only a few days ago, an alleged murder was reported by Father Hatters of the Anglican Mission at Taupota. This is also being investigated.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

A list of village constables is appended to this report with remarks.

VILLAGES AND HOUSING

Villages from East Cape as far as Keia were generally clean and tidy, with housing satisfactory.

SANITATION AND HYGIENE

Rubbish is thrown into the ocean, and lavatories are also built over the beach. The sea disposes of the waste. Pigs were seen to be confined in East Cape and Ronana villages, while in other villages they were free to roam about.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Only roads within villages were inspected, as inter-village travel was by launch. Village roads were well maintained.

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

The people patrolled all have coconuts. In addition, the Agricultural Department is getting them to plant rice and coffee.

I completely agree with these programmes. There is no doubt of the value of rice as a food supply to the villagers, as it is a storable item, and there is also a ready market for it.

The coffee planted has been in pilot plots. Expansion of satisfactory plots will follow.

The problem of pigs in relation to economic crops is arising, and must inevitably increase with expansion of gardens. It has always existed in relation to subsistence to economic crops.

Regulation II 5A of the N.R.O. provides that

- (1) Subject to the next succeeding sub-regulation, a District Commissioner may prohibit the trespass upon specified land of animals, other than animals the property of the owner of the land.
- (2) In the case of land, other than native-owned land and Administration land, the provisions of the last preceding sub-regulation do not apply

Included in the remainder of the regulation is the penalty for a

breach of sub-regulation (I).

It is recommended that the District Commissioner declare all subsistence and economic gardens or plots to be prohibited land, under Regulation II6 A (I), so that this regulation may then be used, especially in cases arising of damage to economic gardens by pigs, for the villagers themselves will be unlikely to reach a solution, and only dissatisfaction and frustration can result.

As an example, there is the man at Iapoa who has had his coffee plot destroyed twice by pigs, and has now replanted again.

The corollary is that better methods of pig husbandry will need to be taught.

Within the Council area, concrete steps to meet this problem have been taken with a Council pig control rule.

In general, the villages visited seemed to be in a better position as regards food supply than on my last visit, when green pawpaw and fish figured mainly in the daily diet. Pumpkins, sweet potato and yams now appeared to be fairly abundant.

It is for this reason that rice, if the villagers will take to the scheme, will be a good thing for them, for they are, at certain times, short of food. This is confirmed by European Missionaries stationed in the area.

CENSUS AND TAX COLLECTION

The census was revised of villages from East Cape to Garowai. Census of the villages from Taupota as far as the Baniara border was not revised owing to my recall to Samarai. Hence detailed comparisons with the revision of the 1957 census are not submitted, as portion only of the census division was completed. Comparisons made are under the heading 'Vital Statistics'.

Additionally, although census was revised of Awaiama and Garowai, I omitted to include these figures in my data, owing to my hurry at that time.

Tax Census Sheets from East Cape to Garowai have been compiled. The work was difficult, due to difficulty with village population registers, and poor working conditions.

A total of £608 10 0 was collected from East Cape as far as Keia. Collections were not made past this point.

The response was unexpectedly good, and only a few did not pay up. These were advised to pay to the next patrol.

When the other sheets of the Register have been compiled, they will be forwarded to the Tax Commissioner.

REST HOMES

Generally excellent, but nearly always situated in the middle of the village, with consequent village noise.

ANCHORAGES

- East Cape:- Good on either side, according to wind direction; close to Rest House.
- Ronana :- Not opposite rest house where there are reefs, but about 400 yards north; protected from SE.
- Riva :- Good anchorage for SE.
- Gaga :- Just off shore, near rest house.
- Muhuna :- Not near rest house, but $\frac{1}{2}$ mile off under the base of hills sweeping down to beach.
- Iapoa :- 15 minutes walk from rest house; perfect for SE; near F.Craig's store and plantation.
- Keia :- $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from rest house towards Keia point.
- Awaiama :- Just off shore from rest house.
- Taupota :- Just off shore, below Anglican Mission and near rest house.

Another good anchorage is at PuniPuni Point, between Awaiama and Taupota.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH

The health of the people seen appeared to be good.

Medical coverage is from the missions at Taupota and East Cape.

Muhuna, approximately midway between Taupota and East Cape, built an Aid Post in 1957. This building has never been staffed. The building is a very good one, capable of housing patients also, and the people are very keen to have it staffed by a medical orderly. It is the centre of a large population, and is rather distant from both Taupota and East Cape.

My recommendation is that a medical orderly, if available, be sent to Muhuna.

VITAL STATISTICS

A total of 1765 people was censused, or almost 50% of the total for the division. Last year, for the same villages, a total of 1799 was censused. However, last year migrations in were much greater than for this year.

A total of 46 men is at work, or less than 10% of the labour potential.

There were 47 births and 29 deaths. Pregnancies are 1 for every 29 women of child bearing age, which seems to be a poor figure

CONCLUSION

The following matters were not finalised:-

- (a) Revision of census from Taupota to the Aniara border;
- (b) Compilation of tax registers for the above;
- (c) Collection of personal tax for the above also Awaiama and Garowai;

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- (d) Purchase of land applied for by W. Warren at Poritona;
- (e) Investigation of debts claimed by Oswi Boiteni at Taupota;
- (f) Payment of various N.M.T.A's.

End of report.

J.R. McArthur
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J.R. McArthur
a/ADO GEHUA

APPENDIX A

VILLAGE CONSTABLES

<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>VILLAGE CONSTABLE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Ronana	Topasi	Speaks and writes fair English; good.
East Cape	Tom	Speaks fair English; satisfactory.
Biwa	Walsmaia	Satisfactory.
Wagahuhu	Adirava	Satisfactory.
Guga	Dagaia	Quiet, and overshadowed by his brother, who is a councillor.
Huhuna	Welibo	A good worker.
Iapoa	Wineina	Satisfactory.
Keia	Adelbert	A good worker.

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

Year 1957 North-East Coast C/o.

Govt. Print.—3395/4.51.

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS												MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		Average Size of Family	TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL					
				0-1 Mth.		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13		Females in Child Birth	In		Out		At Work		Students		Males		Females		Pregnant		Number of Children bearing age	Child		Adults						
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		M		F	M	F	M	F				
East Cape	2.6.57	4				1						3	1			1	8	10	15			1	5	1			4	6	19	63	14	61	1	59	29	33	72	74	230	
Ronana	4.	8	2			1						2				1	2	5	9			3		2		1	7	27	67	13	58	1	46	53	39	89	84	378		
Biwa	6.	1										1	2				1	2	5							1	5	16	6	14		11	11	12	32	28	84			
Wagahuhu	9.	3	2									1	1	2		4	5	5	9			1	1	1		1	3	4	12	54	14	44	1	32	26	25	70	57	189	
Guga	10.	3	5													4	6	9	2			2					6	2	18	77	26	56	1	51	62	48	75	70	267	
Huhu	12.	7	2									5	2			6	3	5	4			7	1	1			4	4	25	98	11	69	3	49	53	29	116	96	311	
Iapoa	16.	4	1									2				1	1	2	13			4		3		5	18	72	17	63	3	47	50	40	77	79	271			
Kia	18.	1	4			1						2	2					4	2							1	6	32	12	29	1	26	24	35	35	38	135			
		26	21			1	2					1	16	9		12	24	34	57	33		5	13	1	5	31	161	304	79	113	394	113	321			308	261	566	526	1765

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Milne Bay Report No. Gehua No.2 of 1958-59

Patrol Conducted by J.R. McArthur, a/ADO

Area Patrolled North-East Coast census division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans R.L. Smith, CFO

Natives Police 2, Interpreter 1

Duration—From 12/12/1958 to 26/12/1958

Number of Days 15

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services June/1958

Medical ?/19

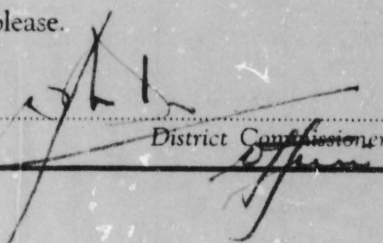
Map Reference Rough sketch map attached

Objects of Patrol Revision of census and tax collection; 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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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

30/6/76 ✓



In Reply LJD:PB
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HEADQUARTERS,
MILNE BAY DISTRICT,
SAMARAI.

16th January. 1959.

MEMORANDUM. FOR :-

Assistant District Officer,
GEHUA.

Gehua Report No. 2-58/59

Receipt of above patrol report is acknowledged with thanks.

NATIVE AFFAIRS

Action has been taken on those matters requiring further investigation.

I note no mention is made of the practicability of including this division in the Milne Bay Council. No doubt the area has close affiliations with the northern side of the Bay and it is likely that the people of the North East Coast may wish to be associated in Council activities.

Your report indicates an economic potential which may be better exploited if the area was incorporated within the Council. I will discuss this matter with the incoming A.D.O. and probably arrange for a survey to be carried out.

AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK

The shipping of produce from areas such as this is becoming an increasing problem and one which is being given serious consideration. The matter has been discussed with the Co-operative Officer and it is thought that central buying points from which produce could be lifted regularly by the Co-operative vessel is the answer. It is probable that this practice will be put into operation on Goodenough Island shortly and I can see no reason why suitable points along the North East Coast could not be visited on these trips.

TAXATION.

I note only a very small amount of tax was collected from one of the TAUPOTA villages. You make no mention of the average amount paid, but I imagine it to be well below the amount they are expected to pay and, in my opinion, well able to afford. It must be remembered that a tax rate has been set and every effort must be made to have the sum collected - I do not think they should be relieved of their obligation because "they had not got their tax money ready." Your attention is directed to Circular Instruction 282 of which you should have a copy.

Minute to;
Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

L. J. Doolan,
a District Officer.

Forwarded herewith please find copy of report together with 2 sets of census figures.

The patrol was of a routine nature and all matters requiring attention have been dealt with.

L. J. Doolan,
a District Officer.

Territory of Papua and New Guinea.

PATROL REPORT No. Gehua 2-58/59.

The District Officer,
Milne Bay District,
SAMARAI.

Report of a patrol originating from Gehua
covering that portion of the North-East
Coast census division extending from Awaiama
as far as the Baniara border.

Patrol
Conducted By : John Robert McArthur, a/ADO.

Area
Patrolled : That portion of the North-East Coast census
division of the Gehua Sub-District extending
from Awaiama as far as the Baniara border.

Patrol
Accompanied By : Europeans - R.L. Smith, C.P.O.
Natives - Police 2
Interpreter I.

Duration of
Patrol : 12.12.58 - 26.12.58
(fifteen days).

Purposes of
Patrol : Complete tax collection for that portion of the
division not completed on the tax patrol in
June of this year.

Routine administration.

Map Reference ; Rough sketch map is attached.

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INTRODUCTION.

The old pattern of reporting is here adhered to
as supplies of the forms described in C.I. No.267 have not
been received.

The chief purpose of the patrol was to complete
the tax collection for the North-East Coast census division.
This was partially effected in June and early July of this
year, and was not completed at that time as the patrol
was suddenly terminated.

PATROL DIARY.

Friday, 12th December, 1958.

Departed from Gabagabuna wharf in the Council vessel, M.V. Alotau, at 0735 and arrived at Watunou 0950. Necessary to spend the night at Watunou as most of the people at Divinai for the opening of the new Council school. No rest house, and through courtesy of Kwato Mission, spent the night in the Mission quarters.

Saturday, 13th December, 1958.

Left Watunou 0740, crossed divide and arrived Nahuna 1110. Continued on through Iapoa to Awaiama, the point at which work is to commence, arriving 1600. R.O.N.

Sunday, 14th December, 1958.

Observed.

Monday, 15th December, 1958.

Collected tax, and moved on to Garowai, 35 minutes easy walk. Collected tax (tax sheets compiled on previous patrol for Awaiama and Garowai) and moved on to Taupota, 2½ hours easy walk. Mr. Smith revised census and compiled tax sheets for Taupota No. 1. Paid courtesy call to Fr. Hatters of the Anglican Mission. R.O.N.

Tuesday, 16th December, 1958.

Collected tax for Taupota No. 1. Mr. Smith then revised census and compiled tax sheets for Taupota No. 2, after which I collected the tax. R.O.N.

Wednesday, 17th December, 1958.

Court for Native Matters convened twice, and some minor matters adjusted. Arranged with Fr. Hatters for patrol cargo to be transported from Taupota to Wamawamana on the MacLaren King, the Anglican Mission vessel. At 1100 I left for Wamawamana, 1½ hours very hot walk along the beach. Revised census, and effected tax collection. Cargo arrived rather later than expected on the MacLaren King, which then moved on to Dgura. R.O.N.

Thursday, 18th December, 1958.

Moved on to Topura, 2½ hours hot walk. Mr. Smith revised census of Topura and compiled tax sheets and I proceeded inland to Iapoa, 1¼ hours extremely hot walk. Revised census and collected tax, then returned Topura, arriving there 6 pm. R.O.N.

Friday, 19th December, 1958.

Collected tax for Topura, listened to some minor complaints, and moved on to Lavora, 1¼ hours walk. Mr. Smith revised census and compiled tax sheets, after which I collected the tax. R.O.N.

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Saturday, 20th December, 1958.

Cargo by dinghies to Divari which is in Baniara Sub-District. The road between Lavora and Divari is too dangerous for carriers. R.O.N.

Sunday, 21st December, 1958.

Observed.

Monday, 22nd December, 1958.

..... a messenger ahead to Dogura requesting that the District Officer be contacted to send a vessel to Dogura on 26th or 27th December to bring patrol cargo and personnel back to Gabagabuna, to eliminate arduous carrying through uninhabited country from the inland village of Gavi back to the station. Mr. Smith with bulk of cargo to Wamira near Dogura (Baniara). Self to Kwaburaki (Gehua) 2 hours, the last 1½ hours a very hot walk up a grass ridge. Revised census and effected tax collection - complete exemptions. Proceeded to Wamira, about 1½ hours walk downhill. Left Mr. Smith and cargo there, to return after Christmas, overland or by water transport, as the case may be. With essential items only, proceeded on to Pova (Baniara) 1¼ hours, arriving 1515 hours. R.O.N.

Tuesday, 23rd December, 1958.

Left 0645 for Mainaua (Gehua), a four hour walk. Revised census and effected tax compilation - complete exemptions. R.O.N. Confirmation received of vessel for 27th.

Wednesday, 24th December, 1958.

Left 0700 for Gavi, a very tough 2½ hour walk with two steep ascents. Revised census and effected tax compilation. ~~xxxxxx~~ - complete exemptions. R.O.N.

Thursday, 25th December, 1958.

Christmas Day. Have decided to return overland to the station, in view of the equally long walk back to Dogura to catch the boat, and also it will be quicker. R.O.N.

Friday, 26th December, 1958.

Left 0600 for Naura, 10½ hours through uninhabited bush over a difficult native track. Sent a message to the truck driver to bring the truck out, and finally arrived at the station at 1830 hours.

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End of Diary.

SUMMARY.NATIVE AFFAIRS.

No serious crime was discovered or reported and the area is remarkably law-abiding.

The Court for Native Matters was convened twice, and two men were sentenced to four months imprisonment for adultery. One of them was a village constable.

Most of the complaints of the area had been cleaned up shortly before the patrol, at the office. Those few which were not are reported on here.

Regarding the complaint by Oswi Boiteni of Taupota that various people in debt to him had not paid him - this matter also being discussed in Gehua Patrol Report No. I of 57-58, and the subject of correspondence from the District Commissioner, Samarai, it was found that the debtors had no money to pay Oswi. The sum of £118.17.4 was paid to the Taupota Village Society, this amount having been deposited by the society in 1952, and having lain dormant ever since. The patrol remained for two days at Taupota, and Oswi advised that, although his debtors still had not paid him, they intended to do so as soon as the Society money had been given back to the various contributors. When the patrol left, the money was still being distributed according to records held.

Should there still be further litigation after this, the only way to deal with the matter is by court action. This action was not taken by the present patrol, as Oswi stated that he was satisfied to wait for the contributors to get their money first.

Concerning Samarai letter II.2.2/10 of 4th August, 1958, the remaining complaint by Septimus Wairupa, clerk employed at Koroba, Southern Highlands District, was investigated. Septimus alleged that one Stonewigg Mago owed him £8.8.0 for a bag of rice, and £3.2.6 for a bag of flour, purchased by him on Stonewigg's behalf. Stonewigg admitted that he had not paid for these items, and refused to do so. He brought a counter claim, as is usual in this area. He stated that he chartered a Burns Philp launch, the Annabella, on two occasions in 1954, and shipped fourteen bags of copra belonging to Septimus to Samarai. On the return trip, he transported a load of goods from Samarai to Septimus' trade store. Stonewigg claims that since Septimus paid no freight, and since the charters cost him £30, he therefore does not owe Septimus any money.

These matters, as are other matters below, are reported on here instead of by separate correspondence, as I am pressed for time, due to my imminent transfer, outstanding correspondence to be caught up with, packing, and preparation for the station hand-over.

One Reynolds Karakaraha of Taupota approached the patrol and stated that he had lodged a bottle of gold with the ADO Gehua last year, and had not received payment.

for his gold. Since my return I have found correspondence in the file on this matter. The gold was rejected by the Bank of New South Wales, Samarai, as it was less than two ounces weight, and was not worth while to the owner - I would say that the two ounces should read two something else, as two ounces of gold would certainly be worthwhile to the owner. A small tube of gold has been located, presumably Reynold's, though unlabelled, and confirmation of its ownership may be possible when * the native clerk who may be conversant with this matter - returns to work on 29th December. should the gold belong to Reynold, it will be returned to him, with an explanation.

One Linda Bigimani, female of Topura, is married to Mialavita of Nuatutu (Goodenough), and living there with her husband. Her elderly mother, Olivia Kiakiama is being cared for by another daughter, Damaris Bigimani, who is married to A.P.O. Humphrey, stationed at Topura. The mother desires Linda to return home to look after her, as she says that Humphrey is to be transferred to Samarai, and his wife will be going with him, leaving nobody to look after her. Perhaps this information could be conveyed to Linda.

Dunstan Wakamo of Topura stated that his sister, Amilia, died in Samarai Hospital in 1957, and left five children. The children are at Wagova (Fergusson) and their father is Anadi of Wagova. Dunstan says the father is not looking after the children, who are being looked after by the Wagova Village Constable. Might this matter be investigated? Dunstan desires that the children be returned to Topura, and he will look after them.

The female Olivia Padi of Kwabunaki, married to Vernon Iodi, who is said to be in Baniara Hospital, is alleged to be pregnant by one of the Baniara police, Kokoropo. This is alleged to have occurred as a result of her visit to see her husband at Baniara in May.

The native situation is very satisfactory. The Village Constables of the area are an energetic band of men, who immediately report any disturbance to the officer at Gehua. This is why the area was so free of trouble.

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK.

Copra is the main cash crop of the area from East Cape to Lavora, with the bulk of the trees from East Cape to Garuwai. From there on, there are not so many as there is not much suitable land.

The inland villages of Kwabunaki, Mainua and Gavi have planted small plots of coffee, which are not yet producing. To my layman's eye, they seemed very healthy.

Native foodstuffs seemed to be abundant. The inland village of Mainua is the only place where European crops may be obtained. Excellent English potatoes are grown here.

Pigs and fowl are found in most villages. The villages of Mainaua and Gavi are poorly off in this regard, and at Gavi there are no fowl, and only one small pig - perhaps an indication of the people's poverty.

What is painfully obvious to me, after this patrol, is the lack of shipping along this coast, and this raises thought about the way the coffee is to be marketed, when in production. Many of the people ship their copra to Samarai on the Anglican vessel, the MacLaren King. The Mission markets the product, and in due course, the producer gets a return. However, I doubt if the Mission has the organisation to handle the coffee.

Consideration will have to be given, if not already done so, to this matter.

The establishment of Co-operatives along the North-East Coast would make it much easier for the producers to get their products to the market, and consumer stores to be started in the larger villages. With regular and assured transport, there might be the incentive for planting of increased areas. This would probably also eliminate the problems of such individuals such as Oswi Boiteni.

TRADING LICENSES

It was stressed to holders of licenses that they must not give credit. This is basically the cause of most of the litigation in the area, and has been for years. For example, the state of affairs in which Oswi has found himself arose only through his giving credit.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

- Watunon - Huhuna : Follow creek to near source, then steep ascent to divide, fairly steep descent to creek, follow to Huhuna. 3½ hours.
- Huhuna - Iapoa : Hot walk over generally flat country. 1 hour 40 min.
- Iapoa - Awaiama : Easy walk th rough flat country. 1 hour 20 min.
- Awaiama - Garuwai: Flat walk, 35 min.
- Garuwai - Taupota: Flat walk, 2½ hours.
- Taupota - Wamawamana : Hot walk along beach, 1½ hours.
- Wamawamana - Topura : Hot walk along beach, 2½ hours.
- Topura - Iapoa : 1 hour 15 min. inland, extremely hot walk.
- Topura - Lavora : Hot walk, generally along beach, 1¼ hr.
- Lavora - Divari : Not traversed, reported to be too dangerous for carriers. Best to use Lavora dinghies for this section - 4 hours by dinghy.

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- Divari - Wamira : About 1 hour, flat walk.
- Divari - Kwabunaki : About 2 hours, first ½ hour along beach, then 1½ hours hot climb up grass ridge. This track branches off the track from Divari to Wamira.
- Kwabunaki - Wamira : 1½ hours downhill.
- Wamira - Pova : 1¼ hours, easy walk.
- Pova - Mainana : 4 hours upstream, fording river numerous times; could be impassable in flood.
- Mainana - Gavi : 2½ hours tough walk, with two steep climbs.
- Gavi - Naura : 10½ hours walk over a very difficult bush track which crosses several hills and finally drops down to Naura.

CARRIERS

Carriers were changed from village to village. The inland village of Gavi had few able-bodied men in it, and this is a factor to be remembered when patrolling this area, and using this route back to Gehua. As the bulk of the cargo is being brought back by boat, no problems were experienced by me. However, with the full line, progress would certainly have been slower, and the return from Gavi would have had to be done in stages.

It is recommended that future patrols, if possible, after completing work at Gavi, return to Dogura, then use water transport back, in view of the small population at Gavi, and the arduous carry entailed to get back to Gehua. Alternatively, if not, then the patrol cargo should be kept to a minimum.

BANIARA - GEHUA BOUNDARY.

It is necessary to travel miles in and out of Baniara to get to the Gehua villages of Kwabunaki, Mainana and Gavi.

No alteration is recommended, as census/tax divisions are stable, and no good purpose would be served by changing them.

VILLAGES.

Villages were found to be clean and tidy, and housing was good. The best village was at Topura, and the worst at Lavora, where shortage of building materials results in a poorer type of house.

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TRADE

Tobacco is preferred by most to money, and patrols should carry this commodity, both for payment of carriers and for food purchase.

REST HOUSES

Although the patrol moved speedily, at least one night was spent in all rest houses save Kwabanaki and inland Iapoa.

Rest houses are good, and some of them are very fine structures, with sawn timber flooring.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

Medical coverage of the area is effected from the three Mission stations at East Cape, Taupota and Dogura. In addition, there is an Aid Post at Topura.

Dogura has a large hospital, in charge of a doctor.

The health of the people seen was good.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

A list of village officials is appended to this report.

SANITATION AND HYGIENE.

Rubbish is thrown into the sea, and lavatories are built, both on land and over the sea. Nearby creeks are also used in places where it is impracticable to build lavatories.

Pigs were seen roaming at large in most of the villages.

CENSUS AND VITAL STATISTICS

Revision of census of portion of the census division was effected in June of this year, and the remainder was completed by the present patrol.

Figures are submitted for the complete division i.e. both portions have been added together, so that comparisons may be made with last years figures for the same area.

I regret that an oversight of mine caused me to overlook the figures for Awaiama and Garuwai. During the June patrol I revised the census as far as these villages and compiled the tax registers. I omitted to record the figures. On this occasion I collected the tax for these villages at the patrol's commencement, and again overlooked the fact that I had not written down the figures.

What I have therefore done is to submit as against the figures from the tax census sheets for these villages. Last year Garuwai had a population of 105 as against 103 this year, while Awaiama had a population last year of 154 as against 156 this year. Overall, therefore, totals show no difference from last year, so it is hoped that the omission of details of births, deaths, etc. for these two villages will not affect too much the overall comparisons for the complete division.

A total of 3820 names was recorded as against 3882 last year, a decrease of 62. This decrease has been caused mainly by more migrations out than in, as there is an excess of births over deaths.

There were 107 births and 97 deaths since the last census.

Pregnancies are 30 out of a total of 664 women of child bearing age, or 1 in 22. This figure could be better.

A total of 209 men are away at work out of a potential of 1026, or about 20%. However, four villages have too many men away at work. They are:-

Taupota No.1	36	at work out of a potential of 76, or 47%
Taupota No.2	35	at work out of a potential of 69, or 51%
Wamawamana	25	" " 72, or 35%
Lavora	22	" " 56, or 39%

Reference is made to this same state of affairs in Gehua Patrol Report No.1 of 1957-58. At that time, the percentages of men away for the same villages, as in the above order, was:-

38%
43%
31%
44%

The position has not therefore improved since last year, in fact, for Taupota 1 and 2, and Wamawamana, it has got much worse.

TAX COLLECTION

In June of this year, tax was collected from East Cape as far as Keia. £608.10.0 was then collected. The remainder of the division was completed by the

present patrol. An additional £239.10.0 was collected, making a total for the complete division of £848.0.0.

The inland villages of Kwabunaki, Mainaua and Gavi were given complete exemptions. There is no money in these villages, and at present there is no way in which the people can get money, except by going out to work. Economic crops of coffee and a small amount of rice have been sponsored by the Agricultural Department, who are indeed doing a fine job. As yet these crops are in the initial stages, and are small. It is therefore recommended that general exemptions be given to these villages until their cash crops are commercial propositions.

Another reason for the small amount of tax collected is that for the specific area collected from, 163 men were away at work, and thus their money was not available.

I did think that the Taupota people were not very co-operative - only £7 was collected from one of the Taupota villages. It may have been that they were not expecting to be taxed at this late stage of the year, and had not got their tax money ready.

The field copy of the Tax Registers has been compiled. Since I am to be transferred in the very near future, I will be unable to compile the remaining two copies.

CONCLUSION

The patrol was conducted as speedily as possible, with both officers working long hours in order to complete the work.

The Dogura vicinity was reached shortly before Christmas. In order to complete the remaining two villages before Christmas, and before the people became involved in the Christmas spirit, I decided to proceed on with all possible speed. This meant splitting the cargo, and travelling lightly, as the complete line would have slowed progress, and precluded the completion of work before Christmas. Moreover, a vessel had been requested to bring the patrol back from Dogura to the station, and there was no point in carrying all the cargo inland and back again to Dogura. Mr. Smith was therefore left at Dogura with the bulk of the cargo, while I proceeded inland with only essentials, completing the patrol's work on Christmas at Gavi at 3 pm. Christmas Day was spent at Gavi. As the return trip to catch the boat was just as long as the walk overland to the station, and as walking would get me back quicker - and time is important to me now - I returned overland. As yet the vessel has not arrived, and I am now completing this report.

The second last point I wish to make is that if future patrols through this area cannot get water transport back to the station, then they should restrict

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cargo the the absolute minimum, as the final village of Gavi has insufficient manpower to get much cargo back to the station.

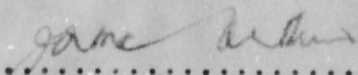
Finally, patrols should not operate in the area so close to Christmas. In this case, it was unavoidable, but it was awkward.

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APPENDIX

REPORT ON VILLAGE CONSTABLES.

VILLAGE	NAME	REMARKS
Awaiama	Areau	Satisfactory
Garuwal	Tomidimidi	Imprisoned on 17.12.58 for four months for adultery; dismissal recommended.
Taupota No.1	Gordon	An excellent man.
Taupota No.2	Edmund	Satisfactory.
Wamawamana	Monsen	Satisfactory.
Topura	Theodore	Elderly, but very useful.
Lavora	Cranmer	Satisfactory.
Kwabunaki	Samuel	Satisfactory.
Mainaua	Robert	A migrant from Gavi; does not know his new people too well yet.
Gavi	John	Satisfactory.



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POPULATION REGISTER

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VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS												MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE AT WORK				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES			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		Pregnant	Number of Child-bearing age	Average Size of Family	Child		Adults
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		10-16		16-45		10-16		16-45																															
East Cape	2.6.58	4						1					3	1				1	8	10	15	5	1	5	1		4	6	19	63	14	61	1	59	29	3372	74	230	
Ronana	4.	8	2					1					2					1	2	5	9	3		2		1	7	27	67	13	58	1	46	53	3989	84	278		
Biwa	6.	1											1	2					1	2	5					1	5	16	6	14		11	11	1232	28	84			
Wayahuhu	9.	3	2										1	1	2				4	5	5	9	1	1	1		3	4	12	54	24	44	1	32	26	2570	57	189	
Guga	10.	3	5																4	6	9	2	2				6	2	18	77	26	56	1	51	62	4875	70	267	
Huhuna	12.	7	2										5	2					6	3	5	4	7	1	1		4	4	25	98	11	69	3	49	53	2911	696	311	
Iapoa	16.	4	1										2						1	1	2	13		4		3	5	18	72	17	63	3	47	50	4077	79	271		
Keia	18.	1	4					1					2	2							4	2					1	6	32	12	29	1	26	24	3535	38	135		
Awaiama	2.7.58																											7	41	3	42		30	35	1652	53	156		
Garuwai	2.7.58																											4	37	1	29		16	13	1046	34	103		
Taupota No.1	15.12.58	6	7										1	3	2				7	3	7	7	11		25		3	40	32	19	76	21	49	5	43	26	2553	67	282
"	2.16.	2	3										7	2					3	9	1	2	15		20		1	20	25	17	69	21	51	3	32	11	1854	65	229
Wamawamana	17.	2	4										4	4					4	5	12	4		21				127	72	19	43	3	39	49	3877	73	263		
Iapoa	18.												6	1					4	3	9		1			1	5	4	7	23	4	22		15	11	522	30	84	
Topura	18.12.58	3						1					5	6					3	2	3	9		3	1		48	33	20	57	18	62	2	41	20	2268	77	201	
Lavora	19.	7	2										1	1					1	6	4	2	12		10	3	15	10	19	56	16	60	3	41	29	2048	76	223	
Kwabunaka	22.	1	3					2					5	3					4	4	5	15	11		5			212	53	8	35	1	28	21	1947	47	152		
Mainaua	23.	6	1										1	3	4				8	8	2	8	2		4		2	314	36	16	39	1	34	22	4627	58	164		

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

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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		Pregnant	Number of Child-births	Child	
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Gavi	24.12.58	4	1			1		1			1	3			2	2			3	2			3				2	3	11	27	12	25	1	19	20	26	29	33	118
		62	45			3	1	3	2	1	1	51	35			40	66	58	112	104	5	105	2	11	2	163	129	287	126	528	513	664	565	610	891	1139	3820		