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STATION: Kokoda

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PATROL REPORT OF: KOKODA N. D.

ACCESSION No. 496

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[2]2-1958/59	8-	" " "	Biage valley (memorandum)		09/10/58-14/10/58
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[4]4-1958/59	12-27	BROWN B. D. (C.P.O)	Upper Biage valley	map	01/01/59-16/01/59
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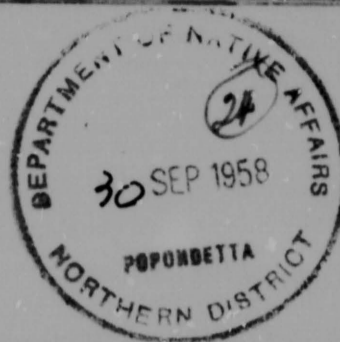
1958/59

NORTHERN DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1958/59

KOKODA

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
<u>KOKODA</u>		
1 - 58/59	J. Jordan	Chirima Valley
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7 - 58/59	B. D. Brown	Wawonga Census Division



MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No. 1-58/59      Sub-District. KOKODA      District. NORTHERN

Officer Conducting Patrol : J. JORDAN a/A.D.O.  
Objects of Patrol : CENSUS ; TAX REGISTER COMPILATION ,  
ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.  
ROAD INSPECTION.  
Date Patrol Commenced : 21st August, 1958.  
Date Completed : 8th September, 1958.  
Duration : 19 days.

Summary of Correspondence Arising from Patrol.

24 - 1 - 1      Roads Chirima Valley area ✓  
1 - 4 - 1      Chirima Valley - Proposals re Transfer Gailala Sub-  
District. ✓  
30 - 1 - 3      HORSES - KOKODA SUB-DISTRICT. ✓  
16 - 2 - 3      Health - Chirima Valley - KOKODA ✓

*J. Jordan*  
J. JORDAN.

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.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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In Reply  
Please Quote:

No. NA.30-1-1/63

Sub-District Office,  
K O K O D A.  
Northern District.

22nd September, 1958.

The District Officer,  
Headquarters,  
Northern District,  
POPONDETTA.

PATROL REPORT - KOKODA No.1 of 1958/59.

INTRODUCTION.

The patrol area covered the relatively mountainous and sparsely populated reaches of the Chirima Valley. The Lower Chirima is between 1200' and 2000 ft altitude. This area is demarcated by the Chirima proper at ASIMBA village and here, both the hills and populace grow more frequent.

The Lower Chirima may be described as an extension of the KOKODA Mambare valley, and is an undulating plain with sparse population (164 persons in 12 hours walk) and apparently the soil is a continuation of the relatively good soil as found nearer to KOKODA, and seemingly suitable commercial cultivation.

The sparse population is not attributed to the poorness of the soil. I have been informed that due to failure to adjust to culture contact situation - the Lower Chirima - or FOFOI group, had become decimated, from approximately 2000 people in the past 50 years - Malaria has also made considerable depredation upon the populace, who have moved down from hills surrounding the valley floor to sites along the main valley track.

Matters concerning the area and people, i.e. health, depopulation and roads will be the subject of memos' attached to the report.

D I A R Y.

August, 1958.

Thursday 21st. Started out per Land Rover to KOMO river, 7.30 a.m. Carriers arrived 10 a.m. Better effort than previous day when they failed to turn up at all. Arrived at KANGA 12.30. rest house satisfactory. Very small village. However quite a few migrations in from Seiba. Heavy storms later in day. Remained KANGA. Census & Tax Register compiled.

Friday 22nd.

Departed 0730 for Seiba. Heavy going through rivers .. flooded at time of crossing. At Seiba at 1 p.m. Fair walking. Other than bridging on main stream, vehicular track appear feasible - Census and tax Register compilations. Village is nearly extinct - 14 inhabitants. Most have migrated to KANGA due deaths in village. Rest house, roads and village satisfactory.

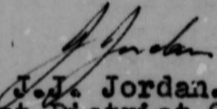
Saturday 23rd. Departed Seiba 715 a.m. arriving KARUKARU at 930 a.m. Census and village inspection tax register compiled. Departed KARUKARU 12.15 for ASIMBA arriving 2.30 p.m. Census and village inspection 13 deaths nil births KARUKARU in last year. ASIMBA 5 deaths 1 birth. N.M.O. absent WOITAPE. - see 16-2-3

- Sunday 24th. Patrol rested.
- Monday 25th. Census Korogo and Samana conducted. Village inspected. Continued to BURI, arrived BURI 12.45.p.m. after 2½ hours walk. Census and tax register compilation. Small village again little labour potential.
- Tuesday 26th. No <sup>carriers</sup> ~~Census~~ in morning. Departure delayed till 9.a.m. arrived at GOROWAKU village 2.p.m. Census and tax register compilations. GOROWAKU villages requested that they remain within KOKODA sub-district and not be transferred WOITAPE. My 1-4-1 refer.
- Wednesday 27th. Departed Gorowaku for Mission road inspection to BURI Creek Bridge. Road chained, new section 2 miles completed. My 24-1-1 refers. Bridge still under construction. Spoke with Fr. Sorriseau and Bro. Hilaire of Sacred Heart Mission Iongai, who are supervising the work. Returned Gorowaku. Departed Gorowaku at 2.p.m. arriving KAGO 3.35. Census and tax compilation of TURA.
- Thursday 28th. Census etc of KAGO. C.N.M. Court held - one KAGO male 3 months I.H.L. assault. Departed KAGO 2.p.m. arrived IONGAI 4.30. Roads are mule tracks constructed under mission supervision.
- Friday 29th. Census, tax compilations. MILLI, KAFA and EFA villages. Villages satisfactory. Constable despatched to WOITAPE.
- Saturday 30th. Census, tax compilations VEIVA, MAIMANI and SOGATU.
- Sunday 31st. Patrol rested.
- September.
- Monday 1st. Census and tax register compilation of SINNGO thence returned to IONGAI. R.H. for night after total of 5 hours walk. Village policeman has been absent GOILALA at a dance for over 2 months. In evening constable returned ex WOITAPE. O.I.C. WOITAPE absent TAPINI, so WOITAPE visit re Chirima affairs not undertaken.
- Tuesday 2nd. Departed Iongai 0730 hours for KUAMA, en route census, inspection etc of BELAVISA and YORIBAI. Total of 4½ hrs walk. KUAMA R.H. is at approximately 7,500' above sea level. One has excellent view toward Murray Pass from there, when clear. Census etc of KIKORI at KUAMA R.H.
- Wednesday 3rd. Departed KWAMA 730 a.m. arrived GARIMA 10.a.m. Census and tax compilations. A few minor disputes settled without resort to Court action.
- Thursday 4th. Departed GARIMA 8 a.m. to EVESA arrived 1100. Census of FORO and GERUA en route. The GERUA people are remaining in the Chirima area and have apparently given away the ANKORA valley settlement. EVESA has new village and Rest House. Quite creditable show.
- Friday 5th. Departed EVESA 7.a.m. visited, censused and inspected BOFU enroute to BURI. Patrol held up slightly by necessity of constructing bridge across Chirima at BURI. Total days' walk 6½ hours.
- Saturday 6th. Departed BURI 9.a.m. to ASIMBA, recompilation of census at ASIMBA thence KARUKAHU for night. 4 hours walk. Heavy rain falling in p.m. Carriers all from EVESA, GARIMA area.

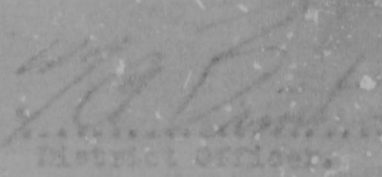
Sunday 7th. Patrol rested.

Monday 8th. Departed KARUKARU 6.15 a.m. arrived Seiba.8.  
Departed 8.15. arriving KANGA 2.50 p.m. Thence  
to KOMO river which was in heavy flood arriving  
station 6.p.m.

Patrol completed.



J.J. Jordan.  
a/Assistant District Officer.



District Officer.



# VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

YEAR 1958

Govt. Print.—5438/1.54.

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS										MIGRATIONS		ABSENT FROM VILLAGE AT WORK				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES	Size of Family	TOTALS (excluding absence)				GRAND TOTAL							
				0-1 Mth.	0-1 Year	1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13	Females in Child Birth	IN		OUTSIDE DISTRICT		STUDENTS		MALES		FEMALES				Child	ADULTS										
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RANGA	21.8.58					1						2			8	7	1	2	3					2	10	2	12	1	8	1.9	7	3	12	14	39		
SEIPA	22.8.59	1									1	2			8	6	1						2	3	3	2		2	1.4	2	6	3	2	14			
KARU-KASU	23.3.58					1	1			2	1	5	3		5	7	3	4	7				4	1	10	16	12	19	4	15	1.3	21	21	36	31	111	
ASTIMBA	23.8.58	1									2	3			4	6							7	18	8	26	2	18	1.9	24	13	21	28	86			
SAMANA	25.8.58	1				1				1		1			2	1		1					7	14	14	12	2	10	1.3	10	8	15	13	46			
KOROGO	25.8.58	1	1								1	1				1	2	2	1				5	10	4	10	1	8	2.0	11	9	10	10	41			
BURI	25.8.58	1	1			1					1	1											3	11	5	7		5	1.7	8	10	12	8	38			
GOROWANI	26.8.58	6	3												1	1	4	5	2	2	1		10	17	39	14	38	1	28	2.4	27	27	42	45	156		
TURA	27.3.58	3	4								1					2						4		16	23	6	41	4	35	2.4	34	24	27	45	134		
KAGO	28.8.58	4	2				1			1	1	1			2	4		1	3				12	31	7	39	3	35	2.0	31	21	34	47	136			
MIRI	29.8.58	3	2			1													2		14	2		4	5	10	21	11	30		24	1.7	18	19	13	30	105
KOPA	29.8.58																			3			2	4	2	15	7	11		7	1.6	3	8	12	18	50	
EPA	29.8.58	2													2		1		4				3	2	9	4	12	1	7	2.0	8	4	8	14	41		
VUIVA	30.8.58	1																1	2				1	10	2	6	2	4	1.1	3	6	8	8	28			
MAIMANI	30.8.58	1	1														1		1				1	1	5	1	4		4	1.0	2	5	5	6	20		
SONGATU	30.8.58	2	2			1					1						2	1	7				4	3	16	12	13	26	38	1.5	23	31	53	54	176		
SINWZO	1.9.58	1				1						1			4	2			1	2			5	8	9	33	11	33	2	26	2.1	19	14	36	33	118	
BELAVISA	2.9.58	1													1				1				4		10	5	12		6	2.0	6	6	11	12	46		
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# VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

YEAR 1958

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KIKORI	2.9.58	1				2							1						3	3			2				4	3	8	19	5	20	15	2.1	9	10	20	24	78																																						
GARIMA	3.9.58	2	2							1	2	2							1	4	3						7	4	8	22	8	14	1	10	2.4	11	17	25	17	81																																					
SEI	3.9.58	2	1								1								1		1						3	4	5	20	5	15	11	2.1	10	7	23	17	64																																						
GENARA	3.9.58																		1	4	1		1				2	8	17	6	15	1	12	3.8	21	11	19	15	70																																						
EVESA	4.9.58	1				1					1								1		1				7		10	5	14	22	10	35	4	26	2.2	21	20	32	45	140																																					
FORO	4.9.58									1		1															1		4	9	4	10	1	6	1.8	3	10	10	11	35																																					
GERUA	4.9.58	1								1	3																		7	7	4	12		10	2.7	17	8	8	13	46																																					
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MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

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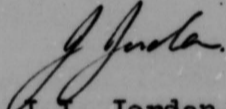
DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AFFAIRS  
28 OCT 1958  
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Patrol No. 1-58/59      Sub-District KOKODA      District NORTHERN

Officer Conducting Patrol : J. JORDAN    a/A.D.O.  
Objects of Patrol : CENSUS , TAX REGISTER COMPILATION,  
ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION  
ROAD INSPECTION.  
Date Patrol Commenced : 9th October, 1958  
Date Completed : 14th October, 1958  
Duration : 6 days

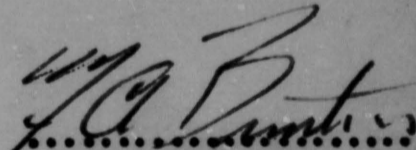
Summary of Correspondence Arising From Patrol.

- 17-1-1 ✓ Livestock - ISURAVA/ALOLA Villages - KOKODA
- 25-4-1 ✓ Patrolling Equipment
- 30-1-1 ✓ Carriers - Kokoda Area
- 36-3-1 ✓ S.A.P. Biage Valley



J.J. Jordan.  
a/Assistant District Officer

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AFFAIRS

MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No. 3/58-59 Sub-District KOKODA District NORTHERN

Officer Conducting Patrol J. J. JORDAN a/A. D. O.

Census Division Patrolled CHIRIMA VALLEY

Objects of Patrol TAX COLLECTION

Date Patrol Commenced 13th November, 1958 Date Completed 23rd November, 1958

Duration—days ELEVEN

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

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J. Jordan  
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.

W. S. Nicholas  
District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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*In Reply  
Please Quote*

No. NA.30-1-1/171.

Sub-District Office,  
KOKODA.  
Northern District.

23rd December, 1958.

The District Officer,  
Northern District,  
POPONDETTA.

PATROL REPORT KOKODA No. 3 of 1958/59.

Introduction:-

The patrol was a very swift one being only of ten days duration and purpose was collection of tax amongst the Chirima people.

This officer cut short the patrol to proceed to Rabaul for a local government cause. The patrol was of very routine nature through the high valley and no unusual incidents occurred.

As general administration was not carried out, patrol diary and comments will be kept to a minimum.

Diary.

Thursday 13th November.

Proceeded per vehicle to KOMO river thence KANGA village for night. Tax collection KANGA. 2 hours walk.

Friday 14th November.

To SEIBA 4½ hours walk tax collections thence to KARUKARU. 2½ hours walk.

Saturday 15th November.

To ASIMBA, 2½ hours walk tax collections. Approximately 1500 persons there gathered for feasting and dancing from Chirima and Woitape areas, approximately 300 pigs have been slaughtered to date. Tax Collections.

Sunday 16th November.

Patrol rested. Talks with various people.

Monday 17th November.

Collecting tax at ASIMBA.

Tuesday 18th.

To GOROWAKU, slept night 7½ hours walk.

Wednesday 19th.

To IONGAI collecting tax en route. 4½ hours journey. Heavy rain falling. Severe fever attack.

Thursday 20th.

Collections IONGAI area.

Friday 21st.

To BURI, journey very slow, have apparently developed pleurisy.

Saturday 22nd.

To KARUKARU. Met by runner informing me to return station proceed Rabaul next Tuesday.

Sunday 23rd.

Returned to MAMBA Plantation in P.M. Met by vehicle at KOMO. Total tax collection £257-10-0. still a fair number of outstanding payments. Have not endeavoured to pay as have been at feast for several months. Final warning that if tax money not forthcoming by end of year, action would be undertaken where considered necessary.

District Officer  
 District Commander  
 Area Patrolled  
 Patrol Accompanied by  
 Duration - From 2. / 1. / 19 39 to 2. / 1. / 19 39  
 Number of Days  
 Did Medical Assistant accompany?  
 Last Patrol to Area by - District Service  
 Medical

*J.J. Jordan*  
**J.J. Jordan.**  
 a/Assistant District Officer.

Map Reference  
 Objects of Patrol  
 of re-manufactured (3) Redhead  
 DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
 SUPERVISOR  
 22.7.39  
 Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation  
 Amount from P.E.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

# PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN Report No. 4 of 58/59

Patrol Conducted by B.D. Brown Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Upper Biage Valley.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.

Natives Four.

Duration—From 14/1/1959 to 16/1/1959

Number of Days 3 days.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 14/10/1958

Medical 11/3/1958

Map Reference Patrol Report No. 5 of 1957, 58.

Objects of Patrol (1) Routine Administration (2) Census Check as to whereabouts of Tax Defaulters; (3) Medical Inspection

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

12 / 2 1959 .

  
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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TGA.ATL.

30-8-72.

~~KOKODOKO~~  
KONEDOBIL

22nd April, 1959.

The District Officer,  
Northern District,  
POPONDETTA.

PATROL REPORT No. 4 - 1958/59 - KOKODA.

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

The covering memoranda adequately cover the contents of the report and no further remarks are required from this Office.

*p/a* A. A. Roberts,  
DIRECTOR.

However, since the social and economic welfare of these people is entitled to be progressed at a rate commensurate with that of native peoples in other parts of the Territory, every effort should be made to encourage the Biage in the development of their own customary lands, and to provide them with such facilities as schools and medical services etc as soon as possible.

Since, in my view, it is our duty to take administration to these people, rather than have them come seeking it, I can not agree with the Department of Agriculture's policy towards this area, as set out in paragraph 2 of your covering memorandum. I agree that encouragement in the planting of some suitable economic crop would have a most desirable stabilizing effect on the natives of this area. I will therefore take the matter up further with the District Agricultural Officer with a



EGH:

NA. 30-2-1(2)/271.

District Office,  
Northern District,  
POPONDETTA.

10th March, 1959.

The Assistant District Officer,  
Kokoda Sub-District,  
KOKODA.

KOKODA PATROL NO. 4 OF 1958/1959.

Receipt of your memorandum NA. 30-1-1/213 of 12th February, 1959 and NA. 30-1-1 of 24th February, 1959, the latter forwarding the Report on the abovementioned patrol recently carried out by Mr. B.D. Brown, Cadet Patrol Officer, to the Blage area, is acknowledged.

Although he has written an interesting report, the Cadet Patrol Officer does not appear to have spent a great deal of time familiarizing himself with either the places visited or the people, and it is considered that much more beneficial results would have accrued from more leisurely visits to these comparatively isolated villages. It is not unlikely that this feeling of 'isolation', together with the relatively infrequent visits by Government patrols, are factors contributing to the people's desire to abandon their customary lands in the Owen Stanley 'Gap' area in favour of settlement lower down in the valley where they will be in closer contact with the Government and such facilities as are available.

Whilst I consider it inadvisable from an Administration viewpoint to arbitrarily restrict the movement of these people, I do agree that such a move would ultimately not be in their own best interests, particularly as they propose moving onto ground which is not customarily theirs. Also, as you have pointed out, there is the health aspect of a people moving from a mosquito free area to one where malaria is prevalent. To my mind this aspect is, in itself, sufficient to justify official discouragement of the move.

However, since the social and economic welfare of these people is entitled to be progressed at a rate commensurate with that of native peoples in other parts of the Territory, every effort should be made to encourage the Blage in the development of their own customary lands, and to provide them with such facilities as schools and medical services etc as soon as possible.

Since, in my view, it is our duty to take administration to these people, rather than have them come seeking it, I can not agree with the Department of Agriculture's policy towards this area, as set out in paragraph 2 of your covering memorandum. I agree that encouragement in the planting of some suitable economic crop would have a most desirable stabilizing effect on the natives of this area. I will therefore take the matter up further with the District Agricultural Officer with a

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view to securing a more sympathetic consideration for the needs of the Biage people. I will advise you further of any progress achieved in this regard.

In relation to the educational problem in the area, I have discussed the matter with the District Education Officer, Northern District. The officer concerned has informed me that an Education Officer is shortly to be posted to Kokoda for duty, and upon his arrival there will be in a position to make recommendations concerning the extension of educational facilities in the Biage area.

Please inform Mr. Brown that I consider that he carried out his duties satisfactorily, and has reported clearly thereon; in future patrols, however, I would like to see him spend more time with the people.

*E.G. Hicks*

(E.G. Hicks)  
DISTRICT OFFICER. N.D.



→ c.c.  
The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

The original of Report on Patrol No.4 of 1958/59 (Kokoda) by Mr. B.D.Brown, together with comments thereon by the Assistant District Officer, Kokoda, is forwarded herewith.

The matter of official encouragement of native cash-cropping (coffee production) in the Biage area will be taken up with the District Agricultural Officer, Northern District, as intimated above.

*E.G. Hicks*

(E.G. Hicks)  
DISTRICT OFFICER. N.D.

10th March, 1959.

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Sub-District Office,  
K O K O D A.  
Northern District.

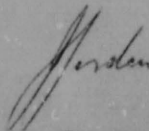
24th, February, 1959.

The District Officer,  
Northern District,  
POPONDETTA.

Patrol Report KOKODA 4-58/59.

My 30-1-1/218 of 12/2/59 and radio conversation  
of 22/2/59 refers/

Herewith report.



J.J. Jordan.  
Assistant District Officer.

NA.30-1-1/218.

Sub-District Office,  
K O K O D A.  
Northern District.

12th February, 1959.

The District Officer,  
Northern District,  
POPONDETTA.

KOKODA PATROL NO.4 of 58/59.

The above report appears to have been well set out.

Matters which appears to warrant comment are

(1) Native Affairs,

The desire of the ALOLA/ISURAVA people to descend into the main KOKODA valley.

The people desire to move down some 5 hours walk onto DENIKI land for the children to attend school.

I am not in favour of such a shift as it brings the people into a malarial belt and many hours from their proper lands, and further would leave the Moresby road without maintenance or habitation for a long section. The people may also be influenced by the desire to plant cacao, and desire to move to lower land for the purpose. This will be dealt with in the next para on Agriculture.

(2) Agriculture,

Though it has finally been agreed upon by Agriculture that the upland people be assisted to plant highland coffee, nevertheless supplies have not been distributed and it is not known when the seed might be given out and areas lined for plantings.

Mr. K. Mayer, Agricultural Extension Officer, KOKODA informs me that he has been instructed that the BIAGE area has been sufficiently patrolled by his Department and his efforts are to be kept to the Council area. This appears to be rather hard to correlate with the agreement that the people are to be assisted to plant coffee at an early date, and I feel that the sooner coffee gardens are commenced in the area, then the sooner a stabilizing effect will come upon the peoples thoughts of shifting the village.

(3) Education,

The standard, or lack of same, at the ISURAVA school has been very poor, and the term "school" in an educative sense, is not warranted in respect of ISURAVA. With the coming of an Officer of Education Department to KOKODA in the near future, perhaps then, consideration could be given to the establishment of a dormitory at KOKODA or BIAGE Administration schools to cater for the BIAGE pupils.

I would have preferred Mr Brown to have spent more time in the area, limited though the scope for work is there. I feel that in an Officer's early patrols, on particular, there is oft much to be gained from merely sitting in villages and conversing with the people, and so gradually gaining some measure of their confidence.

(2)

From the report it appears that Mr Brown carried out a satisfactory and efficient task. Mr Brown has been requested to carry out investigations of an anthropological nature on future patrols to gain experience in such matters.

*J.J. Jordan*  
J.J. Jordan.  
Assistant District Officer

The District Officer  
Northern District  
Headquarters  
Koror

PATROL REPORT

Officer Commanding Patrol: J.J. Jordan, District Officer  
Area Patrolled: [faded]  
Points of Interest: [faded]  
Patrol accompanied by: [faded]  
Duration of Patrol: [faded]  
Reference: [faded]

Walking time 1 1/2 hours  
14 carriers  
B. D. Brown  
Cadet Patrol Officer.

Friday 16th January 1952  
Departed Auer 0900 ...  
Nagutake 1100, arrived Palal 1200 where a change of carriers was necessary. This village is in the Ilimo Council and apart from a village it was immediately departed for Kokoda 1315 arrived same at 1400 hours.  
Walking time 4 hours 20 minutes.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
Please Quote

No. NA. 30-I-I/207

Sub-District Office,  
K O K O D A  
Northern District.

9th February, 1959.

The District Officer,  
Northern District,  
Headquarters,  
POPONDETTA.

PATROL REPORT - KOKODA No. 4 of 1958/59.

Officer Conducting Patrol : B. D. BROWN, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled : Upper Biage Valley.

Objects of Patrol : 1. Routine Administration.  
2. Census Check on Tax Defaulters.  
3. Medical Inspection.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans : Nil.

Natives : No. 869I Constable POKUAEA  
No. 7077 Constable TOMATA  
Interpreter Prob. DICKSON  
N. M. O. Grade I.

Duration of Patrol : 14/1/59 to 16/1/59 = 3 days.

Medical Assistant Accompanying : Nil.

Map Reference : Ref. Kokoda Patrol Report No. 2/57-58.

*B. D. Brown*  
B. D. Brown  
Cadet Patrol Officer.

INTRODUCTION.

The villages visited were those of ISURAVA / ALOLA, ABUARI and HAGUTAWA, the four remaining villages in the Biage Valley which are not included in the Ilimo Local Government Council, and are situated far up the valley in the area more commonly known as the " Gap ".

The inhabitants are agriculturalists and are from the Koiari Tribe, the other members of which inhabit the Eastern Slopes of the Owen Stanley Ranges in the Central District.

The area is fully controlled and the people are quite and peaceful, no incidents warranting court action occurred during the course of the patrol which, was well received by the population.

DIARY OF PATROL.

To avoid repetition in the Diary, the following procedure was carried in all the villages visited :-

1. Houses, latrines and rubbish pits inspected;
2. Census check;
3. Medical inspection by N. M. O. during check;
4. Disputes and minor matters heard and settled where necessary;
5. General discussions with villagers and Officials;
6. Gardens inspected.

Wednesday 14th January 1959.

Departed Kokoda by Land Rover at 0800 hours for Administrati-on School arriving 0815. Departed 0915 after waiting for carriers, arrived Isurava / Alola 1420.

Rest of day and night at Isurava/Alola.  
Walking time 5 hours 5 minutes.  
14 carriers.

Thursday 15th January 1959.

Departed Isurava/Alola 0920 hours, village gardens inspected en route, arrived Abuari 1030.

Rest of day and night at Abuari.  
Walking time 1 hour 10 minutes.  
14 carriers.

Friday 16th January 1959.

Departed Abuari 0800 arriving Hagutawa 0920. Departed Hagutawa 1100, arrived Pelai 1225 where a change of carriers was necessary. This village is in the Ilimo Council and apart from a village inspection it was undisturbed. Departed for Kokoda 1315 arrived same at 1450 hours.

Walking time 4 hours 20 minutes.

END

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

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The people of Abuari also requested to move from their present site back to the old pre-war location as recently they have had numerous cases of sickness and attribute it to the present location.

They were advised that if the moves were thought to be warranted by the A. D. O. then they would be advised as to his decision and that they were not to move until it was decided, with reference to the fact that the Administration was against the indiscriminate shifting of established villages.

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the staple crop with taro and corn and European vegetables to a lesser degree.

The following list shows the current prices being paid for European vegetables on delivery in good condition to the station.

English potatoes	(Graded)	5d and 2d per pound.
Tomatoes	"	" " "
Eschallottes		9d per pound.
Bean	}	
Cabbage		
Turnip		
Beetroot		
Carrots		4d per pound.
Passionfruit		
Capsicum		

However apart from the already existing "market gardening" the people raised the question of coffee seed as it has been promised but as yet has not been supplied. They are a keen group of workers and it is thought that they are entitled to some co-operation from the department concerned as they have only met opposition on previous occasions due to the departments specialised policy in regards to cocoa.

Large numbers of fowls abound in all villages and at Nagutawa which is not under the Seventh Day Adventist Mission, there are quite a number of pigs which are apparently well cared for and in good condition.

In all villages talks were given as to the introduction of goats as enquiries have been made by Native Affairs and it was found that they can be purchased from Port Moresby at three pounds each. The people showed the usual enthusiasm but as yet they have not made any further enquiries into the matter. Goats were chosen not only for milking but to help supplement their existing diet which is almost entirely of vegetables and it is also acceptable to their religion.

However apart from the already existing interests the topography does not lend itself to many more avenues of utilization except numerous gardens which have and are being prepared for small blocks of coffee.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

The patrol was accompanied by a Native Medical Orderly who made an inspection in each village during census.

Isurava/Alola

Two cases of malaria, one of which was sent to Kokoda for treatment.

Two cases of tropical ulcers which were also despatched to Kokoda.

Seven septic sore cases treated in village.

One case of tinia.

Abuari.

Four septic sore cases treated in the village.

Hagutawa.

One case of malaria the patient being sent to Kokoda for treatment.

Two cases of septic sores treated in the village.

It can be seen from the above figures that sickness is not rife in the area and on the whole health was generally good.

mention should be made at this stage that the people seem to be prone to malaria and this should be weighed in the village movement problem as the people will in fact be moving from a relatively free area down to the lower part of the valley in which the malarial rate is fairly high and in consequence a severe outbreak may occur.

being a small area there was not a great deal to report on.

EDUCATION.

School was in recess at the time of the patrol and consequently attendance figures were not obtained either for the Mission School or the Administration School.

The Seven Day Mission School at Isurava / Alola is in the hands of one native teacher, Modoku Finave who received his "training" at Bautama in the Central District where he reached Standard 3. He speaks practically no English and an interpreter was used for the conversations.

The pupils are graded in "A" and "B" groups which could not measure up to the Administration Grade. The coverage of subjects is adequately described in Mr. J. C. William's patrol report No 2 - 1958/59 coupled with his apt description as to the main purpose of the schools being there.

Due to its situation it naturally has a greater attendance than the Administration School which is over five hours walk from the villages in question.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The only vehicular road used on the patrol was the road through the Government Rubber Plantation which only extends as far as the Administration School near Deniki.

From Deniki to a point half an hour's walk past Isurava / Alola the old "Kokoda Trail" is followed but at this point it branches off to the right to make the ascent through the "Gap". The remaining route is a mere track over rough and broken ground.

Considering the rough nature of the terrain and the sparse population in the area there can be no reason for complaint as to the conditions of the track. An inspection was made and the possibility of developing the already existing roads to mule track standard is quite feasible, and would, if carried out, rid one of the problem of obtaining carriers as in some cases women had to carry due to the small number of able bodied men in the area.

VILLAGES.

All villages visited had an ample number of latrines and rubbish pits, no houses warranted rebuilding. Good drinking water was readily obtained at a distance of no more than five minutes walk at any one village.

REST HOUSES.

The following villages have rest houses and police barracks.

Isurava/Alola : one large room with small verandah and kitchen; present condition fair.

Abuari : a copy of the above; present condition good.

There is no rest house at Hagutawa, as it is a new village and the small number of village people could not be expected to build and maintain one. Although it was unavoidable it is felt that insufficient time was spent amongst this group.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Isurava/Alola.

Luvila / Senova the village constable handles the combined village affairs in a most satisfactory way and did everything possible to aid the patrol during its stay. He is well liked by the village people and is a credit as a village constable.

Haowa of Isurava is a competent man and is a good Councillor.

Both the above officials were elected to hold the S. A. P.'s due to be granted for this area.

Abuari.

Miuri/Guligo is the village constable for the above village and also looks after the hamlet of Hagutawa. Negite and Gadi are Councillors for Abuari and Hagutawa respectively the former at present is in prison at Kokoda. However both are capable in their duties.

Miuri appears to lack the concentrated effort but appears to be carrying out his work to the best of his ability.

These officials were also elected for S. A. P.'s.

CENSUS.

Only three months previously the A. D. O. Kokoda carried out the same patrol and hence only a census check in relation to tax defaulters was made. All males where there was no record of payment in the tax register were checked as to their whereabouts and four

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were sent to Mokoda to pay their tax.

ANTHROPOLOGY.

No anthropological data was collected during the patrol.

MISSIONS.

The Seven Day Adventist mission at Isurava/Alola is the real influence in the area because of its situation and has a particularly strong influence in the above village and Aduari. However apart from these the other villages stated that they wanted no part of it.

Whether the mission has achieved anything of a practical nature is debatable but the fact remains that it has gained the support of the abovementioned villages and it appears that the people lean more towards the mission than to the Government.

CONCLUSION.

The area is constantly patrolled and is trouble free apart from the small grievances and minor disputes that normally occur, the people being an industrious and peaceful crowd.

No outstanding incidents or events occurred.

*B. D. Brown*  
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B. D. Brown.

Cadet Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX "A"

REPORT ON MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA  
CONSTABULARY

ACCOMPANYING THE PATROL :

No. 369I Constable POKUAEA : A reasonably efficient policeman,  
keen and willing to carry out orders  
given to him.

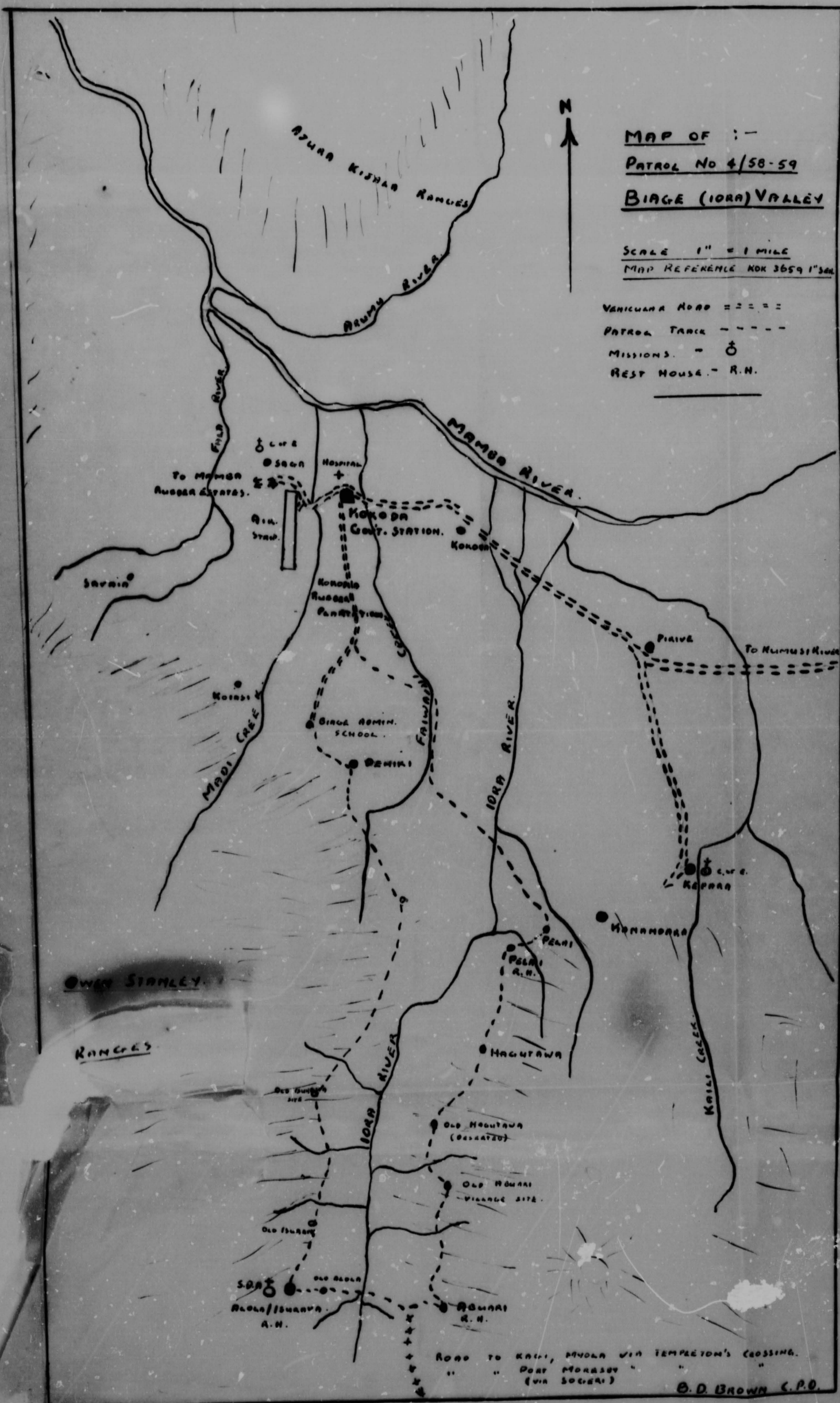
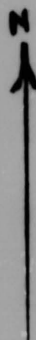
No. 7077 Constable TOMATA : Rather lax in his outlook towards  
his duties but carries out orders  
given in a satisfactory way.

*B. D. Brown*  
.....  
B. D. Brown C. P. O.

MAP OF :-  
PATROL NO 4/58-59  
BIAGE (IDRA) VALLEY

SCALE 1" = 1 MILE  
 MAP REFERENCE NOK 3659 1" 300

VEHICULAR ROAD = = = =  
 PATROL TRACK - - - -  
 MISSIONS - ○  
 REST HOUSE - R.H.



B. D. BROWN C.P.O.





D.N.A.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN Report No. 7/58-59

Patrol Conducted by B. D. BROWN CADET PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled WAWONGA CENSUS DIVISION.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 2 CONSTABLES 1 INTERPRETER.

Duration—From 17./...6./19.59. to 24./...6./19.59.

Number of Days EIGHT (8)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 3./...3./19.58.

Medical .... 10./...11./19.58.

Map Reference 2 MILES TO 1 INCH BUNA (REVISED)

Objects of Patrol TAX / CENSUS ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded? please

2 19 1959.

B. Lusley D.O.  
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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KONEDOBU

17th September, 1959.

The District Officer,  
Northern District,  
POPONETTA.

PATROL REPORT - KOKODA No.7/1958-59

Receipt is acknowledged.

Changes in the systems of land tenure and usufructuary inheritance rights have been reported in all sophisticated Districts - a corollary of culture contact.

Mortality ratio over the area patrolled seems very satisfactory and Administrative influence adequate at their present stage of development.

A routine patrol that calls for no further comment.

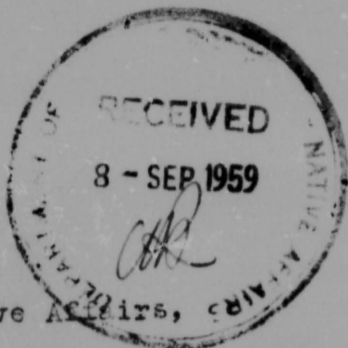
*A.A. Roberts*  
(A.A. Roberts)  
Director

Copy to: Assistant District Officer,

Mr. B. Brown, C.M.G.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

30/8/74 ✓



File Ref: 30-1-2.

District Office,  
Popondetta,  
Northern District.

2nd September, 1959.

The Director,  
Dept. of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu.

Patrol Report - Kokoda No. 7 of 1958/59 - Mr.  
B. Brown, C.P.O.

Forwarded herewith is a report of a Patrol carried out by Mr. B. Brown, C.P.O., of the WAWONGA Census Division, Kokoda Sub-district.

The Assistant District Officer, Kokoda has given a most thorough coverage of all matters raised in the report, and no additional comment is required by this office.

Although only a minor patrol of short duration, Mr. Brown has carried it out well. In fact, having regard to his youth and inexperience, Mr. Brown's field work during his first term has been very good and he has shown a definite aptitude for it.

G. Linsley  
District Officer.

Copy to : Assistant District Officer, Kokoda.

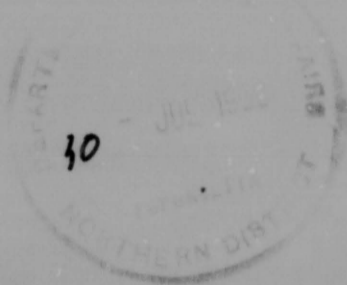
Mr. B. Brown, C.P.O.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
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No. NA. 30-1-3/29



Sub-District Office,  
K O K O D A.  
Northern District.

29th July, 1959.

The District Officer,  
Northern District,  
POPONDETTA.

PATROL NO. 7/58-59.

Please find enclosed two copies of the above report by Mr Brown. C.P.O.

The comment made by Mr Brown on his page 5 re clothing is made the subject of a separate memorandum by myself (14-1-1 attached).

I have drawn attention to the remarks on the anticipated change in Wawonga land tenure in the Annual Report. The change is fairly general in this district and needs to be brought to your notice only - no necessity for further comment appears to me to be necessary.

Re page 7 "coffee" - I am informed by the Area Agricultural Officer that there remains plenty of time yet before the coffee will need transplanting and that he has the situation in hand.

With regard to health please be advised that Mr Gaunede left for the Wawonga area on Mr Brown's return. There commenced an epidemic of flu from which there resulted eleven deaths. It was to check this epidemic that Mr Gaunede went on patrol - the first deaths having been reported as occurring a few days after Mr Brown's patrol returned.

The wire requested by the councillor from ASISI (p.12, para 1) has been indenté from Australia by the Department of Works on my request.

A further six shovels have been issued to Wawonga village officials since Mr Brown's return. My memo 30-1-1 attached refers to the subject of pack animals.

Reports on members of R.P.C. have been sent direct to Police Headquarters.

The list of taxable male absentees has been sent to the Taxation Commissioner. My recommendations re the appointment of village constables No. 3 and 33 are enclosed.

Mr Brown's report is most informative and his executive action all that was required. His tax collections were correctly accounted for.

Copies of the report relative to their department have been sent to local departmental representatives of Health, Agriculture and Education. An extra copy of the remarks on Education are enclosed for the information of the D.E.O.

*T.W. Leake*

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T.W. Leake.

a/Assistant District Officer.

c.c. Mr Brown.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
Please Quote

No. NA. 30-I-1/370

Sub-District Office,  
K O K O D A.  
Northern District.  
31<sup>st</sup> July, 1959.

The District Officer,  
Northern District,  
Headquarters,  
POPONDETTA.

PATROL REPORT No. 7/1958-59.

Officer conducting patrol : B. D. Brown, Cadet Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled : Wawonga Census Division.

Objects of Patrol : Tax/Census of above area;  
Routine Administration.

Accompanied by Europeans : Nil.

Natives. : No. 6339 Const. KOMARA.  
No. 7077 Const. TOMATA.  
Interpreter Prob. Dickson.

Duration of Patrol : 17/6/59 to 24/\_6/59.

Map Reference : 2 miles to I inch Buna (Revised.)

*B. D. Brown*

B. D. Brown.  
Cadet Patrol Officer.

INTRODUCTION.

The area patrolled is situated at the South-Eastern extremity of the Kokoda Sub-District the borders of which are roughly formed by the spurs of the main Owen Stanley Range at the Southern and South-Eastern extremities and by the Kumusi River on the Eastern side. Taking the village of Emo as the hub of a wheel bush walking tracks branch out to all adjoining Districts and Sub-Districts namely those of : - Warobila at

- (1) The Koiari Area of the Central District and Port Moresby;
- (2) Rigo Sub-District;
- (3) Tufi Sub-District;
- (4) The Popondetta Sub-District via the Managlase Census Division.

Walking is done over "bridal paths" passing through country of a mountainous nature and due to the fact that the roads are constructed along small watercourses progress is slow especially when heavy rain is encountered.

The Wawonga Census Division supports a total population of 938 people all of whom are essentially agriculturists but who by the same token are divided into two separate linguistic groups, the villagers of Namuaia; Warobila; Managube and Ruma speak the Juwa dialect whilst the villagers of Emo; Ejaro; Ujilo; Awoma and Kovio speak the Koiari dialect.

The last Native Affairs Patrol to this area was made in March 1958 on this occasion a Tax/Census was carried out.

DIARY OF PATROL.

Wednesday 17th June 1959.

Departed Kokoda Station by Landrover 08:15 hours arriving Asisi. Inspections made vehicular and suspension bridges. Departed Asisi arriving Sirorata 13:40 hours. Visit to Anglican Mission School and talks with people.

Thursday 18th June 1959.

Departed Asisi for Managube arriving 10:40 hours. Inspection of Administration Aid Post and St. Mary's Anglican Mission School at Emo en route. It was noted that this

Thursday 18th June, 1959.

Departed Sirorata for Namanaiia arriving same 14:00 hours, inspection of Angara and Gorubuna en route. Village inspection and inspection of coffee nursery on arrival and talks with people at night. Heavy rain.

Friday 19th June, 1959.

Tax/Census held for both Namanaiia and Warobila at Namanaiia departing same 09:30 hours for Managube with inspection of Warobila en route. Tax/Census Managube and Kumara the latter having lined at Managube. Departed for Emo arriving same 14:20 hours, inspection of Rumara en route. Heavy rain, afternoon spent on census figures and talks with people.

Saturday 20th June, 1959.

Tax/Census Emo village followed by village inspection and inspection of coffee nursery. Departed for Ejaro arriving same 10:15 hours where Tax/Census and village inspection was carried out. Departed for Awoma arriving same 12:30 hours no Tax/Census carried out at Ujilo or Awoma as it was their sabbath. Tax/Census figures completed to date.

Sunday 21st June, 1959.

Collected tax from 14 carriers who accompanied S.D.A. Pastors to Kokoda. Departed for Kovic arriving 09:40 hours where Tax/Census and village inspection was carried out. Talks with the people. On return to Awoma an inspection of the coffee nursery and Tetabet Hamlet was carried out. Afternoon spent on Tax/Census and village inspection at Awoma.

Monday 22nd June, 1959.

Tax/Census for Kovic and talks with the people. List of all male Absentees made for inclusion in report. Visit to Seven Day Adventist Mission School at Awoma.

Tuesday 23rd June, 1959.

Departed Awoma for Managube arriving same 10:40 hours. Inspection of Administration Aid Post and St. Mary's Anglican Mission School at Emo en route. It was noted that this



(Diary Cont.)

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NATIVE AFFAIRS.

Native Situation.

The area patrolled was quiet and peaceful no cases were brought to notice warranting court action. The patrol was well received and at no time was there any difficulty encountered in obtaining carriers.

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would have to be made for individual ownership eventhough it was a very revolutionary change.

Reference is made to the system of individual ownership in the Higaturu Council Area and if the Wawonga is eventually included in the Ilimo Native Local Government Council a parallel may be drawn in that they could adopt a similar Council Rule.

C. Political Development.

At present there is no form of political development in the area and it does not appear likely that there will be any change e.g. an extension of the Ilimo Native Local Govt. Council or formation of another separate Council, in the immediate future. However taking actual distances into account plus the fact that a cash crop is now in the early stages of development it would be feasible to say that an extension of the Ilimo Native Local Government Council could be made in the future.

Due to the uncertainty the people were in as to the time of transplanting at the preparation of gardens several officials were visited in to see the Agricultural Officer with the idea that something could be learnt by these people. It could then take this knowledge back to the villagers. A report was issued to the Agricultural Officer and shown how the conditions in the area were at present and as the area is in a state of transition it is in a state of transition.

Note: This is not making allowance for actual needs which have not been related to date.

AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK.

The traditional form of shifting agriculture is practiced and in this area the gardens are particularly good. The staple food grown is yam which is supplemented by sweet potato, sugar cane and bananas whilst in the Seven Day Mission area around Awoma large quantities of pumpkins and to a lesser degree cucumbers are grown.

Due to the above Mission's influence domesticated pigs are only found in the villages from Namanaiia to Emo and these are found in large numbers. Domesticated fowls are found in the Mission area.

Coffee.

An inspection was made of all nurseries containing the now three and a half to four and a half month old coffee seedlings and a count made. Only in one instance was it found that a garden had been prepared for transplanting and <sup>there</sup> that the leuceana was not "taking" satisfactorily. Requests were also made for leuceana seed and it was only by accident that a bag of the same seed was found in the Awoma rest house.

Due to the uncertainty the people were in as to the time of transplanting and actual preparation of gardens several Village Officials were brought in to see the Agricultural Officer at Kokoda with the idea that something could be learnt by these people, who could then take this knowledge back to the villagers. These people were issued with rhizobium inoculum and shown how to prepare the actual seed.

Actual seedlings in the nurseries at present are as follows: -

<u>Village Name</u>	<u>No in Nursery.</u>
Namanaiia	456
Emo	508
Ujilo	1,128
Kovio	420
<u>Total</u>	<u>2,512</u>

Note.

This is not making allowance for actual seeds which have not germinated to date.

EDUCATION.

Although the Sirorata Anglican Mission School is not in the Wawonga Census Division a visit to it was nevertheless made. The school is supervised by a native teacher Gilbert/Ohungapa who previously received his training at Martyr School at Agenahambo and following that taught for three years at the Anglican Mission School at Emo.

There were twenty-five names on the Roll Book and at the time of the visit there were twenty-two in attendance. On the two large blackboards provided reading, writing and numbers were taught. The children were provided with pencils and exercise books and each child also had an Oxford English Course (Reading) for Papua and New Guinea whilst the teacher also instructed from a Longman's Primer.

Instruction is in English and Grade I and II is taught the children then progress to the Anglican Mission School at Eiwo and then if satisfactory to Martyr School at Agenahambo.

School is carried out from Monday to Friday with Wednesday set aside for manual labour around the Mission and the approximate hours of instruction were as follows. The classes commenced at nine o'clock and finished at one o'clock with a recess of half an hour at eleven o'clock.

Wawonga Division.

There are two separate Mission Schools operating in this area.

The Seven Day Adventist Mission have a school at Awoma and this is in the charge of a Polonia/Kerea who previously attended the school for Teacher Training run by the Mission near Sogeri. He speaks little English and instruction is in the Motu Dialect although I was later informed by the European Pastor that English is also taught to a lesser degree.

A total of thirty-six attend according to the roll book Grades A and B being taught. The children are provided with slates and pencils and three large blackboard are also provided. Text books were limited to a few. The Oxford English Course for Papua and New Guinea - Reading, whilst the teacher taught numbers

Education Continued.

from " Village Number Book I and II. "

The pupils progress to Menari in the Central District and only recently eight boys and three girls, <sup>went there</sup> due to the results they obtained in an Examination set by the Teacher at Awoma. It was unfortunate that this Mission Teacher departed for Sogerl the day Census was carried out as this information had to be obtained from a Mission helper.

Apparently there are three hours instruction per day from Sunday to Thursday inclusive while in the afternoon the children do manual work around the Mission grounds and in the Teacher's garden.

The second school in the area is the St. Mary's Anglican Mission School at Emo, the Head Teacher in charge of same was in Saiho Hospital at the time of the visit. He is a Certified Teacher and is aided by two Assistants. Grade I and II is taught and at the time of the visit there were approximately eighty students in attendance. Because of the isolated position apparently very few progress higher than Grade II.

The school comprises two buildings each of which is equipped with two blackboards and bush material seats and desks. The children had a limited number of The Oxford English Course Reader and the Head Teacher apparently gave instruction from a Longman's Primer.

From the attendance figures the attitude of the people is one of encouragement as out of a total of two hundred and ninety children in the area, not all of whom are eligible to attend, one hundred and fifty attend the two schools and progressions from them.

No requests were made for an Administration School in any of the areas and as applications have not been made to the Education Department to date concerning Registration, the Schools still remain in the exempt category.

MEDICAL & HEALTH.

An Administration Aid Post is situated at Emo and is staffed by one Aid Post Orderly. This serves the entire population of nine hundred and thirty-eight in the Wawonga Census Division. The area is infrequently patrolled as with only one Orderly most of his time is spent attending to inmates and persons requiring treatment at the Aid Post.

In the village of Awoma last April the people had an epidemic of dysentery with a total of sixteen persons dying and it was found that the Orderly in charge of Emo at the time had not even gone to the village to investigate the outbreak.

No P.H.D. representative accompanied the patrol and consequently only general observations were made. On the whole health appeared to be generally good although the peoples' resistance must be comparatively low as the majority suffer from perpetual colds.

One tropical ulcer was brought to notice and several cases of infected sores were sent to the Aid Post for treatment. The entire area is apparently fairly free from Malaria and no active cases were seen throughout the patrol.

However if staff is available a second Aid Post Orderly would alleviate the position in this area and to quote a previous Native Affairs Officer's words. "it would allow for constant patrolling by these Orderlies throughout the area." At present it means a gap of two weeks at the Aid Post when he returns to Kokoda for supplies and during this period the entire area is unattended.

MISSIONS.

There are two Missions in the area visited.

The Seven Day Adventist Mission is firmly established at Awoma and draws its followers from the villages of Kovio Awoma and Ujilo. The Mission is controlled from headquarters in the Central District and the staff at the Mission itself comprises a Native Teacher and an Assistant.

The Anglican Mission has a Station at Emo which is staffed by a Certified Native Teacher and two Native Assistants. Their field of influence extends from Ejaro to Namanala in the Wawonga Census Division.

From the Kumbi district for a short distance the actual road being on the edge of a plateau, then after a series of ascents and descents the Iloa River is reached. This is crossed by a cane suspension bridge and then after a steep ascent and descent Siroka Village is reached.

From Siroka Village the track follows the Kumbi River upstream and to judge this is good walking. The next village encountered is Gwabana and once again no difficulties are encountered.

GORABANA - KUMBI.

This is the worst section encountered, the track passing over tree roots and the road mainly comprised of watercourses which quickly change to small streams when it rains. About an hour's walk from Gorabana a steep descent is made to the Sa Creek and crossing it a very steep ascent is made to the top spur of the range followed by a somewhat steep descent to Namanala Village. Presumably this section could be avoided by detouring around the eastern side of the range.

NAMANALA WAGON ROAD TO KUMBI.

From the Wawonga Valley the tracks are quite good and with a small amount of improvement could be reached. Against the Village Constable from Ujilo has roughly graded his road from Ujilo to Awoma and has shown what would be done providing material are available.



ROADS & BRIDGES.

At the present time a vehicular road exists from Kokoda Station to Asisi but due to the condition of the Asisi bridge the vehicle was not taken across it - repairs had been carried out on my return. Although the suspension bridge at the Kumusi is not in the area patrolled an inspection was made and the Councillor from Asisi made a request for some heavy guage wire as the native materials being used were in constant need of repair.

ASISI - SIRORATA - ANGARA - GORABUNA.

The track follows the Kumusi upstream for a short distance the actual road being on the edge of a plateau, then after a series of ascents and descents the Ifoi River is reached. This is crossed by a cane suspension bridge and then after a steep ascent and descent Sirorata village is reached.

From Sirorata Village the track follows the Kumusi River upstream and to Angara this is good walking. The next village encountered is Gorabuna and once again no difficulties are come across.

GORABUNA - NAMANAIA.

This is the worst section encountered the track passing over tree roots and the road mainly comprises of watercourses which quickly change to small streams when it rains. About an hours walk from Gorabuna a steep descent is made to the Sa Creek and crossing it a very steep ascent is made to the top spur of the range followed by a somewhat steep descent to Namanaia Village. Possibly this section could be avoided by detouring around the Eastern side of the range.

NAMANAIA through to KOVIO.

Once in the Wawonga Valley the tracks are quite good and with a small amount of improvement mule track standard could be reached. Cagamu the Village Constable from Ujilo has roughly graded his road from Ujilo to Awoma and has shown what could be done providing materials are available.

Roads and Bridges.

Twelve spades have been issued to date expressly for roadwork with a possible eight to follow.

After comparing this area with the Chirima and the work accomplished by the Roman Catholic Mission in that area I think it is quite within limits to say that mule track standard could be achieved.

The main problem after the initial work had been completed would be in the maintenance of the section between Gorabuna and Namanaia as continual washouts would occur and also the fact that this particular area is uninhabited.

VILLAGES.

IN all villages conditions were generally good, each one having ample pit latrines and rubbish holes for disposal of garbage. Water supplies are good in the area in all cases the water was able to be obtained in close proximity to the rest house.

Two Villages, those of Namanai and Kovio, were preparing to move to new sites, in both cases the site is in close proximity to the present one. Housing was good in all villages and in most there were new buildings being constructed.

Rest Houses.

Sirorata, Awoma :- Large two bedroom buildings in good condition.  
Namanai, Managube, Emo and Kovio :- Small two room buildings constructed of split softwood floors and walls with bamboo thatched roofs. All were in good condition.

The rest house at Gorabuna has collapsed and with only one available man and two women in the village plus the fact that patrols very rarely stay there, it was not asked for it to be rebuilt.

All Police Barracks were in good condition and large enough to accommodate the needs of any patrol operating in the area.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Signatures in and out were mainly shifts from villages to village within the area and only a very small percentage actually

Refer Appendix " A " attached.

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TAX/CENSUS.

This was the main object of the patrol and excluding Absentees Personal Tax was collected from all eligible Males. A total of eighty-one pounds ten shillings was collected in the area however eight pounds of this total comprised Personal Tax for 1958.

In all a total of 51 Total Exemptions were granted and are made up as follows.

Permanently Unfit	.....	2
Village Officials	.....	14
Old Age	.....	22
Family Obligations	.....	6
Old Age, F/O	.....	6
Mission Worker	.....	1

There was a total of 50 Absentees in the area comprising 25 working inside the Sub-District and 35 outside the Sub-District the remaining 10 attend schools outside the Census Division. ( Refer list of Absentees at work attached. )

Absenteeism in the area is high but Village Life and Welfare does not appear to be suffering in anyway.

In the Census Return there were 51 births - 26 males and 25 females compared with 26 deaths 16 of which occurred in Awoma Village ~~due~~ to an outbreak of Dysentery. However the disappointing factor was that out of this total 14 children up to the age of thirteen years died.

Migrations in and out were mainly shifts from village to village within the area and only a very small percentage actually migrated out to another Division.



" APPENDIX A "

VILLAGE OFFICIALS - WAWONGA CENSUS DIVISION.

Village Constables : -

OIBE/EMU appointed 15/12/51 : Emo Village.  
GACAMU/OVIVI " 15/ 3 /54 : Ujilo Village.  
NEKI/DABUA " 1/ 5 /56 : Kovio Village.  
SIAGA/JOJA " 8/ 3 /58 : Namanai Village.

Recommended new appointments ( forms attached.)

LIVA/EISI FOR Managube and Rumara Villages.  
LAIHE/SIKOI for Awoma Village.

Village Councillors.

NA-I-KARA/IREGI : Namanai Village.  
HARORI/TREJI : Warobila Village.  
SOINANA/HUAIO : Emo Village.  
SASIVE/AWE : Ejaro Village.  
CIMU/GANI : Ujilo Village.  
HA-IA-BO/LUAI : Awoma Village.  
GUGUVI/TANASI : Kovio Village.  
MOREURA/DUPA : Managube Village.  
NIMABU/UGA : Rumara Village.

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# VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

Year.....1950.....

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VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS												MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE				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		At Work		Students		Males		Females		Pregnant	Number of Child-bearing age	Average Size of Family	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				
NAMAN'IA	10/6/59	3	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	4	-	2	-	-	5	-	-	-	9	3	10	11	7	11	-	11	4.3	13	17	21	20	88		
VARORILA	10/6/59	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	2	-	1	-	-	-	7	6	9	15	7	13	-	13	4.2	9	12	16	15	68		
MANAGUBE	19/6/59	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	5	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	4	5	4	14	4	16	2	16	3.1	7	9	18	16	60		
RUMARA	19/6/59	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	6	4	2	-	4	-	-	-	9	4	8	17	6	13	1	13	2.4	5	6	8	13	51		
EMO	20/6/59	2	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	6	-	-	-	20	8	14	26	7	23	1	20	3.0	7	13	15	23	101			
EJARO	20/6/59	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	4	3	4	-	2	-	12	11	9	21	11	18	1	18	3.4	9	18	13	18	94		
UJILO	22/6/59	5	1	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	2	-	3	-	-	-	6	3	10	12	3	15	2	15	2.7	14	10	12	17	67		
AWOMA	21/6/59	3	8	-	-	2	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	4	6	-	-	7	6	4	8	3	-	11	-	19	18	31	66	35	63	3	60	3.2	51	47	74	82	305	
KOVIO	21/6/59	5	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	8	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	4	2	13	25	7	21	-	20	2.3	25	18	27	25	104		
TOTALS		26	25	-	-	2	1	5	2	1	1	2	-	5	7	-	29	18	13	22	25	3	35	-	2	-	90	60	108	207	87	193	10	186	..	140	150	204	229	938

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WAWONGA

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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-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
NAMANAYA	19/6/59	3	3												6	4	2		5				9	3	10	11	7	11	11	4.3	13	17	21	20	88	
WAROBILA	19/6/59	1	4													3	4	2	1				7	6	9	15	7	13	13	4.2	9	12	16	15	69	
MAMAGUBE	19/6/59	1													8	5			1				4	5	4	14	4	16	2	16	3.1	7	9	18	16	60
RUMABA	19/6/59		1										1			6	4	2	1				9	4	8	17	6	13	1	13	2.4	5	6	8	13	51
EMO	20/6/59	2	2			1	1												9	6			20	8	14	26	7	23	1	20	3.0	7	13	15	23	101
EJARO	20/6/59	1	3					1								1	2	4	3	4	2		12	11	9	21	11	18	1	18	3.4	9	18	13	18	94
UJILO	22/6/59	5	1			2	1		1				1				2	2	3				6	3	10	12	3	15	2	15	2.7	14	10	12	17	67
AWOMA	21/6/59	8	8	2	1	2		1				4	6		7	6	4	8	3	11			19	18	31	66	35	63	3	60	3.2	51	47	74	82	305
KOVIO	21/6/59	5	3				1		1						8	2		3					4	2	13	25	7	21	20	2.3	25	18	27	25	104	
<b>TOTALS</b>		26	25	2	1	5	2	1	1	2		5	7		29	18	13	22	25	3	35	2	90	60	108	207	87	193	10	186	..	140	150	203	229	938



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MANAGUBE	19/6/59	1												8	5			1				4	5	4	14	4	16	2	16	3.1	7	9	18	16	60			
RUMAPA	19/6/59	1									1				6	4	2	1				9	4	8	17	6	13	1	13	2.4	5	6	8	13	51			
EMO	20/6/59	2	2			1	1											9	6			20	8	14	26	7	23	1	20	3.0	7	13	15	23	101			
EJARO	20/6/59	1	3					1						1		2	4	4		2		12	11	9	21	11	18	1	18	3.4	5	18	13	18	94			
UJILO	22/6/59	5	1			2	1				1					2	2	3				6	3	10	12	3	15	2	15	2.7	14	10	12	17	67			
AWOMA	21/6/59	8	8	2	1	2		1			4	6		7	6	4	8	3	11			19	18	31	66	35	63	3	60	3.2	51	47	74	82	305			
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WAWONGA CENSUS DIVISION

MAP OF PATA, NO 7/58-59

OWEN STANLEY RANGE

