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1960/61.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of KOKODA Report No. 2/60-61

Patrol Conducted by R. A. J. BENTINCK

Area Patrolled BIASE

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans J. IRWIN C.P.O.

Natives.....

Duration—From 21/11/1960 to 30/11/1960

Number of Days 9

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol ROUTINE TAX/CENSUS

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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# MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No. 2/60-61. Subdistrict Kokoda District Northern

Officer Conducting Patrol R. J. BENTINCK. ADO and J. Irwin (CPO)

Census Division Patrolled Biage.

Objects of Patrol.....

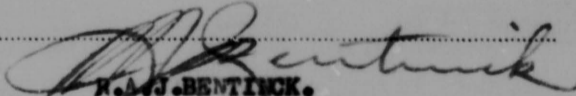
1. Routine Administration Patrol
2. Collected taxes from men who had returned to villages.
3. Revised Census lists.

Date Patrol Commenced 21/11/60 Date Completed 26/11/60 30.11.60

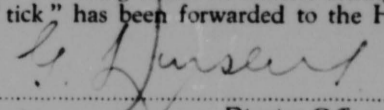
Duration—days 6 days. Camped out 5 nights.

### SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

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|------|--|-------------|
| 1.   | Applications for S.A.P.s                             | 36 - 3 - 1. |
| 2.   | Disposal of Bombs                                    | 14 - 1 - 1. |
| ✓ 3. | Squatting by indigenes on Crown/ Administration Land | 34 - 4 - 1. |

  
**R. J. BENTINCK.**  
 Assistant District Officer Signature.

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

  
 District Officer.  
 30.12.60

Patrol No 2 / 60 - 61. - Kokoda Sub District - Northern District/

Area - Biage Tax/ Census District.

Patrol Diary:

21.11.60.

Left Kokoda 0800 hours by Council tractor and trailer. Arrived Kovalo village 0830 hours. Began walking with carriers 0900 hours. Arrived at ISURAVA No 1 at 1500 hours. Camped for night here.

22.11.60.

Left Isurava No 1 at 0730 hours - arrived Isurava No 2 at 0800 hours. Revised the Census lists - collected tax from men who had returned to the village since the last tax/ census patrol was done - made on the spot investigations for those who wanted SAFs ( See memo No 36 - 3 - 1.) The village AIDIA is situated at Isurava No2.

ISURAVA Nos 1 and 2.

5 houses at Isurava No1 - in good repair; 8 houses in Isurava No2 - orders given for 2 to be rethatched;

Births since last patrol = 1; Deaths since last patrol = 3.

Labour potential ( 17-45 yrs ) = 13 males ; No men away work = 7 (54%)

Village Officials - The VC lives at Isurava No2 and looks after the Rest House, one Councillor looks after Isurava No 1.

Tax collected at this Rest House = £ 12 - 10 - 0

ALOIA.

9 houses in the Aloia section - orders given for 2 to be repaired;

Births = 1 ; Deaths = 1

Labour potential males = 16 ; No men away at work = 5 ( 31% )

Medical work - NMO gave 2 injections for sores and treated 9 others for sores etc.

During 21st, 22nd and 23rd the ADO helped the CPO, Mr Irwin to obtain data for his ASOPA assignment. Camped at Isurava No2.

23.11.60.

Still at Isurava No2 working on Mr Irwin's assignment.

At Isurava No2 there is a native SDA missionary doing proselytising work - no schools.

Agriculture - people have prepared 7 coffee gardens; English potatoes being grown in taro and sweet potato patches, People advised to carry on with the good work they are doing in respect of coffee and potatoes.

People were advised not to go near or move some old mortar bombs found in their garden areas. ( See Memo No 14 - 1 - 1. )

2 applications for SAFs received at this Rest House. Camped here for the night.

24.11.60.

Left Isurava No2 at 0800 hours and arrived at ABUARI at 1000 hours.

6 houses at Abuzsi , 1 to be repaired in one month; Village - clean.  
One V.C. and one Councillor look after this village.  
They have coffee planted on the hill sides in 3 gardens. English potatoes  
are also grown. ADO advised them to keep up the good work and even make extensions  
to their gardens.

3 Applications were received for SAPs. ( See Memo 36 - 3 - 1 .)

Total Population = 77.

Births = 1 ; Deaths = 2.  
Labour potential males = 24 ; No-away at work = 11 ( 45% )  
Taxable males = 20 ;

Medical inspection carried out by NMO ; 6 small sores treated.

Native SDA missionary in village - no school.

Camped at Abuari for the night.

25.11.60.

Left Abuari at 0800 hours and arrived at HAGUTAWA at 0930 hours. Inspected the  
village, did census revision and NMO checked people for sores etc.

Village was clean . 5 houses in good repair.

One councillor in charge.

Neither the SDA nor the Anglican Mission do any missionary work in this village.  
People report that 2 coffee gardens have been prepared.

Total population = 38.

Births = 2 ; Deaths = Nil  
Labour potential males = 7 ; No-men away at work = 3 ( 42.7% )  
Taxables = 5 ;

Left Hagutawa at 12 noon and arrived at the Usikara Rest House at 1300 hours.  
Usikara seems to be a hamlet of Felai village. As Felai is only 20 minutes walk  
away the people of Felai lined at Usikara. The village to be censused is Felai.

No Mission at Felai - no school - some of the people have affiliations with  
the Anglican Mission at Kepara.

Usikara hamlet and Felai village - clean ; 3 houses need repairs - orders given  
to be finished in one month. One N.L.C. Councillor lives at Felai.

Felai has 6 Cacao gardens - no coffee gardens nor gardens growing English  
potatoes, as the village situated in lowland area.

Three applications for SAPs received. ( See Memo 36 - 3 - 1 .)

Camped at the Usikara Rest House for the night.

26.11.60.

Left Usikara Rest House at 0800 hours and arrived at Kokoda Station at 1100  
hours having passed through Kepara and Kanandara villages. End of patrol.

29.11.60.

Left Kokoda 1000 hours and arrived at Savaia village. Did a village inspection,  
Census revision - Nmo did a medical check.

Village - clean : 15 houses in good repair, one new house being constructed  
order given to have it finished in a month's time. One N.L.C. Councillor  
lives at this village.

No school at the village itself, but the children are reported to attend  
the Mission school at Saga and the Government school at Kokoda.

Four Cacao gardens have been planted and in the near future these people should  
be able to get some money from their cash crops.



At Savaia village the elders approached the ADO, Kokoda and asked that the proper Administrative authorities be advised as to their "squatting" on Crown ( Waste and Vacant ) Land and they requested that an area be declared a Native Reserve. ( See Memo 34 - 4 - 1 of 2/12/60. )

3 applications for SAPs were received in this village.

Total Population = 154.

Births = 6

Deaths = 1

Labour potential males = 26

No. away at work - out of district - 1

24 men work at Mamba and usually go home to the village each night.

Apparently in the past these 24 men working at Mamba have only been paying their 30/- Council Tax and no Personal Tax at all. This fault will be very shortly remedied. It could not be done at the village as the men were away at work.

The ADO went back to Kokoda station by 1600 hours.

30.11.60.

The ADO and CPO left Kokoda at 0900 hours and arrived at Kovelov village by 0930 hours. Did a village inspection, Census revision, NMO did a medical check of those present.

Village clean - 14 houses in good repair - 2 new houses being constructed gave orders that they be finished in 2 months time.

7 applications for SAPs were investigated in this village.

Total Population = 170.

Births = 8

Deaths = 2

Labour potential males = 45

No. away at work = 12 out of district

10 men work at Mamba plantation and return home every night.

One N.L.G. Councillor lives at this village. The ADO returned to Kokoda station about 1400 hours.

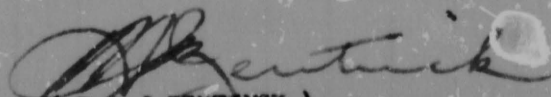
This ends the Census revision for the Biage Tax / Census division.

General Comments :

1. A tax/ census patrol was done in January 1960 for some of the Biage villages. This time all the Biage villages were inspected one after the other.

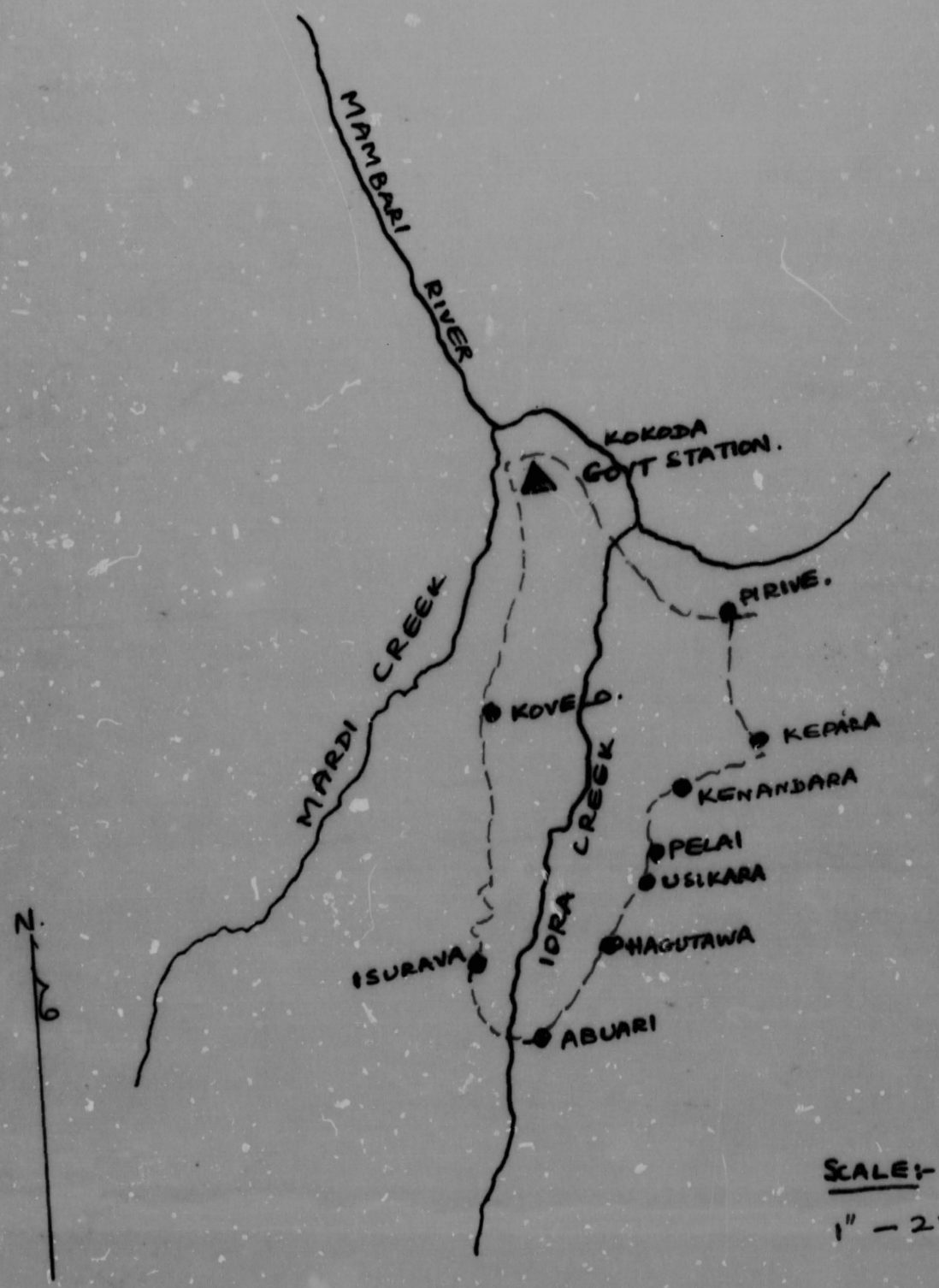
2. At Pelai, Kovelov and Savaia villages ( villages that belong to the Ilimo Native Local Government Council ) the ADO spent considerable time explaining the participative Local Government Councils were to take in the forthcoming Legislative Council Elections. The people seem very dense or primitive. A lot of trouble was experienced in trying to get the people to help in the Census work. While this new concept was being explained ( viz - how Councils were going to be the electoral colleges ) the ADO could see that the people were bored and not at all listening. Anyway, at every opportunity the ADO will try to explain the Memo sent from DNA, Headquarters.

3. The percentage of able bodied men away at work is high in Isurava, Abuari and Hagutawa villages, but the elders explained it as the pattern of life accepted by the young teenagers. The introduction of coffee might stop these young men from walking over the mountains and offering their services at Sogeri plantation.

  
( R.A.J. BENTINCK. )

Assistant District Officer.

SKETCH OF ROUTE TAKEN BY  
BIAGE PATROL. NO2/60-61. (KOKODA S/DIST)



R. Bentinck.  
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of KOKODA Report No. No. 3/60-21

Patrol Conducted by R.A.J. BENTINCK A.D.O.

Area Patrolled IKIMO SOUNDA

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans MR. J. IRWIN, C.P.O.

Natives.....

Duration—From 9./12./1960 to 21/12/1960

Number of Days 14

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol ROUTINE, TAX/CENSUS

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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District Office,  
Popondetta,  
Northern District.

25th January, 1961.

The Assistant District Officer,  
KOKODA.

PATROL REPORT KOKODA No. 3/60-61 - ILIMO COUNCIL AREA-  
MR. R.A.J. BENTINCK, A.D.O.

Receipt of Patrol Report Kokoda No 3/60-61 is  
acknowledged with thanks.

I am glad to see that such a thorough patrol has at  
last proceeded through this area. It will have provided a good  
basis on which to judge the work of the Councillors and of the  
Executive Committee in the villages, and to judge their effective-  
ness.

I agree that, though there is a high percentage of  
adult males away at work, in view of the fact that they work  
on plantations in their own areas, this does not give rise for  
any concern.

You are quite right to continue to keep individual  
village census records where two or three small villages combine  
into one large village, and these should be shown separately also  
on the village population register submitted with your patrol  
report. This ensures continuity of statistical records in respect  
of each village, and, as you say, there is always a tendency for  
these larger villages to split up into their component parts after  
a few years.

You should continue to persuade Natives to plant  
individual cash crop gardens, although I think that Natives  
generally in the Kokoda area are now well aware of the advantages  
of the individual over the communal garden.

*G. Linsley*  
G. Linsley  
District Officer.

c.c. The Director,  
Dept. of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu.

Kokoda  
Patrol file 60/61

Patrol file (copy)  
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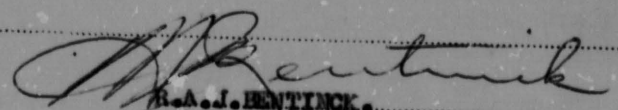
TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA  
DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AFFAIRS.

MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

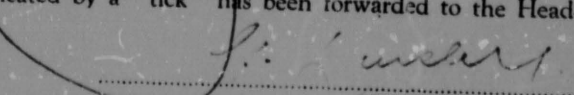
Patrol No. 3/60 - 61 Subdistrict KOKODA District NORTHERN  
Officer Conducting Patrol R.A.J. BENTINCK (ADO) and J.J.B. Irwin (CPO)  
Native Medical Orderly - Robert - accompanied.  
Census Division Patrolled Kahinsebo and Fahinsebo Tax/Census divisions completely.  
Objects of Patrol 1. Routine Administration Patrol.  
2. Collection of Taxes and Census revision for the year 1960.  
3. Gave extensive talks of Native Local Government participation  
in the Legislative Council Elections.  
Date Patrol Commenced 8.12.60 Date Completed 21.12.60  
Duration—days 14 days - Camped out on the job only for 7 nights.

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

- 1. Applications for S.A.P.s (38-1-3) 36 - 3 - 1.
- 2. Anomaly of villages in the Bahgo Tax/Census division being found in the Iline Native Local Government Council (1-1-1) and vice versa. 7 - 1 - 1
- 3. Deceased Native Estate (Tombovo) (28-8-1) 9 - 4 - 2
- 4. Deceased Native Estate (Mauna) (28-8-1) 9 - 4 - 2
- 5. Ex-Servicemen's Land Scheme (Honga) (35-7-2) 14 - 1 - 2(A).
- 6. Contingency Voucher (Mr Irwin's camping allowance.)
- 7. Contingency Voucher (Mr Bentinck's camping allowance.)

  
R.A.J. BENTINCK.  
Assistant District Officer's Signature.

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

  
District Officer.

PATROL NO 3 / 60 - 61.

KOKODA SUB DISTRICT = NORTHERN DISTRICT.

AREA PATROLLED :

The Fahinaembo and Kahinaembo Tax/Census sub divisions. Also the Songe and Umokombu census divisions which only consist of 5 villages in all.

PATROL DIARY:

8.12.60.

Left Kokoda station by landrover about 0900 and arrived at Asisi village about 1230. Inspected the village and revised the Census figures. The Native Medical Orderly accompanying the patrol inspected the people for sores and sickness.

Village clean 13 houses in good repair.  
Births noted = 10 Deaths - Nil  
Labour potential = 30 Men away at work = 13 ( about 43% )  
The village has a N.L.G. Councillor in it - young and not very impressive.  
NMO treated 10 small sores.  
These people have 12 Cacao gardens - they make about £ 12 every three weeks when they sell their cacao pods to the Agriculture Department.  
One SAP application investigated here.  
A query was raised by a native Isoro about a deceased native estate of Tombovo, RFO member who perished at Higsturu station during the Lamington eruption. ( See Memo 9 - 4 - 2.)  
People advised to plant more cacao gardens and thus advance economically.  
Talks were given of Native Local Government participation in the coming Legislative Council Elections.  
Camped at Asisi for the night.

9.12.60.

Left Asisi by 0730 to work at Bothu, Evasusu and Sorape villages on the other side of the Kumusi river.

Evasusu - Village cleaned for the patrol.

9 houses in good repair - ordered that 3 new houses to be finished in 6 months time.  
Births = 1 Deaths = Nil  
Labour potential = 25 Men away at work = 7 ( 28% )  
One NLG Councillor looks after both Bothu and Sorape villages.  
NMO treated 8 small sores - 1 TU case ordered to be taken to Kokoda hospital.  
One NLG Councillor looks after Evasusu village.  
Cacao - 11 individual gardens and 1 communal garden. Advised against communal gardens, pressed for more individual gardens.  
2 SAP applications investigated here. ( See memo 36 - 3 - 1. )

Bothu -

Village clean for the patrol  
16 houses in good repair.  
Births = 4 Deaths = 3  
Labour potential = 19 Men away at work = 3 ( 16% )  
NMO treated 12 small sores.  
Cacao = 8 individual gardens.  
2 SAP applications received here and investigated.

Sorape -

Village clean - 10 houses, all in good repair.  
Births = 2 Deaths = 1  
Labour potential = 15 Men away at work = 6 ( 40% )  
NMO treated 6 small sores.

Cacao - 7 individual gardens and 1 communal garden.  
1 SAP application investigated here.  
These two villages, Sorape and Bothu have only one NLG Councillor to look after them. He lives at Bothu.

Returned late in the evening to camp at Asisi rest house.  
A native Ereri of Bothu had a query ( See Memo 9 - 4 - 2. )

10.12.60.

Left Asisi 0700 hours arrived at Sirorata 0830. Inspected village and revised Census figures. NMO gave people gathered a medical check.

Village clean for the patrol. 31 houses all in good repair.  
Births 12 Deaths = 7  
Total Population = 210  
Labour Potential = 44 Men away at work = 16 ( 36.3% )  
NMO treated 20 small sores and 5 TTs were ordered to Kokoda hospital for treatment.

An Anglican Mission church and school found in the village. The school has 30 students and has 2 classes ( Standard 1 and Class 1 )  
Cacao - 20 individual gardens, 1 communal garden.  
These people do a bit of pit sawing and sell the locally cut timber to Mr Ross. According to the Tax/ Census Book of Papua supplied to this station by DNA, headquarters there are three villages marked as in the Songe sub division, but today they have all combined and they call themselves Sirorata.  
Collected 10/- tax here.

Left Sirorata about 1430 and walked back to Asisi in an 1 1/2 hours time.  
Left Asisi by landrover to get back to Kokoda station to attend to any important business come in .

12.12.60.

Left Kokoda station by landrover about 0900 hours and arrived at the Divuni Creek about 1200. Picked carriers here and walked to Haki village. Inspected both Haki and Hamara villages, which are only ten minutes from each other. Revised Census and picked up tax. NMO did a medical check of all present.

Haki village -

Village clean 16 houses in good repair, 5 new houses ordered to be finished in 3 months time.  
Total Population = 121.  
Births = 6 Deaths = 4  
Labour potential = 26 Men away at work = 12 ( 46% )  
Tax collected here = £ 1 - 10 - 0  
NMO treated 7 small sores.

Cacao - 12 individual gardens, 1 communal garden.  
An Administration school is situated a few minutes walk away from Haki. It was closed due to Christmas holidays. This school has two native teachers and takes children through from Standard 1 to 4. Children from Haki and Hamara villages only attend this school. They have about 40 students.  
5 applications for SAPs were investigated on the spot.

Hamara village -

Village clean 16 houses in good repair, 3 new ones ordered to be finished in 3 months time ; 4 ordered to be rethatched.  
Total population = 148.  
Births = 7 Deaths = 2  
Labour potential = 36 Men away at work = 20 ( 56% )  
Tax collected = £ 4 - 10 - 0  
NMO treated 8 small sores.

Coffee - these people have 9 individual gardens.  
Cacao - they have only one communal garden.  
2 SAP applications investigated here.  
Honga's Certificate of Eligibility ( See Memo 14 - 1 - 2A ) sighted and advice given.  
Camped at the Haki rest house for the night.

13.12.60.

Left Haki at 0700 hours, arrived at Koropata 0900 hours. Moved on to Hungiri arrived there 1300 hours. Urarisusu people were already waiting for the patrol at Hungiri.

Urarisusu village -

This village is situated on the other side of the Kumusi river and belongs to the Higaturu Council.

Total population = 80

Births = 3

Deaths = 2

Labour potential = 25

Men away at work = 8 ( 32 % )

Cacao - only one communal garden.

Rubber - produced from the few trees that these people have is sold to Awala plantation.

Children from this village go to the Divinkoiari Mission school.

NMO treated 4 small sores.

Hungiri village -

Village - cleaned for the patrol

Houses 10 in good repair, 10 ordered to be renovated in 2 months.

Total population = 77

Births = Nil

Deaths = Nil

Labour potential = 24

Men away at work = 9 ( 3.7 % )

NMO treated 16 small sores and one woman was ordered to be taken to Kokoda hospital.

Cacao - one communal garden

Coffee - 11 individual gardens.

Rubber - produced spasmodically by people, sold to Awala plantation.

Children are not sent to any school at all because of their situation. They might send their children to the Ajaka school when it is built.

Tax collected = £ 1.

1 SAP application investigated here.

Camped at Hungiri rest House for the night.

14.12.60.

The Kumusi river in flood from the night's rain, so the patrol could not go across to visit and inspect Urarisusu village. Patrol left Hungiri 0730 hours arrived Koropata 1130 hours. Inspection and census work done here.

Village - not cleaned, kumusi grass almost covering the houses. Get the people to clean immediately.

Road from the Koropata - Hungiri boundary not cleaned for years ( See Memo 7 - 1 - 1 of 29.12.60 )

Houses - 24 ~~6~~ ordered to be rethatched in 2 months time.

Total population = 156.

Births = 8

Deaths = 7

Labour potential = 39

Men away at work = 17 ( 44 % )

NMO treated 10 small sores.

Cacao - 2 communal gardens.

Coffee - 27 individual gardens.

Rubber - 3 gardens, produce sold to Awala plantation. If trees are tapped regularly these people could make good money.

Koropata people and the NLCCouncillor told the ADO that they had already submitted their applications for SAPs at the other Koropata village across the Kumusi when a DNA officer from Pogodetta visited that village. ( See

Memo 36 - 3 - 1 )



Camped at Koropata rest house.

15.12.60.

Patrol left Koropata about 0700 hours walked through to the Divuni Creek, then boarded the landrover and moved on to Hojaki village. Inspected the village revised Census figures.

Village cleaned for the patrol.

Five houses all small but in good repair.

Total population = 26

Births = 2

Labour potential = 8

NMO treated 4 small sores.

Cacao gardens - 1 individual.

Deaths = 1

Men away at work = 4 ( 50% )

Left Hojaki and arrived at Hojavohambo village about 1200 hours. Inspected and did census revision.

Village cleaned for patrol.

Houses = 12 ; ordered 5 to be renovated in three months time.

Total population = 71

Births = 5

Labour potential = 20

NMO treated 8 small sores and one patient ordered to Kokoda hospital for treatment TUs.

Cacao = 12 individual gardens.

Children usually go to the Anglican Mission School at Eiwo a fewmiles away.

Collected £ 2 in tax here.

2 SAPs applications investigated here.

Left Hojavohambo and arrived at Papaki. Did work here.

Village clean and tidy for the patrol

Houses = 15 ; 2 ordered to be renovated, all the rest in good repair.

Total population = 199.

Births = ~~12~~ 17

Labour potential = ~~24~~ 43

NMO treated 6 small sores.

Cacao gardens - 12 individual ones, 1 communal

Rubber - village people have a few rubber trees that they tap and sell the produce to either Mamba or Mr Ross.

No Mission school or church in village ; children usually go to Eiwo school.

Collected £ 1 - 10 - 0 tax here.

7 SAP applications investigated here.

Left Papki village and came to Ilimo village. This is a new village consisting of Afa and Inge villages. It is situated very near the Ilimo Council Chambers. Did census and tax work here.

Village cleaned for the patrol

Houses = 15 Two new ones to be completed in two months time.

Total population = 130.

Births = 12

Labour potential = 24

NMO treated 8 small sores here.

Cacao = 8 individual gardens, one communal.

Rubber - produces very little.

4 SAP applications investigated.

Collected £ 1 tax here.

Camped at Ilimo rest house for the night.

16.12.60.

Left Ilimo 0700 hours, arrived at Ambeni by landrover. Worked here.







2. Schools - In the areas visited there are 5 Anglican Mission schools - four of them Saga, Kapara, Gorari and Sirorata are Exempt schools while the Eiwo school is a Recognised School. There are also two Administration schools - one at Haki or as it is usually called "The Hamara school." and the other at Kokoda station itself. Another Administration school will be going up shortly at Ilimo.
3. Legislative - Extensive talks were given at each village visited of Council Local Government participation in the coming Legislative Council Elections. Those who heard the talks did not seem impressed as the concepts seemed too high for them and the situation did not seem to register properly. Anyhow the ADO, Kokoda will persevere in giving these talks to all and sundry.

4. Villages - On this patrol many new villages were seen (ie :- villages formed by two or three villages combining.) They are as follows:-

ILIMO - made up of Afa and Inge.

WAJU - made up of Waju and Honjeta.

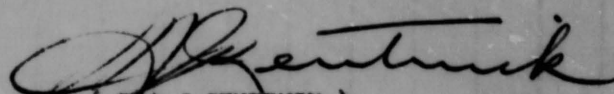
SISIRETA - made up of Sisireta and Nambisota.

SAGA - made up of Saga and Botue.

KOKODA - has left its old position and taken up a new one on the Ilimo - Kokoda road near the Mambare river. They want to call the village "Mamba".

The ADO, Kokoda has had experience of these combined villages in other parts of the Territory that he looks upon these without confidence. Any time they might split up and form their old component parts. The ADO has not revised the Tax/ Census sheets held in the Kokoda office, for the reason just given, but if the District Officer instructs that this be done immediately, it shall so be done.

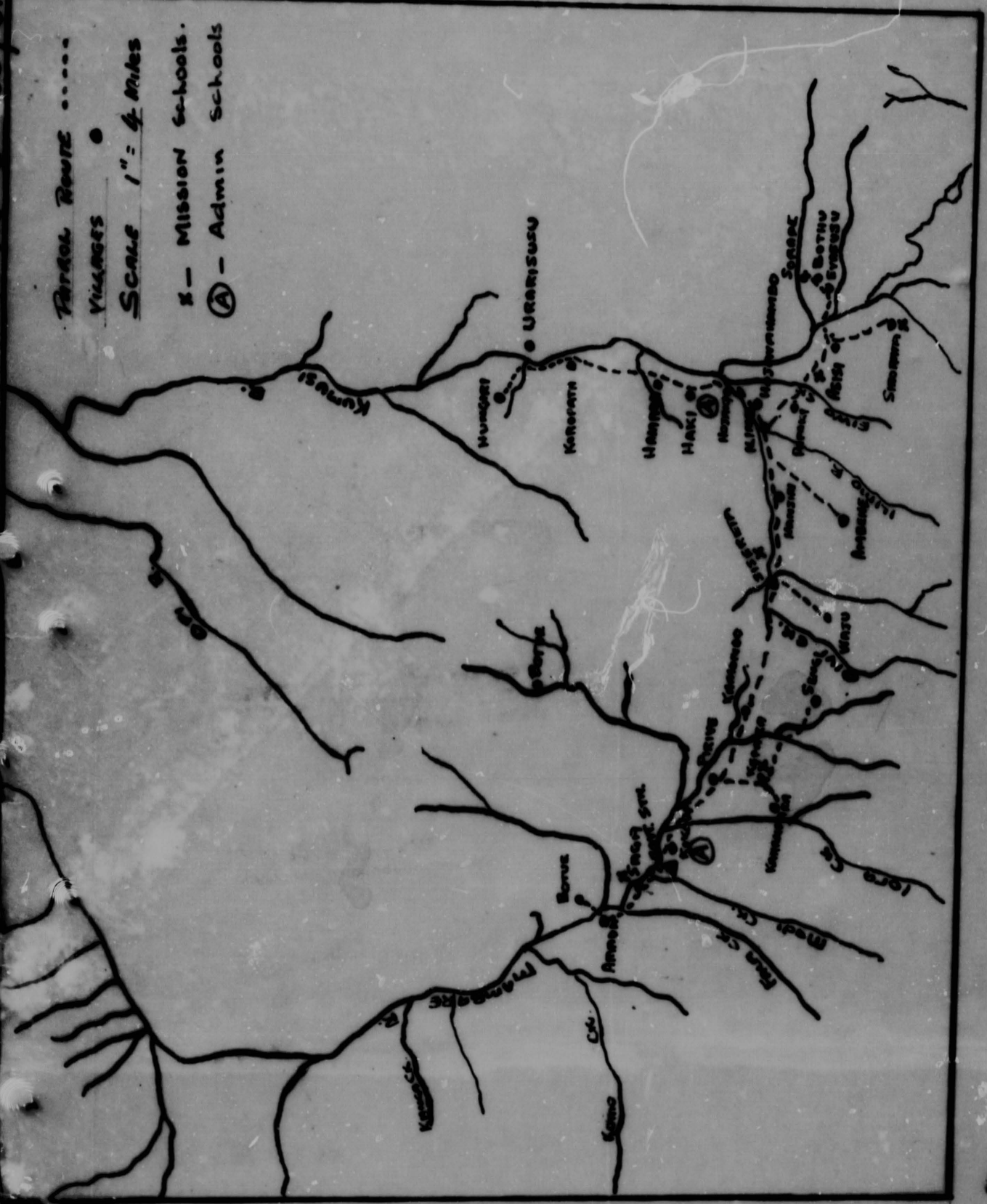
5. Tax - The amount of tax collected on this patrol = £ 22 - 10 - 0. As the Council tax is only 30/- per adult male, those men who had worked outside their villages paid 10/- per man. Those who had worked outside their villages for the years 1958 to 1960 and had not paid the Personal Tax of 10/- (but had regularly paid their Council Tax of 30/-) paid it this time and the Tax/ Census sheets in the office are brought right up to date.
6. Agriculture - People everywhere were advised to plant larger cacao gardens and to make them all individual gardens not communal ones.

  
(R.A.J. BENTINCK.)  
Assistant District Officer.

Patrol No 3-60/61

Patrol Map

Patrol Route -----  
 Villages ●  
 Scale 1" = 4 Miles  
 X - Mission Schools.  
 (A) - Admin Schools





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN - Kokoda. Report No. 4/60-61

Patrol Conducted by.....

Area Patrolled.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 23/2/1961 to 4/3/1961

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol.....

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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*District Commissioner*

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

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

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

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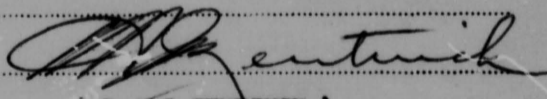
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MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No. 4/60-61 Subdistrict WOKODA District NORTHERN  
Officer Conducting Patrol R.A.J. Bentinck (ADO) and C. Manney (CPO)  
Aid Post Orderly Alan accompanied.  
Census Division Patrolled Lower Chirima Tax/Census sub division completely  
Objects of Patrol  
1. Routine Administration Work.  
2. Collection of Taxes for the year 1961.  
3. Revision of Census figures for 1961.  
Date Patrol Commenced 23/2/61 Date Completed 4/3/61  
Duration—days 10 days — Camped out on the job for 9 nights.

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

1. Applications for S.A.P.s 38-1-5  
28-2-4
2. Kanga people want to start Coffee or Cacao culture 17-2-1
3. Contingency Vouchers (Camping Allowance for Messrs Bentinck and Manney.)
4. V.C's Record of Service - Recommendation for appt new V.C.
5. V.C's Record of Service - Advice of Iworo's resignation.

  
( R.A.J. BENTINCK. )  
Assistant District Officer.  
Patrolling Officer's Signature.

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

District Officer.



PATROL NO. 4-60/61 = KOKODA. N.D.

AREA PATROLLED - THE LOWER CHIRIMA  
(6 Villages in all)

PATROL DIARY

23.2.1961 - Left Kokoda station by Landrover about 0900 hours and arrived at the KOMO River. From here the patrol party and carriers set off on foot. Arrived at Kanga village about noon. Inspected the village, collected tax and revised the Census figures. The Aid Post Orderly accompanying the patrol inspected the people for sores and treated those he could.

Village clean

Total population this time - 28

Births - Nil

Labour potential - 6

Tax collected - £1

7 houses in good repair

Total last census - 29 (decrease of 1)

Deaths - 2

Men away at work - 3 (50%)

Taxable males - 6

The village constable of this village has a gun and one other man applied for a licence. The ADO did not recommend as the population does not warrant 2 guns.

HEALTH - good. Three small sores treated on patrol. In the past few years some sort of bowel complaint seems to have decimated these people. Although they are not too far away from Kokoda they will not bring their sick in for treatment. The native Aid Post orderly from Asimba does constant patrolling among these Lower Chirima people, but they hide in the bush when he arrives on his patrols.

Camped at Kanga for the night.

24.2.61 - Left Kanga at 0715 hours and arrived at Seiba at 1330 hours. Patrol did its work here.

Village clean, although people were set to cutting the grass around the Rest House. Total number of houses, 5. Ordered one to be repaired in a month. People ordered to fix the foot bridges between Kanga and Seiba in the next few days. Patrol will inspect on its return trip.

Total population this time - 18. Pop. last time, 19 (decrease of 1)

Births Nil.

Labour potential  $\frac{2}{3}$  6

Tax collected -nil

Deaths -nil

Men away at work, 1 (17%)

Taxable males -1

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One SAP application investigated here.

HEALTH - good at present. Two small sores treated. These people too have decimated by some bowel complaint. People advised to stay in the village when they hear that the NAP Orderly is on patrol checking on their health. Advised to take their sick either to Asimba Aid Post or the Hospital at Kokoda.

Camped at Seiba Rest House for the night.

25.2.61 Left Seiba about 0700 hours and arrived at Karukaru village about 1000 hours Patrol did its work here.

Village clean - but people set to cutting the grass around the Rest House.  
Houses - 15. All in good repair. Ordered 5 men to build houses for their families as they are overcrowded by many families sharing houses.

Total population this time, 116	Population last time, 117 (decrease of 1)
Births - 1	Deaths - Nil
Labour potential -36	Men away at work, 10 - (28%)
Tax collected - £12	Taxable males, 28
Total houses - 15	

HEALTH. 5 T.U. cases ordered to Kokoda hospital, 16 small sores treated at the village. From this village on, the Cirima children seem to be covered with sores and T.U.'s. People advised to be in their villages when they hear that the NAP Orderly is on his regular health check up.

The village constable KAMO-SAMBA resigned owing to old age. The newly elected man is OPU-GOPE.  
(See memo 14.3.1.)

2 SAP applications were investigated here.

A native adherent of the RC faith was given some coffee seeds by the Fathers from the IONGAI Mission and he has 212 trees growing nicely in the Karukaru area. The agriculture officer, KOKODA will be contacted to see what can be done to this man and his produce.

Camped at Karukaru Rest House for the night.

26.2.61 Rested at Karukaru, today being Sunday.

27.2.61 Left Karukaru about 0700 hours and arrived at Asimba about 0900 hours. Worked here. Samana and Korogo village people were all assembled at Asimba Rest house. Will collect tax and do census work here today and actually visit the villages tomorrow.

ASIMBA.

Total pop. this time, 96	Pop. last census, 98 (dec. of 2)
Births -2 1	Deaths - 2
Labour potential -17	Men away at work, 5 (30%)
Tax collected, £9.10.0	Taxable males - 18
Total houses, 18	All in good repair
Village and Rest House area	was cleaned for patrol.

HEALTH. Children in this area are covered with small sores and scabies. Fourteen sores dressed at the village. Seven TU's being sent to the Kokoda Hospital.

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As there is an exempt school run by the RC Mission at Asimba, the children from Asimba, Samana and Koroga villages attend school. Attendance would not be regular as the parents usually live in their gardens all the year round and only come to the village when they hear that an Administration patrol is visiting the village.

ECONOMICS - people not at all interested in cash crops. Few of their young men are working either at Mamba Estates, Kokoda or at Moresby.

SAMANA.

Total Pop. this time, 45	Last Census pop. 42 (dec. of 3).
Births - 3	Deaths - NIL
Labour potential - 15	Men away at work - 3 (20%)
Tax collected - £3	Taxable males - 8
Total houses - 9	All in good repair

HEALTH - children covered with sores and scabies. Fourteen sores dressed by the Orderly. Village officials report that their children attend the Asimba School.

People advised to be present at their villages when they hear that the APO is on patrol to check their health. All these people were advised to see that their children attended school regularly.

KOROGO

Total pop. this time - 59	Last census pop. was 57 (inc. of 2)
Births 1	Deaths Nil
Labour potential 16	Men away at work - 1 (6%)
Tax collected - £3	Taxable males 10
Total houses, 11 all in good repair. Ordered 2 new latrines to be built in two weeks time.	

HEALTH. children covered in sores and scabies. Fourteen sores dressed at the village while the patrol was in the area. One TU case ordered to be taken to Kokoda Hospital.

Village officials report that the children go to the Asimba School.

The village Buri which is really the boundary village of the Lower Chirima area, is no more as the vast majority of them died through some bowel complaints. If only these people would come to the Aid Post as soon as they know they have a bowel complaint, they could get the medicine to cure them. These people are rather primitive and will not listen to good advice. Sorcery they say, has killed of their people. Some of the Buri people have moved into the Upper Chirima village of Gorowaku and the remainder have moved into Korogo.

The old V.C. of Buri resigned his position on account of old age. No new official need be elected as there is a VC at Korogo.

The patrol camped at Asimba Rest House for the night.

28.2.61. Patrol set out to inspect Asimba, Samana and Korogo villages. The ADO Kokoda thought he might as well survey the land on which the RC Mission is situated at Asimba, but as no Mission teachers were present on the station, this work had to be abandoned till one of the European Missionaries arrived at Asimba. Native owners of the land were spoken to, and they seemed very anxious to have the Mission at Asimba.

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They were willing to take whatever price the Administration offered them for the land.

Camped at Asimba Rest House for the night.

1.3.61. The ADO Kokoda, heard six native Court cases - all were charged under Reg.115(2) - (i.e. neglecting to take their children for medical treatment although they had been ordered to do so by their village constable.) Five men received gaol sentences, one mother received a fine.

The patrol moved back to Karukaru village. Inspected road work on the way back.

Heard a Court Case at Karukaru under Reg.84(2) - Adultery - the defendant received a gaol sentence of three months.

Heavy rain set in, and the patrol camped at the Rest House for the night.

2.3.61 - The patrol moved back to Seiba village in the rain. Roadwork inspected on the way back. The people had finished the jobs set them.

Heavy rain, so patrol camped at the Rest House for the night.

3.3.61 - The patrol moved back to Kanga village (6 hour walk) Camped here.

4.3.61 - Patrol arrived back at Kokoda station having completed the Lower Chirima patrol.

General remarks about the patrol

1. Census - These people are decreasing in numbers year by year. They have an Aid Post at Asimba but will not take their sick to it.  
Total births - 7      Total deaths - 4  
(since last census)  
The percentage of men away at work is not high at all.
2. Taxes - The ADO addressed the people gathered at each village about taxation before really collecting it. The few exemptions asked for were granted. The men paid their tax without any trouble.  
Tax Total collected on this patrol - £28.10.0
3. Villages - All villages were cleaned for the patrol. Where overcrowding in houses was observed the ADO gave orders for each family to have its own house built.
4. Labour - Young men in these villages seem to prefer to stay at home. Very few have gone out to work.
5. Roads and Bridges - Road are being fairly well maintained, but orders were given for quite a few foot bridges to be repaired.
6. Health - The people are dying off from bowel complaints. The AP and Kokoda Hospital has large quantities of sulphaguanadine which will cure these complaints, but the people will not come to take advantage of these aids to health. The children are covered with sores and scabies. The native AP Orderly reports that the people refuse to

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congregate for him to inspect them when he is on patrol.

7. SAPS. These people have no money, so the number of applications were few.

8. Cash Crops. Only the Kanga people have asked that the Agriculture Officer Kokoda, send them some of his native assistants to help them start planting cacao or coffee. These Kanga people have a few rubber trees in their area and they sell their rubber to Mamba Estates. All the rest of the Chirima people seen were not at all interested in bettering themselves by growing cash crops. They are afraid of the long distances their products will have to be carried before they make a penny.

R.A.J. Bentinck.  
ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER.

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District Office,  
POPONDETTA. Northern District.

5th May, 1961.

The Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-District Office,  
KOKODA. NORTH BR DISTRICT.

PATROL NO. 4/60-61 - LOWER CHIRIMA.

Thank you for the report of the above patrol.

It is apparent that the general health of the Lower Chirima people is not good and that the people are reluctant to seek medical treatment. However, since the census in 1959, the overall population trend has shown a favourable turn from the decreases recorded annually prior to then. The natural increase since December 1959, has been at the rate of slightly less than .8 percent. It is to be hoped that this marks the end of the decline in population in this area. Continued propaganda, patrolling by medical staff and when warranted, resort to action such as you took at ASIMBA Village on this patrol should result in a gradual improvement.

The readiness with which the people paid their tax is gratifying, and no doubt your addresses to them on the purposes of taxation prior to collecting it contributed towards this.

Inaccessibility to cash crop markets does present difficulties as far as these people are concerned, but it is a problem which has to be faced by many people throughout the Territory. The Lower Chirima people are no worse off than some people in such areas who are already growing cash crops. Eventually when their desire for advancement is sufficient, they will accept this as part of the price they have to pay for a higher standard of living. As the Lower Chirimas are still apparently a comparatively primitive people, it will take time for them to fully appreciate this, but the fact that the KANSA village people are now showing a desire to commence cash crop gardens indicates a beginning. I have referred your letter concerning this to the District Agricultural Officer and his reply has already gone forward to you.

*[Signature]*  
(L.W. Bailey)  
Actg. DISTRICT OFFICER.

c.c. The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KOMODOBU. Papua.