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1957/58

EAST SEPIK DISTRICT

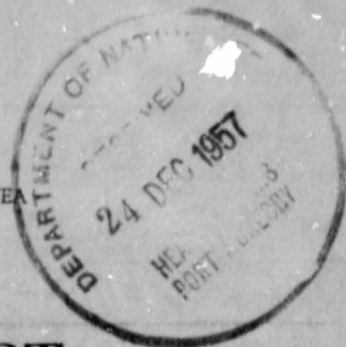
MAPRIK PATROL REPORTS 1957/58

<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer</u> conducting Patrol.	<u>Area Patrolled.</u>
2-57/58	J.G. O'Brien	South Wosera Sub. Div.
4-57/58	R.D. Donovan	Tamaui Sub. Div. Maprik
6-57/58	R.G. Twigg	Wora Census Sub. Div
Nuku 1-57/58	G.D. Oakes	Palei- Maimai

MOPESBY



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



PATROL REPORT

District of SEPIK Report No. NUKU No. 1 - 57/58

Patrol Conducted by GEORGE D. OAKES, PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled PALEI - MAIMAI.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans -

Natives 45

Duration—From 5 / 4 / 1957 to 51 / 7 / 1957

Number of Days 92 214

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 2 / 1957

Medical 7 / 1857

Map Reference Aitape Sheet 4 miles to 1 inch.

Objects of Patrol Initial 3 months of establishment of NUKU Patrol Post.

Consolidation of Influence in Palei-Mai Urai

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MOPESBY.

Forwarded, please.

District Commissioner

16/12/1957

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

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

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

9-13		Over 13		Females in Child Birth
M	F	M	F	

30-11-102

10th January, 1958.

The District Officer,
Sepik District,
MAIMAI.

PATROL REPORT NO.1 - 1957/58 : NIUKU.

Receipt of the above mentioned patrol report is
acknowledged with thanks.

The improvement in the attitude of the people must
be, I feel, attributed to Mr. Gaken's good work.

The matter of funds is being dealt with in separate
correspondence.

It is most gratifying to note really material pro-
gress in an area such as Maimai.

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

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Mr. Dickenson
The file just came
today. A.D.O. Lumi already has cash fund
certificates for \$600 and I propose issuing a
further \$100 in the final quarter. I hope to be able
to issue further stores funds after the next
Leg's meeting - provided our
proposals are accepted.
3/11

30/11/102 ✓

Assistant District Officer,
LUMI.

c.c. The Director,

16th December 1957

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WEW.NUKU P/R.
1-57/58/1248.

Department of Native Affairs,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

16th December, 1957.

Assistant District Officer,
LUMI.

PATROL REPORT NUKU No. 1 of 57/58.

The difference between Palei-Maimai people I saw in the Dreikikir and Seim area in 1956 and the same people I have seen on my three visits to NUKU over the last two months is astonishing. Whereas before they were naturally hostile and non-co-operative, even with the Administration, they are now, at least on the surface, friendly and helpful toward one another and anxious to aid the government as far as possible. This change can be attributed in no uncertain measure to the constant mingling resulting from their working together for a common purpose on the airstrip and to the leadership and enthusiasm shown by Mr. Oakes.

It is essential that we consolidate and foster the present good relationship existing between the people and ourselves and the District Commissioner is endeavouring to obtain money for the construction of the strip so that we can make the token payments promised.

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As I have written elsewhere, £800. has been allotted this year in a Cash Certificate for the construction of NUKU and £200. of this has been received. I am writing to the Director to have some of this amount transferred to a Stores Certificate.

After inspecting the strip last Friday, there is no doubt that the Airport Inspector will approve it for Norsemen during his next visit towards the end of January. However, it will not be opened until Mr. Oakes' relief arrives.

Recommendations have been made to change the two Palei-Maimai Census Divisions into six Divisions. This will not only make administration and collection easier but it will also mean that each Division can be patrolled in 7 to 10 days. The question of the boundary villages is to be deferred until further investigation has been carried out by both Ambunti and Maprik officers.

I have seen the proposed plan of the new station and now confirm my verbal approval.

Mr. Oakes has carried out a difficult and technical task with skill and application and is to be commended, especially as his living conditions have been so bad.

(F.P. Kaad)
a/District Officer.

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

Assistant District Officer,

- 2 -

16th December, 1957.

c.c. The Director, D.N.A., Port Moresby.

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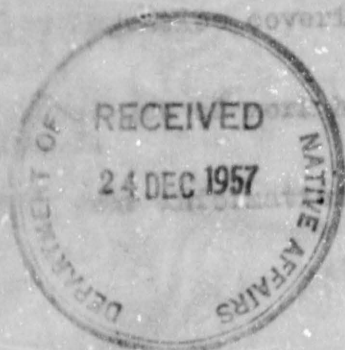
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The Report gives some idea of the tremendous amount of work so far carried out by these people and I believe it justified my recommendation that these people be exempted from tax this year. Not only are they doing so well on the 'drome but they have also started the construction of graded roads in their areas. Any monies we receive for airstrip construction will allow token payments only.

The investigation of the land upon which the Post is sited has been completed and the papers are now with the A.D.C. Lusi.

The Camping Allowance claims attached cover more than the prescribed 90 days in all but have been made out separately to come within that limit. I am afraid that it is my fault that special exemption has not been requested for Mr. Oakes before this but I was under the impression that this had been done by my predecessor at the due date in July.

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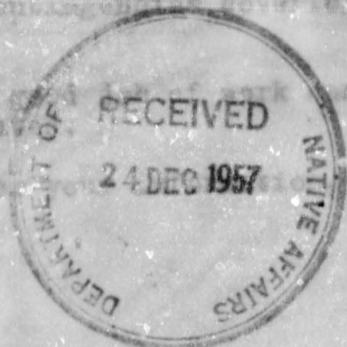
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Enclosed are several copies of the report.

[Signature]

(F.P. Kaad)
a/District Officer.



Vertical text on the left margin, including "LUMI", "The", "Sep", "WPA", "in the", "have", "as", "and", "now", "another", "This", "constant", "common", "entire", "present", "exercise", "obtain", "make", "altered", "of NUKU", "to the", "Scores", "no doubt", "bury", "will not", "Lumi-Kai", "not only", "also", "The", "further", "and", "with", "special", "D.C.", "LUMI".

LUM 30-1

Sub-district Office,
LUMI?
Sepik District.

3rd December, 1957.

The District Officer,
Sepik District,
WEWAK.

Patrol Report NUKU No.1 of 57/58.

Attached is the above patrol report submitted by Patrol Officer G.D.Oakes.

The report covers periods of patrol as well as airstrip construction.

The Palei-Maimai area has been sadly neglected in the past and the concentrated efforts since November, 1956 have definitely had good effect.

Mr. Oakes has had experience in the Southern Highlands on airstrip work and this experience proved valuable in his work at NUKU.

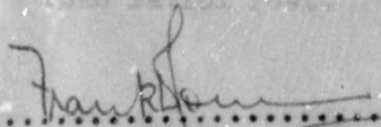
The work carried out has been very extensive and the results are satisfactory. A recent report by the Airport Inspector lays down further work to be carried out.

It is hoped that funds for the construction of the station and and to cover token payments for construction work will be made available.

Contingencies covering camping allowance are enclosed with the report.

A good job of work has been done and Mr. Oakes is to be congratulated.

For your information, please.


.....
Frank D. Jones, A.D.O.

Territory of Papua and New Guinea.

Nuku Patrol Post,
Lumi Sub District,
SEPIK DISTRICT.

4th November, 1957.

The Assistant District Officer,
LUMI.

Nuku Patrol Report No. 1 of 1957/58.

Patrol Conducted by:

George D. Oakes, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled:

Palei - Maimai.

Map Reference:

Aitape Sheet - 4 miles to 1 in.
(Also map accompanying Lumi
Patrol Report No.6 - 1956/57).

Personnel Accompanying Patrol:

Police who have been attached
to the patrol for varying
periods (See Appendix "A") :

Reg. No.	7228	Const.	GULONG
"	"	9070	" KURUBAL
"	"	9184	" Kaga
"	"	9212	" MONUP
"	"		L/Cpl PAIHEKI
"	"	7010	" ASIAS
"	"	7624	Const. DUARI
"	"	1347	" ANIS
"	"		" BRIERIPI
"	"		" IPA
"	"		L/Cpl WADONIA

Carriers, when required, varied.

Duration of Patrol:

5-4-57 to 4-11-57 - 214 days.

Last Patrol to Area:

DNA - Jan. - Feb. 1957
PHD + Aug. - Sept. 1957.

Objects of Patrol:

Initial establishment of
NUKU Patrol Post.

Introduction.

Diary. The primary object of this patrol was to consolidate Administration influence in the Palei-Maimai; to put in the levels for the proposed airstrip and carry out the preliminary work connected with the construction of the Patrol Post to be commenced in the 1957/58 financial year.

On arrival in the NUKU area I made it plain that the Station could not be constructed until the airstrip was completed and that at the moment we had neither money for the airstrip nor the station. In other words, although I would remain in the area on a standing patrol I could do nothing about a permanent establishment until further funds were received.

The assembled officials of the area held a meeting and then sent a deputation saying that they realised the position but that they were very anxious to have the Post firmly established and that they and their people would work on the strip immediately. I pointed out that there was no money to pay them but they still decided to get on with the work. In regard to eventual payment the people were told that the station and strip were really for their benefit and that although they would receive some monies they could not expect to be paid as full-time workers. It was on this understanding that the work commenced.

SURINOSTA. The natives of the Palei-Maimai have been very co-operative especially the people who live very close to NUKU, namely the MAKARU and YILAWAMBIL Groups. These groups have done a superb job in supplying food to more distant villages and in working themselves.

To date approximately 2500 individual males including representatives from every village in the Palei-Maimai, have helped in the construction of the airstrip. When it is realised that the censused population of the Palei-Maimai is 15,300 it will be seen that nearly all the able-bodied menfolk have partaken at sometime or later in the work. The daily average attendance has been between 500 and 600.

Wednesday, 10th April.
Diary.

Friday, 5th April.
At NUKU. Word sent around to all villages in the Palei
Main... into NUKU and commence work on the
airstrip. Strip attendance - 50 (from MAKARU Group).
Departed LUMI with 45 carriers and proceeded
via MILIOM, TELOTEI, KEIBAM and BIN to YILI where camp
was made.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 185.
Walking time LUMI - YILI - 6 hours.

Friday, 6th April.

At NU Broke camp YILI and proceeded via PIEM, WULUKUM
and YANKOK to NINGIL where camp was made.

Saturday, 13th April.

Walking time YILI - NINGIL - 5 hours.

Sunday, 7th April.
At NUKU. Strip attendance - 497.
Average per day for week - 315.

Broke camp NINGIL and proceeded via YERISI to
MUNUMBUAL where we camped.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 497.
Walking time NINGIL - MUNUMBUAL - 7½ hours.

Monday, 8th April.

At NU Departed MUNUMBUAL and proceeded via BOINI to
SURIMORTA. We were forced to camp here as there were no
carriers to take us on to WONALI.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 497.
Walking time MUNUMBUAL - SURIMORTA - 3½ hours.

Tuesday, 9th April.

Broke camp SURIMORTA and proceeded via WONALI
and YIEAWAMBIL to the Rest House on the NUKU Patrol Post
Site. Made camp.

Thursday, 14th April.

Walking time SURIMORTA - NUKU - 7 hours.
At NUKU. Strip attendance - 493.

Friday, 19th April.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 388.

Saturday, 20th April.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 253.
Average per day for week - 414.

Sunday, 21st April.

At NUKU. Stayed the day.

Monday, 22nd April.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 500.

Tuesday, 23rd April.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 644.

Wednesday, 24th April.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 540.

Wednesday, 10th April.

At NUKU. Word sent around to all villages in the Palei Maimai asking them to come into NUKU and commence work on the airstrip. Strip attendance - 80 (from MAKARU Group).

Thursday, 11th April.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 185.

Friday, 12th April.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 490.

Saturday, 13th April.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 497.
Average per day for week - 313.

Sunday, 14th April.

At NUKU. Observed the day.

Monday, 15th April.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 345.

Tuesday, 16th April.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 441.

Wednesday, 17th April.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 561.

Thursday, 18th April.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 493.

Friday, 19th April.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 388.

Saturday, 20th April.

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Average per day for week - 414.

Sunday, 21st April.

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Monday, 22nd April.

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Tuesday, 23rd April.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 644.

Wednesday, 24th April.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 540.

Thursday, 25th April.

At NUKU. Strip Attendance - 497.

Friday, 26th April.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 481.

Saturday, 27th April.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 160.
Average per day for week - 471.

Sunday, 28th April.

At NUKU. Observed the day. Two police to LUMI.

Monday, 29th April.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 172.

Tuesday, 30th April.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 459.

Wednesday, 1st May.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 536.

Thursday, 2nd May.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 669.

Friday, 3rd May.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 551.

Saturday, 4th May.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 320.
Average per day for week - 451.

Sunday, 5th May.

At NUKU. Observed the day.

Monday, 6th May.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 515. Two police arrived from LUMI.

Tuesday, 7th May.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 592.

Wednesday, 8th May.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 596.

Thursday, 9th May.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 590.

Friday, 10th May.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 574.

Saturday, 11th May.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 300.
Average per day for week - 528.

Sunday, 12th May.

At NUKU. Observed the day.

Monday, 13th May.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 382.

Tuesday, 14th May.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 529. Two policemen to LUMI.

Wednesday, 15th May.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 495.

Thursday, 16th May.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 688.

Friday, 17th May.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 483.

Saturday, 18th May.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 159.
Average per day for week - 456.

Sunday, 19th May.

At NUKU. Observed the day.

Monday, 20th May.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 576.

Tuesday, 21st May.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 645.

Wednesday, 22nd May.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 692.

Thursday, 23rd May.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 633.

Friday, 24th May.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 575.

Saturday, 25th May.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 333.
Average per day for week - 576.

Sunday, 26th May.

At NUKU. Observed the day.

Monday, 27th May.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 604.

Tuesday, 28th May.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 720.

Wednesday, 29th May.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 643.

Thursday, 30th May.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 660.

Friday, 31st May.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 641.

Saturday, 1st June.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 240.
Average pre day for week - 585.

Sunday, 2nd June.

At NUKU. Observed the day.

Monday, 3rd June.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 662.

Tuesday, 4th June.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 683.

Wednesday, 5th June.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 622.

Thursday, 6th June.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 551.

Friday, 7th June.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 544.

Saturday, 8th June.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 290.
Average per day for week - 560.

Sunday, 9th June.

At NUKU. Observed the day.

Monday, 10th June.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 762.

Tuesday, 11th June.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 811.

Wednesday, 12th June.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 649.

Thursday, 13th June.

Departed and proceeded to AWES Rest House where a misunderstanding ~~where~~ between a native recruiter and villagers was settled out of court.

Strip attendance at NUKU - 415.

Walking time - Nuku - Awes 2½ hours.

Friday, 14th June.

Left AWES and returned to NUKU.

Strip attendance at NUKU - 428.

In afternoon policemen arrived from LUMI with a message from Mr. Jones, A.D.O., asking me to proceed to LUMI for the Minister for Territories, Mr. Hasluck and his official party's visit.

Saturday, 15th June.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 265.

Average per day for week - 555.

Sunday, 16th June.

At NUKU. Observed the day.

Monday, 17th June.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 650.

Tuesday, 18th June.

Departed NUKU with 15 carriers and commenced journey to LUMI. Made camp at WALGON Rest House.

Walking time Nuku - Walgon 6 hours.

Wednesday, 19th June.

Departed WALGON and proceeded to YERISI where camp was made.

Walking time Walgon - Yerisi 7½ hours.

Thursday, 20th June.

Departed YERISI and proceeded to WULUKUM where camp was made.

Walking time Yerisi - Wulukum 9 hours.

Friday, 21st June.

Departed WULUKUM and proceeded to LUMI. Reported to Mr. Jones, A.D.O. on arrival.

Walking time Wulukum - Lumi 9 hours.

Saturday, 22nd June to Wednesday, 17th July.

At LUMI.

Thursday, 18th July.

Departed LUMI with 65 carriers and proceeded to YILI where camp was made.

Walking time Lum1 - Yili 6 hours.

Friday, 19th July.

Departed YILI and proceeded to NINGIL where we camped the night.

Walking time Yili - Ningil 6½ hours.

Saturday, 20th July.

Departed NINGIL and proceeded to YERISI.

Walking time Ningil - Yerisi 4 hours.

Sunday, 21st July.

Departed YERISI and proceeded to BOINI. At BOINI met Mr. S. Brittan, Recruiter who had recruited approximately 25 boys in the Palei - Mairai.

Walking time Yerisi - Boini 5 hours.

Monday, 22nd July.

Departed BOINI and proceeded to NUKU. Found approximately 150 natives working on the airstrip.

Walking time Boiri - Nuku 9 hours.

Tuesday, 23rd July.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - approx. 100.

Mr. Buxton, E.M.A., arrived to carry out Anti Yaws Survey of MAKARU Villages.

Wednesday, 24th July.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - approx. 100.

Thursday, 25th July.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - approx. 100.

Friday, 26th July.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - approx. 100.

Mr. Buxton, E.M.A., Dreikikir, departed for SEIM.

Saturday, 27th July.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - approx. 150.

Sunday, 28th July.

At NUKU. Observed the day.

Monday, 29th July.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - approx. 200.

Tuesday, 30th July.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - approx. 200. Inspected proposed boundaries of Government Land.

Wednesday, 31st July.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - approx. 200. Spent another day inspecting proposed boundaries of Government Land.

Thursday, 1st August.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - approx. 200. Self inspecting proposed boundaries of Government Land.

Friday, 2nd August.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - approx. 200.

Saturday, 3rd August.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - approx. 150.

Sunday, 4th August.

At NUKU. Observed the day.

Monday, 5th August.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 808.

Tuesday, 6th August.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 1020.

Wednesday, 7th August.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 827.

Thursday, 8th August.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 895.

Friday, 9th August.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 877.

Saturday, 10th August.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 419.

Sunday, 11th August.

At NUKU. Observed the day.

Monday, 12th August.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 939.

Tuesday, 13th August.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 966.

Wednesday, 14th August.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 1002. Self on land survey.

Thursday, 15th August.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 838. Self on land survey.

Friday, 16th August.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 811.

Saturday, 17th August.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 548.

Sunday, 18th August.

At NUKU. Observed the day.

Monday, 19th August.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 1325.

Tuesday, 20th August.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 1533.

Wednesday, 21st August.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 1173.

Thursday, 22nd August.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 1254.

Friday, 23rd August.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 1339. Mr. H. Carra, E.M.A. Aitape arrived during the afternoon.

Saturday, 24th August.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 1170.

Sunday, 25th August.

At NUKU. Observed the day.

Monday, 26th August.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - about 400. Mr. Carra departed for WONALI and SELEPUT.

Tuesday, 27th August.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - about 400. Mr. Carra returned from WONALI.

Wednesday, 28th August.

Mr. Carra, E.M.A. and self departed NUKU for VEI'I where camp was made.

Thursday, 29th August.

Departed VEI'I for ULAP where camp was made. Slept in a newly constructed Rest House.

Friday, 30th August.

Departed ULAP for NO-IN where camp was made. Inspected village.

Walking time Ulap - No-in 5½ hours.

Saturday, 31st August.

Departed NO-IN for SENOM (hamlet of NO-IN). Camped. During afternoon Mr. Carra carried out Anti Yaws Campaign of NO-IN people which comprise hamlets of SENOM, KILAU, WUMULU, and VUSFA.

Walking time No-in (Kilau) - Senom 2½ hours.

Sunday, 1st September.

Departed SENOM and proceeded to YIMAUWI mainly over grassland country. Made camp. Mr. Carra carried out Anti Yaws Campaign.

Walking time Senom - Yimauwi 7 hours.

Monday, 2nd September.

Mr. Carra departed for WOSAPOM while self proceeded to MAIMAI Village. Camped.

Walking time Yimauwi - Maimai 3 hours.

Tuesday, 3rd September.

Departed MAIMAI for NUKU. Enroute inspected old MAIMAI Police post.

Walking time Maimai - Nuku 4½ hours.

Wednesday, 4th September to Monday 7th October.

At NUKU. Strip attendance during this period averaged between 400 and 600, per day.

Tuesday, 8th October.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - 450. In afternoon Cessna 180 landed with the Bishop of Wewak, the Most Rev. D. Arkfeld at the controls and Mr. F. Kaad, a/D.O. Examined airstrip. Mr. Kaad addressed the assembled people before departing for WEWAK.

Wednesday, 9th October.

At NUKU. Strip attendance - about 400. Made arrangements for L/Cpl. WADONIA to supervise work on airstrip during my absence at LUMI doing the Patrol Officers Correspondence Examination.

Thursday, 10th October.

Proceeded to SEIM where Cessna picked me up and took me to LUMI.

Friday, 11th October to Friday, 1st November.

At Lumi.

Saturday, 2nd November and Sunday, 3rd November.

At Wewak.

Monday, 4th November.

Departed WEWAK at 0930 hours by Cessna for SEIM airstrip, thence proceeded overland to NUKU. Examined airstrip. About 1500 hours Cessna 180 landed NUKU with the Bishop of Wewak, the Most Rev. L. Arkfeld at controls accompanied by Mr. P. Kaad, a/D.O., Mr. R. Ungan, District Airport Inspector and Mr. Digby of Dept. of Works. Mr. Ungan carried out a dumpy level survey and examined airstrip and approach. Mr. Ungan said he proposed to open airstrip to Cessna aircraft.

Airstrip.

The construction of an airstrip has been the major work of the patrol and is now nearing completion.

Following instructions given by me to the native people during my last patrol (Lumi Patrol Report No.6 of 1956/57) the airstrip site had been cleared of undergrowth, tree stumps, pitpit and black soil at the time of my arrival in April. The site was then divided into 88 sections for each village in the Palei - Maimai according to the size and distance from Nuku of the village. Each village then commenced levelling operations on their section.

The airstrip when completed will be 250 feet wide and 800 yards long. When completed approximately 35,000 cubic yards of ground will have been moved. The strip has a cross slope of 1 in 40. I pegged out the strip on information which I learnt from Mr. Gill of D.C.A. while I was working on the Mendi airstrip in the Southern Highlands.

On the 8th October, the Bishop of Wewak, the Most Rev. L. Arkfeld, landed in a cessna 180 on the section completed at that time and was accompanied by Mr. P. Kaad, a/D.O. On 4th November, the last day this report covers, the Most Rev. L. Arkfeld, Bishop of Wewak, again landed in a Cessna 180 accompanied by Mr. P. Kaad, a/D.O., Mr. R. Ungan, District Airport Inspector and Mr. Digby, of the Dept. of Works. Mr. Ungan then proceeded with a survey of the airstrip at the conclusion of which he said he proposed to open it for use of Cessna aircraft and when further work had been completed (which I estimate will take approximately one month) he will again inspect it, and if satisfactory, open it for the use of aircraft up to the size of Junkers. The airstrip at this stage will be 660 yards long, 200 feet wide and will have a slope of approx. 8%. Later when the filled area has settled it will be opened to 250 feet width. The airstrip is of red clay, surfaced with a thin layer of black soil on which couch grass has been planted.

During most of the period the airstrip has been under construction the average attendance of native labour has been between 500 and 600 a day, although on Tuesday, 20th August, there were 1533 native men present. (See diary).

The people who have been working on the strip have frequently asked me about pay for it. I have told them there will be some pay for it which will be given to them when the work is completed. No finance has been made available for it yet but I trust some will be made available for it and the initial establishment of the station when funds are allotted in the second quarter of the 1957/58 financial year.

Native Affairs.

There is little to say under this section in this report. All villages in the Palei - Maimai have been visited earlier this year in other patrols (See Lumi Patrol Reports Nos. 3, 5, and 6 of 1956/57).

For part of the time covered by this report the Seim group have been confused and rather unco-operative (See Lumi P.R. No. 6 of 1956/57, page 15, para 6.) However, towards the end of July I had a talk with three of the Seim men who appear to have considerable influence in the area. As a result of this talk on the needs of an airstrip and the benefit the people will get from it - by way of trade stores, hospital, etc. - the three men promised to do everything possible to get their people to co-operate. They more than succeeded as the Seims have since been coming to work regularly. (The Seim Group, which contains over 2,600 people, who live in a small, closely settled area, are probably the most sophisticated people of the Palei - Maimai. Practically all the men and some of the women can speak pidgin. This area has been fairly regularly visited by patrols but it has also been the centre of cargo cultism. Before the coming of the white man they were the terror of their neighbours.)

While work on the strip has been taking place the upkeep of intervillage roads has been neglected. This will be remedied when the airstrip is finished.

The grouping together of many natives from different villages in the Palei - Maimai, especially the Maimai in the construction of the airstrip, I feel, has had a deep psychological effect on them. Natives who were previously tribal enemies have been working side by side quite happily. Also natives from vastly different areas who have met while working on the airstrip have begun bartering between each other. For example, men from Seim and men from Mukili have been exchanging pigs for dogs. Again, men from Seim have been purchasing "abus" from the Maimai people. There have also been cases where old men who have probably never strayed far from the environs of their village because of fear have voluntarily come in with their younger brothers and sons to find out what is going on at Nuku. Also women from many villages have accompanied their menfolk to Nuku. I think this aspect of the strip work will have considerable influence on the future development of the Palei - Maimai.

Boundary Villages.

Several villages to the south of the Maimai which were believed not to have been previously visited were visited during a short trip in late August. It was found that these had been previously censused from Ambunti. These are included in the No-in Village Book. These places are on the flood plain of the Sepik River. No-in is 22 hours travelling time from Ambunti and 15 hours from Nuku. The people from these places informed me that they would rather be administered from Nuku as they are cut off from Ambunti for the greater part of the year by the flooding of the Sepik River. These people also have voluntarily worked on the Nuku airstrip. Under these circumstances, I believe No-in and other villages in

the vicinity could be better administered from Nuku, once the Patrol Post is established.

I also believe that some of the villages at present administered by Dreikikir such as Wongre, Nangen and Alasami would probably also be better administered by Nuku Patrol Post. Regarding these villages, Wongre and Nangen are closely related to the Seim people and have expressed a desire to come under Nuku while Alasami is situated on the western side of the Yanda River which is often difficult to cross from the Dreikikir side due to flooding. Also two Palei villages, Wambi and Yamegil may be better administered by Dreikikir. It is suggested that an examination of the present Palei - Maimai / Dreikikir border by the O.I.C.s of the two Patrol Posts in the near future could make useful changes for the better native administration of the area.

Roads.

I understand that work has already started at Lumi on a Lumi - Nuku road. When the Nuku airstrip and station have been completed and the natives have had a rest it is proposed to commence work from the Nuku end of this road. It is also proposed to commence work on a road from Nuku to the Dreikikir boundary. When this is completed and the Palei-Maimai / Dreikikir boundary and Dreikikir is linked by road, I understand that there will be a dry weather road from Wewak to Lumi via Yangoru, Maprik, Dreikikir and Nuku. This should prove useful for the further development of this area.

Census Divisions.

At present the Palei - Maimai consists of only two census divisions - the Palei and the Maimai. Both these divisions are large in area and population. The Palei at present contains over 7,600 people (52 villages) while the Maimai contains over 7,700 (36 villages) with a possible 1,000 or so estimated uncounted population. It is suggested that these divisions be divided into smaller ones on a geographical and native culture basis so that the census of a complete division can be made at one time from Nuku at regular intervals. This would also mean that the Patrol Officer at Nuku would not be absent from the Patrol Post at long intervals at a time. This will be important if recruiters are going to establish bases at Nuku.

Suggested divisions are:-

West Palei	containing	21	villages.	Approx. pop.	2,700.
East Palei	"	16	"	"	2,300.
Seim	"	15	"	"	2,600.
Makaru-Klaplei	"	9	"	"	3,100.
Wan	"	11	"	"	1,600.
Maimai-Namblo	"	16	"	"	3,000.

See Appendix "C".

Station Buildings and Land.

To date no station buildings have been constructed. (No funds have been received as yet.) It is hoped to commence this aspect of the establishment of the Patrol Post on completion of the airstrip.

A survey of the station land has been completed and 130 acres of ground are available for purchase. A count of food trees growing on this ground is still to be done and when completed a memo. containing estimated value of land and trees will be forwarded to the Assistant District Officer, Lumi.

Station Plan.

A proposed station plan has been drawn up making allowances for Trading Allotment Leases, Residential Leases, Mission lease, Hospital, Playing area, Police and Administration Servants Quarters, Gaol, Office, European Residences, etc. The whole station will be constructed on the South West side of the airstrip. A small area has also been set aside for further extension. It is possible that more ground will be available for purchase at a later date, by the administration. Before the native people sell more ground they appear to want to make certain that the Administration is going to stay at Nuku. It is understood that several applications have already been made for Trading Allotment Leases at Nuku.

Missions.

There is only one mission operating in the area, that is the Franciscan Order of the Roman Catholic Mission. They have stations at Seim (Handaba), Makaru (Wati), Monandin and Yinugen. The establishment of a fifth station at Walgon is at present under way.

Conclusion.

This report covers the initial establishment of Nuku Patrol Post, during which period work was concentrated on the construction of an airstrip. The report concludes at the proposed opening of the airstrip to Cessna aircraft.

There were two occasions during the patrol when I was absent from Nuku. On the first occasion I went to Lumi for the Minister of Territories' official visit to the Territory and the visit of a Parliamentary Delegation. On the second occasion I also went to Lumi to prepare and sit for the Patrol Officer's Correspondence Course Examination.

The native people on the whole have been most cooperative and have assisted ably in all work required of them. To date there have been several airstrip s constructed throughout the Palei - Maimai on which small aircraft have landed. They are now looking forward eagerly to the time when a Norseman or Junkers aircraft will be able to land at Nuku. During the time the airstrip was under construction the local people brought in over 100,000 lbs. of native foods to feed the more distant villagers while they were at work.

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Appendix "A".

Nuku Patrol Report No. 1 of 1957/58.

Report on members of the Royal Papuan and New Guinea Constabulary
accompanying the Patrol.

Reg. No. 7228	Const.	Gulong	With patrol from 5-4-57 to 28-8-57. A steady and reliable policeman who was found very useful on airstrip construction.
" " 9070	"	Kurubal	With patrol from 5-4-57 to 28-10-57. A steady worker who is reliable at all times.
" " 9184	"	Kaga	With patrol for its duration. A quiet but steady worker.
" " 9212	"	Morup	With patrol for its duration. An excellent policeman and a solid worker. An asset to any station. With more experience should make an excellent N.C.O.
" "	L/Cpl.	Paiheki	With patrol from 5-4-57 to 4-6-57. A quite good but not outstanding N.C.O. who was in charge for the first part of the patrol.
" " 7010	"	Asias	With patrol from 14-6-57 to 10-9-57. An excellent policeman who carried out his duties as N.C.O. in charge for the second part of the patrol admirably.
" " 7624	Const.	Duari	With patrol from 14-5-57 to 28-8-57. A good worker when he wants to be. Can be lazy at times.
" " 1347	"	Aris	With patrol from 6-9-57 to 4-11-57. A steady policeman with many years to his credit.
" " 8962	"	Eriexipi	With patrol from 22-8-57 to 4-11-57. A steady and reliable policeman.
" " 9616	"	Ipa	With patrol from 25-10-57 to 4-11-57. Appears steady and reliable.
" " 5254B	L/Cpl.	Wadonia	With patrol from 6-9-57 to 4-11-57. An excellent N.C.O. who was in charge for the latter part of the patrol. Extremely capable and reliable. During my absence from Nuku in October he supervised the station admirably. I recommend him for promotion to Corporal.

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George D. Oakes, R.P. & N.G.C.

Appendix "B"

Nuku Patrol Report No. 1 of 1957/58.

Health Report.

The patrol did not take an N.M.O. from Lumo as there is already an N.M.O. (later changed to an A.P.O.) from Aitape stationed at Nuku.

Towards the end of July a medical patrol visited the Seim, Klaplei, eastern section of the Wan, Namblo and Makaru Groups. This patrol was conducted by Mr. K. Buxton, E.M.A., of Dreikikir. During the patrol Anti Yaws Injections were given to all villagers present. During August - September a patrol led by Mr. H. Carra, E.M.A., Aitape, visited the area and gave Anti Yaws Injections to all villagers in the Palei - Maimai not visited by Mr. Buxton. These two patrols have done the first complete medical patrol of the Palei - Maimai. Previously, there were many villages which had not been visited by a medical patrol.

At present there are only 4 Aid Posts in the Palei - Maimai. These are at Seim, which is supervised by an N.M.O. from Dreikikir, at Klaplei and Asier, each supervised by an N.M.O. from Aitape and at Nuku, supervised by an A.P.O. from Aitape. From a study of the Palei - Maimai map it will be seen that all these Aid Posts are in the eastern half of the area covered by the Patrol Post. To give all natives in the area a chance of receiving local medical attention at least 6 more Aid Posts are urgently required at or near Woloso, Yimauwi, Mukili, Boini, Wowil and Monandin. The need for these is urgent if we are to arrest the gradual decline in population in the Palei - Maimai. (Mr. Buxton's recent patrol of a section of the Palei - Maimai showed that in a 5 to 7 months period since the last Native Affairs patrol of the area visited by him, there had been 239 deaths compared to only 115 births. (Dreikikir Medical Patrol Report No. 1 of 1957/58)).

To further assist in the medical work required in the Palei - Maimai, an area of between 15 and 20 acres is being set aside at Nuku for the construction of an Administration Native Hospital. It is felt that this is urgently required.

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Appendix "C".

Suggested New Census Divisions.

West Palei. (21 villages).

Yerisi	Simbap	Sabig	Munumbual
Boini	Ori	Wonali	Yambil
Mai	Yirkin	Yuoplpa	Yapunda
Weiki	Wara	Wowii	Surimorta
Walgon	Binara	Winbe	Muku
Wuro			

East Palei. (16 villages).

Suau	Kuwalvu	Yilawambil	Werenyuwok
Monandin	Sengi	Makumba	Asier
Yinugen	Sumambu	Sundun	Yauan
Yadagaro	Yamegil	Wambi	Wumerau

Seim. (15 villages).

Sebarela	Hambasamba	Usitamo	Kembien
Yiriwandi	Hambangri	Sulunuku	Mambu
Abigu	Apduwono	Awes	Poklo
Aterum	Angra	Siapika	

Makaru-Klaplei. (9 villages).

Mantsuku	Nuku	Yiminum	Ifkindu
Wilwil	Seleput	Klaplei No.1	Klaplei No.2
Klaplei No.3			

Wan. (11 villages).

Tukinara	Wulbowe	Kor ombokom	Ulap
Gamo	Veisi	Undu	Woloso
Yimaawi	Wosapom	Yauaw-Rapaw	

Mainei-Namblo. (15 villages).

Imbiyip	Kalem	Te.emes	Engiep
Wombiu	Maimai	Yulen	Laeko
Libuat	Wamil	Wani-womaka	Yemeraba
Makafu	Makafim	Aimukili	Mukili
