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<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
1 - 1965/1966	P.W. Harrison	Nrth E. Coast Census Div. Garuwai & Topura Villages
6 - 1965/1966	P.M. Jones	Nrth E. Coast Census Div.
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BANIARA

2 - 1965/1966	J.J. Soroda	Cape Vogel Council Area
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

## PATROL REPORT

District of **MILNE BAY** Report No. **BANIARA 2/1965-66**  
Patrol Conducted by **Mr. J.J. SORODA, CADET PATROL OFFICER**  
Area Patrolled **CAPE VOGEL COUNCIL AREA**  
Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **NIL**  
Natives **FOUR (+) 2 MEMBERS R.P.N.G.C.** 1 MEDICAL ASSISTANT, 1 MEDICAL ORDERLY  
Duration—From **9/10/1965** to **21/10/1965**  
Number of Days **TWELVE (12)**  
Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **YES**  
Last Patrol to Area by—District Services **5/1965**  
Medical **5/1965**  
Map Reference **FOURMIL OF TUEI**  
Objects of Patrol **Area familiarisation, Cape Vogel L.G. Council Election Campaign, Pre-  
Discuss the change over of existing system of currency to a  
decimal currency and look into possible routes for vehicular  
roads.**

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £

Amount Paid from N.E. Trust Fund £

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

(20)

67-4-2.

24th February, 1966.

The District Commissioner,  
Milne Bay District,  
SAMARAI.

BANIARA PATROL REPORT NO. 2/1965 - 1966.

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a patrol report by Mr. Saroda covered by your memorandum 67-1-5(2) of 21st January, 1966.

2. Your comments and those of Mr. Johnson have been noted. I would advise Mr. Saroda to read carefully your comments in paragraph 2 and 4.

3. Mr. Saroda seems to have accomplished the jobs set him but the report could be improved with a little more conscious effort on his part.

(J. K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR

XXXXX Discom.

67-1-5(2)



District Office,  
SAMARAI,  
Milne Bay District.

21st January, 1966.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
RABARABA,  
Milne Bay District.

PATROL REPORT BANIARA NO.2 OF 1965/66.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the above-mentioned report with thanks together with your covering memorandum 67-2-17 of 14th November, 1965.

2. I agree that the report submitted is of a poor standard and quite inadequate. Little or no attempt has been made to follow the format of Patrol Reports as laid down in Volume 1 of the Departmental Standing instructions. Accordingly I will expect a re-drafted report from Mr. Saroda.

3. It is suggested that Mr. Saroda looks more closely at the political development of the area patrolled. Mr. Saroda's assessment of the role of the Caps Vogel Council would be of considerable interest, as well as making Mr. Saroda look more deeply into this aspect.

4. It would appear that no sketch map of the area covered has been submitted. Claim for camping allowance is being proceeded.

5. For your information, please.

For your information please E. J. Emanuel  
(E.J. EMANUEL)  
a/District Commissioner.

c.c. Director,  
D.D.A. Konedobu.

→ The Director,  
Dept. of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded for your information and records please. The re-drafted report shall be forwarded when it comes to hand.

E. J. Emanuel  
(E.J. EMANUEL)  
a/District Commissioner.

67-2-17

ERJ/PJ

Sub District Office,  
Rabaraba,  
Milne Bay District.

14th November, 1965.

The District Commissioner,  
Milne Bay District,  
BANARAI.

PATROL REPORT-BANARAI 2/65-66

Attached, for your interim information, please find two copies of a patrol report submitted by Mr. J. Soroda, Cadet Patrol Officer in connection with his recent patrol to the western sector of the Cape Vogel census division. Copy of my patrol instructions are also enclosed.

2. I do not consider this report to be at all satisfactory and I will request Mr. Soroda to re-draft the report as soon as his current commitments with the forthcoming Cape Vogel Local Government Council elections are completed. It is realized that Mr. Soroda is both a young and junior officer however I consider that he is capable of producing a far better report than that evidenced by the attached.

3. On the completion of the Cape Vogel Council elections Mr. Soroda will return to Rabaraba where I will be able to advise and assist him in report preparation as well as give him necessary training and experience in local government duties.

4. For your information please.



E.R. Johnson  
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. O.I.C.  
Baniara

Mr. J. Soroda  
Baniara.

DISCOM

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67-1-5 (Pt. 11)

O.K. ALDER/ba.

Milne Bay District,  
PAMARAI.

1st March, 1966.

Director,  
The Department of District Administration,  
Milne Bay District,  
KONEDOBU.

BANIARA PATROL REPORT NO. 2/65-66.

BANIARA PATROL REPORT NO. 2/1965-1966.

The above report submitted by Mr. J. Soroda, Chief Patrol Officer, is submitted herewith in duplicate. The report is acknowledged with thanks of a Patrol Report by Mr. Soroda, covered by your memorandum 67-1-5 of 1st March, 1966.

2. Adequate comment is included in the covering memoranda from the Assistant District Officer, Baniara, and the Assistant District Commissioner, Rabaraba, copies of which are also attached.
3. Five days spent in the field by Mr. Soroda must have been beneficial to the people. He has submitted a report, and indicative report. His remarks about the people being unwilling and disinterested in building roads in their area have been noted.

Att.

*E. J. Emanuel*  
(E. J. Emanuel)  
a/District Commissioner.  
(J. K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR

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67-4-12.

28th March, 1966.

The District Commissioner,  
Milne Bay District,  
SAMARAI.

BANIARA PATROL REPORT NO.2/1965-1966.

The above report submitted by Mr. J. Soroda, Cadet Patrol Officer, is submitted herewith. Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a Patrol Report by Mr. Soroda, covered by your memorandum 67-1-5 of 1st March, 1966.

2. Your comments and those of Messrs. Johnson and Fisher have been noted.

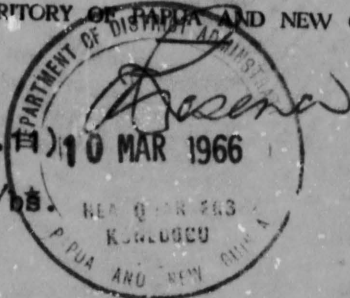
3. Twelve days spent in the field by Mr. Soroda must have been beneficial to the West Cape Vogel people. He has submitted a lengthy and informative report. His remarks about the people being unwilling and disinterested in building roads in their area have been noted.

(J. K. McJCarthy)  
DIRECTOR



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams..... DISCOM  
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Our Reference..... 67-1-5 (Pt. 1)  
If calling ask for  
Mr..... O.K. ALDER/bs.



Department of District Administration,  
Milne Bay District,  
SAMARAI.

1st March, 1966.

Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

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Officer, Baniara, and the Assistant District  
Commissioner, Rabaraba, copies of which are  
also attached.

3, For your records, please.

*E.J. Emanuel*

(E.J. Emanuel)

a/District Commissioner.

Att.

67-2-17

ERJ/pj

Sub District Office,  
Rabaraba,  
Milne Bay District.

26th January, 1966.


The District Commissioner,  
Milne Bay District,  
SAMARAI.

BANIARA PATROL REPORT NO 2/65-66

Attached please find two copies of the above mentioned patrol report under cover of the Assistant District Officer's memorandum 67-2-1 of the 11th January, 1966. My 67-2-17 dated 14th November 1965 also refers.

2. This represents a considerable improvement over Mr. Soroda's previous effort, however its presentation could be further improved by more attention to typing, serially numbering all paragraphs and commencing separate folios for remarks connected with the activities of other departments.

3. Claim for camping allowance attached.

  
E.M. Johnson  
Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. Assistant District Officer,  
Baniara.

Mr. J. Soroda,  
Cadet Patrol Officer,  
Baniara.

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File: 67-3-1

Patrol Post,  
Baniara,  
Milne Bay District.

11th. January, 1965.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
Baniara Sub-District,  
Rabaraba.

Baniara Patrol Report No. 2/65-66.  
Mr. J.J. Soroda, C.P.O.

I forward herewith, <sup>3</sup>four copies of a Report  
of a patrol to the Western Sector of Cape Vogel, by Mr. Soroda.

2. Having only recently arrived in the area, I leave  
the more detailed comments to you, but submit the following:-

Native Affairs. Reflects a satisfactory state of affairs. The  
matter of the food shortage was also raised  
during my subsequent patrol to the area. While food was definitely  
short at the time, due to the drought, it was not sufficiently  
so to warrant any emergency action on the part of the Administration.  
With the arrival of the rains, the position has begun to ease, and  
I am assured that food is becoming more plentiful now. Cases of  
careless use of fire will be dealt with as they are brought to  
my notice.

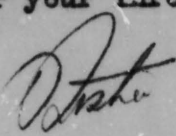
Roads and Bridges. In the locality under review, road development  
must needs take a lower priority than in  
the coastal sector in the East of Cape Vogel.

Agriculture. Pleasing to see signs of economic development  
in the inland areas.

3. The report reflects a conscientious piece of  
patrolling, well reported. Mr. Soroda's reporting shows  
much improvement. No doubt improved typing will come with practice.

4. Sampling allowance claim is attached. It includes  
a claim for part of the Council Election patrol.

5. Submitted for your information, further comments  
and forwarding please.



(D.C. Fisher)  
Assistant District Officer.

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Patrol Post, BANIARA,  
Baniara Sub-District,  
Milne Bay District.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office.

RABARABA.

PATROL REPORT BANIARA No. 2/65-66

Patrol Conducted by: J.J.SORODA, Cadet Patrol Officer.  
Area Patrolled: Western sector of Cape Vogel 3<sup>rd</sup> Division.  
Personnel Accompanying: Mr. T.KABINA, Medical Assistant,  
1. Medical Orderly,  
Cpl. WAVE 3735, Baniara detachment,  
Constable KARAMATO 9907, Ban. detachment,  
Duration of Patrol: 9/10/65 to 21/10/65 - (12 days)  
Last Patrol to the area: B.D.A. - May, 1965.  
D.A.S.F. - July-August, 1965.  
Objects ~~and~~ of Patrol: 1. Area familiarisation,  
2. Undertake pre-election campaign,  
3. Discussion of change over from  
existing currency to a decimal currency.  
Map Reference: Tufi Fourmil - sketch map accompanying.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

DIARY.

Saturday, 19/10/65 - 0900 hours departed Baniara by Administration work boat, M.V. Zircon, for MIDINO. Slept the night at MIDINO. Sunday at MIDINO.

Monday, 11/10/65 - At MIDINO, talked about council election to the people and discussed decimal currency. Left MIDINO at 1205 hours for BAIWA. Arrived BAIWA at 1605 hours. Discussion at 1610 hours. Slept there for the night.

Tuesday, 12/10/65 - Departed BAIWA at 0815 hours, and walked for three hours to KWAGIRA. Almost whole village in the gardens and in the bush making sage for food. 1000 hours talked about election and decimal currency. Slept at KWAGIRA.

Wednesday, 13/10/65 - 0845 hours departed KWAGIRA, and arrived BINIGUNI at 1005 hours. At BINIGUNI for two hours and departed at 1130 hours for WAPON, reaching the same at 1430 hours. Discussion at 1700 hours. Slept there for the night.

Thursday, 14/10/65 - At 0745 hours left WAPON for BOROVIA. Walked for 2 1/2 hours to BOROVIA. Had to wait for people to return from the bush. 1630 hours held discussion. The patrol slept at BOROVIA.

Friday, 15/10/65 - 0745 hours departed BOROVIA for PUMANI, arriving at the same at 0945. Not many people in the village. Spent the morning in observation. Held discussion at 1430 hours. Slept the night at PUMANI.

Saturday, 16/10/65 - 0830 hours left PUMANI for RUABA, arriving at the same at 1130 hours. Commenced census at 1200 hours and ended at 1430 hours. Talked about election and decimal currency. Departed RUABA for PUMANI at 1445 hours. Arrived at PUMANI at 1700 hours. Slept at PUMANI.

Sunday, 17/10/65 - At PUMANI, census commenced at 1130 hours and ended at 1400 hours. Rest of the afternoon at PUMANI. Slept the night at PUMANI.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

DIARY (continued)

Monday, 18/10/65 - Departed at 0815 hours for MONARI. Arrived MONARI at 1010 hours. Discussion there and departed at 1130 hours. The writer to MIDINO to investigate possible road from MIDINO to PUMANI. Rest of the party to KOLABAGIRA thence to BANIARA. Self arrived MIDINO 14 hours and slept there for the night.

Tuesday, 19/10/65 - Writer left MIDINO 0700 hours and arrived at Yarama 0900 hours. Had to wait there till carriers organised. At 1300 hours departed for PEM, arriving at the same at 1500 hours. From PEM travelled by M.V. Annie to MUKAWA. Slept at MUKAWA.

Wednesday, 20/10/65 - All day at MUKAWA awaiting carriers and patrol equipment from PEM. Had to sleep at MUKAWA.

Tuesday, 21/10/65 - Departed by M.V. Annie for BANIARA at 0830 hours. Arrived BANIARA 1330 hours and met the rest of the party. Equipment stored away and members of R.P.&N.G.C. dismissed.

END OF PATROL

## TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

### INTRODUCTION.

The patrol was conducted to the western sector of the Cape Vogel Census Division. It was one of the objects of the patrol to conduct a pre-election campaign for the Cape Vogel Local Government Council. The patrol also had the task of explaining and discussing the change over of the existing system of currency to a decimal currency. Also the patrol was instructed to investigate two possible routes for vehicular roads and report thereon.

Commencing from MIDINO the patrol proceeded along the north coast of the area, visiting all the coastal villages and hamlets. From BAIWA the patrol went inland visiting all the inland villages in the western sector of Cape Vogel.

The area is under the Cape Vogel Local Government Council. During the pre-election campaign discussions included mention of the coming election, explaining to the people the necessity of election in order to have representatives of the people in the council. The people were asked to consider nominations.

In each of the villages visited discussions were held explaining the change over of the existing system of currency to a decimal currency. The date of change over was mentioned. It was explained, however, that the existing pounds, shillings, and pence would still be in use and that the two systems would be used for quite a while until such time as the supply of the old money is exhausted.

The progress of the patrol was speeded up by the dry weather condition. However, this exceptionally dry spell brought food shortages in the area. Though it was not very serious and most villages obtained food by other means than from the gardens, a request was made by an influential member of PUMANI village that the Government would provide assistance.

### NATIVE AFFAIRS.

Reception. The patrol was met with good reception from all the villages visited. The number of attendance was good in most cases. In spite of the food shortages, the patrol was provided with some food. The recruiting of carriers was no problem. The councillors and the village constables were of assistance in this respect.

Villages. The houses in all the villages except two, were in good order. They were all built off the ground. The walls were built with KIPA (sago) and the roof was of thatched sago leaves.

The houses in the villages of PUMANI and RUABA were in poor state. At PUMANI many of the houses had roofs falling off and

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Native Affairs (continued)

badly in need of repair. The walls were in much the same condition. The houses at RUABA were not so bad. Some of the houses require new roofs while others need minor repairs to be attended to.

Water supply was no problem to many of the villages, which obtained supplies from the creeks and the rivers. The supply of water at PUMANI was low. The creek <sup>was</sup> nearly dried up and water had to be obtained from some distance up the creek.

Except for the villages of PUMANI and RUABA, general cleanliness was fair in most cases. Hygiene and sanitation was good in most of the villages. There were two exceptionally tidy villages that were noteworthy. These were the villages of BOROVIA No.1 and BOROVIA No.2. The houses were well kept and both villages were swept up clean and tidy.

The two exceptions, PUMANI and RUABA were dirty. General cleanliness was negligible. At RUABA pigs ~~it~~ littered the village and it was covered with weeds. PUMANI was in the same state. Hygiene and sanitation in both villages were neglected. Generally, health in these two villages <sup>was</sup> ~~were~~ very poor. This poor health could be the answer to the rise in the number of deaths in these villages. From unofficial sources, the number of deaths this year was a little over twenty whereas last year it was under twenty. The census register reveals twenty deaths at PUMANI and ten deaths at RUABA.

Village Officials.

In most cases the Local Government Councillors appeared on the scene and carried out orders and gave what assistance required. The village officials, however, were active, especially at BAIWA and BINIGUNI. It was understood that Local Government Councillors were the leaders and there was no confusion shown among the people in regard to officials.

Complaints.

There were no complaints of serious matter. The main ~~was~~ complaint was of the careless use of fire, and this was brought to the notice of the Assistant District Commissioner.

At PUMANI a food shortage seemed to be the main distress. The patrol was asked if it was possible for the Government to help in this respect. They were told that the matter would be reported to the district head quarters.

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Rest Houses.

The rest houses at MIDINO and BOROVIA were worthy of note. Others were fair, in most cases a little too small to provide enough space for two officers.

At PUMANI the rest house was in a very poor condition. It was almost falling down. The councillor was requested to make quick repairs for the patrol to spend the night. The people were requested to construct a new rest house. The rest house at RUABA, though good, was dirty. Surrounding needed cleaning up, and the house itself needed some minor repairs to be attended to. The village constable was asked to improve on it before the election patrol began in November.

Carriers.

There was no problem in obtaining carriers. Usually the recruiting of the same was left in the hands of the councillors and village officials, who were able to get men without any difficulty. Twelve to fourteen carriers were recruited between each village rest house.

Education.

There are no Administration schools in the area. The Anglican Mission has established schools at MIDINO, BAIWA, BINIGUNI and PUMANI. These schools have classes up to standard 2. All have good attendance. Limited number of students are able to continue their primary education at TARAKWARURU where classes are up to standard 6. There are few from this area who have gone on to secondary school in the Northern District.

Road & Bridges.

There are no vehicular roads in the western sector of Cape Vogel. The patrol was instructed to investigate two possible routes for vehicular roads, <sup>so that</sup> eventually the tractor and the trailer owned by the Cape Vogel Local Government Council could travel into the inland areas where there are prospects of cash crops being developed. One of these routes is from MIDINO to PUMANI. A road over this route is feasible, though in parts, cutting a road over the hills is a difficult task. Between MIDINO and PUMANI a group of hills extending for more than three miles present quite a problem. There is no detour possible so that this difficult section of the route cannot be avoided.

Beyond MONARI, the country towards PUMANI is fairly flat. The vegetation is of rainforest type which can be easily cleared.  
Another route extends north from <sup>MIDINO</sup> along the coast to BAIWA

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Roads & Bridges (continued)

then westward to KWAGIRA thence inland to BINIGUNI. Some difficulties arise in sections along the coast. The hills at the back of PAIAWA are unavoidable. A road over these hills is difficult.

Beyond BAIWA a road could be cut quite easily as the land is flat. The rainforest vegetation could be easily cleared. There are no hills from KWAGIRA to BINIGUNI. There is no serious problem in part of the route between KWAGIRA and BINIGUNI.

To persuade people to make a start on these roads is another problem. During the discussions of this matter, mention was made of the advantages of having a road. The people were told of the ~~matter~~ necessity of a road in order to develop an area. They were asked to consider it and give their ~~views~~. There was no comment from the people. It appeared that the people were not enthusiastic about it. The impression obtained after the discussions was that of unwillingness and disinterest~~edness~~.

Agriculture & Commerce.

The main agricultural activity in the area is subsistence farming. Usual crops include taro, sweet potato, yam, banana, sugar cane and pawpaw. Current dry season has affected many of the gardens. There was shortage of food in the area. Very little food was obtained from the gardens. The main source of food was from making sago.

Cash cropping is not practised on a large scale. In the inland areas around BINIGUNI and PUMANI, coffee is grown. An agricultural field assistant is stationed at PUMANI to assist the people in growing cash crops.

The proceeds of coffee trees are marketed to the Department of Agriculture. This is done at MIDINO and BAIWA. An agricultural officer gives notice, stating the date of sale so that people take their coffee to one of the places mentioned above. A fair amount of coffee is grown around BINIGUNI as it was evident from the fact that many people were met at KWAGIRA, on their way to BAIWA for the sale of coffee.

Coconut is grown for cash ~~mainly~~ mainly on the coastal areas. This is only to a small extent as it is very difficult to ship copra to Samarai to be marketed. Coastal vessels do not call in.

Rice is tried by one man at MONARI but the dry period has hindered the growth of young rice.

Conclusion.

During the pre-election campaign no questions were asked about ~~the~~ election and it seemed that all that was discussed was understood. The discussions included explanation of ~~the~~ method of election and the necessity of election in a representative government.

When decimal currency was discussed, the people asked no questions and the writer ~~the~~ the impression that what was said was understood.

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Conclusion (continued)

The patrol stressed the fact that the two system of currency would be in use for quite a while.

The people did not seem to be enthusiastic about building roads over the routes investigated. The discussions of this matter was made at BAIWA, KWAGIRA, PUMANI, and ARI, but after each discussion, the writer got the impression of disinterest and unwillingness. This makes it difficult to get men to make a start on these roads. This added to the difficulties arising in sections of the routes mentioned could bring a failure of the effort. However, the attitude of the people might change as they become aware of the need for roads to develop the area.

This has been the first patrol in the area for the writer and it has given a good opportunity to meet the people especially those from the inland areas, who are not so sophisticated as people on the coast of Cape Vogel.

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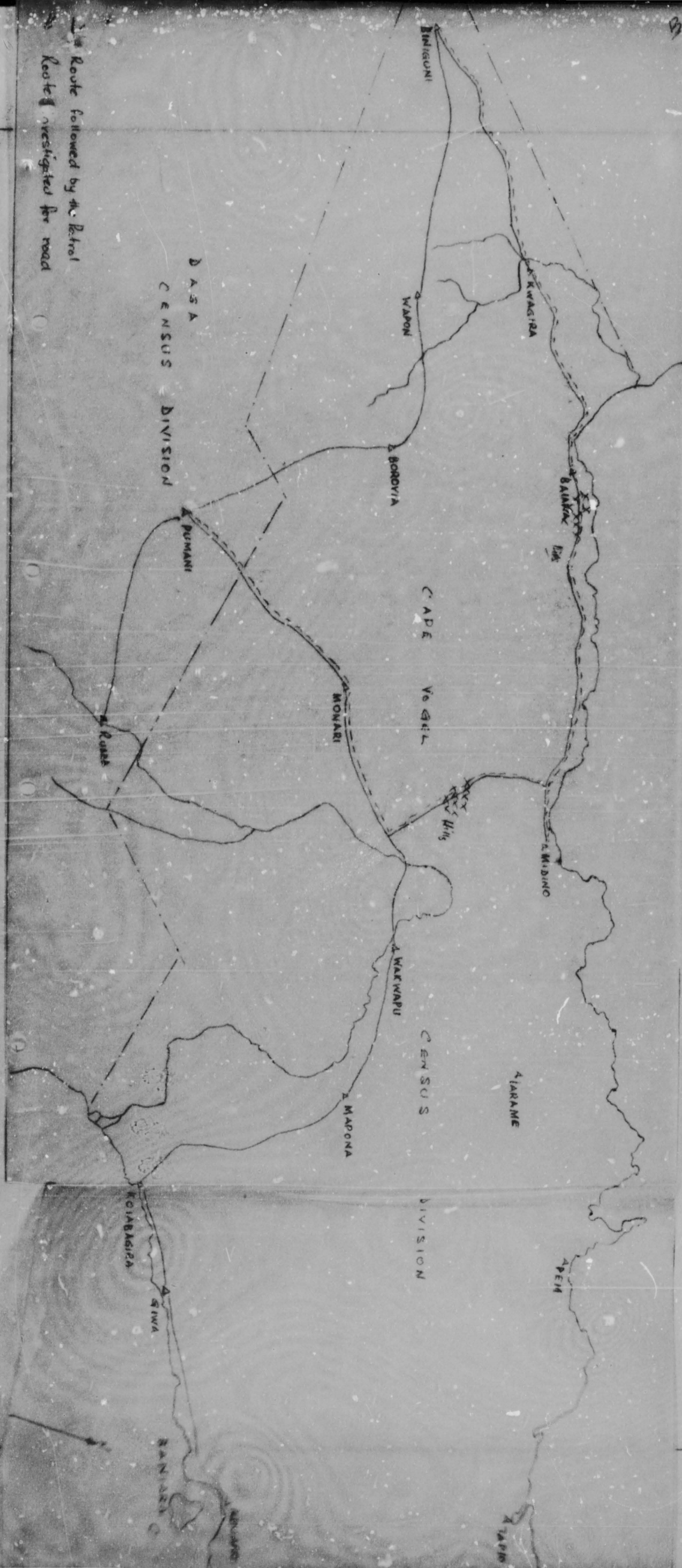
APPENDIX

Report on the members of the Royal Papua and New Guinea Constabulary.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Conduct</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
3735	CPL	WAVE	Good	Reliable and efficient
9907	Constable	KARAMATO	Good	Casual but a good member.

*J.J. Soroda*  
J.J. Soroda.

(Cadet. Patrol. Officer)



Route followed by the Patrol  
Route investigated for road

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Patrol Post, BANIARA,  
Baniara Sub-District,  
Milne Bay District.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
RABARABA.

PATROL REPORT BANIARA No. 2/65-66

Patrol Conducted by: J.J.SORODA, Cadet Patrol Officer.  
Area Patrolled: Western sector of Cape Vogel J Division.  
Personnel Accompanying: Mr. T.KABINA, Medical Assistant,  
1. Medical Orderly,  
Cpl. WAVE 3735, Baniara detachment,  
Constable KARAMATO 9907, Ban. detachment,  
Duration of Patrol: 9/10/65 to 21/10/65 - (12 days)  
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Friday, 15/10/65 - 0745 hours departed BOROVIA for PUMANI, arriving at the same at 0945. Not many people in the village. Spent the morning in observation. Held discussion at 1430 hours. Slept the night at PUMANI.

Saturday, 16/10/65 - 0830 hours left PUMANI for RUABA, arriving at the same at 1130 hours. Commenced census at 1200 hours and ended at 1430 hours. Talked about election and decimal currency. Departed RUABA for PUMANI at 1445 hours. Arrived at PUMANI at 1700 hours. Slept at PUMANI.

Sunday, 17/10/65 - At PUMANI, census commenced at 1130 hours and ended at 1400 hours. Rest of the afternoon at PUMANI. Slept the night at PUMANI.

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DIARY (continued)

Monday, 18/10/65 - Departed at 0810 hours for MONARI. Arrived MONARI at 1010 hours. Discussion there and departed at 1130 hours. The writer to MIDINO to investigate possible road from MIDINO to PUMANI. Rest of the party to KOLABAGIRA thence to BANIARA. Self arrived MIDINO 1430 hours and slept there for the night.

Tuesday, 19/10/65 - Writer left MIDINO 0700 hours and arrived at Yarama 0900 hours. Had to wait there till carriers organised. At 1300 hours departed for PEM, arriving at the same at 1500 hours. From PEM travelled by M.V. Annie to MUKAWA. Slept at MUKAWA.

Wednesday, 20/10/65 - All day at MUKAWA awaiting carriers and patrol equipment from PEM. Had to sleep at MUKAWA.

Tuesday, 21/10/65 - Departed by M.V. Annie for BANIARA at 0830 hours. Arrived BANIARA 1330 hours and met the rest of the party. Equipment stored away and members of R.P.&N.G.C. dismissed.

END OF PATROL

## TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

### INTRODUCTION.

The patrol was conducted to the western sector of the Cape Vogel Census Division. It was one of the objects of the patrol to conduct a pre-election campaign for the Cape Vogel Local Government Council. The patrol also had the task of explaining and discussing the change over of the existing system of currency to a decimal currency. Also the patrol was instructed to investigate two possible routes for vehicular roads and report thereon.

Commencing from MIDINO the patrol proceeded along the north coast of the area, visiting all the coastal villages and hamlets. From BAIANA the patrol went inland visiting all the inland villages in the western sector of Cape Vogel.

The area is under the Cape Vogel Local Government Council. During the pre-election campaign discussions included mention of the coming election, explaining to the people the necessity of election in order to have representatives of the people in the council. The people were asked to consider nominations.

In each of the villages visited discussions were held explaining the change over of the existing system of currency to a decimal currency. The date of change over was mentioned. It was explained, however, that the existing pounds, shillings, and pence would still be in use and that the two system would be used for quite a while until such time as the supply of the old money is exhausted.

The progress of the patrol was speeded up by the dry weather condition. However, this exceptionally dry spell brought food shortages in the area. Though it was not very serious and most villages obtained food by other means than from the gardens, a request was made by an influential member of PUMANI village that the Government would provide assistance.

### NATIVE AFFAIRS.

Reception. The patrol was met with good reception from all the villages visited. The number of attendance was good in most cases. In spite of the food shortages, the patrol was provided with some food. The recruiting of carriers was no problem. The councillors and the village constables were of assistance in this respect.

Villages. The houses in all the villages except two, were in good order. They were all built off the ground. The walls were built with KIPA (waga) and the roof was of thatched sago leaves.

The houses in the villages of PUMANI and RUABA were in poor state. At PUMANI many of the houses had roofs falling off and

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### Native Affairs (continued)

badly in need of repair. The walls were in much the same condition. The houses at RUABA were not so bad. Some of the houses require new roofs while others need minor repairs to be attended to.

Water supply was no problem to many of the villages, which obtained supplies from the creeks and the rivers. The supply of water at PUMANI was low. The creek <sup>was</sup> nearly dried up and water had to be obtained from some distance up the creek.

Except for the villages of PUMANI and RUABA, general cleanliness was fair in most cases. Hygiene and sanitation was good in most of the villages. There were two exceptionally tidy villages that were noteworthy. These were the villages of BOBOVIA No.1 and BOBOVIA No.2. The houses were well kept and both villages were swept up clean and tidy.

The two exceptions, PUMANI and RUABA were dirty. General cleanliness was negligible. At RUABA pigs ~~it~~ littered the village and it was covered with weeds. PUMANI was in the same state. Hygiene and sanitation in both villages were neglected. Generally, health in these two villages were very poor. This poor health could be the answer to the rise in the number of deaths in these villages. From unofficial sources, the number of deaths this year was a little over twenty whereas last year it was under twenty. The census register reveals twenty deaths at PUMANI and ten deaths at RUABA.

### Village Officials.

In most cases the Local Government Councillors appeared on the scene and carried out orders and gave what assistance required. The village officials, however, were active, especially at BAIABA and BINIGUNI. It was understood that Local Government Councillors were the leaders and there was no confusion shown among the people in regards to officials.

### Complaints.

There were no complaints of serious matter. The main ~~new~~ complaint was of the careless use of fire, and this was brought to the notice of the Assistant District Commissioner.

At PUMANI a food shortage seemed to be the main distress. The patrol was asked if it was possible for the Government to help in this respect. They were told that the matter would be reported <sup>to</sup> the district head quarters.

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Rest Houses.

The rest houses at MIDINO and POROVIA were worthy of note. Others were fair, in most cases a little too small to provide enough space for two officers.

At PUMANI the rest house was in a very poor condition. It was almost falling down. The councillor was requested to make quick repairs for the patrol to spend the night. The people were requested to construct a new rest house. The rest house at RUABA, though good, was dirty. Surrounding needed cleaning up, and the house itself needed some minor repairs to be attended to. The village constable was asked to improve on it before the election patrol began in November.

Carriers.

There was no problem in obtaining carriers. Usually the recruiting of the same was left in the hands of the councillors and village officials, who were able to get men without any difficulty. Twelve to fourteen carriers were recruited between each village of rest house.

Education.

There are no Administration schools in the area. The Anglican Mission has established schools at MIDINO, BAIWA, BINIGUNI and PUMANI. These schools have classes up to standard 2. All have good attendance. Limited number of students are able to continue their primary education at TARKWARURU where classes are up to standard 6. There are few from this area who have gone on to secondary school in the Northern District.

Road & Bridges.

There are no vehicular roads in the western sector of Cape Vogel. The patrol was instructed to investigate two possible routes for vehicular roads, <sup>so that</sup> eventually the tractor and the trailer owned by the Cape Vogel Local Government Council could travel into the inland areas where there are prospects of cash crops being developed. One of these routes is from MIDINO to PUMANI. A road over this route is feasible, though in parts, cutting a road over the hills is a difficult task. Between MIDINO and PUMANI a group of hills extending for more than three miles present quite a problem. There is no detour possible so that this difficult section of the route cannot be avoided.

Beyond PUMANI, the country towards PUMENI is fairly flat. The vegetation is of rainforest type which can be easily cleared.

Another route extends north from <sup>MIDINO</sup> along the coast to BAIWA.

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Roads & Bridges (continued)

then westward to KWAGIRA thence inland to BINIGUNI. Some difficulties arise in sections along the coast. The hills at the back of BAIWA are unavoidable. A road over these hills is difficult.

Beyond BAIWA a road could be cut quite easily as the land is flat. The rainforest vegetation could be easily cleared. There are no hills from KWAGIRA to BINIGUNI. There is no serious problem in part of the route between KWAGIRA and BINIGUNI.

To persuade people to make a start on these roads is another problem. During the discussions of this matter, mention was made of the advantages of having a road. The people were told of the ~~matter~~ necessity of a road in order to develop an area. They were asked to consider it and give their ~~views~~. There was no comment from the people. It appeared that the people were not enthusiastic about it. The impression obtained after the discussions was that of unwillingness and disinterested.

Agriculture & Commerce.

The main agricultural activity in the area is subsistence farming. Usual crops include taro, sweet potatoe, yam, banana, sugar cane and pawpaw. Current dry season has affected many of the gardens. There was shortage of food in the area. Very little food was obtained from the gardens. The main source of food was from making sago.

Cash cropping is not practised on a large scale. In the inland areas around BINIGUNI and PUMANI, coffee is grown. An agricultural field assistant is stationed at PUMANI to assist the people in growing cash crops.

The proceeds of coffee trees are marketed to the Department of Agriculture. This is done at MIDINO and BAIWA. An agricultural officer gives notice, stating the date of sale so that people take their coffee to one of the places mentioned above. A fair amount of coffee is grown around BINIGUNI as it was evident from the fact that many people were met at KWAGIRA, on their way to BAIWA for the sale of coffee.

Coconut is grown for cash ~~mainly~~ mainly on the coastal areas. This is only to a small extent as it is very difficult to ship copra to Samarai to be marketed. Coastal vessels do not call in.

Rice is tried by one man at MONARI but the dry period has hindered the growth of young rice.

Conclusion.

During the pre-election campaign no questions were asked about election and it seemed that all that was discussed was understood. The discussions included explanation of method of election and the necessity of election in a representative government.

When decimal currency was discussed, the people asked no questions and the writer <sup>got</sup> the impression that what was said was understood.

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Conclusion (continued)

The patrol stressed the fact that the two system of currency would be in use for quite a while.

The people did not seem to be enthusiastic about building roads over the routes investigated. The discussions of this matter was made at BALAWA, KWAGIRA, PUMANI, and MONARI, but after each discussion, the writer got the impression of disinterest and unwillingness. This makes it difficult to get men to make a start on these roads. This added to the difficulties arising in sections of the routes mentioned could bring a failure of the effort. However, the attitude of the people might change as they become aware of the need for roads to develop the area.

This has been the first patrol in the area for the writer and it has given a good opportunity to meet the people especially those from the inland areas, who are not so sophisticated as people on the coast of Cape Vogel.

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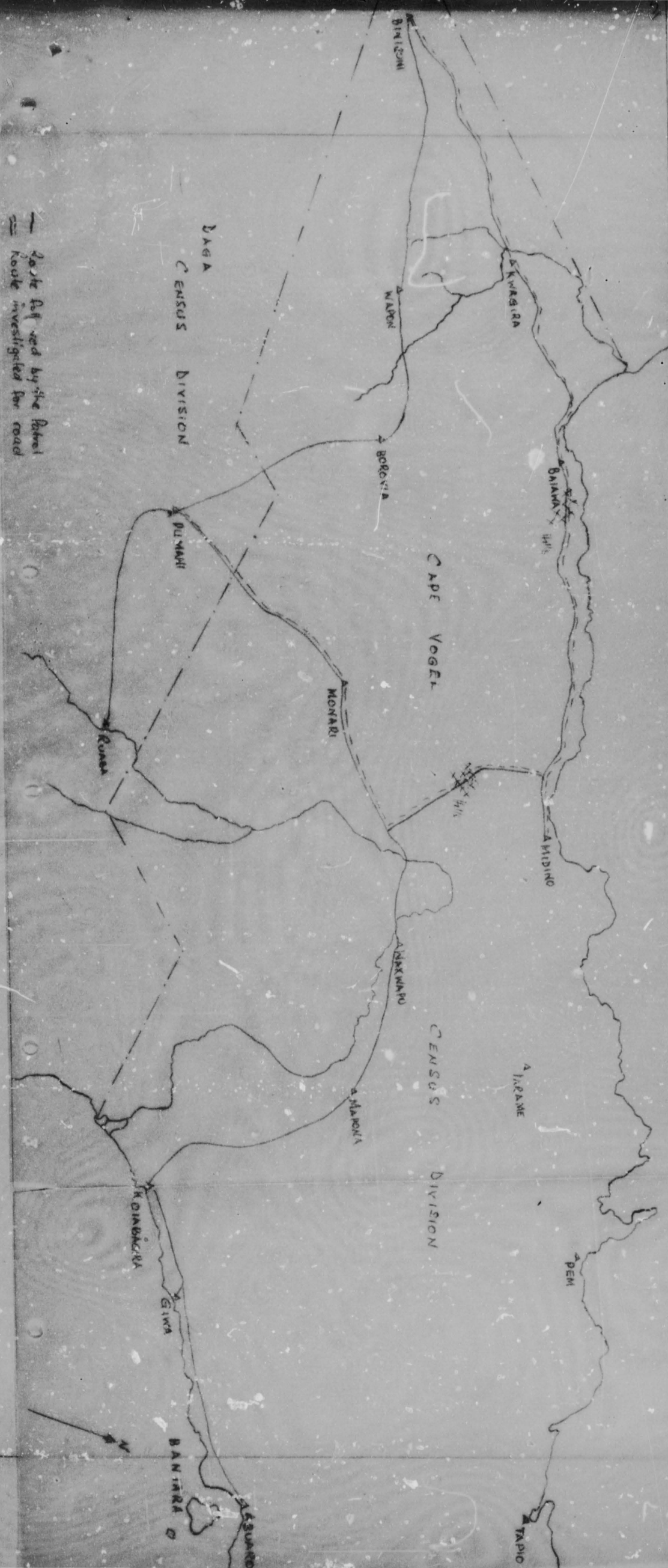
APPENDIX

Report on the members of the Royal Papua and New Guinea Constabulary.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Conduct</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
3735	OPL	WAVE	Good	Reliable and efficient
9907	Constable	KARAMATO	Good	Casual but a good member.

*Good*  
J.J. Soroda.

(Cadet Patrol Officer)



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Sub District Office,  
Rabaraba,  
Milne Bay District.

4th October, 1965.

Mr. J. Soroda,  
Cadet Patrol Officer,  
BANIARA.

Dear Jeff,

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS

You are required to conduct a patrol to the western sector of Cape Vogel taking in all villages that were not visited by Mr. Kelvin during his recent patrol.

2. I suggest you commence your patrol at MIDINO. The M.V. Zircon will be made available to transport you and your patrol to this centre later this week.

3. The objects of your patrol are:-

1. Area familiarization.
2. Conduct a pre-election campaign for the Local Government elections. In this pay special attention to the villages of Ruaba and Daneam as they will be included within the Cape Vogel Council.
3. Discuss the impending change over of our existing currency to a decimal system. On no account give the impression that our present money will become valueless. Both forms of currency will be legal tender for some time to come.
4. Pay special attention to possible vehicular road routes from Midino to Baiwa and Biniguni, and Midino to Pumani. The sub-district developmental plan calls for "dry-weather" roads to these centres. Your report on whether you consider such to be feasible, including the indigenous attitudes thereto will be awaited with interest.

4. If possible, arrange your itinerary so that you can attend the annual general meeting of the Cape Vogel Council at Koiabagira scheduled to be held on the 22nd October, 1965.

5. I wish you a successful patrol.

Yours faithfully,

E.R. Johnson, A.D.C.

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PATROL DIARY

9.10.65

Departed BANIARA on 9th October, at 9.45 a.m. for MIDINO per M.V. Zefcon. Slept the night at MIDINO. Sunday was spent at MIDINO.

11.10.65

At MIDINO explained change over of existing currency to a decimal currency and also held discussion on the Cape Vogel Local Government Council election. Left for BAIWA at 12.05 p.m., arriving at the same at 4.05 p.m.. Held discussion on election and decimal currency. The patrol spent the night at BAIWA.

12.10.65

Departed BAIWA at 8.15 a.m. and arrived at KWAGIRA at ~~8.15~~<sup>11.15</sup> a.m. Had to await people from the gardens. Rest of the day spent in observation. At 5.05 p.m. talked about the change over of the old system of currency to a decimal currency. Also talked about election. The night was spent here,

13.10.65

The patrol left KWAGIRA at 8.05 a.m. and reached BINIGUNI at 10.05 a.m. Explained the new system of money and discussed election. At 11.30 a.m. departed BINIGUNI for WAPONI arriving at the same at 3.30 p.m. Held discussion on election and the decimal currency. The night was spent here.

14.10.65

Left WAPONI at 7.45 a.m. and walked for 2 hours 15 minutes to BOROVI. Talked to the gathering about election and explained to the people, the new system of currency. Rest of the day spent in making preparation for the night. The patrol slept the night at BOROVI.

15.10.65

Departed BOROVI at 7.45 a.m. for PUMANI. The patrol reached PUMANI at 9.45 a.m.. Awaited people to gather for census. At 3.30 p.m. discussed the new system of currency and talked about election.

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Continued 15.10.65  
Spent the night here.

16.10.65

The writer with one Constable and Medical Assistant departed PUMANI at 8.30 a.m. for RUABA, arriving there at 11.30 a.m. Commenced census at 12.00 noon and ended at 2.30 p.m.. Talked about the decimal currency and election. Departed for PUMANI, reaching the same at 5.00 p.m.. Slept the night at PUMANI.

17.10.65

Census at PUMANI commencing at 11.30 a.m.. Census ended at 2.00 p.m.. Rest of the afternoon spent in observation. The patrol slept at PUMANI.

18/10/65

Departed PUMANI at 8.10 a.m. and arrived at MONARI at 10.10 a.m.. Held discussion on the new system of currency and election. Left MONARI at 11.30 a.m. for MIDINO. Rest of the patrol party left for WAKWAPU. The writer walked over the possible route for a vehicular road to MIDINO, arriving at MIDINO at 2.30 p.m.. Slept the night here.

19.10.65

At 7.05 a.m. left MIDINO and arrived at IARAME at 9.05 a.m.. Had to await carriers till 1.00 p.m. when set out for PEM. Reached PEM at 3.00 p.m.. Travelled by M.V. Annie to MUKAWA, having given instruction for the carriers to follow on. Slept the night at MUKAWA.

20.10.65

At MUKAWA awaiting carriers to arrive from PEM. Carriers did not arrive at MUKAWA so had to sleep the night at MUKAWA.

21.10.65

Left MUKAWA per M.V. Annie for BANIARA at 8.30 a.m.. Arrived at Baniara at 1.00 p.m. and met rest of the party. Stored away patrol equipment and dismissed members of KPNGC. Patrol ended.

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Patrol Post,  
BANIARA.  
Milne Bay District.

4th November, 1965.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
RABARABA.

BANIARA PATROL REPORT No.2 of 1965-66.

Area Patrolled:	Western sector of Cape Vogel
Patrol Conducted by:	J.J.Soroda, Cadet Patrol Officer.
Patrol Accompanied by:	Mr. T.Kabina, Medical Assistant. 1. Medical Orderly. 2. Members RP&NGC.
Objects of Patrol:	Area familiarization, A pre-election campaign for the Cape Vogel Local Government elections, Discuss the changeover to a decimal currency, Look into the possibility of vehicular roads into the area.
Duration of Patrol:	9/10/65 to 21/10/65
Number of Days:	12 days.
Last Patrol:	May, 1965. Agriculture July - August, 1965.

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Jefferson J. Soroda  
Cadet Patrol Officer.

## TERRITORY OF LAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

### Introduction.

The patrol was carried out in the western sector of Cape Vogel Council Area of the Rabaraba Sub-District. Commencing at Midino the patrol visited all the villages and hamlets in the area. The main objects of the patrol were familiarization, conduct of a pre-election campaign and discussion on the change over of existing currency to a decimal currency. The patrol also spent some time on looking into the possible routes for vehicular roads into the area.

The area was new to the writer, which meant that it was necessary to depend on the other members of the patrol, thus spent a night in every village. The dry climatic conditions helped the progress of the patrol, though the hilly nature of the country presented some difficulties. The recruiting of carriers provided little trouble, councillors and village officials being of assistance in this respect. The villagers were generally kind and provided some food for the patrol though there was usually insufficient for themselves.

### NATIVE AFFAIRS.

#### Villages.

Generally most of the villages visited were not very clean owing to the dry condition which caused people to move temporarily into the bush to make sago and find such other food. Houses in some of the villages were in good order but general tidiness was negligible in all the villages. In the village of PUMANI the houses were in poor state. The reason for this is that people have moved somewhere else in search of food. It has been reported that there very little food and people are so hungry that they cannot stop in the village to build better houses.

In as much as the same condition is the village of RUABA and the hamlets around it. The housing here is very poor and the village was very dirty at the time of patrol. Here also was found poor health resulting in too many deaths.

#### Rest Houses.

Many of the rest houses were lacking attention. Three of them needs repairing. A new roof is required for the one at KWAGIRA. At PUMANI the whole of the building needs to be replaced by a new house. Another rest house which requires some attention is the one at RUABA. This one would be better built away from the village as it was very dirty. It also needs a new roof to be put.

The other four were fair though some of them needs small repairing done.

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Medical & Health.

Except for the villages of PUMANI and RUABA, all the villages visited had a fair health. The Medical Assistant was able to attend to minor ~~grip~~ cases; mostly infected sores and other small complaints. Not very serious cases were met with, except at PUMANI where a case of bronchitis was reported. This was attended to by the Medical Assistant and the Medical Orderly. An instruction was given for him to be taken to the hospital at Baniara.

There are two Aid Posts in the area. However, the Aid Post at BINIGUNI was deserted by the Medical Orderly who had to return to Baniara as life was miserable here. No serious complaints were made but lack of medical attention caused too many minor complaints to appear. These, however, were treated on the spot.

Another Aid Post was at PUMANI. A small Dispensary has just been ~~completed~~ completed. This has been built by the Medical Orderly alone without any assistance from the village people. The villagers are not very co-operative with the Medical Assistant by (a) not giving him assistance in the maintenance of the Aid Post and (b) not listening to him in matters concerning health.

In respect to health, a mention must be made of poor health in the villages of PUMANI and RUABA. Little bit has been said already. These two villages are so untidy and unhealthy that there has been so many cases of deaths this year than during last year.

This problem could be solved by a well equipped Aid Post and a well qualified Medical Orderly stationed at PUMANI.

Education.

There are four schools in the area. These are under trained Mission teachers. The schools provide primary education and though they are not of higher standard, they introduce education in a western sense into the area. From these schools some of the students continue their study at TARAKWARURU where there is a higher standard.

There is no Administration School.

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### Roads & Airstrips.

There are ~~few~~ no vehicular roads into this area. It has been one of the objects of the patrol to look into possible routes for the building of dry-weather roads into the area. The patrol looked at two particular routes.

One of these was the route from MIDINO to PUMANI. This has been walked over by the writer. ~~The~~ A road over this route is feasible. However, the hilly nature of the country provides some ~~at~~ difficulties. This hilly nature of the country extends from MIDINO on the coast into the inland as far as GURUKWAI. Beyond this point the country is fairly flat with some small patches of swampland. Greater part of the land is quite good for a dry-weather road.

Another route which was looked at is the one from MIDINO to BINIGUNI through BAIWA. A road over this also is possible. There is also some difficulties arising from the nature of the country. From MIDINO to BAIWA the route extends along the coast. Towards the section nearest to BAIWA ~~the~~ the hills provide certain amount of difficulties. Rest of the route beyond BAIWA provides less difficulty. The nature of the country here has a gentle rise but could be described as a flat country covered with rain forest vegetation.

The only airstrip in the area is at PUMANI. This is not in use yet. The length could be extended and width widened. The land is quite flat for the ~~a~~ strip to be made larger for light aircraft.

### Political Development.

A pre-election campaign was held in each of the villages visited and people seemed to understand what was discussed. Though election has been held in the area before this, it was necessary to explain what is meant by election.

Political awareness is very little as can be seen from the fact that some of the councillors elected were ~~not~~ the right ones.

The villages of RUABA and DANEAM are not in the Cape Vogel Local Government Council but appear to be interested in becoming part of it.