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PATROL REPORT NO 12-<sup>67-68</sup>~~12-13~~

BY

MR. J. W. GORDON-KIRKBY.

OUTSTANDING.

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BOKU

BOUGAINVILLE DISTRICT.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of BOUGAINVILLE Report No. 12-67/68

Patrol Conducted by J.W. GORDON-KIRKBY

Area Patrolled KARATO

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans ONE

Natives .....

Duration—From 22/11/1967 to 23/1/1968

Number of Days Sixty-eight

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services ...../...../1967

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

Map Reference .....

Objects of Patrol To liais between C.R.A. and village people and to reiterate laws of the Territory, especially in regard to mining exploration and to prevent a breach of the peace.

Director of District Administration,  
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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2nd September, 1969.

The District Commissioner,  
Bougainville District,  
KISIA.

PATROL NO. BOXU 12/67-68.

Your reference 67-1-6/87-1-52 of 29th  
July, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of  
Special Report by Mr. J.W. Gordon-Kirkby, Patrol Officer,  
to part BANONI Census Division.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Secretary  
Department of the Administrator.

cc:  
Mr. J.W. Gordon-Kirkby,  
c/- Sub-District Office,  
HOSKINS. West New Britain District.

Please note that political education must be a  
continuing process in all situations with the emphasis on the  
advantages of national unity.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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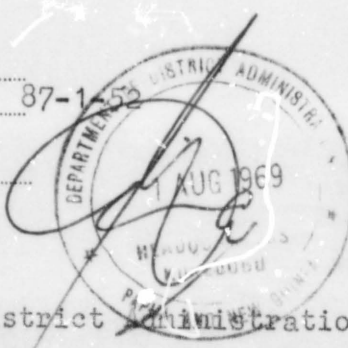
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Our Reference... 67-1-6 & 87-1-52

If calling ask for

Mr. ASM/ca



Department of District Administration,

District Headquarters,  
Bougainville District,  
KIETA.

29th July, 1969.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

OUTSTANDING PATROL REPORT - J.W. GORDON-KIRKBY

Your memorandum P. 400 of 15th April, 1969, refers.

2. Mr. Gordon-Kirkby has advised that he has received the camping allowance claim (\$68-25)
3. I forward herewith 2 copies of Mr. Gordon-Kirkby's report. I regret the delay in submission. It appears that it was forwarded from Boku, but not received at Buin.
4. In view of the late hour, comment is irrelevant.

*D.N. Ashton*

D.N. ASHTON  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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BOKU Patrol Post,  
Buin Sub-District,  
Bougainville District.  
16th February, 1968.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
BUIN Sub-District,  
Bougainville District.

BOKU Patrol Report 12 - 67/68

J.W. Gordon-Kirkby, Patrol Officer

Herewith please find Mr. Gordon-Kirkby's patrol report covering his activities in the KARATO area. Mr. Gordon-Kirkby's role was that of a liason officer between C.R.A. Exploration and the village people. His requirements were also to reiterate the laws of the Territory, especially with regard to mining and exploration, and to prevent any breach of the peace.

Mr. Gordon-Kirkby was briefed from KIETA and all information and instructions were communicated with KIETA.

KARATO village is approximately five hours walk inland from the west coast. There is no vehicular road and no foreseeable prospects of one being commenced. Some cocoa and coconuts have been planted around the village for cash crops. Presumably produce will have to be carried out to the point of export on the coast. Population is 93 in KARATO village. The people are nominally Roman Catholic faith.

A. The patrol diary may be summarised as follows:-

- 22/11 A.D.O Warrillow reports argument with KARATO village people; Gordon-Kirkby arrives KARATO and finds his patrol well received.
- 23/11 Helicopter commences to lift in C.R.A. cargo, subsequently rushed by 6 men who reload the machine - women screaming. Order later restored.
- 28/11 Warning issued that police reinforcements would be called if free movement of the patrol should be impeded.
- 29/11 Father GRENIER of Marist Mission at TOROKINA arrives in village.
- 30/11 Patrol evacuated by helicopter and watched by Father GRENIER. Departure marked by cordiality and general round of handshaking.
- 6/12 Permission granted to revisit KARATO village with police detachment.
- 7/12 Police detachment visiting KARATO village well received by six men in the village.
- 8/ 1 KARATO village revisited - patrol well received.
- 20/ 1 Village people sell food at KARATO camp.
- 21/ 1 One application for employment with C.R.A.
- 23/ 1 Patrol uplifted by helicopter to C.R.A. PANGUNA.

Comments on Diary:-

1. Information and communications were via KIETA.
2. It appeared politically expedient to evacuate the patrol from KARATO village. See para. 9 page 13. However, as Gordon-Kirkby notes, para. 14 page 21: "Our retreat from KARATO was probably taken as a triumph by the people of KARATO."



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3. The arrival of GRENIER at KARATO village at a difficult time was doubtful coincidence. I have ascertained that Father GRENIER rarely visits KARATO. Although he claims not to take sides in the C.R.A. exploration dispute, he nevertheless exhorts the people not to work for C.R.A. and, in my interpretation, that they are not to assist C.R.A. whatsoever.
4. The large police patrol which revisited KARATO village was designed to "show the flag" - in the usual idiom. Note it was well received by the six men in the village.
5. Mr. Gordon-Kirkby shows concern (21/120 that the activities of C.R.A. were being passed to KARATO village people. I cannot see any need for secrecy here, and in fact observers should have been encouraged to accompany the patrol.
6. On 10/1 I visited the camp. This was also my first visit to KARATO village.

B. Comments on the narrative

1. The description and general appreciation of attitudes page 14, para. 13-21, is sound and I agree with them throughout. I further agree with the statement that winning confidence will develop out of experience rather than from lengthy discussion.
2. Para. 11 refers. It is well that the land-owners have been advised of the rights of C.R.A. to undertake further geological study when and as they find further exploration necessary.
3. Mr. Gordon-Kirkby's handling of the police detachment is particularly commendable. His unfailing interest in the members kept them smart and active and this prevented any lethargy or dissentient occurring.
4. Progress Reports. I do not intend to comment on these as copies were previously forwarded directly to the District Commissioner.

C. Appendix - Local Government Council TAX - KARATO village

There are two sides to every argument. Mr. Gordon-Kirkby has presented his. Mr. Schweinfurth has also given his. The facts are these:-

1. Banoni-Nagovise TAX Rule published in Local Government Gazett No. 7 of 10th July 1967.
2. KARATO people failed to pay tax at KAREKOPA village (within one hour's walk of KARATO village) at the time and place appointed by the council tax collectors.
3. Council clerk issued tax orders and these were delivered to the people of KARATO on 10/1/68.

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4. Tax payers were advised that I, as the tax appeal tribunal, could determine applications for tax exemption. There were no applications for Tax Exemption.

5. A tax demand has been made. The onus is now on the village people to pay their council tax. So far, no one in KARATO village has paid. KARATO village is the only village group which has not paid council tax. The Finance Committee is demanding prosecutions against the KARATO tax defaulters. As soon as the House of Assembly and council estimates are completed, I will proceed to KARATO to determine the cases.

Mr. Gordon-Kirkby is extremely conscientious and energetic, and for a patrol officer with just four years experience in the Territory, he is doing a sound job. He could, however, be more flexible in his ideas as the conditions here sometimes demand flexibility.

(R.A. Hoad)  
District Officer

At what days they were to be collected on it's routine timetable. On 11/10/57, however, was changed at Jaba village due to the food shortage among the people thus the tax committee decided to bring forward the timetable one day. This altered the day for collection from 12/10/57 to 11/10/57. A pass was sent to the villages of Atangate, Karakopa and Karatu on the 10/10/57.

The pass which was sent reached all villages concerned and on the 10/10/57 when the tax committee and myself arrived at Karakopa all the villages from Karakopa, Atangate, Karatu and Karatu were present to pay their tax. All except Karatu plus three village members of the village tax committee were present whilst the council tax collector was present at all the other villages. The councillor from Karatu advised that he had a letter from the C.R.A. and it said that Mr. J. Kirkby would be going through Karatu in order to collect tax due to the village situation, therefore relations with C.R.A.

However as I only received the pass at Karakopa, the council tax committee and myself had not intended to proceed past Karakopa as Karakopa was chosen as the central meeting place for the tax collection. Besides this, no camping gear was brought with us as we only followed the timetable and every other village was present as well as the councillor from Karakopa with the committee who said that they had been advised not to pay tax until the pass which we received at Karakopa which told us to proceed to Karatu.

Thus the Karatu people have not paid their tax as was promised twice but hindered through Mr. Kirkby's influence by advising the Karatu people not to move up to Karakopa.

(H. Schaefer)  
CLERK PATROL OFFICER

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TAX PATROL 1967

Regarding Tax Patrol to the North Banoni Census Division during October 1969. The council tax committee after having sent various timetables to all the Banoni villages in regard to what days they can expect the tax committee, proceeded on it's routine timetable. The Timetable, however, was changed at Jaba village due to the good response shown by the people thus the tax committee decided to bring forward the timetable one day, this altered the day for collecting tax at Kerekopa to the 18th October. A pass was sent by the Tax committee and myself from Koiare to the surrounding villages of Korobi, Mom, Atangato, Kerekopa and Karatu on the 16th/10/67.

The pass which was sent reached all villages concerned and thus on the 18/10/67 when the tax committee and myself arrived at Kerekopa all the people from Korobi, Atangato, Mom and Kerekopa were present to pay their tax. All except the tax money from Keratu was collected for the councillor from Keratu plus three village members of the village tax committee were present whilst the council tax committee collected all the tax from the other villages. The councillor from Keratu explained that he had a pass for me which I opened and it said that Mr. J. Kirkby requests me to pass through Keratu in order to collect Tax due to the delicate situation concerning relations with C.R.A.

However as I only received the pass at Kerekopa, the council Tax Committee and myself had not intended to proceed past Kerekopa as Kerekopa was chosen as the central meeting place for the tax collection. Besides this, no camping gear was brought with us as we only followed the timetable and every other village was present as well as the councillor from Keratu with the committee who said that they had been advised not to pay tax due to the pass which we received at Kerekopa which told us to proceed to Keratu.

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(G. Schweinforth)  
CADET PATROL OFFICER

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REPORT No. 12 1967-68

PATROL DIARY

During the greater part of the time spent on this patrol there was little of a daily nature to report other than routine matters.

A typical routine day was as follows:-

- 1600 Rise
- 0700 Breakfast
- 0800 U.S.A. Personnel start
- 0830
- 1100
- 1230 Lunch
- 1600
- 1700-1800
- 1800
- 1900

BOKU PATROL REPORT

No. 12 1967-1968

CONZINC RIOTINTO AUSTRALIA EXPLORATION

KARATO AREA

BOUGAINVILLE

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BOKU PATROL No 12 1967-68PATROL DIARY

Note During the greater part of the time spent on this patrol there was little of a daily nature to report other than routine matters.

A typical routine day was as follows:-

1600	Flag Raising
0700	Breakfast
0800	C.R.A. Personnel start work
0830	Radio contact with A.D.C. KIETA
	A.D.O. BARAPINANG
1145	" " " " "
1230	Lunch
1600	Radio contact with KIETA & BARAPINANG
1700-1800	C.R.A. Personnel returned to camp
1800	Flag lowered
1900	Dinner

On Sundays radio contact was made at 1900 and 1600.

On an average we had a helicopter visit two or three times a week, with rations, fuel, pay etc etc.

Full details are contained in my Field Officers Journal Folios 53 F to 82 F.

Much of my time between radio schedules was spent in the company of the C.R.A. Geologist Mr. J. Mooney in the field.

Each and every day, I conducted an informal inspection of the police tents and surrounds.

The following diary contains the main points that will be enlarged upon within the context of this report.

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Boku patrol report No. 14 1967/68

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DATE	PLACE	TIME	REMARKS
November, 1967.			
21	Boku P.P.	0500	By land Rover with A.C. C. Lamond.
	Mosigetta	0530	On Foot to MAWAREKA - road in very poor walking condition.
	Mawareka	0900	Waiting for D.D.A. Speed Boat
		1430	Motorised Canoe from Koiare came with news of Speed Boat Break down. Embarked on canoe with all equipment.
	Koiare	1715	Too late to proceed - warm welcome here - slept KOIARE R/H.
22	Koiare	Unable to get	D.D.A. Motor to start. Requested Hilary Viro to tow speed boat back to Mawareka.
		0730	Departed Koiare by Motorised canoe to road head.
		0800	On Foot - cargo to follow when carriers arrive from KAREKOPA
	Karekopa	1200	Swamps knee deep in water, heavy rain during latter part.
		1215	A.O. Set up camp - I decided to continue to KARATO.
	Karato	1430	On foot - Rain eased - Could hear Helicopter in area as we approached. A.D.C. C Warrillow & C.R.A. Field Assistant M. Lorenz and 5 Labourers had arrived earlier in day - Reported argument with villagers. My patrol was well received - had one hour talk with villagers who threaten to evict us if C.R.A. move out into field. C. Warrillow instructed me in operation of A 510 Radio Tranceiver - Had Conversation with A.D.C. Kieta.
		1600	Slept KARATO.
23	Karato	1600	Raised Flag
		0830	Small Bell Helicopter arrived with one Labourer - Cargo and Geologist J. Mooney.
		1850	M. Lorenz and awlf made 10 minute flight to inspect valley for camp site.
		1900	C. Warrillow and J. Mooney departed.
		1915	Helicopter returned with two more labourers and cargo.
		1925	Helicopter departed. Villagers watched proceedings without comment.
		1935	Helicopter returned with two more labourers. During this last absence village people started heated discussion in the vernacular. As the machine landed it was rushed by half a dozen men trying to re-load machine - women screaming.
		1950	Calm and order regained - Helicopter departed empty.
		1015	A.O. C. Lamond arrived in camp
		1430	General meeting held - concluded 1830. Slept Karato R/H.

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DATE	PLACE	TIME	REMARKS
November 1967 24	Karato	0930	Routine. General meeting held to re-state our respective positions Ag. Officer C. Lamond departed for KOROB I with local carriers. A.B.C. National News report that Mt. Bogana had errupted. Though only 5 miles distant we knew nothing of it. 6
25	Karato		Routine. Two short meetings called by spokesman Siwapain, but nothing new. Villagers all expecting helicopter to return. Const. Bulamanau accompanied on shooting expedition.
26	Karato	0830	<u>SUNDAY</u> Called to general meeting by SIWAPAIN <u>ROUTINE</u> Councillor KIA from Kieta L.G.C. was present and spoke strongly against the Administration. I walked out of meeting as they had nothing new to say.
27	Karato	0700	Siwapain called to find out what our intended movements were for the day. I refused to co-operate with him as he with me. Mr. Lorenz and self walked out of the village to explore walking tracks to proposed camp site. No interference from villagers who are milling around expecting a helicopter to call. Councillor KAI still in village - Councillor MAMI of Koiare arrived in village. Normal Routine.
28	Karato	0745  0800	Village leaders told that police reinforcements would be called unless they changed their mind about resisting our intended movements. Paid PAKARUKA ex Karato Luluai \$1.00 compensation from C.R.A. for having cut down one 'PAU' tree Councillar MAMI Departed. Councillor KIA still in our midst. ROUTINE.

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DATE	PLACE	TIME	REMARKS
November 1967			ROUTINE
29	Karato	0830	Rev. Father Grenier of R.C.M. TOROKINA arrived in village from KAREKOPA - friendly but refused any hospitality from me.
		1240	Constables NOROKAI and BALIS arrived from MAINKI camp. 6 1/2 hour walk.
		1400	Special Schedule to make plans for evacuation of Karato camp.
30	Karato	0630	Special schedule with A.D.C. Barapinang with weather report.
		0800	Small Bell Helicopter arrived - made five trips to remove all cargo and three members for C.R.A. staff. Villagers and Fr. Grenier watching.
		0845	M. Lorenz and 3 C.R.A. boys, 4 police self and two guides from MINOKI departed village. Departure marked by cordiality, and general round of handshaking.
	MAINOKI	1355	Arrived MAINOKI Camp.
		1600	Made final arrangements by radio with A.D.C. Kieta and A.D.O. Barapina for movement back into the Karato area.
December 1967			
1	MAINOKI Camp.	0700	18 police with Sub-Inspector G. Brazier, rations and 10 C.R.A. Labourers flown in to camp by helicopter
		1200	Inspector Brazier, M. Lorenz and 8 police flown to ridge top.
		1245	Self and remainder of party on foot to ridge top - Heavy rain.
	Camp.	1445	Setting up camp in the rain - Radio contact established.
2	Camp.	0700	Departed temporary camp - 1200 selected site for permanent camp. 1200 - 1300 setting up camp in heavy rain. Radio contact established 1600. Slept KARATO PERMANENT CAMP.



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DATE	PLACE	TIME	REMARKS
December 1967			
3	KARATO CAMP	0700	SUNDAY. Everyone, including Police turned out, working till 1300 to cut helicopter pad and approaches also camp facilities. Otherwise routine.
4		1030	Radio contact with Barapina 0730 - 0830 - 0900 - 1000 with progress reports on helipad and weather conditions. Bell 204 B. Helicopter made three trips with cargo from MAINOKI camp - Unable to complete transfer due to weather conditions. J. mooney C.R.A. Geologist arrived in camp - M. Lorenz went in to Panguna.
5		0835	Normal Routine. 204 B made final cargo transfer. Police and C.R.A. Labour spent day cutting paths, steps, building latrines etc etc. No contact with villagers.
6			Routine A.D.C. Kieta granted permission to visit Karato Village with Police Detachment. Visit by Mr. D Corruthers and F. Hughes G.R.A. Geologists from Melbourne.
7		0730 1100 1530 1600	S/Insp Brazier - J. Mooney - 12 Police - 3 C.R.A. Trainee Geologists - and self departed for KARATO Village. Arrived in Village - well received - but only six men in village Returned to camp. Report on reception to A.D.C. Kieta.

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DATE	PLACE	TIME	REMARKS
December 1967			
8	KARATO CAMP		Routine. Expecting visit from A.D.C. Mr. K. Brown. SIWAPAIN Karato Village Spokesman in camp, quite friendly. C.R.A. first days prospecting unmolested.
9		1110	Normal Routine. A/D.C. Mr. K. Brown and A/A.D.O. J. Dagge visit. " " " " " " departed. M. Lorenz C.R.A. Field Assistant returned to camp.
10			SUNDAU No answer to radio calls 0900 and 1600 this day. Police report 'TAMBU' Sign near camp.
11		0900 1730	Routine Insp. Brazier, self and 4 police inspected 'TAMBU' sign placed near old Gold diggings. Sent two Police out to find Geologist J. Mooney. returned to camp 1745 stating that he might often be out till dusk.
12 and 13			Routine Day.
14		1115	Routine. C.R.A. Labour refused to work under M. Lorenz. Mr. W. Dagge C.R.A. Public Relations Officer arrived. Work resumed at noon - enlargement to Helipad to accomodate SIKORSKI.

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DATE	PLACE	TIME	REMARKS
December 1967 15 and 16	Karato Camp		Routine Day.
17			SUNDAY Routine.
18 to 20			Routine
21		1435	Routine Day SIWAPAIN Village Spokesman arrived in camp for visit. In conversation he revealed that SAMOS (C.R.A. Boss Boi) had been in contact with village and kept them informed of our movements, plans etc. Removal of SAMOS agreed upon by J. Mooney, M. Lorenz and self.
22			Routine Day. SIWAPAIN spent day with M. Lorenz at site of old gold diggings - SIWAPAIN very talkative - told of his meeting with Bishop LeMay - Lorenz offered him a trip into PANGUNA.
23			Routine - SIKORSKI made two trips to take out all C.R.A. personnel and Police - replacement police arrived. SIWAPAIN went in to Panguna.
24			Routine. SUNDAY
25		1930 1025 1125	Routine CHRISTMAS DAY. Mr. J. Witshire and D. Thompson arrived with 'Christmas Cheer' " " departed. Earth Tremour felt - estimated strength 3. Christmas dinner 9 police and self.

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DATE	PLACE	TIME	REMARKS
December 1967 26/30	Karato Camp		ROUTINE Police and self spent much of the time hunting.
31			ROUTINE Police and self saw New Year in playing MONOPOLY
January 1968 1			ROUTINE Radio etc.
2		0915	ROUTINE SIKORSKI made two trips in with C.R.A. Labour M. Lorenz and rations SIWAPAIN returned from week in Panguna - departed for home.
3 and 4			ROUTINE ONLY.
5		1030	M. Lorenz Departed en route Australia. J. Mooney and P. Dageling (Geologists arrived by SIKORSKI) 3 Police departed for Kieta no replacements required. ROUTINE.
6 and 7			ROUTINE
8		1030 1600	ROUTINE. Self and 4 police visited Karato Village - well received. Returned to Camp

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DATE	PLACE	TIME	REMARKS
January 1968 9	Karato Camp		ROUTINE DAY.
10		1545	ROUTINE DAY. R. Hoad District Officer Boku arrived in camp - slept night.
11		0645	Small Bell Helicopter made three trips taking C.R.A. Geologist and boys to ridge between Karato and Atamo valleys. D.O. R. Hoad went in to Panguna on last trip
12		0900	ROUTINE. Self and two Police visited Karato Village, came back with Const. Bunsik to await return of R. Hoad.
13		0900 1030	Mr. C. Bishop - C.R.A. Area Manager visited camp. P. Dageling (Geologist) departed with Mr. Bishop. Routine
14			SUNDAY ROUTINE. Village people came to camp with fresh vegetables and fruit for sale
15		1400	ROUTINE Small Bell with Police rations and mail Another party of village men and women with fresh vegetables - they need cash for L.G.C. tax.
16		0715 and 1015 1400	ROUTINE. Two Small Bell Choppers trips with C.R.A. Rations and Mr. R. Hoad 2nd trip. Mr. R. Hode and two police as guides departed for Karato Village.

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DATE	PLACE	TIME	REMARKS
January 1968 17/19	Karato Camp		Routine Nothing to report.
20		0845 0900 1145	Routine Mr. C. Bishop and D. Spratt C.R.A. arrived. Depart. Village people arrived with fresh vegetables for sale.
21			SUNDAY Routine Geologist J. Mooney and labour worked this day. More village people with fresh vegetables for sale. One old man from MOM arrived seeking employment with C.R.A.
22		0820	SIKORSKI made two trips with camp equipment to ATAMO. More fresh vegetables for sale - purchased for use at Barapina. Police and self spent the day packing up - and tidying up camp site.
23		0800 0930	SIKORSKI one trip to ATAMO with J. Mooney and his staff SIKORSKI took remainder of Police, equipment and self to Barapina. Camp evacuated.
<u>PATROL COMPLETED</u>			
January 23rd	Barapina	1000 1300	Met by A.D.O. R. Henderson Attended weekly D.D.A./C.R.A. meeting.
24th	Barapina	1000 1045 1410 1600	With Police detachment preparing for parade. Assistant Administrator and party arrived for Police inspection. Departed Barapina by Toyota for Kieta. Attended ceremonial opening of Kieta wharf.

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DATE	PLACE	TIME	REMARKS
January 1968 25	Kieta		Whole day spent in Sub District Office
26	Kieta	1030	Depart by T.A.A.
	Buin	1110	Arrived Buin. Had short talk with A.D.C. M. Lang at Air Strip.
	Boku	1500	Collected mail and departed for Boku by Toyota. Arrived Boku.

LENGTH OF PATROL 68 DAYS  
NIGHTS CAMPED OUT 63

Boku Patrol Report No. 12 1967/68OBJECTS OF THE PATROL

1. (a) To make further contact with the people of the KARATO area.
- (b) To accompany the Conzinc Riotinto Exploration Pty. Ltd. geological party into the field.
2. Other routine administrative duties as required.

INTRODUCTION

3. This Patrol report should be read in conjunction with my previous reports and associated correspondence, to which the reader is here referred to ;
  - (a) Patrol Report No. 3 1966/67  
During this Census/ Common Roll and familiarisation partol I made my first visit to the MOM, KAREKOPA, KARATO and ATANGATO Villages on June 21st 1967.
  - (b) Patrol Report No. 1 1967/68  
A special patrol to advise the peoples of the TOROKINA area of the granting to C.R.A. OF A RIGHT TO PROSPECT OVER PART OF THEIR LAND.
  - (c) Patrol Report No. 7 1967/68  
A special patrol to advise the peoples of the KARATO area of the granting to C.R.A. of a right to prospect over part of their land.
  - (d) Confidential Report dated October 21st 1967.  
A special patrol to the KARATO area to further advise and explain to the involved peoples the laws and implications associated with the imminent prospecting activity in their area.
  - (e) Correspondence arising from these reports.
4. From the above, sections (a) and (b) are not directly involved in the subject of this patrol, but are worth taking into account because the first indicates the time when I first met the KARATO peoples and the second because inspite of being a separate Prespecting Authority, at some distance from KARATO, the Karato peoples were nevertheless well aware of what was going on.



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5. Reference to Confidential Field Progress Report
  - No. 1 of 26-11-67
  - No. 2 of 5-12-67
  - No. 3 of 11-12-67
  - No. 4 of 22-12-67
6. From the above mentioned reports, the reader will find that prior to this last patrol, I spent a total of ten full days camped in the KARATO area, at both KAREKOPA and the Karato rest houses. During this time a total of more than ten hours was spent at semi formal meetings in exhaustive discussion, and many more hours were spent in informal discussion with small groups or individuals. Whilst all the discussions were centered on matters associated with the Mining Laws of the Territory, these discussions often digressed on to topics far removed from prospecting and mining. Yet all topics discussed had a direct bearing on all aspects of development.
7. This last patrol, mounted primarily to accompany C.R.A. personnel into the field for prospecting purposes was deemed necessary because of the attitude of the land owners involved.
8. The people involved had been given every reasonable opportunity to change their attitude, as recorded by Assistant District Commissioner Mr. P. Gardy in his Confidential Report of April 13th, 1967 (page 3)
9. An attempt to enter their land for prospecting purposes with only two Police Constables was met with obstruction, and therefore it was the decision of the Deputy District Commissioner, Kieta that our patrol should make a retreat, only to enter the area from a different direction with substantial police escort.
10. Once a camp had been established, and our intentions made quite clear to the native land owners, our relations with them were extremely cordial; there was absolutely no interference with prospecting activity, and the police party was reduced to a number varying between 6 and ten men.
11. Initial prospecting was concluded, and the Patrol withdrew having made it quite clear to the land owners, that C.R.A. still held the right to enter the area for further prospecting purposes should they deem it necessary.

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13. The attitude of the people, is I believe fairly straight forward and simple to follow.
14. The adults of this area have no formal education whatsoever, and though many of the men have at times worked on the coast for private enterprise for short periods, they are nevertheless very insular in outlook.
15. These people give an adequate subsistence existence, supplemented by a very small income derived from scattered patches of cash crops (Cocoa, coffee and copra) These are spasmodically harvested and carried to the coast over difficult terrain when the need for cash is pressing.
16. Children are attending Roman Catholic Mission Schools in the area, but they are inclined to start late, and to my knowledge only one youth of about 17 has so far reached Standard VI at SIPAI R.C.M. (1967). It is obvious that parents do not yet set great value on education for their children.
17. Present day adults are curious but little concerned with matters beyond their immediate experience.
18. These people are as yet un-accustomed to the concept of a central government, and more particularly to accepting the dictates of a majority, even if composed mainly of their own people, in the House of Assembly.
19. Therefore, in brief, these people are indignant, for I believe they feel that in spite of the justifications, and the safeguards incorporated in the Mining Laws they sense that their rights to their only lasting and therefor most precious possession 'LAND' is somehow being whittled away by the House of Assembly in connivance with the Administration and Conzino Riotinto Exploration Pty. Ltd.
20. The people lack confidence in our intentions, this was confirmed in some small measure by the surprise expressed by Karato Villagers that indeed, as I had told them, Prospecting as such involved insignificant damage to land. In spite of repeated assurances by myself, these people feared that prospecting in their valley would involve the creation of a complex comparable to that at Panguna.
21. The task to winning their confidence, and even co-operation will be a slow one, and will develop out of their experience rather than from lengthy discussions. There is I believe evidence of this in the very friendly relationship that existed between ourselves at KARATO Camp and the Village people, particularly towards the end of the year and during January.

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22. The sale of large quantities of fresh vegetables to C.R.A. was perhaps prompted by the need for money with which to pay Local Government Tax.
23. As individuals, many of the Karato men with whom I spoke showed a marked tendency to favour the development of their area with C.R.A. aid. But when confronted as a group, these same men expressed fears, doubts and in the early stages threatened hostility.
24. Towards the end of the patrol, one began to sense some change, manifest primarily in a lack of animosity which previously they could not hide behind a facade of cordiality.
25. In the first weeks of January, there were three traditional 'Sing Sings' held at KOIARE, ; KAREKOPA and ATAMO. These feasts were for the reciprocal exchange of pigs and other goods arising out of a recent death.
26. As a result of these feasts, there seems to have been quite a bit of exchange of ideas and experiences between villagers of the area. This may well have been a contributing factor to the unexpected warm welcome extended to A.D.O. Mr. C. Warrillow and his party of police and C.R.A. personnel at ATAMO.
27. Before departure from the KARATO area, I made a particular point of emphasising to the local people that the first stage of prospecting was over, and that depending on the results of their work, C.R.A. might well decide to return for further prospecting work, and that drilling might well be necessary. The reaction to this was quite pleasing, for though there was nothing new in this to them, they at least showed none of the ire that such news might have prompted two months previously.
28. The situation is therefore at present most satisfactory, and it is believed by me that if handled carefully in the future the situation could improve further still.

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29. The whole of the geological work conducted in this area was done by Mr. J. Mooney assisted by native trainee geologists, and for a short time by Mr. Paul Dageling, also a geologist fresh from University.
30. Native trainee geologists are youths with a minimum of Form I pass. In the field they are primarily occupied in making chain and compass traverses along water courses. Of those working at KARATO only one (AUGUSTINE GOMONO of KOIARE Village) was capable of working without supervision.
31. Augustine was visited regularly by his father, who in turn spent much time in Karato, Karekopa and Mom Villages. Though Augustine was non-comital during discussions, there is little doubt that his enthusiasm for his work was observed by Karato and other villagers.
32. Geologically the area consists of a succession of massive lava flows, tuff beds and limestone intruded by seams of plutonic rocks. The area is highly dissected with heavily vegetated slopes commonly averaging between thirty and forty degrees. The lower part of the NOMERTI river valley is a mature river valley underlain by highly weathered intrusives. Typically, the tributary streams occupy deeply incised 'V' shaped valleys with gradients, waterfalls up to one hundred feet high are common whilst tuff beds form the high ridges. Limestone outcrops tend to form relatively flat plateaus, largely with underground drainage.
33. The complete results of the stream sediment sample analysis were not available at the completion of the patrol, but indications were that the area was not as promising as had first been thought.

POLICE DETACHMENT

34. Initially, the patrol started out with only two Constables from the Boku Detachment. As from December 1st, 1968 the Police detachment was increased by one Sub-Inspector and 18 other ranks. This number was maintained until December 12th when Inspector Brazier and 9 men returned to Barapinang. The number of men was then maintained at 10, though for a short period it was reduced to 6 only.

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35. One constable was detailed to be on duty each day, he remained fully uniformed and it was his duty to raise and lower the flag and any other duties as required.
36. A deep swimming hole was built by damming the river, and the police were kept quite busy repairing this after the numerous floods.
37. A basket Ball was provided by C.R.A. and the police regularly had games against the C.R.A. staff.
38. Half of the detachment were permitted to leave the camp at any one time, and regular use was made of the D.D.A. shot gun for shooting Horn Bills and other birds for food.
39. A set of the game MONOPOLY and DROUGHTS was provided by myself and on an average three or four rounds of monopoly were played each day.
40. An informal camp inspection was made by myself each day with the result that the police quarters were kept tidy at all times.
41. All policemen comported themselves in an exemplary manner and special mention I feel is due to Constables MARK DENDE Reg No. 2469 and GIDEON MANGUI Reg No. 2560 both of whom speak good English, have a smart bearing, show above average initiative, and are at all times ready to give a hand or volunteer for jobs.

Their company, with that of the other seven policemen was greatly appreciated by myself over the Christmas and New Year break.

VISITORS

42. A large number of C.R.A. personnel visited the camp site whenever there was an empty seat on one of the frequent helicopter trips. Most did not bother to descend the 200 odd steps from Helipad to Camp site.
43. Notable and welcome visitors were Mr. Frank Hughes Chief Geologist at C.R.A. Headquarters in Melbourne.  
Mr. Colin Bishop Area Manager for C.R.A. (two visits)  
Acting District Commissioner Mr. K Brown and on Christmas Day D.O.-A.D.C. Kieta, Mr. J.A. Wiltshire.

PROGRESS REPORT

Reports were sent to the District Office Boku to keep him informed of the main activities of the area. Copies of these reports are attached as an appendix.

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CONCLUSION

- 45. This was an un-usual patrol and the long period of relatively non-constructive activity is something that I hope I do not have to repeat too often. Two months was quite long enough and I was glad to return to more normal duties, at Boku.
- 46. The task of explaining to village people the complexities of Mining legislation, mining and other developmental projects and trying to win their understanding and co-operation is one that I particularly enjoy, and it is my hope that upon return from recreation leave in June 1968, I will once again find myself posted to this area of C.R.A. activity.

John W. Gordon-Kirkby  
Patrol Officer

1. A.D.C. Mr. J. Warrilow and Mr. K. Jones of U.P.A. arrived here on the morning of 23-11-67 by helicopter. Constable Poole had arrived here the previous day with my patrol equipment. I arrived at 08.00 on the 23rd.

2. It was reported to me later that Mr. Warrilow and the local employees already had been working on the site and the landing of a helicopter and the presence of a party.

3. At all times up to the time of the helicopter landing, my relations with the village people were cordial. Numerous questions were asked and all were answered in a friendly and helpful manner.

4. Exhaustive enquiries were made by myself, Mr. Jones and by the local employees on the night of 23-11-67.

5. There is no record of any trouble of any kind I have said, but the local employees stated that the C.R.A. staff remain out of their jobs, as they, the employees have the given their permission.

6. On 23-11-67 at about 10.00 the helicopter attempted to land on the site with a large party. There was hysterical screaming by the local employees, some of whom were shouting at the top of their voices. The helicopter was held in position for some 15 minutes - the noise of the helicopter.

7. In the end I persuaded the helicopter to not land. Reluctantly, to show the helicopter that the site was only empty - they agreed to this and the helicopter departed on its own orderly mission.

8. The A.D.C. staff and Mr. Jones were kept informed of the situation by radio.

9. Helicopter operations were halted by this situation.

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APPENDIX

COPIES OF PROGRESS REPORTS TO THE DISTRICT OFFICER BOKU

PROGRESS REPORT No. 1 26-11-67

1. The aim of these reports will be to keep you informed in brief of the situation here in the Karato area as frequently as possible. I do not propose giving details that are contained in my F.O.J. folios which will be sent to the District Commissioner Sohano, and A.D.C. Buin as regularly as communications permit.
2. My arrival at Karato was delayed by 24 hours due to engine failure of the D.D.A. Speed boat.
3. A.D.O. Mr. C. Warrillow and Mr. M. Lorenz of C.R.A. arrived here on the morning of 22nd by helicopter. Constable Dende had arrived here the previous day with my patrol equipment. I arrived at 2.30 pm on the 22nd.
4. It was reported to me later that Mr. Warrillow and the local spokesman SIWAPAIN had had a moisy argument about the landing of a helicopter and proposed C.R.A. activity.
5. At all times up to the present and with one exception, my relation with village people has been exceptionally cordial. Numerous meetings have been held -all orderly- voices have not been raised and the proceedings have been punctuated with humour.
6. Exhaustive explanations have been made by myself, by Mr. Lorenz and by Mr. Lamond Ag. Officer Boku who spent the night of 23-11-67 here.
7. There is general acceptance of much of what I have said, but the people remain adamant that C.R.A. must remain out of their land, as they, the land owners have not given their permission.
8. On 23-11-67 at about 0930 the assembled villagers tried to reload the helicopter with all our effects. There was hysterical screaming by women and menacing looks in the eyes of the men. "Teh battle of the cargo" continued for some 10 minutes - confusion aggravated by the noise of the helicopter.
9. In the end I persuaded the leaders to act more rationally, to allow the helicopter to leave - but only empty - they agreed and this was followed by a 4½ hour orderly meeting.
10. The A.D.C. Kieta and A.D.O. Mainoki were kept informed of the situation by radio.
11. Helicopter movements were halted, and this situation remains.

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12. An idle threat to forcibly remove all our effects to KAREKOPA on Saturday was not even attempted.
13. The people have now been given every opportunity to change their minds.
14. I have now presented them with three alternatives :-
  - (i) They co-operate with us 100%
  - (ii) They stand aside, let us bring in labour and do not interfere.
  - (iii) They interfere with our lawful work in which case I will have no alternative but to call for police reinforcements.
15. So far they have been unwilling to vote on any course of action, and they have been told that that is equivalent to (iii)
16. Monday is a day of action, and with the permission of the A.D.C. Kieta we will attempt to test these people, to call their bluff.
17. I feel that there is still hope and that they may try to co-operate or at least not resist if they can do so without losing face.
18. There is no point in my trying to talk any more, I have said my piece and they theirs - the time has come to show them that we mean business. The A.D.C. Kieta agrees, and next week should see us out of KARATO and in the field of work.

PROGRESS REPORT No. 2 5-12-67

1. The past ten days have been marked by the evacuation of all Administration and C.R.A. personnel from Karato Village and the establishment of a semi permanent camp in the Karato Valley some three miles from the Village.
2. Repeated meetings with the Karato people failed to gain from them an assurance that the proposed prospecting would not meet with resistance, probably developing into physical confrontation if we persisted with our work.
3. The slight hope that I had of success was smashed with the arrival of Councillor KIA of KARIKOBIRI (KIETA L.G.C.) who with his three supporters spoke with emotion and pent up hatred of the 'white man and his tricks'



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4. The overnight visit of the Rev. Fr. Grenier of TOROKINA R.C.M. on 29-11-67 seems hardly a co-incidence as he was in the area just ahead of my previous patrol 6 weeks before. The Father told me that he normally only came up this way once in three months. Though friendly, he declined to accept any form of hospitality from us whatsoever. He said that he did not want to take sides on the C.R.A. issue.
5. The hopes that I had of winning the understanding and co-operation of the Karato people has proved a failure, with the result that five or more working days have been lost.
6. At all times, the relations between C.R.A., D.D.A., Police and the Karato people was exceptionally friendly and we all parted shaking hands, a gesture that came from them.
7. The patient and lengthy talks and explanations given to the Karato people were well received and I repeatedly had the assurance of my audience that they agreed with much of what I said about how and why the laws of the Territory are passed, the benefits to Karato; Bougainville and to the rest of T.P. & N.G. that might come of full scale C.R.A. operations - the laws and safeguards for their welfare etc.
8. In spite of this there was the firm and often repeated statement that they did not want C.R.A. on their land. They were unable to give a reasonable justification for this attitude.
9. I think that it is therefore not unreasonable to assume that these people are not really acting entirely without direction from beyond the village.
10. I was not given the opportunity to put these people to the test, to see if they really would resist us to the point of using force.
11. I was repeatedly told by the spokesman SIWAPAIN that there would be no violence started by his people as they realized that that would be breaking the law.
12. The loading up of the Helicopter on 23-11-67 (Ref F.O.J. Folio 56 F Para. 300) was rationalised as non violent resistance.
13. On reflection it seems to me that the people of Karato have probably received advice or instruction on how to harass C.R.A. operations and defy the law only to point where the Administration would be hesitant to prefer charges.
14. Our retreat from Karato was probably taken as a triumph by the people of Karato.
15. We have now entered the area again, but with force and by the back door. Up to the present there has been no fresh contact with Karato people, though they must now be well aware of our presence.

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16. In the last two days there having been a great deal of helicopter movement associated with the transfer from Mainoki to this camp. There has also been a great deal of noise of chain saws and the felling of trees for the establishment of a camp for 45 persons (20 police and one officer).
17. It would seem most improbable that this camp has not been spied upon within the last two days, by the Karato leaders.
18. Prospecting is due to commence on December 7th 1967 and the reactions if any, from the Karato people will no doubt be the subject of my next report.

PROGRESS REPORT No. 3 December 11th 1967.

1. The past week has been marked by (i) our visit to KARATO Village, (ii) the visit of spokesman SIWAPAIN to our camp (iii) the short visit to our camp by the Acting District Commissioner.
2. On Thursday 7-12-67 Sub-Inspector Brazier, and 14 police, Mr. J. Mooney (C.R.A. Geologist) and 3 of his staff and myself visited Karato Village.
3. The aim of this was (i) an exercise (ii) to let the Karato people see that I was not fooling when I told them that I would call for police. (iii) to show the flag.
4. There were only a handful of people in the village - our reception was friendly.
5. I told the gathered men once more that as they could see, the Government means to go ahead, and that it would not put up with any interfering from village people with the lawful activity of C.R.A. personnel.
6. I was once again reminded by SIWAPAIN that there would be no physical obstruction, to which I said that his interpretation of physical resistance seemed different to mine, and therefore I was bound to keep a Police detachment on hand.
7. When asked what the Rev. Fr. Grenier had told them I was informed that : (i) He told them that not one of them was a Christian.  
(ii) That he did not want to become involved in the C.R.A. dispute.  
(iii) That they must obey the laws of the land.
8. At my invitation, SIWAPAIN and one other came to have a look at the camp. They agreed that the damage caused was of little consequence.

"It was a pity that the site was so far from the village as the clearing would make a good garden".

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9. Someone (Presumably Siwapain) has placed a 'HIA TAMBU' sign at the spot where he and others do gold panning. The sign remains, but no notice will be taken by C.R.A. persons when their lawful activity takes them to this area.
10. The short visit to camp by the Acting District Commissioner Mr. K. Brown on 9-12-67 was appreciated by all persons out here as a mark of his close interest in the situation in the field.
11. Radio contact at regular times is maintained with the A.D.O. Barapinang and A.D.C. Kieta, seven days a week.
12. The situation is quite satisfactory - C.R.A. are now proceeding with their work of prospecting.
13. The Police detachment has now been reduced to 2 Boku Constables and 9 Kieta (Barapinang constables. Sub Inspector Brazier will be returning to Barapinang as soon as convenient and the police detachment will be maintained at a strength of 10 men for the present.

PROGRESS REPORT No. 4 December 22nd 1967

1. During the past ten days C.R.A. prospecting activity in the Karato area has proceeded according to plan. There have been only two incidents worth enlarging upon.
2. LABOUR PROBLEMS C.R.A. EMPLOYEES  
On 13-12-67 GABRIEL HIANU of C.R.A. ex 'A' Certificate Mission teacher who is a member of the C.R.A. Industrial Council asked Mr. M. Lorenz (Karato Camp Supervisor) why no pay had come out for C.R.A. labour on the helicopter.
3. Mr. Lorenz interpreted this question as being an accusation that he had failed in his duty to send in the time sheets and ask for due pay to be sent out.
4. Mr. Lorenz in my presence un-necessarily aggravated the situation by losing his temper and keeping the 'argument' going for over  $\frac{3}{4}$  hour.
5. Mr. Lorenz's speech, in my presence was punctuated with swear words, but at no time was any offence ment.
6. Later it was alleged that Mr. Lorenz had used the phrase "You Bloody black bastard". I personally did not hear this though members of the R.P. & N.G.C. Detachment say that they heard the phrase used.
7. One 14-12-67 the C.R.A. Labour refused to work under Mr. Lorenz.
8. Both Mr. Mooney (Geologist) and I spent a long time trying to talk sense to those involved.

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9. Gabriel Hianu (Ref Para. 2) acted as spokesman, but it was evident that initiative for all actions came from 'Bos Boi' SAMOS.
10. Workers agreed to resume work under direct supervision of Mr. Mooney only.
11. At 11.30 Mr. W. Dagge C.R.A. Personnel Officer from PANGUNA arrived with pay, issue of towels, shorts and cigarettes (the latter to be paid for).
12. Mr. Dagge succeeded in repairing relations.
13. The strike was started off by the argument on 13-12-67 (Ref. Para. 2 to 5) but the problems are obviously deeper.
14. C.R.A. Labourers are very conscious of 'Their rights' fostered by C.R.A. itself. Unfortunately, labourers have very little idea of Industrial Dispute Proceeded. To STRIKE is the only course they can see to make their grievances known.
15. The real problem at this camp is one of a complete lack of routine or organisation - this is a direct reflection on the personal self discipline of Mr. Lorenz who will lie in bed till the mid morning hours if not physically pushed out by Mr. Mooney or myself.
16. Mr. Lorenz is only a temporary C.R.A. employee who is due to return to Australia in the first week of January, 1968. On his own admission, he does not care about the attitude of his charges or his employers.
17. By contrast, Mr. Mooney is a career officer with C.R.A. and has a commendable attitude to his employers and their staff.
18. The differences of opinion between Mr. Lorenz and Mr. Mooney can hardly go un-noticed by the C.R.A. labourers and my police detachment.
19. Although only a very minor incident it is symptomatic of what can be expected the future if C.R.A. do not choose their staff with great care.
20. The situation at present is quite good - Mr. Lorenz is once more in charge and his position is accepted by both Mr. Mooney and C.R.A. Labour in the knowledge that he will be leaving for good within two weeks.
21. If good public relations are to be maintained, Mr. Lorenz's replacement must be a person prepared to command respect. (not wonder around camp in the nude - for example). He must be disciplined himself; should be prepared to introduce some organisation into camp life and do this daily duties such as ; compiling time sheets, issuing of rations etc. in a conscientious manner.

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22. I have only known Mr. Lorenz for four weeks, he is a likable person and I believe that he has done a good job on the whole, but just of late his "Could not care less" attitude has done nothing but harm.
23. I have no objection if the whole or part of the above is made available to C.R.A. executive officers at Panguna.
24. Between 8-12-67 to 21-12-67 there has been no reported contact with village people.
25. Police reported that a village dog had been seen near the camp and that the presence of villagers was suspected.
26. On numerous occasions we have suspected the presence of 'visitors' just out of sight from the camp. These suspicions having been aroused by the behaviour of my dog and at times, reports of sighted movement in the bush by Mr. Lorenz.
27. At 1445 on 21-12-67 SIWAPAIN, the Karato village spokesman arrived in camp. He delivered a letter to one of the C.R.A. boys and said that he had come to invite 'SAMOS' C.R.A. Bos Boi to Karato for Christmas. (Samos is from the Madang District).
28. In conversation with SIWAPAIN I confirmed my suspicion that there had been contact between camp and Karato villagers.
29. SIWAPAIN was very well informed on police movements over the previous ten days, and he had made assumptions obviously based on information that was common knowledge to police and C.R.A. workers.
30. SIWAPAIN expressed surprise that some changes had been made in plans, details of which had not been made known to police and C.R.A. Staff.
31. Mr. Lorenz has observed that SAMOS enjoyed special relations with SOWAPAIN during our stay in Karato Village between 22-11-67 to 30-11-67. Also that of late SAMOS has been un-usually eager to be sent out to cut tracks in the bush, a task not usually popular, but one that would give him excellent opportunity to contact village people.
32. SAMOS is the type of person who seems to be burdened with a grudge and though he seldom voices his feelings, one senses that he is a disruptive element.
33. His removal from the Karato Camp, approved by C.R.A. will take place on 23-12-67.

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- 34. SIWAPAIN reports that he made a visit to TOROKINA R.C.M. on about 12-12-67 and that there he met the Bishop, (presumably on a visit from Chabai)
- 35. The Bishop is reported to have told SIWAPAIN that prospecting activity of C.R.A. is not something to get upset about as C.R.A. is only looking.
- 36. If C.R.A. decide to go ahead and start mining, then in the words of Siwapain, "that will be the time to fight".

- 1. Reference should be made to Aluku Patrol Report No. 11 1967/68 (Confidential File) and to the Aluku Patrol Report No. 10 1967/68 for October 1967.
- 2. A fax patrol programme was broadcast and distributed well in advance of the patrol. It was stated that the MARIYO people will be based at October 1967, 1967 at Kargopa.
- 3. It is reported that a meeting was held at the site in connection with the MARIYO people's activities and that the MARIYO people will be based at October 1967, 1967 at Kargopa.
- 4. It is noted that on October 1967, 1967, a note from the MARIYO people was received at the village, containing information that the MARIYO people will be based at Kargopa.
- 5. At the time of the patrol, it was noted that the MARIYO people were in the area and that they were engaged in mining activities. It was noted that the MARIYO people will be based at Kargopa.
- 6. In addition, it was noted that the MARIYO people were engaged in mining activities and that they will be based at Kargopa.

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APPENDIX

COUNCIL TAX - KARATO AREA

1. Due to (i) Questions asked by the present Officer in charge of Boku Patrol post.
- (ii) My imminent departure on recreation leave.
- (iii) The anticipated further changes in staff at this post.

I believe that it is important that I set out in printed form, the reasons why the KARATO people have not yet paid their Council Tax.

2. Reference should be made to my Patrol Report No. 7 1967/68 (Confidential File) and to My F.O.J.'s Folios 41 and 42 F for October 18/19th, 1967.
3. A Tax Patrol Programme was typed out and distributed well in advance of the patrol. In this it clearly stated that the KARATO people would be taxed on October 19th, 1967 at Karekopa.
4. It so happened that I was at KARATO at this time in connection with the proposed C.R.A. prospecting activity, and I had informed village people of the scheduled tax patrol. There was no indication that anyone would object to paying due tax.
5. At 1400 hours on October 18th 1967, Councillor NAMOSO-NIMIM of KAREKOPA arrived at KARATO bearing a note from C.P.O. Schweinfurth saying that he was at MOM Village, returning immediately to KOIARE and that NAMOSO was to collect tax and return with the money to KOIARE.
6. At that time of the afternoon, a day before the scheduled tax Collection was due, most of the village people were out in their gardens. Heavy rains threatened flash floods in the mountain streams, and Councillor NAMOSO said, quite reasonably that he did not want to walk back the 5½ hours trip to KOIARE in the dark, over mountain and rivers and through knee deep swamp.
7. In addition, NAMOSO is not a forceful character, and he did not seem at all keen about having to collect the tax.

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8. As far as I am aware, and C.P.O. G. Schweinfurth Patrol Report No. 9 1967/68 bears this out, there was no reason why the Tax Patrol had to rush back to Boku on October 19th.
9. KARATO is only 2 hours walking distance (hard climbing) from Mom Village, and the KARATO people have built a good rest house for such use.
10. At that time, I did not have access to the Local Government Ordinances and more particularly to STATUTORY INSTRUMENT No. 33 1964 Sections 18 to 21. Nevertheless it was quite obvious to me that for numerous reasons the people should not be required to hand their money to NAMOSO.
11. (i) NAMOSO was not a member of the Tax Patrol.  
 (ii) He had no tax receipts with him.  
 (iii) He was un-accompanied by anyone at all.  
 (iv) There was no Tax Revue Committee available should anyone ask exemption.  
 (v) He did not have a safe with him.  
 (vi) He was reluctant to do the job.
12. I therefore told NAMOSO that he might return to his village, and that was under no obligation to collect tax, and that I had no authority to collect it either. NAMOSO and the Karato villagers were informed that I would request the A.D.O. Boku to send out a properly constituted patrol to complete the job in a proper manner.
13. On my return to Boku, my actions were the subject of restrained criticism by both the A.D.O. AND C.P.O. Schweinfurth, and it was intimated that I had been obstructive and officious. Nothing more was said.
14. My task in the KARATO area was to try to convince the landowners that the Administration, as represented in that instance by myself, was there to protect their interests with particular reference to C.R.A. activity. I was there to demonstrate our preoccupation with their welfare and development and I hoped strengthen their confidence in the Administration.
15. In all my dealings with native peoples I am particularly careful to present what I believe to be the right image. To this end, I believe that punctuality is an important aspect. To adhere to an advertised patrol programme in as far as circumstances permit is a simple courtesy, quite apart from any other considerations.



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16. Only if we Administration officers maintain a standard of behaviour beyond reproach in all activities can we really deserve to hold the loyalty and confidence of the People of Papua and New Guinea. Far too often do officers follow the expedient course rather than the slower, and often tedious correct one. Even the most unsophisticated of natives can observe this and the not infrequent allegation 'GAVMAN I BIN GIAMANIM MIPELLA' is not in my short experience without substance. Fortunately, most instances are of a trivial nature, but it is nevertheless a poor commentary.
17. The KARATO people may be remote and un-lettered, but they undoubtedly have their contacts in the outside world. An incident such as this, is the type of subject that those eloquent correspondents of the MADANG SEMMINARY publication 'DIALOGUE' would love to elaborate on.
18. I just wish to restate here, that I take full responsibility for my action. That the people of KARATO have done nothing wrong and that therefore under no circumstances should they be punished.
19. I believe that District Officer Mr. R. Hoade, on his recent patrol to the area (Vide MEMORANDUM OF PATROL Boku No. 13 1967/68) found the people of KARATO very friendly, and not unprepared to meet their tax dues.

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