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1959 - 1960

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PATROL REPORT OF:

BUIIN & BOKU

ACCESSION No. 496

VOL. No: 7: 1959-60

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REPORT NO:	FOLIO	OFFICER CONDUCTING PATROL	AREA PATROLLED	MAPS/ PHOTOS	PERIOD OF PATROL
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[1] 1/59-60	01-30	R.W. McLellan (CPO)	Southern (Panbake) Paramountcy		5.10.59- 12.10.59
[2] 2/59-60	33-53	R.W. McLellan (CPO)	Northern (Lugakei) Paramountcy		19.10.59- 28.10.59
[3] 3/59-60	54-74	K. McRae (CPO)	Southern (Paubake) Paramountcy		14.12.59- 18.12.59
[4] 4/59-60	75-97	R.W. McLellan (CPO)	Western (Makis) Paramountcy	1map	7.12.59- 23.12.59
[5] 5/59-60	98-109	R.W. McLellan (CPO)	Western (Makis) Paramountcy (Duplicate)		7.12.60- 23.12.59
[6] 6/59-60	110-137	R.W. McLellan (CPO)	Eastern Paramountcy		7.1.60-8.2.60
[7] 7/59-60	138-145	R.W. McLellan (CPO)	Toiumonapu - Buin	1map	19.2.60- 28.2.60
[8] 8/59-60	146-155	R.W. McLellan (CPO)	Tonolei Harbour Area	1map	8.3.60- 17.3.60
[9] 10/59-60	156-175	A.D. Pitt (PO)	Eastern Paramountcy	1map	8.6.60- 20.6.60
BOKU					
[10] 3/59-60	176-201	K.L. Fitzgerald (PO)	Banoni Census Sub-Division	1map	12.1.60- 27.1.60

BOUGAINVILLE DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1959/60

BUIN & BOKU

Report No.	Officer Conducting	Area Patrolled
		Patrol

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1 - 59/60	R.W.McLellan	Southern (Paubake) Paramountcy
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BOKU

3 - 59/60	K.L.Fitzgerald	Banoni Census Division
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NAIAFF
TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA
PATROL REPORT

District of BOUGAINVILLE Report No. BOK 3/59-60

Patrol Conducted by Mr. K L Fitzgerald

Area Patrolled Sanoni Census Sub=Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Mr. K McRae CPO

3 RP & NGC

Natives + Native Medical Orderly

Duration-From 12/1/1960 to 7/1/1960

Number of Days SIXTEEN

Did Medical Assistant Accompany NO

Last Patrol to Area by-District Services April 1959

Medical JAN-FEB 1959

Map Reference BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND SOUTH FOURTH SERIES

Objects of Patrol 1 Tax Collection 2 Routine Administration
3 Land Survey 4 Census Revision

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY. Forwarded, please.

16/3/1960

District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation

£

Amount Paid for D.N.E Compensation

£

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

Village Popul
Year 1960

67-11-20

KONEDOBU.

28th March, 1960.

The District Officer,
Bougainville District,
SOHANO.

Boku Patrol Report No.3./59-60.

Exemptions may only be granted within the terms of reference laid down by the Personal Tax Ordinance. I have mentioned this before. Mr. McRae might be introduced to Circular Instruction No.40/46-47. Sir Hubert Murray in one of his Circular Instructions (no.165) stated that his Administration reminded him at times of a little girl advising her sister to "Go and see what baby is doing and tell her she mustn't". The Circular concerned unnecessary interference with native life.

"It should be avoided. Continual fussing over matters which are really of no great importance may drive the harassed native into an attitude of passive resistance from which it may take long to dislodge him".

Anton Kearei is not unique in the Territory in that he attracts adverse criticism, warranted or not. It seems that indigenous evol(?)es are inevitably if sometimes unconsciously, resented by the conservatives of the plural Societies. After all these Europeans have a vested interest in this attitude.

I consider this Report of average standard for a first attempt.

(T.G. Aitchison.)

Acting Director.

67/11/20

TRRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply

Please Quote

NO. 30-1-5/193

Department of Native Affaire,

Bougainville District,

SOHANO.

16-3-60.

WTA/LA.

The Director,

Department of Native Affairs,

Konedobu,

PAPUA.

Boku Patrol Report No.3/59-60

The above Report is forwarded herewith.

NATIVE AFFAIRS:

I am grateful to Mr. Normoyle for his query (copy herewith) to Cadet Patrol Officer McRae. The Report itself, without subsequent clarification, could have been alarming and, in any case, was virtually useless, not containing any names. Mr. Normoyle's inquiries reveal clearly that this section of the Report dealt with a conversation with Father Grenier and that the Patrol itself observed and heard nothing. The "individual hysteria" was reported in such a manner as to lead the reader to believe that it was the result of Anton Kearei's influence.

I am well aware that the Catholic Mission would like to see some strong action taken against Kearei. The majority of the Catholic Missionaries would like to see him gaoled, publicly humiliated and hounded out of the District. He is a threat to Mission favour/power and influence because he represents what I might term the "emancipated" native.

Frankly, I am weary of "Anton Kearei stories"; I am just recently back from a visit of 8 days duration to the Kieta and Wakunai areas, the purpose of which was to investigate rumours and reports of unrest attributed to Kearei. I found no actual unrest whatsoever although I did find a number of stories or ideas as to progress and development with which Kearei's name was

linked. I have not yet had time to report on his investigation but I will be doing so in the near future

What is happening in this. Buka Island is in the throes of an economic and political awakening and things are happening which have not happened before (you are aware of these developments - they have been conscientiously reported). Such things as a new type of Co-Operative or Native Society, Village Werks Committees, even a Welfare Group,

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply

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villages building their own wharves and shipping produce direct Rabaul, sustained effort on road work, frequent discussion groups, an increasing amount of sea and road transport, their apparent willingness to change their land tenure and a number of other things as well. Kearei has played a big part in promoting these events (he is employed to do so) and I have no doubt a lot of natives think many of them are his own idea. News of these changes is spreading throughout the District and Kearei's name is usually mentioned when they are being discussed. This is distorted into a rumour that he is deliberately spreading his influence throughout the whole District. I suppose, indirectly, his influence is spreading. How could it be otherwise? Are we to try and shroud Buka Island in a veil of secrecy?? Are we to be annoyed or worried because other parts of the District are hearing of Kearei's support to the Administration on Buka Island??

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Kearei never leaves Buka Island.

I would conclude by observing that I see no reason whatsoever to have used the term "cargo cult" in the Report. The Patrol did not observe one thing to indicate the presence of any cult. Mr. McRae does mention that it was the Mission who gave him certain information but he reports it is a manner likely to lead the reader to believe that he is reporting an actual situation. However I agree that the three factors he mentions (a, b, c) would be significant if a cargo cult did start in the area.

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COMPLAINTS ETC.;

I believe ORIATA was subsequently apprehended by a Patrol in February.

VILLAGES;

The standard of housing seems to be adequate.

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TERRITORY of PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply

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NATIVE LABOUR:

Some idea as to where the absentees are working - if they are working - would have been helpful.

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HEALTH:

A copy of Appendix 'A' has been supplied to the District Medical Officer.

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W.D.Allen

District Officer.

c.c.District Commissioner,

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply

Please Quote

No. 30/2 - 283

Sub-district Office,

Buin.

3rd March, 1960.

The District Officer,

SOHANO.

SUBJECT: BOKU Patrol Report BOK 3-59/60.

The attached report is forwarded for your information and action, please. It is Mr. McRae's first patrol and his first attempt at writing a Patrol Report - he has done well.

You will see that I required more detailed advice about points raised by Mr. McRae, vide my memorandum 30/2 of 9th February, 1960, hence the delay in forwarding the document. The answered queries have just been received and are forwarded herewith.

I have discussed the report with Mr. McRae and offered some advice which may help with future submissions. In Appendix "B" words like "crews" should not be used when referring to seed coconuts.

Mr. McRae's powers of observation are very good however the expression of these in the report could be better.

C. J. Normoyle

ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER

c.c. The Officer in Charge,

B O K U.

30/2-

Sub-district Office,
Buin.

9th February, 1960.

The Officer in Charge,
Boku Patrol Post,
B O K U.

SUBJECT: Boku Patrol Report No. 3/59-60.

REFERENCE: Your memorandum 67 - 1 of 1st February, 1960

I am unable to accept the report submitted by Mr. Cadet
Patrol Officer McRae in its present form even though you
have clarified some of the issue arising out of it.

Some important aspects of the report have been submitted
without detail and this, in my opinion, makes for very
cursory reporting which would not be accepted by the
District Officer.

As you know Patrol Reports are important documents
which should, among other things, thoroughly acquaint
readers with accurate information about the area visited
and its people - Mr. McRae's report only partly fulfils
this requirement.

Before I further comment on Report No. 3/59-60 I desire
more detailed information regarding the following statements
in paragraph 3 of GENERAL REMARKS, NATIVE AFFAIRS, page 3.

1. "concern was expressed by mission representatives".

Who were these representitives and what was their
concern?

2. "well-known identity in Buka passage". There are
many well known identities in Buka Passage so advise
to what kind of influence does Mr. McRae refers?

3. "As yet his trouble making influence is only embryonic".

To what kind of influence does Mr. McRae refer?

4. "could conceivably have an unwanted effect on these
people". What kind of effect does he really mean?

5. "individual hysteria". What form did/i it take?

6. And on page 4, paragraph 3 of Complaints, Inquiries
and Investigations he refers to the "spreading of false reports".

What were these?

Your early attention to this matter would be appreciated

C.C.

C. J. Normoyle

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Patrol Post,

BOKU

27 February 1960

Assistant District Officer,

BUIN

BOKU PATROL REPORT NO 3/59-60

Your 30/2-141 of 9/2/60 refers

Please find attached Mr. McRae's answers to your queries

- 1 The "concern" if it could be called that arose during conversations with Father Grenier at Terakina
 - 2 The "well-known identity" is not known to me by name Probably the person referred to is the same native I have heard mentioned by various persons on an influential man with the Buka people
 - 3 As mentioned in my covering letter the influence is so "embryonic" that I was unable to see any trouble
 - 4 I don't know
 - 5 This "individual hysteria" was mentioned in my covering memo and was exhibited by a person suffering from a bout of malaria during which he ran up the road screaming Anti-European remarks
 - 6 The Aid Post Orderly of MARIGA reported that a native of KONGARE spread reports that the A P O was issuing medicines with the intention of making people ill The native was reprimanded and no further action taken
- I hope that these remarks and Mr. McRae's remarks will solve the problems

Due to the proximity of my leave could you request Treasury Representative at Sohano to draw a cheque to cover Camping Allowance
K L FITZGERALD
OFFICER IN CHARGE

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67/1

Patrol Post

BOKU

27 February 1960

Assistant District Officer,

BUIN

PATROL REPORT NO BOK 3-59/60

In reply to your request for further information to statements
in General Remarks, Native Affairs

1 The mission representatives were Father Grenier who is in
charge of the Roman Catholic Mission at Terakina and by a sister
at the Hansenide Hospital Their concern was that serious uprisings
of Cargo Cult might occur

2 The "well-known identity in Buka Passage" is Anton Kiari

3 The kind of influence referred to is the misleading of
impressionable natives into actions usually associated with Cargo
Cult

4 The unwanted effect would be the general decay of moral and
christian standards arising from any episode of the cult

5 As Mr. Fitzgerald stated the "individual Hysteria" occurred during
a bout of malaria in which the native was uncontrollable and loud in
of the Government and Mission representatives and their activities
Because I realised that this portion of the report would cause concern
and possibly misunderstanding I was reluctant to include it but I
thought that to leave it untouched would only be evading the subject
and thus achieve nothing

Your queries inferred that it was I that showed concern whereas as
I pointed out and as Mr. Fitzgerald reiterated the whole affairs was
mission herasay onwhich I reported without comment although it might
appear otherwise

The "false reports" referred to in Complaints, Inquiries and
Investigations were allegations of sorcery by a female native of
Kongare village against the Aid Post Orderly This matter has since
been settled

KEITH McRAE C P O

67-1

Patrol Post

BOKU

1st February 1960

A D O

BUIN

Boku Patrol Report No 3/59-60

Please find attached four copies of patrol report covering recent patrol to Banoni area Also attached are claims for camping allowance The report was compiled by Mr. McRae Cadet Patro Officer in order to give him experience in the submission of report and also to check his powers of observation There is little need for comment as the r(?) report has been well compiled However the following observations are made

Native Affairs

Para 3 refers

It must be pointed out that all remarks covering Cargo

Cult are completely "hear say" gathered from Roman Catholic Missionaries in the area The "episodes of individuals hysteria " was observed in a native suffering from a severe attack of malaria At no time in the course of the patrol was any evidence of a cult observed nor were any discussions concerning a cult On the contrary the patrol was well received in all villages visited

Personal Tax

A number of exemptions were granted to persons in economic distress These instances covered persons who were undertaking permanent cash cropping and had "sunk" all their finances in to the purchase of planting material

Roads and Bridges I cannot agree that "most" of the read system has been neglected Mr. Mc Rae is referring to the stretch of road from Masigeta to Mowaurika , a distance of 12 miles Many letters and comments have been about this section and further comment is unnecessary

The patrol report has been well compiled and the need for covering comments was due to inexperience in reporting

K L FITZGERALD
PATROL OFFICER

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Patrol Post,

BOKU

30 January 1960

Assistant District Officer,

BUIN

PATROL REPORT NO: 3 59/60

REPORT OF A PATROL OF THE

BANONI CENSUS SUB-DIVISION

Officer Conduction Patrol: Mr. K L Fitzgerald PO

Area Patrolled: Banoni Census Sub-division

Patrol accompanied by Europeans: Mr. K McRae CPO

Natives: 3 RP & NGC

1 Native Medical Orderly

Duration- From: 12 January to 27 January

Number of days: Sixteen

Last Patrol by- District Services: April 59

Medical: January-February 59

Map Reference: Bougainville South Fourmil

Series

Objects of Patrol:

1 Tax Collection

Census Revision

2 Routine Administration

3 Land Survey

INTRODUCTION

The Banoni area occupies the western seaboard of the Buin Sub-district extending from the boundary with the Buka Passage sub-division with the Puriata Hiver forming the southern boundary Inland it is flanked by the Nagovisi, Paitsi, and Siwai sub-divisions

The area is drained by many rivers and streams which flow over flat terrain and during heavy rain are apt to flood This has resulted in large tracts of swamp the presence of which are a definite obstacle to road communications This coupled with the fact that the soil in the area is generally inferior makes the agricultural potential of the area somewhat limited

The patrol was continued in a leisurely manner with as much time as possible being spent in discussion on economic development in a further effort to raise these people from the indolence of mind that has been a barrier to development and from which there has been some signs of awakening In all cases it was emphasised that any benefits gained from cash crops would be for the people themselves and future generations and that economic stability was a guarantee for their betterment

A patrol by an Agricultural Officer would be welcomed in this area as it has been neglected by that Department for some time

DIARY

January 12th Patrol departed Boku Patrol Post 0730hrs per bicycle for Mawareka To Torakina per MV Isis and arrived 1600hrs Slept Torakina Rest House

13th Per canoe to Laruma and Kegiri for inspection, tax collection and census revision Visiting CM Torakina and discussion on cargo cult activities Slept Torakina

14th Per bicycle to Piva and Tengerapaia for inspection, Tax collection and census revision Discussions on economic development Visited CM Piva Slept Torakina

15th Raining heavily Carried out survey of land to be alienated for CM Torakina Discussions in afternoon with owners of land Slept Torakina

16th Patrol left Torakina and on way Kereana inspected Torakina Aid Post Inspection, tax collection and census revision at Kereana Slept Kereana

17th Observed at Kereana

18th Patrol moved to Peko for inspection, tax collection and census revision Discussion on economic development Slept Peko

19th Patrol move to Keiari for inspection, tax collection and census revision Discussion on economic development Slept Keiari

20th Inspection, tax collection and census revision of Mom and Karekopa with discussion in each village CNA convened Karekopa Slept Karekopa

21st Inspection, tax collection and census revision of Atangato, Karato and Wanegana with discussions in each village Returned to Karato Rest House where CNA convened Slept Karato

22nd Patrol returned to Keiari Some Matters of native affairs dealt with A prisoner escaped custody Slept Keiari

23rd Patrol moved per canoes to Jaba and Mawareka for inspection, tax collection and census revision and then

by canoes and bicycle for same procedure Slept
Matsunkei

24th Observed at Matsunkei

25th Patrol moved to Kongare for inspection, tax collection

[illegible] revisionx with discussions on economis

(3)

January 25th development Slept Kongare

(Cont)

- 26th Inspection of Mersden matting at Toko Point Inspection, tax collection and census revision of Jarara and Mabis Discussions on economic development in each village Slept Kongare
- 27th To Mariga for inspection, tax collection and census revision Inspection of cocoa plantings Returned to Boku Patrol Post' in afternoon

GENERAL REMARKS

NATIVE AFFAIRS

The general situation throughout the Banoni area has shown little change in recent years although it was noticeable that continued encouragement and discussions on economic development were having some effect but most effort is individual excepting a few cases where small groups were planting jointly and in agreement with the land ownership rights

Instruction given by previous patrols were in the main carried out, but in the case of Piva where housing was poor almost no change had been carried out With only a small population these people were instructed to work jointly on the more urgent building and to complete them by the next patrol It was pleasing to note that some initiative is being shown in effecting improvements to village areas and environs in the way of shubbery plants in rows, and in the case of Mabis and Mariga the planting of clover lawns to cover previously bare areas With continued staff at Boku and further patrolling this aspect should keep improving

The patrol was well received throughout but concern was expressed by Mission representatives about the apparent influence that a certain well-known identity in Buka Passage is having in the area As yet his trouble making influence is only embryonic but continued propaganda is filtering through from those returning to villages which could conceivably have an unwanted effect on these people although they have had mission contact for a long period they appear illogical enough to be misled by such a powerful personality as apparently this native is with the general native populous Episodes of individual hysteria were reported by and actually witnessed by the Mission at Torakina but no incidents of any kind occurred during the period of the patrol The mission feeling on the subject is that some strong action must be taken as soon as possible to cancel any likelihood of his unwanted authority spreading in the area The following factors would seem capable of influencing any local uprising of the so-called Cargo cult:-

- (a) Lack of a substantial money economy and the fact that war compensation payments have largely been consumed
- (b) Comparative lack of material possessions,
- (c) The presence of large stores of materials during the war which are still remembered and openly discussed

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A land survey was carried out during the course of the patrol of the land which the CM Terakina wish the Administration to alienate as an Agricultural lease on their behalf An area of about 100 acres was surveyed and discussions held with all natives concerned

This matter is dealt with separately

COMPLAINTS, INQUIRE AND INVESTIGATIONS

ORIATA of Keriana failed to appear for census, and

thereby contravened Regulation 113 of the Native Administration Regulations He was apprehended and sentenced by the CNA He has since escaped custody and efforts are being made for his recapture

A complaint was laid by the officials of Karato against a native Dari who allegedly was committing incest with his daughter

Tamatean Investigations were made and Dari was placed under custody The Aid Post Orderly at Kengare complained that various people were spreading false reports concerning him This matter is now being investigated

All minor disputes were settled amicably between the various parties and a pleasing feature was the willingness shown in bringing complaints and enquiries to the notice of the patrol

VILLAGES

The villages in the census division could be broken up into four separate groups Firstly there are the coastal people who are the canoe-builders and sailors and actually speak the real Banoni Language These are Laruma, Kegiri, Koiari, Jaba, Mawaroka and Matsunkei Inland from Torankina are the villages of Kereana and Tengerepaia which speak the Rotokas language and the small village of Pivawich was originally part of Laruma and now speaks a Banoni dialect Further down the coast and inland from Keiari are the villages of Mom, Karekopa, Atangato, Karato and Wanegana, all of which speak the Ewo language The remaining villages Kongare, Mabis, Jarara and Mariga comprise the fourth group and speak a dialect of Banoni

These four groups have been stressed as it seems likely that when the time comes for a united effort the groups could co-operate In the case of the inland villages marketing through and thus co-operation with those villages closest to them on the coast would be necessary

The outstandingly impressive villages with regards to housing and environments were Mom, Keiari, Kongare and Mabis Housing in these villages, all of native materials, are of good standard and design with reasonably attractive environments and sanitation etc of a high order The remaining villages were found to be quite clean and many well-fenced The surrounding areas mostly free of refuse with disposal into pits

which are kept well clear of the main village perimeter. Laruma and Kegiri are typical of villages built in the vicinity of large wartime camps, which because of the worn corrugated iron and salvaged timber are unsightly to the eye but as yet are serviceable and instructions for general repairs only were given. Instructions to repair or renew native material houses were given infrequently and mainly where migrants in were living in kitchens and had not had time to complete permanent dwellings.

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Because of the stress that has constantly been laid at the advantages of living in dwellings raised above the ground most houses now have a more "lived in" appearance Sanitation overall was good although some villages were told to construct one more latrine pit Peko is non settled in their new site with only a few minor buildings to be completed When all are ready the average number of people living in one house here will be less than elsewhere in the area Kereana was recently seriously damaged by high velocity winds but reconstruction is going ahead rapidly

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Apart from these at Kengare who do not assert much authority and the Tultul at Piya who does not receive any co-operation the officials appear satisfactory and aware of their responsibilities The standard of each village was usually attributable to the ability of the officials themselves and the authority they hold over and th(?) co-operation they gain from their village Siiba, the Tultul at Kongare, has tuberculosis and request that he be relinquished of his duties Koisiva of Karato has been nothing as Luluai for some time and as he apparently has authority in the village his appointment is recommended In the case of Kongare, Buraru has been proposed to fill the vacancy and his appointment is also recommended

A complete list of officials was included in BOK 3 58/59 and as the changes have been few it is not thought necessary to include it in this report The one omission from the above report brings the list up to date and this follows:-

Piva Piriri (Tultul)

There is no Luluai and this village still seems to owe

some allegiance to Tarais, the Luluai from Laruma

CENSUS

Census revision was completed in each village and the completed figures for the whole area appear below

Total last census 1284

Total migration in 21

Deaths 17

Births 47

Natural Increase 30

Total migration out 21

Not previously recorded 1

Total population 1960 1315

The number of people appearing for census showed an increase but the only eligible male who failed to appear was awarded one months imprisonment as a result

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PERSONAL TAX

It was apparent that most eligible males realised the necessity to pay tax and showed no opposition or reluctance. However where it was noticeable that because of the urgency of village require

-ments and where much time was spent in economic development and this with opportunities to earn money being negligible, exemptions were granted

NATIVE LABOUR

The degree of absenteeism is listed below:-

LARUMA	35	7%
KEGIRI	28	0%
PIVA	12	3%
TENGEREPAIA	24	1%
KEREANA	30	2%
PEKO	21	4%
KOIARI	13	8%
MOM	8	7%
KAREKOPA	+1	1%
KARATO	0	0%
ATANGATO	4	2%
WANEGANA	18	2%
JABA	14	3%
MAWAREKA	44	4%
MATSUNKEI	29	2%
KONGARE	34	3%
MARIGA	25	0%
MABIS	14	3%
JARARA	8	0%

It is noticed that the villages showing the most progress as far as development of economic potential were, in the main, those where percentage absenteeism was low. Encouragement was given to the able-bodied males to remain in the village and develop plantations of their own providing that the capital necessary to start was available.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Owing to the greater importance that has previously been attached to other roadworks in the area and the shortage of available labour most of the road systems has been neglected and has been heavily overgrown. With a tractor assigned to Boku it will be possible to recommence work on the important section between Nosigetta and Mawareka which requires the most attention. The section between Boku and Nosigetta is well looked after and clean. (?) (?) (?) the Puriaty River near Boku provides a problem and all attempts to bridge it have

failed The roads to and around Kongare are now well cleared, have good surfaces and adequately bridged except for some minor works under construction Other sections are:-

(A) Torakina- Piva- Torakina aid Post- Kereana

The section between Torakina and Piva, which is detailed to Laruma and Kegiri, is well cleared and suitable for vehicular traffic The section from Piva to Kereana has not been attacked and is x Largely overgrown More attention will be paid to it when labour is available from Keriana where prime importance is at present attached to rebuilding dwellings

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(B) Piva- Tengerepaia- Peko

The first portion is well looked after and clear but unbridged while the section to Peko is level but unattended walking track

(C) Pako- Keiari

The first part is through l(?)()-lying (?)()()() country but the bigger half is an old Army jeep road that has been overgrown but could readily be cleared and made serviceable

(D) Keiari- Mom- Atan(?)ato- Karato- W(?)()e(?)ana

Consistent rain has further swollen the area of swamp inside Keiari and there seems little prospect of the situation being relieved in the near future at present over thirty minutes are spent wading through this water and as it is the only way to reach Mom from Keiari it is necessary to (?)()()()()() it The (?)()()()from Mom to Wana(?)()()()() is still (?)() good co(?)()()()()()() although it (?)() obviously just been cleared prior to the patrol These people are building canoes which can go from Wa(?)eg(?)n(?) to Keiari (?)()()() so solve any communication or outlet for (?)()()() (?)()blem The importance of road maintenance and construction if future cash crops are to be efficiently and reareadily marketed (?)()()() explained continn(?)ily

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