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STATION: KUNUA, 1971 - 1972

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BOUGAINVILLE DISTRICT

PATROL REPORTS

1971 - 72

HUTJENA

REPORT NO.

OFFICER CONDUCTING  
PATROL

AREA PATROLLED

1-71-72

I.M. BATES

Selau and part Tinputz C.D.

2-71-72

M. WIDDUP

Selau C.D.

3-71-72

P. van STAVERN

Buka Passage C.D.

4-71-72

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Not used.

5-71-72

J.F. TERNEY

Kunua and Keriaka C.D.

6-71-72

P. van STAVERN

Buka C.D.

7-71-72

T.J. BARRETT

Nissan Island C.D.

8-71-72

P. van STAVERN.

Banoni C.D.

KUNUA

1-71-72

S.F. PRIESTLY

Keriaka-Kunua C.D.

TINPUTZ

1-71-72

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Not used

2-71-72

R. McILWAIN

Teop-Tinputz C.D.

3-71-72

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4-71-72

R. McILWAIN

Teop-Tinputz C.D.

5-71-72

R. McILWAIN

Teop-Tinputz C.D.



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PATROL REPORT

PORT NUMBER: 1 71/72 KUNUA.  
DISTRICT: BOUGAINVILLE.  
PATROL CONDUCTED BY: S.F. PRIESTLY.  
AREA PATROLLED: KERIAKA = KUNUA C.D.  
DURATION OF PATROL: 8/5/72 - 13/6/72  
LAST D.D.A. PATROL: 10/4/72 - 21/4/72  
LAST O.L.G. PATROL: NIL  
MAP REFERENCE: MILLINCH: KERIAKA.  
CAPE MOLTKE: KURUR RIVER.  
4 (four) mil. BOUGAINVILLE NORTH.

OBJECTS OF PATROL: CENSUS  
STATION: PATROL POST KUNUA.  
SUB-DISTRICT: BUKA PASSAGE.  
DESIGNATION: A.D.O.  
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: C/4 SAURAKO  
NUMBER OF DAYS: 12 DAYS.  
TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA: 3375  
COUNCIL AREA: KERIAKA: NO  
PART KUNUA - BUKA I.G.C.  
HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTORATE:  
NORTH BOUGAINVILLE.

The District Commissioner,  
BOUGAINVILLE. District,

In respect of this patrol, I attach  
FIELD OFFICERS JOURNAL, FOLIOS 1 TO 7, (✓)  
PATROL INSTRUCTIONS, (✓)  
THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS, (✓)  
AREA STUDY, (✓)  
UPDATING OF AREA STUDY, (✓)  
SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1 - 10, (✓)  
PATROL MAP, (✓)

DATE: 41 7/1974

Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District Administration,  
Papua

In respect of this patrol, I attach  
AREA STUDY, (✓)  
UPDATING OF AREA STUDY, (✓)  
SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1 - 10, (✓)

DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS ASSESSMENT OF  
PATROL AND REPORT.....

ABOVE AVERAGE  
AVERAGE ✓  
BELOW AVERAGE

AREA STUDY FILED.

DATE: / /19 .

District Commissioner

JWK:ME

P.O. Box 2396,  
KONEDOBU.

67-11-24

17th August, 1972.

The District Commissioner,  
Bougainville District,  
P.O. Box 123/124,  
ARAWA.

KUNUA PATROL NO. 1 OF 1971/72.

Reference your 67-1-4 of 11th July, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Reports 1 to 10 arising out of the above patrol of the Keriaka and Kunua Census Divisions, together with the appropriate assessments, and also the Area Study amendments, as submitted by Mr. S.F. Priestly, Assistant District Officer.

Where necessary the various Situation Reports and in particular Nos. 1,3,6 have been referred to the specific Headquarters Officers concerned for their information and any action considered necessary. It is hoped to release the contents of No.4 as a Press Release once the problem of Certificate of Ownership has been resolved.

An informative document notwithstanding its incorrect compilation.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Secretary.

19th. June 1972.



DEM/IG

Updating of Area Study  
KERIACA-KUNUA C.D.  
by  
S.F. Priestly P.O.

67-1-4

BOUGAINVILLE District

DISTRICT OFFICE,  
P.O. BOX 123/124,  
ARAWA  
BOUGAINVILLE

11th July, 1972

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOEU  
Papua

KUNUA PATROL NO. 1 1971/72

Further to my cover jacket notations  
in respect of this report and assessments on Situation  
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1. Although Mr. Priestly has submitted  
an interesting and documented report, it is incorrectly  
compiled. Appendixes 1 to 11 are meant to be Area  
Study updating and are not properly cross-referenced  
to the Area Study format and cover both Kunua and  
Keriaka Divisions. They should be cross-referenced  
to the Area Study submitted with Kunua Patrol No. 2  
1970/71. Mr. Priestly departed on leave immediately  
after submitting this report -- had he remained I would  
have returned it for submission in accordance with  
your instructions 67-1-0 of 25th November, 1971.

2. Of Situation Reports Nos. 1 - 10  
inclusive, I feel Nos. 1, 3 and 6 contain information  
particularly of Headquarters' value and requiring  
Headquarters knowledge for action. Nonetheless,  
the others are forwarded for background information  
only. Local action in respect of them all has been  
taken.

*W.T. Brown*  
W.T. BROWN  
a/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

19th. June 1972.



SSA 67-11-24  
(15)

DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

Telegrams  
Telephone DBM/IG  
Our Reference  
If calling ask for  
Mr.

19 JUL 1972  
KONEDOBU

In Reply  
Please Quote  
No. 67-1-4

DISTRICT OFFICE,  
P.O. BOX 123/124,  
ARAWA  
BOUGAINVILLE

11th July, 1972

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Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU  
Papua

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*W. T. Brown*  
W.T. BROWN  
a/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

19th. June 1972.



SITUATION REPORT NO. 1

(127/3)

<u>STATION.</u>	<u>PATROL POST KUNUA.</u>	<u>OFFICER COMPILING.</u>	<u>S.P. PRIESTLY</u>
<u>DISTRICT.</u>	<u>BOUGAINVILLE.</u>	<u>SUB DISTRICT.</u>	<u>BUKA PASSAGE</u>
<u>CENSUS DIVISION.</u>	<u>KERIAKA.</u>	<u>L.G. COUNCIL.</u>	<u>UIL</u>
<u>SUBJECT.</u>	<u>KURAIQ DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY.</u>		

Accurate and comprehensive reports on the Kuraiq Society are contained in previous Patrol Reports submitted from Kunua.

A few significant changes have occurred over the last twelve months and are reported on here for your information.

Father Mentzer, who founded and fostered the Society left the area in October 1971 and the management has fallen onto the shoulders of the American V.S.O. Mark Roberts who acts as Society clerk - Secretary. He is assisted by the local committee members and the other two V.S.O.'s, Mr. Stuart Gibson, ships mechanic and Mr. Martin De Vries, ships engineer.

The bulk of paper work, records, correspondence and organisation of all aspects of the Mission is being handled by Mr. Roberts though, and it is felt, that though he is enthusiastic, he is not as dynamic or capable of holding down the responsibilities as was Mentzer. The Administrative side of the Society is in a state of collapse, hence new and accurate statistics could not be obtained upon request and Mr. Roberts admitted that it is beyond his capabilities to cope.

At the time of the Patrol both ships "Keriaka Aro" and "Hambia" were being surveyed in Rabaul. The Hambia was found to be un-seaworthy and failed to be re-registered. This means that the whole of the Societys success depends on the 'Keriaka Aro' and the V.S.O.'s themselves, have admitted that she is only just scraping through the surveys due to large amounts of money being spent on spare parts, repairs and maintenance.

It is not known what arrangements the Society will make in the event of this ship being unserviceable, but no doubt they view the situation as critical.

As reported by Mr. Tierny A.D.C. Buka in his Patrol Report Hutjena 5/1971 - 1972 there is a definite realisation in the need for the West Coast Road to go through, and even more so now with the serious situation with shipping.

The most accurate statistics available for details of Trees, production, processing facilities, shipping, transport and communications are contained in the body of Mr. Flynn's report submitted herewith and it is felt that a duplication here of that information is unnecessary.

The Society's Committee men as ascertained during the Patrol are as listed.

19th. June 1972.

<u>ATILIMA.</u>	NIL	<u>KAUNA.</u>	KAKAPETAI (PRESIDENT)
<u>POKUITO.</u>	NIL		LUDIRA
<u>KOROPOBI.</u>	SISIRI		KETATARI
	BIRISIRI	<u>SIMONAFETAI.</u>	BOISIARA
	TAKIVAI		LETAVITEREI
	TORO		DEOTA
<u>AKOPAI.</u>	PIPIA		DIRIVE
<u>KARALITU.</u>	NIL	<u>KAUBATEI.</u>	BUISIA
<u>AUKAI.</u>	AMOTSEMI		NOATSI
	MATOROMI	<u>BETERAIO.</u>	DAIMIS
<u>AMUN.</u>	AMATA		LEVEIRA
			DEITSIA

This committee is a very powerful body of men in the Keriaka, most having been appointed by Fr. Mentzer and have traditional influence and power as well as that vested in them by the Society. There word is law because upon their decision any member or number of members can be completely excluded from the benefits, privileges and facilities of the Society, a crippling sentence in the Keriaka because of the total lack of any alternative outlets for Economic Production.

The fact that the Society has the power of censure over almost any misdemeanor conceivable through its constitution makes it all powerful.

I discussed the matter with Mr. Roberts after complaints from Keriaka villages, Atsilima and Pokuito, (no committee member either) and he admitted Mentzer had groomed his committee, as has he since Mentzer left, to expect a breakdown in Administration Law and Order upon Independence and so he claims they will have their own system of Law and Order to fall back on.

I told Mr. Roberts that neither he, nor Father Mentzer had any right to spread such fears and misgivings to the people. These discussions occurred at a special meeting I organized with the Society Committee, Appointed Village Officials the V.S.O.'s and anybody else. Approximately 150 - 200 people were present.

I carefully explained to the meeting the role of a normal Society, the role of village officials and the role of the Administration in all aspects at community and village level to a very attentive audience. My talks were unchallenged except by Mr. Roberts who made a point of publicly stating and having affirmed by me, the Society's right to expel members who do not comply with the constitution.

The constitution incidently, requires a member to be an almost perfect man, claiming jurisdiction to expel in matters family disputes, land disagreements, non compliance with civil and criminal laws, childrens absence from school. Parents failing to pay school fees, disobeying a Kukurai or Tul Tul etc.

SIGNED. ....

S.F.J. Priestly  
19th. June 1972.



## SITUATION REPORT No. 1.

Station..... **KUNUA** ..... Officer Compiling..... **S.F. Priestly**  
 District..... **Bougainville** ..... Subdistrict..... **Buka Passage**  
 Census Division..... **Keriaka/Kunua** ..... L.G. Council..... **N11**  
 Subject..... **Kuraio Development Society**

Subdistrict Office **Hutjena** ..... Assessment Assistant District Commissioner

Date Received

**3/7/'72**

The West Coast Development Society, sponsored by the Kuraio Catholic Mission, is fast approaching collapse without the support and close supervision which was given to it by Father Mentzer before his departure from Kuraio. The Society's initial success revolved around the two vessels which it owned and good management by Father Mentzer. As the Society owns several vehicles and the North West Coast Road should be constructed through to Kuraio in about twelve months time, an alternative means of transporting produce should be available about the time the Society's trawler 'KERIAKA ARO' becomes an uneconomical financial burden. If the members of the Society are then willing to dispose of the 'KERIAKA ARO' (which is doubtful because of its prestige value to them) and concentrate on transportation by road, the Society may have some chance of surviving, at least until such time as individual entrepreneurs emerge to handle marketing in the area.

The autocratic political situation which Father Mentzer developed in the Keriaka area will not survive without his influence. Mark Roberts, a young American V.S.O. about 20 years old, has tried to follow in Father Mentzer's footsteps but does not have the authority to enable him to do so. I do not consider that the situation gives cause for concern. It is interesting and heartening to note that the Society supports the authority of Administration appointed Village Officials.

Action Taken:

Sgd..... *J.F. Tierney* ..... (J.F. Tierney) A.D.C.  
 Date..... **4/9/'72** .....

District Office

Assessment District Commissioner

Date Received

10.7.72

Please refer to my 67-1-4 of 28th May, 1972 accompanying Kunua Patrol No. 2. As anticipated the Kuraio Society is collapsing but with the large scale of road development in the area and political education I feel the Administration image and presence will fill the vacuum created by the disintegration of the society.

Action Taken:

Nil

Sgd.

*W. F. Brown*

Date

11th July, 1972

Headquarters

Date Received

Forwarded

Section

Project Officer

Date



SITUATION REPORT NO. 2

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<u>STATION.</u>	PATROL POST KUNUA.	<u>OFFICER COMPILING.</u>	S.F. PRIESTLY.
<u>DISTRICT.</u>	BOUGAINVILLE.	<u>SUB DISTRICT.</u>	BUKA PASSAGE.
<u>CENSUS DIVISION.</u>	KERIARA.	<u>L.G. COUNCIL.</u>	NIL.

SUBJECT. EX TULTULS - KUKURAI.

Herewith a list of names. These men approached me after they heard about the gratuity payment for Tultuls and Luluais, retired in the advent of Local Government Councils.

The men claim they were appointed just after the Australian Administration took over from the Germans and served up untill 1961 when A.D.O. Mr. Parker retired them all because none of them could speak Pidgin English and replaced them with men who could.

The men have asked me if they are entitled to a gratuity payment and I told them I would present their enquiry through the District Commissioner.

<u>VILLAGE.</u>	<u>NAME.</u>	<u>EX POSITION.</u>
KAUBATEI	BIARARA	KUKURAI
KAUNA	MIKOT	KUKURAI
KAUNA	DIGIN	KUKURAI
AUKEI	POPWOARIDE	KUKURAI
BETERATO	KEREARI	KUKURAI
AKOPAI	ASTORI	TUL TUL
POKUITO	SIREIVLAE	KUKURAI
AUKEI	DIBIERIOT	KUKURAI

SIGNED. ....

Stuart F.J. Priestly.  
19th. June 1972

## SITUATION REPORT No. 2.

Station..... **KUNUA** ..... Officer Compiling..... **S.F. Priestly**  
District..... **Bougainville** ..... Subdistrict..... **Buka Passage**  
Census Division..... **Keriaka/Kunua** ..... L.G. Council..... **N11**  
Subject:..... **Retired Village Officials**

Subdistrict Office

Assessment Assistant District Commissioner

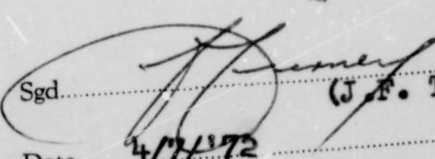
Date Received

3/7/'72

These Luluais are eligible for payment of gratuity.  
It would appear that each has served a period in  
excess of 20 years so a total of \$160.00 will be  
required to pay them.

Action Taken:

Sgd.....

  
(J.F. Tierney) A.D.C.

Date.....

4/7/72



District Office

Assessment District Commissioner

Date Received

10.7.72

Nil.

Action Taken:

Funds to be allocated locally.

Sgd

*W T Brown*Date 11th July, 1972

Headquarters

Date Received

Forwarded

Section

Project Officer

Date

STATION. KUNUA PATROL POST. OFFICER. S.F. PRIESTLY  
 DISTRICT. BOUGAINVILLE. SUB DISTRICT. BUKA PASSAGE.  
 CENSUS DIVISION. KERIKA - KUNUA. L.G. COUNCIL. PART BUKA L.G.C.  
 SUBJECT. POLITICAL EDUCATION.

Political Education was given '2nd. priority throughout the Patrol after taking routine Census and village inspections etc. Many hours (3 - 5 per village) were spent discussing a wide variety of topics. Among the points discussed were Local Government Councils, Administration Radio Stations and their value as a means of disseminating Political Education, Self Government, Independence, Bougainville Secession, Napidakoe Navitu, Mahalis Welfare Society, The Mataungan Association, Central Government and Administration, The House of Assembly and its most recent developments, Political Parties and Party Politics, various systems of Government, e.g., Westminster or Presidential, right through to the role of the Patrol Officer.

The discussions were very basic. They had to be because the level of local knowledge and understanding in matters of this nature is either very low, or non-existent. For many, most of the above topics may have been breached on in the past but little of what had been told, has been retained. It was significant that very few suggestions were asked. Rather, the people were a very keen listening audience, particularly in the Keriaka C.D. and it is evident that more frequent and more intensive contact and patrolling to further the Political Education programme is required to further the peoples knowledge.

I must compare the discussions with similar patrolling I experienced in the Kieta Sub District and I am of the opinion that there is a sharp contrast of political awareness even in the remote Kongara C.D. The people in the Keriaka and Southern Kunua C.D. have nowhere near the same level of awareness. Questions, though though rarely asked, were of an inquisitive nature, not challenging or probing. It was observed that there are not a great deal of radios in these Census Divisions and this coupled with a distinct disinterest in listening to politically orientated programmes may account for some of the ignorance.

Magazines and pamphlets as well as posters were freely distributed throughout the Patrol and were enthusiastically received. It has been very difficult to have any regularity in the circulation of these Administration publications due to access and lack of transport. I am sure the distribution of these magazines will be of real benefit in the programme as the majority of the people in the area speak pidgin and many have been taught to Standard 6. There should be no trouble in reading the material if provided.

I have not been able to concentrate to any significant extent on Political Education until this Patrol, although I have conducted one other Patrol just prior to the House of Assembly Elections specifically for this purpose throughout the Administrative Area.



It is obvious to me now after this Patrol that priority will have to be given to political education in this area, and any aids to enhance the Patrols will be very much appreciated. It would be of benefit to this area if a visit by the Political Education Officer for Bougainville could be arranged, time and circumstances permitting. If a patrol could be arranged, that would be excellent, however, even if the Officer could visit the Patrol Post and give me hints on how to educate more effectively, perhaps by the use of flip charts or slides, and any sort of programme which has been proven effective would be very much welcome and appreciated.

With the advent of the West Coast Road and Kunua airstrip, which should be in operation within two months, perhaps some type of projector and educational films could be arranged on a regular basis. I think that this would be the most popular and effective means of education, as this area has been so remote, that the prospect of films of any description would be considered novel. This would ensure large and interested audiences.

At present the people of this area don't particularly associate themselves or their present situations with the rushing tide of political events they may or may not hear about/understand. They have set attitudes and dispositions, these being pro-Administration and Australian Government, complacent in the advent of Self Government and Independence. It is felt that the people are flexible in as much as they are prepared to accept any political changes and events which occur, without murmur, as long as they cause no impositions or interference with their established mode of living.

SIGNED. ....

*Stuart F.J. Priestly*  
Stuart F.J. Priestly.  
19th. June 1972

# SITUATION REPORT No. 3.

Page 1.

Station.....**KUNUA**.....Officer Compiling.....**S.F. Priestly**  
 District.....**Bougainville**.....Subdistrict.....**Buka Passage**  
 Census Division.....**Keriaka/Kunua**.....L.G. Council.....**Nil**  
 Subject:.....**Political Education**.....

Subdistrict Office

Assessment Assistant District Commissioner

Date Received

**3/7/'72**

Mr Priestly's enthusiasm towards political education is commendable. From this report it would appear that Mr Priestly had apathetic and polite audiences rather than interested ones. As pointed out the Keriaka people view politics with complacency and are prepared to adapt to changing situations in the hope that there will be little interference with their present way of life. This parochial approach will undergo modifications when the peoples' horizons are broadened through more intensive contact with outside groups. Such contact is practically non-existent at present, but will increase with the road network extending into the Keriaka area and the sharp increase in agricultural production which will result.

I agree with Mr Priestly that more should be done in the political education field in the Keriaka and will have him follow up his ideas when he returns to Kunua after leave in three months time. I feel that participation is the best means of educating in the political field and elementary participation through the local government system would be advantageous in increasing political awareness in this area. Situation Report No. 1 of HUTJENA Patrol No. 5-1971/72 covers the present attitude towards and proposals for the introduction of local government in the area.

Action Taken:

Sgd.....

(J.F. Tierney)

Date.....

**4/7/'72**



District Office

Assessment District Commissioner

Date Received

10.7.72

Political education will be further directed towards the area but not in open competition with the Mission which would only rase its ire and confuse the people. The programme will adopt a low profile and greatly tend towards development of local government.

Action Taken:

P.E.O. and D.L.G.O. have in hand

Sgd.....

*W. T. Brown*

Date.....

11th July, 1972

Headquarters

Date Received

Forwarded..... Section

Project Officer.....

Date.....

## SITUATION REPORT NO. 4.

STATION. KUNUA PATROL POST. OFFICER S.F. PRIESTLY.  
 DISTRICT. BOUGAINVILLE. SUB DISTRICT. BUKA PASSAGE  
 CENSUS DIVISION. KUNUA. L.G. COUNCIL. BUKA L.G.C.

SUBJECT. KUNUA AIRSTRIP.

The present situation with the Kunua Airstrip is that Barclay Bros. located at Sipai undertook to construct the airstrip using \$3000.00 allocated by Buka L.G.C. through a re-allocation of money granted through Bougainville D.A.C. This is Rural Development Funds money. The company has agreed to finance the rest of the construction because the Airstrip will be of great benefit to them for Transport and communications on the West Coast Road project.

Preliminary clearing with Bulldozers commenced in late April after all negotiations had been finalised. And then due to pressure of work and wet weather the machines were re-located at Sipai. The most recent development is that after a decision by Company officials, the entire establishment were told to move from Sipai and complete the project.

On Monday, 12th. June the company moved to Patrol Post Kunua and concentrated on the construction of the airstrip. At today's date it is estimated that all earthworks, forming, levelling, draining will be completed, leaving only the finishing touches of the Vibrating Roller for Tuesday and Wednesday 20/21st. June and the strip will be completed.

It is anticipated that the first landing will have to await a 6 - 8 weeks interval depending on the weather to let the surface firm and grass over, and pending D.C.A., the strip should be open for operations.

The Company estimate they have or will have spent \$7000.00 in addition to the \$3000.00 from the council, for an overall cost of \$10,000.00. The airstrip is 2,800' by 150' built to D.C.A. specifications. Approaches, drainage, fly-over area, have all been completed by local people.

This project has been the most dynamic and spectacular achievement in the history of the area and it is a pleasure to be able to report on.

SIGNED.

*Stuart F.J. Priestly*  
 Stuart F.J. Priestly.  
 19th. June 1972.



# SITUATION REPORT No. 4

Page 1.

Station.....KUNUA.....Officer Compiling.....G.F. Priestly

District.....Bougainville.....Subdistrict.....Buka Passage

Census Division.....Keriaka/Kunua.....L.G. Council.....M11

Subject:.....Kunua Airstrip

Subdistrict Office.....Assessment Assistant District Commissioner

Date Received

3/7/72

Construction of this airstrip has been a community effort although Barclay Bros. have been responsible for the actual construction and most of the financial commitment. This airstrip, together with the recently completed strip at Totokina, will greatly improve communications on the west coast of Bougainville. My memorandum 4-2-2 of 3rd July, 1972, requests that an approach be made to D.C.A. to have the strip inspected preparatory to opening about mid-August.

Action Taken:

Sgt.

Date:

(G.F. Priestly)

District Office

Assessment District Commissioner

Date Received

10.7.72

An excellent rural development programme  
jointly undertaken by various sections  
of the community.

Action Taken:

All matters in hand. District Airport  
Inspector to initially inspect 10.8.1972.

Sgd. *W T Hume*

Date. 11th July, 1972

Headquarters

Date Received

Forwarded.....Section

Project Officer.....

Date.....



SITUATION REPORT NO. 5.

LOCATION. PATROL POST KUNUA. OFFICER. S.F. PRIESTLY.  
DISTRICT. BOUGAINVILLE. SUB. DISTRICT. BUKA PASSAGE.  
CENSUS DIVISION. KERIARA - KUNUA. L.C. COUNCIL. PART BUKA L.G.C.

SUBJECT. NORTH WEST COAST ROAD.

The statistical information contained in this Situation Report is for your information.

BARCLAY BROS. ESTABLISHMENT.

LOCATION. 1½ miles South of Sipai R.C. Mission.  
ADDRESS. P.O. BOX 109 BUKA PASSAGE.  
COMMENCED. 6th. March 1972.  
COMMUNICATION. Transceiver at Camp.  
EUROPEANS.

KEN BUCKSTON.  
 JAN BUCKSTON.  
 ARTHUR BURN.  
 VINTON STOKES.  
 THOMAS BENZONS.

GEN. FOREMAN.  
 WIFE. (2 CHILDREN.)  
 BULLDOZER OPERATOR.  
 WORKSHOP MECHANIC.  
 BULLDOZER OPERATOR.

LOCALS.

YASO  
 SAURA  
 KIRCH  
 BENBONGO  
 SAST  
 TOMON  
 MARK ROBERTSON.  
 SAM.  
 GABENUM  
 JUNIOR.

FRONT END LOADER.  
 FRONT END LOADER.  
 GRADER.  
 DRIVER.  
 DRIVER.  
 DRIVER.  
 MECHANIC.

ASSIST.  
 ASSIST.

DOMESTIC.

CASUAL.

5 LOCAL LABOUR.

MACHINE AND EQUIPMENT.

D7 BULLDOZER.  
 D6 BULLDOZER.  
 955 LOADER.  
 920 LOADER.  
 12T GRADER.  
 VIBRATING ROLLER.  
 5 6 x 6 IZUZU TRUCKS.  
 2 TOYOTA LAND CRUISERS.

P.W.D. ESTABLISHMENT.

LOCATION. SIPAI.  
OVERSEERS. ALWYNNE LOUGHER.  
 STEPHEN VANDENBURG.

LABOUR ESTABLISHMENT. 20 - 30 LOCALS.

Mr. Alwynne Lougher reported to me that he is dissatisfied with his camp because he has no ablutions and toilet. I advised Mr. Lougher that he should employ some of his casual labour in the construction of a deep pit latrine and said that if the matter was reported through this Patrol Report, that this is the only commonsense answer. Mr. Lougher chose to ignore my statement completely and said the matter would convey more weight if reported on by me. This request is unreasonable but I feel it my bounden duty to report as requested.

#### TREE COUNT.

The matter of recording Economic Trees destroyed or damaged during the construction of the N.W. Coast Road, and their owners has been undertaken by this office in compliance with A.D.C. Mr. Tierny's instruction. All statistics are filed at Kunua Patrol Post Office.

#### PRESENT OPERATIONS.

Barclay Bros. have commenced operations from their camp and are constructing the road from there back to the Patrol Post. There is approximately 2 miles completed thus far. Work has ceased temporarily to construct the Kunua airstrip and to carry out maintenance on the completed section of the road from Soraken to Kunua, as approved by P.W.D. It is expected that the company will return to their camp 'en masse' on Friday 25rd. June to continue with the road.

Work has been hampered by heavy rain and the Kunua airstrip but it is expected that earnest operations will commence shortly, and it will only be a matter of 4 - 5 weeks to the Patrol Post. That, then will be 32 miles of road constructed.

#### LOCAL ATTITUDES.

At present the road is being welcomed by everyone. Hahon - Kunua - Keriaka. Unless a foolish breach of behaviour or common courtesy occurs, there should be no impediment or hindrance through to completion in about a year or two.

The people fully realise the benefits to be derived from a road such as this and it is accepted without reservation at this stage.

#### COMMENTS.

##### 1) MAINTENANCE.

Maintenance of the constructed section of the road is a major problem. The situation is this. - If it were not for the availability and proximity of the heavy machinery and equipment of Barclay Bros. (and previously Morobe Constructions) then the road would be impassable. On three occasions since I have returned from Port Moresby after a rainfall of 3 - 4 " the situation would have been critical if not rectified by these company machines.

It is not for me to say whether the present drainage, bridges and culverting is adequate. Circumstances have consistently shown they are not. But it is imperative that practical arrangements be made for repairs and maintenance before it is too late. Once Barclay Bros. begin to construct the road down through the Keriaka C.D. then their machines will be unavailable to maintain it, and it will be completely impassable at the first 6-7" downpour, or after a series of less heavy falls. I cannot emphasise the seriousness of the matter enough.



## 2) TSUN PUNT.

There is not a single person in or out of the Kamua Administrative Area who has traversed the road over the Tsun Punt and not been inconvenienced. As it is now, it is practically unserviceable, and can only be considered as an almost useless monstrosity. My criticisms are:

(a) Winches for the doors are unserviceable, hence brute force is required to operate them, impossible for anyone without the aid of four or five strong men.

(b) No attendant (s). I feel it is necessary for the Administration to hire, and locate within close proximity to the punt, two men at least, to operate the punt. These men should be hired full time, as is any casual labourer, and paid a normal wage. Attempts by myself to engage a ferry/punt man proved futile because of the impossibility of one man (or even three) operating the punt in its present condition.

(c) Cement ramps are required at the two approaches if vehicles are to have reasonable access when driving onto the punt. At present, the approaches are subject to severe erosion, making entry onto the punt difficult.

(d) Winches and cables. The handle of the main winch is loose and may be lost, either when one is vigorously trying to turn it and it slips out of its fitting, or may be stolen. Four people have manufactured private handles as one has already been lost. I also have one for the Administration vehicle. There has been one greasing of the cable in 2 1/2 years, they are therefore rusted and stiff and extremely hard to turn.

(e) General Maintenance. Because of the nature of this punt it requires constant routine maintenance. Screws and bolts tightened, cables greased, winches checked etc. This chore could be done by the attendants.

To re-iterate, when the rest of the road is in perfect condition, this crossing of the punt can become a no-moth task, and it is the worst impediment to easy and regular trips to Soraken. When the road is used more extensively, then the condition of the punt can only deteriorate until it is completely U.S. and then one can only ask what is the use of \$800,000.00 worth of road.

## AEOPH RIVER CROSSINGS.

I feel it is necessary to document that I have misgivings with the proposal to construct a cement cause-way over the Aeoph River just off the Patrol Post. I state this emphatically because of the damage caused to 200 yards of road and a wide area of plantation and Mapisi village land during the recent heavy rain at the time the cyclone was in the area. The Aeoph was carrying so tremendous a volume of water that it jumped its banks and flowed in at least three different directions, taking to its previous river bed. Erosion to the extent of at least 150 yards of constructed road to a depth of four and five feet was observed. This occurred at the two banks, approaches to the proposed cause-way. I have no idea how much greater the river would have ripped through the area it did, if it had a huge barrier like a cement causeway right across its middle. I also strongly suspect that the foundations of the causeway will be undermined through erosion until it would eventually wash out.

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GENERAL.

It may be time now to consider having the constructed section of the road from Soraken to Kunua Petrol Post gazetted. This would facilitate compliance with the Motor Traffic Ordinance Re licensing, registrations, also in the event of any accidents which might occur, and to facilitate compliance with the Roads Maintenance Ordinance.

SIGNED..

*Stuart P.J. Priestly*  
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Stuart P.J. Priestly.  
19th. June 1972.



## SITUATION REPORT No. 5.

Station.....Kunua.....Officer Compiling.....S.F. Priestly.....  
 District.....Bougainville.....Subdistrict.....Buka Passage.....  
 Census Division.....Keriaka/Kunua.....L.G. Council.....N11.....  
 Subject.....North West Coast Road.....

Subdistrict Office

Assessment Assistant District Commissioner

Date Received

3/7/'72

The North West Coast Road is recognised by all as a very valuable asset to the area and good co-operation has been given by the local people. It is unfortunate that the road terminates at SOROKEN at present and it is hoped that the extension from SOROKEN to SIARA, giving access to Buka Passage, will put to tender in the near future.

I agree with Mr Priestly's argument that there is need for adequate maintenance of stage 1 of this road, i.e. SOROKEN to KUNUA. No facilities as yet exist for maintaining the road and it was recently impassable for four weeks before repairs were made. If regular maintenance had been carried out, even only to the provision of a tractor/trailer unit and perhaps ten labourers a couple of days a week, the road could be kept in good condition and open.

The TSUN River vehicle punt is a disgrace to P.W.D. and in addition is unsuitable as anything but a temporary means of crossing the river. The feasibility of bridging the river should be investigated and approaches have already been made to P.W.D. for the erection of a Bailey bridge to replace the punt.

The proposed AEOPI River low level crossing is a more practical means of crossing the river than a bridge, which would have to have centre piles subject to frequent abuse from large trees and rocks when the river is in flood. Despite Mr Priestly's misgivings I feel that a low level crossing is the best solution. Those being constructed by P.W.D. in the Tinputz area are of a very sturdy design and should remain intact in the heaviest of floods, though the causeways to them will probably wash away and have to be rebuilt at fairly frequent intervals. Anyway I feel that such argument should be left to the design engineers who no doubt have taken all exigencies into account.

Action Taken:

Sgd.....

J.F. Tierney

Date.....

4/7/'72

Director Office

Department of Agriculture

Date Received

10/1/1918

1. Importance of information with relation to the various branches of the Department of Agriculture, such as the various branches of agriculture and the various branches of the Department of Agriculture.
2. Information of the various branches of the Department of Agriculture.

Action Taken

Locally as shown.

Sent 10/1/1918

Date 10/1/1918

Headquarters

Date Received

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SITUATION REPORT NO. 6.

STATION. PATROL POST KUNUA. OFFICER. S.F. PRIESTLY.  
DISTRICT. BOUGATVILLE. SUB DISTRICT. BUKA PASSAGE.  
CENSUS DIVISION. KUNUA. L.G. COUNCIL. BUKA L.G.C. (K3)  
SUBJECT. LAW AND JUSTICE SOUTHERN KUNUA.

It was in-advertently brought to my notice that the people who are living in the Southern Kunua C.D. have the wrong perspective on the dispensing of Law and Justice.

I have been aware of the situation whereby the appointed Councillors or village officials and men with traditional influence mediate and settle affairs of a trivial or native customary nature.

However, in the Southern Kunua C.D. the leaders there have been hearing courts and imposing monetary fines as well as physical punishment (manual labour) as a means of settling disputes.

This system has been encouraged by Rev. Fr. Bourgea whom I believe, has been honestly under the misconception that these people have such jurisdiction. Hence the system has been working effectively and perhaps out of context, justly, it would appear, as there has never been a complaint of severity of sentence or abuse and misuse of Justice brought to this office.

The full extent of this system is not known but I have heard from a substantial source that fines of \$20, \$30, \$40, \$50, are imposed where thought necessary.

I bring this to your attention because the people had drawn up a list of laws that they wanted passed through the Buka L.G.C. within the jurisdiction of the councillors for the protection of the Mission.

Attached, please find copies as presented to me by Fr. Bourgea who, I think, sincerely believed that the proposition was in order.

I am unsure of how the Administration views this situation and would appreciate your advice.

SIGNED..

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Stuart F.J. Priestly.  
19th. June 1972.

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bilong lukautim Mission bilong ol.

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long Mission bilong bekim rong bilong em.

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tok or pasin nogut long Mission. Sapos man i no laik harim tok bilong  
Court, ol i mas go long Mapisi, bai klap i strongim tok bilong Council.



**SITUATION REPORT No. 6**

Station..... **Kumua** ..... Officer Compiling..... **S.F. Priestly**  
 District..... **Bougainville** ..... Subdistrict..... **Buka Passage**  
 Census Division..... **Keriaka/Kumua** ..... L.G. Council..... **N11**  
 Subject:..... **Law & Justice Southern Kumua**

Subdistrict Office

Assessment Assistant District Commissioner

Date Received

**3/7/'72**

This sort of thing goes on throughout the country and I feel does not warrant any special attention except to try and legalise such situations through the proposed Village Court system now under investigation. The fact that no complaints have been received indicates the peoples' preparedness to abide by decisions and their acceptance of such a system as traditionally binding.

Action Taken:

Sgd.....

Date.....

**J.F. Tierney****3/7/'72**

District Office

Assessment District Commissioner

Date Received

10.7.72

Agree with A.D.C.'s assessment - although I do not agree that the Mission was under the misconception that the court had no jurisdiction.

Action Taken:

When public report of Committee of Enquiry into Village Courts and Justices made public will be directed through this area as part of Political Education Sgd..... Programme.

*W. T. Brown*  
Date. 11th July, 1972

Headquarters

Date Received

Forwarded.....Section

Project Officer.....

Date.....



SITUATION REPORT NO. 7.

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<u>STATION.</u>	PATROL POST KURUA.	<u>OFFICER.</u>	S.I. PRIESTLY.
<u>DISTRICT.</u>	BOUGAINVILLE.	<u>SUB DISTRICT</u>	BUKA PASSAGE.
<u>CENSUS DIVISION.</u>	KADON - KURUA.	<u>L.G. (CON. OFF.)</u>	PART BUKA PASSAGE.
<u>SUBJECT.</u>	<u>DEVELOPMENT BANK LOANS.</u>		

With the advent and subsequent construction of the N.W. Coast Road through the Kurua Administrative Area one of the most significant developments that has occurred as a direct result of the project has been the tremendous upsurge in the P.N.G. Development Bank loans negotiated, mainly through the D.A.S.F. office and to a lesser extent, through this office.

To be specific, there have been 34 loans negotiated within the last nine months, 30 through D.A.S.F., and 4 through District Administration.

The majority of the loans are for Rural Development Extension; new plantings.

The other most significant loans have financed the purchase of 3 Fordson 3000 Tractors and Trailers, Copra Driers to enable the purchase of copra and a cattle scheme.

These loans indicate the degree of interest and initiative displayed with the knowledge of more opportunity for better marketing facilities, transport and communications in the economic development throughout the area.

A comprehensive list of these Development loans has been compiled and is attached as an appendix to the Area Study section of this report.

SIGNED.

*Stuart F.J. Priestly*

Stuart F.J. Priestly.  
19th. June 1972

## SITUATION REPORT No. 7.

Station..... **Kunua** ..... Officer Compiling..... **S.F. Priestly** .....  
District..... **Bougainville** ..... Subdistrict..... **Buka Passage** .....  
Census Division..... **Keriaka/Kunua** ..... L.G. Council..... **N11** .....  
Subject:..... **Development Bank Loans** .....

Subdistrict Office

Assessment Assistant District Commissioner

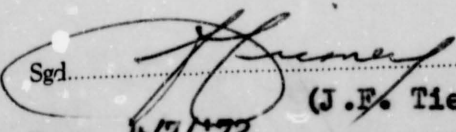
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It is pleasing to note this increased activity in economic development which, in the main, is directly attributable to the installation of a good road system. This situation emphasises the need to push the road through from Soroken to Siara, and thus give access to Buka Passage, as quickly as possible.

Action Taken:

Sgd.....

  
(J.E. Tierney)

Date.....

4/7/72



District Office

Assessment District Commissioner

Date Received

10.7.1972

Activity expected to increase as road  
pushes through and with probable falling  
of Kurajo Society fleet.

Action Taken:

All local agencies fully aware of development  
this area. Soreken - Siara road already  
listed.

Sgd. *W. J. Brown*

Date 11th July, 1972

Headquarters

Date Received

Forwarded \_\_\_\_\_ Section

Project Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

SITUATION REPORT NO. 3

STATION. PATROL POST KUNUA. OFFICER. S.F. PRIESTLY  
 DISTRICT. BOUGAINVILLE SUB DISTRICT. BOMA PASSAGE  
 CENSUS DIVISION. KUNUA. I.C. COUNCIL. BOMA I.C.C.

SUBJECT. KUNUA PRIMARY TERRITORY SCHOOL.

A report containing comprehensive statistics has been compiled in the Area Study section of this report.

The matter brought to your attention here, is that the school has deteriorated from what it was in the past as an institution of service and necessity, to a deplorable condition now. The problems are;

(1) Lack of teachers. there are only two teachers this year compared with last years four. It is stressed that there is no shortage of accommodation. The teachers here at present lack initiative and drive and the school is suffering as a result.

There are 86 pupils attending school and at least 20 children not attending because we do not have the teachers to accommodate this number of students. The two ~~main~~ teachers are overburdened as it is.

I would point out that at present the situation with the Kunua Primary T is an embarrassment to the Administration, when compared with every other school in the Kunua Administration Area. Saposa - 5 teachers, Kastawan in Mahon C.D. - 5 teachers, Sipai R.C.M. 6 teachers, Kuralo R.C.M. - 7 teachers. Worse, the forty children estimated have no opportunity for Education and this situation is really in need of relief.

(2) The buildings are in a deplorable condition and in need of renovation and maintenance. I realise that this is the responsibility of P & C's School Management Board, Councillors and responsible citizens. To move these people to action is to try to move a mountain. Perhaps if more teachers were available more interest would be generated.

Again, all other schools are well appointed and established and Kunua Primary T School located right on the Administration Patrol Post is a disgrace.

SIGNED..

*Stuart F.J. Priestly*  
 Stuart F.J. Priestly.  
 19th. June 1972



# SITUATION REPORT No. 8

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Station..... Kunua ..... Officer Compiling S.F. Priestly  
 District..... Bougainville ..... Subdistrict..... Buka Passage  
 Census Division..... Keriaka/Kunua ..... L.G. Council..... N11  
 Subject:..... Kunua Primary School

Subdistrict Office

Assessment Assistant District Commissioner

Date Received

3/7/'72

This is a matter which should be put to the District Education Board. As the next meeting of the Board is to be held at Rutjena on the 6th July, I will endeavour to have the matter discussed then.

As the school is in the Buka Council area, an approach by the Kunua Councillors to the Council would probably achieve some improvement in school facilities.

Action Taken:

Sgd.....

(J.F. Tierney)

Date.....

4/7/72

District Office

Assessment District Commissioner

Date Received

10.7.1972

Matter discussed by D.B.B. 6.7.1972.  
Expected to improve with better communication  
for school inspectors with opening of road  
and airstrip. It is a district phenomena  
that Administration schools are sadly behind  
other agencies in the conduct of their Boards  
of Management. It appears Administration  
agencies expect everything to be done for them

Action Taken:

D.B.B. and Administration education agencies  
have matter in hand.

Sgd.....

*W. T. Brown*

Date.....

11th July, 1972

Headquarters

Date Received

Forwarded.....Section

Project Officer.....

Date.....



SITUATION REPORT NO. 9.

STATION. KUMUA PATROL POST. OFFICER. S.F. PRIESTLY  
DISTRICT. DRUGAIVILLE. SUB DISTRICT. BUKA PASSIGAL  
CENSUS DIVISION. KUMUA. L.C. CHIEF. MAIT BOKA S.C.C.  
SUBJECT. KUMUA FOOTBRIDGE.

The Kumua footbridge, a joint project by Taka L.C.C. and P.W.D. costing \$2000.00 was completed.

Constructional Engineer, Mr. Frank Henderson completed the bridge on the 15th. February 1972.

The project was a tremendous asset to the Patrol Post Area and it is being utilised by everybody. Local support and contribution to the project was most disappointing. Mr. Henderson worked under difficult conditions and should be commended for the job he has achieved.

There has been criticism of the bridge and its shortcomings, understandably, because peoples lives are at stake. From P.W.D. Regional Works Engineer, Mr. Peter Norton from Rabaul and D.W.E. Mr. Peter Woods have inspected the bridge and found that modifications are necessary. Since these men visited, they have I understand, seen to it that the necessary modifications are being attended to.

There have developed since, a couple of matters which may require more urgent attention and are reported here.

Upon my return from Patrol I noticed a few cracks in the concrete pylons, the worst being at the juncture of the cross member and pylon on the West coast side of the river. The crack widens under heavy weight and appears to me to be dangerous.

I requested Mr. Lougher P.W.D. Overseer to have a look at it so that I was not out of order in documenting my apprehensions here, but Mr. Lougher referred me to bring the matter to higher authorities. Be that as it may, it is imperative that the modifications be effected as soon as possible and I request that someone be sent to check the project at this date.

The cables seem to be slacker then when first constructed and I feel it is in the peoples interest to make sure the structure is safe to use, and if not, then work on modifications should start as soon as possible.

This is an excellent project and if perfected, then it can be put to maximum utilization - safely.

SIGNED..

*Stuart F.J. Priestly*  
Stuart F.J. Priestly.  
19th. June 1972.

## SITUATION REPORT No. 9

Station.....Kunua.....Officer Compiling.....S.F. Priestly  
District.....Bougainville.....Subdistrict.....Buka Passage  
Census Division.....Keriaka/Kunua.....L.G. Council.....N11  
Subject:.....Kunua Footbridge

Subdistrict Office

Assessment Assistant District Commissioner

Date Received

3/7/'72

The footbridge over the AEOPI River at Kunua Station is an asset to the area and essential for communications across the river when the river is even slightly in flood. The present structure has replaced numerous cane suspension bridges which were constructed on the same site every few months since the Patrol Post was opened.

Would you please request the District Local Government Officer to liase with the Local Government Engineer and the District Works Engineer to have the bridge inspected and have any necessary structural modifications made.

Action Taken:

Sgd.....

(J.F. Tierney)

Date.....

4/7/'72



Director Office

Administrative Services Division

Date Received

11-7-67

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Action Taken

As requested by 11-7-67

Sgt. W. F. Lane

Date: 11th July, 1972

Headquarters

Date Received

Forwarded.....

Project Office

Date

STATION. KUNUA PARCEL POST. OFFICER. S.F. PRIESTLY  
DISTRICT. BOUGAINVILLE. SUB DISTRICT. BUKA PASSAGE  
CENSUS DIVISION. KUNUA. I.C. COUNCIL. PART BUKA PASSAGE  
SUBJECT. PROPOSED SIPAI SOCIETY FERMENTRY

The D.A.S.F Officer in conjunction with Rev. Fr. Rodger Bouges on behalf of the Sipai Society have conducted talks and discussion to establish a cocoa for entry to serve the whole of the Kunua C.D. upon the completion of the road. The fermentry will be located at Siasiapai.

Funds are to be raised by donation from all people interested in utilising the proposed fermentry upon completion. This would constitute approximately 500 males, residents of the C.D.

An estimated figure of \$3000.00 is the target and estimated cost of the project. Construction to start when \$2000.00 has been raised by local contribution. A gentlemen agreement has been entered into, whereby the remaining \$1000.00 will be donated by Sipai R.C.M. and the Sipai Society. At this date \$624 has been raised and is deposited in the Catholic Mission safe.

The project will be of tremendous benefit to everyone concerned as the Sipai Society already have their C.M.B. No. and it is anticipated that all the produce will be transported along the West Coast road by the Society owned 6x6 Isuzu truck to a storage shed at Soraken wharf for shipping direct to Ralaul, pending negotiations with Soraken.

At present all cocoa wet bean is sold to the Wong Yu owned fermentry at Ururu plantation in the Hahon C.D. or alternatively, to Madchas plantation owned by Mr. Jock Lee of Buka Passage.

The project is to be encouraged and fostered and it is to everybodys credit that things are progressing as they are, towards the achievement of a very worthwhile end.

SIGNED..

*Stuart F.J. Priestly*  
Stuart F.J. Priestly.  
19th. June 1972.



## SITUATION REPORT No. 10

Station..... **Kunua** ..... Officer Compiling..... **S.F. Priestly**  
District..... **Bougainville** ..... Subdistrict..... **Buka Passage**  
Census Division..... **Keriaka/Kunua** ..... L.G. Council..... **N11**  
Subject: **Proposed Sipai Society Fermentary**

Subdistrict Office

Assessment Assistant District Commissioner

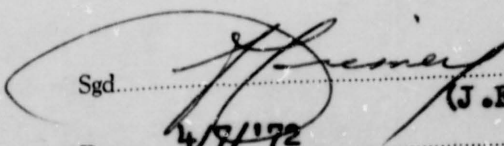
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The establishment of a cocoa fermentary at  
Sisiapai will be of great value to the Kunua area and  
this project will be encouraged.

Action Taken:

Sgd.....

  
(J.F. Tierney)

Date.....

4/5/'72

District Office

Administrative Department

Date Received

10/11/72

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Action Taken:

Local Administration Department on fully  
in the picture.

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Date

11th May, 1972

Headquarters

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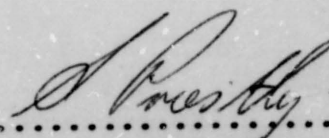
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 Our Reference... 67-1-1 SFP.  
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Department of District Administration.  
 Patrol Post,  
KUNUA.  
 Bougainville District.  
 14th. June 1972.

The Assistant District Commissioner.  
 Sub District Office.  
BUKA PASSAGE.

KUNUA PATROL REPORT No. 1 OF 1971/1972.

Patrol Report No.	1/ 1971 - 1972
District.	Bougainville.
Station.	Patrol Post Kunua.
Sub District.	Buka Passage.
Patrol Conducted by.	Stuart F.J. Priestly.
Designation.	Assistant District Officer.
Duration of Patrol.	8/5/72 to 13/6/72 (36 days).
Personnel Accompanying.	C/1 Saurako 1377 R.P.N.G.C.
Last D.D.A. Patrol.	10/4/72 to 21/4/72
Number of Days.	12 days.
Last O.L.G. Patrol.	Nil.
Total Population.	3375      Keriaka.      1720 Kunua      1655
Council Area.	Keriaka No. Kunua.      Part Buka L.G.C.
House of Assembly Electorate.	North Bougainville.
Objects of Patrol.	Census and Area Study, Keriaka C.D. Political Education throughout. Routine Administration. Renew all T/Store & S/Gun Licence. Inspection of every village and hamlet.
Map reference.	Milinch Keriaka. Cape Moltke. Kurur River.
Fourmil.	Bougainville North.

  
 .....  
 Stuart F.J. Priestly.  
Officer - In - Charge.

KUNUA PATROL REPORT NO.1/1971 -1972

UPDATING OF AREA STUDIES.

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APPENDIX 1.

PATROL REPORT 1/71 - 72

REPORT C/1 SAURAKO REG.NO. 1377 R.P.N.G.C.

PRESENTATION.

C/1 Saurako has become somewhat less than meticulous in his presentation and uniform. Some of the difficulty is with the impossibility of obtaining issues despite many efforts. However, the state of dress of the Constable was passable.

PERFORMANCE  
OF DUTY.

In this aspect of work too, C/1 Saurako, although a very experienced policeman, has become somewhat lax in the performance of his duty, and unless constantly goaded, displays no initiative or industry whatsoever.

COMMENTS.

It is probable that Saurako has been posted to Kunua for too long a period and can only improve with a transfer.

APPENDIX 2

KERIAKA C.D. VILLAGES AND HAMLETS.

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VILLAGE.

HAMLETS.

ATSILIMA.

ATSILIMA.  
KOBAKOPA  
DETIPOBI

POKUITO.

KIATAUTOKO  
NIUPO  
POKUITO

KOROPOBI.

KORCPOBI  
KOMASI  
ATUIPA  
ATOLITA

AKOPAI.

AKOPAI  
NENEKORI  
ARIKEKA  
TANTAKORU  
UMARIPPOBI  
OKOTAYBI  
DAREOBI  
OBITUATA  
APURO  
BATARAI  
KOPIDAPA

KARALITU

ARIPATA  
NAPIKA  
KOMAPA  
KARALITU

KAUNA.

KAUNA  
KAKASIPAI  
SIMAKEPUT  
TOTEI  
KOPIATEI

SIWONAPETAI.

MUINAI  
SIWONAPETAI  
DIAVISIRI

KAUBATEI.

LAUSINTOKOROWI  
KAUBATEI

VILLAGE.

HAMLETS.

AUKEI.

AUKEI

AMUN.

BETERAIO  
WAPALALA  
LIBANAKERUKA  
WAPASU  
KELAINU

BETERAIO.

MUAURUI  
BETERAIO  
KOPOROSI  
TOKOIOASIAI  
TOMU  
KIAKOTOI  
BIRUBEI  
OSURUKOKOI  
PAUAUKEKEI  
SIBEI



APPENDIX 3.

KUNUA C.D. VILLAGES AND HAMLETS.

<u>VILLAGE.</u>	<u>HAMLETS.</u>	<u>VILLAGE.</u>	<u>HAMLETS.</u>
ASTAPAI.	ASTAPAI TOTUPAI MISMISTATUARAI SIRAVI SISISPUAI TUBAKORI REIOPAI SIUREIBI KUKUBI	TOHEI.	TOHEI APARAHARAI MOKAPUIRI KABESUI MOHOYUOHARAI KUSISI ROROBIRI
KAVIKI.	KAVIKI SURIBARAI KIARIOBE PKOORAI TOBUOI PI'IUPIRUI	TOTOKI	TOTOKI
KIAKARA.	KIAKARA PASIKAHARAI	TOSIAVEI	TOSEAVEI KAKARIS
BOBOASI.	BOBOASI PAROI TARIKEI KAISTOTOTOKORUI	MAPISI.	MAPISI MATOVHERAI SAJEHARAI
MORSILAI.	MORSILAI KIPUIHAI SITOBERIHARAI KOBUI	KOPAI.	KOPAI ASUOATARO
KOKOSIPAI	TOKITOKI KOSIAPI KABESUI TARASUKAI BOHERATAI ATOKOHARAI KAKAPATAI SAKEREPEI	KEPUI.	KEPUI
SIASIAPAI	SIASIAPAI IOHE'ESI BUBUARA TABIRITARAWA POEHARAI (1) POEHARAI (2) MASUARI MABATEIAI ROROBIRI TUPAIAIAI	KOATOROI.	KOATOROI MAPARATOKUI
		POPOHERAI.	3 HAMLETS.

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APPENDIX 4.

KERIAKA C.D.

DENOMINATION & CATECHISTS.

Listed are all villages, their Religious Denomination and Catechists. All Catechists have undergone 2 years training in Religious Instruction at Mabiri C.M. in Kieta Sub District.

<u>VILLAGE.</u>	<u>RELIGION.</u>	<u>CATECHIST.</u>
ATSILIMA.	3/4 CATHOLIC. 1/4 UNITED CHURCH.	DIDLEBIRI TOROMUIR
POKUITO.	CATHOLIC.	LUSI
KOROPOBI.	CATHOLIC.	SABABIRI
AKOPAI.	1/2 CATHOLIC. 1/2 UNITED CHURCH.	PIPIA TOROMUIR
KARALITU.	CATHOLIC.	-
KAUNA.	CATHOLIC.	SINIE
SIWONAPETAI.	CATHOLIC.	SINIE
KAUBATEI.	CATHOLIC.	BUISIA
AUKEI.	CATHOLIC.	NAVITOA
BETERAIO.	CATHOLIC.	MATAIRIPOREI
AMUN.	CATHOLIC.	MATEIBINEI

Apart from the United Church constituents, all the people are administered too, from Kuraio R.C.M.



APPENDIX 5.

KUNUA. C.D.

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS AND INSTRUCTOR.

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ASTAPAI.

CATHOLIC.

BIBIARABIS MABIRI.

KAVIKI.

CATHOLIC.

PETER SIOSI.

KIAKARA.

CATHOLIC.

MARASI.

BEBOASI.

United CHURCH.

KAREIBIRI.

MORSILAI.

CATHOLIC.

PARABIA.

KOKGSIPAI.

CATHOLIC.

LEOBIS.

SIASIAPAI.

CATHOLIC.

FR. BOUGL.

TOHEI.

CATHOLIC.

LOREIKA.

TOTOKI.

UNITED CHURCH.

REV. REDI.

TOSIAVEI.

CATHOLIC.

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MAFISI.

U.C.

REV. REDI.

KOPAI.

U.C.

REV. REDI.

KEFUI.

U.C.

REV. REDI.

KOATOROI.

U.C.

REV. REDI.

POPOHERAI.

U.C.

REV. REDI.

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AREA STUDY

APPENDIX 6.

KERIAKA - KUNUA C.D.

WALKING TIMES.

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ATSILIMA - POKUITO.	50 min.
POKUITO - KOROPOBI.	2 hrs.
KOROPOBI - AKOPAI.	15 min.
AKOPAI - KARALITU.	45 min.
KARALITU - KURAIO.	15 min.
KURAIO - KAUNA.	35 min.
KAUNA - SIWONAPIETAI.	20 min.
KAUNA - KAUBATEI.	1.45 min.
KAUBATEI - AUKEI.	30 min.
AUKEI - BETERAIO.	45 min.
KAUBATEI - BETERAIO.	1.15 min.
BETERAIO - AMUN.	2 hrs.
BETERAIO - KAVIKI.	2.15 min.
BETERAIO - ASTAPAI.	2.15 min.
AMUN - POKOKORAI.	2½ hrs.
ASTAPAI - KAVIKI.	2 hrs.
KAVIKI - KIAKARA.	1½ hrs.
KIAKARA - BOBOASI	½ hr. (canoe)
BOBOASI - MORSILAI.	¾ hr.
MORSILAI - KOKOSIPAI.	½ hr.
KOKOSIPAI - SIASIAPAI.	1½ hrs.
KIAKARA - BARCLAY.	½ hr.
BARCLAY - SIPAI.	½ hr.
SIPAI - SIASIAPAI.	½ hr.
SIASIAPAI - TOHEI.	1 hr.
TOHEI - KEPUI.	1½ hrs.
SIASIAPAI - GOVEI.	2 hrs.
GOVEI - KUNUA.	½ hr.
KUNUA - KOPAI.	½ hr.
KOPAI - POPOHERAI.	½ hr.



APPENDIX 7.

KERIAKA - KUNUA C.D.

REST HOUSES.

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<u>VILLAGE.</u>	<u>REST HOUSE.</u>	<u>LATRINE.</u>	<u>POLICE QTRS.</u>
ATSILIMA.	GOOD.	GOOD.	NIL.
KOROPOBI.	FAIR	GOOD	FAIR.
KAUNA.	EXCELLENT.	GOOD	GOOD.
KAUBATEI.	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD.
BETERAIO.	POOR	GOOD	POOR.
KAVIKI.	EXCELLENT	GOOD	GOOD.
KIAKARA.	EXCELLENT	GOOD	POOR.
SIASIAPAI.	GOOD	POOR	NIL.

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APPENDIX 8.

KERIAKA - KUNUA C.D.  
TRADE STORE OWNERS.

KERIAKA.

KUNUA.

<u>VILLAGE.</u>	<u>LICENCEE.</u>
ATSILIMA.	DIDIOBIRI.
POKUITO.	NIL.
KOROPOBI.	MIRUS
AKOPAI.	PIPIA.BAIBITEI.
KARALITU.	LEITIRI
KURATIO.	FR. TATAMAS.
SIWONAPETAI.	LETAVISIAI.
KAUNA.	KAKAPETAI.
	ASIWONA.
	KIETAIBI.
	DIDIARA.
KAUBATEI.	MALALA.
	NIASI.
AKOPAI.	BABITEI.
BETERAIO.	4 T/ STORES.
AMUN.	NIL.

<u>VILLAGE.</u>	<u>LICENCEE.</u>
TOHEI.	MAFIRI.
	AREIRI.
TOTOKI.	KUIHEREP.
	MATOVIRI.
	LEIVERIA.
TOSIAVI.	ARATOREI.
MAOISI.	MIKA.
	SOVEI
	SIRIPIAR.

KUNUA.

KOPAI.	ATAKI.
	RAKORIVIRI.
KEPUI.	KITOA.
KAOTOROI.	TOIKAS.
	ABISI.
POPOHERAI.	HAIRIP
PATROL POST.	P&C KAI.
SIPAI C.M.	FR. BOUGEA.
ASTAPAI.	MERIPARA.
	BAREIPUI.
	KATOI.
KAVIKI.	KARIRIA.
	MARKETO
	BOREPIRE.
KIAKAPA.	SIKARI.
	BIBISIR.
BOBOASI.	NIL.
MORSILAI.	SIRATA.
	NABESI.
KOSIPAI..	SIRABIRI.
SIASIAPAI.	RAKARABIRI.
	SIABIRI.
	SIAREPIRI.
	KABUKO.
	PISABIR.
	ABARASI.
	SIBORI.
	TABIRI.
	BORO.



APPENDIX 9.

KERIAKA - KUNUA C.D.

SHOTGUNS.

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<u>KERIAKA.</u>		<u>KUNUA.</u>	
<u>VILLAGE.</u>	<u>REG. OWNER.</u>	<u>VILLAGE.</u>	<u>REG. OWNER.</u>
ATSILIMA.	DAMIATA. BOIAKOBEL. TOROMUIR.	TOSIAVEI.	BOSIREI.
POKUITO.	ARITEI. (DESTROYED)	MAPISI.	DELEWAN.
KOROPOBI.	SIROMIRI. MIRUSI.	KUNUA P.P.	D.D.A. D.A.S.F.
KOPAI.	DIMISIRI.BETAIRIO, (new applicant)	KOPAI.	HIKIPIRU.
KARALITU.	SIUPARI.	KEPUI.	BOIERE.
KAUNA.	KAKAPETEI. DIRISIMEI. BATSIRIAI. KUMUABEI. DIRIRARARA KIATAI. BATSIBUBI.	KOATOROI.	TOIKAS.
SIWONAPETAI.	LETAVISIREI. DIRIWEI.	POPOHERAI.	NATOIERE.
KAUBATEI.	BUISIA. BOKIRA.		
ETERAIO.	3 S/GUNS.		
AMUN.	NIL.		
<u>KUNUA.</u>			
ASTAPAI.	NABIDAU. KATOI. TOMARI. TEREREI.		
AVIKI.	SIMILIPIRI TABIER. SIHEVO.		
KIAKARA.	SIKARI.		
BOBOAST.	BISIRIU.		
MORSILAI.	SIKARI. KABUSIAE.		
KOSIPAI.	LAETA.		
SIASIAPAI.	SIABIRI (confiscated). SIAREPIRI. LASIASIBEREI.		
OHAI.	TORIBOSI.		
TOTOKI.	S. KUIHEREP. MATOVIRI. MAKOREI.		

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APPENDIX 10.

KERIAKA - KUNUA C.D.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILLERS.

KERIAKA C.D.

VILLAGE.	NAME.	OFFICIAL
ATSILIMA.	DIRIOTSIRIANA	KUKURAI
POKUITO.	DOIATSI	KUKURAI
KROPOBI.	KABUKUBU	TUL TUL
	SIROMIRI	KUKURAI
AKOPAI.	DIKOT	KUKURAI
	DEMIARIRI	TUL TUL
KARALITU.	TSUPARI	KUKURAI
KAUNA.	LISIN/SARITEI	TUL TUL
	TSIREITSI/KAUNA	KUKURAI
WONAPETAI.	BISIROVA	KUKURAI
	DIDIODEI	TUL TUL
KAUBATEI.	-	-
AUKEI	-	-
BETERATO.	DEISIA	TUL TUL
AMUN.	GUMAN	KUKURAI

KUNUA C.D.

ASTAPAI.	RIPARIA	L.G.C.
KAVIKI.	AIKAS	LULUAI
KIAKARA.	SIKARI	KUKURAI
BOBOASI	DISIRIO	TUL TUL
MORSILAE	SIKARI	KUKURAI
SIPAI.	NAITA	TUL TUL
SIASIAPAI	POPOREI	L.G.C.
TOHEI.	MAPITU	KUKURAI
TOTOKI.	T.KAI	L.G.C.
TOSIAVEI.	T.KAI	L.G.C.
MAPISI.	T.KAI	L.G.C.
KOPAI.	BOIERE	L.G.C.
KEPUI.	BOIERE	L.G.C.
KOATOROI	BOIERE	L.G.C.
POPOHERAI.	BOIERE	L.G.C.



# SECTION H(a)

## APPENDIX 11.

KERIAKA - KUNUA C.D.

MISSION ESTABLISHMENTS.

KERIAKA C.D.

KURATIO C.M.

PRIEST.	Father Peter Tatamas.	
V.S.Os.	Mark Roberts.	Clerk.
	Stuart Gibson.	Mechanic.
	Chris Powell.	Agricultural.
	Martin De'Vries.	Ships Engineer.

Services provided.

(1) Mission Activities. Religious factor.

(2) Hospital and Aid Post facilities.

Head Nurse Miss. Catherine Niri holds two certificates, Maternal and Child Health. The assistant nurse, Miss. Cecilia Arive has also qualified with two certificates.

Medical supplies are distributed to the Hospital by both the Administration and the Mission.

The Hospital accomodates 12 patients and provides services through the Dispensary.

The nurse advises that the Hospital was visited by a Medical team who immunized against Tetanus and T.B. There has also been a significant decrease in the incidence of Malaria.

(3) Kuraio Development Society. Full details of this operation have been listed in another section of this report

(4) P.T.S. This P.T.S. has seven teachers and provides Education for 236 pupils from throughout the Keriaka C.D. The buildings are of permanent materials, open, airy, spacious and adequate. The School is supplied by the Dept. of Education, Kieata. There has been no school inspection for 1972 as yet, but there was one inspection in 1971

Statistics are as tabulated.

TEACHERS.	STD.1	STD.2A	STD.2B	STD.3	STD.4	STD.5	STD.6
NAME	RAPHAEL TEOPI.	CLARA TASA.	MARG. HANATT.	CYRIL KENIE.	BWAIS HANATT.	ALPHONS TSUEEN.	SALOM BILOSI.
ADDRESS.	KUNUA.	BUKA.	BUKA.	BUKA.	BUKA.	BUKA.	TOROK
CERTIFICATE	TG1	T	TG1	TG1	T	TG1	TG1
PUPILS							
MALE	25	9	13	20	16	16	14
FEMALE	20	16	11	29	11	15	12
TOTAL MALE.			122				
FEMALES.			114				
			236				

SUBJECTS TAUGHT.

English, Mathematics, General Knowledge, Health, Arts and Crafts, Physical Education, Ethics and Morals, Social Studies, Natural Science.

The children are taught to play a wide variety of sports including Soccer, Baseball, Volley Ball, and Basketball.

(5) Social activities are not tremendously popular but there are some inter-village soccer matches played. A film projector is also located at Sipai C.M. and this provides entertainment.

(6) The Mission has a herd of 70 head of cattle and at this stage, they are speculating about the prospects of having the cattle slaughtered and sold as fresh meat, with the Arawa township and B.C.P. as a prospective market.

(7) The Mission used to have an operational light aircraft strip which is now unserviceable and has not been used in the last five or six years.

(8) Machinery and Equipment. The Mission and incorporated Society operate the below listed machinery.

4 Tractors & trailers.  
2 Heavy duty trucks. 1 Izuzu 6x6  
1 Mercedes Benz.  
1 Ship, the "Keriaka Aro".  
Lighting plant generator.

A trade store caters for the consumer goods requirements of the local populace.

The Mission and its facilities are used by the entire population of the Keriaka C.D. to the extent that the mainstream of their lives is centred around it.

KUNUA CENSUS DIVISION

SIPAI ROMAN CATHOLIC MISSION.

PRIEST. FR. RODGER BOUGEA.  
V.S.O. MISS DONNA GILLESPIE.

SERVICES PROVIDED.

(1) Mission Services and Ceremony  
(2) Health. Hospital and dispensary. The name of the Hospital is The Kennedy Memorial Hospital.

Staff. Miss D. Gillespie is a state qualified nurse and a registered mid - wife. Miss Catherine Pilit has maternal and child health certificates, trained at Teiruki C.M.

Medical Supplies. The sources are,

St Vincent De Paul Society.  
American Donations.  
Mission Supplies.  
Administration P.H.D.

Fees. A fee of \$5.00 per year per family has been levied, or alternatively, 10c. per day visit.



(3) SIPAI SOCIETY. This Society is a private one which uses the shipping facilities provided indirectly by Sipai C.M. Fr. Bougea states that the Society is definately separate from the Mission, and that when thought necessary, the Mission assists financially and physically. A full report on the Societies activities is contained in Appendix 14 of this report.

(4) SIPAI P.T.S. This P.T.S. is ost excellently appointed with beautiful classrooms and equipment, a Zenith radio to each class and caters for the educational requirements of 212 children.

There are seven teachers as detailed.

<u>NAME.</u>	<u>TRAINED.</u>	<u>GRADE.</u>	<u>CLASS</u>
LEO BITARI.	RIGU	A	STD1A
MARGARET TOTSI.	ASITAVEI	A	STD1B
MARK BANIS.	RIGU	A2	STD2
MICHAEL GIOBUN.	RIGU	A	STD3
CELESTINE RARAS.	KABALED.	B2	STD4
PETER OMI.	RIGU	A	STD5
MAUREEN TALMITS.	KABALED.	C2	STD6

Details of Students for 1972 areas follows.

	STD1A	STD1B	STD2	STD3	STD4	STD5	STD6	TOTAL
M.	16	17	21	13	17	19	9	112
F.	20	19	13	17	10	11	10	100
								212

Subjects Taught.

English, Mathamatics, Social Studies, Sport, Music, Arts and Crafts, Physical Educ., Domestic Science.

The children have outings and picnics at regular intervals and visit P.T.S. Kunua every fortnight for inter school sports carnivals.

The school has a Parents & Citizens Association and an active School Management Board.

(5) Social Activities. These include,

String Band Competition.  
Dancing.  
Films.

these activities are conducted regularly and are well attended.

SIPAI R.C.M. AIRSTRIP. This strip is 1500' x 100'. It is used frequently at present with Barclay Bros. and Mission activities. However, Fr. Bougea has assured me that he is definately going to close the strip at Sipai once the airstrip at Kunua is operational. The main reason for this decision is the responsibility of maintenance.

I also suspect that FR. Bougea does not like the intrusion of visitors upon his mission. In fact there have been quite a large number of flights lately, and some criticism of the strip surface and dimensions.

(7) A Trade Store, very elaborate with a wide variety of goods caters for the consumer requirements of the area.

The Mission caters for all Catholic adherents in the Kunua C.D. located mainly in the Southern Kunua area.

UNITED CHURCH. The United Church establishments headquarters is located at Mapisi village, adjacent to Kunua Patrol Post.

Pastor Rev. Judas Redi is from Munda, New Georgia Island in the B.S.I.P. He is a qualified U.C. Minister, having done 3 years training at the Theological College Rabaul, then 3 years probationary service in the field. At the completion of this training, Mr. Redi was ordained in 1970. He started his activities at Kunua in early 1971

Villages administered too are Boboasi, Kestoroi, Kopai, Kepui Sikeo and Mapisi numbering approximately 400 adherents

Activities at the Mission include a Womens Club, Youth Club, Sunday School for children and Sunday Services for adults. The minister is aided in his work by unpaid volunteers. These include,

Moses Matoviri.	Youth Club.
Kaepoko.	Catechist.
Preachers.	19 local men.

Mr. Redi himself, earns a salary of \$32.30 per month paid by U.C. Kieta.

The Mission owns lease-hold land at Govei, a lease of 110 acres, of which 8½ acres are planted with coconuts.

Rev. Redi has approached the P.M.G. Development Bank for a loan to effect rural extension of the property. He is negotiating a loan of \$1600.00 which, it is anticipated, will be paid back by earnings from copra, and by local contribution - donations. Money is also raised at the Sunday Services through a Church Promise system.

Other activities engaged in by the U.C. are the patrolling two villages, one Boboasi past Sipai and occasionally down to Akopai in the Keriaka C.D.

Rev Redi also conducts Bible Study periods for the pupils of the Kunua P.T.S.



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APPENDIX 12.  
KUNUA P.T.S.

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ESTABLISHMENT.

2 TEACHERS.

HEAD TEACHER.

MOSES TONGUNIA. B CERT.  
NASON WALAUN A CERT.

CLASSES

	STD2	STD4	STD5	
K.	10	11	9	40
F.	18	14	12	44
	32	31	21	84

SUBJECTS TAUGHT.

English, Social Studies, Health,  
Nature and Science, Physical  
Education, Religious Instruction,  
Community Activity in Native  
Language.

N.B. I don't know whether it is common for this  
last subject to be taught in schools but I think it  
is an excellent idea. The village elders and leaders  
have a roster whereby they visit the school and instruct  
the children in age old traditional stories, customs,  
dancing and behaviour.

The Parents and Citizens Association is in existence  
but very unenthusiastic.

The school is guided by an appointed School Management  
Board.

Buildings are in poor condition and very much in need  
of renovation.



SECTION M.

APPENDIX 14

COPY OF REPORT AS SUBMITTED BY MR. JOHN FLYNN R.D.O.  
D.A.S.F. PATROL POST KUNUA.

Kunua.

Via Sohano.  
BOUGAINVILLE.  
24/5/72

District Rural Development Officer.  
P.O. Box 191,  
KIETA.

UTILIZATION OF SORAKEN WHARF AND WEST COAST ROAD.

I feel that indirectly, all, I repeat all people in this area will use the Soraken Wharf after a very short time if it was made available.

The figures for production of coconuts and cocoa are itemised on another page but the totals areas follows.

BURNS PHILLIP SORAKEN.	1200 tons Copra. 120 tons Cocoa
KUNUA.	600 tons Copra 90 tons Cocoa
URARU PLANTATION.	72 tons Copra 36 tons Cocoa
INDIGENOUS.	423 tons Copra 260 tons Cocoa

Total. Copra 2295 tons. Cocoa 506 tons.

The current production is even lower than expected because of transport difficulties and the expected decline in production with the deflated cocoa and copra figures. However, this production has survived the slump and is again on the upward turn. Bearing witness to this is the number of new plantings being started in each of Hahon, Kunua and Keriaka Census Divisions. New plantings have been scarce over the last few years with interest now being revived.

As I said, indirectly the whole area will use the wharf. Besides the odd grower who brings in a tractor or or some other bulky heavy goods and must use the wharf under sufference from Burs Phillip. The whole district wants to use the wharf now, as the road lengthens for direct shipping to Rabaul.

This will save double handling through surf boats and canoes to small boats, and a few times to the erratic Mission boats through treacherous surf and dumpers near shore. It is then sent to Buka for storage and then by larger boat to Rabaul. This cost on an average, for the hire of boats is \$6 - 10 per ton.

The Hahon Society and Uraru Plantation between them ship the Northern 2/3 of cocoa production and half of this area's copra. Both are unhappy with the set up at the moment.



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An example which causes some worry is that Christmas seas bring exceptionally rough seas to an already rough coast. In the 1971 season the society could not ship their cocoa or copra for 6½ weeks. By this time the cocoa was reject. Soraken was approached Re shipping through their wharf in future rough weather, not storage facilities however.

Individuals have approached me as to how they can ship C.M.B. copra in their name, or the shipment of cargo large items such as tractorsetc, the shipment of these types of cargo is an inhibitor of all development in the area., transport, marketing and the aquisition of trade store goods etc.

The access to a wharf is needed, whether it be at Soraken or Bonis after the completion of the Selau Road. However the next worry will be to find out who will look after the wharf.

Who will load produce?.

The best bet would probably be Soraken Plantation labour for some remuneration to Burns Phillip. The Hahon Society would be incapable for they have no transport, no communications as to arrival times of ships and no labour available.

UTILIZATION OF THE WEST COAST ROAD AND SORAKEN WHARF.  
AS EFFECTS KERIACA CENSUS DIV.

MARKETING AGENCIES.

Keriaka Development Co.  
Small amount copra & cocoa to Ururu.

TRANSPORT AVAILABLE.

The company owns two boats, "Keriaka Aro"  
& "Hambia".  
The company also owns 1 Izuzu 6x6  
1 Tractor & trailer.

At present all produce is shipped via Kuraio or it's Amun store. Here it is picked up by the two boats. It prefers to have the West Coast produce shipped on the Hambia to meet the big ship to Rabaul in Buka. This system does often not work as there are often too much cargo for the Hambia (cap. 80 bags).

When the Keriaka Aro comes down the coast it picks up the Sipai Society produce as well. If conditions are suitable. This last condition often leaves Sipai produce sitting for months.

The sea is ideal for loading nowhere on the coast. Dumpers predominate the steep shore. The Keriaka Society discussed the purchase of a small barge. However, the regular stormy weather November to January would necessitate the barge being left in sheltered waters for this period. None is available, and even if it were it would bring the Keriaka production to a halt, for wet bean and copra is purchased from these boats.

The boats dominate the economy of the Keriaka. Assistant District Commissioner Mr. Tierny reports in his April 1972 Patrol Report "the two boats are just covering costs". These boats have their turn around time severely hampered by bad weather and lack of loading facilities.

I was told by the Officers in charge of the Society that the boats are not insured. This means they could go out of service if the road goes through or if major trouble develops in one. Maybe then, to be picked up at Soraken by the Keriaka Aro. Transported there by the Izuzu and tractor.

Much new plantings are being made in this census division at the moment. ARDC J. MOIU's journal of March. This may be in anticipation of the new road.

The Northern most villages of the Keriaka have been without transport for two years and rather than carry the copra on their backs for two hours, they have left their plantations uncut. Beteraio village is one such village and judging on its census figures has been very progressive but now stagnating waiting for the road. It, and three other villages, Kaubatei, Nokosipa, Aukei as well as half of the Kunua plantings (50.000 trees) were isolated after the company truck broke down and the road and bridges went beyond repair. The new road will bring these trees back into production as well as opening much new ground.

There is no boat shelter this far South but it is supposed the Keriaka people will continue to use their boats untill it becomes uneconomical. At this point, road transport (Izuzu and tractor) will probably carry produce the 42 miles from Kuraio to Soraken. Here maybe to be again to be met by the Keriaka Aro.



There has also been some speculation that the company is on the verge of financial difficulties.

(1) The company has been paying pre-slump prices for the produce out of accumulated profits. This has apparently severely depleted cash in hand.

(2) The company has also severely suffered from the departure of Fr. Mentzer, the company organizer. It is at present being run by a young American Mark Robertson, but does not seem to have the same control as the former manager.

If these speculations take place private enterprise will quickly move, greatly increasing traffic on the proposed road, and presumably, will go through Soraken if this outlet is available.

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UTILIZATION OF WEST COAST ROAD AND SORAKEN WHARF.  
AS EFFECTS KUNUA CENSUS DIVISION.

TRANSPORT AVAILABILITY. ADMINISTRATION. 1 Toyota Utility  
1 Tractor & trailer  
KUNUA PLANTATION. 1 Tractor & trailer  
PRIVATE. 3 Ford Tractor & Trailers  
COUNCIL. 1 Ford Tractor & Trailer  
SOCIETY SIPAI. 1 Izuzu 6x6  
1 Landrover  
1 Tractor

MARKETING FACILITIES.

Sipai Society. Will eventually serve all the census division copra and it is hoped it will also have a cocoa fermentry next year.

Kunua plantation deserves a special mention. At present it up/lifts its produce by work boats, transported to Soraken for shipping. This plantation is looking for road transport.

The sea, to is the reason for some of the inefficiencies surrounding this plantation. It hires a large number of Kunua casual labourers. This has been the cause of trouble for some time.

The manager and myself have discussed this and he says he would prefer to have all contract labour but the majority of these cannot swim, and he needs about 20 men who can swim to work the surf boat. This leaves a double argument for the road.

(1) The ship loading creates inefficiencies in village plantings.

(2) The ship loading creates inefficiencies in through the employment of what is generally unreliable labour.

This plantation has discussed the commercial transportation of produce by road, but there is lack of interest. This is due to the present quoted rate of 15c/ton/mile. Especially when each load will require 4 labourers to work the punt. This is one of the greatest limitations to most forms of travel on the road. A little fixing by P.W.D. (a couple of strategic winches) but they seem unwilling to iron out its problems.

It should be always kept in mind that no decent sized ship travel the West coast, except the Keriaka Aro erratically, and under sufference.

In this division, the new road has opened up a huge tract of land and this is now being cleared in sections, some by development Bank loan.

The new road has been the greatest that has come to the Northern portion of this division. In the area much easier to administrate by the Kiap and D.A.S.F. officers. It also brought the people together socially as well as facilitate the shipping of produce.

In the immediate Patrol Post area the cocoa remained partially or wholly unharvested and copra uncut, after the tidal wave reduced Wilbur Lees trade store and cocoa drying complex to rubble. The road meant the immediate purchase of the wasted produce by Ururu Plantation.



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The rest of the Kunua division cocoa is purchased by Ururu canoe or recently being purchased by Madehas Plantation. The copra in the south of this division is all being sent out by the Sipai Society (which pays excellent prices) or through 5 native C.M.B. members. Plans are underway for a cocoa fermentry in this area. This will reduce the reliance of the people on the Ururu canoe who's calls are erratic, bugged by bad sea and still mean the people have to carry cocoa, sometimes for hours to a shipping point.

The shipping is done in the South Kunua by the Keriaka Aro or the Hambia. In the north it is all done by the Ururu truck and this truck's sphere will be increased as the road lengthens.

The Priest at Sipai has also approached Soraken for permission to use the wharf. He wishes to use the Society's Izuzu to reduce reliance on the Keriaka Aro.

Kunua Marketing Facilities. The Sipai Society at the moment serves the South Kunua, but the North Kunua's are waiting for the road to reach Sipai and they too, will come into the Society. This Society will also make an outlet for the other people who have C.M.B. No's in the area.

In the North Kunua and Hahon areas there is no way a man with a C.M.B. NO. can efficiently ship his produce at present unless he readies a sizeable amount and hires a ship. (cost varies on boat \$6-12/ton)., or he carries it in bag lots by canoe to Buka, hires storage space and then puts it on a boat for Rabaul. He cannot do this economically, even if boats and a storage area was available.

An example. Kunua entrepreneur Sisiasi Tokas wanted a C.M.B. BO. This was obtained. However he could not get his product shipped from Kunua, Ururu or Soraken Plantations so he went back to his old selling method, Ururu over the scales. A wharf at Soraken open to the locals and catering for Rabaul bound ships would eradicate this problem for many.

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AS EFFECTS THE HAHON CENSUS DIVISION.

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MARKETING FACILITIES.

Ururu Plantation.  
Hahon Rural Progress Society.

TRANSPORT AVAILABLE.

1 Nissan Truck Ururu Plantation.  
1 Ford Tractor & Trailer (Puto)  
There are also several vehicles  
at Soraken but they do not leave  
the plantation.

Both the Society and Ururu use the small work boats  
to carry produce to Buka and hence to Rabaul. Generally  
costing \$5-10/ton. Both have expressed a desire to ship  
direct to Rabaul.

This area was the first to get the road. Both  
Ururu and the Society benefitted by the road to business  
advantage. Ururu generally receiving more support than  
the peoples Society, although nearly all are shareholders.

As in Kunua, these people who would like to ship  
to the C.M.B. cannot obtain an outlet. Soraker would give  
this.

For convenience, the road would go to Buka. However,  
the main problem, and there is a problem would still  
be the same. A wharf and storage facilities would have  
to be built or rented from Bomis. This would leave the area  
as before.

A plan which could solve both problems could be the  
construction of an Administration wharf at Bomis or a  
Council run business to serve Saile and the West Coast.

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of road. This is a little ridiculous but it may have  
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the year. Also in two divisions the villages are not on  
the coast but on a plateau 2-3 miles from it. This is a  
problem although cheaper would still leave these people carrying  
loads of copra and cocoa 5-6 miles in places. So, Rabaul,  
Bomis.



UTILIZATION OF THE WEST COAST ROAD AND SORAKEN WHARF.

ROAD GENERAL.

As stated before, the road is the greatest thing to happen to the West Coast. Hahon people who once conducted all business in Buka now come to Kunua. An example was the Puto people's Tractor loan with the Development Bank. They organized the loan in Buka. Now all these people's business comes to Kunua.

For convenience, the road must eventually lead to Buka. This would add to greater efficiency and economy along the West Coast (as well as the East Coast if the Saile road was upgraded).

(1) Double handling from boats to trucks would be avoided.

(2) Regular Shipping.

(3) Cheaper goods rather than double shipped goods from Ururu.

(4) A large number of village trade stores have broken up because (a) unreliable transport by shipped goods and (b) People are unwilling to pay the mark up in the small store especially when purchased at a mark up price from Ururu.

The people in the area welcomed the cash wage being paid at Kunua Plantation. It meant that a source of basic trade store goods, rice, fish, meat etc, could be bought there. This has helped the local proprietors considerably, and they have bought the plantation out of white rice twice in three weeks, because there is no regular shipping.

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However, the sea is too rough for three months of the year. Also in two Divisions the villages are not on the coast but on a plateau 2-3 miles from it. This idea, although cheaper would still leave these people carrying bags of copra and cocoa 5-6 miles in places. eg. Astapai, Tohei.

It would mean the construction of stores and shipping points at Denmat, Puto, Ururu, Govei, Sisiapai, Aviki Nambis, Amun, Kauna, Kuraio and Tohei, and Koropobi. All these constructions would be endangered by tidal waves, eg, June 1971 when the wave wrecked the Kunua plantation Copra store and Wilbur Lees trade store and cocoa drier. It also wrecked numerous small boats, which are, or were used for loading boats.

One point in its favour would be that it would bypass flooded rivers eg, Gabian crossing at Kurur and its tributary as well as the Beteraio river and the large river near Kuraio Mission. At the moment all these rivers have Gabian crossings planned and still would be subject to flooding.

It would also bypass the punt on the river at Tsun. At present, it needs four operators to work the doors, which for the want of a couple of winches, is the trap of the West Coast road. It means that every vehicle needs 3 or 4 labourers on it to lift the doors. With some small amount of fixing P.W.D. could make it quite serviceable, but for some reason they seem satisfied.



SURVEY RE UTILIZATION OF WEST COAST ROAD. ECONOMICS AND WHARF PROPOSAL SORAKEN.

Below, are listed the actual production figures obtained from the main outlets. These figures, though approximate would be fairly accurate.

HAHON RURAL PROGRESS SOCIETY

Approximately 70 tons copra and 60 tons cocoa per year. These figures vary with competition to Ururu Plantation and Madehas.

URURU PLANTATION. WONG YU.

Plantation production	copra	approx.	72 tons/year
	cocoa		36 tons/year
Local purchases.	copra		120 tons/year
	cocoa		100 tons/year

The plantation buys copra and cocoa from all three Census Divisions, it also buys in direct competition with the Society at Hahon. This plantation has also started buying wet bean from Buka Is.

SIPAI SOCIETY. KUNUA CENSUS DIVISION.

X1072 the society number produced 97 tons of copra April 1971 to April 1972

The other numbers sending copra to their numbers in Rabaul are as follows. These are all in the Kunua Census Division and the figures are for April 1971 to April 1972.

R321	25 tons.
B5	1 ton
R322	1 ton
R133	43/4 tons
R342	5 ton

All cocoa in this area is sold to Ururu with a small amount being sold to Madehas. Collection of money for a fermentry to be built in the area to serve the full Census Division is now in progress.

KURATIO SOCIETY. KERIKA CENSUS DIVISION.

1972	100 tons cocoa
	100 tons copra
1971	100 tons cocoa
	85 tons copra
1970	80 tons cocoa
	60 tons copra

An extra 25 tons of copra can be added to this three year figure. The coconuts of Beteraio, Aukei, Kaubetei, Amun and half of those from Kauna have not been out for two or more years. Especially around Beteraio. This amounts to a huge amount.

KUNUA PLANTATION. BURNS PHILLIP. This plantation, with 1660 acres planted, has expressed the desire that if suitable road transport was made available they will carry copra and cocoa by road to Soraken. This will be an extra 600 tons of copra and 90 tons of cocoa per year.

SURVEY RE UTILIZATION OF WEST COAST ROAD, ECONOMICS AND WHARF  
PROPOSAL SORAKEN.

Below is a village list showing the distance from Soraken and the coconut and cocoa Census of each village.

<u>DISTANCE.</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>COCOA</u>	<u>COCONUTS</u>
0	Soraken Plantation.		
4	Kunopopo		
5	Lalum		
7	Hahon Society. Nambarosi.		
8	Kakapara.		
10	Tsun. (Punt)		
11	Tsimba C.M. Kostewan P.T. School.		
12	Goton.		
13	Puto (Tractor)		
14	Rukussia.		
15	Ururu Plantation		
16	Kunokomok.		
16.5	Kurur.		
17	No 2 Hahon fermentry		
17	Pets Pets (3 miles)		4074
21	Sikeo (Tosiave)		5085
	Totiki.		
21	Kunua Patrol Post.		5503
21	Mapisi.		21201
21.5	Koatroi		7573
23	Kepui		7313
24	Kopai		9996
25	Popherai		17623
26	Tohei		32223
27	Sisiapai (proposed fermentry)		
29	Sipai Development Society.		12629
28	Mosilaio.		8585
29	Kopai turn off		19911
29	Keakera		2247
	Bobasasi.		
30	Pokarai Copra Store.		
33	Kaviki hand road.		29447
35	Astapai.		15515
34	Amun.		2994
34	Beteraio.		30065
35	Aukai.		4726
36	Kaubatei.		5227
36	Mission store beach.		27139
39	Kokosipai.		
39	New Socirty Drier.		368
40	Kauna.		



SURVEY RE UTILIZATION OF WEST COAST ROAD, ECONOMIC AND WHARF  
PROPOSAL SORAKEN.

<u>DISTANCE.</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>COCOA</u>	<u>COCONUTS</u>
42	Kuraio C.M. Society.	<u>COPRA AND COCOA PURCHASES.</u>	
	Kuraio.	6074	1976
43	Siwonapetai	1391	844
45	Karalitu.	4119	2278
48	Akopai.	1560	1565
51	Koropobi.	3107	4180

ROAD ENDS.

Pokuito	1542	5988
Atsilima.	1565	6499

These last two places have no road but all produce is shipped through the Kuraio Society.

FIGURES. TOTAL: HELD AT BUKA SHOW.

COCONUTS.

JUNE 1970

KUNUA.	116124
HAHON.	82190
KERIAKA.	145331

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343,645

These figures seem fairly accurate. The Hahon figures are not included for they seem to be only partial. The total figure, however, would be correct.

DEVELOPMENT BANK LOANS. D.A.S.F.

<u>NAME.</u>	<u>VILLAGE.</u>	<u>AMOUNT.</u>
THOMAS SEREPITSI	KUNOKOMOK	398
DONATUS OKIS	PUTO	640
JAMES MARIES	TOSIAVE	400
IRE MORARA	KEPUI	420
AMON HAKUERE	HON. ISL.	500
NATHAN MAIKE	LUKUSIA	
PETER KEP	NAMBAROSI	
THOMAS TAVIERE	KAVIKI	
STANISLAUS NAMITOA	BETERAIO	
SAMSON VISIK	SAPOSA	
PEREVIN VOANA	PUTO	
KANA TAIMA	LALUM	
BASIL WOSIRIA	KUNOKOMOK	
TAVIRITSI OBAI	KURUR	600
JOSEPH MUINANA	KUNOKOMOK	600
MARCELLAN KOPETSI	KUNOKOMOK	460
DAVID BUAREO	MAOISI	1000
DAVID GARASI	KUNOKOMOK	540
AMIRI BENEDICT	SIASIAPAI	1000
TOROMUIR AMOS	ATSILIMA	2200
ALOYSUS RIRIAMATE	PUTO	720
MARIOMATE MARIKORO	ASTAPAI	2300
MICHAEL SIASI	TOHEI	400
THOMAS ANNIES	KOPAI	500
THOMAS KAKATARA	MOSIRATO	320
PAUL BESA	KAKARIS	560
SIAKARI REPINI	KEAKARA	600
REDI (REV.) J.	KUNUA	220
JOHN POPOREI	SISIAPI	1600
PAUL SIVIVIRI	ASTAPAI	336

PURCHASE COPRA

COPRA DRIER  
CATTLE PROJECT

CATTLE LOAN

TRACTOR

FILE  
AT  
KUBU

DEVELOPMENT BANK LOANS D.D.A.

SISIASI TOIKAS	KOATOROI	TRACTOR/TRAILER	2500
STEVEN KUIHEREP	TOTOKI	TRACTOR/TRAILER	1500
MOSES MATOVIRI	TOTOKI	TRADE STORE	200
MOSES ATAHI	KOPAI	TRADE STORE	200

Purpose of all loans not specifically stated are for  
Rural Extension - New Plantings.



SECTION B. AREA STUDY

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POPULATION

KERIAKIA C.D.

CODE CENSUS	VILLAGE	TOTALS (Excluding Absentees)				ABSENTEES (Resident outside Electorate)				TOTAL
		CHILD (Under 15 yrs)		ADULT		CHILD (Under 15 yrs)		ADULT		
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
11 MAY	Atsilima	53	59	44	43	-	2	-	-	201
15 May	Akopai	45	60	61	55	1	-	3	1	226
23 May	Amun	9	18	17	14	-	-	-	-	58
20 May	Aukei	15	22	43	29	-	-	-	-	109
24 May	Beteralo	60	50	57	54	-	-	-	-	221
17 May	Kauna	58	89	81	72	-	-	4	-	304
15 May	Karalitu	16	17	9	13	3	1	3	-	62
15 May	Koropobi	52	41	58	37	-	-	2	-	190
19 May	Kaubatei	32	35	38	35	-	-	1	-	141
11 May	Pokuito	19	17	20	13	-	-	1	-	70
18 May	Siwonapetai	37	28	35	35	-	-	2	1	138
		397	436	462	400	4	3	16	2	1720