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1958 - 1959

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BOUGAINVILLE DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1958/59

KIETA

| Report No.             | Officer Conducting           | Area Patrolled                   |
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Proposed

Proposed Route For Main Road  
- Arawa to Mabiri -

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Bougainville District,

Headquarters,

SOHANO

28TH AUGUST, 1958.

Assistant District Officer,

KIETA

SPECIAL REPORT KIETA NO.1 - 58/59

BY MR. C.G. SANDERSON

The above report is acknowledged.

Like you, I could not understand Mr. King's reference to the unfinished state of the Wakunai aerodrome. I have not received a copy of the report by the District Airport Inspector, Lae, nor have I heard any other details about clearing. I know only what I told you at Wakunai in May - clearing of the actual strip between the marks set out and shown to us by Mr. Sandford. This clearing involved felling of the trees and the clearing of the logs. At no time has mention been made of the clearing of the laterals or the approaches: drainage: clearing to 400 feet: construction of permanent side drains: cutting of laterals to ground level. I support Mr. Sanderson's action.

TOOLS: Action noted.

POLICE: By this you will have received my signal about police. Now that Mr. Denehy is there he should with his greater experience, be able to bring the police into line. The rotating system is approved.

Application for Camping Allowance is not approved as Mr. Sanderson was not camping. He should apply for Travelling Allowance under Public Service Regulations 66. Claim returned.

(K.C. Atkinson)

DISTRICT OFFICER

c.c. Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA  
KIETA SPECIAL REPORT No 3 of 1958

|                     |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Report submitted by | C.G. Sanderson C.P.O. |
| Period covered      | 26/5/58-25/7/58       |
| NO of days          | 61                    |

OBJECT

The clearing of the proposed airstrip at Wakunai to enable heavy machinery to commence levelling and grading. The clearing of both laterals and the approaches was also undertaken, as was the erection of a machine shed.

OPERATION

In order to complete the work as soon as possible 150 men were employed on a contract basis. Construction specifications were as laid down in Dept. Civil Aviation Memo. 48/734/1 and attached plan.

The majority of the labour were in possession of either an axe or a bush-knife, but there was a shortage of shovels. This state of affairs retarded progress until a supply was received from Kieta. Work was also held up on numerous occasions by heavy rains, and this accounts for the a somewhat lengthy period required to complete the work.

All work was completed, with the machine shed included, but insufficient funds, and the amount of time already spent on the contract prohibited the relocating of the existing road. A temporary road is being used on the cleared lateral of the strip.

Plans for the new road provide for it to be relocated 400 feet from the centre of the strip through virgin bush. After close examination both Mr. Sandford of Numa Numa Plantation, and myself consider this unnecessary, and further it would take a great deal less money to relocate the road 250 feet from the centre of the strip.

This area has already been cleared, and is quite satisfactory in all [in all] respects for the construction of a road.

CONCLUSION

General progress on the Wakunai airstrip is, in my opinion, very satisfactory, over half the strip having been levelled and nearly half graded.

NOTE

I was informed by local natives that the seaward end of the strip is prone to inundation [inundation] by heavy

seas. This danger has been increased by the clearing of all growth near the beach, and I consider this problem , and the effects of erosion worth watching closely.

## VISITORS

Mr. B. Cooper, Works Supervisor, inspected the strip on several occasions.

The Direct Airport Inspector, Lae, and Mr. R. Campbell, Engineer, visited the strip for the purpose of surveying and construction pegging.

## NATIVE AFFAIRS

Representatives from most villages in the area offered to work on the strip, and their attitude at all times was friendly and co-operative. They were pleased that alternative air transport facilities were being made available as they were aware that the Catalina service was closing down.

One case was heard in the Court for Native Affairs and the defendant committed to gaol for six months for stealing. Petty disputes were satisfactorily arbitrated, and considering Wakunai has been unmanned for some time the area appears to be singularly peaceful.

## WAKUNAI GOVERNMENT STATION

### Buildings

The remarks contained in Kieta Special Report No. 1 of 57/58 are endorsed by the writer.

### Roads and Bridges.

No work was undertaken on the existing roads, and maintenance on same will be an urgent necessity in the near future.

Heavy rains played havoc with the bridges on the Wakunai-Numa road, and the opportunity was taken to repair and consolidate them. I suggest that a more permanent structure be built over at least the largest of these rivers.

## POLICE

On my arrival at Wakunai it was found that the discipline of the police was very slack. This was directly due to the fact that the Station had not been manned for some time. For this reason it is suggested that in future Police personnel at Wakunai are relieved from Kieta periodically.

Const. Arabil was posted to Kieta for health reasons, and Const. Karebo for re-signing of contract.

Rations and equipment are required.

## CONCLUSION

Since the foregoing report was written the Wakunai airstrip has been inspected by Mr. B. King of D.C.A. and as a result of his inspection it appears that the following work is still outstanding;

1. Drainage on water-logged areas.
2. Clearing of runway to 400 ft. in width.
3. The construction of permanent side drains.
4. Laterals to be cut to ground level.
5. Further cutting, in certain places, of the approaches.

In explanation of these points I submit the following:-

1. This drainage scheme was not xxxxxxxxx included in my instructions, and is an entirely new idea. The need for this scheme was only revealed after clearing and heavy rains.
2. In regard to this point I was given instructions by D.C.A. engineers that 250ft. was quite sufficient for the central runway. It now appears that the extra width is required for earthworks. In any event I would like to point out that for most of its length the runway is actually cleared to 400 ft.
3. As in point 1. this is an entirely new idea, and was never suggested during my stay at Wakunai.
4. Original instructions provided for a lateral clearance of 1 in 7, and this was done. Laterals must now be cut to ground level, which instruction, if given during my stay at Wakunai, could easily have been implemented.
5. In the absence of an Abney level to judge clearances I am not surprised that in several places tree-tops infringe the gradient.

File 31-6  
Sub District Office,  
Kieta Bougainville,  
17th August 1958

The District Commissioner,  
Bougainville District,

SOHANO.  
KIETA SPECIAL REPORT NO 1 58-59.  
WAKUNAI AIRSTRIP

Four copies of the above report for your file and for onward transmission.

I had already written a comment on this report but after a conference held between Mr. King, Mr Denehy, Mr Sanderson and myself yesterday I decided that Mr Sanderson had better add a conclusion to his report and that I had a few comments that I would like to add to clear up the position.

Mr Sanderson and myself inspected the airstrip on 27th July 1958 and Mr Sanderson appeared to have done a good job in face of difficulties especially unseasonable weather. The workers who were engaged on the aerodrome are not people who stay on a job for any length of time and take quite a bit of handling to keep them going.

Mr King has just inspected Wakunai and I believe has reported to you by radio on the unfinished state of the strip. As pointed out in Mr Sanderson's report most of the work now required is new work that has been revealed now that the strip is cleared. Mr King last visited the strip late last April when the only clearing that had been carried out was to fall the trees. Neither Mr Sanderson or nor any other Kieta officer was present when this inspection was made. Mr Sanderson received his instructions from Mr Cooper of Works and x visiting DCA Inspector and engineer and they appeared to be satisfied with the work. Mr King's later requests for such things as clearing of logs on the side of the strip so that soil can be scraped from there to use as fill could not have been included in the original instructions. I would like to suggest that there be a continuity of DCA inspection and instruction to prevent confusion and waste of effort (ie. change of site of loading bay after original one had been cleared).

2.

Regarding the shortage of impliments [implements] for work on the strip I am afraid this was unavoidable. The arrival of last minute funds for the building of two airstrips in the sub District has strained the tool position to the limit and we had to await the arrival of tools ordered from Rabaul before supplies could be sent to Wakunai.

POLICE: Police at Wakunai are to be rotated and the then Lance Corporal has been replaced by an N.C.O. of greater experience.

ROADS & BRIDGES: I believe that Mr Scott, Regional Works Engineer from Rabaul is to inspect roads and bridges in the Wakunai area in his coming inspection and will await ideas on the subject.

P.F.Sebire,  
Asst District Officer.

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Department of the Administrator,

Bougainville District,

SOHANO.

8th. October, 1958.

The Assistant District Officer,

KIETA, Bougainville.

SPECIAL REPORT NO.2-58/59 KIETA.

BY MR. M.J.DENEHY P/O.

The above Report is acknowledged  
with thanks.

I cannot say at this stage when the  
grader will be available for work at Wakunai. I  
understand Turiboiu is completed but we now have  
to await the completion of a road from the strip  
to Buin, and then barge transport to Aropa.

Claim for camping allowance is  
returned. Mr. Denehy should claim travelling  
allowance.

16 OCT 1958

(K.C.Atkinson.)

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. D.N.A.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AFFAIRS

MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

16 OCT 1958

SPECIAL

Patrol No. 2/58/59 Sub-District KIETA District BOUGAINVILLE

Officer Conducting Patrol M.J. DENEHY P/O

Census Division Patrolled -

Objects of Patrol Assemble and supervise Native Labour employed on construction of WAKUNAI Airstrip.

Date Patrol Commenced 18.8.58 Date Completed 13.9.58

Durations—days 27

#### SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

Wakunai Airstrip File 2-1-3 of 17/9/58

Camping Out Allowance File 1-3-63 of 17/9/58

Patrolling Officer's Signature.

I certify that all necessary local administrative action has been or is being taken on matter arising out

of this patrol and that the correspondence above indicated by a "tick" has been forwarded to the Head-

quarters. Department of Native Affairs, Port Moresby.

District Officer.

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DIARY

18.8.58  
 19.8.58  
 20.8.58  
 21.8.58 Departed Kieta per ML. "Westward Ho" at 5 a.m.  
 22.8.58 arrived Numa Numa Plantation at 11 a.m. and  
 23.8.58 Wakunai at noon. Found N.C.O. and two police  
 24.8.58 absent from station with patrol operating in the  
 25.8.58 Rotokas, leaving two mail runners only at Wakunai.  
 26-29th Radio sent to D.C. informing him of position.  
 30.8.58 Word sent to village officials to report to station.  
 31.8.58 Mr. Scott, P.W.D., visited strip.  
 1.9.58 Inspected airstrip view organisation of labour.  
 2.9.58 One N.C.O. and two constables ex Kieta.  
 3.9.59 Heavy rain all night and showery during day.  
 4.9.58 9 labourers commenced draining.  
 5.9.58 Fine day. 13 labourers on strip. Draining continued.  
 6.9.58 No labour. Office & general. Fine.  
 7.9.58 Sunday observed. Showery.  
 8.9.58 Rain early morning. 60 labourers on strip.  
 9.9.58 Draining continued and work commenced clearing  
 10.9.58 laterals and approaches.  
 11.9.58 do.  
 12.9.58 No labour. Heavy rain.  
 13.9.58 Sunday observed.  
 60 labourers on strip clearing laterals & digging  
 out stumps.  
 do.  
 do.  
 do. Additional 16 labourers reported. Total 76.  
 do.  
 No labour  
 Sunday observed  
 86 labourers on strip digging out stumps and firing.  
 do.  
 Mr. Atkinson, District Commissioner, arrived per  
 "Hazel" and inspected progress.  
 Labour on strip and approaches  
 do. Paid off labour at 4 p.m. at 6 p.m. moved  
 to Numa Numa to await Polurrian.  
 Joined Polurrian at 8.30 a.m. and arrived Kieta  
 5 p.m.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA

File 2-1-3  
Sub-District Office,  
Kieta,  
BOUGAINVILLE.  
17th September '58

The Assistant District Officer,  
KIETA.

WAKUNAI AIRSTRIP

In accordance with your instructions, and after conference with yourself and Mr. King of D.C.A., I proceeded to Wakunai airstrip to:

Clear remainder of strip

Widen strip to 400 feet

Construct drains

Cut back laterals

Further clear approaches

All stumps and logs on the easter end of the strip were grubbed and fired, so that earthworks can be completed.

In places, particularly in the vicinity of the 2900' mark, stumps were grubbed well in excess of 400' to permit mechanical equipment to obtain soil for filling.

Laterals were cut back where new growth was occurring and generally cleared.

As instructed, the low lying area at the 2900' mark was drained into the swamp on the southern side of the strip, which in turn is drained into the sea. Side drains have not been constructed pending completion of earthworks, because in many instances it will be necessary to claim earth for filling outside the 165' mark where the drains are to be positioned.

Further clearing was carried out at the western end of the strip, and some 60 kapok, 16 galips and a number of breadfruit were cut on the Government station. A knoll about two miles west of the strip was cleared. It is possible that further clearing will be required on the Government Station, but to avoid unnecessary destruction it has been left in abeyance pending further inspection by the D.C.A.

Throughout, close co-operation was maintained with Mr. Sandford, manager of Numa Numa plantation, whose organisation is responsible for earth works

The District Commissioner inspected progress on 10/9/58,

and the writer was told to return to Kieta, leaving 10 labourers who are to be employed for a further 4 weeks, under the supervision of Mr. sandford, to burn off logs and rubbish heaped at the sides of the strip.

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Within four weeks of this date it is anticipated that the bulldozer will have brought the surface to the required levels. Awaited now is the arrival of grader and roller to remove surface "waves" and compress the earth. There is good grass on the western section, but doubtless much will be torn out by the grader.

In due course additional labour will be required.

The people have requested that they not be called upon until they have completed their gardening activities, now commencing. All villages within a full day's walk of Wakunai have already been engaged at the aerodome, some for periods in excess of six weeks.

(M.J. Denehy) P/O

Minute to District Officer,

SOHANO.

Forwarded, please.

(P.F. Sebire)

Assistant District Officer

TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA

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File: 1-3-63

Sub-District Office,

KIETA.

17th September '58

Assistant District Officer,

KIETA.

CAMPING OUT ALLOWANCE

Attached please find claim for camping out allowance for the undersigned for 26 days spent at Wakunai on airstrip construction.

The period was spent in the O.I.C.s residence - a dwelling long unoccupied and long condemned , unsafe and badly leaking.

Had a village rest house been within easy reach of the strip, the patrol would have preferred there.

(M.J. Denehy) P/O

Minute to: District Officer,

SOHANO.

Forwarded for your consideration, please.

(P.F. Sebire)

Assistant District Officer

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of BOUGAINVILLE Report No 4 SPECIAL 1958/59

Patrol Conducted by D. C. BRETHERTON C.P.O.

Area Patrolled NORTH NASIOI , EIVO AND NORTH KIETA COASTAL

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 3 MEMBERS R.P. & N.G.C.

Duration—From 1/6/1959 to 10/6/1959

Number of Days 10 DAYS

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services

Medical

Map Reference

Object of Patrol TO LOCATE A SITE TO CONSTRUCT A PROPOSED MAIN ROAD -  
ARAWA TO MABIRI

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £

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

31-6/437  
Sub-District Officer,  
KIETA.  
25th June '59

The District Officer,  
Bougainville District,  
SOHANO.

SPECIAL REPORT NO. 4 - KIETA

Attached please find a report of a road survey carried out [carried out] by Mr. D.C. Bretherton, C.P.O. of the Kieta north coast between Arawa and Mabiri. The Inus/Wakunai/Mabiri link is being surveyed by the Patrol Officer, Wakunai.

As anticipated the people are willing and keen. Where the route is obvious, work has commenced.

It appears from the report that there are no major engineering difficulties. Swamps and shifting river beds preclude the road following the coast - hence it is routed at the bottom of the foothills at the edge of the swamp. At no point does it rise more than approximately 300 feet above sea level.

It will be necessary initially to find fording points on certain streams, so that the road can be used under favourable conditions before bridges are built, and also to permit the passage of equipment and materials.

When the Aropa strip is completed I suggest that the grader could be used to great advantage once the initial clearing is completed. It is possible that it could be loaded on the Polurrian at Kieta and a discharging ramp built in the vicinity of Arawa Plantation. I will check and advise. At the same time the Wakunai grader, if available, could work from the northern end.

I shall be proceeding to the area early in July on a routine (tax) patrol and will walk the proposed route at that time.

The width of streams given by Mr. Bretherton are approximate only. Accurate measurements will be supplied at a later date.

(M.J. Denehy)  
Assistant District Officer



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

File 31-6

Sub-District Office,

Kieta,

BOUGAINVILLE DISTRICT.

Assistant District Officer,

KIETA.

SPECIAL PATROL REPORT NO. 4. 1958/59 - KIETA

Conducted by: D.C. BRETHERTON. C.P.O.

Duration: 1/6/59 to 10/6/59

This patrol was specifically conducted to find suitable terrain to construct a road from Arawa to Mabiri on the west coast of Bougainville.

The Proposed Route.

The terrain which was patrolled for the purpose of finding a main road to link Arawa with Mabiri is mostly virgin land. The road is to follow the foothills where it is flat, as much as possible with the least amount of grading on the roads. Bridge sites and rivers were looked at very carefully and village officials who accompanied the patrol at all times were fully instructed to adhere to my suggestions. There are 8 major bridges to be built, the longest span would be approximately 50 feet long, the smallest about 10 feet. There are approximately 8 streams [streams] which could be forded very satisfactorily. The attached map which is not to scale but gives a very fair indication of the proposed road site; its bridges and fords.

The inland route was proposed with the exception of of a section from Borvi to Tarara because:-

(a) The coast has bad swampy sections. Rivers mouth shift very frequently in the rainy season.

(b) The coastline in parts has eroded, cutting well into the beach causing lines of coconuts

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to fall into the sea, this is due to pounding seas at certain times of the year.

As the attached map shows the road follows generally a pattern along the foothills, up as far as Borvi - also established suitable bridge sites.

In most cases, in dry weather, most of the rivers can be forded easily. However in one or two cases the banks are steep (?) 5 feet to 14 feet, these will have to be bridged permanently.

A description of each river is as follows:-

Baerima -  
Umaea -  
Pisrorororo-  
Mukapi -  
Asitanari -  
Bitakara -  
Matana -  
Tukarama -  
Vitoro -  
Kuin -  
Silipbuka -  
Siroakei -  
Emiowei -  
Vito -

Steep banks of 14 feet to water. Depth of water in dry weather 5feet , willnot [will not] over flow its banks at this point. Span approximately 20 feet.

Stream - 3feet wide 1foot deep - shingly bed.

Same as Umaea.

Stream 5feet wide 1 foot deep - shingly bed.

Stream 10 feet wide 2feet deep rocky bed. Approx. 50 feet wide . Low banks depthof [depth of] water 2 feet - bed consists of large rocks. Approx. 20 feet wide . Depth of water 5 feet " 30 " " . " of banks 4 feet shallow water rocky bed.

5 feet wide . Depths of bank 2 feet - Shingly bed.

Same as Vitoro

Approx. 20 feet wide. Banks 3 feet deep- Shallow waters.

Small stream.

xx Same as Siroakei.

Approx. 15 feet wide - 6foot banks rocky bed. water 4 feet deep.

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Tarara - 10 feet wide . Shallow banks and water. sandy bed.

Mabiri - Same as Tarara.

On the following xxxxxx rivers, bridges should be constructed:- Matana , Tukarama , Baerima , Bitakara , Vito , the rest could easily forded.

Division of Labour.

The labour force in the whole area is limited and in some cases uneven, however their enthusiasm in this project has eased the problem as they suggested combining their efforts with neighbouring areas who have any surpluses.

They will devote each alternate week to the road, whilst the other week will be devoted to their own domestic duties, this idea was unanimously agreed upon.

It was suggested that meetings should be held amongst xx Village Officials regularly to discuss the progress of each areax . If one areax [area] should complete its work before the other they are to combine with any othersxx [others] that are incomplete.

Native Affairs.

Representatives from all villages in the area were all enthusiastic and eager to commence this road work - their attitude at all times were friendly and co-operative. All villages visited were kept clean and housing in good order, also existing government roads were in good condition.

There were no complaints of a serious nature throughout the entire patrol. However some minor complaints were hears and settled on the spot.

Conclusion.

It will be essential that frequent visits to the whole area be made to ensure the work is done properly and also give them that feeling of added support which is equally important.

Cadet Patrol Officer.

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DIARY

Monday 1st June -  
Tuesday 2nd June -  
Wednesday 3rd June-  
Thursday 4th June -  
Friday 5th June -  
Saturday 6th June-

Left Kieta for Arawa 0800 hours - stayed at Arawa Plantation for 1 hour to discuss and visit suitable road through the plantation. Left plantation arrived Arawa fillave 1230 hours. Met by village officials from Tarara and all villages South. Held meeting and discussed the proposed road to Mabiri. They were all very eager to start. 0700 hours proceeded to mark prospective sites. The road along the beach to Tunuru Mission is definitely unsuitable. The old German road from Tunuru to Rorovana is rough and in parts very hilly and steep. Slept night at Arawa, 0700 hours walked and cut through xxxxxx virgin ground xx inland from Baerima to a saddle shown on the attached map. Good ground suitable for a road and it eliminates two rivers and a large area of swamp. 0800 hours through Tunuru along the old [the old] German road - round the back of the hill and walked through to [through to] Sikunen following a good site for all weather road. Arrived Sikunen 1330 hours Slept night at rest house. 0800 hours Departed Sikunen followed good xxxx route through to foot of Boira - Village Officials were well informed of their work xxxxxxxxxx in marking the roads. Difficulty may be experience between Sikunen and Boira where two saddles will have to be skirted by gradual inclines on a gradual approach. slept night at Boira. 1200 hours Departed Boira - would have left sooner but for heavy [heavy] rain all morning. Road to continue round foothills through to Karnovito. Slept night at Karnovito.



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Sunday 7th June -

Monday 8th. June -

Tuesday 9th. June-

Wednesday 10th. June-

0800 hours left Karnovito for Manatai following suitable road site. Arrived Manatai 1200 hours.

0700 hours left Manatai for Vito - area flat no difficulty in marking good site. Found good ground inland. Visited Vito village, thence by canoe to Borvi. Visited village and then followed good site for road along the coast as far as Mabiri. Stayed at Tarara Village for the night

0700 hours left Tarara for Rorovana by canoe- arrived 1500 hours. Inspected village slept night at rest house.

0700 hours departed Rorovana for Arawa plantation. Had lunch there and xxx proceeded back to Kieta arriving 1500 hours.



APPENDIX "A"

REPORT ON R.P. & N.G.C. PERSONNEL.

LANCE CORPORAL SAUNO. 4159 - A GOOD N.C.O. ALWAYS  
RELIABLE AND CO-OPERATIVE.

CONSTABLE MENDO. 9267 - VERY OUTSPOKEN AND TENDS TO BE  
RATHER OFFICIOUS AT TIMES, NEVERTHELESS HE IS COMPETENT.

CONSTABLE GEMA 9207. - CONDUCTED HIS DUTIES WELL - ALWAYS  
NEAT AND TIDY.

MAP AT THE BACK

TITLE:

“PROPOSED ROUTE FOR MAIN ROAD”

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA  
PATROL REPORT  
Kieta

District of BOUGAINVILLE Report No 1 of 1958/59  
Patrol Conducted by FRANK IAN DAVIES PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled EIVO AND NORTH KIETA COASTAL CENSUS DIVISIONS.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL  
Natives 4

Duration—From 4/8/1958 TO 26/8/1958  
Number of Days TWENTY  
Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO  
Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 17/10/55 EIVO 13/5/1957 Kieta Coastal  
Medical 3/12/1957  
Map Reference BOUGAINVILLE 4 mile to 1 inch series.

Objects of Patrol Census, and tax collections. Routine administration.

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.  
Forwarded, please.  
18/9/1958  
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £  
Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £  
Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund

SOUTH PACIFIC  
OCEAN  
MAP OF THE EIVO ANO  
[?] COASTAL CENSUS  
  
DIVISIONS P/R 1/1958-59

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

The Assistant Administrator.

MINUTE

22 OCT 1958

Tax Resistance - Rorovana - Kieta - Sohano.

File No NA30-14-86

Your attention is invited to the flagged folios, for your information please.

It appears to me that the situation has been satisfactorily handled.

As you are aware the Rorovana people are a highly sophisticated group of migrants from Malaita and settled in Kieta area some generations ago

(A.A.Roberts.)

Director.

20th October, 1958.

30-14-86

20th October, 1958.

The District Officer,

Bougainville District, SOHANO.

Kieta Patrol Report No.1. 1958/59.

Your No. 30/2/3-268 of the 7th October, 1958 refers.

Thank you for the report on the incident at Rorovana.

It appears that Mr. Davies handled the situation satisfactorily.

(A.A.Roberts.)

Director.

30-14-86

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply

Please Quote

No. 30/2/3/ - 628

Department of the Administrator,  
Bougainville District,  
SOHANO.

7th. October, 1958.

16 OCT 1958

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

KIETA PATROL REPORT NO.1. - 58/59.

FURTHER TO MY 30/2/3 OF THE 8TH SEPTEMBER

I ATTACH HERewith LETTER FROM THE A.D.O. KIETA, REPORTING ON  
WHAT HAD OCCURRED AT ROROVANA.

THE EXPLANATION IN MY OPINION IS SATIS-  
FACTORY.

(K.C. Atkinson.)

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

C.c. A.D.O. Kieta.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

File 30/1  
Sub-District Office,  
KIETA, Bougainville.  
22nd September, 1958.

- 6 OCT 1958  
The District Commissioner,  
Bougainville District,  
SOHANO.

PATROL REPORT NO:1 of 58-59. P.O.DAVIES.

Ref:- Your (?) 0/2/3 of 8/9/58.

I have interviewed Mr. Davies and the following is his explanation in detail of the talk given to the RORAVANA people re non payment of taxes and disobedience of the government laws in general. As I had already discussed the RORAVANA incident with Mr. Davies on his return from patrol, I was in possession of the facts when I wrote my comment on the report and did not see any sign of threat in the NEVUNARAM incident being quoted "as possible ultimate consequence of people refusing to obey the government laws"

Mr. Davies' report on RORAVANA reads:- "On the day of arrival at RORAVANA village the Tultul WAU approached me in the presence of a few other members of the village and told me that he had heard that people in Rabaul and Sohano had refused to pay their tax. He also told me that a number of the younger members of the village were thinking of following this example, but were in two minds as to whether to do so or not. (It is not known how this news was received, but it is presumed that they had heard it over the wireless, as many villages in this area are equipped with a wireless).

Tultul WAU enquired what action would be taken against people refusing to pay tax, as they had not heard of any action being taken.

It was explained that the Administration had passed laws which enabled action to be taken against offenders either [offenders either] by imprisonment

up to six months or by the confiscation and selling of personal property, until the amount of the tax was realized.



On the same night over the National and Territory news it was announced that two Natives had been shot at NAVUNARAM by a tax

collecting patrol and a few details were given.

This was probably heard by members of the village - some of whom can speak English -, even if not my own personal servant who was in the house at the time, undoubtedly heard it as he can speak fairly good English.

On the following morning, prior to tax collections being restarted, (Some tax had been collected the previous afternoon), Tultul Wau and a few other members of the village were at the rest house talking about tax etc., and it was at this time that I passed onto them the news I had heard the previous night, which as near as possible was the following:- That at NAVUNARAM village in the Rabaul area two Natives had been killed by an Administration patrol collecting tax. This was the fifth time that a patrol had visited the Village, and on the previous occasion [occasion] an A.D.O. and police had been attacked whilst trying to possess a bicycle from a man refusing to pay tax.

The patrol had gone back in greater strength to enforce the law and had again been attacked and had had to defend itself by firing, with the result that two people had been killed and a number of the patrol injured.

It was explained to Tultul WAU that small breaches of the law - such as the refusal to pay tax - could possibly lead to bigger

trouble, if things got out of hand, such as the attack on the patrol as at NAVUNARAM and that people would be advised to pay their tax and thus circumvent any greater trouble later.

No threats were made at any time to any person, either individually or as a group and the whole walk was, from my point of view, only an explanation of facts.

Every effort was made to explain to the whole of the village why the Government had to collect tax and to what uses it was put.

For instance it was explained that the tax for RORAVANA village for the year 1958, did not quite pay the salary of the Native

Medical Orderly stationed in the village, for one year.”.

P.F.Sebire. A.D.O.

NA.30-14-86  
3rd October, 1958.

The Commissioner for Taxation,  
PORT MORESBY.  
EXTRACT PATROL REPORT NO.1. 1958-59 - KIETA  
BOUGAINVILLE DISTRICT.

The following is passed to you for your information,  
please:-

“NATIVE AFFAIRS It was pleasing to note there was little trouble with the tax collection after the first mild protest from the Rorovanas, who have a name for that sort of thing. As a people who squatted here originally from the British Solomons they consider themselves superior to the locals and actually they are in a better position to pay their tax than most villages in the Sub-District. On my visit with the patrol to Pok Pok Island it was noticed that all were willing to pay even school boys apparently well under age appearing with their £2 to offer. The general attitude to the tax that it was a feature of “Good time” and thus a good thing”.

A further report on the Rorovana incident will be supplied on receipt from the District Officer, Sohano.

(A.A.Roberts)  
Director.

NA.30-14-86

6th October, 1958.

The District Commissioner,  
Bougainville District,  
SOHANO.

PATROL REPORT NO. 1. 1958-59 - KIETA.

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report together with covering memoranda is acknowledged with thanks.

I shall look forward to a full report on the ROROVANA incident before making further comment.

The Village Population Register completed to the degree as that accompanying this report is usually not acceptable; however, in this case let the matter lie.

I personally know the area and the people living there and agree that their attitudes are very hard to fathom. It had struck me that they are a people who are quite satisfied with their lot and do not want to be prodded into a change in their way of life.

The attitude of the ROROVANAS has not changed over the years - in fact I can recall them demanding that the inland people perform the Rorovana road maintenance without payment and the inland people consenting.

Please revive the matter of the D.D. Smith land.

(A.A.Roberts)

Director.

NA.30-14-86

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Director.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

30/14/86

File : 7/1/1

Sub-District Office,  
KIETA BOUGAINVILLE.

18th September, 1958.

The Assistant District Officer,

KIETA

BOUGAINVILLE.

CENSUS STATISTICS PATROL REPORT KIETA 1 OF 1958/59.

Enclosed please find village population registers for the EIVO and KIETA Coastal Census Divisions of this sub-district for inclusions in Patrol Report Kieta 1 of 58/59.

It is regretted that these figures were not forwarded before but Department of Native Affairs Circular Instruction 273 of 22/5/58 was misread and it was thought that Village Population Registers as well as village books in their present form had been abolished.

Details for the population registers have been extracted from Tax Census Sheets only with the result that some of the required statistics were not available.

Franklan Davies.

PATROL OFFICER.

District Commissioner, SOHANO.

For your information, please.

P.F.SEBIRE.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER.

7/1/3

Department of the Administrator,  
Bougainville District,  
SOHANO. 24th. September, 1958

2-OCT 1958

MINUTE TO:

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded please.

(K.C. Atkinson.)  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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Bougainville District,  
Headquarters,  
SOHANO.  
8th. September, 1958.  
Assistant District Officer,  
KIETA.  
Bougainville.

PATROL REPORT NO. 1/58-59. BY F.I.DAVIES, P.O.

The above Report and your comments are acknowledge. Relevant portions will be forwarded to the department concerned.

Native Affairs: It would appear on the second paragraph on page four, that Mr. Davies has given the Navuneran incident as an example of what this Administration would do in any instance of non-payment of Tax. It would also appear that the incident was caused only because of the non-payment. By this you will have received His Honour's circular giving full particulars and will have noted that the incident was a culmination of years of civil disobedience etc. Even if His Honour's circular had not been written I consider that the construction put on by Mr. Davies is so far from being correct that it would given the people a wrong impression. I am surprised that this matter was not commented on by you. Please investigate what was said to the Rorovanas and report fully to me immediately.

Census: Even though a census was checked no village population register was included. Please have the Officer concerned compile same and forward without delay.

In future two copies only of Junior Patrol Officers' Reports are required at this Office.

Claim for camping allowance has been approved.

(K.C. Atkinson.)  
DISTRICT OFFICER.  
cc.  
Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.



File 30-1  
Sub District Office,  
Kieta Bougainville,  
29th August 1958.

The District Commissioner,  
Bougainville District,  
SOHANO.

PATROL REPORT KIETA NO.1 Of 58-59.

Herewith three copies of the above Report by Mr.F.I.Davies,  
Patrol Officer, for your file and onward movement.

NATIVE AFFAIRS:- It was pleasing to note that there was little trouble with the tax collection after the first mild protest from the Rorovanas, who have a name for that sort of thing. As a people who squatted here originally from the British Solomons they consider themselves superior to the locals and actually they are in a better position to their tax than most villages in the Sub-

District. On my visit [with] xx the patrol to Pok Pok Island it was noticed that all were willing to pay even school boys apparently well under age appearing with their £2 to offer. The general attitude to the tax that it was a feature of the 'Good time' and thus a good thing.

Regarding the land at Rorovana: the Tultul WAU has now made application for the lease and the necessary papers go to you by this mail.

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY :- Messrs Boag and Curtis of DASF are visiting this area at present to inspect cacao and coffee plantings. Mr.Harvey of DASF is expected here on posting in October and his presence should give planting an extra spur where it is much needed.

I am afraid that Trading Licences in the area are often more an emblem of Social prestige than a road to wealth.

CONCLUSION: With these people it is hard to tell where shyness stops and surliness takes over. They are a hard people to get to know and this has not been assisted by the quick turn over of Field Staff in the sub District.

P.F.Sebire Asst District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

KIETA PATROL REPORT NUMBER 1 of 1958/59.

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| PATROL CONDUCTED BY;- | F.I.DAVIES. PATROL OFFICER.  |
| AREA PATROLLED.       | EIVO AND KIETA COASTAL CENSUS DIVISIONS.   |
| DURATION.             | 4/8/58 TO 26/8/58.   |
| NUMBER OF DAYS.       | TWENTY.  |
| ACCOMPANIED BY.       | 3 members of R.P.&.N.G.C. 1 N.M.O.   |
| LAST PATROL TO AREA.  | EIVO 1955.   |
| MAP REFERENCE.        | KIETA COASTAL 1957.  |
| OBJECTS OF PATROL.    | BOUGAINVILLE 4 miles to 1 inch series.<br>Census and tax collections.<br>Routine administration. |

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DIARY.

MONDAY AUGUST 4

Departed KIETA 9am. per M.V.POKPOK for ROROVANA VILLAGE arriving 1030 am. Commenced collecting tax in afternoon and revising census. Slept Rorovana.

TUESDAY AUGUST 5.

At ROROVANA collecting tax and inspection of villages.

Slept ROROVANA.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 6.

To VITO per M.V. POKPOK. Tax collections village inspection.

Slept VITO.

THURSDAY AUGUST 7.

To ALAKABAU on foot. arriving 9am. Tax collection inspection of village

Returned VITO in heavy rain. POKPOK sent back to KIETA.

Slept VITO.

FRIDAY AUGUST 8.

Departed VITO 8am. for BORVI village arriving 9 am. Lined and inspected village collected tax. Afternoon to BORVI Plantation to collect tax. Slept BORVI.

SATURDAY AUGUST 9.

To TARARA Village. Lined and inspected, collected tax. Returned to BORVI. Slept BORVI.

SUNDAY AUGUST 10.

OBSERVED BORVI.

MONDAY AUGUST 11.

Departed BORVI 11am after heavy rain for KoPANI Village arriving 3p.m. in heavy rain. Slept KOPANI.

TUESDAY AUGUST 12.

Lined village and collected tax. In afternoon inspection of No1 and No 2 KOPANI and gardens and cacao [cacao] project.

Slept KOPANI.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 13.

Departed 8am. for KOPIKIRI arriving 10 am. Lined village, collected tax and inspected village.

Slept KOPIKIRI.

THURSDAY AUGUST 14.

Departed 8am. for NASIWIOWA arriving 9 am. Lined village collected tax and inspected village. Slept night.

FRIDAY AUGUST 15.

Departed 8am for ATAMO arriving 10am. Line and collected tax from ATAMO and KARNOVITU villages. Spent night.

Saturday AUGUST 16.

Inspected ATAMO and KARNOVITU villages. Spent night.

SUNDAY AUGUST 17.  
OBSERVED.

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MONDAY AUGUST 18.

Departed ATAMO 8am. for BOIRA arriving 1030 am. Lined village and collected tax. Inspected village. Slept.

TUESDAY AUGUST 19.

Departed BOIRA 8am. for KORPEI arriving 1030am. Lined village collected tax. Inspected village. Slept.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 20.

Departed KORPEI 8am for ARAWA via POMAUUA arriving 12noon. Rain in afternoon. Slept ARAWA.

THURSDAY AUGUST 21.

Lined village and collected tax, inspected village. Departed 11am for ARAWA Plantation arriving 12noon. Collected tax and departed for PANKAMA at 4pm. Slept.

FRIDAY AUGUST 22.

Lined and collected tax from PANKAMA and KUKA villages. Inspected village and Departed 11am for PINDIA lined village and collected tax. Inspected village. Departed 2pm for KIETA arriving 3pm. Slept.

SATURDAY AUGUST 23.

At KIETA paying tax money into office.

SUNDAY AUGUST 24.

Observed.

MONDAY AUGUST 25.

To POKPOK Village per M.V. POKPOK accompanied by Mr A.D.O. SEBIRE and Mr C.P.O. SANDERSON. Village lined tax collected and village inspected. Returned KIETA.

TUESDAY AUGUST 26.

To TOBOROI Village accompanied by Mr C.P.O SANDERSON. Village lined tax collected village inspected. Returned to KIETA.

PATROL ENDS?

INTRODUCTION.

The patrol visited the EIVO and KIETA COASTAL Tax Census Divisions of the sub-district and on the whole the Patrol was well received in all villages.

The M.V. POKPOK was used for the first two days of the patrol, but being so small and uncomfortable, it was found that walking was a less trying means of travel and the POKPOK was returned to KIETA.

Rain fell frequently during the patrol but only interfered with work on two days.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The native situation in the area visited can only be

described as normal.

The primary object of the patrol was to collect tax and with the exception of only one village -ROROVANA- no trouble was experienced in making collections.

Rorovana is the most progressive village in the area and apparently news had filtered through to these people that villages in Rabaul and Sohano had refused to pay their tax and many of the younger men of the village had intentions of

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following this example.

This was told to the patrol by TULTUL WAU who inquired what action would be taken against people refusing to pay tax.

The law on the subject was explained to the people and the NAVUNERAM incident was quoted as a possible ultimate consequence of people refusing to obey the government laws. When tax collections were commenced no trouble was experienced and everybody paid quite willingly.

At ROROVANA Village there is a block of unimproved land of approximately [approximately] 30 hectares which is situated in the middle of the village: between the two hamlets.

This land was apparently purchased by the Administration in 1930 and was leased to a Mr. D.D. Smith.

The son of TULTUL WAU BATUKI has planted part of the area with coconuts and was told to remove them by Mr P.O. KEARY in 1957. No action has been taken by BATUKI and the palms are now half grown.

As the removal of the palms appeared to be a negative action it was suggested that BATUKI report to the office to see if a lease of the land could be arranged. It was explained to BATUKI that the palms now belongs to the Administration as they were planted on Administration land.

On return to KIETA it was found that quite a bulky file is held on the subject terminating with a suggestion by the Director of Native Affairs that action be taken by interested parties to lease the land as an application for a native reserve to be proclaimed would not be taken. The matter has been referred to the A.D.O. Kieta for his action.

One Court of Native Affairs was heard during the patrol regarding the failure by a village native to obey the lawful order of his Luluai. The defendant was sentenced to two months I.H.L. at Kieta.

#### ECONOMIC ACTIVITY.

The making of copra is the main commercial activity throughout the area visited and even sub-coastal villages manage to make a few bags of copra per month.

Cocoa is being planted in some villages namely, KOMPANI, POKPOK, KUKA and VITO and plantations seen appear to be well kept.

Produce at the moment is sold to plantations with cocoa fermenteries but is envisaged in the future that a central fermentery will be established somewhere in the

ARAWA area.

A request was made by the officials of KORPEI for a member of their village to be sent to the SOHANO AGRICULTURAL STATION for training in agricultural methods so that he can return to the village and help in establishing a cacao [cacao] industry in the area.

Mr. BOAG has been approached on this matter and it has been arranged to send the selected member to SOHANO.

A number of villages have trade stores and bakeries, but all of these are only small village affairs selling mainly meat rice bread and laplaps. In fact it is amazing how many of them make enough money to cover the £3 license fee.

Trochus shelling is also another commercial activity carried out by coastal natives but due to the market situation is not a profitable business at the moment.



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#### EDUCATION AND MISSIONS.

The only mission in the area is the ROMAN CATHOLIC MARIST and stations are established at TUBIANA, MANETA and TUNURU.

There are no government schools in the area and all education facilities are established at the mission stations .

#### ROADS AND BRIDGES.

With the exception of the small portion of the government road between KIETA and TOBOROI village, all roads used by the patrol were nothing more than native pads.

All of these are well maintained and adequate for the patrol needs.

#### VILLAGE HOUSING AND REST HOUSES.

ROROVANA VILLAGE has the best housing in the area all of them being of a EUROPEAN style. Each house is fitted with beds, tables, chairs and meat safes . Each house has a four gallon drum with the top cut out for use as a rubbish can and according to officials collections are made daily and the rubbish disposed of in the sea.

Housing in other villages is not of a high standard and instructions were given to all officials to try and visit ROROVANA village to get an idea of some good type houses.

The ROROVANA influence can now be seen in POKPOK and TOBOROI villages after Mr KEARY's similar advice on the last patrol to the area.

Rest houses are supplied at all necessary places and on the whole were quite good.

#### VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

A list of village officials is appended to this report.

No outstanding personalities were found and on the whole the village officials were not a very impressive lot.

A number of officials had died or wished to retire and recommendations for replacements will be made by a separate memo.

#### MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

The patrol was accompanied by N.M.O. TAIRA who did his work well.

General health throughout the area was good and even the usually seen large numbers of small sores were not present.

Aid posts are established at ATAMO, ROROVANA and KOPIKIRI and all of these were found to be in good order.

Medical attention can also be obtained at TUNURU and MAKETAI Mission stations and the majority of people are within a days walk of the Administration hospital at KIETA so there would be no excuse for neglect.

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AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK.

The staple diet of the people in the area is sweet potatoe [potato] with yams, tabioc, taro and bananas as supplementants [supplement] to the diet.

Food was in abundance at the time of the patrol as the gardens were apparently just past their peak period.

All villages had ample supplies of poultry and pigs and on the coast protein was easily obtained from the sea in the form of fish and shellfish.

Villages furthest [furthest] from the coast have quite a thriving trade in smoked possums which are sold to coastal villages for one to four shillings or exchanged for fish.

CONCLUSION.

The patrol visited an area which has been under administration and mission influence for many years but the people do not appear to have gained any great degree of sophistication.

Their main interest in life appears to be an easy way of making a few shillings and on the whole are not a very communicative lot.

Very few complaints were brought to the patrol's attention and whether this is because of the people being so law-abiding or that they settle disputes themselves is not known.

Frank Ian Davies.  
PATROL OFFICER.

## APPENDIX "A".

## LIST OF LULUAI AND TULTULS.

|           | NAME      | POSITION. |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|           | GAUS      | LULUAI    |
|           | WAU       | TULTUL    |
|           | *BUBUA    | TULTUL    |
|           | KERIPAS   | LULUAI    |
|           | TAVALA    | TULTUL    |
|           | BAWATAN   | TULTUL    |
|           | TARAM     | LULUAI    |
|           | *LEPASWI  | TULTUL    |
|           | TABORA    | LULUAI    |
|           | AKUWA     | LULUAI    |
|           | PUKIETA   | TULTUL    |
|           | BOI-I     | TULTUL    |
|           | PERIPAIN  | LULUAI    |
|           | DIKANDITA | TULTUL    |
| VILLAGE   | *NIOPAI   | LULUAI    |
| ROROVANA  | TASIWA    | TULTUL    |
| VITO      | DESPEDIAI | LULUAI    |
| ALAKABAU  | PEPIA     | TULTUL    |
| BORVI     | *NATUARA  | LULUAI    |
| TARARA    | NORUAI    | TULTUL    |
| KOPANI    | TAUBURAI  | LULUAI    |
| KOIKIRI   | NIASIOI   | TULTUL    |
| ATAMO     | MAVIWA    | LULUAI    |
| KARNOVITU | SIRA      | TULTUL    |
| BOIRA     | KI'EI     | LULUAI    |
| NASIWOIWA | KORI      | TULTUL    |
| KORPEI    | MATUA     | TULTUL    |
| ARAWA     | *MIPINTAI | LULUAI    |
| PANKAMA   | PIPUKA    | TULTUL    |
| KUKA      | DEVAI     | LULUAI    |
| PINDIA    | MONONA    | TULTUL    |
| POKPOK    | SISIETA   | TULTUL    |
| TOBOROI   |           |           |

\* TO BE RECOMMENDED FOR APPOINTMENT.

APPENDIX "B".

DETAILS OF POLICE ACCOMPANYING THE PATROL

REG NO 7854 L/CPL PONUMA.

A good efficient bush N.C.O. who did a good job and was always clean and tidy.

REG NO 8843 CONSTABLE ATIO.

A good policeman keen but with few brains.

Did his job satisfactorily. Clean and tidy.

REG NO 9863 CONSTABLE WANUNG.

An exceptionally [exceptionally] good police constable rather young but a willing worker. Possible N.C.O. material in the future.

FRANK IAN DAVIES.

OFFICER R.P.AND N.G.C.

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER  
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DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AFFAIRS

3 NOV 1968

MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No. 8 Sub-District KIETA District BOUGAINVILLE

Officer Conducting Patrol M.J. DENEHY A/A.D.O.

Census Division Patrolled KOROMIRA

Objects of Patrol Compilation of Tax/Census Register

Routine Administration

Collection of Personal Tax

Date Patrol Commenced 9/10/58 Date Completed 16/10/58

Durations—days EIGHT

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

Boundary Koromira Census Division 7-1-1/122 of 22/10/58\*

Appointment Village Officials 14/7-117 of 21/10/58\*

“ “ “ 14/7-118 of 21/10/58\*

Application T.A.L - Darumai Native Society 42-4/120\*

Payment of Tax - KANDANGO of Nagovisi 42-1/119 of 21/10/58 \* (Sent direct Buin)

Native Debt - Pareinum of Romeina 14-2-2/121 of 21/10/58\* (Sent direct Buin)

Report on Police (3) R.S. Form 1

correspondence

not yet received

Patrolling Officer's Signature.

I certify that all necessary local administrative action has been or is being taken on matters arising out

of this patrol and that the correspondence above indicated by a "tick" has been forwarded to the Head-quarters, Department of Native Affairs, Port Moresby.

Please put census figures in census file

District Officer.

Port Moresby: W. 8. Nicholas, Government Printer.—1343/4.58.—3,000.



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DIARY - M.J. DENEHY A/A.D.O.

PATROL NO. 2

KOROMIRA SUB-DIVISION

1958  
 October 9th  
 October 10  
 October 11  
 October 12

Departed patrol Koromira census division accompanied by one N.C.O 4159 SAUNO, 9249 Constable LEM and Inspected progress Aropa airstrip en route and called at Aropa Plantation for discussion re further acquisition of land laterals and approaches airstrip (My radio 157 of 21/10/58 to Discom refers). Proceeded to Iwi plantation and disembarked, 11.30 a.m. Proceeded immediately by foot inspected progress IWI cutting (known as Numanai). Another three months work will be required using same labour force of 30. Passed through Catholic Mission at Koromira at 12.30 and arrived a Darumai hamlet at 1 p.m. Interviewe principal owner of land subject of T.A.L. Darumai Native Society wh refused to lease. (My 42-4/120 of 21/10/58 to Secretary Bougainville Native Societies Association, copy minuted to Co-operative Officer, Sohano, refers). Proceeded to ROMEINA hamlet - found to be in good order. Compiled Tax census register. Six taxed at £2 - two exempted. No rest house. Patrol continued along the beach inspecting Kaorup Aid post en route. Found to be clean & tidy, buildings in good order, six patients with minor ailments. Passed through Kekere Plantation and advised Manager tax collection following day. Continues to SIROWAI, arriving at 5 p.m. Village clean and in good order. Good tracks through from IWI cutting suitable for M.T. with little work. Half a dozen small bridges for fords would be required. Patrol slept in Medical Tultul's house. After dinner general discussion with village elders. Compiled tax/census register SIROWAI. Six taxed, one exempted. Patrol returned to Kekere Estate. 42 labourers taxed. No complaints. Moved to Tioumunapu Plantation by Kekere pinnacle. 61 labourers eligible for taxation. One man stated tax already paid at Buin - subject my 42-1/119 of 21st October to A.D.O. Buin. Patrol departed from Tioumunapu at 4pm and arrived at TAKI rest house at 5 p.m. Road good. A section already brought to light M.T. standard (dry weather) and people say work will continue. Inspected both hamlets of TAKI and found to be well built, clean and tidy. A number of plots of cocoa seen which shall be the subject of conversation with Agriculture Officer expected on posting at Kieta this month. At night heard complaints & discussed cocoa cultivation. Compiled tax/census register TAKI. 18 eligible for tax - 6 exempted. Departed at 8.15 a.m. Proceeded by steep track to AMAPO - 45 minutes. Inspected village - found to be clean and in good order. No complaints. T/C register compiled. 18 eligible for tax - 8 exempted.

Departed AMAPO at 1.30 and arrived SIOROVI 30 minutes later. Housing in both hamlets reasonable. Some grass cleaned under supervision. Inspected Aid Post. In good order. 5 patients. Compiled T/C register. 14 eligible for tax. 5 exempted. Satisfactorily arbitrated one money dispute in the evening. PATrol broke camp at 6.30 moved over hilly but clean track for 35 minutes to PONDONA. Village found clean & in good order. Notice some cocoa en route that had not been planted under shade. The errors of this methods of cultivation pointed out. T/C register compiled. 8 taxed. One exempted. Patrol moved to MINARI - 15 minutes. Villlage clean & housing reasonable. Both village officials are old men & wish to retire. Elections held - memo 14-7/118 and 14/7/117 of 21/10/58 refer. A number of complaints satisfactorily arbitrated. T/C register compiled. Ten taxed, seven exempted. Patrol moved to KAMAROVI. 50 minutes over steep track.

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October 12 Track needs improving and necessary instructions given  
(continued) Village untidy. People live on beach in hamlets and line  
October 13 for inspection here. After discussion it was agreed that  
October 14 the village will be shifted to the beach and a rest house  
October 15 erected there. 5 men expressed the desire to remain at  
October 16 Kamarovi. They were told they could remain, but standard  
of village hygiene would have to improve.  
T/C register compiled. Fourteen taxed. Three exempted.  
Patrol broke camp at 6.40 and moved to MUNIAS. 40 minutes  
over rough track. Village not up to standard. Specific  
instructions given and work commenced under supervision.  
T/C Register compiled. Ten taxed, three exempted. Several  
disputes settled.  
Moved to MANGONA - 15 minutes over good road. Village in  
good order. No complaints. T/C register compiled. Ten taxed  
three exempted.  
Moved to ROMEINA 25 minutes over very steep track. Village  
and road clean. housing fair. T/C register compiled. Nine  
taxed five exempted. One complaint concerning coconuts to  
be settled when patrol returns to the coast. One complaint  
re outstanding debt subject memorandum 14-2-2/121 of  
21st October to A.D.O. Buin.  
Patrol moved to SIPUREI via PEIWANA. 45 minutes. Track clean  
and well graded village in good order. No complaints. T/C  
register compiled. 9 taxed, 2 exempted. Patrol returned  
to PEIWANA. Village in good order. T/C register compiled.  
Thirteen taxed, six exempted. Disputes arbitrated. One  
man ordered to present his children to Koromira hospital,  
suspected measles. Moved to IORO over steep track 1 3/4 hours.  
Village register compiled. Three taxed, three exempted.  
Patrol moved down hill 1 hours 20 minutes to PININIU.  
Villages inspected. Complaints heard.  
Tax/Census register compiled. 27 taxed, 9 exempted. Patrol  
returned to the beach and proceeded via IWI plantation to  
Koromira Mission and Darumai and Romeina, to hear causes of  
dispute over coconut palms. Complainant withdrew his case.  
Returned to Koromira Mission. Taxed mission labour (21).  
Slept at Mission.  
Returned to IWI. Tax collected from 54 labourers. No  
complaints. Truck arrived from Kieta at 11.30 and patrol  
returned to base.

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER  
KOROMIRA CENSUS DIVISION  
YEAR 1958

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Bougainville Report No 3/58 59  
Patrol Conducted by Frank Ian Davies P.O.

Area Patrolled Guava & North Nasioi Census Divisions  
Patrol Accompanied by Europeans -  
Natives 4 RPC & 1 NMO  
Duration from 24/9/1958 to 3/11/1958  
Number of Days 41  
Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No  
Last Patrol to Area by-District Services / / 19 GUAVA 57 N NASIO 55  
Medical / / 18 GUAVA 57 N. NABIOI 57

Map Reference Bougainville 4miles to 1 inch

Objects of Patrol Revision of Census Collection of Taxes  
Routine Administration  
Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.  
Forwarded, please.

29/11/1958  
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £  
Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £  
Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund

TGA:PMc

30-14-90

The District Officer,  
Bougainville District,  
SOHANO.

27th January, 1959

PATROL REPORT NO. 3 - 59/59 - KIETA.

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

2. It is the function of the Department of Agriculture to render assistance when requested by the native people in the development of rural economic projects.
3. The matter concerning delegations to Assistant District Officers and District Officers by the Chief Commissioner for Native Lands will be dealt with in separate correspondence.
4. I am gratified to note the action taken in the matter of the trade store run by the Tultul Nawa.
5. It is noted that the patrol was well received in all villages visited and that there were numerous sing-sings and concerts by school children to mark the occasion of the patrol's visit.
6. Mr. E. Tull prospecting in the vicinity of Archbishop's Duhig's mine. I am gratified to note that work is being commenced on a road from Rorovana towards the Guava area. A good patrol report.

(A. A. Roberts)  
Director.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

File Ref. 30/4

District Office,

BOUGAINVILLE DISTRICT,

S O H A N O.

28th. November, 1958.

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The Director,

Department of Native Affairs,

Port Moresby,

PAPUA.

PATROL REPORT KIETA No. 3/58-59.

The above report, Sketch Map and two (2) copies of the Village Population Register sheets are forwarded herewith.

I have already forwarded to you the recommendation for Tax Exemption for the GUAVA Division.

The Assistant District Officer at KIETA seems to be doing the sensible thing in winding up Tultul NAWA's store venture.

I am asking the District Commissioner to advise the Assistant District Officer at KIETA on the access [access] road into GUAVA.

You might give some consideration to a suggestion that the Chief Commissioner for Native Lands delegate Assistant District Officers and District Officers to decide ownership of land in cases where economic cash crops are concerned. With all due respect to the Native Lands Commission, they cannot hope to cope with the countless disputes which are coming forward in most districts. The litigants expect, and have a right to expect, that the Administration will settle their dispute. The longer the dispute remains unsettled the more involved becomes the commercial aspect of the problem and feelings run high. As you are doubtless aware, there are many instances of natives refraining from planting because of ownership disputes; delay in settling these disputes is thus a not insignificant factor in stifling economic development. Such delay also hampers our efforts to stabilise Native Land tenure. Frankly, I do not see how we can be expected to Administer and develop a District unless we can settle disputes as to ownership of land, which is, after all, the



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Refused  
earlier

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(W.D. ALLEN)  
DISTRICT OFFICER,  
BOUGAINVILLE DISTRICT.

c.c.  
The Assistant District Officer,  
K I E T A.  
The District Commissioner,  
BOUGAINVILLE DISTRICT.

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K I E T A.  
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BOUGAINVILLE DISTRICT.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply

Please Quote

No. 30/1-181

Sub-District Office,

BOUGAINVILLE, KIETA.

17th November '58

4 NOV 1958

The District Officer,

Bougainville District,

SOHANO.

PATROL REPORT NO.3/58-59

The above report of a patrol of the Guava and North Nasioi Divisions conducted by Mr. F.I. Davies, P.O., is forwarded herewith.

Native Affairs

It is pleasing to note that Administration prestige is high in the area.

The trade store run by Tultul Nawa has been in operation for some years. A competent storemen has been in charge for the past few months and a steady profit is being made. Takings are now regularly banked at this office under supervision. When the existing stock has been sold, the enterprise will be wound up and a pro rata refund will be made to shareholders, which will probably result in an individual loss of about 10% on capital invested. It is not recommended that a Consumer Co-operative be formed.

Land disputes are becoming increasingly numerous and complex. I agree with Mr. Davies when he says that settling land use rights on land where perennial crops are planted is tantamount to deciding land ownership. Advice is requested on this point please.

Taxation.

Total exemption for the Guava Division for 1959 was recommended in my 48-1/151 of 30th October '58.

Native Economic Development

Mr. Harvey, D.A.S.F., has just commenced preparing the ground for the introduction of an R.P.S. in the North Nasioi area, and is looking for a site suitable for a cocoa fermentary. A copy of his report will be forwarded when to hand.

Roads & Bridges

I understand that the access road to the Guava is to come from the west coast. Please advise if this be so, thereby avoiding much illdirected effort on the part of the local people.

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Mr. Davies has successfully and conscientiously completed an overdue patrol.

(M.J. Denehy)  
A/Assistant District Officer



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

District Of Bougainville. Report No. Kieta 3 of 58/59.

Patrol Conducted by. Frank Ian Davies Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled. GUAVA AND NORTH NASIOI CENSUS DIVISIONS.

DURATION. 24/9/58 to 3/11/58

Number of days Fourty one.

Last Patrol to Area by Native affairs. GUAVA - 1957 NORTH NASIOI - 1955

OBJECTS OF PATROL

- 1.) Census Revision.
- 2.) Tax collections/
- 3.) Routine Administration.

Page1. DIARY.

Wednesday 24th September.

Departed Kieta 10 am for ANGONAI arriving 1pm inspecting OSIREI enroute.

Heavy rain all afternoon. Slept.

Thursday 25thSeptember.

Lined and inspected ANGONAI Village collected tax and revised census.

Departed 11 am for MAUANG arriving 11.30. Inspected village revised census and collected tax . Slept.

Friday 26th September.

Departed MAUANG 7.30 am for BONUMA arriving 9.30 after inspecting hamlets and cacao plots enroute. Revised census and collected tax from BONUMA and LINGUNA. Slept.

Saturday 27th September.

Heavy rain all morning. In afternoon inspected LINGUNA and BONUMA Villages. Slept.

Sunday 28th September.

Observed.

Monday 29th September.

To Mogontoro Village via LAITA hamlet. Inspected enroute. Lined Mogontoro and Laita villages. Collected tax revised census. Slept.

Tuesday 30th September.

Lined KARIKILA Village revised census and collected tax. Inspected Mogontora and Karikila villages. Slept Mogontoro.

Wednesday 1st October.

To Tonara via Mogontoro hamlets. Arrived 9 am. Lined and censused village collected tax and inspected village. Slept.

Thursday 2nd October.

To Bakawari village. Village lined and inspected. Tax collected census revised. Spent night.

Friday 3rd October.

To Kupei village. Lined inspected collected tax revised census. Slept.

Saturday 4th October.

Departed Kipei 8am for Guava arriving 12.30 in heavy rain after crossing 4500ft range. Slept.

Sunday 5th October.

Observed.

Monday6th October.

Lined censused and collected tax Guava village . Inspected. Spent night.

Tuesday7th October.

To Musinau village . Lined censused and inspected . Tax collected.

Heavy rain in afternoon. Census figures etc. Slept.

Wednesday 8th October.

From Musinau to Irang via Panka village, and small hamlets of Musinau and Panka. Coffee nurseries inspected enroute. Lined and

censued pankā in afternoon. Collected tax slept. Heavy rain.

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Thursday 9th October.

At Irang village. Lined and inspected collected tax and revised census. In afternoon heavy rains, census figures and discussions with village officials. Slept.

Friday 10th October.

To Orami. Lined censused and inspected. Collected tax. Rain in afternoon. Slept.

Saturday 11th October.

From Orami to Daru, lined censused and collected tax. Returned to Orami. Slept.

Sunday 12th October.

Observed.

Monday 13th October.

Down to Murunai 2 hrs. Arrived 10am in heavy rain. Heavy rain all day. Census figures and discussions with village officials. Slept.

Tuesday 14th October.

Lined inspected Murunai collected tax. Down to Pisinai via Widoi arriving in heavy rain. Slept.

Wednesday 15th October.

Lined and inspected Pisinai village revised census and collected tax. Departed for Kokorei via Piawora and hamlets. Visited Roman Catholic central school at Pisinai and inspected coxfee [coffee] nurseries. Arrives Kokorei in heavy rain. Slept.

Thursday 16th October.

Lined and censused Kokorei and Piawora villages. Collected tax. Convened court for NAtive Affairs. Inspected village. Slept.

Friday 17th October.

Departed Kokorei for Dapera arriving 9am. Lined and censused collected tax. Inspected village. Heavy rain slept.

Saturday 18th October.

To Moroni . Approx 2hrs hard walking through bush. Returned 4pm. Slept.

Sunday 19th October.

Observed.

Monday 20th October.

Departed Dapera 8am for ONOVI arriving 0930. Lined and censused collected tax. Heavy rain in afternoon. Census figures and discussions with village officials. Slept.

Tuesday 21st October.

To Larenai 1 hour. Lined and censused and collected tax. C.N.A. convened. Slept.

Wednesday 22nd October.

To Kokomatei. 1 ¾ hours. Lined and inspected. Collected tax and

revised census. Slept.

Thursday 23rd October.

To Paura 1 ¼ hours. Lined and inspected. Revised census and collected tax. Slept.

Fridays 24th October.

To Mainoki via Pavairi [SIROUAI]. 2 hours. Inspected enroute. Lined censused and collected tax . Inspected Mainoki. Slept.

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Saturday 25th October.

To Pakia village via Borumai village inspection enroute 4hrs.

Lined censused and collected tax from Borumai village.

Heavy rain. Slept.

Sunday 26th October.

Observed.

Monday 27th October.

Lined and censused and collected tax Pakia and Sireronji. Inspected

Pakia village. Heavy rain in afternoon. Census figures etc. Slept.

Tuesday 28th October.

Departed Pakia 7am for Pomaua inspecting Sireronji and Pakia aid-post enroute. Also Sipitaka Cenxtral [Central] school. Commenced to line and census Pomaua in afternoon but heavy rains interfered. Slept.

Wednesday 29th October.

To Lonsiro in light rain. Inspected, collected tax revised census.

Returned Pomaua. Finish census of Pomaua in afternoon. Slept.

Thursday 30th October.

To Bairima village, lined inspected census revised collected tax.

Returned Pomaua. Slept.

Friday 31st October.

Departed Pomaua for Pavairi. Census revised collected tax inspected village.

In afternoon investigated and stockteked store owned by members of Pavairi village. Rain late afternoon . Slept.

Saturday 1st November.

To Amion, lined censused and collected tax from Amion and Topina villages. Inspection of villages. Heavy rain. Slept.

Sunday 2nd November.

Observed.

Monday 3rd November.

To Kieta via Rumba Mission station to purchase block of ground. Completed.

Arrived Kieta 1pm. Patrol ends

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#### INTRODUCTION.

The patrol visited the GUAVA and NORTH NASIOI Census Divisions of the Kieta Sub-District. The two divisions although adjacent to each other are separated by the Crown Prince Range, which rises to heights of 4 and 5 thousand feet.

This natural dividing barrier has caused people living only a few miles away from each other to have developed at such different rates, culturally, politically and economically, that the people of the GUAVA are undoubtedly [undoubtedly] the most primitive within the Sub-District, whilst the NORTH NASIOI's are among the most advanced.

There is one language throughout both area, which is known as NASIOI, although there would probably be slight differences from one end of the area to the other.

Rain fell on most days during the patrol and whilst in the GUAVA ones watch could be nearly set by the regularity of the heavy afternoon rains, which restricted the patrol's outside work to 5 hours per day.

Apart from rain interfering [interfering] with work the heavy rains made tracks slippery and sometimes dangerous to walk on due to the rugged nature of the country.

This time of the year should definitely be avoided, where possible, by future patrols, and, according to the local people, the best time to visit the GUAVA is during the June, July or August period.

The annual Galip nut collections reported by MR. McKINTOSH in 1957 had finished at the time of the patrol's visit and fortunately this year there were no deaths resulting from people falling from trees.

#### NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The patrol was well received in all villages visited and numerous "Sing Sings", and concert by school children, were given to mark the patrol's visit. Most Rest Houses were decorated with flowers and shrubs and small presents of fresh foods and local handicrafts were made to the patrol.

The native situation in both areas can only be described as very good, and there is no doubt that the majority of people hold the Administration in very high esteem.

These people are shy and quiet on first contact but as one get to know them better their reserve drops and they talk quite freely of their troubles, hopes and ambitions.

An investigation was made into the native owned trade store at PAVAIRI village allegedly owned by TUL TUL NAWA of PAVAIRI

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It was found that although the store had been originally started by NAWA and his two partners, these people had also made illegal collections of money from numerous other members of the community to a sum amounting to some £300. A check of the stock and money on hand at the store showed a loss, at present, of approximately £87.

The matter has been referred to the A.D.O. for his attention, and the opportunity was taken to explain to the people concerned the function of the Cooperative Section of the Department of Native Affairs, when people wished to partake in these kind of ventures.

Two cases were heard in the Court of Native Affairs, both of a minor nature.

One in the GUAVA involved allegations of sorcery which shows the backwardness of this area in comparison to other areas of the Sub-District.

With the increased activity in the planting of commercial crops in the NORTH NASIOI area, a number of complaints concerning land ownership were brought to the patrol's attention.

Disputants were advised that if clan leaders could not settle the land boundaries, the matter was to be referred to the A.D.O. Kieta.

It is understood that Native Affairs Officers can still settle land [use] claims according to native custom, but not land ownership claims.

It is thought that where land use claims involve the planting of large areas of land with a commercial crop such as, coconuts or cacao [cacao] for an indefinite period, to settle such cases would be paramount [tantamount] to settling the ownership of the ground. IT is hard to imagine, also, that usufructory [usufructuary] rights by native custom ever envisaged the use of land for such purposes.

Perhaps some comment for future guidance could be made.



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TAXATION.

One of the primary objects of the patrol was the collection of tax. Very little tax was collected in the GUAVA and it is thought that this area should be gazetted a tax free area for the year, 1959.

The area is quite isolated and apart from a little gold mining and a local industry of selling smoked galip nuts, the only means these people have of earning money is by working on the coastal plantations.

NATIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

NORTH NASIOI.

This area is one of the potential rich areas of the

Sub-District and most of the villages are situated in or around the BOMBO River Valley at the rear of ARAWA Plantation. This Valley is apparently good cacao [cacao] country and at present most villages are making cacao [cacao] plantations under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture. Two native agricultural assistants are posted to the area and the new Agricultural Officer stationed at Kieta will undoubtedly [undoubtedly] give a boost to plantings,

It is apparently intended to put a fermentary in the area when production is high enough.

The people in this area already have numerous small coconut plantations and sell copra to the local Chinese traders.

GUAVA.

There is very little commercial activity in this area.

A native agricultural assistant is in the area organising coffee plantings, which appeared to be going ahead quite well but it will be many years before any large scale production could be contemplated.

A few natives around the GUAVA - DAPERVA area wash gold occasionally [occasionally] but by the amounts of gold shown to the patrol, thimblefulls, held in small aspirin [aspirin] bottles, there does not appear to be very much future in native mining in this area.

EUROPEAN ACTIVITY IN THE GUAVA AREA.

A visit made to the prospecting camps of Mr.E.Tulls at MORONI, which is situated approximately half way between GUAVA and DAPERVA villages. Mr. Tull together with his assistant are prospecting for gold in a five mile area in the vicinity of MORONI. They have apparently divided the area into 75 blocks from which samples are being taken and sent south for analysis. According to Mr. Tull he intends to be in the area for another 2 to 3 months before moving to Rabaul to try and interest investors in forming a Company.

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to open a mine in the area.

#### AGRICULTURE & LIVESTOCK.

At the time of the patrol's visit, old gardens were just finishing and new ones being cleared, so fresh foods were not overplentiful, although everyone claimed they had sufficient for their needs.

The staple diet of both area is sweet potato supplemented with yams, taro, bananas, galip nuts and in the GUAVA area a few european style foods, such as potatoes, cabbages and onions.

With the exception of a few S.D.A. villages, pigs and fowl are numerous and at PAVAIRI village the people have obtained a pair of goats from which they hope to raise young, as well as gain a milk supply.

A trade in smoked possums and galip nuts is carried on by most of the bush people with people from the coast.

At KARAKILA a report of two wild black monkeys was made, which have apparently been seen a number of times by local natives, stealing bananas and ground nuts. Local people claim they probably came from monkeys owned by the Japanese at Torakina during the war.

They were described to the patrol as large (about three feet high) black monkeys.

It was suggested to the villagers that some attempt be made to trap them but apparently they are not prone to visiting only one or two spots where traps could be laid.

#### MISSION & EDUCATION.

There are three missions operating in the area - S.D.A. Catholic and Methodist, but by far, most of the villages are under the influence of the Catholic mission operating from TUNURU and TUBIANA on the coast.

The S.D.A. mission centre is established at RUMBA in the valley to the rear of ARAWA Plantation.

Education throughout the area is supplied entirely by the three missions and there are no Government schools established in the area.

The village of IRANG is divided into three separate

religious hamlets - Methodist, Catholic and S.D.A. This however does not seem to affect the social life of the village.

#### HEALTH.

Health throughout both area is exceptionally good, only a few small sores were found by the patrol and these were treated at

the nearest Aidpost.

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Aidposts are established at GUAVA, LARENAI, MAINOKI, PAKIA and ORAMI these all being in the GUAVA area, people from the NORTH NASIOI are in easy walking distance of the Aidposts at ROROVANA and PAKIA or the Hospital at Kieta.

All the Aidposts were found to be in good order and the N.M.A.'s appeared to be doing a good job.

#### VILLAGES & HOUSES.

The state of housing throughout the area differed immensely, from fairly large European style houses in the NORTH NASIOI, fitted with large open window, doors and plank floors to small airless houses in some of the more primitive GUAVA villages, with no windows and only small doorways, this being necessary to keep out the cold mountain winds and rain.

On the whole the housing in both areas is very satisfactory.

All village area were found to be in good order and in most places attempts are being made to beautify them with flowers and grass.

Sanitation was found to be adequate in most areas, but in a few GUAVA villages, it was necessary to order the construction of a few more deep pit latrines, as there were not enough to cope with the size of the population.

Rest Houses are constructed in all necessary villages and were all found to be adequate for the patrol's needs.

#### ROADS & BRIDGES.

With the exception of about two miles of vehicular road used by the patrol between ARAWA Plantation and RUMBA Mission Station, all roads were just native pads. They had in all area been well constructed and are being well maintained.

With the introduction of a commercial crop in the GUAVA area it will be necessary in the future, to build a vehicular road into that area. Work has been commenced on a road from ROROVANA village to the Western end of the GUAVA (see Patrol Report 3 of 57/58) This road will have to cross a ridge at 3,000 - 3,800 ft., which if ever constructed would undoubtedly [undoubtedly] be hard to maintain. From high points in the GUAVA, the obvious access to the GUAVA would appear to be from the opposite coast, a the GUAVA River Valleys

open on that side to a large flat forested plain running right down to the coast.

#### CENSUS & STATISTICS.

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GUAVA.

A total increase in population of 65 was made during the year. 20 of these were due to inward migration and 45 births over deaths.

NORTH NASIOI.

This area had not been censused since 1955 and in the three years a net population gain of 147 was made. There were 84 births against 39 deaths, the rest being accounted for by inward migrations.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

The only Village Official of any note encounte[re]d during the patrol was the Luluai of TONARA village, who appears to have as much influence in neighbouring villages as in his own.

All other Village Officials were found to be very mediocre.

A list of Village Officials is appended to this report (see appendix "A").

CONCLUSION.

Both areas visited are, from an Administrative view, very satisfactory. The people are cooperative and law abiding lot, and with their village work, garden, church activities and developing businesses have plenty to occupy their minds.

Every effort was made to assist the patrol in its work.

Frank Ian Davies.

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APPENDIX A.  
LIST OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

|        |          |          |           |           |
|--------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| GUAVA  | VILLAGE  |          |           |           |
|        | GUAVA    |          |           |           |
|        | MUSINAU  | LULUAI   |           |           |
| N.NASI | PANKA    | ONI      | TULTUL    |           |
| OI     | IRAN(?)  | BIRENGA  | NAKARI    |           |
|        | ORAMI    | MOROPEIO | PENA      |           |
|        | DARU     | TAMNARU  | TORONA    |           |
|        | MUMURAI  | PERENG   | KONGKONG  | MTT.      |
|        | PISINAU  | AMPAUEI  | TANARU    | MIRINTORO |
|        | PIOWORA  | IAMARI   | NAIYO     | NAKUNAK   |
|        | KOKOREI  | PATORO   | ATU       | SIKAVEI   |
|        | DAPERA   | BAIONA   | NEINANU   | BINTABUKU |
|        | ONNOVI   | DEKAU    | AVEIUNG   | KOVAKO    |
|        | LARENAI  | KUIRA    | KAUORI    | BIRONUM   |
|        | KOKOMAT  | TAPUI    | MANKONKEI | LUNSI     |
|        | EI       | KEKO     | DAMBAI    | TEIBARO   |
|        | PAURA    | ARUEINA  | LOMASI    | KAUA      |
|        | SIROWAI  | LANDOKA  | PIRUA     | TANGAVA   |
|        | MAINOKI  | TAPO     | KUEIKO    | BANDOI    |
|        | BORUMAI  | TAPAKAU  | AREIPEMA  | KATO      |
|        | PAKIA    | VITO     | NEPUAI    | BURA      |
|        | SIRONJI  | ABAPA    | BUPARAVAI | DOVA      |
|        | ANGONAI  | KOBEI    | KUMPURU   | MANI      |
|        | MAUANG   | DUNI     | LOBEI     | ABA       |
|        | BONUMA   | KO       | AUNI      | LAVISIMAI |
|        | LINGUNA  | MARORONU | TAMO      | UNANA     |
|        | LAITA    | KUMILA   | PINA      | NATAKO    |
|        | MOGONTO  | DEIWEI   | ONA       | IRU-INA   |
|        | RO       | BOANA    | IO-NAU    | BARIO     |
|        | KARAKILA | SIPORA   | BIAMO     | KIPATA    |
|        | TONARA   | KAMORA   | ONAI      |           |
|        | BAKAWARI | PAKARA   | AKA       |           |
|        | KUPEI    | (DEC'D)  | NAWA      |           |
|        | POMAU    | NAVIAU   | LEIPINAU  |           |
|        | LONSIRO  | SEIRAU   | KEIPA     |           |
|        | BAIRIMA  | KANU     |           |           |
|        | PAVAIRI  |          |           |           |
|        | AMION    |          |           |           |
|        | TOPONA   |          |           |           |

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER  
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GUAVA.



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GUAVA

MAP TO ACCOMPANY PATROL REPORT  
NO 3 OF 58/59 TO GUAVA & NOTH MASIO.

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

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GUAVA

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GUAVA

VILLAGE POPULATION  
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Department of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.  
24th February, 1959.

The District Officer,  
Bougainville District,  
SOHANO.

Patrol Report No.4. 1958/59

KIETA.

Receipt of memorandum on the abovementioned  
Patrol is acknowledged with thanks.

It is gratifying to note the improved  
building standards being introduced into the area by  
Mission Societies' example and through their assistance.

It is noted that all necessary adminitrat-  
ive action has been taken at district level.

(A.A.Roberts.)  
Director.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

30/1/11

File Ref. 30/2/3 - 68

District Office,  
Bougainville District,  
SOHANO.

24th. January, 1959.

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The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
Port Moresby.

KIETA PATROL REPORT No. 4/58-59

The memorandum of the above  
is forwarded herewith.

I have no comments, other than  
that I am pleased to read of Sago being cultivated  
in certain places - this idea should be encouraged  
for there is frequently a shortage of building  
materials in inland villages.

Claim for Camping Allowance is not  
yet to hand.

(W.D. ALLEN)  
DISTRICT OFFICER.

Appendix A

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA  
DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AFFAIRS  
MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No. 4 Sub-District KIETA District BOUGAINVILLE  
Officer Conducting Patrol M.J. DENEHY A/A.D.O.  
Census Division Patrolled SOUTH NASIOI KONGARA  
Objects of Patrol ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION  
COMPILATION TAX CENSUS REGISTER  
COLLECTION PERSONAL TAXATION  
Date Patrol Commenced 3/12/58 Date Completed 16/12/58  
Durations—days 14  
SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL  
Access Roads - Kieta Sub-District 24-1/211 of 29/12/58  
Appointment Village Officials 14-7/210 of 29/12/58✓  
Report of Police (3) R.S. Form 1

Patrolling Officer's Signature.

I certify that all necessary local administrative action has been or is being taken on matter arising out of this patrol and that the correspondence above indicated by a "tick" has been forwarded to the Head-quarters. Department of Native Affairs, Port Moresby.

District Officer.

Port Moresby: W. S. Nicholas, Government Printer.—1343/4.58.—3,000.



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DIARY - M.J. DENEHY A/A.D.O.

PATROL NO. 4

SOUTH NASIOI CENSUS DIVISION

KONGARA CENSUS DIVISION

1958

December 3  
 December 4  
 December 5  
 December 6

Departed Kieta at 8.15a.m. accompanied by Mr. C. Whitfield P.W.D. to Tokaian point to inspect proposed road route. Mr. Whitefield returned to Kieta & patrol party moved on to OSIREI, arriving at 10.15a.m. Tax census register compiled and tax collected. Village inspected. No complaints. Patrol moved on at Midday and after one hour of hard climbing arrived at KARAKUNG. Hamlets inspected, tax census register compiled and tax collected. A number of new houses noted of good quality. Patrol returned to Kieta, arriving at 3.50 p.m.

Patrol departed Kieta at 9 a.m. by truck to a point beyond Rigu Mission station and thence by foot to TAVIUA, arriving at 10.45. A stand of 500 cocoa just commencing to bear noted on the road - in good condition. Village and road in good order. Tax Census register compiled and tax collected. Departed for BONAMUNG at 1 p.m. and arrived at Rest House after 50 minutes steep climb. Village and road in good order. Tax Census register compiled and tax collected. Complaints heard.

Patrol moved at 6.45 a.m. and moved over fair track to TAULAPELIA - 30 minutes. Village in fair order, instructions given to clear back rubbish from boundaries. Tax Census register compiled . Tax collected. No complaints.

Moved on to MAKENIKO - 30 minutes over fair track. Village found in good order. One complaint re non payment for pig to be brought to Kieta as defendant resides in Nth. Nasioi.

Patrol moved to Rest House at Rumba - approximately 90 minutes - compiling tax census register of KOIBEINAN hamlet en route. Villagers of RUMBA, SIRAMBANA and BAKATANG assembled. Tax census registers compiled and tax collected. Work received from Kieta that Patrol Officer Davies transfer to Posts & Telegraphs Dept. finalised and that he would not be available for Kongara patrol as arranged. Decision made to include Kongara in this patrol and additional stores and blankets sent for. Disputes heard in the evening. Discussion with Officials re construction of vehicular road from the coast at Reboine to Rumba. Agreed to start work early January.

Broke camp at 5.50 a.m. Cargo proceeded straight to rest house at DARATUI. Patrol leader inspected RUMBA Village - in very good order. Housing good. Moved over hilly track to SIRAMABANA. Hamlets in reasonable order. One man instructed to rebuild sub-standard house. By bush track to KOKADEI. Village inspected and found in good order. Tax Census

register compiled. Tax collected. Tax Census of SIROMBA.  
Party re-joined main Government road and visited MALEI  
Catholic School - attendance 115 children and staffed  
by two native teachers. Moved on and rejoined the main  
RUMBA/DARATUI road and arrived at Res House at 2 p.m.  
Tax Census of MOINAM and UNABATO - villagers being assembled.  
Tax Census of Catholic section of DARATUI. Tax collected.  
Further discussions re extension of vehicular road from  
REBOINE and RUMBA to DARATUI. People agreeable.

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December 7 Conducted Tax Census of S.D.A. element DARATUI. Inspected  
 December 8 Aid Post & found in good order. Inspected DARATUI Village  
 December 9 and found in good order - houses well constructed and  
 December 10 well spaced. Patrol moved over the range into the KONGARA  
 Division, arriving at KARURU Village at 1.30. (Walking  
 December 11 time 2 hours). Compiled tax census register. Village  
 BAKA inspected and found in good order. PATrol moved to  
 Rest House at SIPURU. Village inspected and found in good  
 order. Substantial houses are being erected.  
 BROke camp at 6.40 a.m. and moved via Nuritavei, Danu,  
 Muau to LEMUA and MORO. Census and inspection joint village.  
 In good order. Moved on to MARILAU, arriving at 1 p.m.  
 Village inspected and found in very good order. S.D.A.  
 element building a fine church of pitsawn and planed  
 timber. Floor hand planed and tongued and grooved.  
 Tax Census register compiled. Small trade store in  
 village owned by the carpenter. Prices reasonable, allowing  
 for a small margin of profit. Instructed to procure  
 the necessary trading license next financial year if still  
 operating.  
 Patrol moved at 6.20 a.m. to MUAU - about one hour.  
 Road drained on both sides and built up in centre.  
 but every vestige of grass removed, requested to grass  
 roads. Village in good order. Pitsaw in operation and  
 good standard houses being built. At 9.30 moved on to  
 DAMU over good road. Village fair only. Instructed to  
 cut grass back further from boundaries. Tax Census register  
 compiled. Moved on to KURITAVEI - 15 minutes. Aid Post  
 inspected and found overflowing - all sick and sore in the  
 area proceeded post haste to this centre as soon as patrol  
 was mooted. Village inspected and found clean. Tax census  
 register compiled and patrol moved to SIPURU, arriving at  
 4.30 p.m. Tax census compiled.  
 Broke camp at 6.15 a.m. and crossed the range at 3,500 feet  
 to No.2 KONGARA. Arrived at BANEI at 8.45. Village inspected  
 and found in good order. Tax census register compiled.  
 One complaint to be settled at Nasioi village when patrol  
 arrives there. Patrol moved to DAMUNA - 40 minutes over  
 rough track breaking numerous watercourses. Village clean.  
 Tax Census register compiled. Small Catholic school  
 in charge of one native teacher visited. Moved to  
 LONGETA over good road - 45 minutes - arriving at 4.20.  
 Village not particularly clean, although nothing spetic [specific].  
 Aid Post not very tidy - only one inmate. A.P.O.

reported that the people assist with maintenance whenever requested. The S.D.A. element from neighbouring villages have built their own ward of pitsawn timber and galvanised iron. Both village officials ancient, and whilst not lacking control, do lack interest. Both expressed the wish to retire, but no candidates for office were forthcoming.

Compiled tax census register and moved at 8.10 to BAKAKANI - 15 minutes Cargo left and Patrol leader proceeded to KAPIKAVI - 30 minutes over poor road. Inspected this S.D.A. Village & found in excellent order, containing many pitsawn buildings. Village surrounded with sago palms in the same way as coastal villages are surrounded by coconuts. Compiled tax census register and moved over rough country for 1½ hours to KEREMONA. Village found in reasonable order. Tax census register compiled. Returned to BAKAKANI rest house via KAPIKAVI - 1 hour 40 minutes. Census and disputes heard.

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Inspected BAKAKANI - in good order. Arbitrated land use dispute. Patrol moved at 8.05 for MARURA over reasonable road - 20 minutes. Village in good order. Tax census register compiled. Patrol moved over rough road for 1½ hours to ISINAI. Officials requested to improve road, however, to avoid road work the people are contemplating moving back to the prewar site where apparently there exist good access roads. Departed this last KONGARA village at 2 p.m. and climbed sharply for one hour to top of coastal divide - 2,800 feet, and then descended for 45 minutes to the South Nasioi village of NABUIA - arriving at 3.45 p.m. Village in good order - most houses new and substantial. Tax Census register compiled and tax collected. Luluai NONGO aged and expressed the wish to retire. MOANSI was elected and appointed subject to confirmation. Cargo rearranged and six loads sent direct to Kieta with Constable Lem. Patrol moved back into the hills and after 1½ hours rough walking arrived at KURAI. Village found in good order. Tax census register compiled and tax collected. Large stands of bearing cocoa - pods are gold to Mr. McKay at AROPA. Moved over good road for 90 minutes to WIDA. Tax Census register compiled. Tax collected. Moved on to Rest House at AUREI via DOREINA Methodist Mission station (conducted by an ordained Tolai Pastor) - one hour - arriving at 4 p.m. Tax census register compiled. Tax collected. Sabbath Observed. Three hamlets inspected and found in good order. Patrol moved at 6.30 a.m. to MOKANGASINA/ResNASIOI rest house. Village and aid post inspected. In good order. Roads likewise. Tax census register compiled and tax collected. Patrol moved to the Big Road at REBOINE via Rumba - approximately 2½ hours steady walking over good road. Met by Government vehicle at 2.45 p.m. and returned to Kieta. Proceeded by road to KOIBEINAN. New village with good standard housing. Tax census register compiled and tax collected. Returned to Kieta at noon.

December 12  
 December 13  
 December 14  
 December 15  
 December 16

End of Patrol

## GENERAL REMARKS

It was the intention of the patrol to cover only the

South Nasioi Division, however due to impending withdrawal of staff it became necessary to include the Kongara Division as well. Because of the intended visit of the Assistant Administrator, the planned schedule had to be maintained, and the two patrols were carried out in the time allocated for one.

A very good picture of the South Nasioi Division is provided by Mr. McIntosh in Patrol Report No,1 of 57/58.

(M.J. Denehy)  
A/Assistant District Officer



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