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GULF DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS 1956/57

BEARA

<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol.</u>	<u>Area Patrolled.</u>
1-56/57	J.A.Wiltshire	Special survey patrol - Baimuru airstrip.
2-56/57	J.A.Wiltshire	Era Census Division
4-56/57	R.A.Hole	West of the Vailala River



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....Gulf..... Report No.....Beara 1 - 56/57.....

Patrol Conducted by.....J.A.Wiltshire, C.PFO.....

Area Patrolled.....Special Survey Patrol, Baimuru Airstrip.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans...Nil.....

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

Duration—From 20 / 5 / 19 56 to 25 / 6 / 19 56 and
from 8 / 7 / 1956 to 20 / 7 / 1956
Number of Days.....50.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....No.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services.....-/-/19.....

Medical -/-/19.....

Map Reference.D.G.A.Papua Developmental Plan NS-940-W; 300 feet=1 inch

Objects of Patrol.....1. Compass survey of Administration Land at Baimuru
.....2. Ascertain the extent and suitability of this land

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

31/ 8/1956

J. G. Keen
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 £.....

28th June, 1956

Barra Survey Patrol No. 1 of 1928/29

24 CONDUCTED BY: J.A.Wiltshire, C.P.O.
Day spent on cutting line, again going very slow.

Administration Land at BALMURU Airstrip,
Beara Sub-District.

From the 20-5-56 to the 25-6-56 and
from the 8-7-56 to the 20-7-56
49 days.

28th Mar. 1956:-

2. Ascertain the extent and suitability of land at BAIMURU.

Department of Civil Aviation Papua Developmental
Plan NS-940-W; 300 feet to the inch.

Measured off lines 4 and 5 at right angles to the strip each
500 ft apart. Both 6666 day.

Body of reports Correspondence
transferred to 2-2-2 (4)
Vainov Airdrop area
3/1/0.

DIARY:-21st May, 1956:-

Began survey by cutting line parallel to the airstrip, bearing taken from D.C.A. peg No. 3, bearing 45 degrees.

22nd May, 1956:-

Began cutting at 7 am. Completed line at 5 pm. Line now 6,000 ft. between D.C.A. pegs 3 and 15.

23rd May, 1956:-

Marked and began cutting Line No. 1. at right angles to the airstrip, bearing 315 degrees. Undergrowth found to be very thick and going was slow. Small creek located 160 links from D.C.A. 3 peg.

24th May, 1956:-

Day spent on cutting line, again going very slow.

25th May, 1956:-

Again working on same line, but at edge of river reached at 4 pm. Proceeded to chain line.

26th May, 1956:-

Chained off 500 ft along the line parallel to the airstrip and began cutting second line in morning.

27th May, 1956:-

Sunday and observed.

28th May, 1956:-

Increased labour line to 25. Cutting continued on line 2. Marked off line No. 3 and put remaining labour onto this.

29th May, 1956:-

Again day spent on lines 2 and 3. Undergrowth very thick and very slow cutting. Average cutting is about 1,000 ft per day.

30th May, 1956:-

Both lines continued in morning, both completed by 3 pm. Then proceeded to chain both lines.

31st May, 1956:-

Measured off lines 4 and 5 at right angles to the strip each 500 ft apart. Both lines working all day.

1st June, 1956:-

Work on lines 4 and 5 continued in morning. These completed by mid-day. Chained lines as far as beri on the river bank. Then marked off lines 6 and 7 and began cutting.

2nd June, 1956:-

Began work on lines 6 and 7, but heavy rain in early afternoon forced further work to be abandoned.

3rd June, 1956:-

Sunday and observed.

4th June, 1956:-

Queen's Birthday holiday and observed.

5th June, 1956:-

Again working on lines 6 and 7. Re-organised labour and made an extra line, No. 8. Average of 8 labourers to each line at present.

DIARY Cont.:-6th June, 1956;

Continued working on all three lines. Completed lines 6 and 8 in afternoon. These were chained and new lines, 9 and 10 marked and cutting commenced. Line 7 still being cut.

7th June:-

Completed line 7 in morning, chained this and marked another, No. II. Cutting commenced, lines 9 and 10 still being cut.

8th June:-

Finished 9 and 10 by mid-day, measured this and new lines 12 and 13 marked and cutting commenced. Biri at end of line 7 found to be very thick. Completed line II in afternoon, chained and line No. I4 marked and commenced.

9th June:-

All lines completed in the afternoon. The biri at the last line, (No. I4) found to be only a thin strip. With the completion of No. I4, this finished the survey of the western side of the strip.

10th June:-

Sunday and observed.

11th June:-

Began marking out lines at the south end of the strip. This area is not wide at the beginning but widens later. The first three lines were not long and plus the fact that the area had been cleared by D.C.A. made progress swift. Continued marking out lines all day, labour following and cutting.

12th June:-

Completed marking of all lines, labour, forming three teams still completing lines. The line of biri found to increase as the lines moved westwards.

13th June:-

Still cutting lines. Evidence found of previous village gardens and clumps of coconut trees. Nearing end of cutting for this stretch.

14th June:-

Still working same lines. Began cutting on last line in early afternoon.

15th June:-

Completed last line in this section in morning. Then proceeded to chain all lines. This completed in late afternoon.

16th June:-

Moved to north western end of the strip, found D.C.A. survey peg and began re-cutting D.C.A. survey line from the RUBIRI R. to the PIE R. Spent most of the afternoon searching for D.C.A. I3 survey peg.

17th June:-

Sunday and observed.

18th June:-

D.C.A. peg located and line continued to the PIE R. Then proceeded to mark off lines 500 feet apart, except at the end nearest the PIE R. where the length of 400 feet was marked, for the biri here was found to extend in towards the west, as shown on the map. Worked on these lines in afternoon.

19th June:-

Struck unexpected creek in the morning. Then decided to pool all labour and cut an exploratory line to ascertain the extent of the creek and the ground on the other side.

20th June:-

Still on one line, once over the creek the ground found to be and not very different. Then moved to the eastern end of the strip and spent rest of the day looking for the D.C.A. survey peg.

DIARY (Cont.):20th June, 1956 (Cont.):

quite firm. Spent all day working on this line.

21st June:-

Completed this pilot line at mid-day. Then proceeded to measure it. Next a new line marked out and cutting started on this, all labour (decreased to 10) at work on the one line.

22nd June:-

All day spent working on this line, unlike the other sections, the bush here is mainly timber with small clumps of undergrowth.

23rd June:-

Again spent day working on this line. Finally reached the original survey line of the Administration land in the late afternoon. Then chained this line on the way back to camp.

24th June:-

Marked out another line and began cutting, as word had been received that this officer was to return to BEARA. Then marked off another two lines and got labour to start lines, the idea being while absent at BEARA the labour line can go ahead, under supervision of the police to complete these lines. This completed by late morning and then knocked off as the day was Sunday.

25th June:-

Returned to BEARA Station and resumed office duties.

8th July, 1956:-

Returned to BAIMURU per M.L. "Opal" in afternoon. The lines left to labour to complete were finished. Waited for labour to return from their village where they had gone the previous day (Saturday).

9th July:-

Proceeded to chain the lines completed in my absence, together with labour line. All day spent on this work.

10th July:-

Moved to North Western end of the land and began marking lines stretching from the original boundary line to the KUPIRI River. Spent day cutting line.

11th July:-

As this line approached the KUBIRI the undergrowth became denser, until on the immediate bank of the river which appeared to have been roughly cleared. Completed line in morning and chained. Then moved back to the survey line and marked off another line.

12th July:-

All morning spent on cutting line, completed this in middle afternoon. This was chained and another line was marked off and cutting commenced.

13th July:-

All day spent on the line marked the previous day.

14th July:-

Line completed and chained. New line marked off and cutting commenced in late afternoon, worked on this until the line completed, at 6.30pm.

15th July:-

Sunday and observed.

16th July:-

Line completed on Saturday finished this section of land. Then replaced the Survey mark, placed at the intersection of the Survey lines when the land was originally brought. This mark, a bendora post was insecure and not very distinguishable. Then moved to the Eastern end of the strip and spent rest of the day searching for the D.C.A. survey peg.

DIARY (Cont.)-17th July, 1956;-

D.C.A. Survey Peg found in morning and then proceeded to or re-cut the airstrip's boundary line as marked and surveyed by D.C.A. Again spent many hours trying to locate the survey pegs, the land having been cleared to some extent after the pegs had been put in, and so covering the immediate area of these pegs with trees and scrub. Eventually located peg and continued with the line.

18th July;-

Still cutting same line and having the same trouble in locating the original survey pegs. Heavy rain in late morning and afternoon prevented further for the day.

19th July;-

Line completed in early morning. Then formed the labour into two lines and began marking off to run at right angles to the airstrip to the PIE River. Cut and chained five lines in morning and afternoon.

20th July;-

Continued marking off lines on eastern section. At this point the ground has been cleared to a large extent by D.C.A. and so rapid progress was made. As the lines were completed they were chained and others marked out, by both labour lines at once. They reached the site of the old BAIMURU village, with only grass forming the strip to the PIE River. Completed this area at 3pm. With the completion of this section of the land, the survey of Administration land here was finished.

21st July;-

Returned to BEARA per M.L. "Bareto". Paid off all labour and then resumed office duties.

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Beara Report No. I-56/57

APPENDIX "A"

Report on members of the R.P. & N.G.C. who accompanied the Patrol

Reg. No. ²⁷⁴⁴~~9079~~ Constable DAURI

- This Constable had previous experience at this work and was most helpful to the patrol. Bearing dress and discipline good.

Reg. No. ⁷⁰²³~~9079~~ Constable MAIKAI

- He soon adjusted himself to this work, and was most helpful with his ability to speak the local language. Bearing, dress and discipline good.

Reg. No. 9079 Constable GENE

- A newcomer to the Force. He needed little tuition on his job and performed his duties well. Bearing, dress and discipline good.

J.A. Wiltshire
J.A. Wiltshire, C.P.O.

NATIVE AFFAIRS



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....FILE..... Report No.....BEARA 2-1956/57.....

Patrol Conducted by.....J. A. WILTSHIRE, C.P.O.....

Area Patrolled.....ERA CENSUS DIVISION.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....NIL.....

Natives...2 MEMBERS R.P. & N.G.C..

Duration—From...8./...9./1956...to...17./...9...19...56

Number of Days.....10.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....NO.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..SEPTEMBER 19.53..

Medical JANUARY.../19.54..

Map Reference.....A.P.C. SURVEYORS FIELD MAP, SCALE 1"=250,000.....

Objects of Patrol...(1) REVISION OF CENSUS.....

(2) ROUTINE NATIVE ADMINISTRATION.....

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded please.

25/10/1956

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 £.....

Village Po

Year.....1956/57.....

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	Births		DEATHS												Remains in Child Burial	
				0-1 Month		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13			
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		
QCIKAVI	11.9.56	1	1													1	2
BARAVI	11.9.56		4						2								
ERA MAIPUA	12.9.56	7	4	1												2	4
ABIGHI	12.9.56		2						1		1						4
NAHOROMARE	12.9.56	4	2													3	
IMIEIA	13.9.56	2	2		1	1										3	5
RAVIWANA	13.9.56	1	2						1							4	
GIGORI	13.9.56															2	1
AIMESI	14.9.56	1	1													4	3
TAUNAMATUA	14.9.56	1														1	2
VEIARU	15.9.56															1	1
TOTALS		17	18	1	1	1			4		1					21	22

30/7/58



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District Office,
Kikori, Gulf District.
3rd November, 1956.

The Asst. District Officer,
Bera.
Gulf District.

P/R. No. 2 of 1956/57
BEARA Sub-District.

Receipt of the a/m report is acknowledged.

Control of the Era River Villages appears to have proved a success. The short distance between the villages and the Government station improves relationship between both parties.

Although the Officer conducting the patrol, says that the last patrol to the area was in 1953, this is a little incorrect. I personally was there in 54. In February 55, the Era Villages came under control of Bera, and therefore not patrolled from Kikori.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The Era District appears to be the last populated area of the Delta whereby the people hold to most of their old customs, nevertheless, at the same time taking advantage of the new ideas introduced.

I would suggest, that if it is possible, an endeavour be made to obtain from them some of their ceremonial shields etc, and have them forwarded to Headquarters Port Moresby.

The people should be encouraged to live in larger villages however, where there are small villages or hamlets, providing they are clean and hygienic, there is no objection to the people living in them. I do believe ~~through~~ though, that where we have larger villages, the birth rate is much higher.

There is a move on in Port Moresby to return all non-employed people to their homes.

VILLAGE HOUSING.

I expect another patrol to visit this area as soon as possible. I presume that the Officer left instructions re the buildings and repairs that were to be carried out. As you now have two out-board motors at Bera, it should not be difficult to visit the area regularly and keep in contact with these people.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

It is pleasing to note that the Officials are doing a fair job.

HEALTH.

I expected to receive figures from Dr. Calvert on the T.B survey in the area for the Dept. Phd. So far I have not seen any figures. Perhaps you could ask Dr. Calvert to supply the figures to you. It is noted that the health of the people is fairly good.

N.A. 30-2-38

7th January, 1957.

The District Officer,
Gulf District,
KIKORI.

BEARA PATROL REPORT NO. 2 OF 1956-57.

Receipt of the abovementioned Report is acknowledged. Both Patrol and Report were of a rather perfunctory nature.

Mr. Wiltshire should be encouraged to use imagination and exercise a keener observation. However, this will no doubt develop as his experience grows.

A.A.R.

(A.A. Roberts),
Director.

(P/A)

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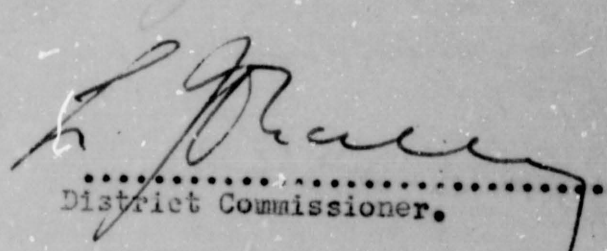
AGRICULTURE.

Although the Officer states that the people cultivate large gardens, I find this hard to understand, as on many visits to this area I have always found an abundance of native food and some variety of European vegetables. The area is good garden land, and whilst APC were in the area, large quantities of fresh food was sold to them by the local people.

Whether it be for financial gain or home consumption, the rice venture is a good one, and I feel that it will succeed. Mr. Ryan of the agricultural department was pleased with the quality and progress of the rice project. We can only hope that the people will continue to show as much interest in the future as they do now.

CONCLUSION.

The native situation throughout the area appears to be very satisfactory.


.....
District Commissioner.

Beara

20/10/56

The District Commissioner,
KIKORI.

With reference to Camping out allowance for Beara
patrol No. 2-56/57.

No claim is being made, hence the absence of the
application with the patrol report.

Swiatkowski C.P.O.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

DIARY:-

21st September, 1956:

Sub-District Office,
BEARA, G.D.

Patrol departed BEARA in heavy rain at 8 am. Arrived at BAIMURU Airstrip at mid-day. Heavy rain encounter trip and continued all afternoon. Camped at B.O.A. quarters for night.

21st September, 1956

22nd September:

The District Commissioner, served at BAIMURU. Rain continued all day. Gulf District, KIKORI.

Departed BAIMURU per canoe at 9 am. proceeded along the KUPINI River and through a small passage onto the KIKI River, thence up the ERA River to GICIRI. BEARA PATROL REPORT No. 2 of 1956/57 Camped. Heavy rain at night.

13th September:

OFFICER CONDUCTING PATROL: J.A. Wiltshire, C.P.O. rain at GICIRI. Inspected village and departed for SARAVI village at mid-day. AREA PATROLLED: Inspected village. B.O.A. ERA Census Division.

PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY:

European - Nil
Native - 2 members R.P. & N.G.C.

DURATION:

8th - 17th September, 1956

NUMBER OF DAYS:

10

METHOD OF TRANSPORTATION:

Per paddle canoe and an average of nine paddlers. led to IMEIA village arriving an hour later. Village a quadraire. People assembled. census revised

OBJECTS OF THE PATROL:

1. Revision of Census. 2. Routine Native Administration. Then moved across river to SAVINANA. Checked on 2. Routine Native Administration. hours paddle to GICIRI village. Sudden downpour of rain prevented people assembling for an hour. Then revised census and inspected housing. Returned to TAUNAMATUA in heavy rain. Camped. Again rain at night.

14th September:

Paddled up river to AUMETI village and revised census and inspected village. talked on proposed move to TAUNAMATUA. Thence back to TAUNAMATUA. people assembled and census revised in light rain. Completed at 4 pm. Camped for night.

INTRODUCTION:-

This was the first patrol to the division since it was incorporated into the BEARA Sub-District early this year. Previously it had been administered from KIKORI. This move has won favour from the local natives as now they have only a few hours paddle to BEARA as compared to one or two days paddle to KIKORI to have arguments etc settled.

Sunday and observed at BAIMURU.

The last patrol to the area was in September 1953 by Mr. V.B. Counsel P.O. Since then only a medical patrol, in January 1954 has been in the vicinity. The effect of three years of no patrols was reflected in the dilapidated and untidy state of many of the villages. However few changes were recorded in the census, which has remained very nearly the same as in 1953.

Whilst the patrol was in the area rain fell consistently throughout the night and day, consequently many not often seen sights were witnessed in all villages. This rain hampered the recording and revision of the census and much time was wasted while waiting for the rain to abate sufficiently for the people to assemble.

The patrol first travelled to the top of the ERA River to the furthestmost village and then following the line of villages, worked back to BEARA.

DIARY:-

8th September, 1956;

Patrol departed BEARA in heavy rain at 9 am. Arrived at BAIMURU Airstrip at mid-day. Heavy rain encountered throughout the trip and continued all afternoon. Camped at D.C.A. quarters for night.

9th September;

Sunday and observed at BAIMURU. Rain continued all day.

10th September;

Departed BAIMURU per canoe at 9 am. proceeded along the KUPIRI River and through a small passage onto the KIBI River, thence up the ERA River to GOIRAVI village arriving there at 5 pm. Camped. Heavy rain at night.

11th September;

People assembled and census revised in drizzling rain at GOIRAVI. Inspected village and departed for BARAVI village at mid-day. Checked census and inspected village. Back to GOIRAVI and camped.

12th September;

Departed for ERA MAIPUA village, further up the river, at 8 am. Again in rain. Revised census, inspected village and continued down river to the new AIBIGAI village. Checked census and village, then the same for NAHAROMERE which is adjacent to AIBIGAI. Then continued down river to TAUNAMATUA and camped. Heavy rain at night.

13th September;

Rain prevented starting till 9.30 am. Paddled to IMEIA village arriving an hour later. Village a quadmire. People assembled, census revised and village inspected. Discussed rebuilding of village with people. Then moved across river to RAVIWANA. Checked census and village. Thence half an hour's paddle to GIGORI village. Sudden downpour of rain prevented people assembling for an hour. Then revised census and inspected housing. Returned to TAUNAMATUA in heavy rain. Camped. Again rain at night.

14th September;

Paddled up river to AIMBI village and revised census and inspected village. Talked on proposed move to TAUNAMATUA. Thence back to TAUNAMATUA, people assembled and census revised in light rain. Completed at 4 pm. Camped for night.

15th September;

Departed TAUNAMATUA at 8 am. down the KIBI River and through a small passage to VEIAMU village. Revised census and inspected village. Thence down the KUPIRI River and stopped at a rice garden place belonging to BAIMURU people. Then proceeded to BAIMURU Airstrip arriving there at 5 pm. Camped.

16th September;

Sunday and observed at BAIMURU.

17th September;

Proceeded to BEARA per canoe arriving there at mid-day. Carriers paid and Police dismissed.

In each village is found the customary *dubu*, so far these people have not forsaken these things with the past, even the unmarried girls are well preserved inside the *dubu* together with the customs associated with the *dubu* society. Every encouragement was given to the villages to keep and serve these symbols of the past as it would be pity if they were forgotten or destroyed as it happened in the rest of the BEARA district during a bad fit of modernisation.

NATIVE AFFAIRS:-

There were no outstanding disturbances reported to the patrol, very few complaints were brought forward to settle, most of these concerned marital disputes and were settled to the satisfaction of both parties concerned. The most noticeable change in this area since the last patrol, is the movement of village sites.

The village of AUREI, which was situated above ERA MAIPUA, has moved to the GOPE area and are said to have built near WAITARI village. This was their original "stamping grounds" before they moved to the hills above the ERA River and then down to MAIPUA. This move took place about two years ago, previous to this they led a nomadic life living only in kombatis at garden places and constantly moving from one source of food to another. To the lower ERA natives of KIPAIA they are termed as "men from the hills and bush men", and generally seem to have little time for them.

As suggested by the District Commissioner in 1954, AIBIGAI village has completed their move from the KUPIRI River (an off shoot of the ERA) to a site adjacent to NAHAROMERE. At present its population is only 39 and is gradually being absorbed into the other KIPAIA hamlets.

VEIAMU village has also moved and have rebuilt on the KUPIRI River close to BAIMURU Village and at the back of BAIMURU Airstrip. This is a rather isolated position in relation to the other KIPAIA villages who tend to group close together, but the presence of an abundance of sago palms is the apparent reason for the move.

Two villages, RAVIWANA and GIGORI are going to combine and build one village further up river at KIKI where the LMS school is located. The population of the villages is 46 each. Although they are, in their present position only 20 minutes paddle from each other the building of a central village may be one method of raising the birth rate which is very low in this division and plus the fact that in both villages the houses are all in some state of decay and would have to be rebuilt so the move was sanctioned.

Whilst the patrol was in the area a group of URAMA natives appeared, to trade fish and other sea foods for sago with the ERA peoples. This trading took place between the upper ERA natives who originally came from the URAMA and are now composed of URAMA and KIPAIA peoples through constant intermarriage. This trading is regular pastime and when asked the reason for these trips, the URAMA people stated that their sago has been depleted and that they traded fish etc for the right to cut sago palms belonging to the ERA natives.

The patrol constantly urged the small hamlets dotted along the river to combine in ones and twos to form a central village. The majority of these hamlets have a population of only 45-50 occupants and are scattered at various points along the ERA river. If, out of the 11 villages, two or three main centres could be formed, then I think this may be the answer in trying to increase the birth rate here, which at present seems to be very low, and appears to be on the bordering line of either increasing or falling lower still. As can be seen from the census figures, the ratio of births to deaths over the last three years is 35 to 51. The reason for this low birth rate may be attributed to the fact that 28% of the total male labour potential is absent at work, of these 16.6% are working inside the district who are accompanied by their family. Many of the latter are at OGAMBO plantation at KIKORI. The results of such a plan can be seen from the future census figures of the RAVIWANA/GIGORI village which is to combine together.

In each village is found the customary dubu, so far these people have not forsaken these links with the past, even the ceremonial shields are well preserved inside the dubu together with the customs associated with the dubu society. Every encouragement was given to the villages to keep and preserve these symbols of the past as it would be pity if they were forgotten or destroyed as did happen in the rest of the BEARA district during a mad fit of "modernisation".

NATIVE AFFAIRS (Cont.):

Towards the end of the patrol, quite a few men and women returned to the area from Port Moresby. This appears to be the results of a clean up campaign to return non workers and destitute persons to their villages. Enquiries made showed that very few "walkabout" men from this area remain in Moresby, most of them having returned with this group, on the M.V. "Dona".

With this thought in view all villages were lectured on the benefits of rice growing, both as a food and as a cash crop. Generally the people, particularly after they were told of the money being made by the locals at Baidi.

VILLAGES, HOUSING:-

With the effect of the heavy rain which continued throughout the patrol, villages were seen at their worst. Many villages were in a quagmire, as drains appeared to be non-existent.

On the whole Houses here are built with sago slats, the use of sago as a wall covering is not used with the exception of VEIAMU village of which new houses are now using this building.

The worst village in the group is IMEIA in which all houses are to be rebuilt immediately. On the whole the other villages were satisfactory although the lack of patrolling was evident.

Although it is rather early to forecast the outcome of this plugging of rice growing, some interest has been shown throughout the district and There are four rest houses in the area. The one at ERA MAIPUA is being built and at present is half completed. The other three are quite satisfactory.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS:-

On the whole they are doing a good job in keeping their village tidy. The V.C. of VEIAMU is a new appointment made early this year when the village was built down on the KUPIRI River.

Attendance at the census revision was good and no attempts to evade the recording. Three new Village Councillors were elected by a show of hands, to replace deceased and absent at work previous appointments.

EDUCATION:-

This is in the hands of the L.M.S. Mission. They have three schools in the area, at ERA MAIPUA, KIKI and VEIAMU. Together they have an enrolment of 42 students and three Mission teachers with classes to Standard I. stage. All three teachers complained of the lack of pupils and the disinterest shown by the parents. It is not known if these schools are officially recognised by the Dept. of Education, but the school at KIKI teaches English in its courses.

HEALTH:-

No Medical Orderly was taken on the patrol. The last Medical patrol to the division was in January 1954 by the E.M.A. at KIKORI. Since then the N.M.O. at GIBI village in the GOPE area has made regular visits to this area and is to be complimented on his initiative in doing this.

Doctor Calvert of LMS KAPUNA visited this area during the middle of this year and carried out Anti-Tuberculosis tests and injections in all villages, as part of his delta Anti-Tuberculosis Campaign.

Generally the health here appears to be good and no noticeable sores or sickness was seen by the patrol.

MISSIONS:-

The only mission operating in the area is the L.M.S. as under Education.

AGRICULTURE:-

Of village gardens very little was seen of them. These people do not grow extensive supplementary crop for their eternal sago diet. When these foods (bananas, pumpkins, sugar cane and sweet potato) are grown they are not extensive. The immediate land in the vicinity is excellent for gardens and there is no excuse why other crops should not be grown extensively.

With this thought in view all villages were lectured on the benefits of rice growing, both as a food and as a cash crop. Generally the people showed some interest, particularly after they were told of the money being made by the locals at BEARA.

Rice seed, grown at BEARA, is available free to any native who is interested in growing it.

On the return trip to BEARA the patrol stopped at a garden place of the BAIMURU people. Here, many acres of ground has been cleared and rice planted, by GEOFFREY-EKAI of BAIMURU. At that particular time he had harvested some 23 copra sacks of paddy and expected to harvest another 20 in a months time. This he has done with the help of a few other village people and should nett him about £35 for his 23 bags, based on 3d. per lb for paddy.

Although it is rather early to forecast the outcome of this plugging of the benefit of rice growing, some interest has been shown throughout the district and many groups are planting but only from the financial point, not with the idea of eating it themselves. Indeed the only way to entice them to grow for consumption by themselves, is to destroy all their sago palms.

CENSUS:-

On the whole this had not changed very much since 1953, and few corrections had to be made. Many migrations between villages were noted, as well as migrations between the URAMA and the upper ERA River peoples.

Attendance at the census revision was good and no attempts to evade the recording were made.

J. A. Wiltshire
J.A.Wiltshire, C.P.O.

APPENDIX "A"

VILLAGE CONSTABLES & COUNCILLORS

REPORT ON MEMBERS OF THE R.P. & N.G. CONSTABULARY

Village	Village Constables	Village Councillors
Reg. No. 1825 Constable KAIA'O	1	2
		- Old but reliable and experienced, performed his duties satisfactorily. Bearing, dress and discipline good.
ERA PAIPUA	1	3
ESTIGAI	1	1
Reg. No. 7023 Constable MAIKAI	1	2
		→ A very keen policeman, he knew the area well and was an asset to the patrol. Bearing dress and discipline good.
IMETIA	1	1
PAVINANA	1	1
QIGCHI	1	2
AIPEI	1	2
TANHAMATUA	1	1
VEIANU	1	2
TOTALS	11	19

J.A. Wiltshire

APPENDIX "B"

APPENDIX "C"
VILLAGE CONSTABLES & COUNCILLORS
ABSENT LABOUR

Village	Village Constables		Village Councillors	
Village	Being Absent	in & out of District	in & out of District	in & out of District
GOIRAVI	I		2	
GOIRAVI		6		25
BARAVI	I		1	
BARAVI		12		28
ERA MAIPUA	I		3	
ERA MAIPUA		6		43
ABIGAI	I		1	
ABIGAI		5		17
NAHOROMERE	I		1	
NAHOROMERE		25		27
IMEIA	I		2	
IMEIA		13		35
RAVIWANA	I		1	
RAVIWANA		3		17
GIGORI	I		2	
GIGORI		7		21
AIMEI	I		2	
AIMEI		11		19
TAUNAMATUA	I		2	
TAUNAMATUA		5		24
VEIAMU	I		2	
VEIAMU		6		24
TOTALS	II		19	
TOTALS		100		250

W. H. Smith
W. H. Smith

APPENDIX "C"

ABSENT LABOUR

<u>Village</u>	<u>Males Absent in & out of Dist.</u>	<u>Male Labour Potential 16-45</u>
GOIRAVI	6	25
BARAVI	12	28
ERA MAIPUA	8	45
AIBIGAI	5	17
NAHOROMEHE	23	27
IMEIA	13	35
RAVIWANA	4	17
GIGORI	7	21
AIMEI	11	19
TAUNAMATUA	5	24
VEIAMU	6	24
TOTALS	<u>100</u>	<u>283</u>

J. H. H. H.



— BEARR PATROL N° 2-1956/57 —

ion Register

Area Patrolled... *RAA Census Division*

S Out	ABSENT FROM VILLAGE								LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		Average Size of Family	TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL	
	AT WORK				STUDENTS																
	Inside District		Outside District		Govt.		Mission		Males		Females		Pregnant	Number of Child Bearing Age		Child		Adults			
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	10-16	16-45	10-16				16-45	M	F	M		F
2			6	1				3	1	5	25	3	23	1	19	.78	6	4	23	22	66
1	3	3	9							5	28	7	18	1	17	1.35	7	17	18	17	74
4			8							20	45	3	38	4	38	1.55	31	15	36	40	130
1	3	1	2							2	17	5	10	1	11	1.2	4	9	12	8	39
1	21	5	2							9	27	6	17	1	15	1.2	11	5	15	15	74
2	6	2	7					1		7	35	5	22	3	20	1.17	10	10	26	22	84
5	3		1							4	17	3	10		9	1.09	6	9	15	14	48
1	5		2							5	21	2	15		11	.33	2	2	20	15	46
5	10	1	1							6	19	2	13		13	1.00	8	3	11	12	46
1	1	1	4					2		4	24	1	21		19	.58	5	2	20	20	55
2	4	3	2							6	24	3	17		15	1.00	4	5	20	16	54
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NATIVE AFFAIRS



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....GULE..... Report No...4/1956-57.....

Patrol Conducted by.....R. A. HOLE, Cadet Patrol Officer.....

Area Patrolled.....West of the Vailala River.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....NIL.....

Natives.....3 Members R.P.N.G.C. & 1 Interpreter.....

Duration—From...10/...9.../19.56...to...2.../10.1956....

Number of Days...TWENTY THREE.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....NO.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...14/...5.../19.56....

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

Map Reference.....STRAT SERIES, KIKORI SHEET, 4 MILES TO 1 INCH.....

Objects of Patrol.....
1 CENSUS REVISION.....
2 ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.....
3 PURCHASE OF LAND.....

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded please.

3/11/1956

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 £.....

Village Po

Year 1956-1957

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	Births		DEATHS												Totals
				0-1 Month		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13		
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
ERE																
+ RILAVE	11-9-56	6	8				1	1	1						4	1
AREHAVAN	212-9-56														1	2
MAIVA	13-9-56	5	3					1		1					3	2
MAITA	13-9-56	3	1						1						3	3
AMANE																
+ PURARI	14-9-56	4	4						1						4	3
HOPAIKU	17-9-56	5	3												1	1
HARELALEVA	18-9-56	6	9				1		1						5	1
KAVAVA																
+ HURURU	19-9-56	14	8				1				1				3	3
IDUKU	24-9-56	7	5						1						2	3
PAIVERA																
KWAIPER	20-9-56	9	3				1									1
+ LAIKOMA																
LOLEHAIRU	24-9-56	5	7				1	2							3	3
KAIBURAGU	25-9-56	3	13												3	1
MAREH	26-9-56	7	12												3	2
HAREVAVI	27-9-56	10	16				2	1		1					7	6
HEREKERA	28-9-56	21	15					1		1					3	2
AUMA	1-10-56	1	4								1				1	1
VAILALA HILO	1-10-56	3	4							3					4	1
HARUAPE	2-10-56	4	2				1	1							2	2
VAILALA WEST	2-10-56	2	2									1				2
TOTAL		115	119				5	8	6	2	2		1		52	40



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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In Reply
Please Quote

No. 30-1/1666

District Office,
Gulf District,
KIKORI.

4th February '57

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

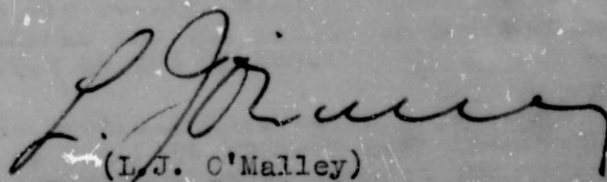
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Patrol Report No.1 56/57 - IHU

Your NA.30-2-39 of 4th January '57 refers.

Please see copy of the attached reply from the
O.I.C. Ihu.

It appears to me that Mr. Hole is a little
inclined to make observations without firstly
investigating the matter.

I generally have found missions most interested
in good outdoor sport.


(L.J. O'Malley)
District Commissioner

c.c. OIC IHU.



IHU30-3/299.

Patrol Post,
IHU.
Gulf District.

25th January 1957

The District Commissioner,
Gulf District.
KIKORI.

IHU PATROL REPORT No.1 of 1956/57 - WEST COAST - MR/R.A.HOL


Reference is made to memorandum NA.30-2-39 dated 4th January, 1957 from the Director, Department of Native Affairs to your office.

As Mr.Hole is on leave it is therefore not possible to obtain his own reasons for stating that sport "would meet with disapproval from the Missions".

From my own observations the reverse is the case and sport of all kinds are encouraged by the various Mission bodies in the IHU area. As a matter of interest there are several cricket teams which are encouraged by the L.M.S. OROKO and the writer in a competition for a trophy which has been donated by the writer.

I feel that Mr.Hole has made his observations somewhat hastily as he was not probably aware of the most evident keen interest which is shown by the Missions in competitive sport amongst the natives in the IHU area.

Forwarded for favour of your information, please.


R. Orwin
Officer in Charge IHU.

NA.20-2-39

4th January, 1957

The District Officer.
Essex.

INU PATROL REPORT No. 4 of 1956/57.

Receipt of the above report is acknowledged.

Has Mr. Holt any grounds for saying that sport
"would meet with disapproval from the Missions"?

(A.A. Roberts)
Director. JSM

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5/1/57

NA.30-2-39

4th January, 1957

The Director,
Public Health Department,
Port Moresby.

Patrol Report No. 4 - 1956/57 Gulf
District.

Extract of the above Patrol Report is attached
for your information, please.

(A.A. Roberts)
Director.

Females
in Child
Birth

30/1/39



30-1/1343.

District Office,
Kikori, Gulf District,
2nd November, 1956.

The ADO. Beara.
OIC. Ihu,
Gulf District.

P/R. No. 4 of 1956-1957.
IHU. Patrol Post. Beara Sub-District.

Receipt of the a/m report is acknowledged.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

Although the native situation is reported as "quite satisfactory", it would appear to me that control by Village Constables in the area visited, is somewhat lacking in regard to the carrying out of their duties.

The complaints re gambling should be gone into thoroughly, and the whole position investigated.

I note, "some officials" not stated whether Village Constables or Councillors, admitted partaking in these gambling bouts. If this is so, and they were Village Constables, they should be dismissed, as they have failed in their duty firstly, by not stopping the gambling, secondly, for taking part in the gambling, and thirdly for not reporting the matter. We depend to a large extent upon the Village Constables for information on village activities etc, and if they fail to report such things, then they are useless for administrative purposes and should be replaced.

Why should competitive sport meet with the disapproval of the "Missions". What mission or mission would be against such sport. Surely good healthy outdoor sport would not be objected to by the Missions however, if the people have nothing to do to fill in their spare time, naturally they will turn to gambling or some other form of relaxation which might be objectional to everybody.

As far as land is concerned, re Co-operative Societies, the policy is to endeavour to purchase the land on which the Society operates, but should one or more of the owners object to the sale of the land, the Society should look for other areas. This matter has been imparted to the people concerned many times however, I hope that Mr. Jackman of the Department has explained the position to the people during his visit to the area.

VILLAGES.

Villages throughout appear to be in fair condition, and Officers should do all in their power to keep the village housing in good condition and repair.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

I would suggest that at some time, the O.I.C at Ihu, call a meeting of all his Village Officials and instruct them in their duties.

ROADS & BRIDGES.

It is only natural where there are only clay surface roads, in particular, during wet seasons, that the roads become damaged by the use of heavy traffic and they will deteriorate considerably.

HEALTH.

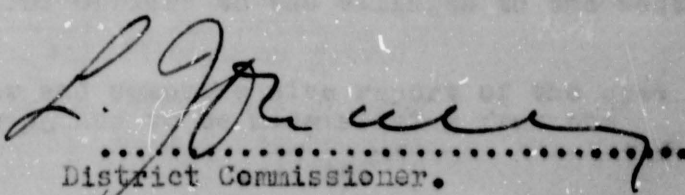
It appears that the health of the people generally, is good.

EDUCATION.

Please advise Officers, on their next visit to areas in their district, to submit figures on the number of students attending the local schools, mission and Administration.

The people are entitled to attend any school they like. What disciplinary action is taken against students,? Please instruct Officers under your control that in submitting reports of such nature as much information as possible must be given, what disciplinary action is or was taken, the reason for it etc. It is not sufficient data to say "disciplinary action taken", such brief report is useless. If we have not the information, then how can we rectify the matter.

It is indeed pleasing to note that the village Higher school at Ihu is a success and Teacher OEKEA is to be congratulated on his good work.


.....
District Commissioner.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Patrol Post,
Gulf District,
IHU.

6th October, 1956.

IHU30-3/156.

The Officer-in-Charge,
IHU Patrol Post,
Gulf District.

Patrol Post,
IHU.
Gulf District.

25th October, 1956.

THE PATROL REPORT No. 4 of 1956-57

The District Commissioner,
Gulf District. Conducting Patrol: R. A. BOLE, Cadet Patrol Officer
KIKOR I.

Area: PATROL REPORT IHU 4/56-57 - WEST COAST - IHU

Enclosed please find 3 copies of the above Patrol Report of a patrol conducted by Mr. R. A. Hole, Cadet Patrol Officer to the villages to the west of the Vailala River.

Mr Hole has submitted a clear and comprehensive report of the area in general. However there are a few points to be made arising from the subject matter of his report.

With regards to the Application for Land by the Catholic Mission at AREHAVA this was not successful as the native owners refused to sell. (M. IHU34-2/151 refers to this matter). At the date of writing the purchasing of the land at OROKOLO and AREHAVA on behalf of the respective Societies has now been effected and completes the purchasing of land in this area at present.

It is noted in Government Gazette No. 43 the road from IHU to MURO Plantation has been gazetted as a Secondary Road under the provisions of the Roads Maintenance Ordinance 1953-1955. This road has been subject to considerable wear and tear as Mr. Hole has pointed out in his Report. Further the AREHAVA people have not been at all diligent in their attention to this road. Both Mr. Guinan of MURO Plantation and the IHU Native Societies Association have signified their willingness to assist in maintaining this road. This matter is the subject of my IHU24-1/157 to your office.

Mr Hole remarks that both the L.M.S. and Catholic Missions complain to him that native students leave the respective schools and attend the others if ever disciplinary action is taken. However there has never been any official complaint lodged by either Mission at this office in regard to same.

It is pleasing to see that there is an increase in the population of the area. Given the right encouragement it is the writer's opinion that these people can develop their potential economic facilities and make rapid economic advancement over the next few years.

A claim for Camping Allowance and copy of Census figures for the Department of Public Health, PORT MORESBY are submitted with the above Report.

Forwarded for your information and attention, please.

R. Orwin
Officer in Charge IHU.

Encl. (3 Reports)

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Patrol Post,
Gulf District,
IHU

6th October, 1956.

The Officer-in-Charge,
IHU Patrol Post,
Gulf District.

IHU PATROL REPORT No. 4 of 1956-57

Officer Conducting Patrol: R. A. HOLE, Cadet Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled: West of the Vailala River

Duration of the Patrol: Commenced 10th September, 1956
Completed 2nd October, 1956
In all, 23 days on patrol

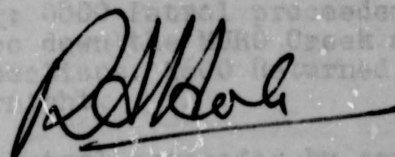
Personnel Accompanying: L/Corp. BOROH0 Reg. No. I391
Const. WARAI0 Reg. No. 9121
Const. BIRIMO1 Reg. No. 7359

Court Interpreter POVE

Last Patrol to the Area: 2nd to 14th May, 1956

Object of the Patrol: 1 Census Revision
2 Routine Administration
3 Purchase Land

Please find attached Patrol Report
for forwarding.



R.A. HOLE

Cadet Patrol Officer

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with instructions from the Officer in Charge, Ihu Patrol Post, the herein outlined patrol was conducted to the villages West of the Vailala River in the Ihu area. The patrol was of a routine nature, primarily for census compilation and routine administration, but it also endeavoured to clear up some outstanding land matters.

Excellent weather conditions prevailed during the period of the patrol and although heavy rainfall occurred daily the patrol was not held up at any stage. No transport was available as the station motorcycle and bicycle were out of order, but walking from village to village gave ample opportunity in inspecting roads and bridges and supervising their repair.

The close proximity of some villages to Ihu Patrol Post permitted day trips to be made during the latter part of the patrol.

PATROL DIARY

Monday 10th September: Departed Ihu Patrol Post at 1100 and walked to OROKOLO. 1300 Changed carriers and walked on to MURO. 1600 Arrived at the rest house at ERE village of the MURO group and remained overnight.

Tuesday 11th September: 0800 Conducted census and village inspections of ERE and KILAVE villages of the MURO group. 1500. Held meeting of MURO village officials. Remained overnight at ERE rest house.

Wednesday 12th September: 0800 Patrol proceeded to AREHAVA No.2 Village of the MURO group and conduct census and village inspection. 1600 Returned to ERE rest house and remained overnight.

Thursday 13th September: 0800 Patrol proceeded to ANAHE and PURARI villages by canoe down the MURO Creek and conducted census and village inspections. 1600 Returned ERE rest house and remained overnight.

Friday 14th September: Patrol proceeded by canoe to MAIVA and MAITA villages and conducted census and village inspections 1300 Returned to ERE and packed. 1400 Patrol walked to rest house at HOPAiku village of the OROKOLO group, on the way supervising road repair on the OROKOLO-MURO road. Remained overnight at HOPAiku rest house.

Saturday 15th September: 0900 Patrol walked down the MURO road and inspected the road. Also inspected the boundary marks for each village along the road. 1500 Returned to HOPAiku rest house and remained overnight.

Sunday 16th September: Observed at HOPAiku. Visited L.M.S. Mission Station, OROKOLO.

Monday 17th September: 0800 Conducted census and village inspection at HOPAiku village. 1900 Held meeting of OROKOLO village officials. Remained overnight Hopaiku rest house.

Tuesday 18th September: 0800 Patrol walked to HARELAREVA village of the OROKOLO group and conducted census and village inspections. 1500 Heard minor courts at HARELAREVA. 1700 Returned HOPAiku rest house and remained overnight.

Wednesday 19th September: 0800 Patrol walked to KAVAVA village and conducted census and village inspections. 1400 Continued to HURURU and revised census and inspected the village. 1700 Returned to HOPAiku rest House and remained overnight.

Thursday 20th September: 0800 Patrol departed Hopiku and walked inland to PAIVERA where census and village inspection was conducted. PAIVERA hamlets were also inspected (PAIVERA, KWAIPET, LAIKORA) 1500 Returned to HOPAiku rest house ~~and remained overnight~~. 1600 Attempted to purchase land for Catholic Mission at MAREA. Returned HOPAiku and remained night

Friday 21st September 0900 Patrol attempted to purchase Land at HARELAREVA for OROKOLO Co-Op. Native Socy. 1200 Patrol departed OROKOLO and walked to MAREA rest house of the AREHAVA group. 1400 Held meeting of AREHAVA village officials. Remained overnight MAREA rest house.

Saturday 22nd September: 1000 attended feast ceremony at HAREVAVO village. Remained overnight MAREA.

Sunday 23rd September: Observed at MAREA.

Monday 24th September: 0800 Patrol proceeded to IOUKU ~~ham~~ of the AREHAVA group and conducted census and village inspection. 1300 continued to LOLEHAIRU village where census was revised and the village inspected. 1700 Patrol returned to MAREA rest house and remained over night.

Tuesday 25th September: 0800 Patrol walked to KAIBUKABU village and conducted census and village inspection. 1300 Patrol attempted to purchase land at KAIBUKABU for the AREHAVA Co-Op. Native Socy. 1600 Returned to MAREA rest house and remained overnight.

Wednesday 26th September: 0800 Conducted census and village inspection of MAREA village. 1400 Heard courts of MAREA. Remained overnight MAREA rest house.

Thursday 27th September: 0800 Patrol walked to HAREVAVO village and revised census and conducted village inspection. 1330 Returned and packed up patrol gear. 1500 Patrol walked to HOPAiku rest house and remained overnight.

Friday 28th September: 0700 Patrol walked to HEREKERA village and conducted census also inspected hamlets of LARIAU, HEREKERA, HOHORO, PUKOVAVU, of HEREKERA group. Returned Ihu

Saturday 29th September: Patrol walked to PUKOVAVU and attempted to purchase land for the PUKOVAVU Co-Op. Native Socy. 1400 Patrol returned to Ihu Patrol Post and remained overnight.

Sunday 30th September: Observed Ihu Patrol Post

Monday 1st October : 0800 Patrol walked to AUMA and conducted census and village inspection. 1130 Continued to VAILALA HILOI and conducted census and village inspection. Returned Ihu

Tuesday 2nd October: 0800 Patrol walked to Haruape village where census and village inspection were carried out. 1200 Continued to Vailala West and conducted census and village inspection. 1400 Patrol crossed the Vailala and purchased land at Vailala East for Vailala East Native Co-Op. Socy. 1530 Patrol returned to Vailala Hiloi and purchased land for Vailala Hiloi Native CO-OP. Native Socy. 1600 Patrol returned to Auma village and purchased land for the Auma Co-Op, Native Socy. 1700 Returned to Ihu Patrol Post.

NATIVE AFFAIRS

The native situation in the area visited by the patrol was found to be quite satisfactory. The patrol was well received throughout the villages visited and the people responded to instructions given concerning road repair and cleaning and rebuilding in the villages.

The AREHAHA and OROKOLO village groups are noted for their tendency to brawling; half of the 'courts' brought to IHU Patrol Post are of this nature. However, these villages remained docile and law abiding during the period of the patrol. Gambling seems to be the root of any illfeeling in these villages. Local Missionaries complained that ~~gamb-ling~~ ^{ling} was responsible for the poor attendance in Church on Sundays. Meetings of village officials were held in all village groups, particularly to co-ordinate a drive against gambling. Some officials admitted to being involved in card playing but agreed to mend their ways and to investigate and bring to the attention of the Officer in Charge, IHU, any further gambling. Card playing seems to be a Sunday affair in the OROKOLO and AREHAHA groups, simply for want for something better to do and the only possible solution would be to introduce other interests in the form of competitive sport. However, this also would meet with disapproval from the Missions.

The patrol attempted to clear up several outstanding land applications in the AREHAHA, OROKOLO and VAILALA areas. The Catholic Mission OROKOLO had made application for a mission lease at MAREA village of the AREHAHA group and the patrol approached the owners to purchase the land. The Catholic Mission had been misled as to the owners' willingness to sell as the owners all turned out to be ardent L.M.S. men and they were adamant in holding their land.

Land was purchased by the patrol for the Native Co-Operative Societies at VAILALA EAST, VAILALA HILOI, AUMA and PAKOWABU villages. Unfortunately the ~~EE~~ land under the Co-Operative Store at AREHAHA was not purchased as the owners were not willing to come to the terms provided by the Dept of Lands. It was carefully explained to the owners that it was necessary for the Society to hold a lease hold over the land beneath their store and that the purchase would only benefit the Society, of which they were members, but they still refused. It is hoped that the Assistant Registrar of Co-Operatives, Mr. H.H. Jackman, who has since visited the area, will have been able to change their minds. The patrol also attempted to purchase land at OROKOLO for the Orokola Native Co-Operative Society but a dispute arose over the ownership of the land and purchase has been postponed until the real owners are found. Beside the AREHAHA and OROKOLO Co-Op land there are no further land matters outstanding in the IHU area West of the Vailala River.

VILLAGES

MURO GROUP This group consists of ANAHE, ERE, PURARI, KILAVE, MAIVA, MAITA, and AREHAVA No.2 villages. These were found in good order, village compounds being clean and tidy and appeared to have been maintained as such and not just hurriedly cleaned up for the patrol's visit.

AREHAVA GROUP This group consists of IOUKU, LOLEHAIRU, MAREA, KAIBUKABU and HAREVAVO villages. They are situated on the beach just above high water mark and are drab and windswept. Instructions were given for several houses to be rebuilt in all these villages as a start in introducing a higher housing standard.

OROKOLO GROUP This group consists of KAVAVA, HURURU, HOPAIKU, and HARELAREVA. Housing standard is higher in these villages than in other groups. In several instances natives had started rebuilding their houses on their own initiative and were taking a pride in building better houses. However it was necessary to give instruction for the rebuilding of several fences which had been neglected. All instructions given throughout the villages visited were entered in the back pages of the Village Census Books. Village Policemens' Books are now out of print and in most cases they are old and dilapidated with no further room to write any comments or instructions.

HERAKERA, HOHORO GROUP This a large group of hamlets scattered along the beach ~~from~~ between AUMA and OROKOLO. It consists of MIAI, HAIARI, PAKOWABO, HOHORO, HEREKERA and LARIAU. These small hamlets were found to be well tended with a reasonably high standard of housing. No instructions were necessary in this group.

VAILALA GROUP This consists of AUMA, ~~KAMU~~ HARUAPE, VAILALA HILOI, and VAILALA WEST. These are situated on the coast on the Western side of the Vailala River. They were found to be in reasonable condition but the housing standard is much lower than in other groups.

PAIVERA GROUP This a group of hamlets consisting of PAIVERA, KWAIPEA and LAIKORA. These were found to be in good condition. They are situated five miles behind the OROKOLO group and the people are an off shoot from the coastal villages. Even though they are now fully adapted to a new existence of an inland people they are equally advanced in housing standards and cleanliness.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Village Officials were helpful and attentive during the patrol and appear to be carrying out their duties to a certain extent. The V.C's at the AREHAVA and OROKOLO groups were warned to supervise the maintenance of roads within their areas. The patrol found that OROKOLO roads were in a very poor condition mainly because the V.C's had not bothered to muster the village men and take them out onto the roads. All Village Police were reminded of their duties and were instructed to take a more active interest in investigating gangling and other aspects of maintaining law and order.

Two new Councillors were appointed during the patrol; one at MAREA village and another at MURO.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Roads and bridges in the area patrolled were found to be in a very poor condition. To a certain extent, this is due to a lack of maintenance from the villages, but it is also largely due to the heavy transport used on the roads. The Ihu Native Co-Operative Association tractor frequently runs over the roads from IHU to AREHAVA with heavy loads and this combined with the heavy rain which has occurred within the last six months has torn up the roads. Deep ruts have formed from the tractor treads and many muddy patches have made the road practically impassable for any other traffic. Bridges on this road are falling apart from constant punishment from the tractors and trailers.

This is also the case on the MURO-CROKOLO road. At any time this road is in poor condition in the wet season because of flooding from the numerous creeks ~~WIKI~~ in the area. The road runs through a swamp and was not built for tractors. When tractors operate over it in the wet season, the surface is turned into a continuous quagmire. The patrol supervised the repair of this road and after a full day's work with the whole male adult population of the AREHAVA villages, who are responsible for the road, a large extent of the boggy patches had been filled in. That night seven inches of rainfall was recorded at MURO and the whole effect of the day's work was washed away.

To adapt these roads to heavy transport will take more than just routine maintenance and repair, but will involve the relaying of the road with some suitable foundation. It will also involve the digging of deep ditches and building culverts in sections liable to flooding. The road from IHU through to MURO has now been declared a secondary road.

The foot road from OROKOLO to PAIVERA village was found to be in excellent condition.

HEALTH

Village health in the area visited was found to be at a high standard. Village people are now becoming hospital conscious and are bringing any illness to the hospital at OROKOLO L.M.S. Mission Station and the Aid Posts at IHU, HEREKERA and HARELAREVA. However, it was necessary to send several children with neglected skin diseases for medical attention. During the patrol Dr. Calvert, LMS Missionary in Charge of KAPUNA hospital visited the AREHAVA, OROKOLO and VAILALA areas on a T.B. and leprosy survey. Leprosy has a firm foothold in the OROKOLO area but it is well under control thanks to the attentions of Sister Leighton, of the L.M.S. Oroko, and Dr. Calvert.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

The staple foods of the area are sago, coconuts, taro and bananas. Secondary staples include yams, sweet potato, corn, pumpkin, sugar cane and beans. Sago remains the main diet of the people because the long wet season prevents other food from flourishing.

All villages have a number of pigs and many have the remains of a Berkshire strain which was introduced by the L.M.S. about ten years ago. Muro people have recently bought a pair of Berkshire pigs to improve the strain in their villages.

All the coastal people in the area rely

greatly on fish for ~~KKE~~ protein in their diet. All spare time is devoted to fishing with nets in the surf or with set lines in the creeks behind the villages.

MISSIONS AND EDUCATION

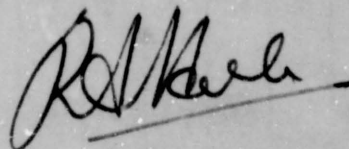
Education in the area patrolled is largely in the hands of the L.M.S. Mission. In all village groups there are schools with L.M.S teachers and they provide all Education facilities within the villages. At OROKOLO the L.M.S run a large school for girls and boys up to grade four. The Catholic Mission also run a similar school at their station at OROKOLO. This is not all too satisfactory as both Missions complain that the school in the other Mission hampers progress, as after any disciplinary action is taken against a pupil, the pupil will walk to the other Mission School and sign on. Kerema Coronation Central School provides an outlet for further education past standard four for the IHU area. The Education School at Boara is also taking boys from the area.

A village Higher School has been built by the People at IHU Patrol Post. It is an excellent school largely due to its head teacher OEKA who is a really capable and willing worker.

CENSUS

Census was revised in all villages in the Census Division of the Villages West of the Vailala River. Attendance was good and there were no prosecutions for natives failing to appear. Village officials were helpful and the people all 'lined' without undue fuss.

A healthy increase in population is indicated in the figures recorded; 234 births as opposed to 122 deaths. In the majority, the deaths were in the adult age group.



R.A. Hole
Cadet Patrol Officer

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Register

APPENDIX 'A'

Report on members R.P. & N.G.C. accompanying
IHU Patrol No. 4/1956-57

Reg. No. I39I Lance/Corp. BOROH

An experienced man and proved useful throughout the patrol. Unfortunately he is not smart in appearance and is inclined to be lazy.

Reg. No. 9I2I Const. WARAI

A 'first term' who has made a great deal of progress toward being a smart and efficient policeman. His budding sense of humour will help him on this road.

Reg. No. 7359 Const. BIRIMOI

This policeman did not make himself apparent on the patrol. When jobs were in the offering he was never the first to appear. However, he is smart and efficient in the work he does.

(R.A. Hole)

Officer of R.P. & N.G.C.

ion Register

Area Patrolled WEST COAST CENSUS DIVISION

ABSENT FROM VILLAGE																			LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		Average Size of Family	TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL
AT WORK					STUDENTS										Pregnant	Number of Child Bearing Age	Child		Adults											
Inside District		Outside District			Govt.		Mission		Males		Females																			
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