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PATROL REPORT OF: IOMA - AFORE
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NORHTERN DISTRICT

PATROL REPORTS

1970-1971

IOMA & AFORE

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer conducting</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
<u>IOMA</u>		
1-70-71	R. HEADLY	Binandere Census Division.
2-70-71	R. T. HEADLY	Binandere & Aiga C. D.
3-70-71	R. T. HEADLY	Aiga Census Division.
 <u>AFORE</u>		
1-70-71	I. A. MURRAY	Part - Bariji area only)
2-70-71	(not enclosed) T. A. LESA	Report (Not Enclosed)
3-70-71	PHILLIP ROFE	Managalase and Musa C. D.
4-70-71	J. M. LAND	MaMagalase and Musa C. D.
5-70-71	M. J. DILENA	Musa and Managalase (Part)



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN Report No. 1 of 1970 - 71

Patrol Conducted by R. HEADLY. P.O.

Area Patrolled BINANDERE CENSUS DIVISION.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives INTERPRETER, COUNCIL CLERK and POLICEMAN.

Duration—From 2 / 12 / 19 70 to 18 / 12 / 19 70

Number of Days 17 Seventeen

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 23 / 6 / 19 70

Medical / / 19

Map Reference ATTACHED.

Objects of Patrol TAMATA LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL GENERAL ELECTIONS.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

District Commissioner

15121971

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation \$.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund \$.....

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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REPORT NUMBER

Ref: 67-1-1

Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
POPONDETTA. Northern District.

DISTRICT

16th February, 1971.

COUNCIL/NON-

PATROL CONTROL

AREA PATROLLED

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

IOMA PATROL REPORT NO. 1 OF 1970/71.

I attach hereto a report of a patrol mounted to conduct Local Government Elections for the Ioma based Tamata Local Government Council, together with covering comments by Assistant District Commissioner, Popondetta.

DATE

A copy of the remarks relevant to the Waria Division, now part of the Morobe District, will be sent to that District Commissioner for information - I do not consider that there is anything to be gained by the two Districts mounting a joint patrol.

TOTAL

As stated elsewhere, in due course I foresee the dissolution of the scarcely viable Tamata Council and its element being absorbed in the Higaturu, Oro Bay and Morobe based Local Government Councils.

(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner.

of 'Cash crops' is a novel approach. However I should imagine "pensions" would be a significant part of village income.

Miscellaneous:

Mr. Reader's remarks under paragraph (2) are particularly pertinent. I feel that a joint patrol of the area should be carried out by an officer from each District to explain the facts to them. Previous patrolling officers - at least from Ioma - would not have had either the approach or sympathy with the situation. I consider this important. Also an extra effort is called upon from the Councils on the Morobe side to assimilate the Papuan Waria. I recommend that the District Commissioner, Iae, should be advised of this matter.

REPORT NUMBER : Ioma No. 1 of 1970/71 (Special)

SUB-DISTRICT : Popondetta

DISTRICT : Northern

COUNCIL/NON-COUNCIL AREA : Tamata Local Government Council.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY : (A) R.T. Headly P.O.

: (B) A. Gaso L.G.A.

AREA PATROLLED : Tamata L.G.C.

PERSONAL ACCOMPANYING @ (A) Interpreter, Council Clerk & 1 member RPNGC.

(B) S. Arabata, P.O. in training.

DURATION OF PATROL: (A) 2.12.70 to 18.12.70 17 days

(B) 10.12.70 to 18.12.70 9 days.

Total 26 days.

DATE & DURATION LAST PATROL TO AREA@: (A) NOV 1969 21 days

(B) MAY 1970 9 days

OBJECTS OF PATROL : Conducted Council Elections

TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA PATROLLED: (A) 3808

(B) 2499

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER : NOT Enclosed.

Remarks upon the election in Ward 10 are noted. When an established man is defeated by ballot a lesson in democracy is driven home.

Situation Report:
Remarks upon Political Education have been noted and reflect more than normal reactions in this District. The Northern District is very conservative.

Remarks upon cash cropping are noted. I think Mr. Headly will be surprised at the amount of coffee groves on the site when he comes to do his Area Study. DASP in Popondetta could do it well work-while for an entrepreneur to visit the area buying robusta coffee.

To refer to police pensioners under the heading of 'Cash crops' is a novel approach. However I should imagine 'pensions' would be a significant part of village income.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of the Administrator.

Sub District Office,
POPONDETTA. ND

8th February, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

IOMA PATROL REPORT No. 1 of 1970/71.

1. I attach in triplicate copies of the above patrol report submitted by Messrs Headly and Gaso. The patrol was to cover council elections of the Tamata Local Government Council.

2. The report is in two sections - The first part submitted by Mr. Headly covers the northern part of the Council and the second part submitted by Mr. Gaso of the Aiga Census Division.

3. The election reports have been submitted direct to the DLGO (Returning Officer) and typed copies are included in this jacket for information. Points for comments are:

Mr. Headly's Submission.

Electoral Report.

Remarks upon method of recording the vote notes are concurred with.

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Situation Report:

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With regard to the Binandere - I do not know what the answer is. A possible re-orientation towards the Morobe District could be the answer. Whether they would, or could, be assimilated by the Morobe District is unknown as yet.

Mr. Gaso's Submission.

Electoral Report.

Remarks upon Feminine interested really only show that unmarried young woman are shyer than older married women. I feel that not much part in Council or National affairs is taken by the village women from the Aiga.

Situation Report

Mr. Gaso's remarks upon Local Government and the Political Situation have been read with interest I also feel that the link in knowledge between the Council and the villager is nebulous to say the least. Perhaps more attention could be paid to educating councillors to disseminate information at village level. Ward Committees who attend Council meetings would also assist in forging this vital link.

The Ioma women's club has been functioning for years. It is good to see the interest shown in it by Mrs. Headly.

4. Both officers refer to the cooperation shown to patrols by the village people. This is pleasing in this ~~iconoclastic~~ ^{iconoclastic} age.

5. The delay in submission is regretted but the Situation Report covering the Binandere has only just come to hand. Forwarded for your information please.

(C. G. Day)
Assistant District Commissioner.

Copy: Officer in Charge,
IOMA. ND

8/12/70 Nominations received. ... at Kotaura. ...
9/12/70 Departed Kotaura 0700 ... Bataari. ...
10/12/70 Polling Tabora. ...
11/12/70 ... Tabora 0900 Arrived Ainsl 1100. Nominations received. ...
12/12/70 Departed Ainsl 0800 hrs arrived Onambutu 0845. Polling from 0930 to 1100. ...
13/12/70 Sunday observed. ...
14/12/70 Nominations received from next ward 11. Polling Departed Mindewari 1000 arrived Swore 1200. ...

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TAMATA LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL.

GENERAL ELECTIONS 1970.

PATROL DIARY.

2/12/70 Departed Ioma 0830 by tractor to Mambare River. By river in council dinghy and outboard motor to Sia village. Nominations received.

Slept Sia.

3/12/70 Polling at Sia. Departed Sia 1100 arrived Taututu 1130. Polling at Taututu. Departed Taututu 1400 arrived Mambaturu 1600.

Slept Mambatutu.

4/12/70 Polling at Mambatutu. Results of election Ward 7 announced. Visit to Anglican Mission and reception in evening at the womans club Manau.

Slept Mambatutu.

5/12/70 Departed Mambatutu 0700 arrived Deboin 0939. Nominations received. 1400 commenced polling. Results of election Ward 8 announced. Talks held during evening to assembled village people on political education and council matters.

Slept Deboin.

6/12/70 Sunday observed. Departed Deboin 1400 arrived Mambatutu 1630.

Slept Mambatutu.

7/12/70 Departed Mambatutu 0600. Entered Gira River without mishap. However a few miles upstream motor hit snag causing motor to become inoperative. Paddled and poled upstream for three hours. Extremely hard work, so walked to Kotaure arrived 1800. Sent village people in canoes back to dinghy which returned 2100.

Slept Kotaure.

8/12/70 Nominations received. Polling at Kotaure.

Slept Kotaure.

9/12/70 Departed Kotaure 0700 arrived Batari 1100. Polling held Batari. Departed arrived Tabara 1400. Heavy rain.

Slept Tabara.

10/12/70 Polling Tabara. Results of elections Ward 9 announced.

Slept Tabara.

11/12/70 Departed Tabara 0900 Arrived Ainsi 1100. Nominations received. Commenced polling 1300. Evening talk and discussion on political education and council matters.

Slept Ainsi.

12/12/70 Departed Ainsi 0800 hrs arrived Onambatutu 0845. Polling from 0930 to 1100. Departed Onambatutu arrived Nindewari 1130. Commenced polling 1400 completed 1600. Evening talk and discussions on political education and council matters.

Slept Nindewari.

13/12/70 Sunday observed.

Slept Nindewari

14/12/70 Nominations received from next ward 11. Polling Departed Nindewari 1000 arrived Ewore 1200. Polling at Ewore. Results of election ward 11 announced.

Slept Ewore.

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15/12/70 Departed Ewore 0900 arrived Bovera 1530 hrs.
Received nominations. Slept Bovera

16/12/70 Commenced elections 1100 completed 1400. Results
of election ward 12 announced. Slept Bovera

17/12/70 Departed Bovera 0830 arrived Nindewari 1500.
Slept Nindewari.

18/12/70 Departed Nindewari 0830 arrived Ioma 1540 hrs.
Patrol stood down.

Ioma Patrol Post,
Northern District.
PAPUA.

27th January, 1971.

PATROL REPORT IOMA No. 1 of 1970/71.

A. INTRODUCTION.

The primary purpose of this patrol was to conduct General Elections in the Binandere Census Division for the appointment of Councillors to the Tamata Local Government Council.

Wards seven to twelve inclusive were covered by this patrol. Elections in wards one to six Aiga Census Division were conducted by a patrol from Popondetta.

B. POLITICAL SITUATION.

Local Government.

The Tamata Local Government Council is a comparatively small council. There are two census divisions under its control - namely the Aiga and Binandere. The Waria census division has only recently been transferred over to the Garaina Local Government Council. There are in all thirteen councillors in office with the Tamata Council.

This council has only been in operation a few short years, and up till October 1970 has been reliant on tax money only. In October however the council commenced an airstrip maintenance contract with the Public Works Department maintaining Ioma and Kikinonda airstrips respectively.

Because of the short time of existence of the council, and the limited funds at its disposal, the council can only show a few achievements in the way of work projects. Namely- a few water wells, council chambers and purchase of 18ft work boat and outboard motor. As the council becomes more prosperous it is hoped that this position will improve.

Political Education.

At most of the villages camped in, political education talks were held in the evenings. The majority of villagers were interested and attentive. At the end of my talks numerous people made speeches, the crux of these being that they were only village people working on their land. They were in no way ready for Self Government or Independence. Also it was only the Parliamentarians and town workers that were pushing for Independence, certainly not the village people.

At one of the more remote villages I received a definite shock to the system. After giving my talk which was repetitious to other talks already given in other villages I received a completely negative response. After waiting several minutes one old man eventually got up and after thanking me for my speech requested permission to ask a question. His question was quote 'What is Self Government and Independence'

It is obvious that some of these villagers are not aware of what is happening politically, and those that do are not happy with the situation.

The Select Committee is presently on tour visiting in the main town centres or established out stations. Will this Committee really and truly receive the feelings of the majority of the people, or will the people that do attend said meetings be once again town dwellers and workers. I cannot see the remote village people attending these meetings.

C. ECONOMIC SITUATION.

Cash Crops.

Unfortunately on this patrol, my entire time was taken up with conducting elections, political education talks and the hearing of numerous complaints - police charges now pending.

No information whatsoever was gathered in the way of cash crop statistics. However I will be conducting a census and area study patrol soon, and these figures will be obtained on that patrol.

However the impression gained on the amount of cash cropping being done in the Binandere area was indeed very small. Admittedly the people in this area are handicapped in the way of transport. There are no roads. The air service to Ioma is conducted by a Porter aircraft three times weekly, which unfortunately is limited in the amount of freight that it can carry. There is one flight per week only to Kikinonda.

River and sea access appear to be the only solution to this problem. Apparently this has been tried in the past, and I am led to understand not to successfully.

Nevertheless it is fairly obvious that the people are not exerting themselves unduly. I suspect that apart from subsistence farming, the people are deriving cash incomes from their relatives who are working in the various towns. The Ioma area has an exceptionally high number of police pensioners who may be contributing financially to their various one talk.

Apart from this I cannot think of any other cash income that is being derived.

D. SOCIAL.

Education.

There are two Anglican Mission Schools in this division. Father Smith is in charge of the Mission at Manau. He has the assistance of three European Sisters, who appear to be doing excellent work.

Unfortunately I do not think their efforts are being reciprocated in return by the village people. Only the other day I received a letter from the Sister in Charge asking if I could approach the various Councillors and request that assistance be given to the Mission patrols in the way of carriers. Also girls were required urgently in the Mission hospital re nursing and general orderlies.

The other Mission school is situated at Nindewari and is completely Indigenous operated.

It is indeed a shame when the village people will not assist the Mission. Government patrols likewise have some trouble acquiring carriers, but is more or less expected. Fortunately we are in the position of being able to pay reasonable carrier fees, which I presume the Mission is unable to pay.

The Sia village people are anxious to have a Government School at their village. I requested the Councillor to bring this up as an agenda item in the next council meeting, which I am afraid he neglected to do.

E. MISCELLANEOUS

I was exceptionally impressed with Councillor Japhet from Bovera village. He entertained the patrol with a small feast. What was of significance however was that he served his own home grown rice. This was the first time that I had seen this in the Northern District, and needless to say I was pleasantly surprised.

Japhet is now trying to get other people interested in growing rice. Perhaps this is not sensational news, but to me it is heart warming to see a village person use his own initiative, and obviously working hard

B.

The only complaints or grievances heard on patrol are listed as follows.

(1) The village people from the Binandere area are not happy with the proposed idea of moving the patrol post from Ioma to Sial on the Kumusi River. Their comments on the matter, is that if this does take effect, they will have little or no contact with the Administration and all the facilities that go to making a patrol post.

On the other hand, as the District Commissioner has already pointed out, Ioma is costing approximately \$25,000 per annum to run. Very little in the way of cash crops come out of Ioma.

(2) The patrol met several Waria village people. These people were sent to me by their Councillor to be dealt with over various charges - fighting etc. In the course of hearing these complaints it became obvious that these people do not like their census division being swung over to the Garaina Council.

Even at Ioma itself I have Waria people coming to me to renew their shot gun licences and sundry other matters.

I feel that it is very important that Administration Officers from the New Guinea side assimilate these people into their area as quickly as possible. Extensive patrolling of the Waria may be the answer.

(3) Lastly the majority of villages visited, the census of opinion was that the people were upset with their two Members of the House of Assembly - namely Wilson Suja and Mr Fielding. Their comments were, that apart from the pre election campaign they have not once seen their member since he has been elected into office.

The other complaint was that nothing whatsoever had been done for the Binandere people.

Summary.

The above complaints have been reported as they were actually received.

I apologize for the briefness of my report, but as already mentioned this was a General Election patrol and the majority of my time was taken up with conducting same.

I am looking forward to the census and area study patrol which will give me the opportunity to derive all possible information necessary on this Ioma area.

The patrol arrived. The night prior to the elections, I tried whenever possible to call all the nominations ie persons that had been nominated for election, to attend and hear my lecture on the correct procedure of voting and various other aspects pertaining to same. It was observed that later the candidates would address their supporters likewise. Where this occurred I found that polling in these villages was extremely successful, and carried through in clockwork.

Before commencing the polling I used the use of blackboard and chalk to illustrate the advantages of the use of blackboard and chalk to illustrate the advantages, and most appreciated by the people.

METHOD OF POLLING.

Twelve polling places were set up in the course of the elections. I gather that the usual number for this census division are going to be successful, ie the majority of the people voting, than polling should be carried out at most of the villages. It is obvious that the old, sick and persons not really interested are not going to walk exceptional distances to vote. Consequently polling should be carried out at as many villages as possible.

R.T. Headly.

Patrol Officer - Ioma.

ELECTORAL REPORT ON THE FOURTH GENERAL ELECTIONS

IOMA

TAMATA LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL.

INTRODUCTION.

This was the fourth general election for the Tamata Local Government Council held to elect office bearers for the next two years. The Waria census Divisions has now been transferred over to the Garaina Local Government Council, with the result that only two census divisions are remaining in the Tamata Local Government Council - namely Aiga and the Binandere census divisions.

Because the Writ for the general elections was issued early December, it was necessary to have another Assistant Returning Officer from Popondetta to conduct polling in the Aiga census divisions whilst myself conducted the Binandere elections.

The Binandere elections commenced on the 3rd December, 1970 and were completed on the 16th December, 1970. The Aiga elections commenced on the 10th December and were completed on the 18th December.

On my patrol the Binandere, I was accompanied by an interpreter council clerk and one policeman. The clerk and interpreter provided excellent assistance in the conducting of the polling.

Apart from the outboard motor becoming inoperative and so pro-longing the patrol, the elections were carried out satisfactory, and patrol quite successful.

TYPE AND DURATION OF THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

I have only recently taken over command of this station, late October in fact. Prior to this the station had been virtually unmanned, no resident Administrative Officer in attendance for several months. Apart from verbal instructions given to the Councillors, the only other source of pre election campaign were circular letters that I despatched to all the villages.

However I am pleased to say that every village was ready for the elections when the patrol arrived. The night prior to the elections, I tried whenever possible to call all the nominations ie persons that had been nominated for election, to attend and hear my lecture on the correct procedure of voting and various other aspects pertaining to same. It was observed that later the candidates would address their supporters likewise. Where this occurred I found that polling in these villages was extremely successful, and carried through like clockwork.

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MANNER OF ELECTIONS.

Twelve polling places were used during the course of the elections. I gather that this is somewhat more than the usual number for this census division. I feel that if elections are going to be successful, ie the majority of the people voting, then polling should be carried out at most of the villages. It is obvious that the old, sick and persons not really interested are not going to walk exceptional distances to vote. Consequently polling should be carried out at as many villages as possible.

The high number of informal votes is due to the fact that I discouraged the old method of whispering vote to the Patrol Officer, and instead encouraged the old and illiterate people to ask assistance from one of their children or friends. I found that where blackboard and chalk was available, and that the people paid attention to my talk, correct method of voting was exceptionally good. The whispering method should be abolished, as it leaves the Assistant Returning Officer wide open to any complaint whether false or true.

Not one complaint was received from the people regarding the places of polling or method of voting. I would be prepared to say that the people appreciated the abandonment of the whispering vote, and appeared to enjoy and understand the method of voting. Given time informal should decrease appreciatively.

FEMININE INTEREST IN ELECTIONS.

No women were nominated for the elections. I have yet to see the day when they will be. However I am prepared to say that the women were as interested in the elections as their menfolk, if not possibly more so.

The majority of women the needed assistance when voting sought the help of their daughters in preference to their husbands. This to me suggests that women are not entirely dependant on their husbands and also prefer to have their own choice of candidate then that of their spouse.

INCIDENTS.

No serious incidents occurred during this election. In wards 7 and 8 Councillors Grayson and Ian were re-elected by popular vote for a further term of office. Ward 9 ex councillor Gilbert was not nominated. People from all the villages in this ward complained that Gilbert had absconded with tax money that they had paid to him in 1968 and 69. Also three other charges were laid against this man. Police section is now pending. The new councillor Enoch had an outright win in this election. From information heard and gathered it appears that the people had already decided who they wanted as councillor long before the patrol arrived. Apparently with the next election a man from a different village will be voted into office. This appears to be their way of thinking - a man from a different village for each two years term.

Ward 10 proved to be the most interesting of all the wards in the elections. The voting was extremely close with the result that a new councillor was elected. Ex councillor Kipling from Ainsi village losing by a small minority. There appears to be three different clans in this ward, and two of these clans were not all happy with the results. The new councillor Clive from Onambatutu came to me after the elections wishing to return his councillors badge and desiring to resign. However after talking to him and particularly later in the evening when talking to the assembled village people on Political Education and council matters, not only did he change his mind, but also the village people themselves changed their minds.

Ward 11 was also interesting, the results being very close. A new councillor was elected from this ward also.

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SUMMARY.

I consider the elections were extremely successful. There was a keen interest shown in the voting procedures. Illustrating the method of voting with blackboard and chalk and talk on same was very much appreciated by the people.

The only complaints that I received on patrol was the proposed closing of the Ioma Patrol Post and shifting came to Sia. This is fairly understandable as it is the Binandere villages that will be effected by such a move.

Similarly some Waria people visited the patrol on various matters, and complained of their not liking the move of the Waria to the New Guinea side. I am completely unbiased on this matter, but as complaints have been made I am reporting same for the information of my senior officers. Some of the Waria people look upon Ioma as their patrol post and are still coming to the station on various matters ranging from renewal of shot gun licences to serious cases of assault. I would suggest that the Morobe Administration Officers patrol the Waria extensively and make the people of this area feel as if they do now belong to this new division.

Another complaint heard on patrol was that their Members of the House of Assembly Mr. Fielding and Mr. Wilson Suja had not once visited their villages whilst holding office.

Perhaps these points are not applicable to a council election report but nevertheless they should be reported, as they will again be reported in the next census report.

WARD 11.

NAME OF VILLAGE of Ioma village. Aged 30 years, married with two children. Educated to Standard 2. Sub-keeper growing coffee and vegetable produce. Speak very little English.....
fluently.

R. T. Headly.

ELECTED OFFICER NAMES

Assistant Returning Officer.

The next council meeting is on the 13th January, after consequently office bearers president and vice president have not as yet been elected. When this is done I will forward written confirmation of same.

R. T. Headly.

Assistant Returning Officer.

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APPENDIX 'A'

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF NEW MEMBERS.

WARD 9.

ENOCK KOROWA of Taire village. Aged 37 years, married with two children. Educated to standard 3. Stood for election in 1968. Lives in his village. Sub farmer - grown coffee and cocoa. Speak some English. Speak Pidgin and Motu fluently. I was not that favourably impressed with this man. However first meeting and impression can always be wrong.

WARD 10.

CLIVE DERARI of Onambatutu village. Aged 25 years, married with one child. Educated to standard 4. Stood for election in 1968. Sub farmer - grows coffee and vegetable produce. Speak some English. Speak Pidgin and Motu ~~not~~ fluently. An extremely quiet and silent individual on first meeting. However later in the evening when giving talks to the people on political education I was most impressed with this mans oratory and knowledge.

This man has definite leadership qualities and I predict should go a long way in the years to come.

WARD 11.

RAYMOND TOVEBAE of Ewore village. Aged 30 years, married with two children. Educated to standard 2. Sub farmer growing coffee and vegetable produce. Speak very little English. Speaks Pidgin and Motu fluently.

ELECTED OFFICE BEARERS.

The next council meeting is on the 18th January, ~~affix~~ consequently office bearers president and vice president have not as yet been elected. When this is done I will forward written confirmation of same.

R. T. Headly.

Assistant Returning Officer.

PATROL DIARY.

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TAMATA LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

ELECTORAL REPORT ON THE FOURTH GENERAL ELECTION.

INTRODUCTION: This was the fourth Tamata Local Government Council General election held to elect councillors for the coming two years.

The election commenced at Kikinonda (Ward 3) on 10th December to the 18th December, 1971. This date shows the period the election started in the AIGA Census Division until it finished. However, the writ for the election in this division shows from 10th December to the 19th December, 1970.

Within the above stated period, I covered the AIGA Census Division assisted by Mr. Arabata, a Trainee Patrol Officer. There was no Interpreter or a Policeman accompanying us through the patrol to organise the carriers. However, Mr. Arabata was capable enough and so organised the carriers and paid them at every polling places.

TYPE AND DURATION OF PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN:

The pre-election campaign for Wards 1-6 were not conducted due to shortage of staff in IOMA Patrol Post. However, the attendance by the electors were good. The majority of the people turned up for the election because the election programmes were sent to every Councillor and every polling places by the Officer-in-Charge at IOMA Station.

The number of absentees were those who were actually working in various towns in the Territory and less majority were those who were unable to come for the election for sound reasons. The election talks were delivered to the attending people every time just before the actual voting took place. Also that messages were passed to other Wards of my proceedings. The majority of the people were aware of the dates and the polling places to gather for the election. The overall population had turned up for the voting.

MANNER OF ELECTION:

Seven Polling places were used during the period of election (See my Patrol diary). In Wards 1, 3, 5 and 6 (Kurereda) the candidates were unopposed, so there were no actual pollings in these Wards. The polling places were centrally located. Because of this the majority of the people up despite of the distances. No complaints were heard from the for the polling places. It seemed to me was that the people from distances were keen to come for the election regardless of the distances. Especially, the people from SAGERE to HURATA, GAIARI to PETEKIARI and OITATANDA to SIAI.

FEMININE INTERESTS IN THE ELECTION:

No woman candidate was nominated for the election. This, quite clearly showed that no woman were interested in standing. However, woman were keen in voting. They cast their votes directed by neither their husband nor by their womenfolks.

Females gave good attention to the talks than the men. The women seemed to be independ from the men. The elderly women had the courage to come right near to the voting table to cast their votes, but the younger ones were shy. Because of the I explained to them the disadvantages. This in Ward 2 only, but the rest were as normal.

INCIDENTS: There was only a minor incident occurred in Ward 1. The people sat down together and discussed who would stand as candidate. The majority of the people refused the present councillor, Kevin Gill Iohi to stand. Unfortunately the said councillor was absent visiting friends in Popondetta even though he got the election programme sent to him. He in fact told the people the polling places and the dates.

There was small argument between the SAGERE people and the HURATA people, on who would be nominated. However they did not find a suitable man to replace the present councillor so they decided to let him have a try within the coming two years. Despite of the argument, Kevin Gill Iohi was nominated unopposed. Regarding the other five Wards, the elections and the nominations went off smoothly.

ABSENTEEISM AND STATISTICS:

The total number of males enrolled as electors in Ward 1, 3, 5, and 6 is 887 and 695 female electors making the total of 1582. Number of male electors who actually cast their votes were 214 and female electors 190. The male electors who were eligible of voting but were absent is 211 and female 154. More than half of those who did not vote were absent due to the reasons which I accepted as reasonable.

These figures are from those wards 2, 4, and 6 where the actual polling took place, but from wards 1, 3, 5 and half of ward 6 is excluded because the candidates were unopposed and so I could not get the exact figures. However, the total male and female electors are shown as above.

SUMMARY:

The election which I conducted in the AIGA Census Division were successful apart from the unopposed wards. Even though the actual polling took place, there were no new candidates who won the seat from the ex. councillor, except in ward 6 (Iaudari) where the new candidate won the seat by majority cast of votes over the old councillor.

On the actual polling places, the voting went on smoothly. The people were at some stages eager to some of the election talks and the duties of a councillor towards his wards. However, the people do not realize very well why they cast votes to the candidates. They think that electing a man to be a councillor is set down by law that it is always compulsory for those who are eligible to vote. I did spend time in explaining to them. On the whole people realize a bit that council could help some of their problems in the villages.

(C. Gaso)
Assistant Returning Officer.

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SITUATION REPORT.

INTRODUCTION.

The primary purpose of this patrol was to conduct the Tamata Local Government Council General Election in the AIGA census division. The patrol was on a camping basis. The Election was dropped by air at Kikinanda from Popondetta and the team continued to IOMA Patrol Post. The period took eight days to cover the above said census division.

A. Political Situation.

Local Government.

I cannot blame the slow work of the Council in the Aiga census division, because of its limited revenue and the Council is few years old. The impression that I got from the people in the Aiga census division was that they really want to see where their council tax money is going to. Apart from the Council Chambers in IOMA station, there is only two water wells in the division, namely at Hurata ward and in Usuindari. The other villages have their water from the rivers of which most of them are the tributaries of Kumusi and Mamba river.

Building of the roads in some parts are necessary, but the two major rivers makes it bit difficult. Unless the Council do something for the village people in this division, such as water wells, improvements on only the schools and the Aid Posts they have, the people will one day loose interests in paying council taxes, and there will probably be minor problems with the council tax collectors.

It is probably the ignorancy of the councillors who don't tell the people what their tax money is doing, and what sort of projects the council builds during the financial years. It is worthwhile that any officers going through this villages would tell the people roughly what the council is doing for the people in various villages. I have also come across village committees. These men should work closely with the councillors on a voluntarily basis and these men should attend any courses that the councillors would attend in their council.

On the other the co-operation by the councillors are good. I did not sight any illfeelings between the councillos in the wards. To my surprise minority of the people think that councillors somehow represent the judiciary functions besides their duties, as councillors to their people and the wards concerns. I did explain that councillors are not connected with the magisterialx matters. I went on and explain that councillors can be mediators with the minor things with the permission from the legal officers,

I have also sighted that councillors don't gather the people and tell them what had been discussed in the meetings when they get back to their villages. Also when going to the meeting. It is necessary that the people should have some ideas of the thing that have been discussed in the meetings from their councillors. The people also complained to me because the members of the House of Assembly(Northern District Members) seem to ignore them. I explain to them their duties, their work and compared with the councillors. Quite a majority of the people understood.

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On the economic point of view the Kikinonda airstrip should be improved. The strip is good at the moment, but it should be enlarged and extended. It is worth while that the Tamata council should takeover the airstrip and maintain it. The back load of the election patrol team were ten bags of cocoa and three passengers. The informations that I gathered from the agricultural Field Assistant at Kikinonda and the Kikinonda councillor were that every plane days they have store goods for various villages, Korisata Mission goods and the back loads usually more than ten bags of cocoa, coffee and passengers. I was told that the number of passengers and number of bags of cash crop produce is increasing.

The people in the Aiga census division have very little chance of taking their garden produce to either Ioma market or to Popondetta, because of the distances. The only money they find is from cocoa, coffee and the payments to the carriers when the administration patrol teams comes to them. Some villages have very healthy cocoa and coffee gardens, but they don't look after them, and so the bearings are bit poor. Building of roads in some parts are good and some are bad, especially from Petekiari to Kurereda.

The people at SIAI approached me that they have 7-8 thousand acres of land that they want to sell it to the administration and I am sure the administration officials are underway investigating.

C. Social Situation.

(a) Education.

Children in the Aiga census division attend various Primary and secondary schools within the district. About three are attending in the University of Papua and New Guinea. There are of course number of children attending both primary and secondary schools outside the district whose parents are working permanently in ~~other~~ those districts.

There are number of males and females who are being trained in Gona and Erero Mission Hospitals as Medical staffs. However, it seemed to me was that there are more children at the villages and are hungry for education. In the Aiga census division there only one School which is run by the Anglican Mission. This School is at Korisata which has the standard up to four and that is not sufficient for the whole census division. The council should think about improving the said school or build a new administration school at Kikinonda.

(b) Social.

Besides the religion gatherings, there is the customary social pattern of village life. The younger people do visit IOMA station and Popondetta town. Very few seek jobs but the rest go visiting friends or seeking social life.


There is a womens' club functioning at IOMA station. It is being conducted by Mrs. Headley. I have not sighted any women club groups in the villages, however there may be some in operation. It is very easy ~~to forget~~ for the Welfare Officers who are stationed in Popondetta to over look such a small station like IOMA. It is worthwhile the ~~Welfare~~ Welfare Officers paying visits to those women clubs. The administration Officers coming on patrol to their villagers is something good that I realised. The last patrol through this area was during 1968 and not even one since then. The administration Officers who have closest contact with the people —

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in the village have the best opportunity to upgrade the goodwill. The pressure of time and the duties should not be the cause of neglecting to visit the village people.

Miscellaneous.

The co-operation with the people in all the villages were good. In every village there were young men who were prepared to carry our patrol gear. All the villages made sure that we were fed well even though we took our own foodstuff with us. There were no problems confronted us during our patrol. The elections were carried out successfully apart from the unopposed wards.


(Arthur. Gaso)
Local Government Officer.

Sunday 13th December, 1970

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Patrol Report Ioma No. 1 of 1970/71

Binandere and Aiga Census Division



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN Report No. 2 of 1970/71. TOMA

Patrol Conducted by R.T. HEADLY P.O. & J. GEOBA, T.P.O.

Area Patrolled BINANDERE and AIGA CENSUS DIVISIONS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 4: INTERPRETER, POLICE CONSTABLE, COUNCIL PRESIDENT & CLERK

Duration—From 2/2/1971 to 15/2/1971

Number of Days 13 DAYS 9 DAYS ACTUALLY CAMPED

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 3/12/1970 to 18.12.70

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Map Reference SKETCH MAP ATTACHED

Objects of Patrol TAMATA LOCAL GOVERNMENT TAX PAYERS MEETINGS

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

913/1971

District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation \$.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund \$.....

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

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KOMEDOBU. PAPUA.

1st April, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

TOMA PATROL NO. 2 OF 1970/71.

Your reference 67-1-1 of 8th March, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. R. Headly, Patrol Officer of BUNANDERE and AIGA Census Divisions.

The annual taxpayers meetings of the TAMATA Council indicate a fair deal of dissatisfaction amongst members.

Communications, and access to produce markets, seem to be the main problem. I shall expect a precis of this facet together with recommendations, in Mr. Headly's forthcoming area study.

(T.W. ELLIS)
Secretary.

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Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
POPONDETTA, Northern District.

8th March, 1971.



The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

IOMA PATROL REPORT NO. 2 OF 1970/1971

I enclose herewith two reports of a Patrol to part of the Tamata Local Government Council area mounted specifically to conduct taxpayers meetings. The reports were compiled by the patrol leader, Mr. R.T. Headly, Patrol Officer and Trainee Patrol Officer, John Geoba.

Also enclosed are covering remarks by Assistant District Commissioner, Popondetta.

Mr. Headly's remarks concerning the absorption of the Papuan Waria into the Garaina administrative area will be extracted and forwarded to District Commissioner, Morobe.

ECONOMIC:

Last year a trader from the private sector purchased 25 tons of parchment coffee from the Binandere Division and an additional 7½ tons was purchased at Ioma by D.A.S.F., primarily from Binandere growers.

There will be no member of the private sector operating this year and the Department of Agriculture will again fill the vacuum; the District Rural Development Officer advises that there will be a buying day at Mambari Bay on 15th April. The Administration workboat Ubuna will be used in the operation.

(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner.

c.c. The Assistant District Commissioner,
POPONDETTA. (2)

The foregoing is for your information and that of Officer-In-Charge, Ioma; please instruct the Officer-In-Charge to advise the Gira River and Mambari people of the date of the buying day at Mambari Bay.

I am pleased that Mr. Headly is exercising his mind with problems associated with egress of produce; during his forthcoming patrol he should examine the question further. I am not agreeable to Ubuna trading from Tafi to Morobe or Lae purchasing cash crops; the north coast between Pongani and Deboin is

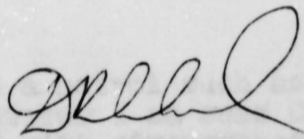
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served by Co-operative organisations and I am assured by the officer concerned that they are not having shipping problems. Umana is available to fill a vacuum, but will not be used in competition.

SOCIAL:

If not already done, instruct the officer-in-charge to assist those people who had stores stolen from the aircraft at Popondetta to prepare claims against the Company. These claims should be submitted through the Officer-in-Charge to yourself. These aspects are not "personal issues" and Mr. Headly should follow them through.

It is a matter for regret that the Ioma Social Club is experiencing financial difficulties - the officer-in-Charge needs to call a meeting of all members and discuss ways and means of increasing the managerial efficiency of the organisation.



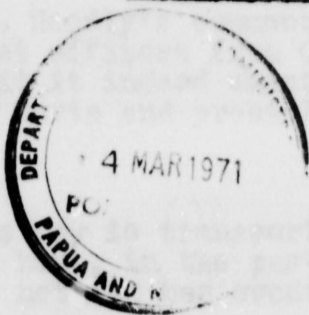
**(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner.**

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Department of the Administrator,
Sub-District Office,
POPONDETTA. Northern District

4th March, 1971

The District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

IOMA PATROL REPORT No. 2 of 1970/71.

1. Attached please find three copies of the above mentioned report which was mounted purely to assist with Tax payers meetings for the Tamata Local Government Council. Both Mr. Headly and Mr. Geoba submitted reports, the latter being mainly a training exercise. Also claims for camping out allowance for the two officers and interpreter are forwarded.

2. Comments for note are:

Tax Payers Meetings:

- a) - The presence of police on a patrol such as this is not really necessary - however I am sure Const 1/e Boropi acted correctly and with circumspection. Mr. Headly will be advised.
- b) - A pressing problem in this whole area, commented upon by me previously, is the problem of transporting produce to market. A suggestion that the Tamata, and possibly the Oro Bay Council in partnership, Council as part of the service subsidise a small diesel cutter to bring produce in to a shipping point.
- c) - The division between older men wanting tax rates increased and the younger men preferring the status quo is noted.
- d) - At Nindewari too, the same urgent problem of moving produce to market was aired. The provision of a subsidised shipping service would "do something for the area" and solve the problem of transporting produce to market.
- e) - Just what ex-Councillor Kipling was critical and destructive about is not clear. Perhaps he had some measure of right on his side.

3. SITUATION REPORT:

Political: A Council with a \$5000 annual budget cannot really accomplish very much in an area such as the Tamata Council. The provision of normal administrative functions would leave very little left over for the main purpose of council works. It is a vicious (circle) - no income leads to no council finance. If the Council could concentrate in providing a subsidised shipping service to producers - even enter the coffee-buying area taxpayers would see something for their money.

Mr. Headly's comments on the Waria are noted. It is urged that officers from Garaina endeavour to correct this situation, if it indeed exists. I note that Mr. Headly has not visited the Waria and probably has his information by hearsay.

ECONOMIC:

The key is transport. Remarks re shipping apply here. DASF have, in the past, suggested an Ubuna run to purchase produce but nothing has eventuated.

SOCIAL:

The supply of store goods to station personnel is a problem. Mr. Headly knows that he should contact this office regarding the trade store operated by Awoi Oreni if difficulties occur. Regarding the Ioma Social Club, a letter will be sent to the executive asking them if they do, in fact, have troubles. Local officers have difficulty in establishing credit with stores in Popondetta.

4. MR. GEOBA'S REPORT:

This report was primarily a training exercise but he attended certain meetings by himself - namely: Korisata, and Iaudari. Results and comments followed the pattern set in Mambatutu and Nindewari. A good turn up was reported so interest in the Council is still there. The same frustrations also apply - lack of access to markets for their produce.

The fact that one woman at Iaudari suggested a female tax of 50 cents to help out council finance is noted.

The Social section of this report is noted.

Mr. Geoba's comments in conclusion are noted. It is felt that with the provision of facilities for marketing produce the situation is bound to improve.

5. In all it is felt that the patrol was well conducted and adequately reported.



(C. G. Day)
Assistant District Commissioner.

Patrol Post,
IOMA. Via Popondetta.
Northern District.

19th February, 1971.

IOMA PATROL REPORT No. 2 of 1970/71 (SPECIAL)

A. INTRODUCTION.

This patrol was mounted to conduct Tax Payer's meetings in the Binandere and Aiga Census Divisions.

The patrol was accompanied by T.P.O. John Geoba, Interpreter T. Haono, Police Constable 1/C Boropi, Romney Goviro Council President and the Council Clerk.

The patrol departed Ioma on the 2nd February, 1971. Because both Council and D.D.A. outboard motors were inoperative the journey down the Mambare River to the coast was carried out using outrigger canoes. The journey took one and a half days - a most unpleasant and uncomfortable experience.

The patrol was delayed by one day whilst awaiting the arrival at Mambatutu of people from Deboin village. It is regretted that whilst at Mambatutu I had to confiscate a unlicensed pistol from Reverend S. Smith from the Anglican Mission at Manau. Father Smith also paid his late Council tax. However it is pleasing to state that a good relationship exists between the Mission and the Administration. Both Father Smith and myself visiting each other whenever possible, and giving assistance whenever required.

The remainder of the patrol was journeyed by foot. Although no mountains to climb, the walking is fairly strenuous. Some of the walking is through ankle deep mud and at times knee deep. However crossing the swamps walking on treacherous slimy logs and bamboo bridges with no hand rails gave the patrol the most difficulty. It was on one of these log crossings that both John Geoba and myself came to grief, losing our footing on the submerged green slimy log and falling into the swamp. Unfortunately in so doing, I bruised my foot and wrenched my knee. Because of these injuries I was unable to attend the meetings in the Aiga Census Division.

T.P.O. John Geoba whose training exercise report is also enclosed will report on these two meetings. Nevertheless from information gathered it appears that apart from the fact that the people want the tax to remain the same - because of hardships incurred in deriving a cash income, very little was discussed.

(1) TAX PAYERS MEETING - MAMBATUTU.

As is the usual procedure the President Romney Goviro opened the meeting and gave a lengthy speech on the Tamata Local Government Council. Romney spoke for some length on the need of the Council to acquire additional finances so that the Council can become financially stronger, and in so doing being then able to help and assist the people in this area.

Romney then called upon Jeffrey the council clerk to read the financial report and list the works projects. The tax payers meeting was then open to discussion.

Points brought up at this meeting by tax payers are as follows:-

- (1) The people were in general favour of all works projects being done by the council for this year. The only exception being the proposed installing of water wells at Kurereda and Iaudari. (These two villages both being situated near the Mambare River.) The cancelling of these two water wells projects to be discussed at the next council meeting.

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- (2) It was suggested that the council dingy be utilized in the transportation of the peoples coffee to Ioma.
- (3) The general census of opinion was that the council must find some way of getting cash crops out of this area.
- (4) The rest of the meeting, all afternoon in fact, was taken up with fierce argument between the older men, who wanted the council tax raised, and the younger men who wanted the tax to remain at \$6.00.

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Eventually the older men won the argument and it was agreed that the tax should be raised to \$8.00 per year.

Although the meeting when condensed as in the above four paragraphs appears to of little noteworthy interest, I have to state that it was an extremely lively and interesting tax payers meeting.

The crux of the discussions was, that although the people were happy with the council, they needed help and assistance in getting their cash crops out of the area. If and when this finally happens, then the people will be able to afford much higher council taxation.

The tax payers meeting was friendly and very well received.

(2) TAX PAYERS MEETING = NINDEWARI.

As in the previous meeting the President Romney gave his speech, followed by the council clerk who read the financial report and works projects for this year.

This was an exceptionally poor meeting. The people that attended were completely biased and had their minds made up that on no account was the council tax to be raised. *Said Rose etc*

Selected persons gave various speeches, the crux of these being that the council had done nothing for the people, and until the council did do something, the people were not prepared to assist the council whatsoever.

This of course was a completely negative approach, but unfortunately one that is extremely hard to shatter, particularly with people that have made up their mind and refuse to listen to reason.

Various points of interest that were brought up at the meeting are as follows.

- (a) The village people themselves wished to start a coffee growers society. An airstrip would be required at Mindewari to fly out cash crops.

Augustine Bogino Mission Teacher at Mindewari requested my opinion of the idea.

In answer to this question I pointed out the amount of work involved in maintaining an airstrip, and various aspects pertaining to same. My answer was met with complete silence. After a few minutes Kipling an ex Councillor said that if that is the case another alternative of removing cash crops must be found.

- (b) It was stated that the council had done nothing whatsoever for the people in this area. This is admittedly true. The council has only been operating a few short years, and of course its financial sources are extremely limited. However suffice to say, that on the works project for this year is a Aid Post at Mindewari, in the timber and materials already being shipped to Mambatutu for onforwarding to Mindewari.

Unfortunately little else was discussed at this meeting. The main point being discussed and re-discussed. My greatest disappointment was with the attitude of ex Councillor Kipling. For a man that has served a term of office with a council, and then when defeated - stood down at the elections, to be able to turn around and be so critical and destructive to the present councils prospective ideas and ambitions, I find to be a complete enigma. 2.

Admittedly he could be rather bitter at being defeated in the council elections, but I doubt this supposition. I suspect unfortunately that this man is nothing more than a loud mouth, who learnt nothing whilst holding office in the council and more importantly conveyed nothing to his people in his ward. In other words I suspect that this individual attended council meetings for monetary rewards only. I wonder now, how many similar councillors are likewise engaged.

Attendance figures at the two meetings were:-

Mambatutu	-	Approximately	135 persons.
Nindewari	-	" "	150 " "

Before commencing my Situation Report I wish to advise that I patrolled this same area a month ago and of course ~~the~~ there has been no change whatsoever. My census and area study patrol will be conducted within the next two months, and I am looking forward to submitting a full and comprehensive report.

Detailed reports and records are virtually non-existent over the past twelve months. This has been due to the fact that the station has been unmanned for several months because of staffing problems.

SITUATION REPORT.

2. POLITICAL SITUATION.

Local Government.

The Tamata Local Government Council commenced in 1965. The population in this council area is small and income particularly from taxes exceedingly small.

Approximately \$4000 is derived from council taxation, with a further \$1000 for the maintenance contract of the Ioma airstrip. This then is the approximate annual income for this council. Needless to say with an income such as this, the council is limited financially.

Apart from the installing of a few water wells, construction of council chambers, purchase of council dingy and outboard motor, the council can show little else for its five years of existence.

This can perhaps account for the peoples unenthusiastic attitude towards the council. Works projects for this year are additional water wells, construction of an aid post at Nindewari and the construction of the council clerks house at Ioma.

The council is fortunate in that the next two year term they once again have the services of Romney Goviro as President. Romney who was President in the beginning of the Tamata Local Government Councils career did some valuable and worthwhile work for the council. He is held in very high esteem by the people, and I foresee the next two years as being the turning point and possibly the most constructive years of this councils existence.

I dislike being critical of anybody, but unfortunately with the past president Malcolm Bonga who did practically nothing for the council, I can only say his replacement and reappointment of Romney is the best thing that could have happened.

As mentioned in my patrol report No 1 submitted one month ago the council is now cut down to two census divisions only. These being the Aiga and Binandere census divisions. The Waria census division has recently been transferred over to the Garaina Local Government Council.

In my previous report I mentioned that the majority of the Waria people were not happy with the transfer. Since writing those comments I have gathered additional information which may assist Administration Officers from the New Guinea side in their efforts to absorb and make welcome the Waria people.

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From information received, it appears that Councillor Bagesa from the Waria census Division was the prime instigator of the transfer of the Waria to the Garaina Local Government Council.

It appears that this councillor was not happy with the amount of walking involved in attending the Tamata Local Government Council meetings. Because of this he enlisted the assistance of the local schoolteacher in the despatching of correspondence to the various powers to be on this matter. Apparently he did not consult his constituents (village people) on the matter until later. Unfortunately these people being a little naive, put their explicit faith in Councillor Bagesa, and not until the full implication of the matter eventually was realized did they complain. However naturally it is now too late!

The crux of the problem is that these Waria people are getting little or no assistance from the people on the New Guinea side. We are all familiar with the old one talk system and the implications involved. These people regard themselves as Papuans and not New Guineans. Similarly the New Guinea people are apparently doing nothing to help or assist these Waria people. In fact I have heard that the Waria people are being charged exorbitant prices for food and other essentials when they cross the border to visit or attend council meetings.

This then is the problem. These Waria people now feel that they do not belong. With the Tamata Council and Ioma patrol post, they were always assured of a feed and accommodation from friends and one talk. This apparently does not exist in the present situation.

As mentioned in my last report, I believe a concerted effort must be made by Administration Officers from the New Guinea side to absorb, help and assist these Waria people.

ECONOMIC SITUATION.

Within the next three months I will be conducting a census and area study report on this entire area. Then and only then will I feel reasonably qualified to write a report on the economic situation that exists in this area.

Nevertheless in the short time since I have been at this posting, I can possibly comment on some of the impressions and information gathered on this matter.

I regret to advise that I am not favourably impressed. In the past three months there has been a possible 500 lbs of coffee flown out of Ioma. Regarding the the Aiga (Kikinonda airstrip) I have no information as to what if any cash crops have been air lifted out. Similarly I have no information or records of cash cropping from the Gira River (Binandere C/D)

However it is fairly obvious to me and other Administration personnel that the majority of the people are not working their cash crops. I am led to understand that there is a considerable amount of cash cropping being done in the Gira River area., and that an European business man is considering taking over from Mr. K. Bourke who used to purchase cash crops from this area. I welcome this new enterprise with open arms.

How can you stimulate interest in cash cropping when there is no access, or means available for the people to sell their crops? On the other hand in the past, the Administration has provided services for the people in the collection and selling of cash crops. It is a fairly obvious supposition that the village people did not co-operate enough to make it a worthwhile proposition. Where do you go from here? The Administration has tried in the past to help the people, but to no avail. Now the people are crying that they have no access to sell their crops. I presume the answer to this is, that apart from private enterprise, in the only other alternative is for the Administration to try again.

I personally would like to see a trial period of say twelve months, where the Government Motor Vessel Ubuna did a regular trip from Tufi up the North Coast to say possibly Morobe or Lae purchasing cash crops from all the coastal villages on the North Coast. I mention twelve months because it would probably take the village people nearly that long to realise that there is a reliable service available in the selling of their cash crops. I am only too fully aware of the Administrations feelings on the matter of further excessive expenditure on a matter such as this. But I sincerely believe if we want and expect a increase in cash crop production then we must again try and provide services available for these people.

SOCIALS

The only topic of discussion I wish to comment on this particular subject is the immediate problem here at the Ioma patrol Post.

I am extremely worried about the non availability of food and trade goods necessary for the various station personnel here at Ioma.

The estate and trade store of the late deceased George Chester is now virtually bankrupt, being operated by his House Boy Awoi Openi. The Ioma Social Club which has been and is being run by Indigenous station personnel is also in financial difficulties.

There is no other store operating in this area. The result of all this being, is that station personnel are going without regular stores and supplies. Like every one else I ask myself why cannot these people organise themselves and order their goods properly. Unfortunately the answer is they cannot. Last month at the Popondetta airstrip stores and supplies were stolen from an unlocked aircraft. Several of the station personnel lost their orders, and in all probability will not be compensated by the Airways who it would appear will not take any responsibility or compensate for losses incurred.

I would like to know who does take responsibility for losses such as this? I myself lost various items in this theft. However of more importance is the station personnel. One person lost \$30.00 worth of gear, which is more than a fortnights wage to him.

I admit that these are personal issues, but nevertheless they are all part and parcel to the efficient and happy running of an outstation.

Regarding the social aspects pertaining to the villages and the area, I wish to comment on this at length in my next report.

MISCELLANEOUS.

This was a tax payers meeting patrol. When analysed nothing of particular importance came or was derived from this patrol. Nevertheless it was further contact with the people and I hope a closer liaison between the people and the Administration.

However on the subject of expenses incurred on these council patrols I feel that it is high time that the council contributed to the cost of employing carriers. The last two patrols have been on council matters ie elections and tax payers meetings, and yet the Administration has had to meet the brunt of expenses incurred.

I am enclosing an additional patrol report submitted by John Geoba - Trainee Patrol Officer. Part of the report he has had to retype. I understand that this is his first attempt at typing a report, and it is anticipated that he will improve steadily as he becomes more experienced.

R.T. Healdy.

Patrol Officer.

Diary of the patrol.

- 2/2/71 Departed Ioma 0800 hrs by tractor to Iaudari. Iaudari by canoe to Barara 40 minutes. Change of canoes at Barara and then all day trip down the Mambare River arriving Sia village 1830 hrs.
Slept Sia.
- 3/2/71 Departed Sia 0830 arrived Mambatutu 1300 hrs.
Slept Mambatutu.
- 4/2/71 Visited Anglican Mission at Manau. Interviewed Father S. Smith re his possession of unlicensed pistol. People arriving tomorrow for tax payers meeting at Mambatutu.
Slept Mambatutu.
- 5/2/71 0830 to 1600 hrs - tax payers meeting.
Slept Mambatutu.
- 6/2/71 Departed Mambatutu 0830 arrived Onambatutu 1530 hrs.
Slept Onambatutu.
- 7/2/71 0900 to 1400 hrs - tax payers meeting.
Slept Onambatutu.
- 8/2/71 Departed Onambatutu 0800 hrs arrived Ioma 1730 hrs.
Slept Ioma.
- 9/2/71 Slept Ioma.
- Please note that I was unable to attend the Aiga tax payers meetings because of leg injury. However John Geoba - Trainee Patrol Officer attended the meeting - as follows.
- 10/2/71 Departed Ioma 0830 arrived Kurereda 1030 hrs. Kurereda to Gaiari 4 hours arriving 1430 hrs. Gaiari to Korisata 3 hrs arriving 1730 hrs.
Slept Korisata.
- 11/2/71 Tax payers meeting at Korisata.
Slept Korisata.
- 12/2/71 Departed Korisata 0800 hrs arrived Petakiari. Inspection of Kikinonda airstrip.
- 13/2/71 Departed Petakiari 0800 arrived Gaiari 1000 hrs. Gaiari to Kurereda 4 hours. Kurereda to Ioma 2 hours.
Patrol stood down.

Patrol Diary Of Aiga and Binandere.

February 1971.

- 2/2/71 Departed Ioma by tractor at 0915. Arrived Iaudari 0935. Walked 10 minutes to Mambari River. By canoe to Barara 30 minutes. Paddled. Changed canoes and paddled to Sia 7 hours. Camped.
- 3/2/71 Departed Sia continued by canoe to Mambatutu 4 hours. Camped.
- 4/2/71. Walked to Manau Mission Station with O. I. C. to get Revolver & keys from Fr. Smith. Back to Mambatutu. Camped.
- 5/2/71. First Taxpayers Meeting. Camped.
- 6/2/71. Departed for Onombatutu 5 hours walked. Camped.
- 7/2/71. Second Taxpayers Meeting. Camped.
- 8/2/71. Back to Ioma 9 hours long walked. Track good some parts swampy. Spent two nights at IOMA.
- 9/2/71. Stopped at Ioma due to interruption by D. C.A. officials inspecting Ioma airstrip.
- 10/2/71. Departed Ioma again for Korisata. Arrived late in the afternoon. Difficulties in getting carriers. Track most parts not good. Swamps and grass not been cut. Took 10 hours long walked. Camped.
- 11/2/71. Walked to Kikinonda airstrip 2 hours. Checked on Council labourers back to Korisata camped.
- 12/2/71. ¹Third Tax payers Meeting. Departed for Petikiari camped.
- Back to Ioma. on Saturday 13/2/71.
- 14/2/71 Sunday observation.
- 15/2/71. Last Meeting. at Iaudari village. Patrol stood down.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of District Administration,
Etrol Post. Ioma.
Northern District.

Patrol Report No 2 1970/71 Ioma.

Introduction

The patrol was conducted in Binandere and Aiga area from 2/2/71 to 15/2/71. The purpose of the patrol was to have Tax Payers Meeting of Tamatta Local Government Council, and it was to find out peoples wiews on what the tax rate wouldbe.

There were four meetings held one in Aiga area and three in Binandere area. It was mainly dealt with Political and Economical matters which would be discussed under appropriate sub- headings.

First Meeting.

Held at Mambatutu village on the 5th February 1971. Villages attended were Mambatutu, Manau, Deboing, Sia and Taututu with thier councillors Grayson Boinabai and Ian Peututu.

Results. IT was that the meeting was good although they made some arguements and complaints about what council had done and what it should be doing in spending its money. Majority of the people were willgess to raise their tax rate from present \$6.00 up to \$8.00.

Second Meeting.

Held at Onombatutu village on the 7th Feb 1971. The meeting was not good too many complaints ad and oppositions made against the Council.

They did not want to raise rat e but wanted to leave it as \$6.00. People came to the meeting were from villages arround Gira River namely Ainsi, Batari, Nindeware, Karude, Kotaure, Tabara, Taire, Tube, with their councillors Clive and Knock and from arround Eia River were Bovera, Poke, Dabari, Mataira, Tave, Evore, Wade and Wagadari.

Third Meeting

Held at Korisata village in the Aiga area on the 12th Feb 71. The procedures was same not many wanted to raise tax. Few wanted to join Higaturu Council and majority wantd to pay only \$6.00.

all. Aiga Villages. It found that people from ~~Sia~~ had ~~not~~ come to the meeting

only these villagers. Kikinonda, Gaiari, Petakiari, Korisata and Poho no one and two were actually visited.

Last Meeting.

Held at Iadari village on 15/2/71. Villages attended were Barara, Iadari and Datama. People from Kurereda village did not turn up for meeting.

The result was same as it was in other meetings that all the people wanted to pay only \$6.00. They presented same old reasons that they could not raise tax rate. One woman suggested that as they had not got enough money women should help men to pay 50cent

POLITICS

Local Government Council The first council was started in 1965 with three census divisions, Aiga, Binandere and Waria. Now only Aiga and Binandere are in the council but doubts about Waria people as they have not decided whether to go to Morobe and Garaina councils in the Morobe District or to remain in the Tamatta council.

It was surprising to see that most of the councillors are not as old as councillors found in other parts of the Territory particularly in New Guinea side. They have good knowledge of English language some can even speak.

There are 13 councillors 7 of them representing Binandere and remainder representing Aiga.

House of Assembly

They have three members in the House. None of them is from these two areas. Mr. P. Arek, Mr. W. Suja, and Mr. E. Fieldin

During the patrol talks given at the meeting by us and by the President of the council Mr. Romny. G. were mostly on Local Government and on Self-Government. It was seen that people in the villages that even they have been under western contact long time they are still not sure about the word self government and Independent. This applies to all parts of the Territory.

ECONOMICS.

Cash Crops. The cash crops which could be grown in these areas are robust coffee, cocoa and coconut. However most parts of the land is swampy. Not much economic development has taken place. There is no sign of any large plantation of above cash crops seen in the area.

People in the Binandere area particularly around Gira River claimed that they had grown coffee but they have no way to transport their products to main centres. Many people had asked council to buy motor-boat or to build one airstrip in the area. It was then explained to them the costs involved and how hard it is to look after the airstrip. Also their council is relatively small in financial



capacity and in population unless they themselves prepare to work hard. Further pointed out to them that there are two airstrips being built for them one at Ioma and the other at Kikinonda. People just did not care to cut the grass or to look after they expect council or somebody to do the service for them all the time.

SOCIAL.

Education.

There are three Mission Primary schools and one ADMIN at Ioma. At Manau mission school standards 1 to 6. At Nindeware standards 1 to 4, and at Korisata standards 1 to 6. All staffs are local.

Health. Generally speaking the living standards are fairly good equal other villages throughout the country. Houses are built of local bush materials. There is one mission hospital at Korisata and one aid post run by administration at Ioma.

Law and Order. Are not kept up to date as it was discovered that some people laid complaints those who do not look after the pigs properly as a result trespass to others gardens. Breaches in law and order particularly cause by young people in sexual problems by I mean pregnant young ladies. On the other hand no major breakage in law such as killing or fighting.

Community Each village has women's clubs some are running well others not. At Manau and Mambatutu there is one trade store run by women's club. Order their goods from Lae, it is mainly organised for sporting activities.

Christain Mission. There is only one mission operating in the area. Anglican Mission including whole of Northern District.

Miscellaneous.

The people's reactions and attitudes towards self help program and other similar things is not a satisfactory one. They are politically sophisticated that they do not willing to give help to anybody who is making a visit to the area. For an example when we patrolled no one volunteered to carry cargoes that we had waited for hours getting carriers from the villages.

So as can see that if the people do not offer help how can we give them assistance in all fields of Administration. Nevertheless in general people are friendly in social point of view but when they are in different situation then it is hard get the message across.

Conclusion. To my personal point of view I would like to say that not many people in the villages have fully understanding of self-help or things of this nature even they have been under western influence for long time. It is true to say that some faults are at people themselves if they are not prepared to work hard and ask for help but their knowledge to any development program is limited. Some even do not worry about the changes which take place in the country.

The people are generally speaking not worry about the money. Most of their times are spent on food croping unless they can see the growing of cash-crops has any value to them.

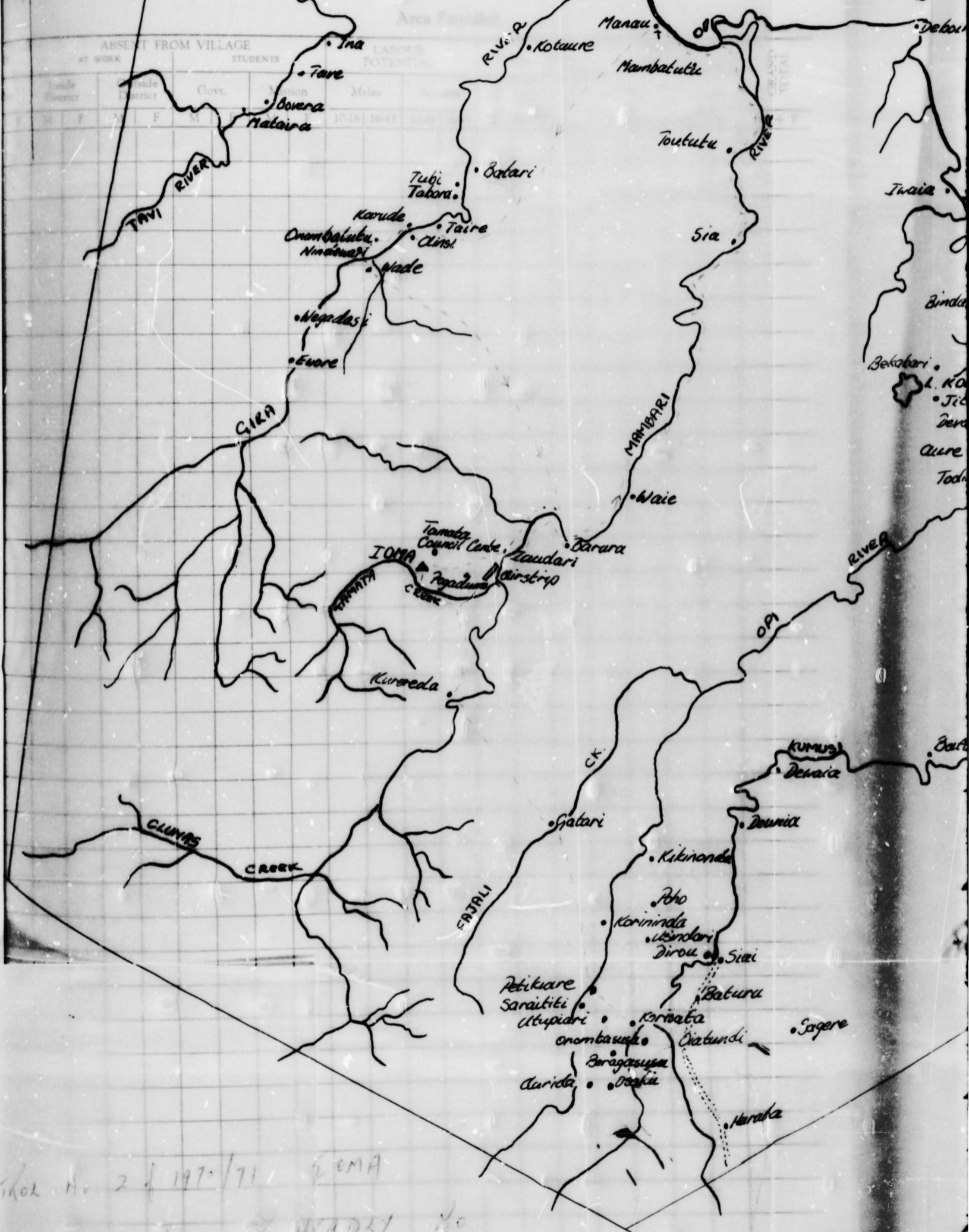
It is not the time that we should force people to do things if they are not prepared to accept the responsibilities. Although there are many who need assistance and are trying to work for themselves.

Finally I would like to advise that not enough information had been gathered at this patrol. It was only Tax -payers meeting, and was quick patrol.

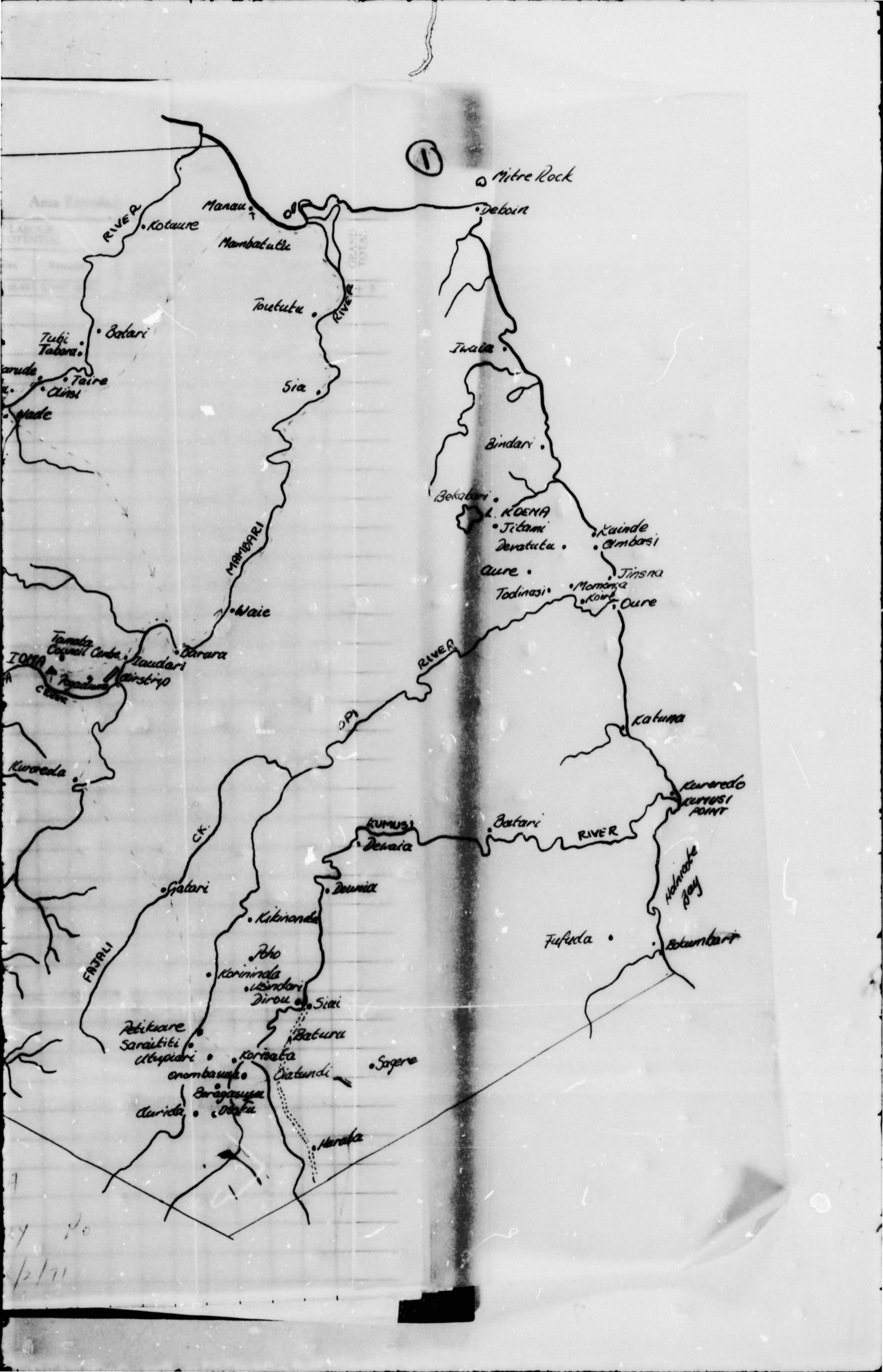
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John Geo'ba
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of... NORTHERN Report No. 3 of 1970/71

Patrol Conducted by... R. T. HEADLY

Area Patrolled... AIGA CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans... NIL

Natives... J. Geoba, TPQ; T. Hoano, interpreter; 1 RPNCO member

Duration—From... 7 / 5 / 1971 to 24 / 6 / 1971

Number of Days... 20

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? ... NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services... 7 / 5 / 1970

Medical ... / / 19

Map Reference... SKETCH MAPS ATTACHED

Objects of Patrol... AREA STUDY AND CENSUS

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

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District Commissioner

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Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
POPONDETTA. Northern District.



12th October, 1971.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

IOMA PATROL REPORT NO. 3 OF 1970/1971

Attached is the original and one copy of the above Report conducted by Mr. R. Headly, Patrol Officer to the Aiga Census Division of this District. The delay in submission is regretted but was due, in part, to the recent Territory Census which caused some disruption in routine administration.

2. Many comments made by the reporting officer do not relate specifically to the Aiga but are general throughout the Tamata Local Government Council area, and, on occasion, specifically to the Binandere Census Division.

3. Of the two Census Divisions that make up the Tamata Council, the Aiga is easily the best off. It would be logical to expect that the Aiga will be added to the Higaturu Council in the not too distant future, especially when projected roads reach Siai village.

4. The situation report reveals two main issues; The problem of economic advancement which is vitally linked with communications; and the apparent anti Administration feeling of certain persons in a Local Government context. However it is noted that the persons referred to are almost exclusively resident in the Binandere Census Division.

5. Communications are a problem which is common to many parts of this country and expenditure of public funds on major road links can only be justified by economic production of some sort. The Kumusi River is a major obstacle as is the swampy terrain which is a feature of the area. However, with Rural Development Funds, a road is being pushed out from the main Kokoda/Oro Bay road near Agenahambo northwards towards Siai village on the middle Kumusi. The completion of this road and probable concomitant land development along its axis may encourage resettlement away from the less fortunate areas of this District.

6. The Ioma people, away from home, have always proved to be valuable units in any community. I refer to police, employees of all categories, and students of various degrees of advancement. The fact that over 300 adult males were absent from their village at the time of Census, the majority outside this District, out of a recorded total of 837 leads one to believe that the frustrations of life in the village situation has caused the more progressive ones to leave home.

Most of the absentees must be long-time absentees. Out of a recorded total of 2,705, 765 people were absent at the time of Census! The enrolment at Korisata Primary School stands at 174, so almost 600 persons are really away.

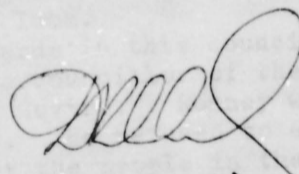
7. Basically, the Aiga is not the main source of discontent as they, in all probability, will improve their lot by joining the Higaturu Council.

8. Sea and water transport I doubt will be satisfactory. Both the Kumusi and the Opi have awkward mouths and only powered dinghies could be considered. Then the long haul inland would cost much in fuel, damage underwater gear and time. Wharf facilities as loading points on the coast would be difficult and costly to establish and the amount of production would not justify this expenditure.

9. Mr. Headly's genuine concern is expressed again and again in his Area Study of the Aiga. However, again Mr. Headly does not confine his remarks and observations to the Aiga but lets general problems intrude on what should be a descriptive work on the Aiga. It may be more realistic to treat the whole Tamata Council area as a single unit for the purpose of an Area Study.

10. Generally speaking the Area Study presents a far from rosy picture. The possibilities of expanding the economy appear to me to be linked inexorably with communications and I feel that the Siai road head will help the Aiga immeasurably. Tourism is, I feel, inappropriate in such a situation. Gold mining could be profitable and apparently these has been some revival of interest.

11. Mr. Geoba's report consists of much good information. It is a pity that more of it was not included in the Area Study which should be a descriptive reporting of facts and situations and not merely an extension of a narrative patrol report.



(D.R. Marsh)
District Commissioner.

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Patrol Post,
IOMA.
Northern District.
15th August, 1971.

IOMA PATROL No 3 of 1970/71.

A. INTRODUCTION.

This patrol was mounted to conduct census and area study of the Aiga Census Division.

The reason for the late delay in submitting this report is that I have had to spend some time in Popondetta and also conduct the 5 year census patrol.

Mr. J. Geoba Trainee Patrol Officer is also submitting his report on this Aiga patrol.

B. POLITICAL SITUATION.

Local Government.

The Tamata Local Government Council was established in 1965. It is a very small council consisting of two census divisions only. These are the Binandere and Aiga. The Waria census division was transferred over to the Garaina Local Government Council last year.

The income derived by this council is approximately \$6000 to \$7000 per annum. The majority of this money coming from taxation and over \$1000 from maintenance contracts of the Kikioonda and Ioma airstrips.

Apart from water wells, aid posts, council chambers, clerks house and purchase of dingy and outboard motor, very little else can be seen in the six years of the councils existence.

In the period of ten months that the council has had the contract for maintaining the airstrips, I must confess that I am not impressed with their standard of work. Many times I have had to help the council by lending Government grasscutters and labourers to assist in the maintaining of airstrip at Ioma.

There are thirteen wards in this council area, and consequently thirteen Councillors. The councillor of the most noteworthy interest is the President Romney Goviro. Romney was the first president to the council commencing 1965. He refused to stand for the second elections which considerably upset the people in the area. However he did stand for the third elections and was elected by the majority and in addition made president.

Romney is a qualified carpenter and has spent many years at sea working on various ships. He has travelled to many places in the world and consequently has a fair grasp on world affairs. It goes without saying that he is quite intelligent.

I have been on tax payers patrol with him, attended council meetings and School - Parents and Citizens meetings. I have been most impressed with his oratory and in particular the way he verbally abuses the village people for not working and just lazing around or participating in sing sings. There is no doubt that he wants Self Government and Independence for his people.

However on the other hand he appears to be directing criticism and causing trouble with some of the Government departments here on the station. I have mentioned some of these in my area study. Most of the trouble appears to be directed against the Education dept and in particular the Head Teacher Vincent Erepa.

This trouble reached a climax the other day when the President threatened the life of the head teacher in front of station personnel and other councillors.

No action was taken against the President as a few months ago the head teacher had physically assaulted a village school committee man. I am now endeavouring to obtain the transfer of this teacher, as I feel there is no possible chance of a reconciliation between these two men.

However suffice to say I am treading warily in all my dealings with the council.

The councillors have threatened to throw their badges in and abolish the council. What is causing this situation?

I sincerely believe it is because of the Administrations proposed idea of closing the patrol post at Ioma and moving same to Siai or Oitatandi. A move such as this would no doubt be beneficial to four of the thirteen wards in this council area. However it would effect the Binandere census division immensely.

As mentioned previously the Waria has already been transferred. There is now talk that the Aiga C D should be transferred over to the Higaturu Local Government Council. If this happened this would then leave the Binandere C.D. which would of necessity have to be transferred to either Oro Bay or Morobe Councils.

This is one of the reasons for the discontent now being shown by the council. The second reason is the peoples biased opinion that the Administration is not trying or doing enough for them in the way of road access or developing their cash crops.

A comment often heard is that the Government is spending millions in developing the highlands, but practically nothing in this Ioma area. I suppose in a way they are partially right. However in defence of the Administration the people themselves have given very little cooperation in the past.

Access is the key note to the problem of increasing cash cropping and economy of the area. However these points are discussed fully in my area study report and under the next heading.

C. ECONOMIC.

Cash cropping in the Aiga census division is comparatively poor. Kikinonda airstrip is the only access in this area for the people to despatch their cash crops. However this is most unreliable. If the council does not fall down on the job of maintaining the airstrip and so closing the airstrip, then the airways company do.

There is one flight only per week to Kikinonda. This is carried out by a small six seater aircraft. Passengers are of course given the first preference over any cargo. The plane service itself, is not completely reliable, being the only aircraft that services all the outstations in the Northern District. Consequently it is obvious that this plane service is not offering a very good access into the area, with the exception of Kikinonda village itself.

Similarly Ioma airstrip is only servicing the patrol post and the two or three villages nearby. However this is the Binandere census division even though it is close to the border of the Aiga.

Most of the villages in the Aiga and for that matter in the Binandere are situated close to the four rivers. To my way of thinking this is the only access open to this area. The majority of these people are river people and prefer canoe travel to that of walking.

I am fully convinced that the purchase of a Government trawler or work boat that is engaged full time travelling up and down the coast of the Northern District with dingies travelling up the rivers purchasing cash crops is the only answer to the access to this area and other coastal parts.

Apart from cash cropping the only other suggestions for expanding the economy of this area as discussed in my area study report are (1) gold mining (2) tourism.

The District Commissioner has created a good deal of interest and enthusiasm in gold mining. He has had made two sluice boxes which were given to the Council. A Field Mining Assistant spent many days showing and teaching the people how to work gold.

There appears to be three actual groups of people endeavouring to work on this project. The first is Romney Goviro the President of the Council who has already constructed two houses and gardens at Oi Creek which is a good three and a half hours walk from Ioma. Already Romney and his boys have obtained some gold, but I suspect they are trying to build up the amount before submitting. The Bank is reluctant to deal in small amounts.

Some other individuals are working further up Oi Creek about fifteen minutes walk from Romneys camp. However little is known about these people as yet.

The third is a family group from Kurereda village. They have a loan of \$200 from the Development Bank solely for the prospect of gold working. In addition one member of this family Oswald Pange has a loan on from the Bank for building a cocoa fermentary. This has now been built and this week six bags of dry cocoa beans will be flown to Popondetta.

The Kurereda group have a camp about two days canoe travel up the Mambare River. One of the sluice boxes is already installed at this camp and it is hoped that these people will start working shortly.

The cocoa fermentary has involved some of their time. In addition people from this village travelled to Port Moresby and participated in the dancing competitions and pleasing to say won the competition.

There are three loans now operating with the Development Bank and a further four or five under consideration. I am continually being approached by village people on this matter. However the one loan that is practically impossible for the people to obtain is that on purchase of outboard motors. The restrictions and requirements that the Bank desires on these type of loans make it virtually impossible for the people to meet the said requirements.

As can be seen by the above comments there is a spark of interest being shown by the people. I sincerely hope it comes to something.

Another visit by the Mines Field Assistant is requested, so that he can travel to the upper Gira River and show the people in this area the methods of gold working. In addition is there money available for the native mining vote that could be made available.

Tourism.

As mentioned in my Area Study Report, I sincerely believe there is an avenue open for tourism. Briefly without too much repetition I have in mind as follows:-

Six passengers flown into Ioma by charter. One day and night at the station. Next morning canoe trip down the Tamata Creek and then into the council dingy and proceed upstream to Kurereda.

The people from this village who as already mentioned won the native dancing competition in Moresby recently could entertain the tourists accordingly.

The next day by dingy down the Mambare to Sia or Toututu. Evening spent at one of these villages. The next day continue down river to the sea and on to Manau. Another evening spent at this village. Although dingy travel is possible along the coast, with tourists it would be necessary to hire a bigger boat. I have in mind Mr L. Oldmeadows who no doubt would be interested.

The next village to visit would be Deboin. This village is exemplary being clean, good housing, white sand, sea shells, blue clear sea water and good fishing. Two or three days could be spent at this village.

Leaving Deboin a few hours fishing at the mouth of the Kumusi River and then onto Killerton and by road back to Popondetta.

What would tourists pay for a holiday such as this? I do not know! Perhaps \$200 per head. If they did, then the council would obtain the majority of the \$1200 paid, and would in return make payment to the villages that were involved in this scheme.

Actually tourism for the Northern District is something that more could be thought about. In this District there are a few places of interest. Kokoda is well known and famous. Mt Lamington is of interest. Tufi is already being considered as a tourist resort. Finally Ioma is full of historical interest re the old gold mining days,, murders and tragic deaths.

As previously mentioned access is the problem to this area. Whilst access remains poor, cash cropping will not increase. To my way of thinking sea and river travel are the only means of access. Most assuredly the cost involved in creating this access would be expensive, but what other alternative is there.

If nothing is done then it is obvious that the patrol post will be closed, the council disbanded and census divisions transferred over to other councils.

This I believe to be the crux of the trouble which appears to be developing within the council.

I am still receiving complaints from Waria people that they are not getting much assistance from the Garaina Local Government Council. I have written about this matter before, and have been instructed to advise the people to go and see their District Commissioner in their area. This I am now doing, and I hope eventually these complaints will cease.

Possibly the Binandere and some of the Aiga people feel that this will be their fate if and when these proposed changes occur. Obviously the closing of the patrol post and eventual disbanding of the council will effect the people considerably.

Whatever course is taken I hope it is done reasonably quickly. As it is now the people and in particular the councillors appear to be becoming more and more agitated as we sit here and wait for further developments. Exaggerating I know, but I feel that I am sitting on a smouldering volcano.

D. SOCIAL.

As mentioned in my area study report there is one school only in the Aiga division, namely the Korisata Mission School. Mission schools at Siai, Kikinonda and Sagere have been closed.

There is a Mission aid post at Korisata and a Government aid post at Hurata. The hospital at Ioma has now been closed and made a aid post with one orderly in charge. Ioma is in the Binandere area but fairly close to ~~XXXX~~ the Aiga.

~~THE~~ D.A.S.F. have transferred its agriculture personnel from Ioma back to Popondetta. Similarly personnel that had been based at Kurereda and Kikinonda have been transferred. I do not think there will be any replacements as the policy is now to operate from Popondetta.

Similarly the members of the R.P.N.G.C. have been cut from six down to four, with further talk of reducing further.

Station labourers last year were reduced from approximately twelve down to four.

Similarly on the financial side, station funds have been reduced considerably.

I think the village people so to speak can see the beginning of the end. In my past experience particularly school teaching, it is so easy to obtain enthusiasm when everything is progressing, but another story when the situation is reversed.

How can one stimulate interest in this area when everything appears to be closing down?

The people in this area appear to be quite healthy. However I am rather alarmed at the increase of rat and vermin investment that seems to be increasing. Every village visited seemed to have a plague of rats. One village was so bad that they were even getting up onto the beds. I seldom noticed this two or three years ago.

Services provided by the Government or its agencies are practically nil in this area. There are no youth club activities, welfare or community education courses being conducted. A womans club is trying to be formed at Siai village by the village women themselves. However without the proper guidance and assistance it is debatable whether it will succeed.

There are no cults or unrest that I know of in this area. Unless you call the present feeling of the people which is they ,are being neglected by the Government in the respect that progress is not going ahead, and if anything the reverse, everything closing.

There is a certain amount of resentment by those that know, that some parts of this country are receiving considerable financial assistance in developing their lands, whereas the Ioma area seems to be stagnating.

E. MISCELLANEOUS.

What the future holds for this Aiga and Binandere area I for one cannot foresee. It would appear that the closing of the patrol post and disbanding of the council might be the answer. However on the other hand if this is not done, then I feel that considerable financial expence must be instigated to try and save this area.

I sincerely believe that sea and river access is only avenue open to this area. The purchase of a trawler or work boat, dingies and construction of wharves and jetties would have to be done. Likewise this would help other parts in this District namely the North Coast, Oro Bay, Pongani area and Tufi.

I apologise if I have been repetitious throughout my report. Likewise I have tried to avoid any repetition by not reporting what Mr Geoba has already commented on or reported.

For your information please.

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CASH CROP TREE CENSUS

VILLAGE	COCOA	COFFEE
UTUKIARI	2075	1998
BOROGASUSU	9200	5740
DEUNIA	?	2838
DIROU	2406	3783
SALARI	1752	1362
HURATA	1862	6735
KIKINONDA	11374	2009
KONININDA	2530	453
KORISATA	6760	5470
QITATANDI	4232	8269
OSAKO	4230	5120
PETIKIARI	2160	596
POHO	5023	3619
SAGERE	4160	6250
SIAT	6031	4374
USUINDARI	4960	5689
	<u>69983</u>	69496
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18/6/71 Many complaints brought forward, no action taken in the evening. Slept Siat.

19/6/71 Saturday observed.

20/6/71 Sunday observed.

21/6/71 Departed Siat 0700, arrived Ustakandi 0900. Commenced area study. Slept Ustakandi.

22/6/71 Departed Ustakandi, arrived Hurata 0900. Census and tree study. Political education talks held in the evening. Slept Hurata.

23/6/71 Departed Hurata, arrived Sagera 0900. Census and area study. Many complaints heard in the evening. Slept Sagera.

24/6/71 Departed Sagera 0700, arrived Deunia 1000. Remainder of patrol returns to base. I traveled to Ustakandi to complete work course.

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- 7/6/71 Departed Ioma 1000 hrs arrived Kurereda 1230. Heavy rain during night causes flooding of walking track. Water four to five feet deep in some places. Census and area study. Slept Kurereda.
- 8/6/71 Departed Kurereda 0800 arrived Gaiari 1220. I again fall into water crossing swamp. Census and area study. Slept Gaiari.
- 9/6/71 Departed Gaiari 0800 arrived Petakiari 1030. Census and area study. Slept Petakiari.
- 10/6/71 Departed Petakiari 0800 arrived Korisata 0930. Census. Slept Korisata.
- 11/6/71 Woman runs berserk with axe, despatched to Popondetta with witnesses etc for court. Walked to Boragasusam. Census and area study. Returned to Korisata. Various complaints heard. Slept Korisata.
- 12/6/71 Saturday observed.
- 13/6/71 Sunday observed.
- 14/6/71 Departed Korisata 0800 arrived Usuindari 0900. Census and area study. Army helicopter lands in village. Army personnel discuss walking tracks and location of villages in the area. Political Education talks held during the evening. Slept Usiandari.
- 15/6/71 Departed Usiandari 0800 arrived Kikinonda 0930. Census and area study. Political Education talks held during evening. Slept Kikinonda.
- 16/6/71 Departed Kikinonda 0930. Delay in obtaining carriers. Walked to the Kumusi River. Canoes and paddlers waiting from the next ward. By canoes down the Kumusi river to Deunia. ~~Slept~~ Census and area study. Political Education talks in evening. Slept Deunia.
- 17/6/71 Departed Deunia 0930 by canoes, arrived Siai 1200. Census and area study. Slept Siai.
- 18/6/71 Many complaints brought forward. Heard and settled. Political education talks in the evening. Slept Siai.
- 19/6/71 Saturday observed.
- 20/6/71 Sunday observed.
- 21/6/71 Departed Siai 0745 arrived Oitatandi 0920. Census and area study. Slept Oitatandi.
- 22/6/71 Departed Oitatandi arrived Hurata 1000. Census and area study. Political education talks held in the evening. Slept Hurata.
- 23/6/71 Departed Hurata 0900 arrived Sagere 1130. Census and area study. Many complaints heard and settled. Slept Sagere.
- 24/6/71 Departed Sagere 0700 arrived Saiho 1550. Remainder of patrol returns to Ioma. I travel to Popondetta to commence weeks course.