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PATROL REPORTS EAST NEW BRITAIN DISTRICT 1966-67

RABAU

<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
2-66-67	T.M. Kelliher	Rabaul Sub-District & Duke of Yorks Islands
8-66-67	M.A. Pryke	Matanakunai- part of Makolkol area, Coastal Bainings CD
9-66-67	M.A. Pryke	Vunapaladig Native Reserve

BAININGS

3-66-67	R.J. Kelly & R. Chamberlain	Inland & Coastal Bainings CD
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KOKOPO

7-66-67	J.K. Nalau	Riet, Arabum, Maranagi, Lamengi
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October 2nd, 1967

District Commissioner,
East New Britain District,
RABAU.

KOKOPO PATROL NO. 7 OF 1966/67

Thank you for the above Patrol Report and the covering memoranda by yourself and the Assistant District Commissioner, Kokopo.

2. Mr. Nalau appears to have carried out his duties in an extremely competent manner. His report was well written, neatly set out and a pleasure to read.

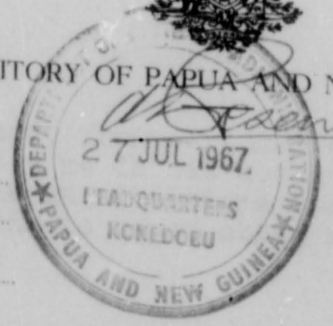
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



Telegrams.....
Our Reference..... 67-3-15
If calling ask for..... MWN/BS
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
RABAUL.

17th July, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

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W. J. Kelly
(W. J. KELLY)
A/District Commissioner
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c.c. The Assistant District Commissioner, KOKOPO.

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c.c. The Assistant District Commissioner, KOKOPO.

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HRD.

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Department District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
KOKOPO.

30th June, 1967.

A/District Commissioner,
Department District Administration,
East New Britain,
RABAUL.

KOKOPO PATROL No. 7-66/67

For your information please find attached Mr. Nalau's report on the recent D.D.A. visit to the Central Bainings in conjunction with a joint land survey patrol.

Mr. Nalau's observations on current attitudes towards possible extension of the Warangoi settlement scheme should be given the fullest consideration.

I believe the point raised by the Bainings people that the Administration already have bought and left undeveloped large areas of land to be well taken.

In short we may do well to utilize fully Administration land and reserves that we have and to this end I believe some consideration should be given to the fullest possible utilization of Kerevat forest lands for agricultural purposes.

To purchase further Central Bainings land for the sake of possibly settling a further one hundred settlers at the expense of the Central Bainings people in the long term must only create more problems than it solves in this rapidly changing society.

Mr. Nalau's report and claim for camping allowance are now forwarded to you for your attention.

H.R. Dickinson
(H.R. Dickinson)
A/Assistant District Commissioner

Attach:

67-2-3

HRD.

Department District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
KOKOPO.

15th June, 1967.

J.K. Nalau Esq.,
Patrol Officer,
KOKOPO.

Dear Sir,

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS

Please prepare to carry out a short patrol into the Upper Warangoi area on the 19th June, 1967 for a duration of four to five days.

The purpose of the patrol is a joint patrol of District Administration, Agriculture, Forests and Land settlement Officers to investigate areas of the middle and upper Warangoi and report on the suitability for land resettlement purposes.

Please arrange with the Kokopo Police station for one member of the R.P. & N.S.D. to accompany you and for necessary stores to be drawn from the Kokopo Store.

As you have already visited the area in question, I am sure you will be in a position to give valuable assistance to this patrol and report on the native situation and attitudes in this area to the proposed extension of land resettlement.

I wish you every success on this patrol and look forward to your report on your return.

Yours faithfully,

H.R. Dickinson
(H.R. Dickinson)

A/Assistant District Commissioner

Their reasons were that:-

- (a) We won't cut trees in our area, the forest has always been traditionally the forest land of our people.
- (b) We sold areas in the Warangoi to the Administration and we are allowed selling our remaining land.
- (c) The land which was previously sold to the Administration is still largely unoccupied. We do not understand the pressing need to buy more land.

In answer to it was explained that Administration has already decided what to do with that land but the hold up was the financial situation.

67-2-3

Further discussion with Mr. D. Shepherd
JKN.

Department of District Administration
Sub-District Office,
KOKOPO.

26th June, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KOKOPO.

RE VISIT TO CENTRAL BAININGS

Your patrol instruction 67-2-3 dated the 16th June, 1967 refers.

On the 19th June, 1967 I was accompanied by Mr. D. Shepherd D.A.O and three trainees from Vudal Agricultural College, Mr. K. Gee, Land Settlement Officer, Mr. E. Tuckwell, Regional Forestry Officer and Constable Laman of Kokopo Police in visiting the Central Baining areas of Lower and Upper Warangoi to investigate and report on the suitability for land settlement purposes and the attitudes of Baining people on the proposed scheme.

During the five days visit to the area the following villages were contacted and everyone was advised and it was explained to them what the Administration thought would be the best project to develop in this area economically that may give better help to Bainings and the Territory as a whole. The villages visited were RIET, ARABUM, MARANAGI and LAMENGI.

In all the villages visited, people were wondering what comes next after the Copper Prospecting in their areas and all were anxious to know the reason for this visit.

On our arrival at the village, people were advised on the aims of the visit and asked them all to think and talk it over with their friends and give us their views at nightly meetings. In all villages people were hesitant to give us their attitudes but wanted a meeting of the four villages before they considered any further purchase of Baining land.

At ARABUM village, over one hundred male and female adults from the four villages gathered to give us their views. The answers to the proposal was absolutely negative.

Their reasons were that:-

- (a) We don't want Tolais in our area, the reason for this being traditionally the Tolai forced them off their land.
- (b) We sold areas in the Warangoi to the Administration and do not intend selling our remaining land.
- (c) The land which was previously sold to the Administration is still largely undeveloped. we do not understand the pressing need to buy more land.

To comment "C" it was explained that Administration has already decided what to do with that land but the hold up was the financial situation.

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DIARY OF THE PATROL

Monday - 19.6.67

The party finally met at Kokopo Sub-District Office - further discussion with Mr. Dickinson A/A.D.C. and then departed for RIET per Land Rovers.

Further discussion with the villagers re the proposed scheme.

Camped.

Tuesday - 20.6.67

Departed RIET 0800, arrived ARABUM 0920. Further discussion re land settlement and proceeded to MARANAGI.

Arrived MARANAGI within 2 hours walking, talked to the villagers re land settlement and moved on to LAMENGI.

Arrived LAMENGI an hour's walk, further discussion with the villagers re land settlement.

Camped.

Wednesday - 21.6.67

Departed LAMENGI 0830, back to MARANAGI where the party then split. The other half proceeded to ARABUM and to RIET the next day, while myself and Mr. D. Shepherd spent a night at MARANAGI.

Visited coffee gardens and further talks on land settlement.

Camped.

Thursday - 22.6.67

Departed MARANAGI 0830 back to ARABUM. Over 100 people from LAMENGI, MARANAGI, ARABUM & RIET turned up and discussed the proposed scheme.

Their attitude towards the proposed was absolutely negative.

Camped.

Friday - 23.6.67

Departed ARABUM through wet and slippery track to RIET and then proceeded to PUBUANA Plantation in order to be picked up by car.

Picked up 11.30 by cars and back to Station.

END OF PATROL

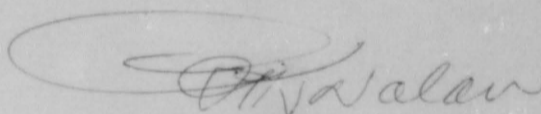
During the five days observations, Mr. D. Shepherd, D.A.O, had said the climatic condition and the height of the area might discourage the growing of coconuts and cocoa but coffee and rubber would grow well.

Mr. K. Gee recommended that the area surveyed is sufficient for a hundred settlers or may be more.

Mr. E. Tuckwell, during his forestry observations, said there is nothing very much in the areas visited to encourage logging. There are several KAMARERE found along the river banks and the foothills which is of great interest, but communication is the problem.

The full reports on the survey will be submitted by the officers of the Departments concerned who have accompanied the patrol.

In summing up, I personally believe that none of the Bainings would like to live next to a settlement area nor would they apply for the blocks as the example is seen from Warangoi Settlement where only three Bainings have applied for blocks. There is a definite distrust where Tolais and land is concerned. If further land is purchased the Central Bainings people would be left with only mountainous ridges and no agricultural future of their own.



(J.K. Malau)
Patrol Officer