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PATROL REPORTS EASTERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT 1966-67

KAINANTU

<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
1-66-67	D.R. Connors	Gadsup Census Div.
6-66-67	D.R. Connors	Tairera Census Div.
9-66-67	R. Black	Kama & Agarabi Census Div.
10-66-67	R.I. Black	Northern Kama & part Agarabi Census Div.
13-66-67	A.S. Wright	Agarabi Census Div.
14-66-67	N.G. Pile	Gadsup Census Div.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of EASTERN HIGHLANDS Report No. 1/66-67 KAINANTU.

Patrol Conducted by D.R. CONNORS CADET PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled GADSUP CENSUS DIVISION.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans P.J. THOMAS A.D.O. (4 DAYS).

Natives INTERPRETER 2 R.P.N.G.C.

Duration—From 9/8/1966 to 3/9/1966.

Number of Days TWENTY FOUR.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 10/6/1966.

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

Map Reference SEE PATROL MAP FOR PATROL REPORT NO. 12/65-66.

Objects of Patrol 1. REVISE CENSUS. 2. RECORD NAMES OF HLS VOLUNTEERS.

3. PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN. 4. INSPECT HOUSES. 5. INSPECT ROADS.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

21/9/1966

A. F. How
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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JG/GH
Administration
Press Advice
No. 769.

Port Moresby,
October 12, 1966.

NEW COUNCIL FACES HEALTH PROBLEM.

Elections for the one-year old Gadcup Local Government Council, are due to begin within the next few weeks.

Assistant District Officer Mr. J.A. Frew, of Kainantu, said this week newly elected councillors would be faced with area health problems which had developed over the past 12 months.

Although a natural increase of 3.85 per cent in this year's population figures indicated a generally satisfactory state of health, 45 of a total of 82 people who died in the council area during the year were children.

The majority of the children were under the age of five. Most of the deaths resulted from diarrhoea and pneumonia.

Mr. Frew said councillors should encourage their people to attend Public Health Department Aid Posts which were staffed with trained medical orderlies.

Aid Posts had been established to help people improve village health standards.

Medical orderlies were unable to carry out Aid Post functions properly unless village people were willing to co-operate.

67-2-13

JAF/lm.

Sub-District Office,
KAINANTU,
Eastern Highlands District.

14th September, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Dept. of District Administration,
GOROKA.

KAINANTU PATROL REPORT No.1/66-67.

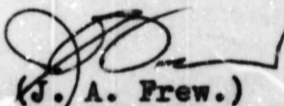
Please find attached herewith. Kainantu Patrol Report No.1/66-67; submitted by Mr.D.R. Connors, Cadet Patrol Officer, covering a census patrol of the Gadsup Census Division..

2. Officers from this Department were not responsible for the confusion of the people at Aiyura in regard to the annual census taking.

3. Health.

Comments on health have been extracted and forwarded to the Medical Officer. Further enquiries were made of Mr. Connors re the statement about deaf children and the information passed to the Medical Officer for further investigation. It would appear that there are a number of children in SAIORA and Korangka who were born deaf, including one complete family at Korangka. Infant mortality is still high in the area and the newly formed local government council will be encouraged to devote their attention and energies to improving the situation.

4. For your information and comments please.



(J. A. Frew.)
Assistant District Commissioner.

67-13-5

12th December, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Eastern Highlands District,
SOROKA.

PATROL REPORT KAIWANTU NO. 1 OF 1966/67:

Receipt is acknowledged of the above report
and your 67-3-2 of the 21st September, 1966.

2. This report was the subject of Administration
Press Advice No. 769, dated the 12th October, 1966,
"New Council Faces Health Problem".
3. Mr. D. E. Connors conducted a satisfactory
patrol and has submitted a brief though adequate report.

(J. K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams..... DISCOM
Our Reference..... 67-3-2
If calling ask for
Mr.....



Department of District Administration,

GOROKA,
Eastern Highlands District.

21st September, 1966.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEBOBU.

KAINANTU PATROL 1/66-67

The abovementioned report submitted by Mr. D.R. Connors, Cadet Patrol Officer, together with comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Kainantu, are forwarded herewith.

2. The comments by the Assistant District Commissioner adequately cover the report.

A. F. Lyons
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....

Our Reference.....

If calling ask for

Mr.....

Department of District Administration,

Sub-District Office,

KAINANTU,

E.H.D.

7/9/66.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KAINANTU.

Subject : PATROL REPORT NO.1/66-67.

Attached please find the original and two copies
of the above mentioned Patrol Report and claims for camping
allowance.

Submitted for your information please.

D. R. Connors.
D.R. CONNORS.
(Cadet Patrol Officer)

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams.....

Our Reference.....
If calling ask for

Department of District Administration.

Mr.....

STATION : KAINANTU.

SUB-DISTRICT : KAINANTU.

DISTRICT : EASTERN HIGHLANDS.

PATROL NUMBER : NO. 1/66-67 KAINANTU.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY : D.R. CONNORS
(CADET PATROL OFFICER).

AREA PATROLLED : GADSUP CENSUS DIVISION.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING : P.J. THOMAS
THE PATROL (ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER).
(For the last 5 days).
UWAI NAROI (INTERPRETER).
2 MEMBERS R.P.N.G.C.

DURATION OF PATROL : 9/8/66 to 27/8/66 and
30/8/66 to 3/9/66.

LAST PATROL TO AREA : 10/6/66 to 28/6/66.

OBJECTS OF PATROL : 1. REVISE CENSUS.
2. RECORD NAMES OF HLS
VOLUNTEERS.
3. INSPECT ROADS.
4. INSPECT HOUSING AND
SANITATION.
5. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.
6. PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

INTRODUCTION.

The main object of the Patrol was to revise the census figures of the Gadsup Census Division. It was noted that some confusion in the Aiyura area was caused by this census taking place only a few weeks after the Territory Census. The people were earlier told that the Territory Census would replace the D.D.A. census. However after it was explained to them that the two censuses are in no way related and that the Territory Census is to take place every five years compared with the annual D.D.A. census the people appeared to understand.

Accompanying this Patrol was the Gadsup Council tax collection Patrol. This ^{was} comprised by the Council clerk and a tax tribunal made up of five Councillors. Whilst conducting the pre-election campaign for the Gadsup Council I explained to the people why the tax was being collected and approximately how it would be used to benefit the Gadsup people. The tax collection was completed without any serious problems arising.

As a full Patrol Report was written only two months ago for the Gadsup area I do not feel that it is necessary to repeat much of the same information. However where the situation has changed it will be dealt with accordingly.

PATROL DIARY.AUGUST.

Tuesday 9th.

Travelled to Aiyura in landrover and set up camp. Spoke to the people of Aiyura and Asirangka about coming elections etc. Censused Aiyura census unit.

SLEPT AIYURA.

Wednesday 10th.

Censused Asirangka census unit. Inspected the hamlets of Aiyura and Asirangka. Book work until 1730 hours. Patrol joined by Council clerk.

SLEPT AIYURA.

Thursday 11th.

Travelled in Gadsup Council tractor and trailer to Amamonta. Walked to Wopepa (walking time 30 minutes). Censused Wopepa census unit after giving pre-election talk. Inspected Wopepa hamlets.

SLEPT WOPEPA.

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Friday 12th.

Censused Onamuna census unit. Inspected hamlets of Onamuna. Investigated an assault case. Walked to Akuna rest house (walking time 40 minutes).

SLEPT AKUNA.

Saturday 13th.

Censused Amamonta census unit after pre-election talk. Book work remainder of day.

SLEPT AKUNA.

Sunday 14th.

Day observed. Some book work done.

SLEPT AKUNA.

Monday 15th.

Censused Akuna census unit after the usual pre-election talk. Inspected the Akuna hamlets. Walked to Ikana (walking 55 minutes). Book work and investigation of fight at Sasaura until 2000 hours.

SLEPT IKANA.

Tuesday 16th.

Censused Ikana and Tombena census units after giving pre-election talk. Visited by Mr. A. D. O. Thomas who had been to Cadsup Council meeting. Heard disputes and did book work until 1830 hours.

SLEPT IKANA.

Wednesday 17th.

Inspected the hamlets of Ikana and Tombena. Sent those involved in fight at Sasaura to Kainantu for court action. Arranged with Councillors of Akuna, Amamonta, and Wopepa to cut logs to replace unsafe bridges on road to Kainantu. Walked to Omaura (walking time 50 minutes).

SLEPT OMAURA.

Thursday 18th.

Censused Omaura census unit after pre-election talk. Book work and hearing of disputes remainder of day.

SLEPT OMAURA.

Friday 19th.

By Council tractor to Saiora. Censused Saiora census unit after pre-election talk. Inspected the hamlets. Walked back

Friday 26th.

Walked to Oraninka (walking time
to Omaura (walking time 40 minutes).
Walked to Oraninka (walking time 30
minutes).

SLEPT ONANINGKA.

Saturday 20th.

Censused Onaningka census unit
after pre-election talk. Book work
remainder of day.

SLEPT ONANINGKA.

Sunday 21st.

Day observed. Book work most of
day.

SLEPT ONANINGKA.

Monday 22nd.

Inspected hamlets of Onaningka.
Walked to Sasaura. Censused Sasaura
after giving pre-election talk. Inspected
hamlets of Sasaura. Returned to Onaningka
and then walked to Apumaka (walking time
1 hour 20 minutes).

SLEPT APUMAKA.

Tuesday 23rd.

Censused Apumaka census unit after
giving pre-election talk. Walked to Bioka
inspecting hamlets of Apumaka and Bioka
on the way. Book work remainder of after-
noon.

SLEPT BIOKA.

Wednesday 24th.

Censused Bioka census unit after
pre-election talk. Started to walk to Arau,
meeting Mr.A.D.O. Thomas at Onaningka.
Driven to Arau in Toyota. Book work rest
of afternoon.

SLEPT ARAU.

Thursday 25th.

Departed Arau at 0720 hours and
walked to Barosira (walking time 1hr.15
minutes). Censused Barosira census unit
after giving pre-election talk. Inspected
the Barosira hamlets. Walked back to Arau.
Censused Arau No.1 and Arau No.2 census
units after telling them of the coming
Council elections. Inspected hamlets of
Arau. Heard disputes and complaints until
1745 hours.

SLEPT ARAU.

Friday 26th.

Walked to Korangka (walking time one hour). Censused Korangka and Kambaira census units after telling them about the coming Council elections. Inspected the hamlets of Korangka and Kambaira. Walked to Tombendaka (walking time 40 minutes). Told the Tombendaka people of the Council elections then censused Tombendaka census unit. Inspected the hamlets of Tombendaka. Book work in evening.

SLEPT TOMBENDAKA.

Saturday 27th.

Walked to Pundibasa (walking time 40 minutes). Censused Pundibasa after giving pre-election talk. Returned to Kainantu by landrover in afternoon to shift into another house.

SLEPT KAINANTU.

Tuesday 30th.

Returned to Patrol accompanied by Mr. A.D.O. Thomas. Walked from Pundibasa to Binamarien (walking time one hour). Censused Binamarien after Mr. Thomas gave pre-election talk. Inspected the hamlets of Binamarien.

SLEPT BINAMARIEN.

Wednesday 31st.

Walked to Mamerain (walking time 1 hr. 40 minutes). Censused then inspected Mamerain. Walked to Abonamo (walking time 45 minutes). Censused and inspected Abonamo.

SLEPT ABONAMO.

SEPTEMBER.

Thursday 1st.

Walked to Arona (Kassam) (walking time 1hr. 55 minutes). Censused Arona No.1 and Arona No.2 census units. Inspected hamlets of Arona. Book work until 18:00 hrs.

SLEPT ARONA.

Friday 2nd.

Surveyed block of land with Mr. Thomas. Book work rest of afternoon.

SLEPT ARONA.

END OF PATROL.

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS.Reception of Patrol.

The Patrol was favourably received in each village. There were very few absentees from the census.

Villages.

The improvement in housing standard throughout the entire Gadsup area is exceptionally good. However some people did not take any notice of my instructions in June and these people have been ~~visited~~ courted by Mr. Thomas. The overall cleanliness of the villages has also improved but sanitation is still poor. Those villages concerned were told of the advantages of good sanitation and further instructions were given to endeavour to improve the poor conditions that now exist.

Outline of Political Situation.

The first year of operation of the Gadsup Council is now nearly over. In November the Council elections will be held to elect the Councillors for the next term which will be for two years (the present term is for only one year). Although the people did not openly express their views to me I gained the ~~impression~~ feeling that quite a few of the present Councillors might be replaced at the time of the elections.

The trouble between the missionary and the Councillor at Kambaira has ended and the missionary now appears to be doing his utmost to help the Councillor to improve the Kambaira hamlets. The improvement in the houses and cleanliness of Kambaira is remarkable and by far surpasses that of any other village.

Land.

The Administration has just purchased a large area of land near Onaningka. There was a lot of ill feeling between the Onaningka people and the Biokas concerning their share of the money. However Mr. Thomas was able to settle all their problems satisfactorily.

Complaints.

Numerous complaints were heard during the course of the Patrol. Most were over trouble caused by pigs and were settled without any problems. The ignorance of the right to shoot trespassing pigs was the cause of many complaints. This law was explained to each man who complained about pigs spoiling gardens.

Courts.

A large number of courts were heard by the Patrol and the names were recorded for further action. Some were referred to Kainantu and the others were heard by Mr. Thomas when he joined the Patrol. By far the most numerous were those concerning unsanitary houses. One assault case and a case of riotous behaviour were sent to Kainantu.

Rest Houses.

Most of the rest houses were in very good condition. All were at least satisfactory. New rest houses have been built at Apumaka, Tombendaka and Arona and Onamuna and Sasaura are going to build new ones.

Health.

The health of the Gadsup people appears to be satisfactory. The Arau people still have not done anything to improve their Aid Post. It was pointed out to them that it is their Aid Post and is for their own use so it is their responsibility to keep it in a good condition. When it was pointed out that P.H.D. might remove the Medical Orderly if the people do not repair the buildings they said they would repair them. The usual diseases—colds and scabies were often seen. A skin disease resembling tinea is very common. It affects most of the body but does not appear to irritate the sufferers. It was also noted that a large number of children are deaf.

Roads and Bridges.

All the roads in the Gadsup are in a reasonable condition. The road from Pundibasa to Biramamien has been completed but as yet has not formed and is very wet and slippery. The people of Korangka and Tombendaka have made a ford at the Wanton River so it is now possible to cross it in a vehicle.

The bridges on the road between Aiyura and Akuna were declared to be unsafe so the Councillors of all nearby places were asked to have some logs cut to replace the old bridges.

It was noticed that the Arau and Barosira people are not working on their road. They were instructed to carry out their obligations under the Roads Maintenance Ordinance.

Labour.

No labour complaints were made to the Patrol. It appears that the "ill feeling" on Mr. Schindlers plantation has been remedied.

Only 21 names were recorded for the Highland Labour Scheme. This was to be expected because 145 men from the Gadsup volunteered for the H.L.S. in June.

Census.

No surprising results emanated from the census. The natural increase in population was 341 which is an increase of 3.85 per 100.

The number of infant deaths is high. Most result from diarrhoea and pneumonia. Ten children under the age of one year died during the last 14 months. 35 children under the age of 5 years died. This is a very large number considering the fact that there were only 82^{deaths} all together.

There were 423 recorded births since the last census. A slight increase resulted from the number of migrations in - 154- compared with the number of migrations out - 132. Most of the migrations are from village to village within the Gadsup area but some come from other census divisions and some come from the Morobe District. This applies in particular to the Finschhafen missionaries.

355 workers were absent from the census. Of these 136 are employed within the Eastern Highlands District whilst 219 are employed outside the District.

Personnel.

Mr. Uwai Norai - efficient in his work and well behaved.

Constable Yetamanatu - reasonably efficient, well disciplined. Does a good job.

D. R. Connors
D.R. CONNORS.
(CADET PATROL OFFICER).



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Eastern Highlands Report No. 6/66-67 KAI

Patrol Conducted by D.R. Connors Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Tairera Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.

Natives 1 INTERPRETER 2 MEMBERS RPNGC.

Duration—From 11/11/1966 to 30/11/1966

Number of Days Fifteen.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 9/1966.

Medical 10/1966.

Map Reference Sketch Map attached.

Objects of Patrol 1. Revise census. 2. Inspect roads and bridges.

3. Record names of H.L.S. 4. Record number of radios. 5. Inspect villages.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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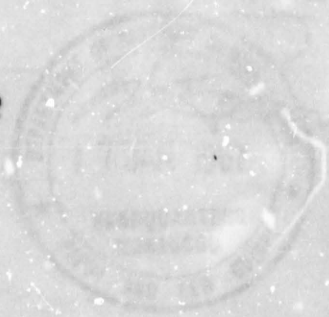
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Females
in Child
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67-13-12



1st February, 1967.

District Commissioner,
Eastern Highlands District,
GOROKA.

PATROL REPORT NO. 6-1966/67 - KAIYANTU:

A well written, comprehensive report for which Mr. Connors is to be commended.

The report presents a good picture of the satisfactory situation existing in the Tairora area.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams.....
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Our Reference...
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Mr.....



Department of District Administration.

GOROKA

Eastern Highlands District

11th January, 1967

The Director,
Dept of District Administration,
KONEDOBUBU

PATROL REPORT NO. 6/66-67: KAINANTU
SUB-DISTRICT

Attached is the above report of a patrol conducted by Mr Cadet Patrol Officer Connors, with memorandum 67-2-13 of 16th December, 1966, from the A.D.C., Kainantu Sub-District.

2. The patrol was very well conducted and the report is very informative. All necessary action is being taken, and camping allowance has been passed for payment.

3. Regarding paragraph 4 of memorandum above quoted from the A.D.C. Kainantu Sub-District, reports of activities are appropriately handled.

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(A.F. GOW) S

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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GOROKA
Eastern Highlands District
11th January, 1967

The Director,
Dept of District Administration,
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(A.F. GOW) ²
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Attach.

67-2-13

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Sub-District Office
KAINANTU.....E.H.D.

16th December, 1966

District Commissioner,
Dept. of District Administration,
GOROKA.

KAINANTU PATROL REPORT No. 6/66-67

Please find attached Patrol Report No. 6/66-67, submitted by Mr. D. R. Connors, C.P.O., covering a census and routine administrative patrol of the Tairora Census Division.

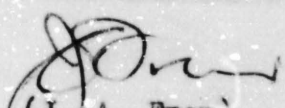
2. A strong effort was made on this patrol to improve village housing and sanitation. During the last patrol a number of men from selected villages were prosecuted, for failing to maintain their houses in good condition, and it was hoped that these few prosecutions would have a salutary effect on the remainder of the Community. Such was not the result, however, and additional prosecutions were lodged following this patrol. The Local Government Council is preparing a rule relating to Village housing and sanitation.

3. During the first year of operation, the Tairora L. G. Council has made good progress. The people, are still willing and enthusiastic and overall there is good support for the Councillors. The Council is still awaiting a decision from Lands Department regarding their application for a site for the Council Centre.

4. The Jehovah's Witness Sect are becoming more active in the area. It is believed that one or two more Europeans have moved into URARA Village to assist Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, who originally established the sect here about two years ago. The group are resident on native land and are endeavouring to establish themselves on a permanent basis at URARA.

5. There are no Administration schools, nor recognised Mission Schools subsidised by the Administration in the Tairora. The "Schools" operated by the Lutheran and S.E.A. Mission are at a low standard. Both the Local Government Council and the D.A.C. are endeavouring to have the Administration provide a primary school for the area.

6. Mr. Connors has written a neat and informative report. Claims for camping allowance are attached.


(J. A. Frew)
Assistant District Commissioner.

Encl:

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GOROKA
Eastern Highlands District

12th January, 1967

Officer-in-Charge,
Administration Broadcasting
Station,
Radio Goroka,
GOROKA

WIRELESS RECEPTION OF RADIO GOROKA

For your information, a recent patrol to the Fairora census division of the Kainantu Sub-District reported that the reception by four wirelesses in the area was reasonably good.

The only other two receivers in the area owned by the local peoples, could not receive your station due to their frequency range.

(A.F. GOW)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

→ c.c. The Director,
Dept of District Administration
KONEDOBU.

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MINUTE TO: Assistant District Commissioner,
KAINANTU Patrol Report No. 6/66-67
refers please.

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(A.F. GOW)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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GOROKA
Eastern Highlands District

11th January, 1967

District Works Officer,
Dept of Public Works,
GOROKA

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE: BRIDGE WORKS
AND ROAD MAINTENANCE: TAIROBA CENSUS DIVISION
KAINANTU SUB-DISTRICT

During a recent patrol to the above census division, the peoples of two areas requested the assistance of an officer of your department to help them re-build some bridges. Materials have been cut but they desire a "bridge carpenter" to help them in re-building the bridges by advising them of the best way in which to build these bridges.

2. The people also requested that further maintenance be carried out on the trunk road, and bridges on the trunk road.

3. I have asked the Assistant District Officer to contact you direct with full details in the hope that you can provide assistance in the form of advice for the bridges, and also that the trunk road can be further maintained. Any assistance you can give will be appreciated.

(A.F. GOW) &
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

c.c. A.D.C., Kainantu
→ c.c. The Director, Dept of District
Administration,
Konedobu.

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GOROKA
Eastern Highlands District

11th January, 1967

The District Inspector,
Dept of Education,
GOROKA

REQUEST FOR SCHOOL: TAIRORA CENSUS
DIVISION, KAINANTU SUB-DISTRICT

A recent census patrol to the above census division has specially recommended the establishment of a school by the Administration. This census division is within the Tairora Local Government Council area. The council was established in 1965 and only has a low revenue income.

2. It is realised that the establishment of a new school presents problems of funds, accommodation, and staff. We do have the problem here of a council area in which there is no Administration school. The area has a population of 6,000, and the heavy population density of school children in five villages in particular does give rise to the necessity for a school. Of the five heavily populated areas - BONTA, NEREI'ERANDA, NONE IKORA, TONDONA, and SAWAIRA - the best area, subject to your opinion, would be Bonta.

3. The possibility of parents having to pay a school fee has not been disregarded. The political, economic, and social advancement of this Council area suggests that immediate consideration be given to the building of a school in the area. Such, I know, is not easy.

4. Both the District Advisory Council and the Local Government Council are endeavouring to have the school established, and the recent patrol confirmed the urgent necessity for the school.

Kindly advise.

(A.F. GOW) &
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

→ c.c. The Director,
Dept of District Administration,
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c.c. A.D.C., Kainantu

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GOROKA
Eastern Highlands District

12th January, 1967

Regional Medical Officer,
Dept of Public Health,
GOROKA

REQUEST FOR AID POST AT AROKARA
DIVISION OF KAINANTU SUB-DISTRICT

A recent patrol to the above area has, as a result of discussions with the peoples, recommended the establishment of an aid post at AROKARA, in the above census division.

2. It is considered that such aid post is necessary in order to serve the densely populated areas of ARORATA, AROKARA, BARARANDA, HEEIKORA and HONEYERANDA, of which the total population is 1,260.

3. The already established aid posts in the census division have proved a necessity and the people served by these aid posts have, on various occasions, expressed gratitude for them. The widespread population density does make it most desirable that this further aid post should be established.

4. Kindly advise so that the matter can be taken up further with the people and the Tairora Local Government Council.

(A.F. GOW)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

→ c.c. The Director,
Dept of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

c.c. A.D.C., Kainantu.

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GOROKA
Eastern Highlands District

16th January, 1967

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KAINANTU

LAND APPLICATION: COUNCIL CENTRE
TAIROBA COUNCIL

Your 67-2-13 of 16th December, 1966, refers please.

2. On 30/11/66 and 28/12/66 requests were made to the Director of Lands for finalisation of this land application. To date no information has been received, but it is realized that the Director of Lands and the Land Board has a back-log of applications. You will be further advised shortly as a reply is anticipated.

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(A.F. GOW) :
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

→ c.c. The Director,
Dept of District Administration
KONEDOBU

c.c. The Director,
Dept of Lands, Surveys & Mines
KONEDOBU



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STATION : **KAINANTU.**

SUB-DISTRICT : **KAINANTU**

PATROL NUMBER : **6/66-67**

PATROL CONDUCTED BY : **D.R. CONNORS (CADET PATROL OFFICER).**

AREA PATROLLED : **TAIRORA CENSUS DIVISION.**

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING THE PATROL : **1 INTERPRETER**
: **2 MEMBERS R.P.N.G.C..**

DURATION OF PATROL : **11/11/66 TO 30/11/66**
: **(15 DAYS ON PATROL).**

LAST PATROL TO AREA : **D.D.A. - SEPTEMBER 1966.**
: **P.H.D. - OCTOBER 1966.**

OBJECTS OF THE PATROL : **1. REVISE THE CENSUS.**
: **2. RECORD NAMES OF H.L.S.**
: **3. INSPECT VILLAGES.**
: **4. INSPECT ROADS & BRIDGES.**
: **5. REPORT ON HEALTH & HYGIENE.**
: **6. LIST NO. OF RADIOS & RECEPTION OF RADIO GOROKA.**

MAP REFERENCE : **SEE SKETCH MAP ATTACHED.**

PATROL DIARY.NOVEMBER.

Friday 11th.

Travelled in Toyota to Sawaira where we set up camp. Censused Ba'enabuta and Bairinabuta census units. Recorded names of Highland Labour Scheme volunteers.

SLEPT SAWAIRA.

Saturday 12th.

Inspected the hamlets of Ba'enabuta whilst policeman inspected Bairinabuta. Compiled census figures. Recorded names of H.L.S. volunteers. Heard and arbitrated in several small disputes.

SLEPT SAWAIRA.

Sunday 13th.

Day of rest observed.

SLEPT SAWAIRA.

MONDAY 14th.

Left Sawaira 0720 hours arriving Andandara 0820 hours (walking time 1 hour). Censused Andandara and Ocarera census units. Inspected hamlets of Ocarera whilst policeman inspected those of Andandara. Interpreter and second policeman arrived from Kainantu. Did book work and compiled census figures. Recorded names of H.L.S. volunteers. Heard disputes until 1330 hours.

SLEPT ANDANDARA.

Tuesday 15th.

Investigated claim that the Councillors and Committeemen from Ocarera were hiding sick men away in the village. Two sick men were sent to Sawaira Aid Post and the former were warned against a repetition of this. Departed Andandara at 0830 hours arriving Barabuna at 1125 hours (walking time 2 hours 55 minutes). Censused Barabuna census unit. Inspected the hamlets of Barabuna. Book work and compilation of census statistics until 1730 hours. 1825 to 1830 hours recorded the names of H.L.S. volunteers.

SLEPT BARABUNA.

Wednesday 16th.

Departed Barabuna 0730 hours and walked to Noreikora (walking time 1 hour 40 minutes). Waited for the Kamanakera and Batanabura villagers to arrive and then censused them and Noreikora. Heard several minor disputes.

SLEPT NOREIKORA.

Thursday

Compiled the census statistics of the three census units censused yesterday. Inspected the hamlets of Batanabura whilst the police inspected Kamanakera and Noreikora. Recorded names of H.L.S. volunteers. Book work and hearing of minor disputes until 1830 hours.

SLEPT NOREIKORA.

Friday 18th.

Departed Noreikora at 0740 hours and walked to Nompia (walking time 3½ hours). Censused Babarai, Otara, Gegara and Turabura census units. Inspected the hamlets of Babarai whilst police inspected the others. Minor disputes and the obtaining the names of those to be counted for having insanitary houses etc. until 2030 hours.

SLEPT NOMPIA.

Saturday 19th.

To Kainantu.

Tuesday 22nd.

Returned to the Patrol. Censused Tondena and Tentaina census units. Recorded the names of H.L.S. volunteers.

SLEPT TONDONA.

Wednesday 23rd.

Book work until 1330 hours. Recorded names of H.L.S. volunteers. Walked to Norei'eranda (walking time 1 hour 20 minutes) and set up camp.

SLEPT NOREI'ERANDA.

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Thursday 24th.

Censused Nerei'eranda and Arerata census units. Book work whilst police inspected some of the Nerei'eranda and Arerata hamlets. Walked to Arokara, inspecting some Nerei'eranda and Arerata hamlets on the way. (Walking time 50 minutes). Recorded the names of those men with insanitary houses for future action.

SLEPT AROKARA.

Friday 25th.

Censused Arakara and Bararanda census units. Walked to Bonta'a, inspecting hamlets of Bonta'a and Bararanda on the way. (Walking time 1 hour 40 minutes). Book work until 1830 hours.

SLEPT BONTA'A.

Saturday 26th.

Censused Bonta'a and Urara census units. Travelled to Kainantu.

Slept Kainantu.

Sunday 27th.

Returned to Patrol in afternoon.

SLEPT BONTA'A.

Monday 28th.

Compiled census statistics of Bonta'a and Urara. Walked to Ontenu (walking time 50 minutes). Censused Ontenu. Inspected Ontenu hamlets. Book work and hearing of minor disputes until 1900 hours.

SLEPT ONTENU.

Tuesday 25th.

Walked to Abiera (walking time 1 hr. 10 minutes). Censused Abiera and Tenkera census units. Heard several disputes whilst police inspected hamlets of Abiera and Tenkera. Walked to Ontabura and set up camp. Did book work and heard minor disputes until 1945 hours.

SLEPT ONTABURA.

Wednesday 26th.

Censused Ontabura. Compiled census statistics and heard several minor disputes. Walked to Kainantu, inspecting Ontabura hamlets on way. X

SLEPT KAINANTU.

END OF PATROL.

INTRODUCTION.

The Tairora Census Division lies to the south of Kainantu and covers an area of approximately 180 square miles. It extends from near Kainantu in the north to Mt. Elandora in the south-east. It is bordered by the Agarabi Census Division in the north, the Gadup in the north-east, the Morobe District in the east, the Degera and Itarua in the south, and the Anyaza and Kamane Census Divisions in the west.

The Tairora experiences a cool temperate type climate with warm days and cool nights. The Wet Season extends from November to April, during which time about 80 inches of rain falls.

The landforms differ tremendously from the rugged mountain ranges near Mt. Elandora to the large, flat Nereikora swamp. However except for the southern portion around Sawaira and Nempia which is fairly mountainous, most of the Tairora is slightly undulating or reasonably flat land. The area, except for Nereikora swamp, is well drained by the tributaries of the Ramu and Lamari Rivers, as well as myriads of smaller streams.

As the landforms differ so does the vegetation. The rugged mountain ranges are covered with dense bush which includes large trees, shrubs, vines, ferns and in higher altitudes mosses and other fungi. Most streams are bordered with trees but most of the undulating land is devoid of all vegetation except kunai grass and occasional clumps of bamboo and pit-pit.

The population of just over 6,000 is distributed fairly evenly over the whole Census Division, the population density being approximately thirty three to the square mile.

The Tairora is very fortunate in having a good network of roads and all but two villages and one Rest House can be reached by road. However the weather is already having adverse effects on the roads and some of them at least will be closed at times during the Wet season unless much more work is done on them (see comments under "Roads and Bridges").

There are seven coffee plantations and one extension to a plantation as well as one sawmill and this helps to boost the economic position of the Tairora people in that labour is required for their operation, and the people's services are being paid for with money.

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The Fairera is in a very interesting stage, politically, in that their multi-racial Council has now been operating for more than one year and the second elections have just been completed. It was interesting to note that all but two or three Councillors were re-elected and that there are no European Councillors.

The main object of the Patrol was to conduct the annual census revision. Other objects were to inspect the hygiene and sanitation of the villages, report on the health of the people, report on the condition of the roads and bridges and to issue instructions for maintenance and repair where necessary, record the names of the Highland Labour Scheme volunteers, record the number of radios and comment on the reception of Radio Gereka.

The above objects are fully commented on under the appropriate headings.

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS.

Reception of Patrol.

Generally the Patrol was well received but the reception varied from place to place. For example the Patrol had to wait several hours at Noreikera for the Kamanakera people to arrive for census, but at Tondona everyone was waiting when the Patrol arrived and a large quantity of food was presented to Patrol personnel. On the whole the reception was satisfactory, especially in the latter stages of the Patrol.

Villages.

Every hamlet was inspected by at least one member of the Patrol. During the previous Patrol of the Fairera in September, a large number of men were courted for having insanitary houses. The improvement in most villages during the past two months has been most encouraging. Although the standard of housing can be further improved it is now at least satisfactory. The usual round and rectangular shaped houses are the types built in the Fairera. Some have raised floors but most are built on the ground, mainly because they are warmer and easier to build.

Many of the Fairera hamlets are most disorganised in regards to their sites. Houses are spread over a wide area in groups of often fewer than five and some Councillors complained that their people refuse to leave their

isolated hamlets and come to live in a large hamlet. This creates problems in that the Councillors have difficulty in getting the people together for meetings or for work on the roads and in the villages. This also makes it difficult to ensure that all hamlets are fenced and that pigs are kept outside the hamlets. The people were told of the advantages of living in large hamlets. Andandara is the best example of the above.

Other villages are well set out and are a pleasure to visit. These people take an obvious pride in keeping their hamlets tidy and this is good to see. Perhaps the best village would be Barabuna. Others include Tentaina, Bonta'a, Ontemu, Abiera and Ontabura.

Because of the comparatively flat landforms in the Tairera, most hamlets are built on or in the vicinity of flat land where gardens can be cultivated and where there is a reliable water supply close to hand. It was noticed that most hamlets obtain their water supplies from flowing streams,

The cleanliness, hygiene and sanitation in the Tairera is not good. Although some places are satisfactory many have too few latrines and rubbish pits and allow pigs to roam at will through the houselines. Quite a large number of people are to be courted for not having latrines or for having insanitary houses.

Outline of Political Situation.

The Administration is held in high esteem by the Tairera people. Most of them showed a lot of interest in the Patrol and its activities. There were no signs of any political unrest or cultist activities.

In November 1965 the Tairera Council was formed. Last month saw the completion of the first year of the operation by the Council and also the elections for the next term which will be two years. As mentioned in the "Introduction" nearly all the Councillors were re-elected and all Councillors are natives of the Tairera area. The Council has expanded rapidly since its opening last year. A Council area has been set up near Noreikera. This comprises a Council House, office, bulk store/teel shed, Rest House and houses for the Council employees. A tractor and trailer were recently purchased by the Council and these work on the roads and cart gravel and other materials for Council projects such as the drilling of a well at the Bonta'a Aid Post.

Some Councillors complained that some of their people often refuse to obey their instructions to fence their houses, dig latrines, work on the roads and so on. The Councillors were told to take those people who break laws under the N.A.R.'s to Kainantu, to be courted. Fortunately these cases are the exception rather than the rule though it is not a good sign when only one month after the elections some Councillors are already complaining of lack of support.

The largest mission in the fairora, and in fact the only one with some European staff, is a group of Jehovah Witnesses who live and work at Urara. They are also in the process of building a church at Noreikora where a native member of their staff works.

The Seventh Day Adventists have a mission school at Nempia but when the Patrol visited Nempia the people informed me that the native teacher had left without any apparent reason.

The Lutherans have a small school at Abiera where there is one native teacher.

All three missions gain the support of the people in their areas. The well kept buildings and gardens is one sign of this.

The Councillor from Bonta'a and Urara (one ward for the two places) complained that although the Jehovah Witness group was allegedly conducting a school at Urara the children were not being taught to read or write but religion was the main subject. He was informed that there are other schools that would possibly accept the children from his area and that no one was compelled to attend any school be it run by a mission or the Government. It was noted that only children from Urara and Noreikora attend the school.

Agriculture.

The food situation in the Tairora is quite good. At each Rest House the Patrol was presented with supplies of fresh food, mostly vegetables. All gardens seen looked healthy and no reports of plant disease were made.

A large number of introduced crops have been included in the general subsistence pattern. These crops include tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, cabbages, lettuce, potatoes, corn and peanuts. However the traditional crop kankau (sweet potato) still is the most important and sup-

plies the staple diet.

Coffee is the only commercial crop. Although not a lot of coffee trees were seen, according to the village books there would be an average of approximately 3,000 trees in each village.

Because of the good network of roads in the Tairora there are few marketing problems. Coffee buyers are able to drive to nearly every village and it is only a short walk from the other villages to the road. The main problem now is the comparatively low price of coffee and about two months ago the D.A.S.F. Officer advised the people not to sell their coffee at the present price. The market is expected to improve.

Livestock.

Pigs are still the most numerous and the most troublesome of all the livestock found in the Tairora. Goats and fowls were seen in smaller numbers and two pet cassowaries were also seen. One is permitted to roam at will around Barabuna village. The other is kept in an enclosure at Arokara village. The only reason I can see for keeping the cassowaries is for prestige purposes. Numerous complaints were heard from people whose gardens had been damaged by pigs. Although pigs are the cause of much trouble they are still very important in the villages being used extensively for bride prices and feasts.

It appears that in the near future the Ontabura people might begin a cattle project. The fencing of an area of land is now being done and the D.A.S.F. Officer at Kainantu has told the Ontaburas they will be able to get at least one heifer when the fencing is completed.

Forests.

Forests are negligible quantities over much of the Tairora. Most of the forested areas are inaccessible, one notable exception being in the Sawaira/Andandara area where Mr. Jan Boei operates a sawmill.

Commerce and Industry.

Nearly every village has at least one native owned and operated trade store.

There are five coffee plantations owned by Europeans, one by a Chinese and one by a Papuan. Along with the sawmill mentioned in "Forests" above it can be seen that the Tairora is reasonably well developed commercially.

All the above activities provide work for many

of the Tairora men and the wages they receive helps to boost the economic position of all the Tairora people because these who receive wages spend the money in the trade stores and so the money circulates throughout the economy.

Complaints.

Surprisingly few complaints were brought to the Patrol's notice. The majority of these were caused by pigs damaging gardens. Most of the others were from some of the Councillors complaining about lack of support from some of their people. It was explained to these few people that they elected the Councillors, they were not appointed by the Government, and that anyone who broke any of the Government's laws would be prosecuted.

Sanitary

Courts.

About 150 people were courted in Kainantu for having insanitary houses, no latrines etc. Besides these there were very few courts, all of which were sent to Kainantu for court action. These included two cases of theft, one of census evasion and two or three of minor assault.

Rest Houses.

All the Rest Houses were in a satisfactory condition except for Abiera where instructions were given for the building of a new one. Instructions were also given at Arokara for the replacement of the temporary Rest House with a permanent one. New Rest Houses have recently been built at Andandara, Osarera, Nereikera, Nerei'eranda, Tondona and Ontabura. It is pleasing to see that the people are sufficiently interested in having the Patrol visit them to build good Rest Houses.

Carriers.

No problems were experienced with the hiring of carriers, possibly because most walks were for only an hour or thereabouts. The rate of 10 cents per hour was paid.

Health.

The general health of the people is good. There is no sign of any outbreaks of disease other than scabies and colds which are numerous especially amongst the children. A few cases of a skin disease resembling tinea were seen. Several children were deaf as were two or three adults but I was informed they were born deaf and that their deafness was not the result of any disease.

Three people from Nerei'eranda and one from Abiera are mentally retarded, being born in their present condition.

There are three Aid Posts in the Fairora. I feel that considering the widespread population density this number is inadequate. The Aid Post at Jawaira treats Baenabuta, Bairinaouta, Barabuna, Andandara and Ogarora. These places have a combined population of 1,360. The one at Tondona treats Tondona, Tentaina, Turabura, Otara, Gebara, Babarai and Arorata (part), a combined population of 1,150. The one at Benta'a treats Benta'a, Urara, Abiera, Otabura, Tonkera, Ontema, Arekara, Bararanda, Nerei'eranda, Nerei'kora and Arorata (part) which have a combined population of 2,870. If a new Aid Post could be built at Arekara it could treat those people from Arekara, Arorata, Bararanda, Nerei'kora and Nerei'eranda, a total of 1,260 people.

The people from Kamankera are treated at the Aiyura Aid Post in the Gadsup Census Division as are the Batanabura people, some of whom also go to the Seventh Day Adventist Aid Post at Omaura which is also in the Gadsup.

Education.

Besides the three small mission schools listed in "Political Situation" above, there are no other schools in the Fairora. A few children attend the Kainantu Primary "T" school and a large number of children from Batanabura attend the Akuna Primary "T" school where they sleep in a house built by Batanabura men at Akuna.

I feel that the number of schools in the Fairora is most inadequate considering there are 1,141 children between the ages of six and fifteen. There are three Government schools in the Gadsup and talk of another being started, though this is doubtful. The Gadsup has a population, I think, of approximately 8,000. The Fairora has a population of 6,000 and yet it does not have the services of even

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one Government school of its own. I cannot see any reason why the other Census Divisions should have numerous schools and the Tairora have none. I realize that the necessary funds required are short and that there is a shortage of teachers but I earnestly feel that the social and economic advancement of the Tairora will be severely handicapped by the absence of a Government school. Should it later be decided to build a school in the Tairora then there are five good areas which have a heavy population density. These are:- Bonta'a, Nerei'eranda, Nerei'kora, Tondana and Sawaira, with possibly Bonta'a being the best.

Roads and Bridges.

One of the objects of the Patrol was to inspect all roads and bridges and to issue instructions for repair and maintenance where necessary. Repairs requiring assistance were to be noted and referred to Kainantu.

The Tairora is fortunate in having a good network of roads. As stated in the "Introduction" all the villages except two are able to be reached by road. A trunk road runs from Kainantu through Aiyura D.A.S.F. station to Nerei'kora and back through Clarens Estate plantation, Bonta'a, Abiera and Ontabura to Kainantu. Another important road connects Nerei'kora and consequently Kainantu to Obura Patrol Post. Minor roads branch off this and go into the Gadsup Census Division. Another road goes from Nerei'kora past Kereana Plantation to Nempia. Another branches off this and goes to Nerei'eranda and on further to the Lutheran Mission at Penampa, which is in the Okapa Sub-District (Auyana Census Division).

All roads are in a trafficable condition but with the coming wet season it is obvious that much work will have to be done to keep the roads in their present condition. The trunk road which is maintained by the Public Works Department is very rough and it appears that very little maintenance is carried out on it. The native people who are responsible for cleaning the barrats and cutting the grass can hardly be prosecuted for not doing this work if P.W.D. do not carry out their obligations to keep the surface of the road in a reasonable condition. Several very small bridges and culverts need replacing on the Bonta'a Loop road, especially between Bonta'a and Clarens Estate. A large bridge near Abiera needs a few

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new lengths of bridge decking. The people from Nempia have been instructed to rebuild some small bridges on their road, especially near Nempia No2. Some bridges near Andandara need replacing. The people have already cut the necessary bearers etc. and have requested the assistance of a Government bridge carpenter who in my opinion is definitely needed.

Every village was instructed to work on the roads each Monday and their obligations under the Roads Maintenance Ordinance were explained to the people.

As previously stated it will require a considerable effort by the people and by P.W.D. to keep the roads trafficable in the Wet Season.

Missions.

The three Missions in the Tairora have been described in "Political Situation" above.

A member of the Summer Institute of Linguists has a house at Bairinabuta where he is learning the Tairora language for the purpose of translating the Bible into this language. At the time of the Patrol however, he was working at the S.I.L. base camp at Ukarumpa.

Labour.

Many of the Tairora people are employed on the seven plantations and the sawmill in the Tairora. 189 people are employed outside the District, most being Highland Labour Scheme volunteers. Approximately forty men volunteered to work under the H.L.S.. Their names were recorded and they were sent to Kainantu. Most of these volunteers were from the first five villages visited, the other places, except Tendena, showing little or no interest. Most Councillors openly ridicule the H.L.S. and I think this is the main reason for the absence of volunteers in the latter part of the Patrol. Many young men are of the same opinion as the Councillors in that they can earn more money by growing coffee in their villages than they could by working as labourers at the coast. Another reason for the low number of volunteers is, I feel, that there are 200 people employed inside the District, many of whom might volunteer for the H.L.S. if there wasn't so much local work available.

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Census.

The population of the Tairera increased by 200 since the last census and it is now over 6,000. The natural increase was 178. The low number of deaths (35) was surprisingly low, and only eleven of these were children. This number is well below those of the other Census Divisions I have Patrolled this year.

Radios.

There are only six native owned radios in the Tairera, all of which were found in the latter part of the Patrol from Tendona to Ontabura. Two of the radios were not able to receive Radio Goreka because of their frequency range but the other four all receive Radio Goreka. The reception is reasonably good.

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GorekaWomen's Standing.

Most of the Tairera women, as are most native women, are the "work horses" of the subsistence economy. They plant the crops, cultivate them and finally harvest them. However at Tendona the Patrol was greeted by a woman who is the ex-Luluai there. I have only ever come across this once before and that was on a Patrol in the Asaro Census Division (Goreka). At Arekara the Patrol was greeted by another woman who is the "fereman" of Arekara. She organizes the road maintenance groups and is very much the leader at Arekara. It appeared that she holds more sway in the village than the Councillor who is also very influential.

Personnel.

Interpreter Mr. Sun Bau'uke did a very good job. Although he is inclined to take over the Patrol if given the slightest opportunity he is, nonetheless an efficient worker who is fully dedicated to his job.

Constable Umba No. 8818 did a reasonable job but was rather lazy. He was well behaved but not at all efficient. All in all his efforts on this Patrol were satisfactory.

Constable Yarumi also did a reasonable job. Although he was not very efficient he tried hard, and was a satisfactory worker.

D.R. Connors

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of *Eastern Highlands* Report No. *9* of *1966/67*

Patrol Conducted by *R. Black Cadet Patrol Officer*

Area Patrolled *Kamano and Agarabi Census Divisions*

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans *Nil*

Natives *Three*

Duration—From *20 / 12 / 1966* to *20 / 1 / 1967*

Number of Days *Fifteen*

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? *No*

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services *6 / 9 / 1966* *Kamano* *18.4.66* *Agarabi*

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

Map Reference *Nil*

Objects of Patrol *Conduct Pre-election campaign*

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

22/3 / 1967

[Signature]
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

67-13-14



28th April, 1967.

District Commissioner,
Eastern Highlands District,
GOROKA.

KAINANTU PATROL NO. 9 OF 1966-67:

Your 67-3-2 of the 22nd March, 1967, refers.

2. I find it quite disturbing that one of our officers should be ignored by several groups, especially when he is there on Council business. If this native attitude is not quickly remedied future patrols to the area will find it tough going indeed.

3. However, the overall situation seems to be reasonably satisfactory, though it is to be hoped that the newly elected Council can reactivate the Agarabi people's interest. Possibly the Council has failed to maintain contact with the people and has consequently lost their active support.

4. It is most important for Councillors to seek the views of the electors in determining what works should be carried out in the area. Failure to do this results in an apathetic attitude towards the operation of a Council, it being seen merely as another remote organisation in which they are only indirectly concerned.

(J. K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR



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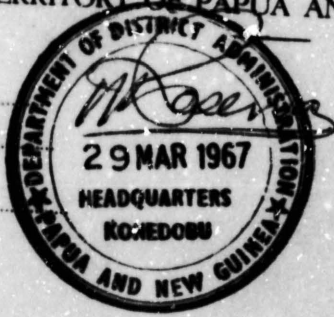
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Eastern Highlands District

22nd March, 1967.

→ The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONE DOBU

KAINANTU PATROL REPORT No. 9 of 1966/67

The above mentioned report, together with comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Kainantu, are forwarded herewith. The comments by the Assistant District Commissioner adequately cover the Report.

C. J. Mathieson
C. J. Mathieson,
Acting District Commissioner

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Sub-District Office,
KAINANTU,
Eastern Highlands District.

7th February, 1967/

The District Commissioner,
P.O. Box 147,
GOROKA.

KAINANTU PATROL REPORT NO.9/1966-67.

Please find attached Patrol Report No.9/1966-67, submitted by Mr.R.I. Black, Cadet Patrol Officer, covering a local government pre-election patrol of part of the Agarabi and Kamano Census Divisions.

2. Attendance & Participation.

Mr. Black departed last week on a further patrol of the northern Kamano Census Division, during which he will spend some time at Ino'ongka and other villages in the Tape area.

Approval has been received for Isontenu Village to be a separate ward of the Kainantu Council and during the elections a polling booth will be set up at Isontenu.

3. Roads & Bridges.

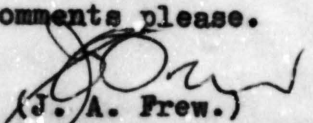
The Bilimcia people have satisfactorily completed the maintenance of their section of the minor road. Mr. Black is at present working in the Tape area assisting and advising the local people in the repair and maintenance of the Tape loop road. As stated in the report, this road is almost impassable during the wet season and is quite dangerous even for four-wheel drive light vehicles during wet conditions. Graveling of the road surface would be a great improvement, however, supplies of gravel are limited and machinery for transporting is not available. The Local Government Engineer has recently recommended that the Kainantu Council undertake the maintenance of the Tape loop road with a subsidy payment by the Administration and, if approved, the Council will use a tractor and trailer to gravel those sections of the road causing the most difficulty.

As the road between Ino'ongka and Kainantu is untrafficable during wet weather, the Ino'ongka people have constructed an access road from the village to link up with the Tape road near Homuri. Both the Kainantu Council and the Administration have provided assistance to the village people.

4. Native Situation.

The Tape people have been assisted in lodging an application for review of the Land Commissioner's decision. The Tape people are maintaining their section of the road and are now using the road to travel to Kainantu to market local vegetables.

5. For your information and comments please.


(J. A. Frew.)
Assistant District Commissioner.

Sub-District Office, 8
Kainantu.
Eastern Highlands District.
21.1.67

Kainantu Patrol No 9 of 1966/67

Patrol Conducted By: R.J.Black C.P.O.

Area Patrolled: Kamano & Agarabi Census Divisions (Part Only)

Personnel Accompanying Patrol: Nomi-Pe'o (Interpreter)
Uwai-Naroi (Interpreter)
Constable Sapaio R.P. & N.G.C.

Duration of Patrol: 20-12-66 to 22-12-66
6-1-67 to 20-1-67

Last Patrol to the Area: Kamano 6-9-66 to 1-10-66 D.D.A.
Agarabi 18-4-66 to 12-5-66 D.J.A.

Object of Patrol: Pre-election campaign for forthcoming
Kainantu Council elections in Feb/March.

R. Black C.P.O.

Patrol Diary.

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- 19.12.66 At Tibunofi where talk was given re forthcoming Council elections. Walked to Sonofi where was given a good reception. Similar talk given to gathering. P.M. Returned to Kainantu for discussions with A.D.C. Frew.
- 20.12.66 To Bobonabi by motor bike. Talk given on forthcoming Council elections. Returned to Kainantu. P.M. To Kanamba with Mr Prior C.P.O. to tell people of my intended visit on the following day.
- 21.12.66 To Kanamba with Mr Prior C.P.O. Talk given on forthcoming Council elections. To Nomura where similar talk was given to gathering. Returned to Kainantu. P.M. General office duties.
- 22.12.66 To Homuri with Mr Carroll A.D.O where talk was given on forthcoming Council elections. Returned to Kainantu. P.M. General office duties.
- 6.1.67 To Doinakenu for talk on forthcoming Council elections. General discussions. Marked out site for new rest house. Returned to Kainantu. P.M. General office duties.
- 9.1.67 To Isontenu for talk on forthcoming Council elections. Marked out site for new rest house. Returned to Kainantu. General office duties.
- 10.1.67 To Umunifintenu for discussions re forthcoming Council elections. Instructions given to construct new rest house. Returned to Kainantu. P.M. General office duties.
- 11.1.67 To Puyanantu for intended talk re elections however very few people from Puyanantu, Yomintapo and Namongka turned up. As road was in a poor condition, people were put to work to repair it. Pre-election talk was postponed to a date to be fixed. Returned to Kainantu. P.M. General office duties.
- 12.1.67 To Agarabi council chambers for discussions re forthcoming Council elections. Kainantu and Kainoa people finally arrived at approx 11am when talk was given. A small talk was also given by Councillor Ono. Returned to Kainantu. P.M. General office duties
- 13.1.67 To Tuempingka for discussions re forthcoming Council elections. Returned to Kainantu. P.M. General office duties
- 16.1.67 To Yabungka for intended talk re elections with Yabungka Yasi Yanabo and Orege people. Very poor attendance so people were told to gather for my return at 1.30pm. P.M. Returned to Yabungka however still poor attendance. Returned to Kainantu after telling people that I would return to-morrow. General office duties

17.1.67 To Yabungka for discussions re forthcoming Council elections.

Reasonably good attendance from Yabungka, Yasi and Yanabo however Orege people did not turn up. Returned to Kainantu. To Puyanantu to inform Councillor of my intended visit to-morrow. P.M. To Barapa to inform people of my intended visit. Road very slippery and dangerous.

18.1.67 To Puyanantu for discussions with Puyanantu, Yminto and Namongka people re forthcoming Council elections. Good attendance. Returned to Kainantu. P.M. General office duties.

19.1.67 To Barapa for discussions re forthcoming Council elections. Good attendance from Barapa, Anaparongka and Tarumari people. General discussions re rest houses, aid posts roads etc. P.M. General office duties.

20.1.67 To Ino'onjka for discussions re forthcoming Council elections.

Reasonable attendance from Ino'onjka and Yomposa people. Returned to Kainantu. P.M. General office duties.

Sub-District Office,
Kainantu.
Eastern Highlands District.
21-1-67

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
Kainantu.
Eastern Highlands District.

Kainantu Patrol No 9 of 1966/67

Introduction.

On Monday 5th December 1966, Mr P. Lyons R.D.O. commenced a pre-election campaign accompanied by myself. Due to the pressure of other work, (mainly Ontabura land dispute) Mr Lyons was recalled to Kainantu.

Elections for the Agarabi and Kamano are due to commence simultaneously on Monday 13th February 1967 and finish with the election for the Kainantu town ward on the 7th March. As the election programme had not been compiled prior to the patrol's departure from Kainantu, the people could not be informed of the exact date of their respective elections however they were told that the elections would follow closely the 1966 programme.

The talks given hinged around the method of choosing and making nominations, the work that the Council had done in 1966 and also the work that the Council intended doing in the next two years. Special mention was given to the intended new Council chamber: to be constructed in Kainantu when land becomes available. Mention was also made of the new Agarabi Junior Technical School which was set up in 1966 at the site of the old Agarabi Council chambers.

Voting procedures from the manual "Procedures for the conduct of Local Government Elections" were not stressed as it was felt by both Mr Lyons and myself that the people were well conversant in voting procedures as this will be the sixth election in the area.

This report should be read in conjunction with Mr Lyons memo 42-6-2 of 4th January 1967.

Attendance and Participation

Attendance in the Agarabi Census Division was generally poor however attendances improved in the Kamano Census Division with the exception of Ino'onka which Mr Lyons mentioned in his memo 42-6-2 of 4th January 1967. I arrived at Ino'onka on Thursday morning 8th December after walking from Aiamontin. The rest house was in a filthy condition as was the housing for other patrol personnel. After having lunch, I sang out people to come and clean the rest house area. I then informed some committee members that I intended giving a pre-election talk on the next day. They said that they would spread the word and have everyone ready. On Friday 9th December, I waited until noon and no people had turned up. I then asked some people who were walking past the rest house why no one had turned up. They said that everyone was getting ready

6. (cont) for the singsing to be held at the Administration school that night. I then sent word for the people to come on the next day (Saturday morning). The next morning, I ~~wacked~~ waited again and still no one turned up. I then asked ~~them~~ a few more people why everyone was still in their village. They said that everyone was tired after the singsing and they wanted to go home and have a sleep. I then decided to move onto Tirai as I felt that nothing was to be gained by staying any longer at Ino'onqka. Whilst I was at Ino'onqka, the Council President and also Councillor for the Ino'onqka ward, Sabika was conspicuous by his absence. Mr Lyons advised Sabika that I was at Ino'onqka however he apparently decided to stay in Kainantu. On Friday 20th January, I returned to Ino'onqka however the reception was still not as good as could be expected however Sabika found time to attend.

7. Another notable exception was at Bobonabi where a reasonable gathering of Hagunamura and Bobonabi people were in attendance however there were no representatives from Kurufinabi. This I feel stems from the belief that the former councillor Kanikifa representing Ward No 18 died from sorcery and as a result the Kurufinabi people will have nothing to do with the other two villages. This feeling was reflecting in the report on the by-election for ward no 18. (The A.D.C's memo 42-6-2 of 5th September 1966 refers)

8. Little was said by the people at the conclusion of talks however they appeared satisfied with what was said and there was no evidence of dissatisfaction as regards ward boundaries. I have heard a rumour that the people of Orege at present in the Yabungka-Yasi-Yanabo ward desire to be transferred to the Ino'onqka ward as they feel that they have closer affiliations with the Ino'onqka people. As I have mentioned, it is only a rumour as no mention has been made by the Orege people at Council meetings.

9. I believe that the polling places as used during the Council elections in 1966, will be the same for this year also and as such require no comment.

10. There will be no difficulty in situating the polling booths for wards Nos 23 and 23A since the ward has been split up. I presume that the new polling booths will set up at Kainantu village for Ward No 23 and Isontenu village for Ward No 23A.

Council.

11. The people were advised that fifteen (15) members were to be elected in the Agarabi (an increase of one), twenty (20) in the Tamano and three (3) in Kainantu, a total of thirty eight (38) councillors. As previously mentioned, Ward No 23 has been split up since the 1966 Council elections. Apparently the Isontenu and Punano No 2 people complained that they wanted a councillor to represent their two villages only. They said that the councillor at Kainantu village was not visiting them and discussing their problems and as a result wanted to sever all relations with Kainantu village. They were told that the ward had been split up and they would have a councillor representing Isontenu Punano No 2.

12. It was explained that the success of the Council depended on their effort and attitude towards the Council. It was also explained that it was upto the people whether or not to re-elect the old Councillor on the light of his previous work. They were told to consider carefully the capabilities and character of each candidate before casting their vote.

13. From impressions gained whilst on patrol, I feel that a high majority of present Councillors will contest the elections again in February-March. How many of these Councillors will be re-elected is hard to say however I feel that the voting will follow the trend set in the recent Tairora and Galsup Council elections when a majority of Councillors were re-elected unopposed.

Conclusion. 14. From impressions gained whilst on patrol and from discussions with various officers of D.D.A. and P.H.D., I feel that the Agarabi people are not projecting a very satisfactory image as compared to the three other census divisions around Kainantu. There is a decided lethargy towards work amongst nearly all of the Agarabi people. The Agarabi has reasonably well as regards Council projects however they appear to show no appreciation. The Kamano census division has not had many Council projects in 1966 (compared with the Agarabi) however whatever has been done has been appreciated; a direct contrast to the Agarabi. One can only hope that in the next two years, the Agarabi people can shake off this lethargy and start to show some interest in the Council.

Roads and Bridges 15. Roads in the Agarabi section of the patrol are in good condition apart from the Punano-Bilimoia road and the Tapo loop road which is in a shocking condition. Instructions have been given to Punano, Unantu and Bilimoia people for the repair of their sections of the road.

I intend to make a return visit to Bilimoia ~~and~~ soon, to see whether the instructions have been carried out. The Tapo loop road is virtually impassable in the wet season and is quite dangerous even for four wheel drive vehicles. When I visited Barapa, Anaparongka and Tarumari, I spoke to the people regarding maintenance for their respective sections of the road and I was assured that the road would be repaired. Since my visit, the people have made some effort to improve the road however what the road really needs is gravelling. I have been informed that gravel is available near Barapa and if the supply is suitable, efforts can be made to spread this gravel on the

Roads and Bridges. (cont) road. This I feel is the only solution towards getting the road into a trafficable condition.

16. The road from Umurifintenu to Puyanantu was in a bad condition, however it has since been repaired and is in quite a reasonable condition at present.

17. The new Ino'ongka-Homuri road has not been worked on for some considerable time. This is obvious as there have been several slides on this road however the people have not cleared this ground as yet. There are eight culverts to be constructed and also the main bridge has to be decked and nailed down.

On the Homuri side of the bridge, there is a large area of swampy ground which will have to be drained before the road can be built. Whilst the new road is being built, the people have neglected to maintain the old Ino'ongka road and instructions were given for its repair.

Native Situation in the Tapo area. 18. After the big tribal fight in July, between the Tapo's and the Kainoa's, a decision on the disputed land was given by Land Commissioner Orken in favour of the Kainoa people. The Tapo people were not satisfied with the decision and I believe an appeal may be made on their behalf. At present the Tapo people say they will not walk down the Tapo-Kainantu road as they are afraid that the Kainoa's will attack them. It was explained that the laws of the Territory were made to cover such situations and they should feel perfectly safe to travel on this road. The Tapo people claim that they are afraid to work on their section of the road however I feel that this is more of an excuse to get out of working on the road. I feel that the trouble over this land has not been settled yet as may be seen from the recent instance of the Tapo's refusal to allow some Land Commission cement pegs to be placed along the boundary.

Conclusion. One could not say that the pre-election was really successful as far as attendance was concerned however it is to be hoped that the attendance improves when time comes to vote.

R Black c.p.o



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of EASTERN HIGHLANDS Report No. 10/66-67

Patrol Conducted by R.I. BLACK, CADET PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled NORTHERN KAMAUO AND PART ACARABI CENSUS DIVISION.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives ONE

Duration—From 2./2./1967 to 9./2./1967

Number of Days 7.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 1./1./1967

Medical —./—./19—

Map Reference EASTERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT MAP.

Objects of Patrol REFER PATROL INSTRUCTIONS.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £.....

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

67-13-15

1st May, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
Eastern Highlands District,
SOROKA.

KAIKANTU PATROL NO. 13 of 1966/67.

Your 67-3-2 of 22nd March, 1967 refers.

The Assistant District Commissioner, Kainantu,
and your own comments cover effectively the report submitted
by Mr. Black.

I can understand just how difficult it is to
extract efficiency or reasonable results at all from disinter-
ested officers. We are probably better off without them.

The situation as reported is not good. Is this
the normal situation in this area or was it just a resistance
to a particular approach? If it is normal I suggest you
send a senior officer out to rectify it very soon.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams..... DISCOM
Our Reference..... 67-3-2
if calling ask for
Mr.....



Department of District Administration,
P.O. Box 147,
SOROKA
Eastern Highlands District

22nd March, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU

KAINANTU PATROL REPORT No. 10 of 1966/67

The above mentioned report, together with comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Kainantu, are forwarded herewith.

I agree with the Assistant District Commissioner's comments that Mr. Black's attitude towards his field work was very disappointing. As you are aware, Mr. Black has since resigned.

J. Mathieson
J. Mathieson,
Acting District Commissioner

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Sub-District Office,
KAINANTU,
Eastern Highlands District.

28th February, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
P.O. Box 147,
GOROKA.

KAINANTU PATROL REPORT NO.10/1966-67.

Please find attached Patrol Report No.10 1966/67, submitted by Mr.R.I. Black, Cadet Patrol Officer, covering a patrol of the northern Kamano and part of the Agerabi Census Divisions.

2. Following his criticisms in Patrol Report No.9/66-67, Mr. Black was instructed to return to the northern Kamano Census Division to carry out further work in the area in preparing the people for the local government elections and to bring housing, roads and rest houses up to standard. He was also instructed to liase closely with the local government councillors in an endeavour to establish better relations and understandings.

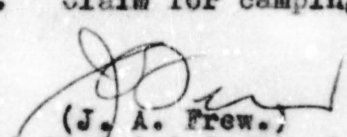
3. During his period of service at Kainantu, Mr. Black has accompanied six previous patrols under other officers, the majority of which were concerned with local government pre-election propaganda and elections. This was his second patrol unaccompanied by another officer, however, his attitude to field work is disappointing and he has not satisfactorily carried out the duties allotted to him.

4. Roads and Bridges.

The minor road from Homuri to the Henganofi border is rarely used, however, rehabilitation of this road was carried out prior to the wet season to provide an alternative route for light traffic in case the Highlands Highway became unpassable during the wet. There is no surfacing material in the area and the road is trafficable during dry weather only. The Highlands Highway between Kainantu and Henganofi has remained passable to date and it is unlikely that the minor road will be required.

The Tapo people are now maintaining the section of road between Kainantu and Anaparongka. Most of the road is steep and no surfacing material is available. During periods of heavy rain, the road scours and is only trafficable when dry. P.W.D. are soon to let a contract to the Kainantu Council for the maintenance of the surface of this road and some improvement may be expected with the use of the Council tractors and trailers in carrying stone and gravel for surfacing.

5. For your information, please. Claim for camping allowance is attached.


(J. A. Frew.)
Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegram.....
Our Reference..... 67-2-13.
If calling ask for
Mr..... RIB/lm.

Department of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
KAINANTU,
Eastern Highlands District.

10th February, 1967.

KAINANTU PATROL NO.10 OF 1966/67.

- PATROL CONDUCTED BY : R.I. BLACK, C.P.O.
- AREA PATROLLED : KAMANO AND AGARABI.
CENSUS DIVISIONS (Part Only).
- PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL : CONSTABLE DARIBU No.11138.
- DURATION OF PATROL : 2-2-67 TO 9-2-67.
- LAST PATROL TO THE AREA : DECEMBER 1966, TO JANUARY 1967.
- OBJECT OF PATROL : (1) INVESTIGATE ALL COMPLAINT AND DISPUTES.
(2) ADVISE ALL PEOPLE OF THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE ROAD MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE.
(3) INSPECT THE INO'ONKA-HOMURI ROAD.
(4) ENSURE THAT ALL REST HOUSES ARE BEING MAINTAINED AND ASSIST PEOPLE OF BARAPA AND ANAARONGKA WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW REST HOUSES.
(5) REPORT ON HEALTH AND SANITATION.
(6) ACCEPT VOLUNTEERS FOR HIGHLAND LABOUR SCHEME.

R. Black C.P.O.

INTRODUCTION.

The area patrolled covers all villages along the Highlands Highway as far as Kanamba Rest House and to the north along the Tapo Loop road as far as Barapa. This area also includes the Ino'onka and Yemosa village groups.

2. The land form could be described as generally kinai covered slopes with some high ground on the Henganofi border. There is also a large area of swamp near Ino'onka which extends from near Homuri as far as Anaparongka. Only the higher slopes are covered with timber which is used for local needs only.

3. The area patrolled experiences a temperate type climate with warm days and cool nights. The rainfall of approximately 100 inches falls mainly between November and March, however the patrol was only occasionally interrupted by rain. Whilst at Tirai, there was very heavy thunder and lightning which was followed by heavy rain.

4. The area is well served with vehicular roads and as a result, the people have no trouble selling their coffee.

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PATROL DIARY.

- 2-2-67. A.M. General Office duties
P.M. Departed station for patrol of Upper Kamano. Set up camp at INO'ONKA, Rest House in filthy condition.
Slept INO'ONKA.
- 3-2-67. Short talk given to gathering and volunteers accepted for Highland Labour Scheme. Labour force was split into three lines; one line to construct new cook house, one line to repair old INO'ONKA-TAPO road and the third line to work on new INO'ONKA-HOMURI road. Most of the day was spent supervising work on new road.
Slept INO'ONKA.
- 4-2-67. Waited for carriers and then walked to YOMPOGA. Rest House and other patrol housing in shocking condition so patrol moved onto NAMURA arriving approximately 12 noon. Discussion held with Councillor from NAMURA P.M. Returned to Kainantu.
- 5-2-67. Day observed in Kainantu.
- 6-2-67. Returned to NAMURA arriving approx. 8.00 A.M. Discussions with Councillors from NAMURA and YOMPOSA. Volunteers accepted for the Highland Labour Scheme. Moved to Kainant KANAMBA where camp was set up.
Slept KANAMBA.
- 7-2-67. Waited for people to turn up. No one arrived by 11 A.M. so patrol moved onto HOMURI where camp was set up. Discussion with councillor re state of roads and rest house. People put to work to repair road.
Slept HOMURI.
- 8-2-67. Discussions with people of HOMURI, OGU and AFAMANOFI re state of rest house and road. Accepted 8 volunteers for Highland Labour Scheme. People were then split into three lines and allocated a section of the road to work on. Patrol then moved onto TIRAI where camp was set up. Heavy thunder and lightning at night.
Slept TIMAI.
- 9-2-67. Discussions with people of TIRAI, HENGKAI and ONANOFI re state of roads and rest house. People were then put to work on the road. Volunteers accepted for Highland Labour Scheme. Carrier line obtained and patrol moved onto ANAPARONGKA. Discussions with committee man of ANAPARONGKA re state of roads and rest house which had only been partly constructed. As patrol had nowhere to sleep, patrol returned to Kainantu arriving approx. 12 noon. End of patrol.
P.M. General Office duties.

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RECEPTION OF THE PATROL. The reception received by the patrol differed from village to village however generally the reception was quite poor. At no village was the patrol welcomed by a large gathering of people; in fact at most places the councillor did not turn up for some time after the patrol had arrived. This is a most disappointing attitude by both the people and the councillors. With the council elections commencing soon. It is to be hoped that the election patrol is recorded a better reception than the reception given to this patrol. Most people gave the impression that they were bored with having to line and listen to the "Kiaps". This patrol was mounted immediately after the pre-election patrol was completed and this may have some bearing on the current attitude taken by the people.

VILLAGES.

The standard of housing in the area visited was on the whole quite satisfactory. As this was not a census patrol, villages were not inspected. As usual there still is the odd house which is unsatisfactory however these are in a minority. Pigs are still a problem in the area and the people still allow their pigs to roam unchecked throughout the village.

2. The traditional round house is still the most common type of dwelling in the area. The neater looking rectangular type house is making its presence felt in ever increasing numbers.

3. Cleanliness, hygiene and sanitation in the area is on the whole quite satisfactory. Most of the villages seen are clean and have holes for depositing rubbish and waste food. There seems to be a satisfactory number of latrines in the area.

OUTLINE OF POLITICAL SITUATION. The political situation in the area patrolled could not be classed as satisfactory. When I visited the area during the pre-election patrol recently, the attendances were not good. Since then the attendances have not improved at all. There seems to be a general apathy amongst the people of this area towards visits to their villages by Government officers. When the patrol visited KANAMBA, I advised the Councillor that I wished to give the people a talk on the following morning. The next morning however I waited in vain until 11 A.M. as apparently the people had heard that I was accepting volunteers for the Highland Labour Scheme and decided not to turn up. This I felt was a most disappointing and depressing attitude for the people to take with the council elections due so soon.

AGRICULTURE.

The food situation in the area patrolled is reasonably good. Most village groups have large areas of arable land and as a result there are ample supplies of food however there doesn't seem to be a great variety. The people of HONURI, TIRAI and HENGKAI produce a small quantity of potatoes which are sold at the Saturday market at Kainsutu.

Native crops are still the most popular in the area however some European style crops are grown mainly tomatoes and cabbages.

Coffee has become firmly established as the main cash crop however quite a few growers have become disgruntled as a result of the coffee price falling.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

The principal business in the area (apart from coffee) is native owned trade stores which are scattered throughout the area. There are two European owned trade stores in the area (one at a FAMA, the other is at ANAPARONGKA); both stores are owned by Jascar Ltd.

REST HOUSES.

Most rest houses in the area patrolled were in a poor condition. The rest house at INO'ONKA was in its usual filthy condition. There was no house for cooking purposes and one was built. The patrol housing at YOMPOSA was uninhabitable and thus the patrol was forced to move onto NAMURA where the rest house had been damaged by pigs. The councillor from YOMPOSA was instructed to ensure that the patrol housing was repaired quickly as the election would be camping at YOMPOSA. The rest houses at KANAMBA and HOMURI were quite dirty also however the rest house at TIRAI was in a good condition although the roof leaked. The rest houses at ANAPARONGKA and BARAPA have still not been completed so instructions were given for them to be finished as soon as possible.

EDUCATION.

There is only one recognised school in the area and that is the one at INO'ONKA which is run by the administration and caters for students up to standard 6.

There are two S.I.L. women at KANAMBA however I believe that their activities are confined to translating the Bible.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

As was to be expected, the people are not maintaining their sections of the TAPO loop road. The HOMURI and the TIRAI-HENGKAI sections of the TAPO loop road are in reasonable condition however they need constant maintenance and it was stressed to the people the importance of this. The minor road from HOMURI to the HENGANOFI border was in a poor condition when visited however with constant maintenance (unlikely however, the road could be made into quite a reasonable kind of road.. The new INO'ONKA road has progressed quite well since my last visit. The large bridge has now been completed and is one of the best in the area. The area of marsh at the HOMURI end of the road has been drained well however at present the ground is still quite wet and needs to dry out a lot more before the road becomes trafficable. Some culverts have been built from old 44 gallon drums however more drums are needed before the rest of the culverts can be completed. There is also one small bridge to be built and I have been assured that it will be constructed as soon as possible.

The TAPO people are still not working on their sections of the road. The road from KAINANTU to ANAPARONGKA is still in a shocking condition.

For further comments regarding the TAPO road see Para. 15 of Patrol Report 9 of 1966/67. The situation regarding this road has not changed since my last patrol through the area.

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HIGHLAND LABOUR SCHEME :

During the patrol, forty five (45) volunteers were accepted, from INO'ONKA, NAMURA, HOMURI and TIRAI.

CONCLUSION.

This was not a very successful patrol because of the current native attitude towards visits to the area by Government Officers. This patrol did not achieve much as it was not given anything to achieve in the Patrol Instructions.

R. I. Black

R.I. Black, C.P.O.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of EASTERN HIGHLANDS Report No. KAINANTU 13-66/67

Patrol Conducted by A. S. WRIGHT, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled AGARABI CENSUS DIVISION.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans K.W. PRIOR C.P.O.

1 INTERPRETER

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

Duration—From 11 / 4 / 19 67 to 5 / 5 / 19 67 (Broken Periods)

Number of Days 22

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 2 / 19 67

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Map Reference E.H.D. DISTRICT MAP

Objects of Patrol Census Revision, common roll revision etc.

Refer Patrol Instructions.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

5/9/1967

OT Mathews
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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67-13-42

10th October, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
Eastern Highlands District,
GOROKA.

KAINANTU PATROL NO. 13 OF 1966/67.

Your 67-3-2 of the 6th September, 1967, refers.
The above Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

2. It appears from Mr. Wright's report that the affairs of the Census Division are in a satisfactory state. It is pleasing to note, that the dissatisfaction shown to the Council in the past is now not evident, and of the interest of the Councillors in Council projects.

3. Mr. Wright has submitted an interesting report, well thought out and presented in a clear and concise manner.

(T. W. Ellis)
DIRECTOR.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of District Administration,
GOROKA.
Eastern Highlands District.
6th September, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEBOBU.

KAINANTU PATROL No. 13 - 66/67

Attached please find report of a patrol of the Agarabi Census Division submitted by Mr. A.S. Wright, Assistant District Officer, together with comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Kainantu.

I concur with comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, with reference to a vegetable marketing scheme. However, a survey should be conducted by the Council to step up production of vegetables for sale at Kainantu without worrying about a market outside of the council area.

O.J. Mathieson

O.J. MATHIESON.
Acting District Commissioner,

Mr. A. Wright,

TELETYPE (2) GOLD AND NEW GUINEA

67-2-13

(xi) Please comment on the adequacy of electoral wards in the area, (particularly Ward 31, where the YAUWA group have expressed a wish to form their own Ward), and advise whether you consider any changes are desirable, bearing in mind such matters as distance from polling centres and social relationship between village groups. Any recommended changes should be realistic.

(xii) Report on the native situation in the area.

(xiii) The patrol is not to be rushed and you should arrange to spend at least one full day with each village group.

My best wishes for an interesting and successful patrol.



(M. F. Carroll)

A / Assistant District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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62-2-13

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Mr

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Department of District Administration,

Sub-District Office,

KAINANTU

7th April, 1967.

Mr. A. Wright,
Patrol Officer,
KAINANTU.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS No. 43/66-67

Please be prepared to depart on Monday 10th April, 1967, on a patrol of the Agarabi Census Division. Mr. K.W. Prior, Cadet Patrol Officer, will accompany you and he is to be instructed in all aspects of patrol work and procedures.

During the patrol, the following tasks are to be attended to:

- (i) Census all villages in the Census Division; compile and submit statistics.
- (ii) Attend to all complaints, disputes and courts where necessary.
- (iii) Advise all people of their obligations under the Road Maintenance Ordinance and ensure that road maintenance is being carried out, particularly on the old highway through Yonki which must be kept in a trafficable condition.
- (iv) Ensure that all rest houses are being maintained and that the new rest house at UMINUPINTENU has been completed.
- (v) Liaise with Local Government Councils and village committee leaders. Hold meetings of the village ward committees and discuss with them their problems and proposals for improvements and development of their wards. A brief record of your meetings should be included in your report together with your comments.
- (vi) Report generally on health and sanitation in the area.
- (vii) Names and details of all males volunteering for employment under the Highland Labour Scheme are to be recorded and volunteers are to be sent to Kainantu.
- (viii) Inspect all village housing and issue orders for maintenance and improvement as necessary. All instructions to be recorded in the Village Books, copies of which should be held by the ward Committee men or Councillors of each respective village.
- (ix) Investigate the land dispute involving Sosintenu and Arona villages over that area of land which was the subject of a recent land investigation - refer files 35-56-1 and 35-56-2. Submit applications for a Lands Title Commission hearing.
- (x) Investigate and survey that section of land near Boienakenu applied for by the Swiss Mission as a mission lease. Refer file 35-6-7. Submit investigation report and survey plans as required.

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ELECTORAL WARDS (cont.)

They also claim that the Kektu Councillor takes no interest in their affairs. This would seem quite likely as traditionally these groups were enemies.

31. Therefore I recommend that Yauna be either included in Ward 32 or be set up as a new ward. Either of these alternatives are acceptable to the Yauna people.

MEETINGS - VILLAGE WARD COMMITTEES

32. Meetings were held with ward committees to discuss possible improvements and developments of each ward. In almost every area it was resolved that village housing should be improved. At Yonki it was suggested that the Council should allocate money to enlarge the school and Aid Post facilities provided by the Swiss Mission. They claimed that many children were not admitted to school due to ^{lack} of facilities.

CONCLUSION.

33. The census and common roll of the Agarabi was revised and all other matters set out in the attached patrol instructions were attended to by this patrol.

34. Cadet Patrol Officer, W. Prior, accompanied the patrol and proved to be very useful particularly in revising the common roll. He was instructed in census and other patrol work and seemed to have a good grasp of it by the end of the patrol.

35. The overall impression gained of the Agarabi Division is one of a fairly healthy native attitudes situation but in regard to economic development I feel that more can be done. I consider that there is a good opportunity for a market gardening industry to be set up. Perhaps it could be organized as a Council Project, the produce being marketed at Kainantu and Lae.

A.S. Wright
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(A.S. Wright)

Patrol Officer

20/5/67

EDUCATION

21. There are Administration "T" schools at Kainantu, Agarabi and Punano. Missions schools include the S.D. school at Konkua, the Lutheran school at Okentenu and the Swiss Mission school near Yonki.

ROADS.

22. This area is well serviced by roads. The people were reminded of their obligations under the Road Maintenance Ordinance. The villagers maintaining the old highway through Yonki, have done a reasonable job, but further gravelling work by the Council is needed.

HIGHLAND LABOUR SCHEME

23. A total of 69 volunteers were accepted for the Highland Labour Scheme and sent on to Kainantu.

CENSUS AND STATISTICS

24. Attendance at Census was very satisfactory.

25. Almost without exception it was found impossible to reconcile last year's individual village statistics with this year's count. I consider last year's figures to be inaccurate and therefore any comparison between the two sets of figures would also be inaccurate and worthless.

COMMON ROLL

26. An instruction was received during the patrol to revise the common roll for the 1968 Elections. This was done in conjunction with the census and at the conclusion of the patrol the roll was revised for the villages which had been censused prior to receiving the instruction.

LAND DISPUTES

27. The dispute between Sossintenu and Arona villages (refer Part 1X of patrol instructions) was investigated and the necessary applications are now being prepared for submission to the Lands Titles Commission.

28. Another dispute, ^{over} ~~one~~ land known as 'Ofena' was brought up. This dispute involves the Aiamontina and Unantu clans. Apparently Mr. H. West decided on a boundary mark between the two groups but they disagree to where the mark is and both claim Ofena. They were told that the land was to be left unused by both groups until such time and on investigation for hearing by the Lands Title Commission, could be undertaken.

LAND INVESTIGATION.

29. Refer part (x) of Patrol instructions. This portion of land was investigated and surveyed and the necessary report will shortly be submitted.

ELECTION ^{ORAL} WARDS

30. Electoral wards appear to be adequate, apart from Ward 31 where the Yauna group refused to vote at the last Council ~~general~~ elections. The Yauna people (population 506) expressed their desire to form their own ward or alternatively be included in Ward 32. This seems to be a reasonable request as their village is a considerable distance from Keketunatu. It is much closer to Yonki, the polling place for Ward 32.

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AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCKS

8. The usual Highland crops are grown throughout this area including sweet potato, corn, bananas, sugar cane, taro and various greens.
9. Coffee is the principal cash crop of the Agarabi Division. Only a small quantity of potatoes and other European vegetables were seen throughout the area.
10. It seems to me that the Kainantu council could operate a worthwhile vegetable growing and marketing enterprise. The present Kainantu Saturday market does not meet the needs of the town people. It should also be possible to profitably market vegetables in Lae.
11. Pigs and a small number of cattle comprise the livestock population of the area. There are also a number of fowls, goats and fish ponds stocked with red carp.

FORESTS

12. There are several good forest stands in ^{the} Agarabi, but most of the area is denuded of forest growth and has become kunai grassland.
13. The sale of firewood and some timber for building purposes provides a source of income for some of the people of this area.
14. At Barapa there is a native owned and operated sawmill.

TRADE STORES

15. Stores are to be found in most of the larger villages. In one village of 550 people there were four stores, three owned by local men and one company store. It was obvious that the poorly stocked local stores could not be operating on a profit making basis.
16. One trade store was operating without a current licence and the owner has been summonsed to appear at Kainantu.

COURTS AND COMPLAINTS

17. Numerous minor complaints and disputes were settled during this patrol.
18. There were also a number of Local Courts involving offences such as stealing, unlawful striking, pig damage, threatening behaviour and contravention of council Hygiene and Sanitation rules.

REST HOUSES

19. Rest house accommodation was found to be adequate. The rest house at Uminingintenu has now been completed (refer part IV, Patrol Instruction.)

HEALTH

20. The Agarabi people are fairly well catered for with the Kainantu Hospital and several Aid Posts in the area. The Aid Post orderlies complained that the people showed no interest in maintaining their Aid Posts. The people were advised that if they continued to neglect maintaining Aid Post buildings, they may well have their Aid Post closed. However, I feel also that some A.P.O.'s are inclined to be lazy and they consider that they should be able to sit back and have the village people do everything for them.

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THURSDAY 4th May (cont.)

revised. Talks with Councillors, committees and villagers.
Returned to Kainantu.

FRIDAY 5th May

To Puyananantu village, stopped at Umininfintenu en route-
village inspection. Census and common roll revised at Puyananantu.
Talks. Returned to Umininfintenu, further inspection and orders
issued. To Anona, inspection of hamlets. Two Local Courts.
Returned to Kainantu.

OBSERVATION AND COMMENTSReception of Patrol.

1. The patrol was accorded a cordial reception throughout the
division apart from Anaparongka where nobody bothered to turn
up until the morning after our arrival.

VILLAGES AND HOUSING

2. The general condition of villages was found to be satis-
factory. It was pleasing to notice that there were no signs of
pigs having been kept in the villages apart from Anona and
Umininfintenu.
3. The standard of housing was generally fair and instructions
were issued where necessary for unsatisfactory buildings to be
repaired or replaced.
4. It was noticed at Doienakenu that the village water supply
stream passed through the pig enclosure before reaching the
village. The stream was re-routed outside the pig enclosure
during our stay there.

OUTLINE OF POLITICAL SITUATION

5. The Agarabi people proved to be fairly friendly and co-
operative. I consider that this is indicative of a general
attitude of respect for the Administration.
6. The Councillors showed quite a lot of interest in Council
projects and other Council *xixi* activities during discussions
with them. There was no sign of dissatisfaction with the Council
system by the people as has previously been reported of the
Agarabi area. (Kainantu Patrol Report 5-65/66).
7. Considering the lengthy period of contact that these people
have had, the native situation seems quite good. One would not
expect them to be still enthusiastic like people in isolated
areas and I was pleased to find them quite reasonable and ready
to accept instructions and suggestions to improve their way of
living.

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MONDAY 24th April

Discussed revision of common roll with Mr. Carroll A/A.D.V. To Unantu. Census and common roll revised for Bilimoia and Pomasi No. 2. Talks. Village inspection. One Local Court. Census statistics. Slept - Unantu.

TUESDAY 24th April

Census and common roll revision for Unantu. Departed Unantu 1230 hours and arrived Aiamontina 1335 hours. Inspected village. Walked to R.C. Mission to discuss trespass complaints. Returned to rest house. Two local Courts and several arbitrations. Census statistics extracted. Slept - Aiamontina.

WEDNESDAY 26th April

Census and common roll revised for Aiamontina. Talks. Departed Aiamontina 1200 hours, climbed steeply over range to Anoparongka, arriving at 1429 hours. Camp organized. No one in village. Village inspection. Repair to rest house buildings. Slept - Anoparongka.

THURSDAY 27th April

Census and common roll revised for Barapa and Pomasi No. 1. Talks. Further village inspection. Complaints and disputes. Statistics. Slept - Anoparongka.

FRIDAY 28th April

Census and common roll revised for Anoparongka and Iarumari, talks. Checked on village work on houses at Anoparongka. Census statistics. Disputes. Slept - Anoparongka.

SATURDAY 29th April

Further check on village housing work. Census statistics. Several disputes heard.

P.M. to Kainantu

SUNDAY 30th April

Observed.

MONDAYMONDAY 1st May.

Self ill. C.P.O. Prior conducted Census revision at Tuempingka village.

TUESDAY 2nd May.

By vehicle to nearby Anona village. Village inspection. Census and common roll revised. Medical Assistant D. Rowe, conducted leprosy examination. Heard several complaints and disputes. Extracted census figures. Returned to Kainantu.

WEDNESDAY 3rd May

By vehicle to Kainoa village. Village inspection. Common roll and census revised. Heard two disputes. Talk with councillors etc. Returned to Kainantu.

THURSDAY 4th May

To Kainantu village. Village inspection. Census and common roll

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FRIDAY 14th April

Inspection of hamlets. Talks. Census revised for Doinakenu and Sosointenu/. Seven H.L.S. volunteers accepted. Attended to disputes. Census figures. Organized work on new water barat for the village. Slept at Doinakenu.

SATURDAY 15th April.

Walked to site of Swiss Mission land application. Land investigation and survey carried out.

P.M. to Kainantu.

SUNDAY 16th April

Observed.

MONDAY 17th April

Moved patrol by vehicle to Yonki rest house. Road inspection of Yonki road. Camp set up. Talks with Councillors and committees. Heard one Local Court and several disputes. Census statistics. Slept at Yonki.

TUESDAY 18th April

Census revised for Yonki, Anonantu, Abinakenu and Yauna. Talks. Twenty H.L.S. volunteers accepted. Disputes, Census statistics. One Local Court. C.P.O. Prior sent on village inspections. Slept at Yonki.

WEDNESDAY 19th April

To land under dispute near Yonki C.D.W. camp site. Chain and compass survey completed 1430 hours. Returned to Yonki. Disputes heard. Slept at Yonki.

THURSDAY 20th April

Statements taken from parties to land dispute. Departed yonki 1200 hours, walked via ANONONTU along a fair track climbing steadily all the way. Arrived at Asapuiya village 1415 hours. Carriers paid. Camp organized. Talked to committees and village people. Very enthusiastic reception. Census Statistics extracted. Slept - Asapuiya.

FRIDAY 21st April

Census revised for Asapuiya. Talks. One Local Court. Departed 1100 hours and arrived at Puanano 1205 hours. Inspected Tuta and Namongka hamlets en route. Inspected Puanano hamlets. Talked to Councillors and Committees. Revised census for Tuta and Namongka. One Local Court. Several arbitrations. Census statistics. Slept - Puanano.

SATURDAY 22nd April

Census revised for PUNANO No.1. Talks. Further inspections of hamlets.

P.M. to Kainantu.

SUNDAY 23rd April

Observed.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Sub-District Office,
KAINANTU.....E.H.D.

20th May, 1967.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Department of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
KAINANTU.....E.H.D.

Kainantu Patrol Report No. 13-66/67
AGARABI CENSUS DIVISION -

INTRODUCTION

This was a routine census revision patrol of the Agarabi Census Division. During the patrol an instruction was received for the Common Roll to be revised for the forthcoming House of assembly elections of 1968.

Mr. P.L. Lyons had commenced the census of the Agarabi in March, and completed four census units. The statistics from these villages have been included in my statistical forms.

PATROL DIARY

TUESDAY 11th April, 1967

Completed patrol preparations. Departed by vehicle 1000 hours for Keketuantu village. Camp set up in rest house. Utilized vehicle for inspection of old highway beyond Yonki. Visited Swiss Mission regarding land matters. Returned to Keketuantu. Village inspection. Heard numerous minor disputes. Meeting with Councillor and Committees. Slept in Keketuantu.

WEDNESDAY 12th APRIL, 1967

Census revised for Keketuantu and Okentenu. Talks on roadwork, aid post, village cleanliness and H.L.S. Okentenu village inspected. Departed 1330 hours walked across to, and then followed, Highlands Highway, reaching Isontenu at 1435. Carriers paid. Slept in rest house. Talks with Councillors and committees. Census statistics extracted. Slept in Isontenu.

THURSDAY 13th April, 1967

Inspection of Isontenu and Punano No. 2 villages and Aid Post. Talks. Census revision for both groups. Ten H.L.S. volunteers accepted. Minor complaints. Departed 1230 and arrived Ddiensakeru at 1305 hours. Carriers paid. Talks with Councillors and committees. Census statistics. Slept in Ddiensakeru.

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Department of District Administration,
Sub-District Office,
KAINANTU

22nd August, 1967

The District Commissioner,
Department of District Administration,
P.O. Box 147,
SOROKA

PATROL REPORT No. KTU.13/66-67

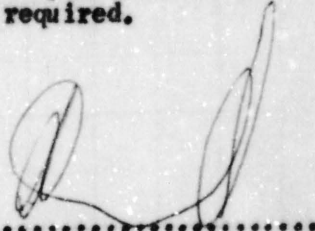
Attached please find copies of the above mentioned report submitted by Mr A. Wright, Patrol Officer.

My apologies for the delay in forwarding this report, but it was overlooked and filed away.

The following are my comments.

Re paragraph 10. I would not be prepared to advise the Council to venture into a vegetable marketing scheme. Similar schemes have been unsuccessfully attempted by other councils in the District in the past. The main problem appears to be maintaining continuity of supply. The Agarabi Council lost approximately \$300 in the Kaigonofi project some three years ago and recently received another debit for freight charges, when involved in the scheme.

Re paragraph 28. Mr Wright's recommendations will be put to the Kainantu Council for consideration at its next meeting. Should the council consider that the Yauna people warrant a separate ward an Amendment to the Council's Proclamation will be required.



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(M.F. CARROLL)

A/ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Eastern Highlands Report No. Kainantu 14 - 66/67

Patrol Conducted by N. G. PILE Cadet Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled GADSEUP CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Interpreter UWAI DAROI
Natives 3 Members R.P. & N.G.C.

Duration—From 24 / 5 / 19 67 to 7 / 6 / 19 67

Number of Days 14 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 8 / 19 66

Medical / 19

Map Reference Eastern Highlands District MAP

Objects of Patrol (1) Revision Electoral Roll (2) Record H.L.S.

Volunteers (3) General Administration

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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O. F. Mathison
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

67-13-37

21st September, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
Eastern Highlands District,
GOROKA.

KAINANTU PATROL NO. 14 OF 1966/67.

Your 67-3-2 of the 24th July, 1967, refers.

2. The above Patrol Report is acknowledged with
thanks. It is well written and made interesting read-
ing.

3. Although noted on the Report no sketch map
of the area patrolled was received. Would you please
have a copy forwarded for inclusion with the Report.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.



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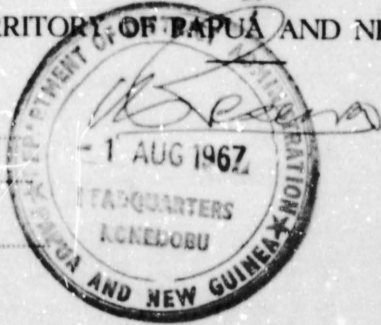
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Department of District Administration,
P.O. Box 147,
GOROKA,
Eastern Highlands District.

24th July, 1967.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONE DOBU

KAINANTU PATROL REPORT No. 14 of 1966/67
GADSUP CENSUS DIVISION

Enclosed please find Report submitted by Mr. N. G. Pile, Cadet Patrol Officer, together with comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Kainantu.

Investigations are now being carried out for suitable land sites for the establishment of police posts within the Kainantu area.

No further comments are necessary.

O. J. Mathieson

O. J. Mathieson,
Acting District Commissioner

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Sub-District Office,
KAINANTU. E.H.D.

13th July, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
Department of District Administration,
P.O. Box 147,
VOROKA.

KAINANTU PATROL REPORT NO. 14/66-67.

Attached, please find copies of the above mentioned patrol report submitted by Mr. N. Pile Cadet Patrol Officer, this was Mr. Piles' second solo patrol and he has carried it out quite competently. The following are my comments.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Para. 16-18. It is unfortunate we have not been able to fill the gap in village society created when the Luluai and Tultul were replaced by the Local Government Councillor. It is not possible to equate the duties of a councillor with those of a Luluai nor is it proper that a councillor, the elected representative of his ward, should have to carry out the duties of a village constable. The eventual establishment of rural Police posts throughout council areas should overcome this anomaly. The Kainantu council has recognised the possibilities of these posts, and has recommended that three be established within its area.

Para. 19. The provisions of the Roads Maintenance Ordinance have been explained to Mr. Pile, and he is now fully conversant with them.

POLITICAL SITUATION.

Para. 21. The fight referred to by Mr. Pile was only of a minor nature and no repercussions are expected.

Para. 22. The boundary between Saiora and Batinabura was marked by Mr. H. West in the early 50's, but has never been accepted by either group. This will be registered as a dispute for hearing by the Lands Titles Commission.

FORESTS.

Para. 35. The Department of Forests has already shown interest in this area and intends carrying out investigations there.

LAND.

Para. 41. I estimate there is between 5000 and 8000 acres of land in the Gadsup Census Division, available for leasing. Mr. A. Wright, Assistant District Officer, has commenced full time land duties at Kainantu, and will be investigate the possibilities of leasing land in the Gadsup for economic development.

HEALTH.

Para. 53. A complete triple-antigen program has now been carried out in the Gadsup Census Division. At the time of the outbreak, the program was 50% complete, and the demarcation line between the area affected and that which had been immunised was quite noticeable.

Forwarded for your information and comments please.
Claims for camping allowance were forwarded yours for funding prior to the end of the financial year.

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(M.P. CARROLL)
A/ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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Sub-District Office,
KAINANTU.....E.H.D.

14th June, 1967.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KAINANTU.

Kainantu Patrol Report No.14-66/67
GADSUP CENSUS DIVISION

STATION:	Kainantu.
Sub-District:	Kainantu.
District:	Eastern Highlands.
Patrol Number:	Kainantu 14-66/67
Patrol Conducted by:	N.G. PILE (C.P.O.)
Area Patrolled:	Gadsup Census Division.
Personnel Accompanying the Patrol:	Mr. UWAI DAROI (Interpreter) 3 Members R.P. & N.G.C.
Duration of Patrol:	24/5/67 to 9/6/67.
Last Patrol to Area:	August 1966.
Objects of Patrol:	(1) Revise Electoral Roll. (2) General Administration. (3) Record Names of H.L.S. Volunteers.
Map Reference:	Sketch Map Attached.

INTRODUCTION

(1) The area patrolled is the GADSUP Census Division of the Kainantu Sub-District.

(2) The Census Division is to the east of Kainantu and borders the MOREBE District on the Eastern Boundary.

(3) Around the north, east and southern borders of the Gadsup C.D. the country is very hilly and thickly forested. The Arona valley in the west is undulating kunai grass country and is drained by the Ramu River and much of this area is being leased for cattle grazing.

(4) The whole area is well serviced by roads and most of the villages can be reached by a vehicle.

(5) The principal purpose of the patrol was to revise the electoral roll for the coming House of Assembly elections in early 1968

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INTRODUCTION (cont)

(6) General discussions were held with all of the Councillors and people, and quite a number of minor complaints were settled arbitrarily.

(7) Publicity was given to the Highland Labour Scheme and all volunteers were recorded.

PATROL DIARY

Wednesday 24/5/67

Departed Kainantu for KASSAM in company with Mr. P. Thomas, A.D.O. General discussions with councillors and people. Revised electoral roll for ARONA No.1 and No.2 villages. Heard two disputes regarding pigs damaging gardens. Camped at KASSAM.

Thursday 25/5/67

Walked to ABONAMO (2 hours 30 minutes). Inspected hamlets of Aroha (1) en route and issued instructions as necessary. Held general discussions with people and revised common roll for ABONAMO and NAMERAIN. Inspected all hamlets. Camped at ABONAMO Rest House.

Friday 26/5/67

Walked to BINAMARIEN (1 hour 15 minutes). Revised common roll and held discussions with people and village officials. Inspected the village. Walked to PUNDIBASA (1 hour 10 minutes). General discussions held, and village was inspected. Heavy rain in afternoon, unable to revise common roll. Returned to Kainantu - Patrol - Police Man, Constable TATARA, to be changed.

Monday 29/5/67

Returned PUNDIBASA and revised common roll. Heard dispute concerning pigs damaging gardens. Walked to TOMBENDAKA (35 minutes) and inspected the village. Held general discussions and revised common roll. Camped at TOMBENDAKA rest house.

Tuesday 30/5/67

Walked to KORANGKA (35 minutes). Discussions held with people. Dispute settled. Revised common roll for KORANGKA and KANBAIRA, and inspected villages. Walked to ARAU (1 hour 5 minutes). General discussions with people and then revised common roll for ARAU No. 1 and No.2 villages. Camped at Arau Rest House.

Wednesday 31/5/67

Walked to BAROSIRA (1 hour 10 minutes). Held general discussions, revised common roll and inspected village. Returned to Arau for night.

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Thursday 1/6/67

Walked to ONANINGKA inspecting hamlets of SASAURA en route (1 hour 30 minutes). Met Mr. P. Thomas who was conducting a land investigation at ONANINGKA. General discussions with people and revised electoral roll for ONANINGKA and SASAURA. Camped at ONANINGKA Rest House.

Friday 2/6/67

Walked to BIDKA (12 hours 30 minutes). General discussions held with people and village officials. Heard several disputes. Revised common roll and inspected village. Camped at BIODKA Rest House.

Saturday 3/6/67

Walked to APUMAKA, held general discussions, inspected village and revised common roll. Walked to SAIORA and revised common roll, held discussions with people and inspected village. Camped at SAIORA Rest House.

Sunday 4/6/67

Observed - SAIORA Rest House.

Monday 5/6/67

Walked to OMAURA (30 minutes). Held general discussions with Village Officials and people. Common roll revised and the inspected the village. Camped at OMAURA Rest House.

Tuesday 6/6/67

Walked to IKANA (1 hour 5 minutes) and inspected village. General discussions with people and common roll revised for IKANA and TOMBENDAKA. Inspected TOMBENDAKA in afternoon. Camped at IKANA Rest House.

Wednesday 7/6/67

Walked to AKUNA (1 hour 5 minutes). Revised common roll for AKUNA, ONAMUNA, WOPEPA and AMAMONTO. General discussions held with people and villages inspected. Camped at AKUNA Rest House.

Thursday 8/6/67

Walked to AIYURA (2 hours 5 minutes). Revised common roll for AIYURA and ASIRANGKA. Held general discussions and inspected villages. Camped at AIYURA.

Friday 9/6/67

Returned to Kainantu per Landrover this morning. Patrol stood down.

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OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS

Reception of Patrol

(8) The patrol was favourably received in all villages. Gifts of fresh vegetables were made to the personnel accompanying the patrol.

(9) At each rest House the patrol was well supplied with firewood and assistance was given readily when needed.

Villages.

(10) As per instructions, inspections were made of all villages housing in the area.

(11) There are two basic house designs. Firstly the modified traditional circular house and the rectangular type of dwelling, which is becoming over more prevalent.

(12) The kunai grass rooves of these houses rapidly deteriorate from the action of the smoke from the cooking fires. A few residents have built a small kitchen alongside their living quarters to reduce this problem. It was emphasized that this is a good practice as it means that their living quarters would not deteriorate so quickly, and to replace a small kitchen would be a relatively easy task.

(13) The standard of housing in most cases is reasonable. At SAIORA a great deal of work has been done in the past year and this village is in excellent condition. This work has not been done prior to the arrival of the patrol. It is obvious that these people take pride in having a neat village.

(14) At SASAURA the housing was very poor indeed. A number of people were sent to Kainantu for breaking the Gadsup Council Rule for Housing and Sanitation. (Rule No.5 of 1967, Section 4)

(15) All villages have an ample number of latrines but there are not very many with rubbish deposit pits. It was suggested that these be dug and used as it is not a good practice to just throw rubbish over the fence around the village. This contravenes Rule No. 5, Section 8 of the Gadsup Council.

Village Officials

(16) General discussions were held with people as a group and then afterwards meetings were held with the local Government Councillors and the village Ward Committee members.

(17) Among all of the Councillors and committee members there are no outstanding leaders. Most of these officials understand their duties even though some are inclined to be a little lax in performing them.

(18) It was pointed out to these officials that they themselves are to set examples to the community as they have been elected to office as responsible people.

(19) The most common complaint brought up by the Councillors and committee members was that on the days that everyone is obliged to work on the road, the people do not always appear. I reminded them of the law in this matter and that if necessary they are to

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enforce the same.

OUTLINE OF POLITICAL SITUATION

(20) The political situation in the Gadsup Census Division is good. The Gadsup Local Government Council has benefited the people in the area. At present the Council is engaged in helping villagers erect coffee fermenteries enabling a better quality of coffee to be marketed.

(21) There is some ill-feeling between the people of MAMERAIN and ABCNAMO, and the TOMBENDAKA's. The week prior to the patrol there was a fight between the MAKERAIN - ABCNAMO's and the TOMBENDAKA's at a "sing-sing". This resulted in a number of men from villages being gaoled at Kainantu.

(22) Between the SAIORA's and the BATINABURA's (of TAIRORA Census Division) there was also some ill-feeling. It appears that before the 2nd World War the BATINABURA's pushed the SAIORA's right into the bush country near the TAIRORA - GADSUP Border. The problem at the moment is over the boundary between these two groups. There are gardens near this boundary belonging to the SAIORA's who claim that the BATINABURA's are stating that the land belongs to them.

It was suggested that the villages officials of these villages mark the boundary to their satisfaction but if this is not able to be achieved, then it will be taken up by the Administration to set a boundary, for them.

AGRICULTURE

(23) There is a plentiful supply of vegetables throughout the Census Division. The main type of vegetables being sweet potato and taro. Also present are yams, pineapples, bananas, pawpaws, peanuts, sweet corn, beans and onions, all of which are included in the local diet.

(24) At SAIORA the patrol was shown a garden of corn, some of which was diseased. The disease is blaster smut and the Councillor was asked to see that this corn was removed and all burned.

(25) At SASAURA and AIYURA there are coffee fermenteries which are in operation. At BLOKA, TOMBENDAKA and AKUNA coffee fermenteries are in the process of being built.

(26) These fermenteries are a Council project and guidance is being received from the Agricultural Officer at Kainantu.

LIVESTOCK

(27) There have been a number of cattle projects begun in the Gadsup C.D. over the past year.

(28) They have been established at ARAU, SASAURA, ONANINGKA, IKANA, TOMBENA, AKUNA, AIYURA, OMAURA and ONAMUNA. There are a total of 46 head of cattle in these projects, 22 being heifers, the remainder are steers.

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(29) The paddocks are approximately five acres in area being fenced with barbed wire. In these paddocks grasses suitable for grazing have been planted.

(30) As these projects proceed and an abattoir^{or} is established in the district, the marketing of cattle will benefit the people in this area greatly.

FORESTS

(31) Apart from the Arona Valley, most of the area is timbered fairly heavily, particularly on the higher slopes.

(32) Near BINAMARIEN there is a European owned saw-mill being established.

(33) At AKUNA recently an area of forest was investigated but the people showed reluctance in granting a lease and consequently the application fell through.

(34) Part of the reason for the above put forward, was that the older men of the village were against parting with their timber; that there will be none left for the generations to come.

(35) In other areas, for example around BAROSIRA, there is a large amount of seemingly good timber and it would be to the economic advantage of the people in the area to lease a part of it for milling purposes.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

(36) At every village group there was at least one locally owned trade store. In some instances there were two.

(37) Some of these stores were reasonably stocked, mainly with tin fish, rice, sugar, tobacco, biscuits and a few items of clothing and a small income is being made.

(38) In many instances though, it is doubtful whether the stores are any more than a status symbol.

(39) There are well stocked Europeans owned stores at various places in the Gadsup C.D. They are at TOMBENDARA, ARAU^{No. 1}, BAROSIRA, ONAURA and Akuna. These supply all the needs of the people as far as food and clothing.

LAND

(40) There have been large areas of land alienated in the Gadsup to European plantation and cattle owners. Most of this has been in the ARONA valley.

(41) In the forested areas the people could afford to lease further land but do not have many areas of arable land available for leasing.

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COMPLAINTS

(42) Most of the complaints brought to the patrol's notice were concerned with pigs. Mainly they dealt with pigs damaging gardens and these were settled in company with the village officials. Several of these complaints also dealt with ownership of certain pigs.

(43) At ARAU the old ex-lulual wanted to divorce three of his wives because he has, after all these years, decided to join the Lutheran Mission. It was pointed out to him that he has a responsibility to these wives, and now that they are old, he just cannot discard them as if they were an old pair of ~~skunax~~ shoes.

(44) There were not a great number of complaints and this shows that the Councillors and their Ward Committees are satisfactorily settling most of these minor disputes.

COURTS

(45) A number of people were sent to Kainantu for living in very insanitary houses after repeated warnings to rectify the position.

REST HOUSES

(46) Apart from the rest house at ONAWINGKA, which the people were asked if they could repair it, the rest houses in the Census Division were in a very good condition.

(47) In several villages considerable work had been done to repair and tidy up the rest house and surrounding area.

CARRIERS

(48) People freely volunteered to carry the patrol equipment. They were hired on a village to village basis at the rate of 10cents per hour.

HEALTH

(49) The general health of the people at present is good.

(50) The Aid Post orderlies were taken along with the patrol and inspections were made as the common roll was revised.

(51) At Arau a skin disease affecting most of the body was noticed. About ten people were affected but it apparently causes no suffering.

(52) There are Administration Aid Posts at FUNDIBASA, ARAU and AKUMA, and at OMAURA there is an Aid Post run by the Seventh Day of Adventist mission. These Aid Posts are being looked after reasonably well by the people and during the discussions all residents were reminded to assist the Aid Post orderlies when required as it is to their (the people's) benefit.

(53) It was noticed, although not a Census Revision, that a large number of children, in the two to three year age group, died during an epidemic of whooping cough in about December of 1966.

EDUCATION

(54) There are Administration schools at ARAU, AKUNA and AIYURA. The Seventh Day mission have a primary "T" school at ONAURA and the Swiss Mission have one at ARONA.

(55) At TOMBENDAKA ~~THE~~ the Lutheran Mission ^{has a small school which reaches} have pidgin and a little English to about Standard One. Also the Lutheran Mission has several little schools throughout the Gadsup but these are schools for pidgin only.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

(56) As previously mentioned nearly every village can be reached by vehicle. ABONAMO is the only village which is entirely off of the road but the walking paths to it were in excellent order.

(57) The road from PUNDIBASA to BINAMARIEN has been completed but is strictly a dry-weather road as it has not been gravelled and there is no gravel deposit within a reasonable distance.

(58) The road ~~from~~ from PUNDIBASA over the range to MAMERAIN is also a dry weather road and it would be necessary to have it gravelled if it was to be used at all regularly.

(59) Between TOMBENDAKA and PUNDIBASA the WANTON River has to be forded. The people were asked to improve this crossing by straightening the approaches and also putting river gravel on them.

(60) In most parts of the Gadsup the roads are in good condition and the people are carrying out their obligations under the Road Maintenance Ordinance.

MISSIONS

(61) There are three Missions operating in the area, Lutherans, Seventh Day Adventists and Swiss Mission, also the S.I.L. have their main station in the Gadsup at AIYURA.

(62) The Seventh Day Adventists and Swiss Mission are both operating schools of Primary "T" school standard as mentioned before (Education). They also run Aid Posts at their stations.

(63) The S.I.L. are mainly involved in turning the local language into written form.

LABOUR

(64) During the patrol the names of thirty two volunteers for the Highland Labour Scheme were recorded and the men were sent to Kainantu.

(65) There were not very many volunteers recorded due to there having been a large number being sent away last year. The people want those from last years group to return first before many more leave as it would put a strain on the remaining labour force.

(66) In the Gadsup, a number of men are employed by plantations, by D.A.S.P. at AIYURA, By Mr. Ted Forster at SAIORA in his gold mine, and by S.I.L. at AIYURA.

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PERSONNEL

- (67) MR. UWAI DORAI - was of considerable help on the patrol
- Constable PATARA No. 9477 - a good policeman although with patrol for three days only.
- Constable HAMBUAGIN No. 11687 - an enthusiastic young policeman, good conduct.
- Constable MOREGEN NO. 11131 - an average patrol policeman. Conduct good.

CONCLUSION

The patrol was of considerable interest and was successful as everything set out in the patrol instructions was accomplished.

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