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NORTHERN DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1967-1968

KOKODA

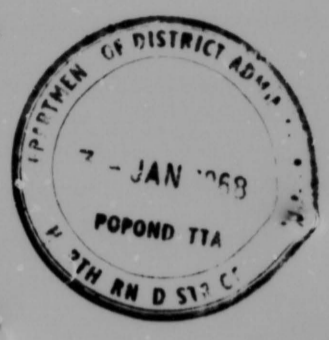
<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
1-67-68	H.L. Dreise	Wawonga
2-67-68	H.L. Dreise	Kokoda Sub-district
3-67-68	H.L. Dreise	Kokoda Sub-district

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT



District of NORTHERN Report No. 1 of 1967/1968

Patrol Conducted by H.L. DNEISE PO

Area Patrolled WENONGA

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives CONG WAI

Duration—From 18 / 9 / 1967 to 22 / 9 / 1967

Number of Days 6

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / / 19

Medical / / 19

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol DEMARKATION COMMITTEE

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

41 / 1 / 1968

H.L. Dneise
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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67-5-10

28th February, 1968

The District Commissioner,
POPONDETTA.
Northern District.

PATROL REPORT NO. 1-67/68 - KOKODA

Receipt of the above report with your comments is acknowledged.

It is noted that the following documents were not attached to the report as required by Standing Instructions: Patrol maps, a copy of patrol instructions and comments by the Assistant District Commissioner.

It is also noted that this report covers a patrol carried out in September, 1967 and was forwarded by you to me on the 4th of January, 1968. Could you please explain this delay?

I agree with you that the report gives inadequate information. It does not even name the members of the demarcation Committee appointed nor the landholding groups they represent.

If no patrol instructions were given by the Assistant District Commissioner, he should be reminded that this is required by Standing Instructions. Mr. Dreise should be referred to the headings requiring comment in a patrol report outlined on pages 25 to 44 of Departmental Standing Instructions. His next report should be checked to see that information is adequate before submission to this Headquarters.

(T. M. EMMIS)
Director

67-5-10

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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File 67.1.1

Department of District Administration,
POPONDETTA. Northern District.

4th January, 1968.



The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT No.1-67/68 - KOKODA

Please find attached a copy of a report covering a patrol of the WAWONGA Census Division carried out by Mr. H.L. Dreise, Patrol Officer.

The patrol was of a routine nature and it was carried out in a satisfactory manner. The report submitted to cover the activities of the patrol is a feeble effort in that it conveys very little information on the patrolling officer's observations in the area.

H.L. Williams
 (H.L. Williams)
District Commissioner.

INTRODUCTION The area patrolled was the Wewonga section of the Kokoda Subdistrict. The villages in this area lie in an elevated valley near the headwaters of the Kumusi River roughly south west of Mt. Lamington. The valley is about 12 miles long by 4 miles wide. Most of the land is hilly and the valley itself is surrounded by mountains.

The object of the patrol was to familiarise the people with the idea of a Demarkation Committee and its functions. At each village the matter was discussed with the people and a committee member was elected from each land holding group. Later these committee members attended a meeting at Kokoda. At this meeting of committee members from all land holding groups in the subdistrict, a president was elected and the aims of the Demarkation Committee were discussed.

Political Situation The area in question is about to be incorporated in the Ilime Local Government Council. The people seem anxious for this to happen.

VILLAGES On the whole the villages were reasonably clean and tidy. The rest houses were in most cases were clean and in good repair. Several had recently had repairs done to the roofs. A notable exception was the police rest house at Namania which had one side open to the weather. Due to its high and exposed position, this caused some discomfort to the occupants. However I have since noted that the side has now been closed in.

AGRICULTURE Supplies of native vegetables seem to be adequate but there is little sign of the European type vegetables that I believe DASH have tried to introduce.

Pigs and a few goats were noted though I doubt if the latter are ever included in the diet. Other meat is available in the form of wild birds which are shot at with mixed success, and village fowls seem to be only for pets.

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TRADE STORES There is only one trade store in the area. It is at Emu river and is run by the Anglican Mission. When I visited it, stock was limited to tobacco and sugar. Several local people have expressed a desire to start a store but the cost of transport (by air) into the area is prohibitive.

Reception Reception was at all stages good. Carriers were obtained at all villages without difficulty.

ROADS There are no roads in the area but the walking track is in reasonable condition.

BLUE ENSIGN. The Blue Ensign was flown each day of the patrol and lowered with due ceremony at sunset.

For your information please.

H.L. Dreise

H.L. DREISE
Patrol Officer

Amount
Returned
to Store



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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PATROL REPORT

District of..... NORTHERN Report No. KOKODA 2-67/68

Patrol Conducted by..... H.L.DREISE PO.

Area Patrolled..... KOKODA SUB DISTRICT

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... C.G.DAY ADG

Natives..... Const WAI RPNGC

Duration—From..... 17/11/1967 to..... 9/12/1967

Number of Days..... 23

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... No

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

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

Map Reference..... Sketchmap attached.

Objects of Patrol..... ILIMO COUNCIL ELECTION

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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CR Williams
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

67-5-11

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67-5-11

March 14th, 1968.

The District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPOHETTA.

PATROL REPORT NO.2 OF 1967/68

Receipt is acknowledged of Mr. H.L. Dreise's report on his patrol to conduct the Ilimo Council Elections. Covering comments by the A.D.C. Kokoda and yourself adequately deal with any aspect requiring comment.

Mr. Dreise should continue to try and improve his standard of reporting which is still below the standard of officers of equal seniority.

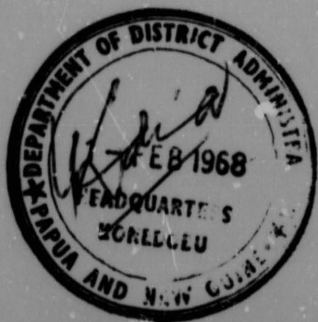
(T.W. ELLIS)
Director

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Department of District Administration,
POPONDETTA. Northern District.
22nd January, 1968.

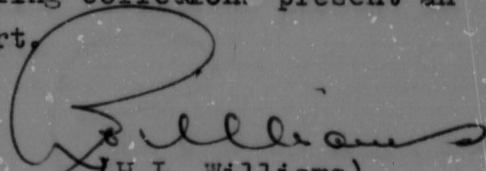


The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT No. 2-67/68

Please find attached a copy of a report covering a patrol of the ~~KOKODA Sub-District~~ ~~Division~~ carried out by Mr. H.L. Dreise who accompanied Mr. C. Day, Assistant District Commissioner.

The patrol was of a routine nature and it was carried out in a satisfactory manner. The report submitted is an improvement on Mr. Dreise's past efforts but there is room for more improvement. Inked in spelling correction present an untidy appearance to a typed report.


(H.L. Williams)
District Commissioner.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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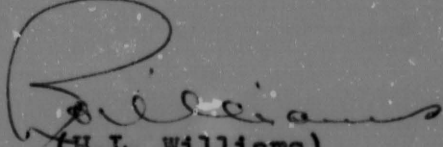
Department of District Administration,
POPONDETTA. Northern District.

22nd January, 1968.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT No. 2-67/68

Please find attached a copy of a report covering a patrol of the KOKODA Sub-District Census Division carried out by Mr. Mr. H.L. Dreise who accompanied Mr. C. Day, Assistant District Commissioner. The patrol was of a routine nature and it was carried out in a satisfactory manner. The report submitted is an improvement on Mr. Dreise's past efforts but there is room for more improvement. Inked-in spelling corrections present an untidy appearance to a typed report.


(H.L. Williams)
District Commissioner.

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Sub-District Office,
KOKODA,
Northern District.

15th January, 1968

The District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

PATROL REPORT KOKODA 2/67-68

Please find attached original and duplicate of
Patrol Report Kokoda No.2/1967-1968, submitted by Mr Dreise.

The report covers his recent patrol of the sub-
District with Mr Day, A.D.C., to conduct the Ilimo council
elections, and should be read in conjunction with Mr Day's
41-1-2 of 28/12/67.

Mr Dreise has obviously put more effort into
this report than into his two previous ones. His diary is
informative.

The report has many spelling mistakes but most
of these mistakes are the results of very careless typing.
It is good to see, however, that Mr Dreise has taken the trouble
to check his work and correct his errors.

Claim for camping allowance is attached.

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H.W.GILL A.D.O.

a/Assistant District Commissioner

c.c. Mr H.L. Dreise
KOKODA.

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PATROL DIARY

Friday 17th November 1967 Drove to Komo in Mamba Plantation. Obtained carriers at Saga and Komo. Departed Komo at 10.15 am and walked to Kanga. The going was easy as the track was in good condition and the land was flat. The only obstacles were several creeks which could be difficult in the wet. Evidence of the Yodda goldfields, in the form of diggings, was observed beside the track.

At 12 am we arrived at Kanga and had a short stop for lunch. Only two men were in the village as the majority work at Mamba plantation. After lunch the going became much rougher and a ridge of about 2000 feet was climbed, followed by a series of smaller creeks and ridges. Saiba was reached at 6.30 pm just as it got dark. We camped in the resthouse which was in a reasonable condition.

Saturday 18th November 1967 Departed Saiba at 8 am and walked down a long ridge which became steep towards the end. From there the track climbed gradually to Karukaru. This village had a particularly windswept and desolate appearance and was very hot. It was situated on an exposed ridge and all the trees and vegetation had been cleared for some distance around. After a short rest we continued. The track was now level but shortly began climbing towards Asimba which we reached at 12am. At Asimba the village is as usual on top of the ridge. Lower down on a level spot was the Catholic Mission which was deserted during our stay, and lower down still, near the river was the Aid Post and Resthouse where we stayed. In the afternoon, word was sent out to all the villages in the area that the council election would take place on the following Monday. The night was spent at Asimba.

Sunday 19th November 1967 Sunday was observed at Asimba. Mr. Day arrived in the afternoon with the rest of the patrol. In the evening discussions were held with the villagers till 9pm.

Monday 20th November 1967 Nominations for Ward 1 (Chirima) were called for. As no nominations were received by 12 am no election was held and the patrol returned to Saiba where we arrived at 4 pm. The reasons that no nominations were received will be discussed later. The night spent at Saiba.

Tuesday 21st November 1967. We left Saiba at 6am and reached Kanga at about 1pm where we had lunch. We then continued on to Komo which we reached at 3.15 pm. Transport arrived shortly afterwards and we drove to Kokoda. At 5pm we went to Mamba Plantation for the election in this ward. However due to a misunderstanding as to the day the election was to be held there, the people had not assembled so it was decided to postpone the election to the following Saturday.

Patrol Diary cont.

Wednesday.

Tuesday 22nd November 1967 Nominations were called for and the elections took place in Ward 2 at Kovelovillages. No difficulties were encountered and a councillor was elected. In the afternoon nominations were called for in Ward 4 at Kokoda station. For some time only one ~~xxx~~ nomination was forthcoming but shortly before nominations closed another person was nominated so an election was held.

Thursday 23rd November 1967 Nominations were called for at Kokoda Village. However as the people were unanimous in their desire to re-elect Fr. Simon Peter, and as he was away in Popondetta, it was decided to postpone the election in this ward till his return. In the afternoon we drove to Kepara where no difficulties were encountered and a councillor was elected.

Friday 24th November 1967 Polling took place at Gorari in ward 9. No difficulties were encountered and a councillor was elected.

Saturday 25th November 1967 I went to Hanjiri and Mr. Day went to Mamba Plantation. Polling took place at both places and two councillors, both Europeans, were elected.

Sunday 26th November 1967 We drove to Pelai and waited for carriers that we had asked for. As they were not forthcoming, we returned to Kokoda.

Monday 27th November 1967 We drove to ~~Kovelo~~ Kovelovillages and obtained carriers. We left Kovelovillages at 6.30 am and walked to the foot of the Owen Stanley Range along the recently built road. From here the track (the Kokoda Trail, in fact) climbed steeply to Deniki from where it kept mainly on the same level but was very rough and went up and down some steep ridges till Isurava was reached. Here we had lunch and then continued on to Alola some 15 minutes walk away. The election was held and a councillor was elected without incident. We camped in the Alola resthouse.

Tuesday 28th November 1967 We left Alola at 7am and walked to Abuari. The distance between the two points is perhaps less than 400 yards, but the track winds down into the Eora gorge and the actual journey takes an hour or more. At Abuari polling took place and a councillor was elected. Later we walked to Pelai passing through Hagutawa and Usikari on the way. The track on this side of the valley is in much better condition than on the Alola-Isurava side and in addition is much more level. Recent improvements have also been made. At Pelai we were met by transport and returned to Kokoda.

Patrol Diary cont.

Wednesday 29th November 1967 Drove to Ilimo and Hojaki and councillors were elected in these wards. Returned to Kokoda.

Thursday 30th November 1967 Drove to the Kumusi River and walked to Ajeka where polling took place and a councillor was elected. Transport from Popondetta was supposed to meet us there but it failed to arrive so we walked to Sairope where polling took place in the afternoon and a councillor was elected. Camped the night at Sairope.

Friday 1st December 1967 Walked to Maujeta (10 minutes) and held the election for ward 15. Walked to Asafa around the base of Mount Lamington. Asafa is built on the top of a long wide ridge and has a sizeable airstrip. A couple of people from the ~~XX~~ S.I.L. have been doing language study *there*. They have a house at Asafa but were not present during our stay.

Saturday 2nd December 1967 Held the election at Asafa and then walked to Sirorata where we arrived at 3.30pm. The ground between these two villages is very broken and cut by two large rivers, branches of the Kumusi. Crossing of these rivers was made on cane bridges, fortunately in good repair.

Sunday 3rd December 1967 Sunday observed at Sirorata.

Monday 4th December 1967 The election was held at Sirorata. We left there at 10am and walked to Namanaia where we arrived at 4pm. This part of the patrol was particularly rough, the track being up and down high ridges all the way. The last climb up to Namanaia itself, is particularly long and steep. We camped the night at Namanaia.

Tuesday 5th December 1967 Walked to Emo River and held the election. Camped the night at Emo River.

Wednesday 6th December 1967 Walked to Awoma and held the election. ~~Camped~~ ^{Camped} the night at Awoma.

Thursday 7th December 1967 Walked to Namanaia and camped.

Friday 8th December 1967 Walked to Eiwo Mission and drove to Kokoda.

Saturday 9th December 1967 Election held at Kokoda village. End of Patrol.

INTRODUCTION

The object of this patrol was to carry out a general election for the Ilimo Local Government Council. Previously, the Council had only controlled part of the Kokoda Subdistrict. However the constitution has recently been changed to include the Wawonga and Chirima areas and to make the council multiracial and thus include Kokoda Station, the missions and the plantations. In fact the council now covers the entire Kokoda Subdistrict and every person in it.

The election was carried out over a three week period and councillors were elected in 18 out of the 19 wards. The patrol was divided into four phases: The patrols on foot in the Chirima, Biagi and Asafa-Wawonga areas and the villages in the valley close to the road were done by car from Kokoda.

PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN

Most of the people in the Subdistrict have had plenty of experience in voting in elections and it was not considered necessary to spend too much time in educational activities in these areas. However in the new areas considerable attention was paid by the Administration and the missions in explaining the aims and ideals of a council and the right to vote. Very little actual campaigning was done by the candidates as I think the previous councillors knew they would be re-elected as in fact all but one were. In the new areas the landslide victories seem to indicate that the successful candidates had been selected prior to our arrival.

MANNER OF ELECTIONS

Nineteen separate polling places were used—one for each ward. The furthest any voter had to travel was about a two hour walk. It was not considered necessary or wise to have more than one polling place in each ward.

As all available voters were usually gathered and awaiting the patrol, the elections in each ward ~~was~~ lasted only as long as it took to record and count the votes. Most absentees were actually out of the subdistrict though there was the usual few who couldn't be bothered to turn up.

Only four separate nominations were received prior to the patrol's arrival at the polling place. It was the practice to call for nominations on arrival. The people were usually quite sure who they wanted to nominate.

COMMENTS on the election in each ward and on the peoples attitude

Ward 1. Chirina. No election took place in this ~~Ward~~ ward because no nominations were received. When the people assembled for a pre-election discussion it became obvious that there had been much talk before our arrival and the people had made up their minds that they did not want to join the council. Previously they had indicated their willingness to do so but they had now changed their minds, and no argument of ours, even after five hours of discussion, had any effect. This change had been brought about by the efforts of two or three individuals from Saiba village. The only reason they gave was that they were afraid of paying tax.

Ward 2. Kovelov and Kanga Lolio Love was re-elected by a landslide - 56 votes to the other two candidates' combined total of 14.

Ward 3. Mamba Plantation C.G. Maloney was elected by 240 votes to 62. I was not present at the election in this ward but I think the voters may have felt pressure, real or imaginary, to elect this candidate as he is the plantation owner's son-in-law.

Ward 4. Kokoda Station W. Kekedo was elected by 77 to 29. Some campaigning was done on his behalf by L. Fouche, Dept of lands (who also nominated him) immediately prior to and during the election and the result was not surprising. Twelve informal ~~ix~~ votes were cast and this was due mainly to Administration employees who filled in their own ballot papers.

Ward 5. Saga, Kokoda, Pirive. Simon Peter Awoda was re-elected unopposed. He is the local Anglican Mission Priest and is very popular in the area. He has also been one of the more stable influences in the council.

Ward 6. Kepara, Kanandara. Lucien Arao was re-elected by a landslide of 144 to a combined total against of 18.

Ward 7. Isurava, Alola. Kote Daholo was re-elected by a clear majority of 25 to 7.

Ward 8. Abuari, Hagitawa, Usikari, Pelai. Adave Neira was re-elected 30 votes to 16. The unsuccessful candidate showed rather bad grace when he lost. He made a long speech on how he had made many improvements to the villages (his way of campaigning, no doubt) and now the people had insulted him.

Ward 9. Waju, Sisoreta, Gorari. Aubrey Saujakari was re-elected 92 to 15.

Ward 10. Kandiiri, Ilimo PPS. J. Vogelbusch was elected by 86 votes to a combined total against of 39. This came about mainly because the previous councillor, Ski Wujari, told his supporters to vote for Mr. Vogelbusch. However Mr. Vogelbusch, an Administration teacher, has been in the area for some years and is popular in his own right.

Ward 11. Haki, Hamara. Dickson Hango was re-elected by a landslide of 84 to 10.

Ward 12. Ilimo, Papaki. Terrence Japara was re-elected 79 to 64. Counting of the votes went to first preferences.

Ward 13. Ajeka, Ombisusu. Honi Omotu was ~~re~~ re-elected by 87 to a combined total against of 23.

Ward 14. Sairope. Jacob Jahambo was re-elected 91 to 42.

Ward 15. Maujete Frank Sirimba was re-elected 64 to 7.

Ward 16. Assisi, Sirorata. Tombovu Ogomeni, a mission teacher, was elected on second preferences 102 to a combined total against of 94. The previous councillor would perhaps have been re-elected if the votes had not been split amongst five candidates.

When the result was announced, Tombovu's wife was very upset and put on quite a scene. Perhaps she feared her husband's work would suffer. However I later spoke to Fr. Sharpe of Eiwo mission and he said she was probably afraid of sorcery from the previous councillor's wife. Apparently he has come across this white wiff often when electing Church Councillors. He said it usually results in the new councillor resigning and the old councillor being re-elected.

Ward 17. Asafa Halajo Musana was elected 131 to 29.

Ward 18. Emo River Nana Nabawe was elected 170 to 40.

Ward 19. Awoma Bubure Faure was elected 179 to 33

For your information please.

H.L. Dreise

H.L. Dreise
Patrol Officer

Scale	1:50,000
Projection	U.T.M.
Zone	48 S
Grid	1000000
Year	1967



SKETCHMAP TO ACCOMPANY PATROL REPORTS KOKODA NO.2 1967/1968

KOKODA SUB-DISTRICT

Amount
Returned
to Store

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of..... **NORTHERN** Report No. **Kokoda 3/67-68**

Patrol Conducted by..... **H.L.Dreise P.O.**

Area Patrolled..... **KOKODA SUBDISTRICT**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... **T.VERBEEK (Ag.Off., Asst.Presiding Off.)**
Const BUNODA
Const MENIAPI
Natives..... **Interpreter D.EREPA**

Duration—From..... **17/2/68** to..... **14/3/68**
Number of Days..... **27**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

Map Reference..... **Sketchmap attached**

Objects of Patrol..... **HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY GENERAL ELECTION**

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

17/4/68

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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
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Ref: 67-5-19

Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, Papua.

27th May, 1968.

District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

PATROL NO. KOKODA 3-67/68

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Memorandum
* of ~~Patrol~~/Patrol Report covering patrol by H. Dreise, P.O.
to HUJARA, WAWONGA & KOKODA Census Divisions.

It is pleasing to note the improvement in the
quality of Mr. Dreise's style and presentation of a report.

T.W. Ellis
(T.W. ELLIS)
Director

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA ¹⁴

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Our Reference... 67.1.1
If calling ask for
Mr.....

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Department of District Administration,
POPOWITTA, Northern District.
17th April, 1968.



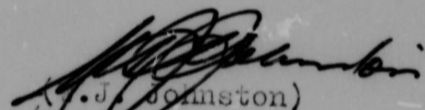
The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KOMODOBU.

PATROL REPORT No. KOKODA 3-67/68

Please find attached a copy of a report covering a patrol of the Kokoda Sub District carried out by Mr. H. Dreise.

The patrol was of a routine nature and it was carried out in a satisfactory manner.

A covering memorandum from the Assistant District Commissioner, Kokoda makes further comment by myself unnecessary. As pointed out by the Assistant District Commissioner, Mr. Dreise's report is an improvement on his past reports but there is still scope for more improvement.


(J. Johnston)
Assistant District Commissioner.

67-1-1

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Sub-District Office,
KOKODA,
Northern District.

4th April, 1968

District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

PATROL REPORT KOKODA NO 3/07-68.

Please find attached original and duplicate of the above report submitted by Patrol Officer Mr H.L.Dreise. The report covers his recent patrol to conduct the House of Assembly elections through much of the Kokoda sub-district.

Comments:

Diary - p.1. For Gorari read Sisireta. Gorari is another name for Sisireta but not listed in the Village Directory. Both names are used locally.

- p.2. Putomo village is not listed in the Village Directory. Although quite a sizeable hamlet, it is taken as part of Sairope. Again, Kaili is not listed officially, being a hamlet of Pelai. Pelai has, in fact, moved to 'Kaili' - see p.4 of the report.

Pre-election education:

Mr R.Kekedo, A.B.O., was asked to give pre-election talks to people in as many villages as possible within a rather limited time before the onset of the elections. He was able to cover most villages near to Kokoda and gave brief talks to station and plantation personnel.

Pre-election campaigning:

It was good to see nearly all candidates put in an appearance in the sub-district prior to the elections.

Voting trends and attitude to elections:

Mr Dreise's comments are interesting. They show that there is some difference in this connection between Local Govt. Council elections and General elections. In council elections, a block vote by a village is quite common but in general elections there is likelihood of more individual choice by voters. This is probably because candidates for general elections are not known so 'personally' to voters.

There appears to have been a reasonable turn-up to the polls.

More voters would have filled in their ballot papers unaided than was the case in the first House of Assembly elections

I was unable to organise pre-election talks in the Wawonga area. From Mr Dreise's remarks, such talks were badly needed there.

Carriers:

Carriers for the patrol were nearly always easily hired. This is good and shows a generally cooperative attitude of the people.

As Mr Dreise says, it is difficult to obtain carriers to go to Chirima. However, knowing this, he might have made better preparations to organise carriers well in advance instead of leaving it until shortly before setting out for Chirima. I have not actually tried it myself, but I would imagine that by enlisting carriers, drawn equally from the villages close to the station, and taking their names a fortnight before departure date, one might have a better chance of counting on some of them turning up when required.

General:

It is good to hear that the Asapa people give the impression of being progressive. From what I gather, this is a new and welcome trait in this sub-district. It remains to be seen how long this attitude will last. It may be merely an initial burst of enthusiasm following the joining of the council.

I think an example might be made of the Sairope councillor's village improvement scheme, to encourage councillors to do the same type of thing in other villages. Perhaps a shield or similar trophy could be presented each year by the council for the best kept village. This would help promote a higher standard of village maintenance.

It sounds as if a gradual exodus of people may be starting from the Chirima area. If they are moving closer to Yongi, I suppose that is only natural as that station would be the closest centre of civilisation to them. A better general appraisal of the situation could be made during the next routine Chirima patrol. Chirima is rather a remote area. Settlement blocks or some such project might help open it up a bit.

Mr Dreise has put forward an interesting theory as to why the mountain people take more notice of councillors than the valley people do. I do not see why his theory should not be correct.

Side roads in the sub-district are badly maintained. I have had to close the Waju road to all vehicular traffic until the people carry out repairs to it. More effort is needed from the council to get road work done. Perhaps a roads maintenance rule should be introduced.

Personnel:

Reports on members of the RP&NGC accompanying the patrol have been forwarded to Popondetta and Port Moresby.

Agriculture:

The hill country in this sub-district is very suitable for vegetable growing. I would think there was good potential for market gardening, given the necessary encouragement and organisation.

I do not know why the Dept of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries could not be expected to provide a few fish for the Asapa lake. It would be an interesting experiment. Carp are doing very well in a private pond at Kokoda plantation.

Mr Dreise has shown initiative in finding out about sources of supply of ducklings.

Anthropology:

Mr Dreise has made some interesting observations and it is good that he has taken the trouble to include this section in his report.

It is a pity that this report is marred by too many spelling errors. These have been corrected.

However, this is a much improved and more comprehensive report than ones submitted by Mr Dreise earlier. By writing a more detailed report he has shown that he observes a lot on patrol.

The patrol seems to have been carried out well.

Claims for camping allowance are being held, pending allocation of funds.

Claims for other electoral allowances are being forwarded under separate cover.

A copy of the patrol instructions is attached for your information.

C.C. Mr H.L. Dreise
Kokoda


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H.W. GILL
a/Assistant District Commissioner.

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Sub-District Office,
KOKODA,
Northern District.

12th February, 1968

Mr H.L.Dreise,
Patrol Officer,
KOKODA.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS - HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS.

As you know, you have been appointed Presiding Officer for SOHE NO 4 Mobile Booth for the forthcoming House of Assembly elections.

This will involve you in a patrol covering the majority of the villages in this sub-district. The patrol will commence as from Saturday, 17th February, and is scheduled to end on or about 13th March, 1968.

The exact route to be taken by your mobile booth has been outlined by the District Commissioner. Please study all correspondence relating to this and other election matters in general, on file 1-3-1.

Mr T.Verbeek of D.A.S.F., Kokoda, will be your Assistant Presiding Officer and Mr D.Erepa has been appointed official Interpreter for the patrol. Two police are required to accompany your patrol. Please select two members of your own choice.

You have received from the Returning Officer copies of 'Instructions to Presiding Officers', 'Hints to Presiding Officers' and the Electoral Ordinance itself. Please familiarise yourself with the contents of these and ensure that you are clear on procedure before the elections commence.

For the initial part of the patrol you will need transport daily. I have made arrangements for vehicles to be on permanent allocation to you for this period. If, at any other time during the patrol, you find you require transport, please let me know and it will be made available at once.

During the course of your patrol, carry out routine administration if and when necessary, giving the election work priority at all times.

Please aim to adhere to the polling schedule closely.

Do not hesitate to send word to me if you ever need assistance of any sort.


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H.W. GILL
a/Assistant District Commissioner.

C.C. D.C.
POPONOGITTA.

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PATROL DIARY

Saturday 17th February 1968 8a.m. Commenced collecting votes for the House of Assembly Election At Kokoda Primary T. School.

Sunday 18th February 1968 Completed returns for the Kokoda Static Booth. Prepared equipment, rations etc. for election patrol.

Monday 19th February 1968 Drove to Pirive village and conducted election.

Drove to Kamondo and conducted election. Drove to Gorari and patrol spent the night there.

Tuesday 20th February 1968 At Gorari the people from Sisoreta and Waju villages voted. Drove to Hanjisi and collected votes from people from Hanjiri and Ambeni villages. Drove to Ilimo and the patrol spent the night there.

Wednesday 21st February 1968 At Ilimo, votes were collected from people from Ilimo and Papaki villages and Ewo Mission. Patrol spent the night at Ilimo.

Thursday 22nd February 1968 Drove to Hojaki and collected votes from Hojaki, Haki and Hamara villages. Drove to Asisi and the people from this village also voted. Spent the night at Asisi.

Friday 23rd February 1968 Hired carriers and walked to Sirorata (2hrs). Slept the night at Sirorata.

Saturday 24th February 1968 The people from Sirorata village voted. Patrol walked to Namanai (6½ hrs). Night spent at Namanai.

Sunday 25th February 1968 Sunday observed ^{at}/_{to} Namanai.

Monday 26th February 1968 Walked to Emo (3½ hrs). Here the people from Emo, Managube and Ejaro villages voted. Spent the night at Emo.

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- Tuesday 27th February 1968 Walked to Awoma (2 hrs) and the people from Awoma, Ujilo, and Kovio villages voted. Returned to Emo and spent the night there.
- Wednesday 28th February 1968 Walked to Namanaia and spent the night there.
- Thursday 29th February 1968 Walked to Sirorata and spent the night there.
- Friday to 1st March 1968 Walked to Asapa and spent the night there.
- Saturday 2nd March 1968 Held the election at Asapa. In the afternoon walked to Sairope (3½ hrs) and spent the night there.
- Sunday 3rd March 1968 Sunday observed at Sairope.
- Monday 4th March 1968 Election conducted for Sairope, Maujeta and Putemo villages. Walked to Ilimo (4 hrs). Drove to Kokoda.
- Tuesday 5th March 1968 Prepared equipment for patrol to Biage.
- Wednesday 6th March 1968 Drove to Kepara where the people from Kepara, Kanandara and Bengi villages voted. Drove to Pelai and walked to Kaili (1½ hrs). Spent the night at Kaili.
- Thursday 7th March 1968 People from Pelai, Kaili and Hagutawa villages voted. Walked to Abuari (3½ hrs) and spent the night there.
- Friday 8th March 1968 People from Abuari, village voted. Walked to Isurava (2 hrs) where the people from Isurava and Alola villages voted. Walked to Kokoda (6½ hrs).
- Saturday 9th March 1968 Election held at Kovelu where the people from Kovelu and Savaia villages voted.

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Sunday 10th March 1968
rations for Chirima patrol.

Prepared equipment and

Monday 11th March 1968
and spent the night there.

Walked to Kanga (2½ hrs)

Tuesday 12th March 1968
and then to Karukaru and spent the

night there. (6 hrs)

Wednesday 13th March 1968
Karukaru where the people from Karukaru, Asimba, Seiba and
Korogo villages ~~met~~. Walked to Seiba and spent the night
there.

Election held at

Thursday 14th March 1968

Walked to Kokoda.

End of patrol.

Introduction. The object of this patrol was to carry out that part of the House of Assembly General Elections allotted to Mobile Booth Sohe No. 4. The patrol covered the entire Kokoda Sub-District excepting the Ombisusu-Ajeka area (which was covered by another patrol), visiting all the main villages, and thus giving everyone who wanted to vote, a reasonable opportunity to do so.

The patrol took a total of 26 days to complete and was conducted in three stages. The villages between Mamba Plantation and Eiwo Mission were patrolled by car and patrols on foot were conducted into the Wawonga-Asafa, Biage and Chirima areas.

Pre-Election Education. Immediately prior to the election Mr. R. Kekedo spent a week instructing the people in the villages along the Kokoda-Kumasi road and in the Biage area, on how to vote. Also as the council elections had taken place only three months before it was reasonable to suppose that they know the mechanics of voting and the reasons for doing so. In addition, before the voting began in each village, I gave a short instruction on "How to vote".

Pre-Election Campaign. Most of the candidates in both the Regional and Open elections came to the Kokoda area, prior to the election, to campaign for votes. In particular they contacted the councillors and tried to enlist their support. Two of the candidates invited the councillors as a group, to dinner.

Participation. Most of the people in the villages voted and almost as many women as men. There was the usual percentage who did not turn up and sent "excuses", but these were in the minority.

However, despite the fact that I tried to make it clear that voting was not compulsory, I got the impression that the high attendance rate was due more to the villagers thinking they had to, rather than a real desire to elect their chosen candidate.

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Voting Trends. As most of the people needed assistance to fill in their ballot papers, it was possible to note any trends in the voting. These trends fell into three classes. Firstly, whole villages voted as a group, each person giving the same candidate as first preference. Apparently a meeting had been held beforehand and the groups' choice decided. In the second case the people voted as individuals, with more votes going to better known candidates, particularly those who had visited the village in question. In the third case, the voters had little idea who they wanted to vote for or the method of doing so, and the voting was therefore completely haphazard, the "donkey vote" accounting for a large percentage. This usually happened when the people had neither seen nor knew much about any of the candidates. I found that this situation could be improved by handing out the photos of the candidates the day before polling and letting the people discuss it amongst themselves. This usually resulted in a group vote, but at least it was a meaningful vote.

Comments on attitude, etc.

(a) Kokoda Station. Most of the Europeans and Administration employees turned out to vote as did the people from Saga and Kokoda villages. However, the labourers from Kokoda plantation showed a distinct lack of interest and few bothered to turn up. Being ~~near~~ close to the station, most of the voters knew how to vote and, having seen the candidates, who they wanted to vote for. With few exceptions, persons who originally came from other areas, voted as absentees for the electorate they originally came from. In one notable case, a person who had lived in the Kokoda area for seventeen years and who knew none of the candidates in his "home" electorate, still insisted on voting for them.

(b) Villages between Kokoda and Aieka. Most of the people in this area had a fairly good idea of who they wanted to vote for, and how to go about it. Mostly they voted as a group. Most of them turned out to vote and a significant number filled in their own ballot papers.

(c) Nawonga Area. This was the most backward area as far as the elections were concerned. Few people knew how to vote even after it had been explained to them, nor did they have a clear idea of who they wanted to vote for. In fact I got the impression, particularly at Awoma, that the majority had little idea of what the elections were about.

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Asapa-Sairope Area. The Asapa people impressed me as the most progressive in the Sub-District. They have only just joined the council and seem enthusiastic. The Sairope people are completely rebuilding their village. The mission teacher and councillor have worked out a plan including roads and individual lawns divided by rows of coloured plants. Although the plan could be improved upon, (it is a bit cramped) it is at least an indication that the people want something better and are prepared to work for it. When I was there the stumps for all the houses had been put in and the roads and paths laid out.

The people in this area, on the whole knew how to vote and most were sure who they wanted to vote for.

(e) Biage Area. Although the people in this area live away from the road, they have continuous contact with the station as they frequently come down to sell produce and usually stay a couple of days each time. Also, prior to the election Mr. R. Kekedo visited these villages as part of his education programme and consequently they were familiar with the polling procedure and the candidates.

(f) Chirima Area. These people are rather backward as they have little contact with the station and their numbers are becoming fewer through deaths and from people moving to other areas. In one village, Seiba, only one house was inhabited during my visit. Two attractions are drawing the people away from the area. Firstly many are moving to Kanga where they will be in a position to sell what they grow without having to carry disheartening distances. Also the Catholic Mission at Yongi has suggested that the people move over that way so that they may have continuous contact with the mission.

Carriers. On all occasions but one, during the patrol, carriers were easy to hire. In fact, in view of number we needed, I was pleasantly surprised at the willingness with which men volunteered.

The one glaring exception occurred when I tried to get carriers to go to Chirima. The reasons that the people dislike carrying to there are probably as follows:- Firstly, the starting point is not in a village but at the end of a road in Mamba Plantation. Consequently no one village feels that it is its duty to carry to this area. They all "pass the buck" to one of the other villages or say that the Chirima people should come down and carry back. Most of the men in the villages around the station work for one of the plantations and the ones that are left are probably the ones who would never do any work in any case. Also it is a long way and the carriers need to be away ^{from} home ~~for~~ about four days. Finally, as they live near the station and close to the road, they are seldom asked to carry or do any other work for the Administration and probably feel that it upsets their settled life

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on the rare occasions that they are asked to do so.

Councillors. All the councillors took an active interest in the elections and in many cases, called the people together prior to polling, to discuss the election. However, I gained the impression, as I have on previous patrols and also in the council meetings, that the councillors have no real power over the people. This is particularly the case amongst the OROKAIVA people in the valley. The people in the mountains seem to take more notice of their councillors. Perhaps it is a carry over from the past when they were forced to rely on a fight leader to resist to some extent the pressure from the more numerous Orokaivas. I know for a fact that the Chirima people once owned land in the valley at Hanjiri and have been forced back to their present position in the mountains forty miles away.

Roads. The people in the Kokoda Sub-District do no work on the roads what-so-ever. The access roads to such villages as Ambeni, Waju and Kepara have deteriorated to such an extent that they are impassible. The road to Pelai is completely overgrown and we couldn't even get through with a tractor. This is despite the fact that the council has estimated large sums (400 each) for the improvement of these roads. The people are neither interested in their roads nor earning money by working on them.

Agriculture. The out-put of cocoa and coffee is increasing all the time. I was particularly impressed with the coffee gardens at Asapa, which are well cared for and seem very healthy. The people at Pelai have abandoned their cocoa gardens and have moved to Kaili, about an hour's walk away, where they are concentrating on coffee.

At Isurava and Alola the people grow European type vegetables particularly, potatoes, which they sell at Kokoda. However, they are limited by the distance they have to carry.

At Asapa I was shown a lake, about 200 yards wide and possibly of volcanic origin. It occurred to me that this lake would be suitable for breeding fish and ducks. The fish could provide protein to supplement the people's diet and the ducks could be produced for sale in Popondetta or Moresby. As the lake is only ten minutes walk from the airstrip, transport would be no problem. I spoke to Councillor Redman about both these schemes and he seemed enthusiastic. He said he would discuss the matter with the village people.

I asked Mr. Verbeek about the possibility of obtaining Carp or other suitable fish from the Department of Agriculture, but he did not think he could obtain any.

As regards the ducks, I have personally contacted Ilimo

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farm in Moresby to obtain quotes for ducklings in quantity and their prices seemed reasonable.

Report on Personnel. (a) Const. Bunoda was quite a help during the patrol and did a lot of the organising of carriers, cargo, etc. His conduct was quite satisfactory.

(b) Const. Meniapi is new to this station and at beginning of the patrol was very reserved and seemed shy. However, as the patrol progressed he showed more initiative. Conduct quite satisfactory.

(c) Interpreter - Dick Erepa - a good interpreter despite lack of English. However, he is perhaps getting a bit old for long patrols. In addition a leg injury he received some time ago, still troubles him and I had to leave him on the station for the last week of the patrol.

Anthropology. (a) At Seiba I noticed three abandoned houses of a style different to types used today. They were in the shape of a long high pitched roof completely covered with pandanus leaf and with a door with an overhang at one end. The interior was divided lengthways in three. On one side were "beds", or low sitting platforms, curiously sloping sideways. The centre was a pathway and fire places combined. The remaining third was divided in two, one half being "beds" and the other a fenced area for pigs, having an outside doorway and ramp to afford them entry. The houses were built on or just above ground.

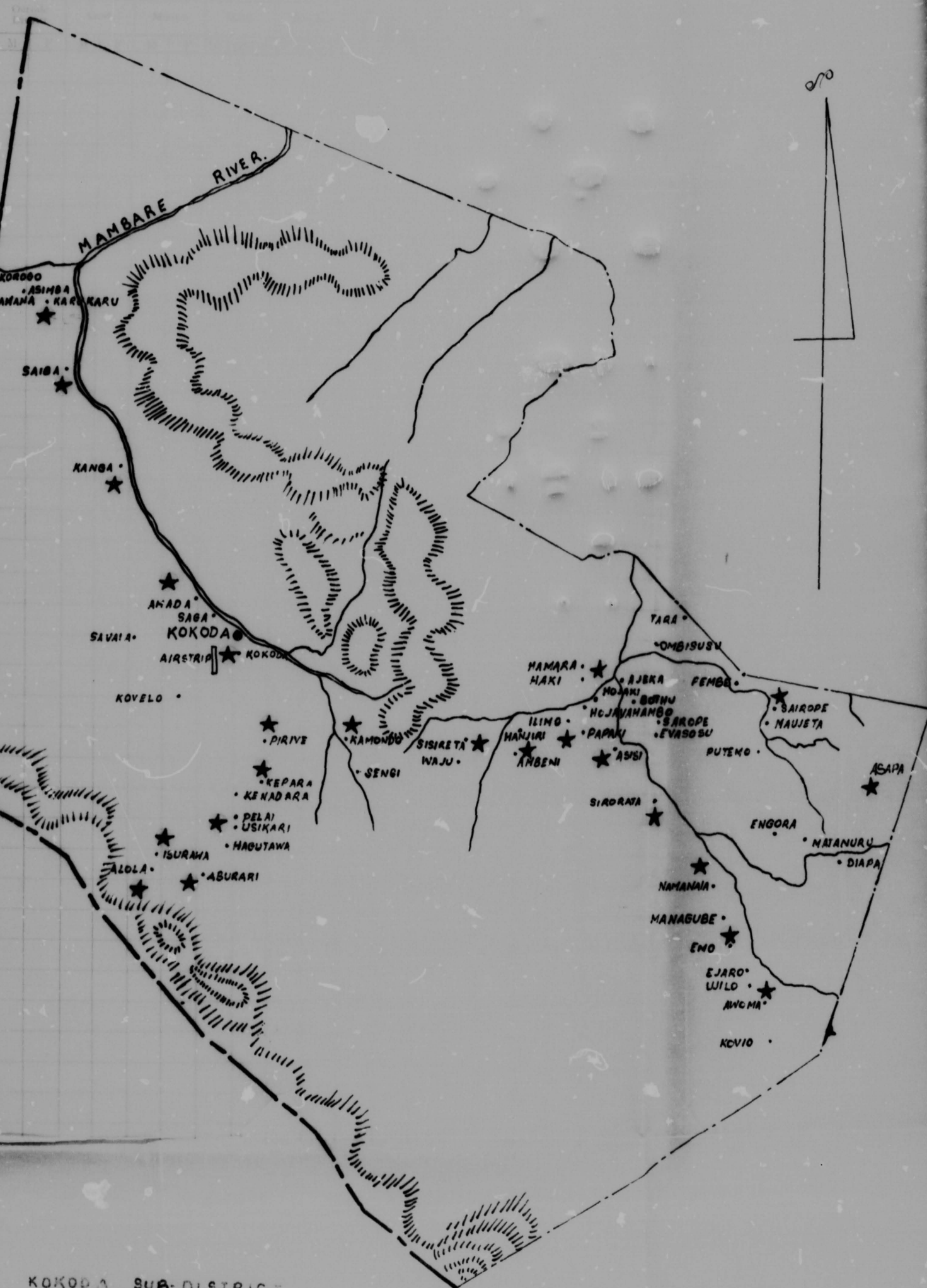
(b) At Wawonga, I was shown some stone headed fighting clubs, and I noted the following distinct types:-
(1) Disk shape formed by sharpening the edge of a flat circular river stone and piercing a hole through the center to take the shaft.
(2) Egg shape - a cylindrical stone ^{carved} covered in the shape of an egg and a hole pierced through the longer axis.

(3) Pineapple shape (a) ~~carved~~ carved from a spherical stone and somewhat resembling a hand-grenade.

(4) Pineapple shape (b) much larger than 3 (about the size of two fists) and deeply carved so that 30 blunt spikes protrude an inch or more. They were in three horizontal and symmetrical rows around a central cylinder.

(c) At Asapa I was shown some quite common coloured plants, which I was told were planted to keep out intruders. The S.I.L. worker, who has been living in the area for some time, ~~was~~ told me that the people do not plant them merely as a warning, but actually believe they will do harm to intruders.

H.L. Dreise
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H.L. DREISE,
Patrol Officer.



KOKODA SUB-DISTRICT

★ Polling Places.

Scale 4mi - 1 inch.