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1958 - 1959

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PATROL REPORT OF: BUIN  
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REPORT NO:	FOLIO	OFFICER CONDUCTING PATROL	AREA PATROLLED	MAPS/ PHOTOS	PERIOD OF PATROL
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[2]2/59-59	19-35	K.L. Fitzgerald (PO)	Eastern Paramountcy (Kono)	1 map	16.10.58- 1.11.58
[3]3/59-59	36-50	G.R.G Wearne (ADO)	Western Paramountcy		11.11.58- 21.11.58

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BUIN		
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BOUGAINVILLE DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1958/59

BUIN

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.  
PATROL REPORT

District of BOUGAINVILLE Report No. BUI-1-1958-59

Patrol Conducted by K.L. FITZGERALD. P.O.

Area Patrolled SOUTHERN PARAMOUNTCY

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives ?

Duration--From 22/9/1958 to 26/9/1958

Number of Days Five

Did Medical Assistant Accompany ? No

Last Patrol to Area by--District Services /4/1957

Medical /1/1957

Map Reference BOUGAINVILLE. ISLAND SOUTH. 4 MILES SERIES

Objects of Patrol ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES

AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

1/12 1958

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 ..... £ .....

SOUTHERN  
PARAMOUNTCY

30-14-94

Department of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

The District Officer,  
Bougainville District,  
SOHANO.

ECONOMIC ORGANISATIONS- BUIN

Receipt is acknowledged of your  
42/1-118 of the 4th February, 1959, directed to  
the Assistant District Officer Buin.

The matter of economic development  
is to be discussed between the Chief of Division  
Development and Welfare, Department of Native Affairs  
during his next visit to Rabaul, and the Assistant  
Co-operative Registrar stationed at Rabaul.

However, for your information I am  
enclosing some remarks by the Registrar of Co-operatives,  
which I feel you will find of interest and which may  
assist you in clarifying where necessary, the situation  
general concerning the mechanics of native economic  
development.

(A.A.Roberts.)  
Director.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Chief of Division (Government and Research)

MINUTE

File No. 30-14-94

Govt. Print.--81/7.58.

SUBJECT

ECONOMIC ORGANISATIONS - BUIN

Folio 94 on this file refers

So far as I am concerned, any economic organisations with natives based on broad Co-operative principle will be registered by me under the Native Economic Development Ordinance on application. My only concern, is that the supervisory potential of the Co-operative Section is limited; organisations sponsored by other Sections of the Administration - or for that matter bodies outside the Administration - must therefore provide, from their own resources, the supervision necessary.

I do not know why this term "Rural Progress Society" is still being used - there is no basic organisational difference between the Rural Progress Society and a Producer Society, and the organisation of such groups is not the prerogative of the Department of Agriculture, nor in fact of any other Section of the Administration.

The only lien which Agricultural Extension services can be said to have is their wide experience with producer forms - an experience which must be taken into account, in the same way as the experience of the Co-operative Section with the organisation of the producer-consumer groups must be taken into account, as a matter of sheer common sense by anyone Administration or private, who wishes to promote such a form.

So long as the District Officer, Bougainville, realises that the Co-operative Section as part of the Administration will assist in any way possible, short of prejudicing its supervision of groups already established under its auspices, but that beyond this point the responsibility must rest with the original promotional interest, I am quite happy to see anyone at all organise Societies in Buin.

(G.Morris)

Registrar

19/2/59

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Territory of Papua and New Guinea  
District Office  
SOHANO  
Bougainville District  
Ref: 42/1 -118  
February 4th. 1959.  
Assistant District Officer  
B U I N.

Economic Organisation  
Four Paramountcies

I have this day discussed the above  
with the Assistant Registrar of Co-Operatives  
(New Guinea).

The Regional Agricultural Officer - Mr.  
Lamrock of Rabau - has advised the District  
Commissioner that he believes there is some  
misunderstanding as to the functions of our  
Department and his. It is his contention, apparently,  
that R.P.S. are only to be established by  
D.A.S.F. I assume he bases this on the fact that  
in the past R.P.S have in fact always been  
established by D.A.S.F. I would be wholly  
in agreement with that, were it not for two things:-

- (a) There is no guarantee that  
D.A.S.F. can provide an Officer.  
The SIWAI R.P.S is not at all sound,  
judging on an analysis of the recent inspection  
and balances. It does not have either the  
equipment of the trained Native Staff to carry on  
without D.A.S.F. supervision. In addition to  
this the A.O. is undertaking a second R.P.S. in  
the NAGOVISI area. These two Societies plus his  
normal extension work will preclude him from  
establishing and supervising a BUIN R.P.S.
- (b) Even if a second A.O. is posted  
to BUIN Sub-District I do not  
see him taking up residence in the area of the  
four Paramountcies for at least a year. By the  
time the land for the proposed (?) new Station  
side is purchased and an Agricultural Station  
area set aside and the necessary building done,  
I am confident a year will have passed.

If D.A.S.F. were in a position to put an Officer in the area immediately I would be only too happy to leave the whole matter them for you will have ample to do in other directions - particularly if the SIWAI area accepts Local Government, as I hope it will.

30/14/94

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The Co-Operative Branch of our

Department cannot undertake the job so it seems obvious that anything done will have to be done by you.

it has been suggested that we wait until a second Agricultural Officer is established in the area. I have already indicated that I believe this would take at least a year. It is my impression that these people are impatient, that they feel they have been overlooked and the SIWAI and NAGOVISI people given preference. Our Director has agreed that our success in getting the four paramountcies to unite in an economic venture - after their blunt refusal to do so for local Government - is an administrative gain of some significance. I believe that we would lose that gain, and the confidence of the people, if we now told them they had to wait another year. I could be wrong in this belief and you will be in a better position to judge.

However, unless you advise me otherwise, I must proceed on that belief. Therefore, it is my recommendation that we proceed immediately to establish an economic organisation in the BUIN area. I have advised the District Commissioner and our Director accordingly.

The Assistant Registrar of Co-Operatives

has this day made the suggestion that we form a simple Producer xxxxxxSociety; this will be registered as such. The organisation of such a Producer Society is very little different from that of an R.P.S. It will of course have to be supervised by you as was the idea in the case of the proposed R.P.S. There will be no more work involved. By adopting this strategy we avoid any policy conflict with D.A.S.F. I will refer this suggestion to the Director and feel confident we will secure his approval. I will advise you further immediately I receive his reply. You might also bear in mind that C.P.O. BRETHERTON will probably be the relief for C.P.O. ROBSON when the latter goes on leave in May of this year; MR. BRETHERTON will then have had five months experience relieving the

Co-Operative Officer at SOHANO and he will be of great value to you. You already have a trainee en route to the forthcoming Inspectors and Secretaries Course in Port Moresby.

Mr. Conroy, Chief of Division, and Mr. Lamrock will be visiting BUIN approximately the middle of February. As you know, I had hoped to accompany them and also visit the BANONI area. However, I am instructed to proceed to Rabaaul on February 5th. and will not be able to do so. I will however make a point of seeing both these Officers in RABAUL and discuss the matter in terms of this memorandum. I will try to visit BUIN as soon as I return from Rabaul.

Director

Department of Native Affairs

PORT MORESBY.

(W.D.ALLEN).

I think the suggestion by District Officer the A.R. Co-Ops. is worth adopting. Would you please let know your own views as soon as possible.

Your 80-14-94, 95, 96, of 19/12/58 [illegible]

c.c. District Commissioner

S OHANO.

W.D. ALLEN.

\* As the "BUIN Native Producers Society" under the Native Economic Development Ordinance 1951/52.

12 FEB 1959

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NA.30-14-94

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19th December, 1958.

The District Officer,  
Bougainville District,  
SOHANO.

PATROL REPORTS NOS. 1. 2. &3 - 1958-1959.

1. Receipt of your No. 30/4 covering the above-mentioned patrol reports is acknowledged with thanks.

2. This memorandum is most satisfactory in its coverage of the reports.

3. Your notes on rural progress societies should be fully digested by the officers of your District.

Will you please ensure that all officers got a copy?

4. Leave further surveys alone until Mr. Normoyle arrives before introducing Local Government.

5. In Mr. Wearne's action in recovering the £300 which had been collected for a rice (?)ill, and channelling it through the Department of Agriculture, I concur.

However, if these people wish to avoid dealing with the Administration, we should allow them to do so if they will obviously not be badly hurt or embarrassed in the transactions.

6. I cannot agree in your remark at the foot of page 2 - "in fact, we should be prompting, not answering". It is much better to have spontaneity.

7. In paragraph 3 on page 3 of your memorandum, I fully concur.

8. I agree that the backing of the Mission is most desirable.

9. I feel that the suggested plans should be put into action.

(A.A. Roberts)  
Director.

30/14/94

WDA

Territory of Papua and New Guinea

District Office

SOHANO

Bougainville District

December 1st. 1958.

Ref: 30/4

11 DEC 1958

Director

Department of Native Affairs

PORT MORESBY

PATROL REPORTS BUIN NOS. 1, 2, AND 3/58-9

The above Reports and

sketch maps are forwarded herewith.

I have informed both MR. WEARNE and

MR. FITZGERALD that in future they should use the  
'Memorandum of Patrol' method of Reporting.

Report No. 1. requires no

special comment other than that it is essential the  
road from BUIN to TURIBOIRU Airstrip does not deteriorate.

Report No. 2. With your approval, Luluai

OROROI will be retired and a replacement appointed.

I will ask ADO BUIN to arrange the retirement as a small  
ceremony at which OROROI can be publicly thanked and  
given a small token of our appreciation.

done

No doubt the close supervision given to the

SIWAI Rural Progress Society is largely responsible  
for the paucity of Agricultural Patrols. It was my  
understanding that experience in the MEKEO had demonstrated  
the weakness of prolonged, intensive, supervision. Once  
the supervision is removed the Society tends to struggle  
and flounder. Perhaps in this case the time has been  
devoted to the training of Society members to take over;  
two years seems adequate for this and the Society should be  
now able to stand on its own feet. I am informed that  
it has had the assistance of D.A.S.F. Machinery and here  
again I understand that the MEKEO has taught us to be  
wary. D.A.S.F. in this District has known all along that  
D.NA. are not able to take over the SIWAI Society, either  
as a Rural Progress Society or as a Co-Operative. They  
now propose to set up another R.P.S. in the NAGOVISI  
area, adjacent to the SIWAI. I have discussed these Societies

with the District Agricultural Officer and we are both agreed that, having stated them, D.A.S.F. will have to supervise them until such time as D.N.A. can take over. The D.A.O. is quite willing to hand them over, and I am quite willing to take them over, as soon as D.N.A. Staff position permits. The SIWAI R.P.S. seems to have answered the genuine need and I believe that the need in the NAGOVISI is also a genuine one. If we can obtain the services of a second Co-Operative Officer each of these Societies will undoubtedly form a sound basis for a Co-Operative Society. However, I do not propose to touch them until I can feel sure that we can give them the attention they need. I have already mentioned in other correspondence on Staff my thought that CPO BRETHERTON might make a second Co-Operative Officer.

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30/14/95

[?] 11/12



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Report No. 3. The Report of the ADO's Inspection of BOKU Patrol Post has already been forwarded to you.

I had hoped that MR. McCABE would be able to carry out a second survey of the four Paramountcies and also of the SIWAI in order to ascertain the possibilities of introducing Native Local Government but unfortunately he will not have time before he departs on leave on December 16th. MR. ADO WEARNE is at present himself doing a Local Government Course in RABAUL and he should be able to carry out these surveys early in the New Year.

The appointment of the Tultuls has been approved and a recommendation for the appointment Luluai TAIBA has already been forwarded to you.

The land ownership dispute (LEROT) has also been referred, through you, to the Chief Native Lands Commissioner.

General. Economic. Development.

As mentioned in the Reports, the Eastern and Northern Paramountcies requested a Meeting to present a petition that the Administration take some active steps to help them build up a cash economy. This request was passed on to me by MR. WEARNE and on November 23rd. I proceeded to BUIN. The Meeting took place on the 24th. and all four Paramountcies were represented. I estimated that there were approximately 100 Officials present.

I suggest that you refer to my 14/7/2(2) of October 15th. 1958 which dealt, inter alia, with the possibilities of introducing Local Government into the four Paramountcies and also touched on economic development; that memorandum, and its attachment, will give you a good background picture of the Paramountcies. Briefly, they refused to amalgamate for a Local Government Council and in fact in one Paramountcy only (Western) was any interest at all shown.

From the Meeting and from conversations with MR. WEARNE I learned that the people of the four Paramountcies feel that the SIWAI Natives have been preferred or favoured. (Report No. 2. Page 3)/. The MOGOROI Rice Mill, which seems to be enjoying a modest success, has undoubtedly played a part in stimulating interest. The acquisition of the BOGISAGO Rice Mill

(Report No.2. Page 2). also reveals both interest and willingness to work. (How they will react to the need for sustained, though lesser, effort over long periods has yet to be seen). One Paramountcy ( I think was the Northern) collected some £300 for the purchase of a Rice Mill and were placing an order through a Chinese dealer when MR. WEARNE learned of the plan; he, very properly in my opinion, retrieved the money and returned it to the Paramountcy. Such acquisitions are best channelled through the Agricultural Department.

At the Meeting, the Officials made it clear to me that they were firm and sincere in their desire for economic development. They were at the same time quite frank in their admission that they needed and sought our guidance. We cannot fairly refuse such a request; in fact we should be prompting not answering.

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Before proceeding any further it is

important to note that the four Paramountcies can be linked and served by [a] road system. There are some bridges to be built but these are in hand.

During the course of our

discussions it became obvious that the Paramountcies were still firm in their refusal to join together for the formation of a Local Government Council. MR.WEARNE's Report advises us likewise. It was also apparent to me that they themselves envisaged a number of small rice mills throughout the Paramountcies, not linked together into any centralised organisation. I pointed out that they Administration could not undertake to supervise a number small ' businesses ', as we did not have enough Officers. I informed the Meeting that the only basis on which we would operate was that of one large organisation with a central processing plant and this meant that the four Paramountcies would perforce have to amalgamate - on an economic basis at any rate. The officials openly gave this serious thought and the idea was freely discussed. At length they said 'Yes' they would try it. The decision was unanimous (Those in favour standing up). Paramount Luluai LAUGAKBI said that he himself had some misgivings but he agreed with me that we had to try something and this would at least give them a chance. The alternative was to struggle along on their own. In view of the earlier refusal of the four Paramountcies to amalgamate for Local Government I adjourned the Meeting until the afternoon and asked them to further consider the proposal in the meantime. The Meeting same together again in the afternoon and they reaffirmed their acceptance of the proposal for on organisation.

I regard this acceptance as a most important administrative step forward. If they will amalgamate for and economic venture they will very likely amalgamate, at a later date, for Native Local Government, provided the economic venture is a success.

There are but two choices open to us - Co-Operative or Rural Progress Society. I prefer a Rural Progress Society. It requires less supervision than a Co-Operative and there is less chance of it falling. If it succeeds we can expand it into a Co-Operative as soon as we get a second Co-Operative Officer. There is no reason

that RPS cannot handle copra and peanuts as well as rice. I have asked MR. WEARNE, whilst he is in RABAUL, to see if he can find a market for peanuts; I know that Colyer Watson Ltd. used to buy at a fair price the peanut crop of the Western Highlands (Madang).

I think that the two Hills now in the area should be taken over (purchased) by the RPS but left where they are. The main Mill however should be a Central Mill at BUIN to facilitate supervision, and shipment out. Processed rice can be brought it from the smaller mills for shipment. A tractor and trailer will be essential if the scheme is to succeed. ;rice will have to be brought into the central mill for processing.

Bougainville District itself will be able to absorb all the rice that is grown for some time to come. I would like to see an Agricultural survey of the area carried out so that we have an idea of the maximum potential and what size Central will we should purchase. It would be foolish to purchase one

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Based on present production, which is small.

I would estimate that £3,000 would be needed to launch the venture. (The money refunded by Mr. Wearne will now come back as share capital).

MR. WEARNE is confident that he can himself undertake the supervision of a Rural Progress Society formed of the four Paramountcies and featuring a central processing plant. This is not a contradiction of the failure of D.N.A. to take over the SIWAI RPS because the Paramountcies are closer and communications, both existing and future, are much better; if the station is [re-located] near TURIBOIRU Airstrip his task will be easier still. However BUIN Sub-District will have to be kept fully staffed if MR.WEARNE is to have any chance, particularly if Local Government goes into the SIWAI. Copra and peanuts can be marketed direct to RABAUL.

For what it is worth, the Catholic Mission in the BUIN area are willing to support us in every way they can. Not that I want them to have any active participation in the control. Nevertheless their moral backing is an important factor.

Finally, D.A.S.F. cannot handle the project as they are fully committed in the SIWAI and the NAGOVISI. If anything is done it will have to be done by D.N.A. We cannot undertake a Co-Operative, hence it must be a Rural Progress Society.

I regard the decision by the Paramountcies to join together in this venture as a splendid opportunity and the gateway to something better still. I don't think we can afford to pass it by. Would you please consider the matter and let me have your views. As soon as I have your approval I will select several trainees for a course with the Co-Operatives, Branch, arrange with the D.A.O for the Agricultural survey and take up with the Assistant Registrar of Co-Operatives, RABAUL, the mechanics and procedures of forming the RPS.

W.D.Allen

District Officer.

c.c. ADO BUIN.

District Commissioner SOHANO.

30/14/94

11 DEC 1958

PR. BUI. 1/58-59-  
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Sub-district Office,  
BUIN.

23 November 58.

District Officer,  
District Headquarters,  
SOHANO.

PATROL REPORT No. BUI.1/1958-59

by K.L.Fitzgerald. P.O.

The above report is forwarded in duplicate, together with  
a claim for camping allowance.

The patrol was of a purely routine nature and calls for  
no special comment, other than that Native Affairs' personnel  
have visited the area during the period since April 1957 but no  
reports have been received. The area is visited almost daily.

The last patrol was carried out by Mr. McCabe when he  
visited this area to conduct a preliminary survey in the field  
of Local Government Councils.

Asst. District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA  
 Sub District Office,  
 BUIN BOUGAINVILLE.  
 PATROL REPORT.  
 BUIN NO. BUI.1/1958/1959

Patrol Conducted by		K.L. Fitzgerald, Patrol Officer
Area Patrolled		Southern Paramoutncy (Baubake)
Personel accompanying		European Nil Natives 2
Duration		22nd September, 1958 to 26th September, 2968
Number of Days		Five (5)
Accompanying Medical Assistant		Nil
Last Patrols:	D.N.A. P.H.D	April 1957 January, 1957
Map Reference		Bougainville Island South 4 Miles Series
Objectives of Patrol		Routine Administration.

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DIARY.

22nd September. Visited the village west of SILABAI River  
namely: PIARINO, KIKIMOGU [and KANAURO] by  
landrover from Buin.

23rd September: [Visited KUGIOGU and] MORO from Buin [by landrover].

24th September: Visited and inspected MAMARAMINO No. 1 and  
MAMARAMINO No. 2.

25th September: Visited and inspected the villages of KUKAMAI,  
OKOIRAGU, LUAGUA and MITUAI.

26th September: Visited and inspected UGUIMO, MALABITA and  
NAKARO villages.

Patrol completed.

INTRODUCTION.

This was the first patrol of the fiscal year  
1958-1959 and [also the] first to this area since July 1957. Conditions  
remain unchanged in last year and consequently this report will be  
brief.

VILLAGES.

The villages throughout the area were found to  
be very [clean and] the usual village pig was noticeable because of  
its absence.

Housing in all villages was very satisfactory and  
there was no necessity to instruct any village people to carry out  
repairs.

Cemeteries were all found to be clean and well  
kept.



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HYGIENE AND SANITATION.

Most satisfactory. As mentioned above all villages were very clean and no cause for complaint.

AGRICULTURE.

The staple diet of the area is sweet potato with small quantities of yams, maml, taro kongkong, corn and green vegetables as/variant.

Unlike 1957-1958 the area is not suffering from a food shortage, and all villages have sufficient food for their needs.

There are also small areas of peanuts and rice to be seen throughout the area. There appears to be little interest shown in the planting of cash crops. There are of course a number of individuals who plant additional areas of sweet potato for sale to the Administration.

ROADS.

The general condition of the roads through this paramouncy is fair. During the past two months the road between BUIN and the airstrip has deteriorated badly due to the combination of heavy rains and heavy traffic. The heavy traffic is due to the necessity of freighting supplies and equipment from the beach head at BUIN to the airstrip.

The provisions of the Roads Maintenance Ordinance was explained to the people and during and following the submission of this report the people have made an effort to repair the section between BUIN and the airstrip. Unfortunately more heavy traffic and heavy rains ruined a good deal of their work.

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ROADS (continued)

It is hoped that with the completion of the airstrip, part of the heavy equipment can be made available to help the village people in their constant efforts to keep the roads in good repair.

OFFICIALS.

All officials encountered appeared to be conscientious in their efforts to control their villages. All were most co-operative towards the patrol.

A list of officials is not given as the officials are unchanged since the list submitted with report BUI. 4 of 1956-1957.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The native situation in this area is very good. The people are co-operative and law abiding. All instructions issued by the previous patrol have been carried out. All officials are adamant that the people carry out all instructions given, quickly and properly. There was not one complaint by the village official concerning non obedience of lawful instructions.

EDUCATION.

The educational needs of the people are well catered for. The Roman Catholic Mission have a school at TURIBOIRU which is well attended by all the younger children.

There is also a Administration Intermediate School at BUIN.

The need for education was emphasized during the patrol.

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COMMERCE.

A trading allotment lease is occupied by Leslie Toong Lep a Chinese trader. This merchant also has an agricultural lease at MALABITA and MITUAI.

There are also a number of small cane furniture manufacturing concerns owned and operated by a number of individual natives.

Many of the people also weave the well known "Buka" basket and either sell them to individual Europeans or to the two Chinese traders at Buin.

APPENDIX "A".

CPL. MOROBE REG. NO. 4021

A very good N.C.O. Carries out all orders promptly and efficiently. Definitely worthy of higher rank.

Const. KANSAN Rego No. 9247

Always well dressed. Intelligent but I think lazy.

K.L. FITZGERALD.

Patrol Officer.

NA.30-14-94

NA.30-14-96

NA.30-14-95

19th December, 1958.

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Director.

30/14/95

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

District Office

SOHANO

Bougainville District

December 1st. 1958.

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Director

Department of Native Affairs

PORT MORESBY.

Patrol Reports BUIN Nos.1.2. and 3/58-9.

The above Reports and

sketch maps are forwarded herewith.

I have informed both MR. WEARNE and ME. FITZGERALD that in future they should use the 'Memorandum of Patrol' method of Reporting.

Report No.1. requires no special comment other than that it is essential the road from BUIN to TURIBOIRU Airstrip does not deteriorate.

Report No. 2. With your approval, Luluai OROROI will be retired and a replacement appointed.

I will ask ADO BUIN to arrange the retirement as a small ceremony at which OROROI can be publicly thanked and given a small token of our appreciation.

No doubt the close supervision given to the SIWAI Rural Progress Society is largely responsible for the paucity of Agricultural Patrols. It was my understanding that experience in the MEKEO had demonstrated the weakness of prolonged, intensive, supervision. Once the supervision is removed the Society tends to struggle and flounder. Perhaps in this case the time has been devoted to the training of Society members to take over; two years seems adequate for this and the Society should be now able to stand on its own feet. I am informed that it has had the assistance of D.A.S.F. machinery and here again I understand that the MEKEO has taught us to be wary. D.A.S.F. in this District has known all along that D.N.A. are not able to take over the SIWAI Society either as a Rural Progress Society or as a Co-Operative. They now propose to set up another R.P.S. in the NAGOVISI area, adjacent to the SIWAI. I have discussed these Societies with the District Agricultural Officer and we are both agreed that, having started them, D.A.S.F. will have

to supervise them until such time as D.N.A. can take over. The D.A.O. is quite willing to hand them over, and I am quite willing to take them over, as soon as D.N.A. Staff position permits. The SIWAI R.P.S. seems to have answered a genuine need and I believe that the need in the NAGOVISI is also a genuine one. If we can obtain the services of a second Co-Operative Officer each of these Societies will undoubtedly form a sound basis for a Co-Operative Society. However, I do not propose to touch them until I can feel sure that we can give them the attention they need. I have already mentioned in other correspondence on Staff my thought that CPO BRETHERTON might make a second Co-Operative Officer.

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Report No. 3. The Report of the ADO's Inspection of BOKU Patrol Post has already been forwarded to you.

I had hoped that MR. McCABE would be also to carry out a second survey of the four Paramountcies and also of the SIWAI in order to ascertain the possibilities of introducing Native Local Government but unfortunately he will not have time before he departs on leave on December 16th. MR. ADO WEARNE is at present himself doing a Local Government Course in RABAUL and he should be able to carry out these surveys early in the New Year.

The appointment of the Tultuls has been approved and a recommendation for the appointment of Luluai TAIB(?) has already been forwarded to you.

The land ownership dispute (LEROT) has also been referred, through you, to the Chief Native Lands Commissioner.

General. Economic Development.

As mentioned in the Reports

the Eastern and Northern Paramountcies requested a Meeting to present a petition that the Administration take some active steps to help them build up a cash economy.

This request was passed on to me by MR. WEARNE and on November 23rd. I proceeded to BUIN. The Meeting took place on the 24th. and all four Paramountcies were represented.

I estimated that there were approximately 100 Officials present.

I suggest that you refer to my 14/7/2(2) of October 15th. 1958 which dealt, inter alia, with the possibilities of introducing Local Government into the four Paramountcies and also touched on economic development; that memorandum, and its attachment, will give you a good background picture of the Paramountcies. Briefly, they refused to amalgamate for a Local government Council and in fact in one Paramountcy only (Western) was any interest at all shown.

From the Meeting and from conversations with MR. WEARNE I learned that the people of the four Paramountcies feel that the SIWAI Natives have been preferred or favoured. (Report No.2. Page 3)/. The MOGOROI Rice Mill, which seems to be enjoying a modest success, has undoubtedly played a part in stimulating interest. The acquisition of the BOGISAGO Rice Mill



(Report No.2.Page 2). also reveals both interest and willingness to work. (How they will react to the need for sustained, though lesser, effort over long periods has yet to be seen). One Paramountcy ( I think it was the Northern) collected some £300 for the purchase of a Rice Mill and were placing an order through a Chinese dealer when MR.WEARNE learned of the plan; he, very properly in my opinion, retrieved the money and returned it to the Paramountcy. Such acquisitions are best channelled through the Agricultural Department.

At the Meeting the Officials made it clear to me that they were firm and sincere in their desire for economic development. They were at the same time quite frank in their admission that they needed and sought our guidance. We cannot fairly refuse such a request; in fact we should be prompting no answering

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Before proceeding any further it is important to note that the four Paramountcies can be linked and served by [a] road system. There are some bridges to be built but these are in hand.

During the course of our discussions it became obvious that the Paramountcies were still firm in their refusal to join together for the formation of a Local Government Council. MR.WEARNE's Report advises us likewise. It was also apparent to me that they themselves envisaged a number of small rice mills throughout the Paramountcies, not linked together into any centralised organization. I pointed out that the Administration could not undertake to supervise a number small ' businesses ' , as we did not have enough Officers. I informed the Meeting that the only basis on which we would operate was that of one large organisation with a central processing plant and this meant that the four Paramountcies would perforce have to amalgamate - on an economic basis at any rate. The Officials openly gave this serious thought and the idea was freely discussed. At length they said 'Yes' they would try it. The decision was unanimous (Those in favour standing up). Paramount Luluai LAUGAKEI said that he himself had some misgivings but he agreed with me that we had to try something and this would at least give them a chance. The alternative was to struggle along on their own. In view of the earlier refusal of the four Paramountcies to amalgamate for Local Government I adjourned the Meeting until the afternoon and asked them to further consider the proposal in the meantime. The Meeting came together again in the afternoon and they reaffirmed their acceptance of the proposal for one organisation.

I regard this acceptance as a most important administrative step forward. If they will amalgamate for an economic venture they will very likely amalgamate, at a later date, for Native Local Government, provided the economic venture is a success.

There are but two choices open to us - Co-Operative or Rural Progress Society. I prefer a Rural Progress Society. it requires less supervision than a Co-Operative and there is less chance of it falling. If it succeeds we can expand it into a Co-Operative as soon as we get a second Co-Operative Officer. There is no reason

the RPS cannot handle copra and peanuts as well as rice. I have asked MR. WEARNE, whilst he is in RABAUL, to see if he can find a market for peanuts; I know that Colyer Watson Ltd. used to buy at a fair price the peanut crop of the Western Highlands (Madang).

I think that the two Mills now in the area should be taken over (purchased) by the RPS but left where they are. The main Mill however should be a Central Mill at BUIN to facilitate supervision. and shipment out. Processed rice can be brought in from the smaller mills for shipment. A tractor and trailer will be essential if the scheme is to succeed. ;rice will have to be brought into the central mill for processing.

Bougainville District itself will be able to absorb all of the rice that is grown for some time to come.

I would like to see an Agricultural survey of the area carried out so that we have an idea of the maximum potential and what size Central Mill we should purchase. It would be foolish to purchase one

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based on the present production, which is small.

I would estimate that £3,000 would be needed to launch the venture. (The money refunded by Mr. Wearne will now come back as share capital).

MR. WEARNE is confident that he can himself undertake the supervision of a Rural Progress Society formed of the four Paramountcies and featuring a central processing plant. This is not a contradiction of the failure of D.N.A. to take over the SIWAI RPS because the Paramountcies are closer and communications, both existing and future, are much better; if the station is re-located near TURIBOIRU Airstrip his task will be easier still. However BUIN Sub-District will have to be kept fully staffed if MR. WEARNE is to have any chance, particularly if Local Government goes into the SIWAI.

Copra and peanuts can be marketed direct to RABAUL.

For what it is worth, the Catholic Mission in the BUIN area are willing to support us in every way they can. Not that I want them to have any active participation in the control. Nevertheless their moral backing is an important factor.

Finally, D.A.S.F. cannot handle the project as they are fully committed in the SIWAI and the NAGOVISI. If anything is done it will have to be done by D.N.A. We cannot undertake a Co-Operative, hence it must be a Rural Progress Society.

I regard the decision by the Paramountcies to join together in this venture as a splendid opportunity and the gateway to something better still. I don't think we can afford to pass it by. Would you please consider the matter and let me have your views. As soon as I have your approval I will select several trainees for a course with the Co-Operative Branch, arrange with the D.A.O. for the Agricultural survey and take up with the Assistant Registrar of Co-Operatives, RABAUL, the mechanics and procedures of forming the RPS.

W.D. Allen.

District Officer.

c.c. ADO BUIN

District Commissioner SOHANO.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply

Please Quote

No.

PR. BUI.2/58-59-2449

Sub-district Officer,  
BUIN.

23 November 58.

District Officer,  
District Headquarters,  
SOHANO.

PATROL REPORT BUI.2/58-59 by  
K.L.Fitzgerald. P.O.

The above report is forwarded in duplicate for your information and onward transmission.

Mr. Fitzgerald advises that no warning was possible to ORAVA prior to his visit on 18 November. As a result he was unable to adequately revise the village census and the compilation of the tax census. The relevant tax census sheets for ORAVA will be forwarded as soon as possible, together with the village census return.

The last reported patrol to this Paramountcy was in August 1957, since when regular visits were carried out during the period of food shortage later in that year. Since then sporadic visits have been made to the area but the duration of these has not warranted the submission of a report.

OFFICIALS.

The retirement of the Luluai of OROROI is recommended. On receipt of confirmatory advice his relief will be nominated.

COMMERCE.

The penultimate paragraph on page 2 under the heading "Agriculture and Livestock" is to be read in conjunction with Mr. Fitzgerald's comments under their heading.

As a result of this patrol, I arranged a radio conversation and requested the attendance of yourself at a meeting in Buin of all village officials and other natives interested in economic development within the Buin Linguistic Area. This request was based on the information of Mr. Fitzgerald immediately upon the completion of his patrol. As he has stated, information relating to the rice mill at MOGOROI has been previously covered by patrol reports and other correspondence. The information relating to the machinery at BOGISAGO is new, in that the details supplied have not been previously made known to officers of the Department of Native Affairs.

I intend arranging the compilation of a list of all

natives who contributed, and the amounts contributed by them, for the purchase of the machinery from Mr. Shaw. Since the completion of this patrol, information is to hand that the defective machine part was an injector pump and that the unit had been delivered to the Agricultural officer at the Extension Station at KONGA some time ago. To the best of my knowledge it is still in his possession and I am making enquireies in respect of this.

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Mr. Fitzgerald's comments in sub-paragraph 4 are most pertinent. His comments respecting the Siwai Rural Progress Society are fully supported by me, especially when it is borne in mind that a ten year development programme for this district included the handing over of the Rural Progress Society to self-control this year, that ten-year programme being designed almost three years ago.

Not within the last three years within this sub-district has there been an agricultural patrol of which a report has been received at this office. The District Agricultural Officer carried out a very cursory glance in October 1957 but restricted his observations to the general food shortage then prevailing. That survey was carried out under the instruction of the District Commissioner when there was a general food shortage.

There is no evidence on file of any patrols having been carried out by personnel of the Department of Agriculture in this sub-district since the cessation of hostilities and the resumption of civil administration in 1946.

The reference by Mr. Fitzgerald is to an entry in a village book by an Agricultural Officer and tends to give the lie to the statement that no agricultural patrols have been carried out here. However, I am prepared to admit that there have been other patrols completed but of which there is no evidence in this office and, obviously, no evidence in the village books. I recall a District Instruction calling upon technical officers to insert their remarks and advices in village books to co-ordinate overall District policy. Unfortunately, with the condition in which Administration transport in this sub-district finds itself, and in the absence of an allocation for the maintenance of such transport (albeit parts have been readily requisitioned for by yourself upon application), I cannot guarantee the availability of the Administration native mechanic to overhaul and repair the equipment referred to in sub-paragraph 5. The mechanic's services are fully occupied on existing maintenance but every endeavor will be made to spare him for this project.

The outcome of discussions between this office and the natives during your visit will be forwarded as soon as possible after the conclusion of the discussions.

#### COMPLAINTS.

Details of the land-ownership dispute will be forwarded under separate cover.

Asst. District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Sub District Office.

BUIN BOUGAINVILLE.

PATROL REPORT.

BUIN No. BUI. 2/1958/1959.

Patrol Conducted by:

K.L. Fitzgerald

Area Patrolled:

Eastern Paramountcy (KONO)

Patrol accompanied by:

Europeans nil

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

1 Clerk

Duration:

16-17/10.58.

20.10.58-1.11-58.

15 days.

Did Medical Assistant accompany:

No

D.N.A. 20.8.57

Last Patrol to area

P.H.D. 23.1.58

Bougainville Island South

Map reference:

4 miles to the inch

(1) Census Revision

Objects of Patrol

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Tax Census Compilation

(3)

General Administration



DIARY.

16th October: Departed BUIN by landrover and visited LAMUAI.

Census revised and tax census compiled.

17th October: Left BUIN and arrived LAMUAI by landrover.

Travelled by canoe to MOISERV. Population and  
Tax census carried out.

20th October: Left BUIN by landrover and proceeded to KOGU.

Population and tax census carried out at  
TANDAREKI en route.

21st October: Left KOGU on foot and visited MUGUAI. Census  
carried out. Then to TAGURUAI, census carried  
out. Returned to KOGU.

22nd October: Left KOGU and walked to IAMARU. Census carried  
out. Then to KAMORO carrying out census at  
KIKIBATSIOGU and LAKOEI. Set up camp.

23rd October: Visited TUBARO, KAMORO, and KOMAI and carried  
out census.

24th October: Visited TABAGO, PILILALO and MOGOROI and carried  
out census. Camp set up at MOGOROI.

25th October: Visited KOGWIKIRU, ORUMOI and PARERO and carried  
out census.

26th October: Observed.

27th October: Left and walked to BOGISAGO carrying out census  
at OROROI, PAUROKO, and LUKAUKO en route.

28th October: Walked to ORIMAI carrying out census and PAGUI,  
BOTUGAI and ORUMAI en route.

29th October: Carried out census of KAUKAUSINA, SULEKUNA and  
KEKEMONA and returned to rest house.

30th October: Walked to UBUBAKOGU carrying out census of ORIA  
en route.

31st October: Walked and cycled to SAMIEI salvage camp carrying  
out census at TURITAI, LUILAU, KAITU and MAIKA  
en route.

1st November: Returned to Buin

End of Patrol

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INTRODUCTION.

This is the second patrol in the current fiscal year and is the first to this paramountcy since August 1957.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

From the perusal of the past four patrol reports covering this paramountcy it is obvious that a vast improvement must have taken place and that frequent patrolling has had a good affect.

The patrol was well received at all villages and village officials and people were very co-operative. All instructions given by previous patrols have been carried out.

In all past reports mention has been made of housing at ground level but during this patrol no houses were seen that were not on stumps and the advice to build houses off the ground has been followed.

VILLAGES.

The villages were on the whole quite good. They were clean and well kept and even if it was only window dressing for the patrol it is hoped that with frequent patrolling the people will develop a sense of village pride.

The village of MOGOROI has a large number of delapidated "sheds" within the village enverons and the people were advised to remove them as they were nothing more than "eye-sores."

The neatness and size of houses varied from village to village but all were in good state of repair at the time of the patrol.

OFFICIALS.

Most officials encountered by the patrol appeared to have fair control of the villagers. All were lectured upon the necessity to obeying their respective officials and were informed that disobedience of lawful orders would not be tolerated. As mentioned in P/R Bui. 3/1957-58 the luluai of OROROI is definitely too old for his position and should be replaced.

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK.

Unlike 1957-58 the area is not suffering from a food shortage. Food appears to be plentiful throughout the area.

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AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK (Continued)

The staple diet is sweet potato with supplementary crops of banana, yam, taro and pineapples.

Cash cropping is not practiced except in those villages which are accessible by vehicle or within easy walking distance of a vehicular road. Many of the more distant [villages grow] rice but this is for local consumption. The subject of cash cropping will be covered more fully under "Commerce."

All villages appear to have quite a fair number of fowls and villagers were advised to build fowl houses so that eggs could be more easily gathered and given to the young children as additional protein.

COMMERCE.

The only commercial undertaking other than small trade stores is a rice mill at MOGOROI operated by POSENA. The subject of the rice mill was covered in P/R Bui. 9/1956-57. This mill appears to be operating well and a contract has been negotiated through this office between BOSENA and L.T. Lep and Chinese trader at BUIN. Under [this contract] the trader agrees to buy 5 x 224 lbs of rice per month at 6d. per lb at MOGOROI. The trader is free to purchase additional rice if required and if available.

While at BOGISAGO I inspected a Yanmar diesel engine which has been purchased by the people from Mr. Shaw some years ago. This engine is part of a rice mill operated by the Japanese during the war. When purchased this unit is said to have been operative. The people have left the mill itself at a neavy village. This mill has not been in operation since its purchase.

The spokesman for the village stated that the people are very enthusiastic in their desire to get the mill working again. Their enthusiasm can be seen in:

(1) the fact that all contributed money for the purchase of the mill. The actual amount paid is not known but from reports heard about Mr. Shaw it was probably not a small sum.

(2) The heavy engine and rice mill was carried in by human portorage from the coastal area over rivers and semi mountainous country for a considerable distance. BOGISAGO is 1600 feet above sea level.

(3) A defective fuel line (?) was taken to the coast and given to Mr. Tomlin, Agricultural Officer for repair or purchase of a new one. On the 13th of September the spokesman states he saw Mr. Tomlin and asked about

the part and was informed that it has been handed to KUNKA, the Sub District Office mechanic, to be returned to them. Why it should be handed to KUNKA is beyond my comprehension, surely the Sub District Office would be a better place. A glimpse of KUNKA's workshop would reveal why.

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COMMERCE (Continued)

- (4) A request was made to the Agricultural Officer for assistance in setting up the mill. The Agricultural Officer's reply is said to have been that the SIWAI Rural Progress Society needed supervision and that the time could not be spared to assist them. The SIWAI Society has been operating for over two years and if the society still requires constant supervision it would seem that it will need constant supervision for some time to come. A perusal of the village books reveal that the Dept. of Agriculture have carried out only one patrol in the area since the books were compiled in 1949. This visit took place in February 1957 and if there have been others they have not noted their visits in the village book. The Agricultural Officer, Mr. R. Duncan noted that the villages were planting rice distributed by Mr. Dorman. I suggest that this shows little interest by D.A.S.F. or else a grave staff shortage. It seems a shame that the enthusiasm of an ambitious group should be thwarted by what the native mind could well imagine as a "couldn't care less" attitude on the part of the D.A.S.F. After all this group can see the people of the SIWAI with a large rural progress society being constantly aided by D.A.S.F. and themselves being more or less ignored. I presume that most D.N.A. officers, (at least I do) exhort the people to be diligent, ambitious and press them to make every effort to better themselves.
- (5) They are willing to pay a ration to the Sub District Officer mechanic if he can be made available to put the mill into operation. This was suggested by myself in an effort to give some assistance to these people. This appears to be the first time the people have mentioned it to D.N.A. patrols. They were advised in future to at least mention such things to D.N.A. patrols as we may be able to act as liason officers for them.
- (6) The people have carried out a good deal of road work in their area and state that a vehicular road can be constructed to connect with KAITU - TABUGOROA. They have expressed their intention of helping the lower villages make the existing roat into a fair vehicular

road.

In view of the Administration policy of giving every assistance to cash cropping I think now is the time to give these people some concrete example of our intentions. The Sub District Office has been instructed to make every effort[ ]to be independent of rice supplies from Rabaul. The above are two more reasons for us to give these people every assistance.

As mentioned earlier Mr. Lep has contracted to buy MOGOROI rice for the simple reason that he considers it far superior to the SIWAI product. He also states that it is difficult for him to sell SIWAI rice through his store. The Japanese Salvage team also consider SIWAI rice as inferior but unfortunately they have not had the opportunity to comment on the MOGOROI variety.

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The KONO people have no other income at the moment except wages as labourers. It is a fact that these people have refused to have anything to do with Native Authorities up to the moment but with some help on our part in the economic development of the area their views may change in the near future.

While at OROROI enquiries were made about copra production and the patrol was advised that at one time they produced copra which was carried to MOGOROI where Mr. Chung a trader purchased it. However some was left at MOGOROI and never picked up with the result that it had to be thrown away. Mr. Chung has not been to MOGOROI for some time and copra production has ceased. Mr. Lep was contacted and expressed his willingness to purchase the copra. OROROI has been advised of the fact and it is hoped that they will begin producing copra again.

#### EDUCATION.

The Administration do not have any schools in this Paramountcy.

The Roman Catholic Mission operate village schools at MUGUAI, KAAMORO, BOBISAGO, and KEKMONA, with the main school at TABAGO mission.

The Methodist Mission operate village schools at MOISURU, ORIMAI, SURUKUN, and KEKEMONA with a girls school at KIHILI.

The Seventh Day Adventist Mission operate a district school between TURITAI and KAITU.

There are three mission bodies in the area, viz.. The Seventh Day Adventist Mission, Roman Catholic Mission and Methodist Mission Society.

The dominant organization is the Roman Catholic Mission which has by far the greatest number of adherants. The Methodist Mission has a fair number of followers mostly in the villages of LAMUAI, MOISURU, KEKEMONA, ORIMAI, and SURUKUN. The S.D.A. have followers in ORIA and MIUNA, a hamlet of PAGUI.

#### HYGIENE AND SANITATION.

The facilities for the disposal of refuse were very satisfactory. Each village has a number of pits where the refuse is thrown.

The latrines in all villages were satisfactory.

#### ROADS.

Many of the villages in this Paramountcy can be reached by vehicle. I will deal with vehicular roads in sections.

A road suitable for vehicles exists between BUIN and MOGOROI. This road entails the fording of the MULIKO River but the ford is shallow and easily negotiated. The road was in good repair

and shows good work by the people. A vehicle road goes from Buin along the coast to the MULIKO River. The MULIKO River was bridged which enabled vehicles to reach MOISURU and also connected with the BUIN -



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MOGOROI road near TABAGO and travels almost to TURITAI through KAITU. It is this road which the BOGISAGO people wish to extend to BOGISAGO is completed and suitable for vehicles.

The BUIN - MOGOROI road could be extended to OROROI with little effort. The people have carried out a good deal of work but there may be one or two places where the road will have to be widened a foot or so.

The villages between BOGISAGO and KAUKAUSINA are divided by steep gullies and are connected only by well cut foot tracks.

The villages ORIMAI and TURITAI are reached only by foot tracks but it is quite feasible that a vehicular road can be put through to UBUBAKOGU with a little effort.

#### COMPLAINTS.

A number of minor complaints were settled by the patrol. One native from BOGISAGO was sentenced to one month's imprisonment for adultery.

One complaint regarding land ownership was brought to the patrol at ORUMOI. the question of occupancy only was settled and the people told to carry on as they have for the past ten years.

As quite a large area of land is covered by the complainant could a Native Land Commissioner be made available to settle the dispute please.

CENSUS.

A census revision was carried out at all villages in the Eastern Paramountcy with the exception of ORAVA. This village is situated on the coast some distance from BUIN and is difficult to reach. The lack of sea transport prevented the writer from visiting the village but a revision of census will be carried out as soon as possible.

A perusal of the attached census figures shows a 105 births as against 44 deaths an increase of 61. The figures also show a total of 944 persons under 14 years of age out of a total population of 2,463, a very encouraging figure.

K.L. FITZGERALD.

Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX "A".

Report on Police accompanying the patrol.

L/CPL. KAMIRI REG. NO. [4002]

A very personable member. Intelligent and well disciplined at all times. Carries out duties of N.C.O. well.

CONST. SIANGI REG. NO. [6050 P.A.]

A member with long service. A well meaning member but unfortunately not over[ ]intelligent. Carries out duties well at all times.

CONST. YAROSA REG. NO. [8998]

A young and hard working member. Carries out all orders conscientiously.

CONST. PIRIEN. REG. NO. [8424]

Well dressed at all times. Carries out all duties efficiently but needs a fair amount of supervision.

K.L. FITZGERLAD.

Patrol Officer.

KONO  
PARAMOUNTCY  
ROADS  
TRACKS  
VILLAGES  
MISSIONS  
P/R BUI 2/1958-59  
K.L. FITZGERAL

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA  
PATROL REPORT

District of BOUGAINVILLE Report No. BUI. 3/1958-59  
Patrol Conducted by G.R.C.Wearne, Asst. District Officer.

Area Patrolled WESTERN PARAMOUNTCY

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives Four (4) R.P. & N.G.C.

Duration--From 11/11/1958 to 21/11/1958

Number of Days Eleven (11)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by--District Services /11/1957 D.A.S.F. : No record

Medical /2/1958

Map Reference Attached overlay based on 3313 Bougainville Island South 4 Mile Strat.

Objects of Patrol 1. Routine Administration.

2. Routine inspection of Boku Patrol Post.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES

AND NATIVE AFFAIRS.

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

1/12/1958

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 .... £

WESTERN PARAMOUNTCY  
Patrol No. 3/58-59  
Scale 4 Miles : 1 Inch

NA.30-14-94

NA.30-14-96

NA.30-14-95

19th December, 1958.

The District Officer,  
Bougainville District,  
SOHANO.

PATROL REPORTS NOS. 1. 2. & 3 - 1958-1959.

1. Receipt of your No. 30/4 covering the above-mentioned patrol reports is acknowledged with thanks.
2. This memorandum is most satisfactory in its coverage of the reports.
3. Your notes on rural progress societies should be fully digested by the officers of your District.  
Will you please ensure that all officers get a copy?
4. Leave further surveys alone until Mr. Normoyle arrives before introducing Local Government.
5. In Mr. Wearne's action in recovering the £300 which had been collected for a rice mill, and channelling it through the Department of Agriculture, I concur.  
However, if these people wish to avoid dealing with the Administration, we should allow them to do so if they will obviously not be badly hurt or embarrassed in the transactions.
6. I cannot agree in your remark at the foot of page 2 - "in fact, we should be prompting, not answering".  
It is much better to have spontaneity.
7. In paragraph 3 on page 3 of your memorandum, I fully concur.
8. I agree that the backing of the Mission is most desirable.
9. I feel that the suggested plans should be put into action.

(A.A. Roberts)  
Director.

30/14/96

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply

Please Quote

No. BUI.3/58-59

11 DEC 1958

PATROL REPORT

No. 3 of 1958-1959.

Area Visited WESTERN PARAMOUNTCY.

Officer Conducting G.R.G.Wearne, A.D.O.

Personnel Accompanying :

European Nil.

Native 2322 Sgt. NEREK.

7408 Const. SANIK.

8435 Const. PATKOWI

9247 Const. KANSAN.

Duration - From 11 November, 1958.

To 21 November, 1958.

Number of Days Eleven (11).

Accompanying Medical Assistant Nil.

Last Patrol by : D.N.A. November 1957.

P.H.D. February, 1958.

D.A.S.F. No record.

Map Reference Attached overlay based on 3313  
Bougainville Island South 4 Mile

Strat. Series.

Objects of Patrol Routine Administration.

Routine Inspection of BOKU Patrol

Post located in SIWAI area.



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The Western (or MAKIS) Paramountcy forms the western section of the BUIN Linguistic Area. It is bounded on the west by the MIVO RIVER, which separates it from the SIWAI Area, on the south by the SOLOMON SEA, and on the east by the POROU RIVER, which separates it from the Southern and Northern Paramountcies. The western and eastern laterals taper towards LAKE LOLORU in the main range.

Only three villages lie outside these boundaries. To the west is TAROPA and to the east are NAKOREI and LAGUAI.

The area has for long been under the controlling influence of Paramount Luluai MAKIS and such influence is still quite powerful.

Despite the fact that he is ageing, MAKIS still actively patrols his area and, as usual, accompanied the patrol throughout its movement in the Paramountcy.

A digression was made early in the patrol to the SIWAI Area to enable me to carry out a routine inspection of the Patrol Post at BOKU in the western extremity of the SIWAI Area and to convene a sitting of the District Court at KONGA in the same area.

DIARY

11 November. Leaving BUIN at 0515 hours, the patrol was transported to LAGUAI and then proceeded on foot to NAKOREI and AKU, where camp was made before visiting the sole coastal village, TOKUAKA.

12 November. Personnel departed from AKU at 0505 hours to pass across the SIWAI Area and reach BOKU Patrol Post.

13 November. Inspecting BOKU Patrol Post.

14 November. Moving out of BOKU at 0500 hours, the patrol crossed the northern section of the SIWAI Area to the Agricultural Extension Centre at KONGA where the District Court was convened during the afternoon.

15 November. Quitting KONGA at 0545 hours, we returned to the Western Paramountcy, inspecting TAROPA en route AKU.

16 November. Observed.

17 November. Leaving AKU at 0510 hours, the route taken led through LEROT and KOKOPO to TSIMBO and then through TURIGAU and MORULA to TUBARU.

18 November. Personnel departed from TUBARU at 0520 hours and, sending equipment under escort direct to TUBOBISOU, I proceeded to inspect PIRURUINO and SIURU before camping at TUBOBISOU.

19 November. From TUBOBISOU, we returned to TUBARU and then continued by way of LUKARURU and AKAMORO to TUGIU, from where I carried out an inspection of LOBIGOU and KOGISAGANO.

20 November. Quitting TUGIU at 0505 hours, the patrol proceeded to

TUGIOGU, visiting TUARAGAI en route. Subsequently I inspected IBIRO and MOUAKE.

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21 November. Leaving TUGIOGU, the patrol moved through the Roman Catholic Mission station at PIANO to reach NABAKU and from there continued to NAKOREI and LAGUAI. Transport carried personnel and equipment to BUIN.

#### VILLAGES

In general, the cleanliness of each village was most satisfactory. Similarly, but with only odd exceptions, the environs of each village had been cut well back from housing and left the villages reasonable open. The exceptions were instructed to follow the suit of the other villages which were cited as examples of the pattern required.

The standard of housing was found to be quite good. Instructions for the replacement of houses were necessary on only two occasions and orders for repairs to be effected were fewer than they have been in the past. The general structural design of the houses is poor and, where good designs were seen, the people were encouraged to adopt the better design when renewal of the existing dwelling became necessary.

Measures taken to maintain a standard of hygiene and sanitation appeared to be quite reasonable and adequate. Village refuse is disposed of either by incineration or burial. Excepting at TOKUAKA on the coast, pit latrines are provided in each village in sufficient numbers for each sex. At TOKUAKA, the sea is used. Cemeteries are maintained but the impression gained is that such maintenance is desultory and generally carried out immediately prior to a patrol's arrival.

#### ROADS

The road network in the Western Paramountcy does not lend itself in toto to development for use by vehicular traffic. This is due primarily to the nature of the terrain in the more inland area. I am of the opinion that the existing roads useable by motor traffic could be extended only as follows :

(a) AKU to KOKOPO to be extended towards TUBARU / LUKARURO. Very little work is required to convert the foot track which begins at KOKOPO into a vehicular road as far as TURIGAU, between which two villages there are four or five small bridges which need replacement by more substantial structures, several gradients which need to be made more level, and a ford across the OAMAI RIVER presents no problem. Beyond TURIGAU, much clearing is needed to convert the present bridle track into a traffickable road but the task is made less arduous by the generally even terrain which is cut by only one streamlet, the valley of which the sides could be very easily graded. Such an extension would terminate twenty minutes' walk from

TUBARU and would extend towards LUKARURU terminating quite close to the village.

(b) AKU Aid Post to TUGIU to be extended to LOBIGOU. Traffic is at present able to get within twenty minutes' walk of TUGIU and past instructions to extend the road through to TUGIU have been carried out but the work requires regrading in two sections only to open the road to traffic. These two sections are to be worked on forthwith. Very few problems prevent the extension of this road through to KOGISAGANO and LOBIGOU.

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Work on the maintenance of the main BUIN / BOKU road is to be intensified. The instruction apply particularly to that section of the road between AKU and the MIVO RIVER, which, for its distance of approximately three miles, passes through uninhabited low-lying swampland. Maintenance has always seemed to present difficulties but, unfortunately, adequate supervision could not be given.

The major problem still to be determined on the section of the main road which traverses the Western Paramountcy is the site of the crossing of the SILIBAI RIVER. For eighteen months now, this river has been changing its course at the former crossing and there is every indication to-day that in the very near future year a new course entirely will be cut in this area. Further upstream the river is changing course to a lesser extent and the ford across it in the Southern Paramountcy seems, at the moment, the best possible site for a crossing. The lack of adequate banks precludes any bridge construction.

#### NATIVE AFFAIRS

The general situation in the Paramountcy is quite stable. Paramount Luluai MAKIS exerts a strong and steadying influence over his people and receives undisguised loyalty from them. It is indeed unfortunate that plans for the development of this and adjacent Paramountcies have been subject to divergent views of attainment. On the one hand, development by means of Local Government Councils has been advocated, whereas, on the other, development by means of Rural Progress Society or such organization has been favoured.

In 1957, Mr. B.A.McCabe, Acting Assistant District Officer (Local Government), made a survey of the Buin Linguistic Area preparatory to establishing Local Government Councils. IN the Western Paramountcy, only the villages of AKU, LEROT, KOKOPO, NABAKU, NAKOREI and TOKUAKA declared themselves in favour of such development. Other villages either opposed the proposal or were non-committal. (refer memorandum 14/3/3/ of 25 November 57 "Preliminary Survey for Local Government Councils - Buin Area" by Mr. McCabe). During the past twelve months, preliminary work to introduce Local Government Councils has been pursued under instruction (vide memorandum 30/2/2-835 of 7 March 58 in respect of Patrol Report BUI.4-57/58) but the response generally has not been particularly favourable and the majority of villages in this Paramountcy have opposed the implementation of such a policy in so far as it means co-operation and participation with the other Paramountcies which go to make up the Buin Linguistic Area.

Following reports of a desire of active economic development from the Eastern and Northern Paramountcies (in respect of which I have

requested your attendance at a meeting of all interested natives), I deliberately enquired the reaction of the people within this Paramountcy to such development. As has been done in the past, here and elsewhere in the sub-district, the means of development either by Local Government Councils or by Rural Progress Societies was explained as simply as possible, with no attempt to emphasise the one or the other whereby a bias might be suggested. At the conclusion of the explanations the people were asked their preference. The response overall was :

Development by Councils 0 villages

Development by Societies 20 villages

No opinion 3 villages.

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Of particular interest, I think, is the fact that of the six villages of this Paramountcy who initially voted in favour of Local Government Councils at the time of Mr. McCabe's survey, all but one now expressed a preference for 'development by Society'. The exception was TOKUAKA which expressed an attitude of complete indifference.

I understand that arrangements are in hand for Mr. McCabe to revisit the Buin area to again survey the situation. The outcome of such a visit should be interesting.

In conjunction with these remarks on development, I would like my remarks in Appendix B on page 7 of this report to be read.

#### OFFICIALS

The application of appointees to their duties has brought about a marked improvement in performance and undoubtedly has contributed to the overall improvement of standards within the Paramountcy.

The following amendments to Appendix "D" of Patrol Report BUI.7/56-57 are necessary to bring the list of officials within this Paramountcy up to date :

- (a) Delete KIUKA as Tultul of TUBOBISOU and insert KEIMAU - the cause of change being death;
- (b) Delete LUGUM as Tultul of TUGIU and insert KUTUKA and POTO of KANAIA and AKAMORO respectively to have jurisdiction within their respective hamlets - the cause of deletion of LUGUM was death;
- (c) Delete KOMORU as Luluai of KOGISAGANO and insert TAIBA - the cause of change being death;
- (d) Add KOPO as tultul of NABAKU whose election filled the vacancy cause by the dismissal of POKOTOM;
- (e) Delete KIKITO whose resignation on the grounds of ill-health is tendered and recommended and insert KARIPA in his stead.

Confirmation of the election of Tultuls is sought in memo 14/5-2444 of 23 November and the recommendation in respect of Luluai TAIBA id covered by memo 14/5-2445 of the same date.

#### COMPLAINTS

Several complaints were brought forward for determination and can be broadly classified as :

- (a) a land ownership claim at LEROT which was given an interim 'hearing' to obtain some details pending its submission to a Native Lands Commissioner for adjudication - reference memo 14/10- 2446 dated 23 November.
- (b) disputed debts which were mediated and afforded an opportunity to explain the disadvantages of failing to settle borrowings

by one native from another at an early date.

(c) compensation claims for gardens damaged by trespassing pigs which were successfully settled without resort to litigation.

GENERAL

Assuming that there will be no interruptions to our patrol programme, the next patrol to this Paramountcy is scheduled to be undertaken in March, 1959

Asst. District. Officer.



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APPENDIX A

R.P.&N.G.C. PERSONNEL.

Reg. No. 2322 Sgt. NEREK :

A competent and efficient non-commissioned officer who exercises a firm control over and quickly gains the confidence of his men and the village people alike.

Reg. No. 7408 Const. SANIK :

An experienced constable who displayed keenness and alacrity in the performance of his duties. Instruction need to be carefully explained.

Reg. No. 8435 Const. PATKOWI :

A disappointing member on this patrol. He demonstrated no outstanding abilities, doing only what was asked of him and no more.

Reg. No. 9247 Const. KANSAN :

Was disinclined to exert himself at all. Throughout the patrol he was too content to lag behind, leaving escort duties to the other members of the detachment. Lazy and disappointing.

Asst. District Officer.

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## APPENDIX B

## AGRICULTURE

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Cash cropping is of interest to a large number of people but relatively few have been prepared to experiment or even dabble with the basic new crops that are being introduced into the sub-district - peanuts and rice. This lack of willingness is mainly attributable to the fact that growers have no certain outlet for their produce.

The Department of Agriculture or the Siwai Rural Progress Society - the two are synonymous in the mind of natives from the Buin Linguistic area - has made spasmodic purchases but such have provided no incentive to intensify cultivation.

In order to obtain some picture of the extent these people have tried to develop themselves economically, I endeavored to estimate the approximate amount of produce on hand and the approximate area now under cultivation of peanuts and rice.

Produce on hand amounts approximately as follows -

Peanuts 8250 lbs. Rice 1150 lbs.

Of these amounts approximately 2000 lbs. peanuts and 350 lbs. rice were indicated as to be used for seed purposes.

Areas under cultivation are approximately -

Peanuts 140 acres Rice 40 acres

whilst additionally, the following approximate areas are being prepared for cultivation as nurseries -

Peanuts 50 acres Rice 25 acres

Cacao 15 acres.

Rice does not loom large in the summary. Repeatedly was I told that attempts to grow rice previously failed when the crops were attacked by insects or became diseased. I understand that this information has been made known to local Agriculture personnel. At LUKARURU, the people stated that, as far as they were concerned, rice was merely a seasona[b][e] crop to be grown in the dry season.

Asst. District Officer.

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APPENDIX C

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In general, the health of the people seems to be good. There were no indications of illness and untreated sores were rarely seen.

Village Aid Posts, in the charge of Administration Orderlies, are sited at central points throughout the Paramountcy, as follows -

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TUGIU 10 Outpatients - Inpatients

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