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STATION: KOKOPO, 1967 - 1968

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1967-1968

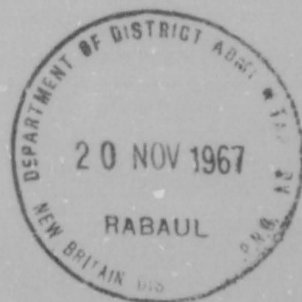
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5-67-68	G.C. Lapthorne	Mamusi I & 2, Coastal Melkoi & part Gasmata C.D.
6-67-68	M. Davies	Wide Bay (Pomio adm. part & east Mengen C.D.)
7-67-68	G.C. Lapthorne	West Mengen C.D.
8-67-68	G.C. Lapthorne	Mansing, Inland & Coastal Melkoi & Mamusi I & 2 C.D.
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1-67-68	M.J. Brereton	Duke of York Island
3-67-68	J.K. Nalau	Central Bainings C.D.
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1-67-68	G. Hamilton	Laun-Puktas Coastal area

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.



# PATROL REPORT

District of EAST NEW BRITAIN Report No. KOKOPO 1/67-68

Patrol Conducted by M.J. BRERETON, P.O.

Area Patrolled DUKE OF YORK ISLANDS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 3 members RP & NGC.

Duration—From 6 / 6 / 1967 to 4 / 10 / 1967

Number of Days 120 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? .....

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

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

Map Reference .....

Objects of Patrol .....

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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*District Commissioner*

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

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

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

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Females  
in Child  
Birth

67-10-2

December 29th, 1967

District Commissioner,  
East New Britain District,  
PABAUL.

KOKOPO PATROL REPORT NO. 1 - 67/68

Receipt of the above report with comments by yourself and the Assistant District Officer, Kokopo are acknowledged.

2. It is heartening to see the progress being achieved by the people in road and wharf construction under Mr. Ereton's supervision. It would be desirable for the Gazelle Council to seek a Grant in Aid to subsidize the road works in the Council area and, if successful in their application, thus gain some more support for Council administration. Applications were to have been submitted by Mid-January, 1968 to be considered.

3. Some assessment of the progress of the efforts of the Fisheries Division Extension Officers would have added to the value of the report.

4. The matter of misconstruction of information disseminated by Radio Rabaul should be taken up with the Station Manager. Follow-up broadcasts should be given on any matter misconstrued. Mr. Ereton has a radio link and he should be able to contact you immediately after any broadcast which may have dual meaning or contain misinformation.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Director

(d) Health.

I have contacted the Officer-in-Charge at Butuwin Hospital concerning the apparent lack of patrolling by the Aid Post orderlies at the Duke of Yorks. This matter will be dealt with locally.

(e) Land.

With the exception of the area required for the establishment of the Base Camp, all other land matters are being dealt with as they arise.

(f) Roads.

Work on upgrading existing and construction of new roads is proceeding slowly but satisfactorily. Funds to the extent of \$400 are being held to assist in this work and the hire of a tractor and trailer for carting ~~in~~ ~~from~~ ~~the~~ ~~road~~ ~~work~~ ~~is~~ ~~going~~ ~~ahead~~ ~~simultaneously~~ in several village areas and recently you and I made a trip along the whole length of this road from MOLOT to INOLO on the South Coast. It is important that this work be continued and as soon as practicable encouragement should be given for groups to purchase vehicles for the movement of copra to shipping points. The establishment of a Local Government Council could be the initiating organisation to purchase such a vehicle.

(g) Native Situation.

I feel that the presence of a Patrol Officer permanently in these Islands will ultimately result in a generally improved local situation and recommend that his post there continue. My memo 1-1-34 of 9/11/67 also refers to this matter. Mr. Brereton has recently completed a Local Government survey which was aimed at bringing up to date all information concerning local attitudes towards Local Government with the object of establishing a multi-racial separate Duke of Yorks Council. I am now awaiting the report of the survey and will forward it with my comments as soon as possible.

(h) General Comments.

I have written to you in separate correspondence about Court Powers for Mr. Brereton, my 34-1-9 of 9/11/67, but about road transport in my 91-1-1 of 9/11/67 and re Police Staff for the Base Camp in my 68-1-9 of 9/11/67. The above report is forwarded for your attention, please.

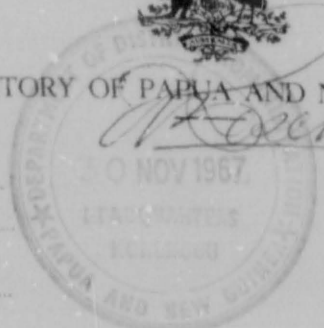
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(M.V. Real)

Assistant District Commissioner

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



Telegrams.....  
Our Reference 67-3-18  
If calling ask for WJK/BS  
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,  
RABAU.

27th November, 1967.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

KOKOPO PATROL No. 1 - 1967/68.

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The attached Patrol Report is forwarded for your information.

Mr. Brereton's stay in the Duke of Yorks has as its main object the extension of the road system, the construction of a wharf at Port Hunter, and the ascertaining of public opinion on the extension of the Council system to the non-Council villages of the islands.

It is hoped that in the near future the acquisition of an area of land at Molot will be completed, and that construction will commence on the establishment of a Base Camp. D.D.A. personnel at this camp will be supported by members of a rural Police Station, and an Agricultural Assistant from the Department of Agriculture. It is eventually planned to also post a Senior Medical Assistant to the Base Camp to care for the people outside the orbit of the Watnabar Methodist Mission hospital at Ulu Island.

Mr. Muskens, Senior Local Government Officer, will be conducting a short patrol on the Duke of Yorks early next month to make a final assessment of the prognosis for the success of a Local Government organization in the islands. On present indications rapid opposition to the formation of a Duke of Yorks Council will not be encountered, and if Mr. Muskens' report supports this contention, then recommendation will be made for the establishment of a Council to cover the people of the Duke of Yorks group. This will mean that the Gazelle Peninsula Council will lose approximately 2000 members, but the Council are in agreement with this approach as they now realise that the distance of the islands from the mainland does not permit the Gazelle Council to service the islands adequately.

*H.W. West*

(H.W. WEST)  
District Commissioner  
East New Britain District.



67-2-1

NVN/MM

Sub-District Office,  
KOKOPO.

15th November, 1967.

District Commissioner,  
Department District Administration,  
RABOUL.

KOKOPO PATROL REPORT NO.1 1967/68  
DUKE OF YORKS

Please find attached in triplicate a copy of Mr. Patrol Officer's Patrol Report on the first four months of his stay in the Duke of Yorks Islands.

2. The following documents are attached:

- (a) Report narrative.
- (b) Field Officer's Journal.
- (c) Claim for Camping allowance for 106 nights.
- (d) Patrol Instructions.

3. The following comments are in order:

(a) Base Camp.

My memo to you 1-1-34 of 9/11/67 gives up to date information as to the progress made in this direction. I am currently holding funds to \$500 for the dismantling and reconstruction of a residence at Koko to be erected at this Base camp and am also holding \$400 for development of roads etc., in the Base Camp area. A decision about the lease over the land required would be appreciated as soon as possible.

(b) Trade Stores.

I agree with Mr. Brereton's comments here. As you will be aware over the past years this aspect of too many stores in existence in these islands has been raised many times. These traders will not realise that they are as a result unlikely to realise any profit in their ventures.

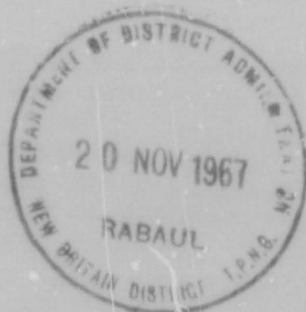
Apart from withholding licences for poorly constructed buildings I do not intend to embark upon any scheme to restrict the issue of licences as I feel that business experience is the only real teacher that will prove to traders concerned whether or not they can remain profitably in business.

(c) Small Ships.

The Kokopo District Court has recently imposed fines ranging from \$6.00 to \$50.00 in four cases of over-loading vessels. One such vessel licenced to carry nine passengers was stopped at sea carrying seventy two and a crew of three.

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MJB



Sub-District Office,  
KOKOPO.

4th October, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
KOKOPO.

PATROL REPORT No. 1 of 1967/68  
DUKE OF YORK ISLANDS  
CENSUS DIVISION

Officer Conducting: M.J. Brereton. Patrol Officer.  
Sub-District: Kokopo.  
District: East New Britain  
Area Patrolled: Whole of Duke of York Islands.  
Duration of Patrol: 6.6.67-4.10.67 inc. 120 days.  
Personell Accompanying: European Nil.  
Native 3 members RP & NCC.  
8415 Const. Sapan  
11702 Const. Mosea  
11885 Const. Maipara  
Last (D.D.A.) Patrol to Area (available from S.D.O. Kokopo).  
Objects of Patrol: See attached list.

INTRODUCTION:

As people in the islands were aware, possibly through radio broadcasts, that it was the Administrations intention to establish a post in the Duke of York Islands, there was no difficulty in explaining the reasons for my visit. The idea, was in fact, received with enthusiasm and I was shown a suitable site during the first day of the patrol. The area shown to me that day has subsequently been marked, and action should be now in hand for the leasing of that property.

Initially, it was decided to contact people throughout the islands to accurately gauge the feelings of all concerned. Naturally, Molot and Maren feeling was slightly biased by the prestige factor but all people showed considerable interest and enthusiasm. At this stage, the idea of starting a road network to link all villages was also discussed and agreed to on a self help basis. Work was not started immediately as it was thought desirable, and found necessary, that as many villages as possible should participate in the erection of a wharf at Molot, once again on a self help basis.

WHARF CONSTRUCTION:

Work on the wharf commenced immediately. This was to consist of a stone causeway approx 35 yards long with a timber frame and decking wharf to be attached to ~~reels~~ at the end. Stonework on the causeway took a little more than 3 weeks with labour working every week day with the exception of Wednesday which is Mission Day in this area.

Piles were erected whilst stonework was in progress but as the water was fairly deep, 10-12 feet and pile length approx 24 feet,

handling and sinking of these piles was quite a feat by hand, and, provided some interesting acrobatic (or aqua-batic) displays. However, the work was finally completed and the resulting 15' x 9' timber wharf has withstood the severe earth-tremors experienced 2 months ago and various small ships since then. The work, in all, took approx 5 weeks to complete and now only requires corronous filling on the causeway every now and again. Cement would also be handy to bind the causeway to prevent subsidence during the North West season, perhaps the Gazelle Council can help out in this regard.

#### BUSINESSES:

##### (1) Trade Stores.

During the Patrol, all trade stores were inspected and in non-council villages licences were issued where necessary. In all, nearly seven hundred (\$700) dollars was collected in licence monies and it is very apparent that there are too many stores and very little profit for their proprietors. Unsatisfactory stores were not issued with licences, it is intended to prosecute some people found to be trading without licences after being repeatedly warned. Great lengths were gone to, to explain the expiry date of licences to all who hold current licences, and no excuses should be accepted next year as all were advised to take steps to obtain new licences before the actual expiry date.

##### (2) Copra Buying.

Many licences have been issued for buying of copra, most in conjunction with a G.M. Licence. Copra buying is still carried out without licence but it is extremely hard to catch the offenders. Most people engaged in buying nuts cannot be making much profit, in fact, most would be losing with the price down to 6 or 8 nuts for 1 shilling. There are of course many buying points which is leading to a lot of thieving.

##### (3) Small Ships.

There are many small ships operating from the Duke of Yorks. All are registered in Rabaul but flagrantly break the law as regards overloading and marking of ships. Some have been caught carrying 60 passengers when they are only registered to carry eight. It is intended to prosecute some captains in the near future and also to advise the Harbour Master Rabaul. These ships are actually departing from a point not more than 300 yards from his office. The favourite trick employed is to either embark or disembark surplus passengers at Matupit Island, on the passage in or out of Rabaul.

#### HEALTH:

There are 4 aid posts in the islands and 2 staffed with Aid post Orderlies and a hospital at Watnabar which sends out regular infant welfare patrols.

The only point of interest is the lack of patrols by these orderlies to villages in their area and none are particularly overworked. On the whole the people seem healthy though lacking in vigour.

#### SCHOOLS:

The islands are quite well catered for as regards primary education. Government Schools at both Miko-Palpal and Butlivan have large numbers of students and these numbers are increasing steadily. Other villages have M.O.M. primary schools including a large boarding school at Watnabar. The Catholic Mission at Milamila has recently erected brick classrooms with help from the surrounding Catholic villages and bricks made locally.

The only disturbing factor is the large number of teenagers in the villages with practically no education, no skills, and a great reluctance to participate in any work. Their parents have little or no influence over them and tend to condone their absence from work. Since the work at present being carried out (roads etc.) is mainly for their benefit, I find this hard to understand.

#### AGRICULTURE:

Two short patrols have paid visits to the islands in the last couple of months. The purpose, in the first instance, was to carry out a survey to find the best site for the erection of a cocoa fermentary. This as yet, has not been decided. The following short patrol, was with regard to loans from the new Development Bank in which many people have shown interest. The officer conducting the patrol also pointed out the greater activity and care carried out in the production of cash crops in the "Account" villages. This adds to my views as will be expressed under heading "Native Situation". The Officer also reports absence of disease in cash crops here and I feel that with Agricultural Officers stationed in the islands, the shortage of land problem, could be reduced by better methods and greater utilization of land. It is true that there are not vast tracks of land available, but there is still a considerable area not fully utilized and existing crops are only producing at a fraction of their capability.

#### LAND:

As some aspects under this heading have already been discussed under agriculture this will be limited to N.G.L.T.R.O. matters.

My 34-2-114 of 24th September, 1967 to Assistant District Commissioner Neal, gives details of the land which it is proposed to lease for the establishment of a base camp.

The Final Order hearing on Rakanda Plantation turned out to be poorly attended by the so called claimants and they were advised to attend another meeting on Rakanda at the Land Titles Commission Office on 27th September.

The Final Order on Nabual or Gilgil was read to the interested parties and no objections raised. All correspondence on land matters is listed at the end of this report in "Patrol Correspondence".

Although it has been reported to me, by various people, of an interest in land resettlement, no direct requests for action were forthcoming.

#### Demarcation Committees.

Little work has been done by demarcation committees in the area, supposedly due to reluctance on the part of landholders to mark their ground. Regular sittings are the exception rather than the rule and liaison has been difficult as a result. Meetings held by Mr. S.W. Kimmorley at Inolo, Mioko, Molot Utuan and Kerawara should stimulate the committees activities but of this I have seen no evidence. Stories allegedly spread by Pakati of Kabilimo may still be the cause of some of this lack of interest. Now that work on roads is beginning to progress more smoothly, I expect to be able to attend meetings, and, from knowledge obtained from Mr. Kimmorley, perhaps help out with some minor problems.

#### ROADS:

The idea of a roads network to cover the main island was at first met with great enthusiasm. However, after discovering the amount of work required (knowledge gained after a few weeks) this enthusiasm naturally suffered. Some roads were in existence, but,

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due to neglect over the years, and the heavy rainfall experienced here, they were practically impassable to tractors. Work is being carried out in 3 stages.

- (1) Cutting of trees and coconut palms along the edges of the road. Compensation is of course not paid for the trees and very little trouble has been encountered in this regard. The people have convinced the owners to part with a few trees for the ultimate benefit.
- (2) Complete clearing of the road of obstacles, rubbish and grass.
- (3) Forming and drainage.

Rocks from the beach have been used to fill in bad patches and plenty of corrugons is available. The only problem, is how to transport these materials to the road.

Mr. G. Edwards of Manuan has kindly lent his tractor on several occasions to the villagers, who provide the labour. This offer was made some time previously but not taken advantage of by the people.

Due to all these factors, the work is slow and laborious, however, the attached patrol map will give a good indication of how far the roads have progressed. It would take at least another 6 months to complete good all weather roads capable of taking conventional vehicles but it will be possible to travel to every village on the island in other type vehicles before the year is out. Even then, constant maintenance is essential.

Until such time as these people have their own vehicle, they will not have much incentive to maintain these roads. A council vehicle, preferably tractor, would be invaluable and this can be considered when the whole of the islands eventually come under council. With the establishment of a base camp, or previous to that, perhaps a Government vehicle can be supplied. Department of District Administration has no road transport whatsoever in the islands. The roads will provide good and fast access to all villages in the near future. A lot of work and time has gone into these roads and a lot more still has to be done.

#### NATIVE SITUATION:

These people seem to have been left to their own devices for some time. They have more individuality than others I have come across in my short experience, and appear rather a proud lot.

From various instances, I gather they still believe quite strongly in sorcery and are quite obstinate. They are reasonably well informed by radio but often misconstrue what they hear and their interpretation is sometimes far from the truth. Rumours regarding tax, trucks to be sent to them from P.W.D., arrival of officials, including the Administration, have been rife, their source, according to them being the radio!

Wherever possible, I have made attempts to spread Local Government propoganda and not without response. A lot of the "account" followers appear interested, especially from Watera, Waira, Nabual and Inolo. Makanda people who are approx half and half, (Council, Account) have enquired about payment of tax and say that they are quite worried as they have not paid tax for some time.

Although interest in councils has been shown by account people in the above villages they still say they have no desire to enter a council. At least they are not fanatical about the "Account" like the Kerawara people.

The "account" activity is responsible for work on some M.O.M. schools but little evidence can be seen of spending of their tax monies. The "Account" store at Kerawara is inoperative and also the "Account" store at Nabual.

However, it is noted that the account people show much

more interest in road construction than the pro-council villages and work without supervision unlike the others. Perhaps this is because of the "account" tractor at Inolo. They certainly seem a more prosperous bunch, better housing, better businesses and better cash crops. The Village officials are energetic men, especially Landi of Inolo. They have much more influence over their people too.

More information will be supplied in the Council Survey soon to be undertaken.

COMPLAINTS AND ENQUIRIES:

Quite a few minor complaints have been brought to my notice and settled where possible. More serious complaints were referred to the police at Kokopo. There have been many such complaints and a police station here would be of great benefit. So too would Court powers be for myself. These were requested over 3 months ago. I think this is necessary as I know that many cases referred to Kokopo never reach there, probably because people are intimidated in the meantime. Enquiries directed to me from Kokopo have been attended to and correspondence forwarded.

CONCLUSION

All the Objectives of the patrol have been carried out where possible but a lot of work remains to be done to help these people increase their productivity, (economically!) and generally improve their lot. The proposed station will do a lot to stimulate their activities. A lot of time has been spent on roadwork but I think this is essential.

For your information please.

*(Signature)*  
(A.J. Brereton)  
Patrol Officer.

Attachments

- (1) Patrol Map
- (2) Claim for camping allowance.

- (a) ...
- (b) ...
- (c) ...
- (d) ...

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Department of District Administration,  
RABOUL.

29th May, 1967.

M. Brereton, Esq.,  
Patrol Officer,  
Sub District Office,  
MATUFIT.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS  
DUKE OF YORKS BASE CAMP

As you are aware, it is our intention to establish a Base Camp on the Duke of Yorks Islands, and in the event of land becoming available for purchase from the Methodist Mission, we will place this small station in the vicinity of MOLOT-MAREN villages near Port Hunter. Enquiries have been made to this Mission to acquire about 10 to 15 acres of land from Portion 89 near Port Hunter by A.D.C. Kokopo, and the current position is that the Mission will put our request to their Annual Synod which will be held at ULU Island during next month. Should the Land become available, it is intended to staff a post with Police, Public Health, and D.A.S.F. and ourselves represented on a full time basis.

2. In this initial stage you are required to visit these islands to carry out certain duties that are defined below, and to assess the local situation generally from the point of view of the establishment of a permanent post in the area.

3. You should now make preparations to depart by boat from Rabaul for MOLOT village on the Duke of York Islands on 6th June, 1967, for a stay in this instance of approximately six (6) weeks. You should carry out the following duties:

- (a) Ascertain the feelings of the local MAREN and MOLOT people on the land question. If favourable, then discreet enquiries can be made to have the piece of land offered located near the existing road to Port Hunter, or on the other hand, attempt to evaluate an alternative road access through to Port Hunter.
- (b) Commence operations on a self help basis for the construction of a timber log small ship's wharf at Port Hunter. Some materials are available at Kokopo Sub District Office.
- (c) Commence work on a village to village basis for the construction of a vehicular road linking all villages on the main Island. This should involve drainage work on the basis of a fifteen foot road; wheel tracks only to be surfaced with local corrugous. Such a road should perhaps run North South down the centre of the Island with branches running into the various villages.
- (d) Maintain close contact with the existing Land Demarcation Committees work on the Islands. The Chairman is ALIPET of MOKO.

- (e) Investigate village water supplies as raised by Mr. Joseph PAKATI of KABILOMO village at the District Advisory Council on May, 19th, 1967. He has requested Government assistance. This may be possible through the P.H.D. environmental sanitation procedure.
- (f) Promote propaganda towards the inclusion of all villages into a Duke of Yorks Local Government Council. Mr. Dickinson, A/A.D.C. Kokopo, recently conducted a brief survey through the area, which at this Stage indicated the Pro-Account people to be unanimously anti-Council.

4. You should hold full discussions on the local situation pertaining in these islands with Mr. H.R. Dickinson at Kokopo so that you are fully aware of past and recent events in the area.

5. You should make arrangements for your party as follows:

- (a) Arrange for three (3) members of the Dept. of Police to accompany you.
- (b) Following consultation with Mr. R. Kelly, A.D.C. Rabaul, Sub District Office, takewith you the portable radio A.510 set, and arrange for schedules to be maintained through P. & T. Rabaul. Mr. Fisher of Posts and Telegraphs should be able to assist here.
- (c) Make arrangements through Mr. H. Watt of D.A.S.F. Rabaul to take one fibreglass dinghy and two outboards from the East New Britain pool. Similarly make necessary arrangements for P.O.L. for the outboards.
- (d) Draw necessary patrol stores from S.D.O. Store Kokopo. There are quantities of picks, spades, crow bars and deck spikes there. I suggest you take 30 picks, 30 spades, 2 bars and as many deck spikes as possible. Take also cross cut saws from the store there.
- (e) Draw a patrol advance from S.D.O. Kokopo for \$100.00. Please remember that it is the end of the financial year and you should acquit this year's funds before the end of June.

6. All your correspondence, requests and general communications should be addressed to A.D.C. Kokopo in the first instance, as you will come under his direct control whilst in his Sub-District. Requests for return transport should be directed also to A.D.C. Kokopo.

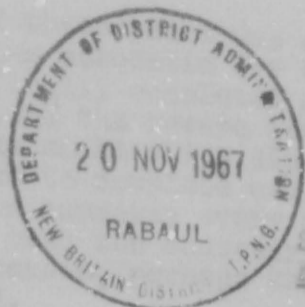
7. I hope you have a successful trip, and look forward to seeing your report on your return.

(W.J. KELLY)  
 A/District Commissioner  
East New Britain District.



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Sub-District Office,  
KOKOPO.

4th October, 1967.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
KOKOPO.

PATROL REPORT No. 1 of 1967/68  
DUKE OF YORK ISLANDS  
CENSUS DIVISION

Officer Conducting: M.J. Brereton. Patrol Officer.  
Sub-District: Kokopo.  
District: East New Britain  
Area Patrolled: Whole of Duke of York Islands.  
Duration of Patrol: 6.6.67-4.10.67 inc. 120 days.  
Personnel Accompanying: European Nil.  
Native 3 members BP & NCC.  
8415 Const. Sapan  
11702 Const. Mosca  
11885 Const. Naipera  
Last (D.D.A.) Patrol to Area (available from S.D.O. Kokopo).  
Objects of Patrol: See attached list.

INTRODUCTION:

As people in the islands were aware, possibly through radio broadcasts, that it was the Administrations intention to establish a post in the Duke of York Islands, there was no difficulty in explaining the reasons for my visit. The idea, was in fact, received with enthusiasm and I was shown a suitable site during the first day of the patrol. The area shown to me that day has subsequently been marked, and action should be now in hand for the leasing of that property.

Initially, it was decided to contact people throughout the islands to accurately gauge the feelings of all concerned. Naturally, Molot and Maren feeling was slightly biased by the prestige factor but all people showed considerable interest and enthusiasm. At this stage, the idea of starting a road network to link all villages was also discussed and agreed to on a self help basis. Work was not started immediately as it was thought desirable, and found necessary, that as many villages as possible should participate in the erection of a wharf at Molot, once again on a self help basis.

WHARF CONSTRUCTION:

Work on the wharf commenced immediately. This was to consist of a stone causeway approx 35 yards long with a timber frame and decking wharf to be attached to ~~the~~ at the end. Stonework on the causeway took a little more than 3 weeks with labour working every week day with the exception of Wednesday which is Mis-ion Day in this area.

Piles were erected whilst stonework was in progress but as the water was fairly deep, 10-12 feet and pile length approx 24 feet,

handling and sinking of these piles was quite a feat by hand, and, provided some interesting acrobatic (or aqua-batic) displays. However, the work was finally completed and the resulting 15' x 9' timber wharf has withstood the severe earth-tremors experienced 2 months ago and various small ships since then. The work, in all, took approx 5 weeks to complete and now only requires corronous filling on the causeway every now and again. Cement would also be handy to bind the causeway to prevent subsidence during the North West season, perhaps the Gazelle Council can help out in this regard.

### TRADE STORES:

#### (1) Trade Stores.

During the Patrol, all trade stores were inspected and a non-council villages licences were issued where necessary. In all, nearly seven hundred (\$700) dollars was collected in licence monies and it is very apparent that there are too many stores and very little profit for their proprietors. Unsatisfactory stores were not issued with licences, it is intended to prosecute some people found to be trading without licences after being repeatedly warned. Great lengths were gone to, to explain the expiry date of licences to all who hold current licences, and no excuses should be accepted next year as all were advised to take steps to obtain new licences before the actual expiry date.

#### (2) Copra Buying.

Many licences have been issued for buying of copra, most in conjunction with a G.M. Licence. Copra buying is still carried out without licence but it is extremely hard to catch the offenders. Most people engaged in buying nuts cannot be making much profit, in fact most would be losing with the price down to 6 or 8 ruts for a cilling. There are of course many buying points which is leading to a lot of thieving.

#### (3) Small Ships.

There are many small ships operating from the Duke of Edw. All are registered in Rabaul but flagrantly break the law as regards overloading and marking of ships. Some have been caught carrying 60 passengers when they are only registered to carry eight. It is intended to prosecute some captains in the near future and also to advise the Harbour Master Rabaul. These ships are actually departing from a point not more than 300 yards from his office. The favourite trick employed is to either embark or disembark surplus passengers at Matupit Island, on the passage in or out of Rabaul.

### HEALTH:

There are 4 aid posts in the islands and 2 staffed with Aid post Orderlies and a hospital at Watnabar which sends out regular infant welfare patrols.

The only point of interest is the lack of patrols by these orderlies to villages in their area and none are particularly overworked. On the whole the people seem healthy though lacking in vigour.

### SCHOOLS:

The islands are quite well catered for as regards primary education. Government Schools at both Nicker-Palpal and Sullivan have large numbers of students and these numbers are increasing steadily. Other villages have M.O.M. primary schools including a large boarding school at Watnabar. The Catholic Mission at Milamila has recently erected brick classrooms with help from the surrounding Catholic villages and bricks made locally.

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The only disturbing factor is the large number of teenagers in the villages with practically no education, no skills, and a great reluctance to participate in any work. Their parents have little or no influence over them and tend to condone their absence from work. Since the work at present being carried out (roads etc.) is mainly for their benefit, I find this hard to understand.

#### AGRICULTURE:

Two short patrols have paid visits to the islands in the last couple of months. The purpose, in the first instance, was to carry out a survey to find the best site for the erection of a cocoa fermentary. This as yet, has not been decided. The following short patrol, was with regard to loans from the new Development Bank in which many people have shown interest. The officer conducting the patrol also pointed out the greater activity and care carried out in the production of cash crops in the "Account" villages. This adds to my views as will be expressed under heading "Native Situation". The Officer also reports absence of disease in cash crops here and I feel that with Agricultural Officers stationed in the islands, the shortage of land problem, could be reduced by better methods and greater utilization of land. It is true that there are not vast tracks of land available, but there is still a considerable area not fully utilized and existing crops are only producing at a fraction of their capability.

#### LAND:

As some aspects under this heading have already been discussed under Agriculture this will be limited to N.C.L.P.R.O. matters.

My 34-2-114 of 24th September, 1967 to Assistant District Commissioner Neal, gives details of the land which it is proposed to lease for the establishment of a base camp.

The Final Order hearing on Rakanda Plantation turned out to be poorly attended by the so called claimants and they were advised to attend another meeting on Rakanda at the Land Titles Commission Office on 27th September.

The Final Order on Nabual or Gilgil was read to the interested parties and no objections raised. All correspondence on land matters is listed at the end of this report in "Patrol Correspondence".

Although it has been reported to me, by various people, of an interest in land resettlement, no direct requests for action were forthcoming.

#### Demarcation Committees.

Little work has been done by demarcation committees in the area, supposedly due to reluctance on the part of landholders to mark their ground. Regular sittings are the exception rather than the rule and liaison has been difficult as a result. Meetings held by Mr. C.W. Kimmerley at Inolo, Mioko, Molot Utuan and Kerawara should stimulate the committees activities but of this I have seen no evidence. Stories allegedly spread by Pakati of Kabilimo may still be the cause of some of this lack of interest. Now that work on roads is beginning to progress more smoothly, I expect to be able to attend meetings, and, from knowledge obtained from Mr. Kimmerley, perhaps help out with some minor problems.

#### ROADS:

The idea of a roads network to cover the main island was at first met with great enthusiasm. However, after discovering the amount of work required (knowledge gained after a few weeks) this enthusiasm naturally suffered. Some roads were in existence, but,

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due to neglect over the years, and the heavy rainfall experienced here, they were practically impassable to tractors. Work is being carried out in 3 stages.

(1) Cutting of trees and coconut palms along the edges of the road. Compensation is of course not paid for the trees and very little trouble has been encountered in this regard. The people have convinced the owners to part with a few trees for the ultimate benefit.

(2) Complete clearing of the road of obstacles, rubbish and grass.

(3) Forming and drainage.

Rocks from the beach have been used to fill in bad patches and plenty of coronous is available. The only problem, is how to transport these materials to the road.

Mr. G. Edwards of Mamuan has kindly lent his tractor on several occasions to the villagers, who provide the labour. This offer was made some time previously but not taken advantage of by the people.

Due to all these factors, the work is slow and laborious, however, the attached patrol map will give a good indication of how far the roads have progressed. It would take at least another 6 months to complete good all weather roads capable of taking conventional vehicles but it will be possible to travel to every village on the island in other type vehicles before the year is out. Even then, constant maintenance is essential.

Until such time as these people have their own vehicle, they will not have such incentive to maintain these roads. A council vehicle, preferably tractor, would be invaluable and this can be considered when the whole of the islands eventually come under council. With the establishment of a base camp, or previous to that, perhaps a Government vehicle can be supplied. Department of District Administration has no road transport whatsoever in the islands. The roads will provide good and fast access to all villages in the near future. A lot of work and time has gone into these roads and a lot more still has to be done.

#### NATIVE SITUATION:

These people seem to have been left to their own devices for some time. They have more individuality than others I have come across in my short experience, and appear rather a proud lot.

From various instances, I gather they still believe quite strongly in sorcery and are quite obstinate. They are reasonably well informed by radio but often misconstrue what they hear and their interpretation is sometimes far from the truth. Rumours regarding tax, trucks to be sent to them from P.W.D., arrival of officials, including the Administration, have been rife, their source, according to them being the radio!

Wherever possible, I have made attempts to spread Local Government propaganda and not without response. A lot of the "account" followers appear interested, especially from Watera, Waira Nabual and Inolo. Makanda people who are approx half and half, (Council, Account) have enquired about payment of tax and say that they are quite worried as they have not paid tax for some time.

Although interest in councils has been shown by account people in the above villages they still say they have no desire to enter a council. At least they are not fanatical about the "Account" like the Kerawara people.

The "account" activity is responsible for work on some M.O.M. schools but little evidence can be seen of spending of their tax monies. The "Account" store at Kerawara is inoperative and also the "Account" store at Nabual.

However, it is noted that the account people show much

more interest in road construction than the pro-council villages and work without supervision unlike the others. Perhaps this is because of the "account" tractor at Inolo. They certainly seem a more prosperous bunch, better housing, better businesses and better cash crops. The Village officials are energetic men, especially Landi of Inolo. They have much more influence over their people too.

More information will be supplied in the Council Survey soon to be undertaken.

COMPLAINTS AND ENQUIRIES:

Quite a few minor complaints have been brought to my notice and settled where possible. More serious complaints were referred to the police at Kokopo. There have been many such complaints and a police station here would be of great benefit. So too would Court powers be for myself. These were requested over 3 months ago. I think this is necessary as I know that many cases referred to Kokopo never reach there, probably because people are intimidated in the meantime. Enquiries directed to me from Kokopo have been attended to and correspondence forwarded.

CONCLUSION

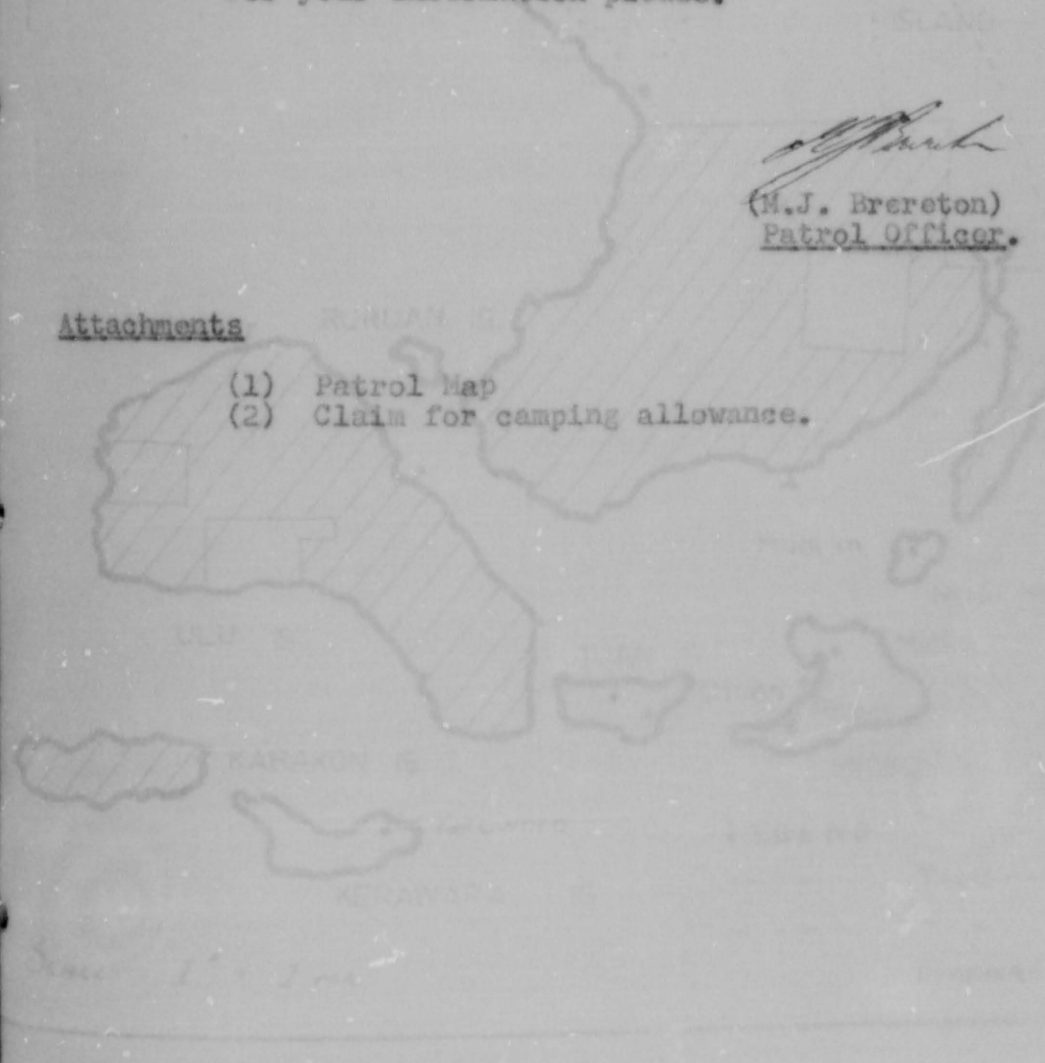
All the Objectives of the patrol have been carried out where possible but a lot of work remains to be done to help these people increase their productivity, (economically!) and generally improve their lot. The proposed station will do a lot to stimulate their activities. A lot of time has been spent on roadwork but I think this is essential.

For your information please.

*M.J. Brereton*  
(M.J. Brereton)  
Patrol Officer.

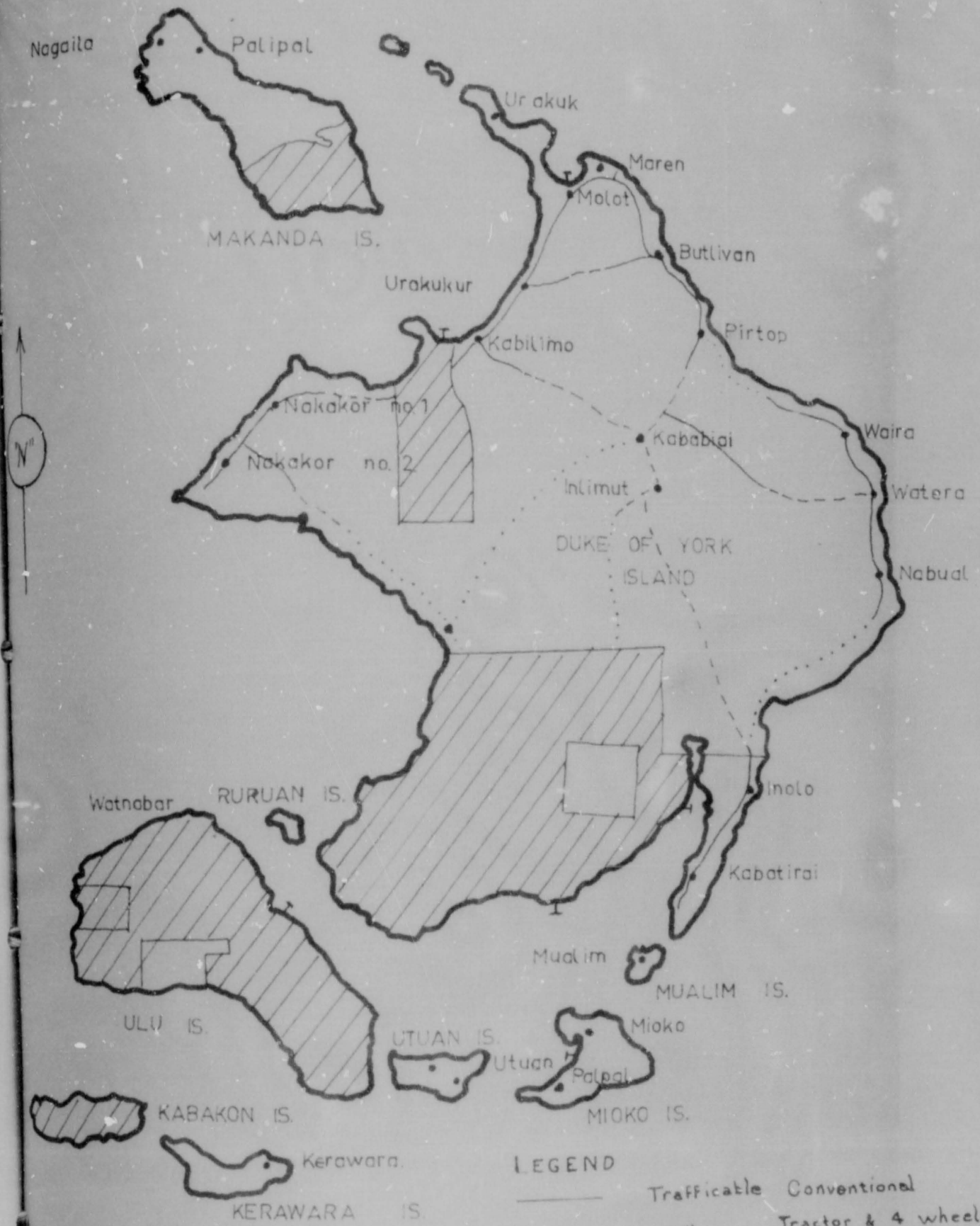
Attachments

- (1) Patrol Map
- (2) Claim for camping allowance.



# PATROL MAP KOKOPO PATROL No. 1 57/68

## Duke of York Islands



SCALE 1" = 1 mile

**LEGEND**  
 ——— Trafficable Conventional  
 - - - " Tractor & 4 wheel  
 ..... Proposed Road

(a) Investigate village...  
 District Administration, RAUAIL.  
 29th May, 1967.

M. Brereton, Esq.,  
 Patrol Officer,  
 Sub District Office,  
 MATUPIT.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS  
DUKE OF YORKS BASE CAMP

As you are aware, it is our intention to establish a Base Camp on the Duke of Yorks Islands, and in the event of land becoming available for purchase from the Methodist Mission, we will place this small station in the vicinity of MOLOF-MAREN villages near Port Hunter. Enquiries have been made to this Mission to acquire about 10 to 15 acres of land from Portion 89 near Port Hunter by A.D.C. Kokopo, and the current position is that the Mission will put our request to their Annual Synod which will be held at UBU Island during next month. Should the land become available, it is intended to staff a post with Police, Public Health, and D.A.S.F. and ourselves represented on a full time basis.

2. In this initial stage you are required to visit these islands to carry out certain duties that are defined below, and to assess the local situation generally from the point of view of the establishment of a permanent post in the area.

3. You should now make preparations to depart by boat from Rabaul for MOLOF village on the Duke of York Islands on 6th June, 1967, for a stay in this instance of approximately six (6) weeks. You should carry out the following duties:

- (a) Ascertain the feelings of the local MAREN and MOLOF people on the land question. If favourable, then discreet enquiries can be made to have the piece of land offered located near the existing road to Port Hunter, or on the other hand, attempt to evaluate an alternative road access through to Port Hunter.
- (b) Commence operations on a self help basis for the construction of a timber log small ship's wharf at Port Hunter. Some materials are available at Kokopo Sub District Office.
- (c) Commence work on a village to village basis for the construction of a vehicular road linking all villages on the main island. This should involve drainage work on the basis of a fifteen foot road; wheel tracks only to be surfaced with local corronous. Such a road should perhaps run South down the centre of the island with branches running into the various villages.
- (d) Maintain close contact with the existing Land Demarcation Committees work on the Islands. The Chairman is ALIPEX of MISO.

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(e) Investigate village water supplies as raised by Mr. Joseph PAKATI of KABILOMO village at the District Advisory Council on May, 19th, 1967. He has requested Government assistance. This may be possible through the P.H.D. environmental sanitation procedure.

(f) Promote propaganda towards the inclusion of all villages into a Duke of Yorks Local Government Council. Mr. Dickinson, A/A.D.C. Kokopo, recently conducted a brief survey through the area, which at this atage indicated the Pro-Account people to be unanimously anti-Council.

4. You should hold full discussions on the local situation pertaining in these islands with Mr. H.R. Dickinson at Kokopo so that you are fully aware of past and recent events in the area.

5. You should make arrangements for your party as follows:

- (a) Arrange for three (3) members of the Dept. of Police to accompany you.
- (b) Following consultation with Mr. R. Kelly, A.D.C. Rabaul, Sub District Office, takewith you the portable radio A.510 set, and arrange for schedules to be maintained through P. & T. Rabaul. Mr. Fisher of Posts and Telegraphs should be able to assist here.
- (c) Make arrangements through Mr. H. Watt of D.A.S.F. Rabaul to take one fibreglass dinghy and two outboards from the East New Britain pool. Similarly make necessary arrangements for P.O.L. for the outboards.
- (d) Draw necessary patrol stores from S.D.O. Store Kokopo. There are quantities of picks, spades, crow bars and deck spikes there. I suggest you take 30 picks, 30 spades, 2 bars and as many deck spikes as possible. Take also cross cut saws from the store there.
- (e) Draw a patrol advance from S.D.O. Kokopo for \$100.00. Please remember that it is the end of the financial year and you should acquit this year's funds before the end of June.

6. All your correspondence, requests and general communications should be addressed to A.D.C. Kokopo in the first instance, as you will come under his direct control whilst in his Sub-District. Requests for return transport should be directed also to A.D.C. Kokopo.

7. I hope you have a successful trip, and look forward to seeing your report on your return.

(M.J. KELLY)  
 A/District Commissioner  
East New Britain District.



Amount Returned to Store



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



PATROL REPORT

District of EAST NEW BRITAIN Report No. 3-67/68

Patrol Conducted by J.K. NALAU P.O.

Area Patrolled CENTRAL BAININGS CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives ONE MEMBER RP & NGC

Duration—From 4/1/1968 to 16/1/1968

Number of Days 13

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NIL

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 10/12/1965

Medical - 10/1967

Map Reference AS ATTACHED

Objects of Patrol 1. Census Revision 2. Explanatory Actual Mechanics of Voting 3. Road Works 4. Checked attitude of natives towards proposed copper mining. 5. General Administration.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES AND NATIVE AFFAIRS, PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ... £

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

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

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18th March, 1968

The District Commissioner,  
East New Britain District,  
RABAUL.

KOKOPC PATROL 3-67/68

Receipt of the above report and relevant  
comments is acknowledged with thanks.

Mr. Nalau has written a very good report  
and is to be congratulated.

3. The questions of the land between resettle-  
ment blocks and the Warangoi purchase boundary has  
been taken up with Department of Lands officers who  
advise that no decision has yet been made on the use  
of this land. They anticipate no difficulty with these  
Bainings squatters and therefore I recommend no immed-  
iate action.

4. I understand the District Co-ordinating Comm-  
ittee has taken up the question of resettlement on  
Putput Plantation although the price demanded by the  
Mission on an earlier occasion, I believe, was not acc-  
eptable. It would have been interesting to learn of the  
enquiry made by the SINBUM and MARAMBU people was in any  
way prompted by the Mission.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Director

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Sub-District Office,  
KOKOPO.

2nd, January, 1968.

Mr. J. K. Malau,  
Patrol Officer,  
KOKOPO

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS.

Please prepare to carry out a patrol to the Central Bainings  
Census Division commencing 4th January, 1968 for a duration of  
approximately ten days.

The following duties should be carried out by you in the  
course of this patrol:

- (1) Revision of Census in each village.
- (2) Publicise the dates of the forthcoming House of Assembly Elections, emphasizing the actual dates that the election patrol will visit individual villages for polling
- (3) You may explain to villagers and plantation workers South of the River Warangi the actual basic mechanics of voting and exactly what will occur on polling day, but you should not carry out any political education programme work. Note carefully the memorandum L.H.725 of 30th November, 1967, from His Honour The Administrator advising that the political education programme will cease on 25th November, 1967. See Kokopo file 1-2-2 folio 200.
- (4) As you are aware, during October and November there was a team of mining officials from the United States Metals and Refining Company carrying out a mineral survey in the South East section of the Census Division, you should carefully check any local reaction towards this work. See our file 35-9-1.
- (5) Check on work carried out by DADUL hamlet people on the access road from Illugi plantation to their village. You may advise them that I am expecting funds for this project and on receipt of these will make arrangements for an organised effort on this road. The limit of funds will be \$500.00 so that these people should not anticipate anything large scale in the way of earth moving machinery etc.
- (6) Draw \$50.00 in cash advance from Sub-District office here for patrol expenses.
- (7) Check and pay any outstanding N.M.T.A. receipts held for the area you will be visiting.
- (8) Draw adequate stores from the Government Store, Kokopo.
- (9) Arrange with Inspector Reynolds, Kokopo Police Station to take one Police Constable with you.

*M.V. Neal*  
(M.V. Neal.)  
Assistant District Commissioner.

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There is a problem here to be resolved, and after careful  
ment of the type and area of land involved by the Lands  
Department and other authorities, some decision must be reached  
perhaps:-

- (1) Insist on our ownership and evict those Bainings people currently occupying parts of the area in question.
- (2) Permit the Bainings people to occupy the area on a leasehold basis by sub-dividing it.
- (3) Abandon the area as being insignificant and permit Bainings people free use of it all.

I now also attach Mr. Nalau's claim for camping allowance duly certified.

Mr. Nalau has carried out, as usual, a thorough painstaking patrol and has presented an interesting report.



(M.V. Neal.)  
Assistant District Commissioner.

MINUTE: 67-3-17 of 5/3/68.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

A Copy of the above Patrol Report which was conducted by Mr. J. Nalau, Patrol Officer, is forwarded herewith.

The area mentioned in the Patrol Report as being between the existing plantation boundaries and the boundary of the Warangoi Purchase has, to date, been unused and was, until recently unoccupied by the Bainings people. However, the Bainings have now established a hamlet of DADUL on Administration land and are now claiming that the Administration purchased the land only as far as the present plantation boundaries, and that the area between this boundary and the Warangoi Purchase boundary is native land. A soil suitability survey has just been completed on this area, and if the report is favourable, it is the intention of the Lands Department to plan further re-settlement blocks which will be then put up for application. If this eventuates, then undoubtedly we will have a confrontation with the Bainings people, but as the purchase documents are quite implicit, and as the Bainings people have adequate land for their present and future needs, I can see no moral or legal difficulties in the Administration asserting ownership over the area within the boundaries as delineated by the purchase documents.

Mr. Nalau submitted an informative and well constructed Patrol Report, and has carried out efficiently the laid down objectives of the Patrol.

*H.W. West*  
(H.W. WEST)  
District Commissioner  
East New Britain District.

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MVN/IB

Sub-District Office,  
KOKOPO

26th February, 1968.

District Commissioner,  
Department of District Administration,  
RABAU.

KOKOPO D.D.A. PATROL REPORT No. 3 of 1967/68

Please find attached in triplicate copies of Kokopo Patrol Report No. 3 of 1967/68, compiled by Mr. J. Nalau, Patrol Officer.

I am attaching also revised census figures for this new Census Division. Previously the five Coastal Villages were included in the Wide Bay Division, but since the establishment of Pomio into Sub-District status occurred with the division of the Wide Bay Census Division, with part going to Pomio and part remaining with Kokopo, these five villages have been included in the Central Baining's Division.

The situation over the current work being undertaken by Lands Department Officers to re-demarcate the boundary of land purchased from Baining's people in 1958, is causing concern amongst the RIET people.

In retrospect, the whole of the surveying carried out on Warangoi purchase lands appears to have been careless and inaccurate. I understand that at least two patrol officers carried out chain and compass surveys across the line from the Wengmutka to the Momorga River both along different lines through the ~~land~~ and I \* bush. I believe Mr. C. Mathieson, now Surveyor-General, later surveyed yet another line that cut right across the centre of the area purchased. To further confuse the situation, when Lands Department people sub-divided the area into plantations, for some unknown reason they left a large gap between the boundaries of Portions 76 & 79, and the actual boundary of the purchased area. It is hard to imagine what useful purpose was served here, and should at the time have appeared obvious that the Baining's people would ultimately assume that the plantation boundaries were one and the same as the area originally purchased.

Now that efforts are being made to re-establish the original purchase boundary, the Baining's people from Riet are not accepting the apparently "new line" and are insisting that the plantation boundaries are the true marks. Weight is no doubt added to their thinking when they see survey cement markers along the plantation boundaries, and none at all on the line currently being re-determined. One man from Riet Village has been to see me since this patrol moved through the area, asking if the interest money paid out annually to these people was in effect additional land purchase money allowing us then to move the original purchase boundary further into Baining's land each year. This interest money is derived from part of the original purchase money that was invested in Territory Loans by the original vendors.

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KOKOPO SUB DISTRICT OFFICE  
EAST NEW BRITAIN

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KOKOPO PATROL REPORT No 1 - 1967-68.

Patrol Conducted by. Jerry Kasip Malau. P. O.  
Area Patrolled Central Bainings Census Division.  
Personnel Accompanying. One member of R.P. & N.G.C  
Duration of Patrol From 4th to 16th January, 1968.  
Last Patrol to the Area. D.D.A. December, 1965 ?  
P.H.D. SEPTEMBER, 1967.  
D.A.S.F. November, 1967.  
Purposes of Patrol  
1. Census Revision.  
2. Road Works.  
3. Explanatory House of Assembly Election,  
ex patrol instruction.  
4. Checked attitude of natives towards  
proposed Copper Mining.  
5. General Administration.  
Map Reference. As attached

PATROL DIARY

Thursday 4th January, 1968.

Departed office per truck 0930 to ILUGI plantation and proceeded to RIET Village per L/rover - arrived 14.00. Village inspection - Census amended - talks given ex instruction. Camped.

Friday 5th January, 1968.

Departed RIET 0830 to ARAMBUM via DADUL Hamlet, inspected DADUL - ILUGI roads and proceeded to ARUMBUM 1030. Census amended arbitrated several married disputes and minor assault. Talks given ex instruction and proceeded to MARANAGI. Camped.

Saturday 6th January, 1968.

At MARANAGI - Census amended - talks given ex instruction, general village inspection and proceeded to LAMENGI - At LAMENGI, census amended, talks given ex instruction - General discussions.

Sunday 7th January, 1968.

At LAMENGI - Sunday observed.

Monday 8th January, 1968.

Departed LAMENGI to KILIGIA - Census revised - talks given ex instruction - proceeded to SINBUM - census amended - talks given ex instruction and proceeded to MARAMBU. Camped.

Tuesday 9th January, 1968.

At MARAMBU - census amended - talks given ex instruction and proceeded to GAR via LAT River - 7 hours walked. Arrived GAR 1700 Camped.

Wednesday 10th January, 1968.

At GAR - Census amended - talks given ex instruction, and proceeded to MERAI. Camped.

Thursday 11th January, 1968.

At MERAI - census amended - talks given ex instruction - village inspection and proceeded to ILI. Census amended, several divorce cases were arbitrated, and proceeded by canoe to KAPONG - 3 hours traveled by canoe arrived 1500. Census amended - talks given ex instruction and general village inspection. Departed KAPONG per canoe to ILI and then proceeded to MERAI 5 hours travelled.

Friday 12th January, 1968

At MERAI - proceeded to GAR, called at SUMSJM and SARAGAS plantation - talks given ex instruction late in the afternoon and proceeded to GAR. Camped.

Saturday 13th January, 1968

Departed Gar 0800 to LAT - census amended - talks given ex instruction and settled few cases of marriage disputes. Camped.

Sunday 14th January, 1968.

Walked to TALILIS Plantation picked up by Talilis owned L/rover to PUTPUT - met the labourers - talks given ex instruction (PUTPUT, MATALA 1, MATALA #1, and YAMAS) Returned to LAT. Camped.

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PATROL DIARY contd.

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Monday 15th January, 1968.

At LAT visited S D A new site for Aid Post behind Lat village. Visited TALILIS and INDUNA plantations late in the afternoon, gave them talks on the actual mechanics of voting, the dates of polling and the changes in the House 1968. Returned to LAT. Camped.

Tuesday 16th January, 1968.

Departed LAT 0830 per foot to TALILIS picked up by l/rover stopped at KAMBUAU - then proceeded to the mouth of the Warangi River.

Picked up 1430 by l/rover, back to station.

END OF THE PATROL.

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1. INTRODUCTION

This patrol to Central Bainings Census Division was the first patrol over the area that previously was Wide Bay Census Division. Since part of the Wide Bay Census Division was handed over to POMIO. The villages of LAT, GAR, MERAI URAI, ILI, and KARONG are now included in Central Bainings Census Division.

With reference to the patrol instructions, enquiry was made on the attitude of Bainings people towards the proposed copper-mining. There are no signs of reaction from the people to it, and everyone is waiting anxiously to see the work started.

Census for every village was amended and explanation was made in every village and plantation about the actual mechanics of voting, and details of the polling period, changes in the Members of the House was also explained and the reasons for increase in members this election than 1964.

The work done on the DADUL access road was inspected and some N.M.T.A.'s were paid, there are none awaiting payment from the area.

These topics will be dealt with thoroughly under their headings respectively.

2. RECEPTION OF PATROL

The patrol was well accepted throughout its duration the enthusiasm of the people towards the patrol was great as this was the first time they had seen an indigenous patrol officer conducting the census patrol.

No difficulties were experienced in amending the census.

3. VILLAGES.

All the villages visited were clean and tidy with the exception of ILI, the order was given that they must clean up their village as well as getting rid of diseased dog from the village.

The housing is satisfactory, most of the houses are built on the ground using earth as a floor. For the roof they used cane leaves (kanda) or blade grass (kunai) and for the walls they used bamboo blinds, woven coconut leaves, and planks sharpened by hand, from the beach.

4. VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

The Luluais, Tultuls and the other village headsman were found very cooperative during this patrol.

5. POLITICAL SITUATION

During my discussions with the villagers on the actual mechanics of voting, they have told me that they voted in the last House of Assembly election, and they think they will vote well in this one.

I also visited all the plantations in the area and explained to the labourers the principles of voting, the dates of polling for the plantation and the polling places.

Two queries were put forward by the labourers (a) They do not know their ages, and they know that those who are twenty one or above are eligible to vote and (b) that the foreign labourers

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refuse to vote in Tolai's electorate.

These two queries were explained to them that whoever was not quite sure about his age, the best thing to do would be to go to the polling place and the polling officials will help him work out his age. They were also advised that information will also be available for those who are eligible to vote absentee, and that every assistance possible would be given by polling officials if they wanted to vote, as voting was not compulsory.

SOCIAL GROUPING

The Baining people can trace their descent by the clan names. In the particular area, there are three main clans which cover nearly all the Bainings villages. They are MARUP (cassowary) KARUWAITKA (Morning Bird) and KAELGA (Wallaby)

Since all the Bainings are closely related to one another (e.g. three clans for all) this relationship must have some bearing on the systems of ownerships of land. This bearing is that, no Baining owns any particular piece of land, all the land belonging to all the Bainings. That means if inland Bainings sells any land they have to see the coastal Bainings, or if a piece of land sold at coastal Bainings area, the Inland Bainings will also claim payment.

LANGUAGE GROUPING.

There are four languages spoken in the area. The following is a summary showing linguistic boundaries:-

LANGUAGE

- MALI - Maranagi, Lamengi, Kiligia, Sinbum, Masambu, Gar, Merai, Ili, Karong, Sumsum, and the other Baining villages in POMIO and RABAUl areas.
- KAIRAK - Arambum, Riet and Rabaul Baining.
- URAMIT - Arambum, Riet and Rabaul Baining.

There are few people in each of these villages who can speak the four languages.

AGRICULTURE

The staple diet of the area is taro but other foods such as sweet potato, banana and yams are eaten as supplementary foods.

The only cash crops grown in the area are coffee in the Inland Baining and cocoa and coconut along the coastal villages.

Coffee Arambum and Lamengi were the two leading villages in growing coffee, they already have hand machines which remove skins from the beans. Nearly all the villagers own a coffee garden each. The coffee beans are usually sun dried and carried by shoulder 5-10 miles to the D.A.S.F. buying point at Warangoi Settlement. The concentrated planting of coffee in the Baining under the supervision of Dase Officers could become the nucleus of income for the area in future.

Coconut and Cocoa The two crops are grown along the coast, both shared by the Baining and the Sulkas. The cocoa beans are usually sold wet at the nearby plantations. The luluai from LAT has his own fermentry which dries some cocoa for sale. Copra is usually sundried and many people continue to sell the dry nuts.

The South Coast road plan will encourage cocoa and coconut industries in the area.

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9. LIVESTOCK

The only livestock kept by the villagers are fowls and pigs, however they are of native bred types.

10. COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

The inland Central Bainings people are nowhere ready to commence any activities yet, as their income is very limited and also the main problem is the road and communication.

The coastal villages like GAR, LAT and MERAI in a couple of years time will be able to commence some commercial activities as they have planted enough cocoa and coconut. Nearly everyone has a plantation of either cocoa or coconut.

Apart from the three industries mentioned, there is no other industry being encouraged in the area.

11. LANDS.

Lands for gardening and cash crops are plentiful, both in the coastal and inland areas.

At Riet village I was informed by the Lands and Mines Officers, who were there resurveying the Warangoi Settlement boundaries with native lands, that the villager from Riet refused to assist surveyors in the work as they fear other Bainings will blame them that they are the people who showed the surveyors the lands or they are the people who sold the land. These people locally do not acknowledge the boundary being cut now as one and the same as purchased in 1958.

It is very true that Baining people have a lot of land for cash crops yet to be developed, but the only thing that held them back was no roads. Another factor was that they don't like to work on those arable lands near the Warangoi Settlement as they do not like to reside near Tolais. I had pointed out in my previous report to the area (Kokopo Report No. 6 - 66/67).

Sinbum and Maramb people have asked the patrol if the Government would ask Catholic Mission to sell some of the undeveloped land at the back of PUTPUT. This question was raised after the news had reached them of the Governments plan on the South Warangoi road.

I would support the idea very much as this is a means of encouraging economic development in the area. Most of this land can be reached by four wheel drive vehicles if the South Warangoi road is completed.

The system governing the ownership of land in the Bainings is unknown as communal. No Bainings can individually own any piece of land, all the land belongs to all the Bainings. However usufructary right may be given to a man other than a Baining in the case of intermarriage or through friendship (e.g. Sulkas in Bainings Land.)

The Baining people do not agree to the new surveyors lines which include the hamlet of DADUL as they said no surveyor had ever been to that area and the previous line does not include DADUL hamlet. Under the present line boundary survey being carried out the hamlet DADUL is clearly within land that was allegedly purchased in the Warangoi purchase in 1958.

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12. COMPLAINT

All through the patrol, twelve complaints were brought forward, the majority were marriage disputes and a couple were minor assaults a fter an arguement. The two cases of divorce were sent to Kokopo as the marriages were previously performed in the church.

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13. REST HOUSE.

There were thirteen villages visited and there were thirteen rest houses. All the rest houses were in good condition with the exception of LAT which the villagers were requested to pull down and build a new one.

14. HEALTH

The health of the people throughout is fair, although there were a lot of people with skin diseases sighted in the area patrolled.

Apart from the skin diseases, there is no sign of major disease that could be seen. The Health patrol conducted by M.A from BUTUWIN had visited the area a couple of months before this patrol.

There are two Aid Posts in the area, one at MARANAGI and the other at MARAMBU. The S.D.A.Mission from KAMBUBU have already cleared ground there at LAT Village to put up an Aid Post. At present people go to INDUNA and KAMBUBU Aid Post for treatment.

15. EDUCATION.

The closest Administration School to the area is Warangol Primary 'T'School.

The following is the summary showing Mission Schools and their members of enrolments and grades.

<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>GRADES</u>	<u>No ENROLMENT</u>
ARAMBUM	(C.M.) - Prep to IV	100
SINBUM	(M.O.M.) - Std. 1 to 11	30
MARAMBU	(S.D.A.) - Prep to 11	40
MERAI	(C.M.) - Prep to 111	79
Total		249 pupils

The Catholic people usually send their children to MARANAGA for higher education, the S.D.A.'s to KAMBUBU and M.O.M. people to GAULIM Methodist College.

16. ROADS

During the patrol I visited the LUGI-DADUL road with village officials and observed work done on the road. All the trees and bush from both sides have been cleared off with the road exposed to the sun. The only section that was left under the shade is that within the plantation.

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All the village roads and tracks were well maintained during this patrol. In the dry at South Warangoi you can drive beyond SUMSUM plantation on four wheel vehicle, however, the section between TALILIS and SUMSUM still requires a great deal of work on it to make it trafficable.

With the progress done on the South Warangoi road, I would like to congratulate all the plantations and villagers for the amount of work they have put forward to improve this road. All the bush and trees were cleared off of the road and with the help of Administration with a three ton tipper truck, they have gravelled most of the road which is now hard enough to stand up to heavy rain.

17 LABOUR

These people prefer casual labour to Agreement labour. Most of the absentee males 16-45 group are working casually within the district, (23-2). Majority of these were working for the local plantations.

18. CENSUS

The last D.D.A. census patrol to the census Division was on the 10th December, 1965 which is almost 24 months since this one was conducted. The overall increase in population for the last 24 months was 49 plus 687 included now from the old WIDE Bay census Division. The population to December, 1965-

	789
" Birth up to January, 1968	69
" <del>*/I</del> " " " "	858
" N/I " " " "	12
	870
" Deaths " " " "	21
	849
" M/O " " " "	11
	838
Part Wide Bay now included	687
	<u>1525</u>
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The new population figure for the Central Baining's Census Division now 1525 recorded during this patrol.

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