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BOUGAINVILLE DISTRICT

PATROL REPORTS

1969-1970

KUNUA & TINPUTZ

<u>Report No</u>	<u>Officer conducting</u> <u>Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
<u>KUNUA</u>		
1-69-70	S.Gibson	Hahon, Kunua & Keriaka
2-69-70	A.Roadnight	Hahon Census Division
3-69-70	S.Gibson	Keriaka Census Division
<u>TINPUTZ</u>		
1-69-70	R.A.Deverell	Tinputz Coastal Area
2-69-70	R.A.Deverell	Ramazon River Area
3-69-70	R.A.Deverell	Rugen & Rana Plantation, Nam - Kerio and Tsisiko Village



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....BOUGAINVILLE..... Report No.....KUNUA 1-69/70.....

Patrol Conducted by.....S.Gibson, Assistant District Officer.....

Area Patrolled.....HAHON, KUNUA and KERIACA Densus Divisions.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....ADC Hanrahan and DO Barber - 3 days.....

Natives.....143 Sarion - 17 days.....

Duration—From.....3./7./1969..to.21./8./1969.. (Broken)

Number of Days.....20.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....-

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services.....April/1969..

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

Map Reference.....District Map.....

Objects of Patrol.....(a) Determination Council Tax rate (b) Land Investigation
(c) Discussion re proposed Soraken Road (d) Investigations
re Hahalis W.S. (e) Accompany ADC and DO.....

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

21/8/69

[Signature]
.....
District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation \$.....
Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund \$.....
Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund
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67-11-1

21st October, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Bougainville District,
KIETA.

PATROL NO. KUNUA 1/69-70.

Your reference 67-1-4/25-9-69 of 26th September,
1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special
Report by Mr. S. Gibson, A.D.O., to parts HAHON AND ISLANDS,
KUNUA AND KERIACA CENSUS DIVISIONS.

A brief report of quite effective field
work by Mr. Gibson.

The covering comments from the Assistant
District Commissioner, provide a sound summary of the
general situation.

(T.W. ELLIS)

Mr. S. Gibson,
Assistant District Office Department of the Administrator.
Patrol Post,
KUNUA. Bougainville District.

Please note that political education must be a
continuing process in all situations with the emphasis on the
advantages of national unity.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone
Telegrams.....
Our Reference..... 67-1-4
If calling ask for 25-9-69
Mr..... RFH/ca

Department of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
Bougainville District,
KIETA.



26th September, 1969.

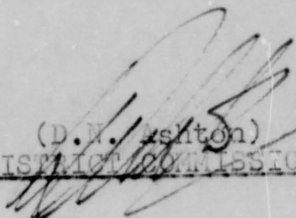
The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

KUNUA P/R 1-69/70 - HAHON, KENIATA
AND KUNUA C/D - S.J. GIBSON A.D.C.

Attached is Patrol Report above with covering comments by A.D.C., Hutjena.

There are no patrol instructions as the patrols were made for special purposes.

The covering comments by the A.D.C., Hutjena cover all matters raised in the brief report which if for no other reason does indicate the commendable mobility of Mr. Gibson throughout his administrative area. Frequent visits, especially to the Hahon area, are necessary to maintain close liaison familiarity with Hahalis activities.


(D.W. Ashton)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

67-2-3

KJH/efd

Sub District Office,
HUTJENA Buka Passage,
Bougainville District.

4th September, 1969

District Commissioner,
District Headquarters,
KIETA Bougainville District.

PATROL REPORT KUNUA No.1-1969/70.
HAHON, KUNUA & KERIACA Census Divisions,
S. GIBSON - Assistant District Officer.

1. I attach original and one copy of the above report, together with claim for camping allowance. I have the following comments:-

2. HAHALIS ACTIVITY

The village of KUNAPOPO in the HAHON area has paid tax to HAHALIS. Some other Hahon villages paid, but the money has since been returned at the people's request. I have instructed Mr. Gibson to pay particular attention to the HAHON. I have also made an Administration tractor and trailer available to the people for carriage of cocoa, roadwork etc. The situation is quiet and the people remain 'on side'. They are anxiously awaiting the commencement of the SORAKIN/KORIPOBI road.

The MAPISI, SIPAI and KERIACA people are all strongly against HAHALIS and threaten violence should the welfare society spokesmen enter their areas.

3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The variations to the constitution of the BUKA Local Government Council, to admit seven (7) new wards from the HAHON and KUNUA census divisions, is now being typed. It should be passed at the October meeting of the Administrator's executive council.

Authority to impose a tax rule has been sought from the Commissioner. The tax rates decided upon for the KUNUA are \$4.00 per male and 50¢ per female.

4. C.R.A.

The reactions of the people to recent incidents at KIETA are:-

- (a) KERIACA - sympathise fairly strongly with the ROROVANA and ARAWA land owners. Object to the use of police in this situation;
- (b) KUNUA - want a large town on Bougainville and want the C.R.A. project to go ahead. No strong feelings about the land resumption;
- (c) HAHON - the utilisation of ARAWA and ROROVANA village land does not effect them and does not concern them. A large town would benefit Bougainville and the copper project should go ahead.

5. ROADS

The KUNUA people have all agreed that no charge will be made for stones, gravel, spalls etc. for road surfacing.

The KERIACA people have requested an allocation of \$2,000 for rural development roads, to keep their feeder

roads open until the main road reaches their area. I support this and will raise the matter at the next District Coordinating committee meeting.

6. MISSIONS

I detected a change in attitude from the missionaries at SIPAI and KURAIIO.

Father BROSNAN is now pro-council and pro-administration, but is having difficulties with the KAVIKI section of his parish. His KUNUA Development company is also receiving strong competition from private traders. There is a rumour that he will be leaving the area after Christmas 1969. In this event the Buka Council and D.A.S.F. should be ready with a plan to fill the vacuum after his departure. I have briefed Mr. ADAMS on this matter.

Father MENTZER still exerts strong control over his agricultural society. He seems more aware of the fact that he needs the Administration, than he used to be. With careful handling, he is a good influence in the area and he has done much to advance the KERIACA people.

7. GENERAL

The situation is quiet and the people are reasonably happy. With the new road going through, and the BUKA Council moving into the area, we have a good opportunity to consolidate our position for good.

Mr. Gibson continues with his active field work and I am very satisfied with his performance at KUNUA.

Forwarded, please.

(K.J. HANRAHAN)
Assistant District Commissioner

INTRODUCTION

This report covers five separate short patrols to the three Census Divisions of the Kunua Administrative area. Each section of the patrol was conducted for a special purpose so a full report plus Situation Report, etc. is not to be submitted.

Part one of the patrol was to the Hahon area and to part of the Kunua Census Division. Only those areas which have nominated to join the BUKA Local Government Council were visited. The Council Tax rate was discussed in these areas.

The second section of the patrol was for the purpose of conducting a Land Purchase Investigation for the HAHON Rural Co-Operative Ltd.

The provision of gravel for the surfacing of the proposed SORAKEN-KORIFOBI road and the question of compensation for cash crops lost during construction of same was discussed during the third part of the patrol, again to the HAHON Census Division.

Part four also concerned this question as it effected those people in the southern KUNUA area and the KERBAKA Census Division.

During the final segment of the patrol, the Writer accompanied the Assistant District Commissioner and Mr. District Officer P.J. Barber to the Kereaka and Kunua areas. No doubt reports by these Officers will adequately cover the matters attended to on that occasion.

Throughout the entire patrol time was taken to investigate the inroads made by the HAHALIS Welfare Society.

PATROL DIARY

3-7-69 By Hazel to TSUN meeting House, Hahon C/D. Discussed tax. Tax meeting having concluded, sat in on General meeting of the HAHON Rural Co-Operative Ltd. Discussion included (i) construction of cocoa firmmentary at KURUR, (ii) construction copra store at BENMAT and (iii) purchase of outboard motor. 1500 to Lalum. pm spoke to Lalum people re HWS and interviewed the HWS 'Spokesmen'. O/Night Lalum.

4-7-69 0730 to Kunapopo. Spoke at length re HWS. To Goton. With Goton and Puto people investigated the extent of the KOSTAWAN leases and clarified the Tsimba-Kostawan boundary. Discussed the HWS activity. 1400 to Uraru Pltn. Brief discussions with Pltn foreman. Returned Lalum. pm discussions with L/L Singawa and Kana of Lalum re HWS. O/Night Lalum.

5-7-69 0800 to Namborosi and spoke there re HWS to those people and Kakapara people. 0930 to Sisiapai by canoe. Discussed tax rate. 1200 to Sipai CM for discussions re HWS with Fr. Brosnan. 1900 further tax discussions with Sisiapai leaders. O/Night Sisiapai.

6-7-69 Observed and O/Night Sisiapai.

7-8-69 an unaited Kerika people - rain. 1930 meeting held

7-7-69 0730 to Kkarai. Spoke to ASATAPAI people re tax rate. Spoke to people from KAVIKI, KIAKARA, BOBOASI, KOSIPAI and MORSILAIE about Local Government in general - they continuing to resist the introduction of LG. 1300 leave Pokarai and arrived Patrol Post 1530.

12-7-69 By speed boat to Puto. With RDO Brierty worked on Admin. tractor.. On to Lalum and arrived 1600. Brief discussions re HWS with L/L and Kana. O/Night Lalum.

13-7-69 Land Purchase Investigation on land known as BENMAT near Nambarosi. pm discussions with Clr. Torova of Sposa re HWS, O/Night Lalum.

14-7-69 Observed and O/Night Lalum.

15-7-69 Attended meeting at TSUN meeting house. D.Mola MHA addressed people re LG, HWS, and other subjects. 1430 by Hazel to TSIPOGE. Collected speed boat and returned Lalum 1800. pm further discussions with Lalum people re HWS. O/Night Lalum.

16-7-69 0700 spoke with L/L re outcome of yesterdays meeting with Mola. 0800 to Saposia and spoke with Clr. Torova. Thence to Patrol Post and arrived 1300.

29-7-69 0700 leave Patrol Post and arrived Lalum 1400. Discussions with CPO Roadknight re HWS. O/Night Lalum.

30-7-69 Held meeting at Tsun meeting house and spoke to Hahon people re gravel for the proposed road and about the loss of cash crops that they may suffer. 1300 attended meeting of the HAHON Rural Co-Operative Ltd. Topic of discussion was the interest the Kunapopo people had taken in the HWS. 1400 returned Lalum. 1430 discussion with RDO Brierty and Clr. Torova. 1500 held two Local Court cases. 1630 re-paid money to Lalum and Nambarosi which they had previously given the HWS. Further HWS discussions with these people. O/Night Lalum.

31-7-69 am by canoe to Kunakomok. Held one Local Court case. 1010 to Patrol Post and arrived 1230.

5-8-59 0720 leave Patrol Post and arrive Sisiapai 0900. 1030 held meeting attended by all southern Kunua people and Fr. Brosnan and discussed the provision of gravel and loss of cash crops during construction of Soraken road. 1200 investigated the activities of all shot gun owners on the area. 1500 to Sipai CM. Discussions with Priest. 2030 returned to Sisiapai. O/Night Sisiapai.

6-8-69 720 leave Sisiapai and arrive Kauna 1245. 1500 discussions with APO Karuaha and L/L Supan regarding minor complaints. 1815 to Kuraio CM. Discussion with Fr. Mentzer. Returned Kauna 2130. O/Night Kauna.

7-8-69 am awaited Keriaka people - rain. 1130 meeting held

and attended by people from all Kereaka villages except Atsilima and Pokuito. Discussion centred on gravel for proposed road and the loss of cash crops during construction. 1400 general discussions. 1600 to Kuraio CM. O/Night Kuraio.

8-8-69 0730 by canoe to Sipai CM thence by foot to Patrol Post and arrived 1100.

19-8-69 am by Hazel to Kuraio with ADC Hanrahan and DO Barber. pm discussions with Fr. Mentzer. O/Night Kuraio.

20-8-69 am ADC and DO addressed Keriaka people re CRA, HWS and proposed Soraken road. 1500 by Hazel to Sisiapai. 1800 with DO Barber to Sipai CM. Discussions with Fr. Brosnan. Returned Sisiapai 2330. O.Night.

21-8-69 am ADC and DO addressed meeting of all southern Kunua people on the subjects of CRA, HWS, soraken road and LG. 1015 by Hazel to Govei thence to Patrol Post where similar meeting was held and attended by people from northern Kunua people.

End of Patrol

(1) COUNCIL TAX RATE - HAHON ANDPART KUNUA

This aspect has been fully reported upon in my 40-1-1 of 8th July, 1969 to the Assistant District Commissioner, Hutjena. At the last meeting of the BUKA L.G.C. it was decided to seek approval to impose a tax of \$4.00 on males and 50c on women in the new Council area. It is suggested that when the area is proclaimed into the Council area and the initial tax collection takes place, part exemptions be issued to those people from ASATAPAI village. People from that village nominated a \$2.00 tax rate for males. It is felt that they could pay \$2.50 or \$3.00 but not \$4.00. As ASATAPAI village is surrounded by "anti-Council" villages it would be unwise to upset them at the outset by imposing a difficult tax rate.

(11) LAND PURCHASE INVESTIGATION

An investigation and survey of an area of land known as "BENMAT" located near Nambarosi village was conducted on 13th July, 1969. The HAHON Rural Co-Operative Ltd. has applied for a Special Lease over this area. The Investigation Report, together with my 35-6-4 of 19th July, 1969 has already been forwarded to the Assistant District Commissioner.

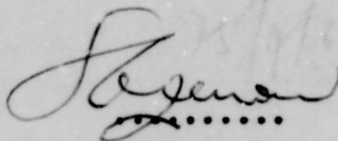
(111) PROPOSED SORAKEN ROAD

The outcomes of the various meetings on the subjects of gravel and other surfacing materials and compensation for cash crops which may be destroyed during construction of the road were contained in my 10-3-1 of 9th August, 1969. Without exception the people agreed to give the Administration any surfacing material it might require. With the exception of

the SISIAPAI group, the people agreed to claim no compensation for any cash crops which may be destroyed. The Sisiapai people, or more correctly, a group of them, stand to lose in the vicinity of 3000 coconuts, mostly mature, if the road follows the standing survey. Father Brosnan suggested an alternate route which would be shorter and which would avoid the necessity to destroy many coconuts. The District Works Engineer is interested in the alternative. This alternate route is the subject of my 10-3-1 of 22nd August, 1969 to the Assistant District Commissioner and an account of it would be redundant if included in this Report.

(iv) HAHALIS WELFARE ACTIVITY

Confidential Intelligence Reports over the last two months have covered all aspects of the Welfare situation. In addition, the Assistant District Commissioner, Hutjena has made a recent visit to the Kunua and Keriaka Census Divisions, and although the Hahon area is the one most effected by the Welfare 'spokesmen' he is familiar with the present situation. A close watch on the Hahon situation is continuing to be kept. A Constable from the Kunua Detachment is to be posted full time to the area and regular visits by the Writer should enable the Administration to keep abreast of attitudes. The majority of the Hahon people understand the Administration's thoughts on the Welfare movement but it is intended to continue spreading anti Welfare propaganda. It is hoped that the early introduction of Local Government, the progress of the Rural Co-Operative, the presence in the area of an Administration tractor to assist the transportation of produce to market and the active spread of anti Hahalis information will continue to keep the Welfare at bay in the Hahon area.



(S. Gibson)

Assistant District Officer

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S. Gibson
Kunua Patrol Post
Bougainville

19/69

To claim for Camping Allowance.

Kunua Patrol No. 1-69/70
Duration 3/7/69 to 21/8/69
No. nights camped out: 15

1.05 15 75

Refer FOJ folios 1 to 21

(Certifications overleaf)

Fifteen 75

15 75

S. Gibson
[Signature]

22/9/69

\$15.75

25/9/69



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of BOUGAINVILLE Report No. ^{KUNUR} 2/ 69-70

Patrol Conducted by A. BOALKNIGHT Cadet Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled HAHON CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans

Natives REG. NO 2399 CONST. GIRU

Duration—From 21/7/1969 to 1/8/1969

Number of Days 12

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services

Medical

Map Reference

- 1) Keep under surveillance the activities of the Hahalis Welfare Society
2) Census revision and routine Administration.

Director of District Administration, PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

27.10.1969

Handwritten signature of District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation \$

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund \$

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

67-1-4

District Headquarters,
Bougainville District,
KIETA.

RFH/ca

24th October, 1969.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

KUNUA P/R No.2 - 1969/70 - HAHON C/D.

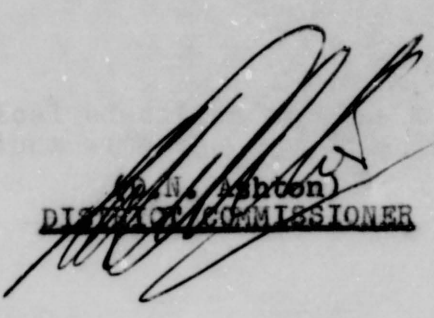
C.P.O. ROADKNIGHT

Attached are :-

1. Patrol Report (in duplicate)
2. Census Statistics
3. Patrol Instructions
4. Patrol Map
5. Covering Comments by O.I.C., KUNUA.
6. Covering Comments by A.D.C., HUTJENA.

Comments on Hahalis Welfare Society activities have been made in previous correspondence. This report is regarded more as formality rather than as a source of information, other than statistics, at this stage.

Mr. Roadknight has left the Kunua area and is now actively engaged in Rural Development activities in the Ramazon River area north of Tinputz.


G. N. Ashton
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

GFB:KA

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Department of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
Bougainville District,

67-11-3

24th October, 1969.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KOROROE.

6th November, 1969.

KUNUA P/R No. 2 - 1969/70 - HAHON S/R.

The District Commissioner,
Bougainville District,
KIETA.

PATROL NO. KUNUA 2/69-70.

Your reference 67-1-4 of 24th October, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report
by Mr. A. Roadknight, A.P.O., to HAHON AND ISLANDS Census
Division.

The patrol appears to have achieved its objects
quite successfully.

At this stage no further comment is required.

This report is regarded more as formality
rather than as a source of information, other
than statistics, at this stage.

Mr. Roadknight has left (T.W. ELLIS)
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activities in the Department of the Administrator.

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Assistant Patrol Officer,
Patrol Post,
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Department of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
Bougainville District,
KIETA.

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24th October, 1969.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEBOBU.

KUNUA P/A No. 2 - 1969/70 - MAHON C/D.

C.P.O. ROADKNIGHT

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DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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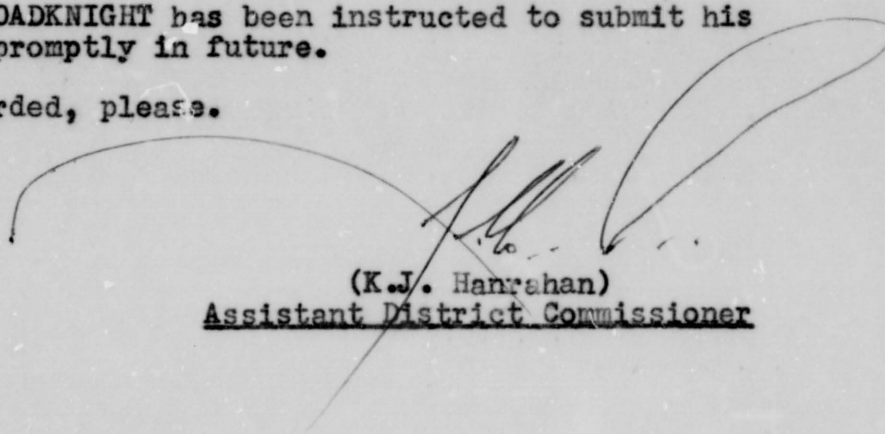
Sub District Office,
HUTJENA,
Bougainville District.

13th October, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
District Headquarters,
KIETA Bougainville.

PATROL REPORT KUNUA NO. 2 - 1969/70
HAHON Census Division
C.P.O. ROADKNIGHT

1. I attach original and one copy on the above report of a special patrol to the HAHON Census Division. I also attach patrol map and two copies of census statistics.
2. The HAHON census division is expected to be incorporated into the BUKA Local Government Council by proclamation in November, 1969. The Council has programmed a progressive list of projects for its first year of operation in this area.
3. In addition, P.W.D. will soon commence the construction of the SORAKEN/KORIPOBI road. Work will commence in the HAHON Census Division.
4. The intrusion of the HAHALIS Welfare Society into the HAHON has been successfully countered.
5. Mr. ROADKNIGHT has been instructed to submit his reports more promptly in future.
6. Forwarded, please.


(K.J. Hanrahan)
Assistant District Commissioner

67-1-1

Patrol Post,
KUNUA

6th October, 1969

The Assistant District Commissioner,
HITJENA.


KUNUA PATROL REPORT 2-69/70

Four copies of the above together with claim for Camping Allowance are attached herewith.

2. The patrol was mounted during the KANALIS Welfare Society's infiltration to the northern HAHON area and was designed to keep a watch on the movements of the various 'spokesmen'.

3. This report is now a mere formality. Confidential intelligence reports during July and August kept you in touch with the Welfare's activities.

4. The late submission of this report is regretted. It is hoped that Mr. Rendknight will be more prompt in submitting Patrol Reports in future.


S. Gibson

Assistant District Officer

(4)

INTRODUCTION

This patrol was conducted in the Hahon Census Division. The main purpose of the patrol was to keep under surveillance the activities of the Hahalis Welfare Society in this area, especially in the northern villages.

The opportunity was also taken to revise the Census and to attend to any routine Administration matters.

The patrol was a "special" patrol and is being reported on as per the Director's 67-1-0 of 21/6/68 para.5.

PATROL DIARY

- 21/7/69 Departed Kunua 1030 arrived Lalum 1230. Spoke with the luluais' at Lalum and Nambarosi, also Mataviseana regarding the Welfare activities. Returned Lalum 1700. Slept Lalum.
- 22/7/69 Meeting held at Kunapopo addressed by MHA Donatus Mola. Did not attend at the suggestion of the ADO. To Tsimba CM. Returned Lalum 1330. Spoke with various people regarding outcome of the meeting. Refer FOJ folio 36. Slept Lalum.
- 23/7/69 Census revised at Matitsora and statistics compiled. Slept Lalum.
- 24/7/69 Census revised at Kunapopo. Short talk given to the people explaining the implications involved if they join the Welfare. Statistics compiled, Spoke with Luluai Buatova re the Welfare; FOJ folio 37 para 236. Slept Lalum.
- 25/7/69 Day spent in rest house ; galeforce rain and wind all day. Slept Lalum.
- 26/7/69
- 27/7/69 Observed Tsimba CM
- 28/7/69 Census revised at Nambarosi and Kakapara and Lalum.
- 29/7/69 Census revised at Goton, Puto and Rukussia. Discussions with villagers regarding the Welfare. Returned Lalum and continued with compilation of Census statistics. Slept Lalum.
- 30/7/69 departed 0930 for Buka arrived 1200. Reported to the ADC activities of the Welfare during the last week and collected \$540.00 that had been recovered from the Welfare for repayment to various villages. Returned Lalum 1530. Attended Local Court sitting at Lalum conducted by the ADO. Money repaid to the villagers . Slept Lalum.
- 31/7/69 Departed Lalum 0815 for Kunakomok arrived 0930. Local court held at Kunakomok. Census revised at Kunakomok and Kurur. Census statistics compiled. General discussions with villagers regarding Hahalis Welfare and Councils. Slept Kunakomok.
- 1/8/69 Departed Kunakomok 0800 for Petspets arrived 0930. Census revised . General discussions; as with the people from Kunakomok and Kurur , the people here are anti-Welfare , pro- council, and very keen to commence on their own council. Departed PetsPets 1230 arrived Patrol Post 1455.

End of Patrol.

THE HAHALIS WELFARE SOCIETY

All relevant details concerning the recent upsurge in the Hahalis Welfare activities in the Hahon area have been forwarded as intelligence reports; refer IR's 8/7/69, 14/7/69, and 16/7/69. Futher details are contained in my FOJ folio's no. 35-38 paragraphs 233-236 and folio's 39-41 paragraphs 239-242, any futher elaboration on these points would only be redundant.

The only information to be added is that \$540.00 has been recovered from the Welfare Society and repaid to various villagers ; Kunapopo \$20.00 , Lalum \$340.00 , and Nambarosi \$180.00. At present Kunapopo still remains pro- Welfare and all the other villages concerned are again; on the surface , pro - council.

CENSUS

The Census of the entire Hahon Division was revised including the village of Matitsora. The figures for Matitsora have been included but as it has not yet been confirmed wether Matitsora is to become part of the Hahon Census Division; refer Patrol reports 3/68-69, correspondence 67-1-1 of 15/8/68, 14-1-1 of 17/7/69, the figures have not been included in the overall totals or percentages.

Three men; two from Kunapopo and one from Puto, failed to appear for the Census and were subsequently charged under section 113 of the N.A.R and found guilty at a Local Court sitting.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion it can be said that the Hahalis Welfare Society no longer seems to be a real threat in the Hahon. The people; even though they accept Local Government Council, still do not seem to have grasped the full significance of benefits that can be obtained through their own council. This is natural as Local Government Council is a completely new concept to them and this prehaps explains their susceptibility to the Welfare's loquacity and overwhelming promises.

Once the people are actively and directly concerned in establishing their own council their confidence and support of Local Government Council should be regained. The writer was frequently approached and asked " when is it going to start ".

A. Roadknight
CAPT. PATROL OFFICER

ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Census Statistics
- 2) Map
- 3) Claim for camping allowance

67-1-1

Patrol Post,
KUNUA.

19th July, 1969

Mr. A. Roadknight,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
KUNUA.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS - KUNUA PATROL No. 2/69-70

Please prepare to depart for a patrol to the HAHON Census Division on 21st July, 1969.

2. You are to remain in the Hahon area for two weeks with the intent of keeping a close watch on the activities of those Hahon and other people who have recently joined the HAHALIS Welfare Society. As the villages in the northern half of the Census Division are the ones most concerned, I suggest you reside at the LALUM rest house. It is essential, however, that you move around the other Hahon villages and it is imperative that should the Welfare "spokesmen" start operating in that particular area, that you report immediately either to myself or the Assistant District Commissioner.

3. The Assistant District Commissioner has especially requested that a look-out be kept for information which could substantiate a charge, eg. the spreading of false reports, being laid against any of the HAHALIS supporters. Please keep this in mind at all times.

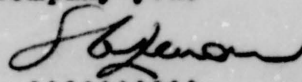
4. Please revise the census of the HAHON Census Division. Utilise the new forms as these will come in handy when the HAHON people join the BUKA L.G.C.

5. Trading Licences were due for renewal on 1st July, 1969. Please check these in all villages. Also, any CSB Passbooks that are due for the entry of interest should be collected.

6. You should make no attempt whatever to settle any complaints which may be brought to you for arbitration. These must be referred to this Office.

7. As I will be in the Keriaka area, I suggest you go to Hutjena after a week in the HAHON and report to Mr. Hanrahan. Make an attempt to return the same day.

8. 2399 Constable GIRU will accompany you.


.....
(S.Gibson) A.D.O.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of BOUGAINVILLE Report No. ^{KUNUA} 3/69.70

Patrol Conducted by S. Gibson, Assistant District Officer

Area Patrolled KERIAKA Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 1377 Saurako

Duration—From 20/10/1969 to 30/10/1969

Number of Days 11

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services August 1969 (part)

Medical (Malaria) 10/1969

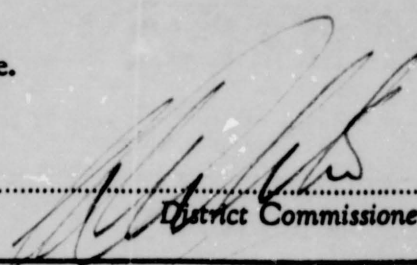
Map Reference District Map

Objects of Patrol (a) Routine Administration (b) Census

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

2, 1, 1970


District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation \$.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund \$.....

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

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67-1-4

DBM/ca

District Headquarters,
Bougainville District,
P.O. Box 33,
KIETA.

30th December, 1969.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

KUNUA PATROL No. 3 - 1969/70

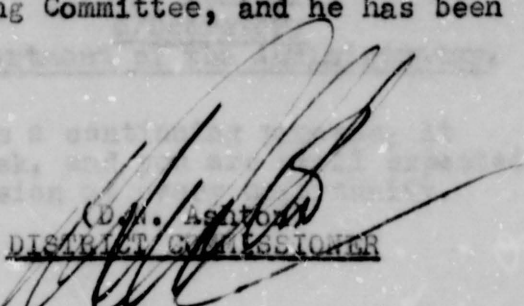
KERIAKA DIVISION

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D. N. Ashton
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Department of District Administration
67-11-3
Division of District Administration,
Konedobu.

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
29th January, 1970.

District Commissioner,
Bougainville District,
K I E T A.

PATROL NO. KUNUA 3/69-70:

Your reference is 67-1-4 of 30th December, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Census and Situation Report by Mr. S. Gibson, Assistant District Officer, to KERIAKA Census Division.

The covering comments adequately cover the matters arising from this patrol. The report contains a lot of worthwhile information; and Mr. Gibson's approach to the problems of the area, appears sound.

c. Mr. S. Gibson,
Sub-District Office,
HUTJENA,
Bougainville District.

(S.J. Pearsall)
a/Secretary
Department of the Administrator.

Whilst political education is a continuing process, it is becoming a more specialised task, and you are still expected to participate fully in its extension at every opportunity.

The proposal to provide... is not favoured. The people of this area are opposed to local government councils and it would be desirable to give them roadmaking materials... at the expense of people... Should we do this? The Government... consideration...
It certainly does not sound like an... proposition to collect... at HAVINA, since it is... and... ship to... May negotiate the... and... if you... have to?

67-11-8 (10)



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



Telephone
Telegrams.....
Our Reference..... 67-1-4
If calling ask for
Mr..... DBM/ca

Department of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
Bougainville District,
P.O. Box 33,
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30th December, 1969.

The Secretary,
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DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

5. The Kuraio mission society has been asked to provide a number of spades for roadwork. The cost of the spades and transport. The cost of the spades and transport. The cost of the spades and transport.

6. It certainly does not sound like an economic proposition to collect produce at KIETA, send it to KIETA and then ship to HAWAII. Why negotiate the KIETA market if you don't have to?

67-2-3

KJH/efd

Sub District Office,
HUTJENA,
Bougainville District.

3rd December, 1969.

District Commissioner,
District Headquarters,
KIETA Bougainville.

PATROL REPORT KUNUA NO. 3-1969/70
Mr S. Gibson, Assistant District Officer,
KERIAKA CENSUS DIVISION.

1. I attach original and one copy of the above report.
I have the following comments.

2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The KERIAKA Census Division was not visited during the Local Government survey of April, 1969 nor was it included in the amendment to the BUKA Council area. My officers have made no mention of Local Government to the people of this area since July, 1968. The matter of a council for the KERIAKA area is dormant until such time that there is evidence of a change of feeling from the people themselves.

3. Sub-District staff will now concentrate on the HAHON and NORTH KUNUA areas, towards the successful launching of the BUKA council and prompt completion of capital works programme. In this regard, the council has already provided a tractor, trailer and scraper for roadwork in the SISIAPAI/ABATAPAI section and also a 10,000 gallon steel tank for LAJUM village. A steel suspension bridge is planned for MAPISI.

4. The suggestion that the collapse of the Catholic Mission KUNUA Development Company was directly attributable to the introduction of local government is without foundation and misleading. The company was well on the way to disintegration due to the two irreconcilable factors within it (SISIAPAI and KAVIKI), before local government was thought of. The sudden and unheralded departure of the priest-in-charge was the "coup de grace", so to speak.

5. ECONOMIC SITUATION

The KURAI0 mission society purchases cocoa under a decided disadvantage in that members must accept a lower price (4¢) for wet bean than normal (7¢) in order to repay the cost of the drier and fermentary. The overtures of private traders such as WONG YOU and PETER HUNTER are easy to accept. The society will just have to compete with such competition.

6. It certainly does not sound like an economic proposition to collect produce at KAVIKI, canoe it to KURAI0 and then ship to RABAUL. Why negotiate the KURAI0 surf landing if you don't have to?

ROADS

7. As the main west coast BOUGAINVILLE road will not reach the KERIAKA area for some considerable time, your assistance is requested please in supplying 200 shovels from District Road Maintenance, as requested by Mr. GIBSON. In this modern day and age, if people are still willing to work for nothing, then we should assist where possible.

MISSIONS

8. As Mr. Gibson says, the report reads like a biography of Father MENTZER. If we are able to have a logical and practical commentary on KERIAKA affairs, this is unavoidable. Fr. Mentzer operates on three basic assumptions:-

- (a) all native people are cult prone and can succumb to this at any time;
- (b) this latent force must be harnessed by psychological indoctrination, concentrating on the three main themes - self-pity, pride and greed;
- (c) the power thus harnessed is then channeled into cash cropping and the church.

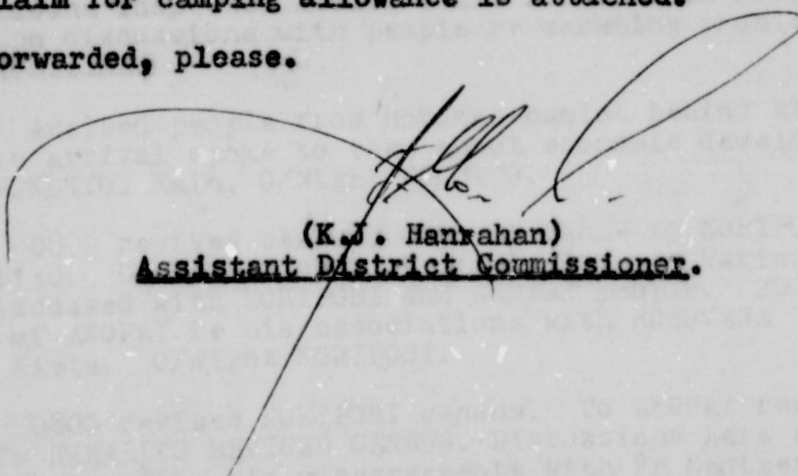
9. He has built up an isolated, closely-knit community, of which he is by far the dominant power. The main factor to be observed, in my mind, is that whilst he may not be 100% for our policies, he is certainly not against us. The work he is encouraging the KERIAKA people to do must ultimately benefit them. With a large mining town starting up just across the range, the days of KERIAKA isolation are numbered. I am pleased to see that Mr. Gibson is on a good, working relationship with Fr. Mentzer.

GENERAL

10. Mr. GIBSON has submitted a very informative report which should put you adequately in the picture. I would like to see this officer posted back to KUNUA after his leave expires in April 1970.

11. Claim for camping allowance is attached.

Forwarded, please.


(K.J. Hankahan)
Assistant District Commissioner.

(7)

INTRODUCTION

The KERIACA Census Division has been particularly well patrolled by Officers of this Department during the last ten months. Three patrols of the complete Census Division and one of part of the Census Division have been mounted from KUNUA PATROL POST and another of the entire KUNUA Administrative area was conducted by Mr. District Officer Barber. The Assistant District Commissioner, Hutjena visited Kuraito in August, 1969 and held a meeting attended by representatives of the Census Division.

This particular patrol was of a routine nature. Encouragement was given to economic development in all villages; political education was incorporated in discussion with village groups; the census was revised.

The overall situation in this Census Division remains very much the same as was the case ten months ago. The KURAITO Mission Society continues to dominate the local scene. The Priest at KURAITO, Fr Mentzer, continues to retain a tight hold on Keriaka affairs. From the Patrolling Officer's point of view there is still that feeling of being something of an intruder while moving through the area.

One thing that had not been noted during previous patrols was the degree of awareness of current events on the east coast of the Island. Radios are becoming increasingly common and men are regularly coming and going from jobs with C.R.A. It was thought that the Keriaka had only a vague appreciation of goings on near Kieta. In fact, they have quite a detailed appreciation. No controversial statements were made in this regard and the matter is mentioned only because it rather surprised the Writer to think that so much had been comprehended.

PATROL DIARY

20.10.69 pm by Hazel to Torokina. Arrived 1930. Overnight.

21.10.69 0450 leave Torokina and arrive ATSILIMA 0630. With Dr. Pangkatana inspected ATSILIMA Aid Post. 0900 revised census. pm discussions with people re marketing problems. 0/Night ATSILIMA.

22.10.69 Awaited people from Rotokas hamlet behind ATSILIMA. Upon their arrival spoke to them about economic development. 1445 to POKUITO. Rain. 0/Night POKUITO.

23.10.69 0800 revised census. 0930 by canoe to KORIPOBI. Arrived 1130. Conversation with L/L Paulo. pm various topics discussed with KORIPOBI and AKOPAI people. 2000 with Kireriri of AKOPAI re his associations with ROROVANA No.2 village, Kieta. 0/Night KORIPOBI.

24.10.69 0800 revised KORIPOBI census. To AKOPAI revised census. To KARALITU REVISED CENSUS. Discussions here with L/L Supan regarding his disagreements with Fr Mentzer and other Society leaders. Returned KORIPOBI 1715. 0/Night KORIPOBI

25.10.69 0810 leave KORIPOBI and arrived KURAITO CM 0930. Extensive talks there with Fr Mentzer. 1500 on to KAUNA. Brief conversation with V/Cs. 0/Night KAUNA.

26.10.69 Sunday. am general conversation with TT Disin. pm revised KAUNA census. 1700 discussion with people re proposed SORAKEN road. 1730 to KURAIU CM for dinner. Returned KAUNA 2230. O/Night KAUNA.

27.10.69 0730 to SIWONAPATEI. Census revision and talks with people. To KAUBATEI. Arrived 1200. pm revised census of KAUBATEI and AUKEI. Discussed SORAKEN road and other general topics with these people. O/Night KAUBATEI.

28.10.69 0735 leave KAUBATEI and arrived AMUN 0920. Revised census and settled minor complaints out of court. 1120 to BETERAIO. Arrived 1300. Revised census. Lengthy discussions about the local UPEI custom. O/Night BETERAIO.

29.10.69 0735 leave BETERAIO and arrived ASATAPAI 1015. Held a meeting there and discussed the forthcoming LG elections, UPEI activity and the position of the KONUA Development Co. 1310 leave ASATAPAI and arrive KAVIKI R/H 1410. With some KAVIKI leaders, spoke about the collapse of the KONUA Dev.Co. and the upsurge in UPEI interest. O/Night KAVIKI.

30/10/69 0730 leave KAVIKI and arrive SIPAI CM 0900. Met Mr.J.Deboer and made further investigations regarding the Konua Dev.Co. Thence to Patrol Post and arrived 1140.

End of Patrol

SITUATION REPORT

1. POLITICAL

(a) General

Comprehensive reports by Mr. Barber are relatively recent and as there has been no significant alteration in the political situation since, it would be pointless to report at length here.

(b) Local Government

Upon Mr. Barber's suggestion, this was not discussed with Local People at all. Fr Mentzer, however, had quite a lot to say on the subject. In brief, he said that the collapse of the KONUA Development Company in the KUNUA Census Division was partly the result of the intention to introduce Local Government to that area. He said that the split that occurred in that area over the question of Local Government carried over into Company affairs. When there was friction within the Company, Fr BROSNAN lost interest and left the area. Upon his departure, the Company folded up. Fr Mentzer said that if a Local Government plebiscite was staged in the Keriaka, some people would probably say 'Yes' and the remainder, 'No'. Then a split as in the Kunua area would occur and the Kuraiu Society would fold up. Mentzer said that Local Government was the peoples' concern, but that if they asked his views on the matter, he would feel obliged to dissuade them. The Keriaka are simply not ready for Councils, he said. It is possible that Mentzer's theory is correct and that upon the introduction of Local Government the Society would disintegrate. It can be rest assured, however, that Mentzer will be using the Kunua incident to strengthen his argument against a Council for his parish.

Although Local Government was not discussed openly (and, what is more, no questions were asked of the patrol), the odd individual did make fleeting references to the fact that the HAHON and some KUNUA people were about to enter the BUKA L.G.C. An impression of complete indifference was conveyed by these individuals - if the Hahon and Kunua want Local Government then that is completely up to them and it will have no effect upon the Keriaka area.

(c) The Kuraio Mission Society

The Mission Society is of political importance in the Keriaka area. Its Committeemen are the leading figures in the area and most village affairs are handled and dictated by the needs of the Society. Although Fr Mentzer endeavours by what he calls "psychological indoctrination" to develop the area economically and to promote a high degree of "social responsibility", he has also probably unconsciously established a small but definite political unit. To the Keriaka, the Society is the "establishment". So long as the people think that they are getting a fair deal as regards prices for produce and so long as they feel that their general standards of living are improving, the Society can be said to be effective. While it is effective it is a political unit which will be respected by its members. At the moment the Society shows no signs of disintegration. What could eventually cause the Society to stumble is a possible resentment by the people for the iron handed rule which Fr Mentzer exercises.

(d) House of Assembly Member

Mr. Donatus Mola M.H.A. has not visited this Census Division since before his election. It is felt that Mola's performance is being gauged by the progress being made with the proposed SORAKEN road. To date there has been nil apparent progress (ie apparent to the Keriaka) and it is felt that Mola's popularity has suffered accordingly.

2. ECONOMIC

(a) KURAIIO MISSION SOCIETY

The Society's main function is the purchase of wet cocoa beans from local growers (at a rate of 2c per lb.), the drying of this at Kuraio and the sale of dry cocoa to Rabaul buyers. Copra is also purchased from the local people but this is only done in small quantities (about 30 tons a year). The Society presently sells between eight and ten tons of dry cocoa per month. It is understood, however, that most of this is reject cocoa.

The Society purchases the greater proportion of Keriaka cocoa. Of late private traders have ventured into the area (ie. Wong You, Justin Szeto and more laterly Mr. P. Hunter). These traders have tested the Society and Fr Mentzer alleges that during Wong You's initial cocoa purchasing campaign in June, 1969, the Society was in real danger of collapse. The northernmost Keriaka villages continue to sell some cocoa and copra to Wong You, despite Fr Mentzer's extreme displeasure. They say that they deal with Wong You because by having his Clerk coming into the area to purchase produce, they are able to secure trade goods for their village stores at reasonable prices and in reasonable variety. The Kuraio Mission store provides a poor service both from the point of view of prices and varieties available. Now that these people have access to more money their tastes in trade goods are emerging from the

'rice and tinned fish' field to more expensive and sophisticated commodities ie. clothing, radios, bicycles. For some reason the Kuraio store is not catering for these tastes. In a way this is strengthening the Chinese position.

In the overall economic sense, the Society is, despite outside attempts to gain a foothold, still a strong body. The dissatisfaction in the northernmost villages and at KARALITU WITH the Mission trade store and at ATSILIMA, over a poor cocoa purchasing service, is of comparatively minor importance. At the same time it would be true to state that the Keriaka are realising more and more that they are not as dependant upon the Society as Fr Mentzer will have them believe. Fr Mentzer is always quick to censure village groups and individuals for what he believes to be their disobedience. Such things as tipping wet cocoa beans onto the ground after village people had it sacked and ready for sale to WongyOuy; and public tirades directed at individuals who for example buy trade goods from private traders, do have the required immediate effect, but the overall result can hardly be expected to benefit either the Society or Fr Mentzer himself. It is obvious that more and more people are resenting the iron rule exerted by Mentzer. These people probably realise that to disrupt the 'system' too often is unwise at this stage and in any case, they lack support.

(b) ROADS

Apart from handling the present cocoa flush, the Society is devoting considerable time and effort to the improvement of roads in the area. Fr Mentzer fears that the proposed SORAKEN-KORIPOBI road will probably not eventuate and he has the people thinking that if they do not improve the roads, nobody else will. The idea is for the Society's 6x6 Isuzu truck to be able to use as much of the existing road network as possible, for the collection of village produce. With the roads as they are, this vehicle cannot leave the Kuraio Station. Work is now underway to upgrade the roads in the immediate Kuraio area. Mentzer says that to upgrade the road between BETERAIO and KORIPOBI the Society is prepared to pay \$4000.00 for fuel alone.

The Society is also in the process of building a small cocoa firmentary and drier at REREPAIS which is located to the south between POKUITO and ATSILIMA. The formidable limestone barrier between KORIPOBI and POKUITO prevents a road link to the north and the overall plan is to link the Keriaka villages of POKUITO and ATSILIMA with TOROKINA. The immediate plan, however, is to link POKUITO, ATSILIMA and the hamlet of KORO with the REREPAIS cocoa drier. Mentzer has promised the people a tractor to work out from RERPAIS. A road between POKUITO and ATSILIMA is already clear and the people are working three weeks in every six to extend it to KORO. A tractor will be able to negotiate the creek crossings between the two villages but a bridge of about 40 feet will be necessary on the ATSILIMA-KORO stretch. With the completion of the REREPAIS drier and the instalation of a store, all cocoa and copra from this southern area will be directed there and then taken by the Society canoe to Kuraio. This latter operation will be wholly dependent upon weather.

As roadwork is presently rather fashionable in the Keriaka area, people from all villages asked that assistance be given by the Administration in the way of shovels. Although the District Commissioner has said that Rural Development funds will not be

spent in non Council areas, it is felt that consideration could be given to the supply of 200 shovels to assist with these worthwhile projects in the Keriaka area. The total cost would be \$224.00 plus freight.

People from villages north of Kuraio again asked the patrol about the SORAKEN Road project. They were under the impression that work would have commenced by this.

(c) Activity of Development Departments

A DASF Fieldworker makes periodic visits to the Keriaka Census Division. This is the only DASF activity in the area. Fr Mentzer is still anxious to "go it alone" and for the sake of cordial Administration-Mission relationships it is perhaps just as well that no more DASF work is attempted. Mentzer confided that a very large proportion of the cocoa sold by the Society to Rbaaul buyers is reject cocoa. He blames the local people because he believes they damage the wet beans before bringing them to the drier. It is felt that he has overlooked the possibility that perhaps his drying techniques could be improved. It is obvious that DASF advice would be of considerable benefit to the Society, however, Mentzer remains very critical of the Department. Forever changing policy and inexperienced Officers form the basis of his complaints.

3. SOCIAL

(a) ROKOKAS HAMLET - BILAKOPA

A visit was not made to this hamlet during the patrol, however, the village men were seen during the patrol's stay at APTSILIMA. Since February, 1969 when they were first visited, these people have begun planting cocoa in an area immediately behind APTSILIMA. They are utilising land which belongs to them. They have adopted a plan whereby they work for three weeks out of six on the coast with their cash crops and the other three weeks at BILAKOPA attending to their gardens, etc. The BILAKOPA people asked the patrol for a supply of shovels, axes and knives to enable them to clear an area for the planting of coconuts. Under the circumstances this is a reasonable request and if funds allow it, these items will be ordered and dispatched in due course.

(b) HEALTH

The standard of health in the Keriaka area is good. The incidence of the skin complaint 'grille' continues to be very high. Requests have been made to PHD, Sohano for additional supplies of 'grille lotion' and although these have been sent from time to time their quantities have been insufficient to have had any marked effect. It seems strange that the complaint does not worry the Keriaka people.

Dr. Pangkatana, DMO, Sohano visited two of the three Aid Posts during October, 1969. It is understood that he was quite pleased with both the state of the Aid Posts and the APOs work.

Kuraio Mission Infant Welfare nurses continue their visits to all villages except POKUITO and APTSILIMA.

(c) EDUCATION

The Catholic Mission Primary T Schools at REREPAIS and KAUBATEI are now closed - the former during 1968 and the latter early this year. The AKOPAI United Church school is also a thing of the past. The Kuraio Primary T School is well attended, however, it is understood from the Teacher-in-Charge, Kunua PTS who marked Standard VI examination papers in October, 1969, that the Standard VI standard is poor. Actual results are as yet unknown. There are no Keriaka children at the Kunua PTS this year.

(d) LAW AND ORDER

It was assumed during an earlier patrol to this Census Division that most breaches of the law are settled at the village level or, failing this at the Kuraio Mission Station. It has since been discovered that this is very much the case. Indeed, only those complaints which defy settlement at (a) the village level and then (b) the 'Priest's hearing', reach the Patrolling Officer. It is still very much the fashion for a grieved party to say nothing to a Patrolling Officer for fear of village reprisals or because the matter has not yet had a hearing at the village level.

(e) MISSIONS

KURAIIO C.M. is the geographic, economic and political centre of the Keriaka Census Division. It is also the spiritual centre but spiritual matters at Kuraio appear to be pushed very much into the background. Fr Mentzer sees his role in economic development as an integral part of his spiritual duties. He would not agree that his preoccupation with economic matters is greater than his concern for matters pertaining to the Church, however, it is felt that this is in fact the case.

Fr Mentzer is the supreme pessimist. His views on the Hahalis Welfare Society, the political future of Bougainville and the Territory as a whole and the Administration's handling of C.R.A. affairs are singularly boring and he appears incapable of discussing anything else. (His views on these matters are 'ancient history' and will not be mentioned again here.) Another of Mentzer's pet topics of conversation is the KUNUA 'Upei' Cult. This, he says, is pagan, cargo cult orientated and time wasting for those young men involved. During the last three months he has directed an anti Upei campaign in his parish. He has been successful in that all Keriaka Upeis have been removed - a lot of the young men concerned have left the area and are working at URARU Plantation. The Upei Cult is strong in the KOSIPAI area of the KUNUA Census Division and Mentzer fears that it could again extend into his parish at a moment's notice. Mentzer is presently spending some time worrying about the possibility.

Mention should be made here of Mentzer's aspirations in the KUNUA Census Division. With the collapse (at least for six months) of the Konua Development Company Mentzer is understandably more intent than ever that his Society should thrive and not be prone to native criticism. To this end, he is anxious to create a favourable impression in that part of the Kunua area which (a) proved so difficult for Fr Brosnan to handle and (b) is closest to and often effects situations in his own sphere of influence. Mentzer has made feelers to the KAVIKI group, offering to purchase their copra and cocoa at the beach hamlet of POKARAI. Having been purchased, produce would then

be taken by canoe to Kuraio. It is not clear whether the intention is to incorporate KAVIKI in the Kuraio Society or whether it is to have KAVIKI proceeds going into the KONUA Development Co's account in order to keep that Company 'alive'. Mentzer is anxious to have the services of the SIPAI 6x6 Isuzu truck or at least that it should not leave the NW coast area, so either of the above intentions are possibilities. Developments in this regard will be watched with interest. During the patrol a night was spent at KAVIKI but at that stage the people had not had a chance to really consider Fr Mentzer's proposal and or motives.

The above may sound like a personal vendetta against Fr Mentzer. In actual fact a worthwhile relationship has developed in recent months between Fr Mentzer and the Writer. It is felt too, that the local people are aware of this association and in view of past 'Kiap'-Mission relationships in the Keriaka Census Division, this is a very pleasing and satisfying note.

4. MISCELLANEOUS

(a) Keriaka Demarcation Committee

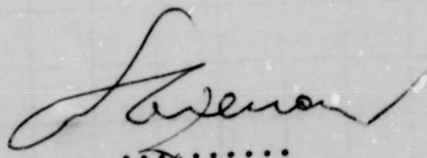
The patrol was assured by Demarcation Committee Chairman COSMOS LADIBAIDI of KARALITU that demarcation work is progressing satisfactorily. COSMOS receives co-operation from the people who from all accounts are happy with the work being done. In 1970 COSMOS is to be transferred to an east coast Mission school. This will leave the Committee Chairmanship vacant. COSMOS has been advised to hold a meeting of Keriaka people with the idea of finding a replacement Chairman. Assuming that the replacement is of good character and is approved of by the Land Titles Commissioner in Rabaul it was suggested that he work in conjunction with COSMOS so that he will be capable of taking over this work.

(b) Census

A revision of the census was conducted. Village Population Register forms are attached as Appendix A. No significant trends are apparent.

LIST OF APPENDICES

- (i) Village Population Register
- (ii) Patrol Map



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