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PATROL REPORTS BOUGAINVILLE DISTRICT 1966-67

KIETA

<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of BOUGAINVILLE Report No. 2 of 1966-67.

Patrol Conducted by J.R. BULLOCK C.P.O.

Area Patrolled ROKOKAS CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives Const. A/c MATUI R.P. & N.G.C.

Duration—From 12 / 9 / 1966 to 27 / 9 / 1966

Number of Days 16 days.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

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

Medical 25 / 1 / 1966

Map Reference BOUGAINVILLE NORTH FOURMIL

Objects of Patrol Annual General Meetings in each Villages.

Revision of Census and general administration, and organization of Demarcation Committee.

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

2 / 11 / 1966

*[Signature]*  
District Commissioner -5

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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-13	Over 13	Females in Child Birth
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67-11-9

15th December, 1966.

District Commissioner,  
Bragainville District,  
SOHANO.

WAKUNAI PATROL REPORT NO.2 OF 1966/67.

Receipt is acknowledged of Mr. Bullock's report of his patrol to Rotokaa Census Division. Covering memoranda from the Assistant District Officer Wakunai, Deputy District Commissioner Kieta and yourself are also acknowledged and comments noted.

The Assistant District Officer should not hold up the forwarding of reports because of lack of time to comment. They should be forwarded promptly with a hand written note to say comments will follow. Subsequent patrols to the area, as in this case, can invalidate points raised in a report and so detract from its value.

Mr. Bullock's report is well set out and clearly states the position as he sees it. This is a conflict of opinion between the combined Teop-Tinputz and Wakunai Councils and Mr. Bullock on one side and Mr. Robins and some unidentified people on the other. The Commissioner for Local Government comments on this as follows:

" It is reported that a joint resolution of the Wakunai - Teop Tinputz Councils favours amalgamation, yet the Assistant District Commissioner advises that "not one person is in favour" and he himself opposes the idea.

I would like to know how a plebiscite was conducted and the reasons for opposing amalgamation, (the report does not give reasons) ".

Whilst the map accompanying the report was adequate it is noted that no written patrol instructions were appended, were these issued? Patrol Instructions assist in assessing the field work undertaken in the light of what was expected by the Assistant District Officer and should accompany all such reports.

A good effort by Mr. Bullock who should endeavour to maintain this high standard. Voluntary efforts by the people to improve their lot should be fostered and a patrol conducted as this one apparently was, does help sustain and encourage these efforts.

(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

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sent for all those wishing to work.

**Comments:**

The increase is pleasing.

Would you point out to the A.D.O. that it is essential to have a copy of his patrol instructions with the Patrol Report.

No claim for camping allowance here received.



*P.J. Mollison*  
 (P.J. MOLLISON)  
 DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. The Director,  
 Department of District Administration,  
 KONEDOBUI - PAPUA.

Assistant District Officer,  
 Patrol Post,  
 SAKUNAI - BOUGAINVILLE.

67-1-5

Department of District Administration,  
Bougainville District,  
SOHANO.

December 2nd., 1966.

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

WAKUNAI PATROL REPORT  
No. 2.1966/67

Please thank Mr. J.R. Balleck for his interesting Patrol Report.

Villages: I agree with the A.D.C.'s comments on inspection of villages. A hurried patrol does not accomplish very much. It is also discouraging to the people themselves.

Village Officials:

It may be well worthwhile to spend more time in Balisitoro and find out just what ails this man. There must be some good in him, if he was elected by the people.

Political Situation:

I will discuss the amalgamation of the Councils with the Senior Local Government Officer. My own feeling is, that given time the amalgamation will be accepted by the parties concerned.

Roads and Bridges:

It is pleasing to note the interest that is shown by these people on roads. You might care to discuss further with the A.D.C. his proposal that future feeder road maintenance money should be spent on this road.

Land:

Please endeavour to have the Demarcation Committee finalised.

Health:

I have had this chapter extracted from the report and passed to the District Medical Officer for his information.

Airfields:

An airstrip can only be for the good of the area, and providing the people are willing to go ahead with the work, I feel they should be encouraged to do so.

Agriculture:

This chapter has been extracted and passed to the District Agricultural Officer for his information.

Labour:

If everything goes as we hope it will, there should be full empl  
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Distroff.

P/R.

KIETA.

28th November, 1966.

The District Commissioner,  
Bougainville District,  
SOERAMO.

WAKUNAI REPORT 2/1966-67

ROKOKAS DIVISION

Attached please find a report of a patrol to the Rotokas conducted by Mr. J.S. Bullock C.P.O., together with covering remarks by the A.D.O. Wakunai Mr. B.G. Robins.

It would appear that after all the people of the Division are not anxious to see the amalgamation of the Wakunai and Timuputs Local Government Councils; I will defer comment pending Mr. Robin's separate memorandum on this issue.

Mr. Robins has dealt with the patrol and the report very fully in his covering remarks and I have nothing further to add.

This report was originally returned to Wakunai for revision by Mr. Bullock, hence its late submission.



(M.J. Denshy)  
Deputy District Commissioner

67-4-1

Patrol Post,  
WAKUNAI.

24th November, 1966.

The Deputy District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
KIETA.

WAKUNAI PATROL REPORT 2/1966-67  
ROKOKAS DIVISION.

Delay in submission of this report is regretted, however there was insufficient time for me to make my comments before departing on patrol myself.

Since Mr. Bullock's patrol I have been round the area again and can make more up to date comments on certain aspects but will deal with them more fully in my own report.

With regard to the inspection of Villages I have told Mr. Bullock to find the time to do this in all villages in future. There are a number of things that can be picked up in this way apart from merely giving instructions on rebuilding or cleanliness.

It is pleasing to note that the Councillors are active at village meetings. I too have been of the impression that judging by their performances at Council Meetings, certain members would have little influence or ability to get ideas across at home.

Regarding the concept of a combined Council, I have since gauged the people's feelings on this, apropos instructions from the D.C. and not one person is in favour. I myself am also opposed and under the circumstances cannot see this coming about for sometimes. I would prefer to comment more fully in my own report. However, with reference to page 2, para 3 of Mr. Bullock's report, I must mention that the Resolution was the result of forcefull talks at that meeting. I am of the opinion that the Councillors were "bulldozed" into this decision. I can now give assurance that all are totally opposed. The main object of the Annual Meetings held by Mr. Bullock was to get an idea of the needs and desires of the people for services and project so that a plan may be drawn up in accordance with the Regional Local Government Officer's Circular on Forward Planning. The information given is of a very parochial and limited nature especially when one is trying to gather facts for a 4 or 5 year plan. However this parochial feelings is hard to overcome and the matter will be kept open so that changes can be made as from time to time felt needs are indicated more positively.

It will be impossible for the road from the Wakunai crossing towards Togarau to be further extended beyond the outcrop of stone some 4 miles up the Wakunai River, without aid other than present maintenance funds. I am told by P.W.D. personnel that no more money can be made available. However what we have had in mind is initially opening up the existing road again so that vehicles can reach the stone outcrop. This will bring the road head well beyond the present terminatio. point and should greatly facilitate the carrying of produce, such as potatoes, in to Wakunai. Work started on this with the installation of a badly needed culvert pipes and drains etc. On the hills which present the main obstacle work was also started in cutting grass and drainage so that the Teperoi Timber's bulldozer (under hire) could reform these hills and reduce the grade. Full co-operation from P.W.D. was forthcoming. However due to other commitments the labourers had to be taken off this

sooner than expected and the bulldozer is now awaiting repair. Once this has been effected there should again be sufficient Feeder Road Maintenance money to start work on again.

I recommend that all future feeder road maintenance money be spent on this road at least until the end of this financial year.

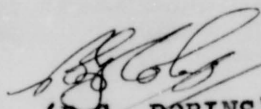
With regard to the airstrip at Togarau, I have already sighted the work that has commenced over the past three weeks. The villages of Togarau, Ruruvu and Sisivi are cheerfully providing voluntary labour. Much of the timber has been cleared already, stumps are being removed and there has been much general clearing. The Wakunai Council has provided 2 dozen shovels for the project but these are still awaiting transportation to the site. Progress and the enthusiasm of the people is pleasing; the project is quite within the scope of manual labour but I imagine it will be at least 5 months before the work is completed.

On my later patrol of the Rotokas I talked further on the Demarcation Committees and was disappointed to find that not one village had actually elected a Committee member. However most villages did this in my presence and it is necessary now to get the names from four remaining places. All are keen to start on this but not many really wanted the job.

After discussions with the Agricultural Department and a comparison of figures it appears there is no reasonably accurate set of statistics on cash crops. Mr. Sinclair should be able to give a better indication when he eventually completes a patrol that will have been some weeks in the field covering both Census Divisions. I may comment however, that coconut plantings this year have been very extensive and new land is even being cleared.

Despite the land disputes mentioned there is little trouble at the moment in comparison with other areas. The "Red Book" has done a great deal to stabilize the situation. Apart from this the Rotokas seems to be progressing with little apparent sociological troubles at present. That is, of course, discounting the emerging accent on the C.R.A. situation. This aspect I wish to comment on in my own report.

Claim for camping allowance is enclosed herewith.



(B.G. ROBINS)

ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER.

DIARY.

PREAMBLE.

MONDAY  
12/9/66

7.30 a.m. departed station. By Landrover to Old  
Leikola. Carriers not departed for Hapauru 8.15  
arrived 1.30 village lined census taken  
finished 2.30

Station: WAKUNAI

Sub-District: KIETA

District: BOUGAINVILLE

Patrol Number: 2 of 1966-67

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

Area Patrolled: ROTOKAS CENSUS DIVISION

Duration of Patrol: 12/9/66 - 27/9/66 - 16 days.

Last Patrol to the Area: D.D.A. - APRIL 1966 - 11 days  
P.H.D. - JANUARY 1966 - 27 days.  
D.A.S.F. March 1966 - 14 days.  
MALARIA CONTROL - September 1966 - 27 days

Object of Patrol: Annual General Meetings in each village.  
Revision of Census and General  
administration.

Map Reference: BOUGAINVILLE NORTH FOURMIL.

FRIDAY  
16/9/66

7.15 a.m. departed Sisiwi for RURUVU arrived 8.30 a.m.  
10 a.m. village lined census taken finished 12.50.  
2 p.m. Discussions held finished 4.45 p.m. Inspection  
of village and Aid-Post.

Slept RURUVU.

SATURDAY  
17/9/66

7 a.m. departed Ruruvu for TOGARAU arrived 7.30 a.m.  
Discussions with Councillor and Mr. I. Firchow of  
S.I.L. Departed Togarau 9 a.m. to climb Mount  
Balbi. Arrived "haus Klap" 1 p.m.

Slept BALBI.

SUNDAY  
18/9/66

5.20 a.m. departed "haus Klap" for summit arriving  
8.30. Returned Togarau 2.30 p.m. arriving 5.15 p.m.

Slept TOGARAU.

MONDAY  
19/9/66

9 a.m. village lined and census taken finished 12.45  
2.45 p.m. discussions with people continued 7 p.m.

Slept TOGARAU.

DIARY.

TUESDAY  
20/9/66

MONDAY  
12/9/66

7.30 a.m. departed station. By Landrover to Old Leikoa. Carriers met departed for Mapearo 8.15 arrived 11.30. 2.30 village lined census taken finished 5.30 p.m.

Slept MAPEARO.

TUESDAY  
13/9/66

9 a.m. village lined and discussions held finished 12.15. 2 p.m. inspection of village and discussions with councillor.

Slept MAPEARO.

WEDNESDAY  
14/9/66

7.20 a.m. departed Mapearo for SIRORIPAIA arrived 8.45. 10 a.m. village lined and census taken, finished 1 p.m. 2 p.m. discussions held finished 4.10 p.m. Inspection of village.

Slept SIRORIPAIA.

THURSDAY  
15/9/66

7 a.m. departed Siroripaia for SISIVI arrived 10 a.m. 12.30 village lined and census taken, continued on with discussions finished 6.10 p.m.

Slept SISIVI.

FRIDAY  
16/9/66

7.15 a.m. departed Sisivi for RURUVU arrived 8.30 a.m. 10 a.m. village lined and census taken finished 12.50. 2 p.m. discussions held finished 4.45 p.m. Inspector of village and Aid-Post.

Slept RURUVU.

SATURDAY  
17/9/66

7 a.m. departed Ruruvu for TOGARAU arrived 7.30 a.m. Discussions with Councillor and Mr. I. Firchow of S.I.L. Departed Togarau 9 a.m. to climb Mount Balbi. Arrived "haus Kiap" 1 p.m.

Slept BALBI.

SUNDAY  
18/9/66

5.20 a.m. departed "haus Kiap" for summit arriving 8.30. Returned Togarau 2.30 p.m. arriving 5.15 p.m.

Slept TOGARAU.

MONDAY  
19/9/66

9 a.m. village lined and census taken finished 12.45 2.45 p.m. discussions with people continued to 7 p.m.

Slept TOGARAU.

TUESDAY  
27/9/66

7.30 departed Mapearo for TARKA arrived 8.45 a.m. Discussions with people and Mr. I. Firchow of S.I.L. Departed Tarkau 9 a.m. to climb Mount Balbi. Arrived "haus Kiap" 1 p.m.

TUESDAY  
20/9/66

7.45 cargo readied for movement to IBU. Further discussions Togarau Villagers, departed 9.30 arriving IBU 10.30.

1.30 village lined and census taken continued on with discussion period finished 6 p.m.

Slept IBU.

WEDNESDAY  
21/9/66

7.45 departed Ibu for BULISITORO arriving 9 a.m. 12.30 village lined and census taken, continued on with discussions finished 5.50 p.m.

Land matters until 6.45 p.m.

Slept BULISITORO.

THURSDAY  
22/9/66

8 a.m. departed Bulisitoro for TUTUPAIA arrived 9.30 a.m. Inspection of Aid-Post en-route. 12 noon village lined and census taken continued on with discussions finishing 5.30 p.m.

Slept TUTUPAIA.

FRIDAY  
23/9/66

7.50 a.m. departed Tutupaia for KAKARAPAIA arriving 9.20 a.m. 12 noon village lined and census taken continued on with discussions finished 5.30 p.m.

Settled a few land disputes to 7 p.m.

Slept KAKARAPAIA.

SATURDAY  
24/9/66

Departed Kakarapaia 8.10 a.m. for PIPIPAIA arriving 10 a.m.

As S.D.A. village census figures completed all day.

Slept PIPIPAIA.

SUNDAY  
25/9/66

8.30 a.m. village lined and census taken completed 12 noon.

2 p.m. village lined again and discussions held finished 5.10 p.m. Inspection of village.

Slept PIPIPAIA.

MONDAY  
26/9/66

7.30 a.m. departed Pipipaia for NUPATORO arriving 9 a.m. 11 a.m. village lined and census taken, continued on with discussion period finishing 4.45 pm. 8.30 - 11.30 a.m. discussions over land matters

Slept NUPATORO.

TUESDAY  
27/9/66

7.30 departed Nupatoro for TEARKA arrived 9.45 a.m. Discussions en-route re land matters. 11 a.m. census of TEIHUP and TEARAKA taken continued with discussion finishing 4.30 p.m. By Landrover to Wakunai.

Patrol completed.

## INTRODUCTION

The main functions of this patrol were:-

**Firstly.** On instructions from Wakunai Local Government Adviser Mr. A.D.O. Robins a general meeting in regard to Council functions and aims were held in each village.

**Secondly:** For the purpose of general administration in the area and because the information is required when estimating for Council projects, a village census was carried out.

**Thirdly** initial organization of a Demarcation Committee.

## RECEPTION OF PATROL.

The patrol was received in all villages without incident.

## VILLAGES.

Because of the amount of work to be covered in each village i.e. the census and a discussion period that lasted an average of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  hours per village there was little time to carry out a proper inspection of most villages.

However, of the villages that were inspected the general cleanliness appeared quite good. The owners of a few houses were instructed to have their houses cleaned before the patrol left the village the next day. All these instructions were carried out immediately.

## VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

I was surprised in many villages at the amount of apparent control some of the Councillors had over their people.

The reason for my surprise was because I have seen these Councillor's performances at Council meetings and in many cases it is very poor.

However while at the villages they were quite active in asking questions or giving their opinion on a particular subject and enthusing their people to ask questions, generally helping them to properly understand each subject.

The only disappointment was at Bulistoro where I am afraid that the Councillor of this village cannot be described as anything but hopeless. He does not show any interest in his position as Councillor and from observation his people do not take any notice of what he says if he does bring himself to say anything.

## OUTLINE OF POLITICAL SITUATION.

During the last week of the patrol reports of the Wakunai Local Government Council and the Teop-Tinputz Council combining to form one Council, were heard.

Talks were not had on the subject but the opinion of some of the people were related to the writer.

Although in most cases they realized what a boost this would give to the Wakunai area, they were worried about the success of the move as the Teop-Tinputz Council has been running for eight (8) years while the Wakunai Council is six (6) years its junior.

Since the patrol returned a meeting of the Wakunai Local Government Council has been held with members of the Teop-Tinputz present. A resolution was passed at this meeting on the 3rd October 1966 in which it was unanimously agreed that the Wakunai Council should combine with the Tinputz Council.

As mentioned in the introduction to this report a general meeting to get the people's feelings on the Council were held in each village.

During these meetings the new idea of five year Council development programmes was explained and each village was asked to give suggestions as to what it thought was necessary for the development of that particular village.

In a few cases the people found it very hard to make suggestions along these lines or even to think a year or so into the future. A list of suggestions is attached.

In the more remote areas the cry was for a vehicular road to be extended to Togarau village. The need for a road to that part of the Rotokas has been obvious for some considerable time, however on this patrol the villages also showed that they are very interested in a road and are willing to volunteer labour if necessary.

Many people suggested that the Council should deposit money in a savings bank until such time as there was enough to extend this road. This idea was disuaded with the explanation that Council revenue could not remain stagnant in order to accumulate until there was enough to complete a big project such as a road of this length. It would be much better, they were advised if the Council concentrated on smaller projects leaving the big ones to the Public Works Department.

#### ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Work has already begun on the Wakunai-Togarau feeder road and it was apparent during this patrol of the increasing interest in its being completed.

The "road" follows the Wakunai River to where two (2) fairly large hills stop vehicles going futher. Past these two hills the road is in good vehicular condition to a point which almost cuts walking time in half; it being a good seven (7) hours walk from Wakunai to Togarau village.

It is intended with the help of P.W.D. to extend this road at least to the point mentioned above. Beyond this point however the area becomes very mountainous and it appears quite impossible to extend the road further.

The great interest in the road being extended has arisen I believe as a combined result of the increasing numbers of cash crops that are only now coming into production and the Council tractor which is being used more and more by native planters.



Before the Council acquired a tractor the people in the area were almost resigned to the fact that everything that they produced has to be carried down to Wakunai. Even for some months after the tractor had got into operation there was a reluctance on the part of the local people to hire it to carry their produce as the cost appeared too high. Now however the frequency of native cash crop production being brought in to Wakunai by the Council tractor has greatly increased, and thus the people in remote areas wish to have the tractor travel as near as possible to their particular village.

LAND.

One of the objects of the patrol was to hold further discussions on the subject of Demarcation and to get the election of committee members under-way.

Refer to Appendix "B" of this report for the village breakup and progress to date.

There were many questions asked on the subject and the people although dubious of the job ever being completed, gave the impression that if this is going to straighten out at least some of their land problems then they will be really enthusiastic about giving it a try.

Three land disputes were brought to the writer and in each an agreement was reached after a good deal of discussion.

At Nupatoro village a very heated disagreement over land had to be broken up just as the patrol was leaving the village. All persons involved and other clan members were instructed to accompany the patrol to the next village where discussions were held on the matter and an agreement satisfactory to all reached.

Disagreements over land ownership in this area appears to be increasing in frequency. It will be very pleasing to see Demarcation in Wakunai get under way.

HEALTH.

Quite a number of cases of conjunctivitis among the small children were sighted on this patrol. The Aid-posts in the area are doing a good job and have the situation well under control. The use of Sulphur drops seem to have the desired effect and the patients are cured in a week or so.

In some of the villages the Aid-Post orderly from the nearest Aid-Post was waiting for the arrival of the patrol. Some complaints were heard regarding unsanitary latrines and cases of parents not taking their children to the Aid-Posts when they (the children) had sores.

The three (3) new ward dispensaries built by the Wakunai Local Government Council at Mapearo, Ruruvu and Pipipaia Aid-Posts were inspected. It was thought that the patients in these wards might not stay in them at night because of the cold temperatures at that altitude. This was unfounded however and it was found that the new wards were in use at all times.

AIRFIELDS

I refer to Wakunai Patrol No.1 of 1965/66 in which ADO. Mr. Fowke advised that the people of Togarau village have been enthused with the idea of making a light aircraft strip on an area of land near the village.

During the discussion period at this village this subject was gone into fairly thoroughly with the following results.

The people are still strongly in favour of building the strip even though it was explained to them, the difficulties and costs involved in having the Mission Aviation Cessna now based in Bougainville, visit the strip even infrequently.

They were told that they would not receive any payment for their labour on the strip; would most probably have to remove part of the village and about two (2) acres of fully grown coconuts for the approaches and even if the Cessna did visit the strip only a very small amount of their produce could be flown out per trip and chances were that the whole venture would be very unprofitable for them.

After all this advice the people were, as mentioned above, still in favour of building the strip however they assured me that they would not be upset if the project of strip was a failure.

As a result of this information Mr. A.D.O. Robins has given his consent to the project and work is expected to get under way sometime in November 1966.

The Wakunai Local Government Council will be supplying shovels to assist in the construction and an amount of finance is to be donated by the Methodist Mission.

AGRICULTURE.

It was pleasing to see the real interest shown by some of the people in some of the villages, in developing their own small stations.

The main theme of questions re-cash cropping was not however on how to plant and get best results but how to transport to and market their crops on the coast.

The situation with roads and transport has already been explained under "Roads and Bridges".

On the marketing side of it, and it should be noted here that a D.A.S.F. Officer has now been stationed at Wakunai, the prices paid by D.A.S.F. for cocoa and coffee have now risen to 10 cents and 12 cents per pound respectively.

The interest in these particular aspects of crop production have stemmed from the fact that increasing numbers of cash crops are now bearing.

Vegetable production appears once again to be increasing. This is a result of a fortnightly market organized by the Wakunai Local Government Council. Fairly large quantities of vegetables are sold and this market has become most popular. One vegetable which is being grown at Togarau village is carrots. These have not

been grown in Wakunai before but now because of a regular organized market the people are becoming interested in as many different varieties of vegetables as it is possible to grow.

As mentioned a D.A.S.F. Officer has now been stationed permanently at Wakunai. It is most probable that as a result agriculture in Wakunai will receive an overall lift and interest and productions should increase at a higher rate within the next 12 months.

LABOUR.

In quite a number of villages it was found that many of the younger men had temporarily gone to Kieta where they are finding employment with Con Zinc Rio Tinto mining explorations.

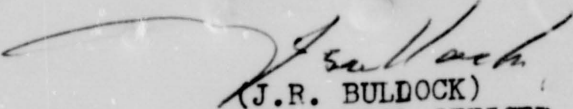
Complaints were heard in two (2) villages that the men were finding it difficult to get employment and thus "find" money to pay the Council taxes; the reason being that they were refused work because they were Bougainville natives. This is a very poor excuse in an area such as Wakunai where there are six (6) large plantations three (3) missions and two (2) sawmills. However, after speaking to the persons in-charge of some of these concerns I have been informed that if the highland labour was available then it would be used in preference to local labour. In many cases the local labour has been found bad-tempered and lazy and thus there could be a small degree of refusal of employment in the area.

CENSUS.

There has been an increase in population of 91 in the Rotokas Census Division. Compared to the 1965-66 figures there have been quite a number of migrations. These are mainly inter-village migrations however in the more remote village such as Sisivi, Ruruvu, Togarau and Ibu where people have relations and land in the Kerika Census Division on West coast there have had quite a few migrations out.

The reason for these moves is definitely economic. It is very noticable throughout the Wakunai area that the people in the mountainous parts are where possible; moving to more level land closer to the coast.

The frequency of the moves depends of course on the availability of clan land closer to the coast and also on the industry and ambition of the person migrating. In all cases however the moves are made for the purpose of extending cash crop cultivation.

  
(J.R. BULLDOCK)  
CADET PATROL OFFICER.

LIST OF SUGGESTED FUTURE NEEDS REFERRED TO IN  
OUTLINE OF POLITICAL SITUATION

MAPEARO	Shovels x
SIRORIPAIA	1. Water Tank for TURAVA i.e. Settled clan land on back of Pitskauwa. 2. Also shovels for TURAVA.
SISIVI	Water Tank.
RURUVU	Coffee Pulper.
TOGARAU	1. Tank - to be filled by pumping water from river. 2. Fowl pen. 3. School house - Methodist teachers available.
IBU	Stove to make bread.
TUTUPAIA	1. Coffee Pulper. 2. 3 Sariffs for cutting roads.
KAKARAPAIA	Water Tank.
PIPIPAIA	1. School house for S.D.A.'s (2 teachers available). 2. Tank. 3. Pump for hamlet.
HUPATORO	Copra drier.
TEARAKA	Copra drier.

x These are to be supplied one to an individual on condition that he can prove to the council that he has land and intends to industriously work on it.

APPENDIX "B"

PROGRESS ON ORGANISATION OF DEMARCATION COMMITTEE.

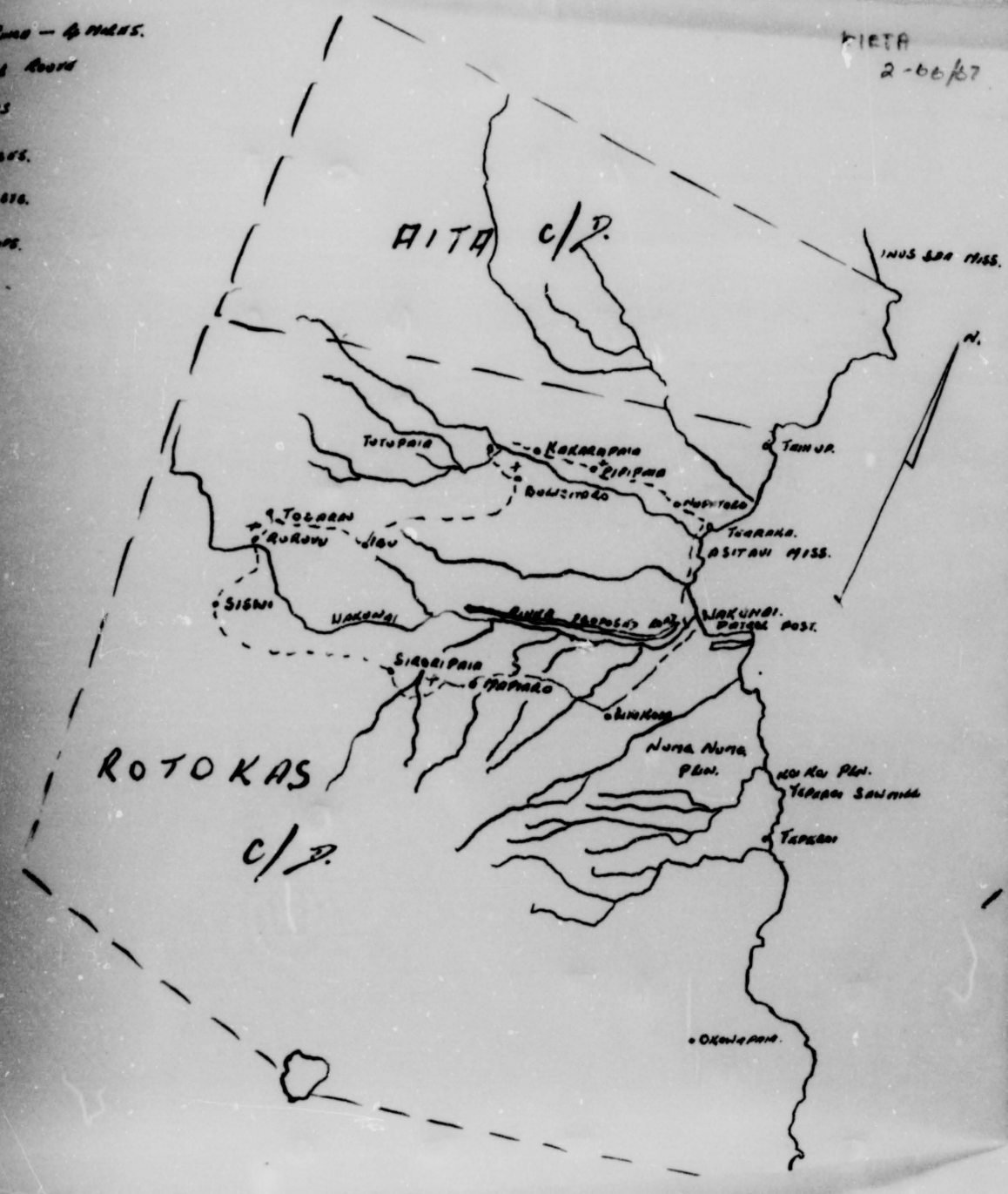
Going By Mr. Robins 34-1-1 of 18th May 1966 the following villages were asked to have a meeting in order to select the members they wish to have in the Committee. The question of how many from one clan and/or how many from one village was left up to themselves.

The following groups of villages are to select the number of members shown opposite.

MAPEARO SIRORIPAIA LEIKOIA	}	3 Members.
BULISITORO TUTUPAIA KAKARAPAIA PIPIPAIA NUPATORO	}	4 Members.
SISIVI TOGARAU IBU RURUVU	}	3 Members.
TEARAKA TEIHUP INUS	}	3 Members.
BURABURATAKON (New LEIKOIA)		1 Member.
TEPEROI		1 Member.
OKOWAPAIA		1 Member.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....BOUGAINVILLE..... Report No..... 4 of 1966/1967.....

Patrol Conducted by.....Mr. R.J. STAPLES..... PATROL OFFICER.....

Area Patrolled.....COASTAL VILLAGES AND AITA DIVISION.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... Mr. G.J. WILLIAMS. CADET PATROL OFFICER.....

Natives..... Mr. C. OAEKE, LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICER.  
2 MEMBERS R.P. & N.G.C.....

Duration—From.....2./..4.../1967..... to.....3./..5.../1967.....

Number of Days.....18.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....NO.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../..11.../19.66.....

Medical ...../..1.../19.67.....

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol..... THIRD GENERAL ELECTIONS FOR THE WAKUNAI LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL.....

INTRODUCTORY PATROL TO THIS AREA.....

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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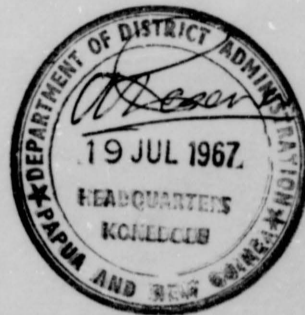
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A/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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KIETA.

Bougainville District.

5th July, 1967.

Mr. G.J. Williams,  
Assistant Patrol Officer,  
WAKUNAI.

The District Commissioner,  
Bougainville District,  
SOHANO.

WAKUNAI PATROL REPORT NO.4.

R. STAPLES P.O.

The above report herewith.

Mr. Staples's report covers a lot of ground but tends to be very superficial.

The solution to many of the problems in the area lies with the people. Until they are prepared to come to grips with their land problems and be realistic in an approach to settlement little will be achieved. Nothing will be gained by volumes stating the problem and outlining the solution unless the people are prepared to compromise. If they are not prepared to exercise a little give and take we are wasting our time trying to assist.

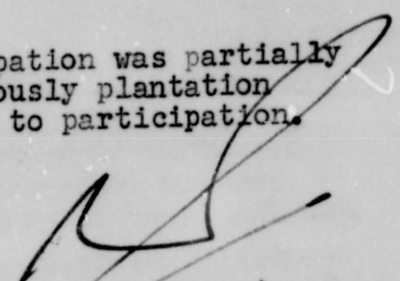
Political Development

I gathered the impression that the Aita people were only nonchalant to the Mining Legislation as long as it did not effect their area.

Elections

Without a pre-election campaign and with the confusion as to whether the council would be multi-racial or not, better election returns could hardly be expected.

The lack of European participation was partially caused by this confusion but obviously plantation interests will not readily adjust to participation.

  
(W.P. Brown)  
a/Deputy District Commissioner

67/4/1

Patrol Post,  
Bougainville District,  
WAKUNAI.

15th. April, 1967.

Mr. G.J. Williams.  
Sadet Patrol Officer,  
WAKUNAI.

Dear Sir,

On Saturday the 15th. April, 1967 you will commence a Patrol to complete the elections for the ROTOKAS Division.

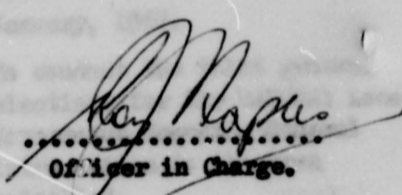
You will act in the capacity of Assistant Returning Officer in my absence.

In each village ward prior to elections you will conduct pre election discussions. These discussions will contain explanations of the secret ballot form of elections and the procedure to be followed in marking ballot papers. You will also conduct the count in full view of all the villagers and the completion of the elections.

During the patrol you will compile a 'Roll of Electors' for all the wards in the ROTOKAS Division.

You will conduct the elections in accordance with the election programme submitted to the Council by myself on the 29/3/67.

I wish you a pleasant Patrol.

  
.....  
Officer in Charge.

67/4/1

Patrol Post,  
Bougainville District,  
WAKUNAI.

17th. May, 1967.

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

WAKUNAI PATROL REPORT NUMBER 4/66-67

Officer conducting the Patrol : Mr. R.J. Staples. Patrol Officer.  
Personnel accompanying the Patrol :  
Europeans : Mr. G.J. Williams. Cadet Patrol Officer.  
Local Officer : Mr. C. Oaake. Local Government Officer.  
Natives : Two members of the R.P. & H.G.C.  
Mr. B. Mahop. Council Clerk.  
Duration of the Patrol : 2/4/67 to 15/4/67. Thence broken  
stages until the 3/5/67.  
Number of days : 18.  
Last Patrol to the area  
D.D.A. : November, 1966  
D.A.S.F. : April, 1967.  
P.H.D. : January, 1967.  
Objects of the Patrol : To conduct the third general  
elections for the WAKUNAI Local  
Government Council. General  
introduction to the area  
patrolled.

INTRODUCTION:

The objects of this Patrol to the coastal villages in the WAKUNAI area and the villages of the AITA Division were primarily to conduct the third general elections for the WAKUNAI Local Government Council. Incorporated in this Patrol were also discussions on voting procedure and the reasons for secret balloting.

This was also an introductory Patrol for the Officer conducting the Patrol. In this Patrol the Officer conducting the Patrol was introducing himself to the various villagers contacted during the Patrol.

DIARY:Sunday 2nd. April, 1967;

To KURWINA Plantation by landrover. Spoke to the Manager of KURWINA/ARIGUA Plantations regarding the multi racial elections due the next day. To MABIRI Catholic Mission. Spoke to Brother PATRICK and the Father in Charge regarding multi racial elections due the next day. No European nominations were forthcoming.

Monday 3rd. April;

Informed that the elections to be conducted in accordance with the old proclamation. Departed by landrover for OKOWOPIA Village, where elections were conducted. On to TEPEROI Village and slept the night at TEPEROI Village.

Tuesday 4th. April;

Conducted the elections at TEPEROI Village. Thence departed by landrover for WAKUNAI Patrol Post. Slept at WAKUNAI Patrol Post.

Wednesday 5th. April;

Elections were to be conducted at LEIKOIA and TEAKON but because of the number of absentees the election date was postponed to Saturday 8th. April.

Thursday 6th. April;

By landrover to TEARAKA Village. Commenced elections for the TEARAKA/TEIHUP Ward. Mr. Cadet Patrol Officer WILLIAMS actually conducted the elections. Self back to KOIKOI Sawmill by landrover. Spoke to the landowners of KOKOI'IPA and IBINIA and obtained signatures from land owners for land purchase. Back to TEARAKA Village, WAKUNAI River in flood had to sleep at WAKUNAI Patrol Post.

Friday 7th. April;

To INUS Village by landrover. Conducted elections for the INUS ward. Discussions with Mr. P. MASON of INUS Plantation in the evening. Slept at INUS Village.

Saturday 8th. April;

By landrover to LEIKOIA Village. Conducted elections for the LEIKOIA/TEAKON ward. By landrover to KOIKOI Sawmill walked the boundaries of the land KOKOI'IPA and IBINIA with the executives of the land purchase. Back to WAKUNAI, slept WAKUNAI Patrol Post.

Sunday 9th. April;

In the afternoon by landrover to the river after the AITA river en route to INUS Plantation. Walked from there to TOKAI Village. Slept at TOKAI Village.

Monday 10th. April;

Conducted elections for the TOKAI ward. Thence, walked to KORIBORI Village. In the late afternoon conducted elections for the KORIBORI Ward. Slept at KORIBORI Village.

Tuesday 11th. April;

Walked from KORIBORI Village to OSINAIPA Village. In all a total of seven hours walking. Slept at OSINAIPA Village.

Wednesday 12th. April;

Conducted elections for the OSIWAIPA/SIRIBIA/  
OWOVALPA Ward. Thence walked to KUSI Village where elections were  
also conducted in the late afternoon. Slept at KUSI Village.

Thursday 13th. April;

Walked to TUBIA Village Mr. Cadet Patrol  
Officer WILLIAMS conducted the elections. Walked to POKOIA Village.  
Slept at POKOIA Village.

Friday 14th. April;

Conducted elections for the POKOIA Ward.  
Thence, walked to NUPATURO Village. Mr. Cadet Patrol Officer  
WILLIAMS conducted the elections for this Ward in the late afternoon,  
slept at NUPATURO Village.

Saturday 15th. April;

Mr. Cadet Patrol Officer WILLIAMS given  
Patrol Instructions which requested him to complete the elections  
for the MOKOKAS Division. Back to WAKUNAI by landrover.

Sunday 16th. April;

At WAKUNAI Patrol Post.

Monday 17th. April;

At WAKUNAI Patrol Post.

Tuesday - Wednesday 18th. - 19th. April;

At WAKUNAI Patrol Post. Unable to conduct  
elections on these days because landrover unservicable.

Thursday 20th. April;

To INUS Village by landrover to inform the  
people of the village the S.D. Mission and the Plantation of the  
re-election of the INUS Ward pending the next day. Back to WAKUNAI  
Patrol Post by landrover.

Friday 21st. April;

By landrover to INUS Village. Conducted  
the elections at INUS Village. Thence, conducted the elections at  
KEPESEA S.D.A. Mission and then INUS Plantation. Counted the votes at  
INUS Plantation, declared the poll and returned to WAKUNAI Patrol Post  
at 6.30 pm.

Saturday 22nd. April;

By landrover to the river after the ALTA River  
on route to INUS Plantation. Walked from there to TOKAI Village.  
Conducted the elections for the combined TOKAI/KORIBORI ward. Then  
returned to WAKUNAI Patrol Post.

Sunday 23rd. April;

At WAKUNAI Patrol Post.

Monday 24th. April;

To KOIKOI Plantation and Shemill and also  
TENAKAU Plantation to conduct pre election discussions with the people  
of the TENAKAU/KOIKOI/TEPEROI Ward. Back to WAKUNAI Patrol Post by  
landrover.

Tuesday 25th. April;

A.N.Z.A.C. Day at WAKUNAI Patrol Post.

Wednesday 26th. April;

Conducted elections for the TEPEROI/KOIKOI/TEMAKAU Ward. The elections were conducted firstly at TEPEROI Village thence at TEMAKAU Plantation and last of all at KOIKOI Sawmill and Plantation. Back to WAKUNAI Patrol Post by landrover.

Thursday 27th. April;

To TEARAKA Village and ASITAVI Catholic Mission to conduct a pre election campaign for the TEARAKA/IAGAMA/TEIHUP/ASITAVI Ward. The turn up was poor and discussions were conducted with those present. Back to WAKUNAI Patrol Post by landrover.

Friday 28th. April;

Landrover unserviceable once again. Unable to continue the elections.

Saturday 29th. April;

Conducted pre election discussions and then the elections for the LEIKOIA/TEAKON/MUKANUMA/PITAKOWA/WAKUNAI Patrol Post Ward.

Sunday 30th. April;

At WAKUNAI Patrol Post.

Monday 1st. May;

At WAKUNAI Patrol Post.

Tuesday 2nd. May;

To TEARAKA Village. Conducted elections for the TEARAKA/TEIHUP/IAGAMA/ASITAVI Ward. Conducted the elections at TEARAKA Village first of all for the Villages of TEARAKA and TEIHUP and IAGAMA Methodist Mission. Thence, conducted the elections at ASITAVI Catholic Mission. Returned to WAKUNAI Patrol Post by landrover.

Wednesday 3rd. May;

To OKOWOPIA Village to conduct elections for the OKOWOPIA/ARIGUA/KURWINA/MABIRI Ward. Mr. WILLIAMS went to KURWINA, ARIGUA and MABIRI to record votes. Spoke to the village people of OKOWOPIA regarding the Prospecting Authority application of THOMAS BORTAI of OKOWOPIA Village. Back to WAKUNAI Patrol Post by landrover.

Elections completed.

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Native Affairs:

The Patrol was cordially met by the coastal people and the people of the AITA DIVISION.

The AITA and coastal people are, I feel, the backbone of the WAKUNAI Local Government Council. Originally it was the AITA people who wanted to join the TINPUTZ Council because the WAKUNAI area did not have a Local Government Council. When the TINPUTZ Council was inaugurated, TOKAI village and KOTOITA village were incorporated in the TROP TINPUTZ Council. Since that date these two villages have left the TINPUTZ Council and placed their affiliations with the WAKUNAI Council.

The people of the upper AITA area, the villages of OSIWAIPA, SIRIBIA, OWONAIPA, KUSI and TUBIA are strong supporters of the WAKUNAI Council. They are remotely situated at the head waters of the AITA river and are several hours walk from the nearest main vehicular road. This topographical handicap has not in anyway limited their fervour for local government in general and the WAKUNAI Local Government Council in particular.

This could not be said for the AITA villages of POKOIA, NUPATORO and KORIBORI. These villages are not topographically handicapped as are the upper AITA villages. They are serviced by good feeder roads and are only one hours landrover drive from WAKUNAI Patrol Post. They are handsomely supported by the Council; POKOIA has a fresh water catchment system which was provided by the WAKUNAI Council, the villages of NUPATORO and KORIBORI also have such amenities. The upper AITA villages do not possess such fresh water reservoirs. Though these villages have been strongly supported by the Council these villages are not really strong supporters of the Council.

These people of POKOIA, NUPATORO and KORIBORI have a good chance of becoming economically viable well before the upper AITA people, the only factor retarding this economic development is hard organized work and the settlement of their numerous land problems.

To date the people of POKOIA, NUPATORO and KORIBORI have been given everything on a silver platter. Where work is concerned these villages are not willing to co-operate. It is a drudgery to them to maintain their feeder roads, roads which are so economically vital to them.

KOTOITA village once again requested that they be permitted to join the WAKUNAI Council and released from the TROP TINPUTZ Council. Please refer to my memorandum 40/3/1 to the Assistant District Officer TINPUTZ of the 23rd. March, 1967. This village is very pro local government and the experience that they have gained in local government from being a member of the progressive TROP TINPUTZ Council is a great asset to the relatively stagnant WAKUNAI Council.

Land Problems ALTA Division:

The villages of POKOIA, NUPATORO, PIPIPALA, KAKAPALIA, TEARAKA and TEIRUP are at the present stage encroached in trying to settle a land dispute encompassing all of the above villages.

One of the clans of POKOIA village and the same clan in TEIRUP village have pegged out the boundaries of a section of land which they claim through native custom to be rightfully theirs. The other clans are not in agreement. This section of land being claimed contains a considerable number of mature coconuts and coconuts the property of villagers from NUPATORO village. This claim has upset the NUPATORO people considerably. This claiming clan has also encroached on a clan land of PIPIPALA and TEARAKA villages.

The POKOIA people that are concerned in this land dispute have been given about 680 acres of land by the NUPATORO people. (NUPATORO and KOPITIKOPAIR land resettlement scheme, VAKUNAI file 75/1 and SOHAWO file 75/17 refers). They were given this land by the NUPATORO people because they did not have rightful heritage to land where they are resident at POKOIA.

The POKOIA people have now allied themselves with the TEIRUP people and are claiming the land between POKOIA, NUPATORO and TEARAKA villages. This is most peculiar as the POKOIA people originally stated that they had no land in that area.

At the present time the local villagers of all the villages concerned are trying to settle this dispute. This outcome of this will be known by me on Friday the 26th. May, when I visit the villages concerned. There is a good chance that this dispute will be settled amicably by the parties concerned.

There are also land problems at KORIBORI village.

Numerous people approached the patrol regarding land tenure conversion. It seems as though quite a few indigenes have gone and planted coconuts on land to which they cannot claim ownership. They, therefore, requested that land tenure conversion be enacted so that they can obtain ownership to the land upon which they have planted coconuts and other economic crops. This problem could be overcome through land tenure conversion but it would be a full time job for a Department of District Administration Officer as there are so many people in the above described predicament.



Economic Development:

The economic potential for the coastal villages and the AITA villages not situated at the headwaters of the AITA river is good. The only hindrance to the development of this potential is procrastination on the part of the local people. The by word of the WAKUNAI people is 'wait'. When the Council was trying to raise the Council Tax Rate from \$4.00 to \$5.00 the people said 'wait'. Wait until our crops are mature and in many cases wait until we have planted economic crops then the Council can raise the Tax Rate to \$5.00. They are always trying to find an easy route to economic viability route which does passes work.

If the local people did decide to plant coconuts on a large scale and exploit the large acreage of undeveloped land they possess, they could be bracketed with the most wealthy of the Bougainville people. When they will commence to plant on a large scale is a moot point.

Political Development:

The AITA people display political nonchalance. On numerous occasions C.R.A. and the Administration's Policy regarding mining were brought up in discussions during the night. The people showed little interest in these discussions. They were neither pro nor anti Administration Policy. They even showed little interest in what is going on in KIETA. No questions were asked the Patrol by the village people regarding Mining Laws and the operations of C.R.A. in the Bougainville District.

Where Territorial politics are concerned the people of the AITA Division are not in the least concerned. Where BOUGAINVILLE politics are introduced the people also show little interest. The people of the AITA Division are only interested in the day to day happenings that occur in their own villages. Politically the AITA people could be coupled with the KUNUA people and called the most backward in the BOUGAINVILLE District. They are not thinkers. This may on the surface seem to be a sweeping judgement but from my observation whilst in the AITA Division <sup>Area</sup> the results of all discussions (informal discussions) result in the above generalization.

Elections :

For a complete report on the third general elections for the WAKUNAI Local Government Council refer to my 40/11/1, election report.

As was stated in the election report no pre election campaign prior to the elections was conducted. This hampered the success of the elections. The elections conducted were the third for the WAKUNAI Council area but were the first multi racial elections for this Council.

The fact that the elections were changed from multi racial to native elections and then back to multi racial did not contribute to the smooth running of the elections. In six wards the elections were conducted twice. This was so because the first time they were conducted they were conducted in accordance with the native local government proclamation. They had to be redone in accordance with the new multi racial proclamation. Trying to explain to the people concerned the reason for the second elections was really difficult.

Approximately 44% of the eligible voters who were enrolled presented themselves at the voting booths. Out

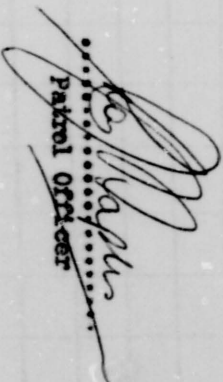
of the XI Europeans in the WAKUNAI area that are eligible to vote only I bothered to vote in the elections. Voting was made extremely easy for all the Europeans of the WAKUNAI area. Voting booths were set up at all the plantations, Mission stations and the WAKUNAI Government station. Even this did not boost the European voting percentage. To say the least little interest was shown in the elections by Europeans. Out of all the Europeans resident at KIKI Kama Kama Plantation not one condescended to vote. One, therefore, cannot blame the Indigene for not showing interest in his Council if no interest what so ever is shown by the Europeans, some of which have been resident in the WAKUNAI area as long as some of the Indigenes.

Conclusion :

It was originally planned that the Officer conducting this patrol would conduct the patrol for the whole of the WAKUNAI area. Because the wards on the coast voted in accordance with the native local government proclamation the officer conducting the patrol had to come back to the coast and re do the elections along the coast in accordance with the multi racial proclamation. Instructions were, therefore, given to Mr. Cadet Patrol Officer WILLIAMS to complete the elections for the ROTOKAS Division.

The patrol itself was a success. The Officer conducting the patrol was introduced to the people of the ATVA Division and to the people of the coastal Villages. The numerous land problems that are confronting the ATVA people were brought to the attention of the Officer.

The elections, the main reason for this patrol, were only of a limited success. This can be depicted by the the total percentage that voted.

  
Patrol Officer



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of BOUGAINVILLE Report No. 5-66/67

Patrol Conducted by G. J. WILLIAMS, C.P.O.

Area Patrolled AITA AND ROTOKAS DIVISIONS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives G. OAEKE, P.O., L.G.

Duration—From 15/4/1967 to 26/4/1967

Number of Days 11

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 21/11/1966

Medical 21/1/1967

Map Reference BOUGAINVILLE NORTH FOURTH

Objects of Patrol CONDUCT THE FIRST MULTI-RACIAL ELECTIONS OF

THE WAKUNAI LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL.

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PORT MORESBY.

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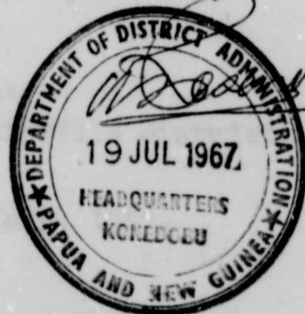
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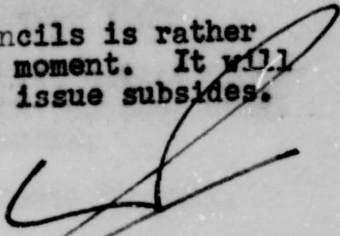
The District Commissioner,  
Bougainville District,  
SOHANO.

I forward herewith Wakunai's Patrol Report No. 5-66/67 covering portion of an electoral patrol carried out by Mr. C.P.O. Williams, and portion of the time he accompanied Mr. Staples.

Elections:

Returns have already been forwarded to the Regional Local Government Officer. The lack of participation by the European element was caused by confusion up till the time of the election as to whether the Council would be multi-racial or not. As one European commented "You cannot conduct an election campaign if you don't know whether or not you are eligible".

The lack of interest in Councils is rather typical of the Sub-district at the moment. It will probably increase until the C.R.A. issue subsides.

  
(W.F. Brown)

a/Deputy District Commissioner

Patrol Post Wakunai,  
Bougainville.

17th May, 1967.

WAKUNAI PATROL REPORT No. 5-66/67.

STATION	Wakunai
SUB-DISTRICT	Kieta
DISTRICT	Bougainville
PATROL No	5-66/67
CONDUCTED BY	G. J. Williams C.P.O.
ACCOMPANIED BY	C. OAKE P.O.L.G. 2 Members R.P. & N.G.C.
DURATION	2-4-67 to 4-4-67 6-4-67 to 8-4-67 9-4-67 to 15-4-67 Conducted by Mr. P.O. Staples, and myself accompanying. Refer Patrol Report 4-66/67 by Mr. Staples. 15-4-67 to 26-4-67 Conducted by myself.
LAST PATROLLED	D.D.A. November 1966 D.A.S.F. April 1967 P.H.D. January 1967
OBJECTS OF PATROL	Conduct the first Multi-Racial elections of the Wakunai Local Government Council.
MAP REFERENCE	Bougainville North Fournal.

## INTRODUCTION.

The Wakunai Administrative Area is situated in the northern portion of the Kieta Sub-District. It consists of two Divisions - the Aita and the Rotokas, and is bounded by Kepisia Seventh Day Adventist Mission in the North, Mabiri Catholic Mission in the South, and the Emperor Mountain Range in the West. The terrain varies from level in the coastal region, to hilly in the near-Rotokas, to mountainous in the Aita and far-Rotokas.

The objective of the patrol was to conduct the first Multi-Racial Council Elections of the Wakunai Local Government Council. Owing to the absence of a pre-election campaign, extensive discussions were held in each village prior to elections, on voting procedure, the secret ballot, marking of ballot papers, meaning of Multi-Racial, etc.

## RECEPTION OF PATROL.

The patrol was well received in all instances, although more enthusiastically in some villages than others. The writer was invited to dine with the villagers at both SIRORIPAIA and KUSI Villages, with a singsing following at the latter.

## VILLAGES.

The standard of housing, in the majority of cases, was found to be satisfactory. With few exceptions, the dwellings are constructed with walls of woven bamboo, roofs of Sago Palm leaves, floors of Black Palm bark, and Pekus timber frame. These exceptions are the occasional houses which are constructed out of hewn timber planks instead of bamboo. There is only one village where this style of housing is in the majority, and this is at Tubia Village. Also, at Teperoi Village there are several houses constructed completely out of sawn timber. Most probably the nearby Teperoi Saw Mill unwittingly supplies the material for these dwellings.

Bamboo is in reasonable supply throughout the area, but is much more plentiful further inland than on the coast. At approximately the 4-5,000 foot level in the mountains, one encounters large forests of giant bamboo.

Sago Palms appear to be in short supply in the inland region of the Aita Division.

All villages are situated within reasonable proximity to water supplies, the furthest walk from village to water being ten to fifteen minutes at Siroipaia, Nupatoro and Ruruvu Villages.

All villages and environs except one, were found to be neat and tidy. Okowopaia Village had no latrines whatsoever, and as a result of this flies were in abundance, and the nearby beach was foul. Instructions were left for new latrines to be

constructed immediately.

In general, it was found that the people of the inland regions took more pride in the appearance of their village, than the coastal people.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Following are details of the results of the Council elections which were conducted on this patrol.

COUNCILLOR AND VILLAGE	VOTES OBTAINED	TOTAL VOTES	No. OF CANDIDATES	REMARKS
LEOPAIRI SIGEMRU OKOWOPIA	42	43	3	RE-ELECTED
BATOWAI MARIA TEPEROI	56	74	3	PREVIOUS COUNCILLOR STOOD BUT DEFEATED
BURBUDIWATEI KAUBUTA MAPEARO		UNOPPOSED		PREVIOUS COUNCILLOR DID NOT STAND
PELIS NUMAUL SIRORIPAIA		UNOPPOSED		PREVIOUS COUNCILLOR DID NOT STAND
KIRIRIREA MAPORO SISIVI	52	53	3	PREVIOUS COUNCILLOR DID NOT STAND
BURARA KUKWEILIPA LEIKOIA	42	76	6	PREVIOUS COUNCILLOR DID NOT STAND
PIOPEI MUGAI PIPIPAIA	53	66	5	RE - ELECTED
LILIBUTO MABOIREREI BULISITORO		UNOPPOSED		PREVIOUS COUNCILLOR DID NOT STAND
IRABUI KEBUI IBU	16	23	2	RE - ELECTED
KEKITSOBI SURAWEI RURUVU	22	33	4	PREVIOUS COUNCILLOR DID NOT STAND
PUTE OURIKO TOGARAU		UNOPPOSED		PREVIOUS COUNCILLOR DID NOT STAND
SISIKOIA EIVURI TUTUPAIA	51	64	4	PREVIOUS COUNCILLOR DID NOT STAND
ARAVIA SIIPIRIOBI KAKARAPAIA	69	69	2	PREVIOUS COUNCILLOR STOOD BUT DEFEATED
KAILIO KOKOSITO NUPATORO	39	44	4	PREVIOUS COUNCILLOR STOOD BUT DEFEATED



NAME AND VILLAGE	VOTES OBTAINED	TOTAL VOTES	No. OF CANDIDATES	REMARKS
KARABUS TUBBI TEARAKA	44	65	3	RE-ELECTED
SOOT MATPIAN INUS	48	54	2	RE-ELECTED
ARIDIO AKUTAVA KORIBORI	43	77	2	PREVIOUS COUNCILLOR DID NOT STAND
SIVUI OSAPI POKOIA	61	61	4	PREVIOUS COUNCILLOR STOOD BUT DEFEATED
SIOMI MIATA CENWAIPA	114	118	5	RE-ELECTED
OBUKUA KATSIAMA TUBIA	27	32	4	NEW WARD
SIRONKA BORA KUSI	40	41	2	PREVIOUS COUNCILLOR DID NOT STAND

It is of interest to note that half the previous Councillors declined to stand for re-election, and approximately half of the remainder stood, but were defeated, resulting in a 75% turnover of Councillors in these elections.

POLITICAL SITUATION.

It was noted that three youths at EBEI Village were wearing UPEI hats, which would indicate a revival of the Upei in this area.

Prior to departing on patrol, the priest at ASITAVI Mission stated that he had heard of a revival of the Upei in the Kusi Region, and had expressed his dissatisfaction of the Administration allowing the Upei to operate. However, it was explained to Father Pelletier that it was thought to be better to allow this custom to be practised openly, as long as it kept its practices legal; rather than attempt to suppress it, and only succeed in driving it underground, and thereby perhaps fostering illegal goings on.

Accordingly, no comment was made when the Upei wearers presented themselves for voting in the village Council elections.

It was disturbing to note that at the elections for the Tearaka/Teihup Ward, nobody wished to stand for election.

The reason for this was explained by the Councillor, who stated that nobody in either village took any notice of the Councillor. (Rather

unusual in this case, as the Councillor (KARABUS) has considerable influence outside his village. He was subsequently elected as President of the Wakunai Council.) However, after four hours of discussions, three villagers, including KARABUS stood for election.

Only one European stood for election. This was Mr. K. H. STEVENS of TEPEROI SAWMILL, who was unsuccessful in his bid. He obtained 11 votes out of 74. The successful candidate (BATOWAI MARIA) obtained 56 votes.

#### AGRICULTURE.

Although fresh vegetables (tomatoes, oranges, beans, cabbages, potatoes etc.) were in oversupply in this area in past years, supplies being brought down to the station for sale has now dwindled to a virtual negligible quantity. The apparent reason for this is that many of the male villagers seem to prefer to work as labourers for the Administration or local plantations, rather than cultivate vegetables and carry them down to the coast for sale. Public Works Department has been employing 40-50 labourers on road maintenance, with an average turnover of five or six workers monthly.

This, and other sources of income at any of the two sawmills and eight plantations in Wakunai, has obviously effected the quantities of European vegetables being produced and marketed.

There are three cash crops planted in both the Aita and Rotokas Divisions; coconuts, cocoa and coffee. It will be seen in the attached table that more plantings are being carried out in the Rotokas than in the Aita. However, the Rotokas covers more than twice the area of the Aita which is, for a large part, unsuitable for cash cropping, owing to the mountainous terrain.

The following figures were taken in April 1967, for the Aita, and January 1967, for the Rotokas

<u>Total Plantings</u>	<u>AITA</u>	<u>ROTOKAS</u>
<u>Coconuts</u>	21678	109644
<u>Cocoa</u>	8746	7326
<u>Coffee</u>	17032	12304
<u>Plantings past 12 months</u>		
<u>Coconuts</u>	1810	26603
<u>Cocoa</u>	5648	7326
<u>Coffee</u>	3344	1897

All copra is marketed through either J. B. Kungkam (an indigenous trader) or John Wing Chek (a Chinese trader), both situated on the coast, near Wakunai Patrol Post.

Cocoa is marketed either through several of the C.M.B. Numbers in the area, or through the local D.A.S.F. Officer.

Coffee is marketed through the local D.A.S.F. Officer.

Rats are still a problem in many of the villages, even though they are not in the plague proportions that existed eighteen months ago. However, in the area of PIPAPAIA AND KAKARAPAIA Villages (where kaukau losses were reported to be in excess of 50%) the problem could be regarded as serious.

Large coffee plantings are being carried out in the proximity of TOGARAU Village. 1139 plantings have been made in the past twelve months, bringing the total plantings to 4193. TOGARAU, situated at the base of Mt. Balbi (8502'), is one of the highest, furthest inland villages of the Rotokas (being approximately 11 miles inland, as the crow flies). However, apparently plans are well in hand to market this crop. Details of this were given to me by Mr. I. B. Firchow, an American who is living in the village with his wife. (Refer to "Anthropology" in this Patrol Report.)

An airfield, which so far has been cleared and levelled to a length of 1300 feet, is being constructed by the local people. Mr Firchow has approached the Mission Aviation Fellowship, and they have agreed, in principle, to a plan whereby if their Cessna aircraft is returning to Buka (from Kieta, Buin, etc.) unchartered, it will call in to TOGARAU and collect a load of coffee, transporting it to Buka for a fee of 50 cents.

I expressed my doubts to Mr. Firchow as to whether this plan would prove to be a success. However, he said that the local people had stated that they would not be unduly upset if the plan failed, and anyway, the strip would always be there in case of emergencies, etc.

#### COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

A major source of income in the area is the manufacture and sale of artifacts. These are carved walking sticks, raffia covered spears, bows and arrows. The local people can readily obtain two dollars for any of these items at the nearby Kiviri Trade Store. The demand for these items is constant, and so far, the demand exceeds the supply.

A further source of income is the sale of potatoes. The current ruling rate is 5 cents per pound. Here again, the demand far exceeds the supply, and what potatoes are not disposed locally, there is a ready market within the District on the rare occasions that there is

a surplus.

Only two village Trade Stores which weren't defunct, were observed on this patrol. These were at Ruruvu and Siroripaia Villages. Both were only small concerns, with practically nil stock, and obviously only very limited turnover.

#### LAND.

There are several land disputes in the Rotokas. Virtually all these disputes concern the boundaries of clan-owned land. One dispute, in the NUPATORO-POKOIA area, involves large cocoa and coconut plantings. All attempts to settle this dispute whilst on patrol failed.

Another dispute involving large coconut plantings is in the PIPIPAIA-KAKARAPAIA area. This dispute concerns land which was given from one clan to another, and the amount of land given is now in dispute. Once again, all attempts to settle the matter whilst on patrol failed.

In all instances of unresolved land disputes, a firm promise was given that a patrol would be mounted within the next couple of months, to deal with land disputes in the Rotokas Division.

#### COMPLAINTS.

There were few complaints brought forward to the writer during the patrol, and all of these, bar one, were of a minor nature, and settled to the satisfaction of both parties. The outstanding matter involved allegations of theft, and both parties were instructed to present themselves at Wakunai on 28th April, where, if the matter hadn't been resolved by then, Court would be convened.

#### REST HOUSES.

All rest houses at the villages are in satisfactory condition. There are no rest houses at either OKONOPAIA or TEPEROI villages, but taking into consideration they are situated on the main road, and less than one hour's drive to the Patrol Post, they could hardly be deemed as necessary.

The rest house at the 6,500 foot mark on the side of Mt. Balbi is badly rotted in sections. However, as this rest house is only visited twice, perhaps three times, a year, by enthusiasts ascending Mt. Balbi, it can hardly be expected that the villagers of TOGARAU maintain this rest house, as well as the one at the village.

I instructed the Councillor for TOGARAU that the next lot of carriers and cutters who accompany a climbing party, should carry a supply of Sago palm leaves, to carry out repairs to the roof of the rest house.

#### CARRIERS.

Carriers, in all instances are easy to employ, although at some of the smaller villages, it is necessary to obtain men from the next village on the patrol route.

In one instance, a group of PIPIPAIA Villagers carried from Nupatoro to Pipipais, Pipipais to Kakarapais, Kakarapais to Bulisitoro, and from Bulisitoro to Itu to Togarsu.

The ruling rate of 20 cents per hour was paid.

#### HEALTH.

All Aid Posts were found to be short of medical supplies. None carried any supplies of procaine penicillin.

At RURUVU Aid Post, I sought treatment of a Tropical Ulcer. The Doctorboy had at his disposal, Acriflavine, Aspirin, and Cough Mixture.

The lack of medical supplies was reported to the Hospital Assistant at Wakunai, on the completion of the patrol. However, he stated that the only supplies which were short at Wakunai, was procaine penicillin, and other medical supplies were available for collection at the convenience of the Aid Post Orderlies.

#### EDUCATION.

There are two major Mission Schools in the area. These are the Catholic Mission School at ASITAVI, and the Seventh Day Adventist Mission School at KEPISIA. Females are being taught to Teacher Training standard at Asitavi, and pupils are taught to standard 6 at Kepisia.

Nine other mission schools are scattered throughout the area, the most impressive, by far, being the Catholic Mission school at Kusi Village, and is inspected bi-annually by Father PELLETIER of Asitavi.

There is one Administration School in the area, which is located within the station environs at Wkunal. Students are educated to Standard 6.

#### ROADS AND BRIDGES.

All the tracks had been well cleared (due, no doubt to the ample advance notice given of the patrol) on the patrol route.

However, on one occasion, where the original programme was departed from, involving the taking of a different route, the track, in parts, was impossible to distinguish from the surrounding undergrowth.

#### MISSIONS.

Approximately 60% of the populace comes under Catholic Mission influence. The remainder is split up equally into Methodist and Seventh Day Adventist influence..

In the majority of cases, an entire village follows the one faith; although there are exceptions to this, such as at Tearaka Village, where followers of all three denominations live in the one village.

Each village has its own church, and in some cases churches, where several services are held on the Sabbath, and in the majority of instances, morning and evening services daily, as well.

#### ANTHROPOLOGY.

At present, there are two Americans living in TOGARAU Village - Mr and Mrs I. B. Firchow. They are conducting an anthropological survey of the Rotokas people, as well as compiling a dictionary of the Rotokas language. They anticipate they will be spending a further ten years in the village.

The Firchows are working for the Summer Institute of Linguistics, which is Territory based at Ukarumpa E.H.D., and world based in California U.S.A. Apparently this is the linguistics branch of the Wycliffe Bible Translators, a world-wide missionary organization.

When Mr Firchow and his wife have completed the compilation of the dictionary, they will then translate the Bible into the Rotokas language.

Also, Mrs Firchow has embarked on a literacy programme, whereby she is endeavouring to teach the adults of Togarau Village to read and write "Tok Rotokas".

The Firchows have compiled a large reference work the Rotokas language, of several thousand pages. This consists of thousands of sentences (in Rotokas) which have been run through an IBM computer, and each separate word is cross-referenced back to each sentence it appeared in. This word is then listed as it appeared in context, with the four or five words that preceded and followed it in each sentence.

The local people constructed the Firchow's residence free of charge, and in return, Mr Firchow has installed a water pump system to the village, from a river a quarter of a mile away. He is considering installing a hydraulic ram at a later date.

#### AIRFIELDS.

As mentioned earlier, there is a airstrip under construction at TOGARAU Village. It has been cleared and levelled to 1300 feet. Several dwellings in the village itself have been demolished to make way for the strip, which will extend into the village proper.

On its completion, this will be the only Cessna strip (other than Wakunai Airstrip) in the Wakunai area.

#### LABOUR.

The nearby plantations obtain their main supply of labour from Mainland New Guinea, in the form of Agreement Workers. However, each plantation (except the two Burns Philp plantations) employ day labour, which is filled mainly from nearby villages.

Also, as mentioned earlier, Public Works Department has a line of 40-50 labourers employed on road maintenance.

#### GEOGRAPHY/TOPOGRAPHY.

Mt. Balbi was climbed. All appeared quiet, and only normal fumarole activity was observed.

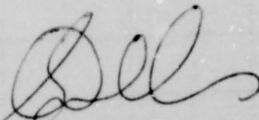
CONCLUSION.

The patrol itself was successful, insofar as it served the twofold purpose of holding the Local Government Council Elections, and familiarising the writer with the area and its people.

However, I do not feel that the object of the patrol was successfully carried out.

Several factors lead me to this conclusion. Firstly, less than 50% of the people eligible to vote, did so. Secondly, on several occasions reluctance was shown when a nominee was asked if he wished to stand for election. On one occasion (at PIPIPAIA Village), the villagers were unanimous in their nomination of a candidate, but he declined to stand. Thirdly, the Europeans in the area showed a decided lack of interest in the elections. One European, Mr. K. H. STEVENS, nominated as a candidate, but was unsuccessful. In the Inus Ward, the local people expressed disappointment when they were informed that all the Europeans had declined to stand, and therefore they could not vote for a European.

Therefore, in my opinion, the people are starting to show a decided lack of interest in their Council, and the Council Elections were far from a success.



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