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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Western Report No. ^{DARU} 4 of 1962/63

Patrol Conducted by D.J. Fanning C.P.O.

Area Patrolled Oriomo and Bituri Census Divisions

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 2 Members R.P. & N.G.C., 1 N.M.O.

Duration—From 20/9/1962 to 24/10/1962

Number of Days 34

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? Yes

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 21/5/1962 Oriomo C/D
30/8/1962 Bituri C/D
Medical/...../19.....

Map Reference Map Attached

Objects of Patrol Local Government Council Survey, Land Investigation Upiara
U.F.M. Airstrip, Routine Administration.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please

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District Commissioner

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

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

Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund
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21st February, 1963.

The District Officer,
Western District,
D A R U.

PATROL REPORT NO. 4-62/63 - DARU:

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

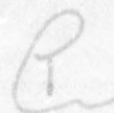
I agree in your remarks to the Assistant District Officer concerning the content of the report.

It is satisfactory to note that the people were most co-operative in all villages. You should make every effort to have market points established in order that the people will be encouraged to produce more copra. It is most important at this stage that they be given an opportunity of cash cropping not only as a means of obtaining cash and the goods which will be available to them through it, but to give them an occupation which is lucrative and will afford them some satisfaction.

I am pleased to note that the Agricultural Station at Orzomo is providing coffee seedlings and instructing the people in their planting and maintenance.

Where the people's economy is dependent on firearms some relaxation can be made in control in that more firearms per village are permitted.

Has there been any development in the Zim area as a result of timber rights being purchased?


(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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District Office,
DARU:
10th December, 1962.

Assistant District Officer,
DARU:

DARU PATROL NO. 4 1962/63.

Receipt is acknowledged of the above mentioned report of a patrol conducted by Mr. C.P.C. Fanning of the Oriome and Bituri Census Divisions. This has arrived without any comments from yourself, but some comments of mine follow.

(a) Native Affairs - In future please see that all officers proceeding on patrol give me something on Native thinking in their report. This report, whilst quite well done, is very short and follows far too much the old traditional method of reporting. We must concentrate much more on getting through to the Native people on patrol and ascertaining their own thoughts and what they themselves feel they are lacking and where they think we can probably assist them.

(b) Shotgun Register - This is quite informative and I trust will be used constantly in future.

Relevant extracts of the report are being forwarded to the Departments concerned.

c/c DNA
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Copy for your info. pls
Flower

(E. Flower)
DISTRICT OFFICER

DARU PATROL REPORT NO 4 of 1962/63

Area Patrolled : The Oriomo and Bituri Census Divisions.

Conducted by : D.J.Fanning, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Accompanied by : Const Maikai N.P.& N.G.O.
Const Sumailan N.P.& N.G.O.
Marigi N.M.O.

Duration : Thirty Four Days.

Objects of Patrol : Local Government Council Survey
Land Investigation Uplara U.P.M. Airstrip.
Routine Administration.

Reference : see attached map.

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INTRODUCTION.

According to the instructions in your 67-1-1 of 18th September, 1962, I left for a patrol of the Oriomo and Bituri Census Divisions per M.V. "Tarua" on 20th September, 1962. The walking portion of the patrol commenced at Ismara A.P.O. camp.

During the patrol I completed a Local Government Council Survey of both divisions. All villages were visited except those in the Bituri Census Division which have already joined the Gogiala N.L.G.C., whose headquarters are at Balimo. These villages are Aduru, Barasura, Karakiwai, Pisaram, Sapara, Suwami and Tirio. My relevant findings and recommendations are laid out in my Local Government Council Survey report which has been forwarded separately.

A new shotgun register has been drawn up for the Bituri Census Division and the Oriomo register has been revised. Both these registers are in book form and are being held at the Sub-District Office.

Whilst at Upiara I completed an investigation into the new U.F.M. airstrip which has been built recently.

The last patrol to the Bituri area was conducted by A.D.O. Mr. R. MacIlwain from 20/6/62 to 22/7/62. The last patrol to the Oriomo area was conducted by myself from 21/5/62 to 9/6/62.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The native affairs situation is quite satisfactory and the people were most co-operative in all the villages. A few complaints regarding sister exchange and bride price were brought to my notice; all parties were able to meet amicable agreements. It appears that most of the people prefer to settle their own disagreements and the village constables use their discretion as to what matters should be reported.

MEDICAL.

Attached in Appendix I is a list of all people treated by the Native Medical Orderly accompanying the patrol. The general health situation is satisfactory in the villages which have aid-posts. The patrol was met with frequent complaints from people who were missing out on medical attention. The A.P.O.'s make few visits to adjacent villages, though do good work in the villages in which they are stationed. Encouragement was given to all A.P.O.'s to do more patrolling and give more assistance to those people who are receiving little medical attention. The aid-posts at Irupi and Ume are not staffed at present.

Village sanitation is fair, all the villages having one or more latrines in operation. Village clean ups were conducted at Podari and Kuperi where there was a noticeable high incidence of scabies amongst the children.

N.M.O. Marigi, who accompanied the patrol, is to be complemented for the manner in which he conducted his work. A total of 362 people were treated by him.

AGRICULTURE.

Native copra production is almost non-existent. The main problem hindering production is the difficulties experienced in bringing the finished product to market. Pickup centres could be made on the South Bank of the Fly, the Oriomo River and the Pahoturi River. Until this can be arranged and regular collection services begun, the quantity of copra production will remain at a low level.

The main native foods grown are bananas, pineapples, paw paws, malou, orange, pumpkin, yams, taro, sago, taitu and maho. There is ample arable land available for extending the existing native gardens. The selling of native and crocodile skins is the main source of income in the area. The people in the Bituri Census Division are reliant more on crocodile skins, whereas the people nearer the Daru coast are reliant more on garden produce. Most garden produce is sold at Daru, the remainder being sold at Saibai Island, Birima plantation and Madiri plantation.

Interest in coffee growing is continuing to increase. Villagers are being trained at the Oriomo Agricultural Station in the methods of planting and caring for coffee plants. Plants are now being grown in the nursery at the Agricultural Station and later will be distributed amongst the villages.

EDUCATION.

Few children in the Bituri Census Division attend school, either mission or administration. The U.F.M. mission have recently opened a school at Upiara and have built an airstrip which should further help to open up the area. Other mission schools are at Kapal, Wia, Podari, Glabi, Togo, Giringarede, Gamaeve, Boze, Uma, Kuru, Issega and Peawa. Children usually attend mission schools until they reach Standard II and then progress, where possible, to an administration school for higher education.

There are administration schools situated at Kura, Kodoro and Oriomo. A total of 315 children attend these three schools in Standards I to V. An administration school would serve well the Bituri area, the education there at the present time being confined to the missions. Since my last visit to the Oriomo Census Division, a new administration school has been opened at Kura. A total of 69 children attend this school from the villages of Waidoro and Irupi.

SHOTGUNS.

An inspection of all shotguns revealed a big improvement in their conditions since my last visit. Many enquiries were received from people wishing to buy new shotguns. As the quota for most villages has been filled, it will not be possible for many to purchase new guns. In the Bituri there still remains a few villages without guns. As this particular group is dependent more on crocodile skins for their livelihood, I think it important that ~~sixteen~~ each village has at least one gun. A record of shotguns is listed in Appendix II.

MISSIONS.

The London Missionary Society remains the strongest mission in the area, having settlements at Nim, Počari, glabi, Togo, Giringarede, Gamaeve, Bose, Uma, Kuru, and Iamega.

The Evangelised Field Mission has recently opened up at Upiara and Kapal. An airstrip has been built by them at Upiara and plans are being made to build a second at Kapal.

The Seventh Day Adventist Mission has one settlement at Penwa on the Oriomo River.

NATIVE ENTERPRISE.

Village stores are operating at Giringarede, Bose and Zim. The store at Zim has been opened about three months and is being run by a private individual. Earlier this year a group of Zim people were paid £5,400 for timber rights over 42,000 acres of their land. Part of this money was used as the original store capital. The former two stores at Giringarede and Bose continue to give good service to the village people.

PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.

The Australian Petroleum Company and other companies are currently engaged in a joint oil drilling venture at Iamara. An airstrip has been built here which should help to open up the area. Few of the local people are employed at the drill site, the company relying on skilled workers from outside the district.

The only other private enterprise active in the area are the Madiri and Dirimu plantations. Copra and rubber are produced at Madiri, copra only at Dirimu.

CONCLUSION.

Now that an officer has been sent to Kodore more intensive attention can be given to this area especially the Bituri Census Division. The work done during the two earlier patrols to the Bituri and Oriomo can be more easily followed up.

Report on R.P. & N.C.C. Personnel Accompanying the Patrol.

Constable Maikai An efficient constable,
possible N.C.C. material.

Constable Surimalan A good worker though
inclined to be moody.

..... *J. J. Keenan* ..
Cadet Patrol Officer

APPENDIX 1

VILLAGE	BOARDS	HALLS	CHURCHES & SOCIETS	LABORATORIES	YARDS	OTHER BUILDINGS	TOTAL
BEVING	1	1	9	-	-	-	11
ONVAL	1	3	-	-	1	3	8
ZENAVA	-	-	3	-	-	1	4
SACCHARSO	4	-	1	-	-	1	6
UPLARA	2	1	4	-	-	4	10
KAPAL	3	2	4	-	-	9	18
PODARE	12	1	2	-	-	2	17
* HART	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GLARI	4	-	6	-	-	1	11
KIMWILI	2	-	7	3	-	3	15
* SESSE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MOAO	3	-	9	2	1	2	17
KADONO EDUCATION	3	-	10	2	2	-	17
* TOGO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KUSEBI	10	-	4	-	1	3	18
* WALIDONO	-	2	12	3	-	-	17
* INDEI	14	3	4	5	-	4	30
WATI	1	-	3	2	1	-	7
* DIPITABARE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	69	12	76	15	6	33	204

* All Post Facilities exist in these villages.

VILLAGE	SCARIES	HALABIA	GUYS & SORES	LABRATON	YAMS	OTHER COMPLAINTS	TOTAL
BEYTC	4	-	2	2	-	-	18
BOZE	4	3	2	2	1	2	14
* UDE	5	3	12	6	-	6	32
KURO	1	-	5	2	1	-	9
WENTO	7	1	7	1	-	2	18
IAIDGA	12	2	5	6	2	5	33
ZIE	2	3	9	6	-	7	27
EBARA	3	-	3	3	-	3	12
ABAM	1	1	2	1	-	-	5
TOTAL	39	13	78	29	4	25	1458
	60	12	78	15	8	33	204
GRAND TOTAL	99	25	126	44	10	58	362

Appendix II

Shotgun Register

Oriomo Census Division

<u>Village.</u>	<u>Owner.</u>	<u>Shotgun No.</u>	<u>Permit No.</u>	<u>Expires.</u>
Togo	Dadia-Tabu	4234	22729	15/12/62
	Biango-Buia	135432	22730	29/11/62
	Jate-Hogo	4235	22828	21/12/62
	Wakai-Bagari	5169	22747	3/12/62
	Udu-Kavi	4592	22899	2/7/63
Kuperi	Gaa-Gurii	120325	22831	7/2/63
	Ganogabo-Sibiero	5849	22917	12/8/63
	Binagabo-Wortan	4236	22892	10/6/63
	Bin-Pende	5033	22878	19/4/63
	Kaindi-Wape	10094	22755	7/12/63
	Ore-Saireno	5776	22915	12/8/63
Waidoro	Aniba-Gibana	10667	20233	5/7/62
	Banaga-Imari	10064	22779	2/12/62
	Mokol-Bangel	130087	22780	22/11/62
	Hebau-Jani	126130	22772	13/1/63
	Gansa-Maka	11053	20133	27/2/62
	Wali-Menagu	8616	22776	14/1/63
Irupi	Tarewa-Sedira	5165	22795	6/2/63
	Sogomo-Jane	5843	22665	20/10/62
	Marude-Girisa	9450	22775	30/3/63
	Duhini-Igu	9700	22774	8/2/63
	Migali-Wegi	5296	22796	6/2/63
	Diri-Tero	5173	22794	6/2/63
	Hoderai-Ingel	848	22777	30/3/63
	Tere-Juwai	0170	22773	7/2/63
Yati	Buna-Wai'u	5322	22785	6/2/63
	Ieru-Wabi	10059	-	24/1/63
Gansa	Kurokuro-Newo	Absent from village.		
	Dumana-Dati	136905	22941	18/10/63
Giringarede	Jugi-Sakoro	Absent from village.		
	Dipu-Gora	135543	22762	8/1/63
Poze	Peter-Gidu	27406	22872	23/6/63
	Joses-Asiri	994697	22786	23/1/63
	Idai-Gidu	918	22887	19/7/63
	Lega-Dai	Absent from village.		
	Bani-Dogai	1480	22769	11/1/63
	Iambe-Gue	Absent from village.		
	Trove-Asiri	2899	22791	11/3/63
Wia-Kuwana	Absent from village.			
Uac	Sido-Wirisa	27414	22805	27/1/63
	Magu-Igusida	10096	22770	21/11/62
	Bamoro-Tete	10788	22824	20/10/62
	Papas-Balisa	27407	22808	7/3/63
	Puji-Mepon	10946	Absent from village.	
Kuru	Sabe-Orange	5320	22825	28/2/63
	Waika-Merea	27441	22826	10/3/63
Wonio	Gwelipium-Walimop	5280	22007	28/2/63
Iamega	Sunda-Iogen	10728	22912	26/7/63
	Kuduma-Wasa	10772	22813	11/1/63
	Dumo-Kema	10621	20052	19/8/62
	Gibase-Walea	5255	22832	21/3/63

APPENDIX II

Shetsun Register

Oriomo Census Division

<u>Village.</u>	<u>Owner.</u>	<u>Shotgun No.</u>	<u>Permit No.</u>	<u>Expires.</u>
Zim	Ongandi-Gera	23451	22934	17/9/63
	Duo-Jen	94288	22670	15/10/62
	John-Klage	133665	22324	10/4/63
	Padui-Dume	4151	22847	4/11/62
Peawa	Badia-Jubo	22116	22821	6/3/63
	Saba-Kemai	29774	22903	17/6/63
	Adam-Jube	382	22571	22/1/63
	Sonai-Wano	Absent from village.		
Aban	Sagoi-Eatomi	5736	22708	22/10/62
	Gesori-elaga	10490	22663	18/9/62
	Serepa-Nisaperu	12544	22834	11/3/63

Bituri Census Division

Marsun	No guns in village.			
Rual	Farua-Sosoa	135534	22781	19/1/63
	Amari-Aimen	22383	22810	25/2/63
Tewara	No guns in village.			
Sagunseo	No guns in village.			
Upiara	Geba-nanese	141484	22953	16/8/63
Kapal	Kinda-Dubin	135651	22858	8/4/63
	Daniam-Abiam	10482	11056	27/4/60
Win	Dude-Amange	8453	22684	24/3/62
Kanel	No guns in village.			
Podari	Poken-Iora	5317	22806	20/2/63
	Kili-Dugi	10597	22677	14/9/62
Naru	Mumi-Laga	29767	22686	24/10/62
	Iagi-Loa'a	135541	21694	25/10/62
	Hipih-Meruman	29761	22689	24/10/62
	Nusa-Nevere	10097	22685	6/5/62
	Berai-Murei	252	22874	4/5/63
Glabi	Gini-Meja	4159	22674	22/11/62
	Rigin-Maike	Absent from village.		
	Ber-Kenian	Absent from village.		
Gnao	Boiem-U'u	9090	22764	24/11/62
	Namo-Amadu	5891	22929	1/4/63
	Dargale-Jag	5852	22797	6/1/63
	Mesik-Boiem	20517	22932	13/9/63
	Seri-Gada	1606	22682	21/10/62
	Dabal-Bagau	5889	22766	13/8/62
	Hagi-Bodou	9136	22931	25/11/63
	Bisa-Kama	1150	22763	5/2/63
	Uglug-Bora	1004	22930	29/5/63
	Ai'a-Tom	5861	20116	7/1/62
	Toa-Nabal'a	Absent from village.		

APPENDIX II

Shotgun Register

Bituri Census Division

<u>Village.</u>	<u>Owner.</u>	<u>Shotgun No.</u>	<u>Permit No.</u>	<u>Expires.</u>
Sebe	Sawoi-Bose	6425	22718	26/11/62
	Blazi-Ode	6082	22771	6/1/63
	Tuti-Kajubu	5665	27745	6/1/63
	Nawi-Lalano	Absent from village.		
	Iani-Jaboli	Absent from village.		
Kibuli	Gurali-Boreman	6581	22724	22/11/62
	Kaiwa-Berge	120124	22767	9/1/63
	Beak-Oida	5963	22765	8/1/62
	Pota-Bogot	29773	22688	24/11/62
	Gumar-Oida	10502	20106	22/1/62
	Sjugo-Nieb	4963	22717	26/11/62
	Mate-Eurup	32888134504	28595	25/10/62
	Sagno-Maikop	6538	22719	26/11/62
	Piya-Salibian	56560	20230	19/8/62
	Baran-Nekca	56563	22922	14/8/63



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of..... WESTERN Report No. DARU No 5 of 1962/63

Patrol Conducted by..... P. J. RUSSELL, CADET PATROL OFFICER,

Area Patrolled..... KIWAI CENSUS DIVISION (part)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans P. J. W. MCKENZIE, C.P.O.

Const Maikai, P.P.N.G.C.

Natives..... N. H. O. Sibina

Council tax tribunal and hygiene committee.

Duration—From..... 5/ 3/1963 to..... 28/ 3/1963

Number of Days..... 24 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... 18/ 9/1962

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

Map Reference..... Kiwai fourmil

Objects of Patrol..... 1. Census revision, 2. Tax collection,

3 Routine administration.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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20th August, 1963.

The District Officer,
Western District,
DARU.

PATROL REPORT NO. 5-62/63 - DARU.


Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

It is most desirable that the Council's vessel should be used on a full commercial basis to transport any produce.

I have no doubt that the construction work being carried out at Daru and the A.P.C. building programme will satisfy employment requirements for the time being, but this will not be for an extended period and the 25 unemployed families at Daru could well increase and become a real problem.

Did the people indicate that they would take their bank books to the District Office to have them rejuvenated or did they only talk about it in a vague kind of way. They should be pressed to take their pass books to the nearest District Office for processing immediately.

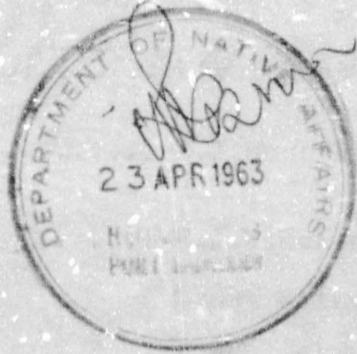
The patrol, which was a routine one, has been well recorded.


(J. K. McCarthy),
DIRECTOR.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



In Reply
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No. 67-2-1

District Office,
DARU. W.D.

18th April, 1963.

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The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

PATROL DARU 5/1962-63.
KIWAI CENSUS DIVISION (PART) - MR. P.J. FUSSELL, C.P.O.

Attached is a report of the above Patrol, now being carried on by Mr. P. MCKENZIE, C.P.O., together with Assistant District Officer's covering memo.

2. Health, agricultural and educational comments have been passed on to the respective District Officers-in-Charge.

3. Some comments follow:

(a) Planned for mid-May is a quantitative social survey of the native population of DARU, allegedly approximately 3,000. Broadly this is to ascertain what makes them tick, their current (negligible?) contact points with Administration and what we can or ought to do for (or rather in conjunction with) them from the welfare angle. I do not think our Department is either in adequate touch with or functionally geared for this at District level; I hope we can start to be after the survey.

(b) The officer now realises alphabetic rolls are not required.

(c) Discussions will be held to see if the Council's schooner can assist more with copra transportation - on a full commercial basis.

(d) In my personal view the KIWAI N.L.G.C. tax rate of 70/- is too high. See copy of memo on separate file.

(I.A. HOLMES)
District Officer.

c.c.
The Assistant District Officer,
DARU. Sub-District.

DARU PATROL REPORT No 5 of 1962/63.

Area Patrolled..... Kiwai Census Division. (part)
Conducted by..... P.J.Russell, Cadet Patrol Officer.
Accompanied by..... P.J.W.McKenzie, Cadet Patrol Officer.
Const Maikai.
N.M.O. Sibera.
Council tax tribunal.
Council hygiene committee.
Duration..... 5-3-1963 to 28-3-1963. 24 days.
Objects of Patrol..... Census revision.
Council tax collection.
Routine administration.
Reference..... Kiwai fourmil.

DIARY.

- 5th March, 1963. Departed DARU aboard M.V. "Tarua". Arrived MAIPANI village 2005 hours. Slept night.
- 6th March, 1963. Census revision, etc, MAIPANI village. Heavy rains. Slept night.
- 7th March, 1963. To TIRERE village per Moto-moto. Census revision, etc. Slept night.
- 8th March, 1963. To SOGORO village per moto moto. Census revision, etc, of SOGORO and KOVASI villages. Slept night.
- 9th March, 1963. To MADADUO village per moto-moto. Census revision, etc. Slept night.
- 10th March, 1963. To WARIABODORO per M.V. "Tarua". Census revision, etc. Slept night.
- 11th March, 1963. To KENAME village per dingy. Census revision, etc. Slept night.
- 12th March, 1963. To ABREGAREMA village per dingy. Census revision, etc. Slept night.
- 13th March, 1963. To SEPI village per dingy in 6 hours. No people in village. Slept night.
- 14th March, 1963. Census revision, etc. of SEPI village. To SEWERIMABU village per dingy. Slept night.
- 15th March, 1963. Census revision, etc of SEWERIMABU village. To KOABU village per M.V. "Tarua". Census revision, etc. Slept night.
- 16th March, 1963. To MADAME village per M.V. "Tarua". Census revision, etc. of MADAME and WEDEREHIAMO villages. To MEDERI plantation for tax collection. To IAMARA A.P.C. camp for tax collection. Slept night.
- 17th March, 1963. To DOUMORI village per M.V. "Tarua". Census revision, etc. Slept night.
- 18th March, 1963. Aboard M.V. "Tarua". To PARAMA Village via MADAME and SEWERIMABU. Slept night.
- 19th March, 1963. Census revision and tax collection, etc. of PARAMA village. To DARU per M.V. "Tarua". Slept night.
- 20th March, 1963. Departed Daru 1630 per M.V. "Tarua". Arrived SUI village at 1950. Slept night.
- 21st March, 1963. Census revision, etc. of SUI and DAVARI villages. Aboard M.V. "Tarua" to MIBU Island. Short stop at plantation for tax collection. To IASA village. Slept night.
- 22nd March, 1963. Census revision, etc. of IASA village. To KUBIRA village per M.V. "Tarua". Census revision, etc. To DOROPU village. Slept night.
- 23rd March, 1963. Census revision, etc. of DOROPU village. To DAMERA-TAMU village per M.V. "TARUA". Census revision, etc. Slept night.
- 24th March, 1963. To GESOA village per M.V. "Tarua". Census revision, etc. To WAPI village. Slept night.

- 25th March, 1963. Census revision, etc. of WAPI and AIBINIO villages. To WAPAURA village per M.V. "Tarua". Census revision, etc. To IPISIA village. Slept night.
- 26th March, 1963. Census revision, etc. of OROMASAPU, SAGASIA and AGOBARA villages. Slept night.
- 27th March, 1963. Census revision, etc. of IPISIA village. To SAGUANE village per M.V. "Tarua". Census revision, etc. To SAMARI village. Slept night.
- 28th March, 1963. Census revision, etc. of SAMARI village. To DARU per M.V. "Tarua".

END OF DIARY.

DARU PATROL REPORT NO 5 of 1962/63.

INTRODUCTION.

As per instructions received in your 67 - 1 - 1 of the 25th February, 1963 I departed Daru on the 5th March, 1963 aboard the M.V. "Tarua" to conduct the census revision patrol of the KIWAI area. On the 6th March the "Tarua" left us at MAIPANI village on the North Bank Fly and rejoined us at SEWERIMABU on the 14th March. During the interim period the patrol moved by motc-moto.

On the 20th March Mr P. McKenzie, Cadet Patrol Officer, joined the patrol. When I left the patrol on the 28th March there were still ten villages to be censused, these are now being visited by Mr McKenzie. All statistics regarding census, etc. will be presented in Mr McKenzie's report.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

Here I can only reiterate the remarks of previous officers who have visited the area. The position remains unchanged, this is an orderly area with a co-operative people. A few complaints were placed before the patrol but these were mainly of a domestic nature. The people say that very few disputes arise that they are not able to settle themselves.

The attendance at the census was good although there are a large proportion of the people permanently absent from the village. The amount of construction work being carried out at Daru and the A.P.C. drilling at IAMARA have provided a higher than average demand for casual labourers within the district. However there are many families who seem able to live in Daru without the benefit of a regular income. This is causing concern in the villages, at SAMARI village there are only about seventy men, women and children out of a censused 420. Of those absent there were 25 unemployed families in Daru.

During the patrol the people were advised on banking procedure and the necessity of presenting their books for interest, etc. Many books were sighted belonging to persons now deceased, there were also many more containing a deposit of one shilling or so that has been unrepresented for or more years. The people were advised to use their books or close these accounts.

All information required for the compilation of the common roll is now to hand, the task still remains of placing the names in alphabetic order.

HEALTH.

Aidposts supply a good medical coverage throughout the area and health is generally satisfactory. A few cases of yaws and one T.U. were seen among the North Bank Fly villages. The people said they had been treated at the S.D.A. mission post at DAMERA village but the orderly was out of medical supplies and apparently had been for some time.

The aidposts supplied by the local government council are working satisfactorily. Here again the orderlies allow themselves to be short of necessary stocks. Most of the orderlies are regularly patrolling the respective villages under their jurisdiction.

The council is well aware of the necessity to improve the village water supplies and already several wells have been installed. Some of these along the North Bank Fly are supplying a brackish water and an alternate method involving the catchment and storage of rain water was suggested.

AGRICULTURE.

Despite every encouragement the Kiwai people are making little effort to develop the copra industry in the area. There are a few exceptions where the people are using their plantations but in the main the people are not interested. The usual story was that work would start as soon as they fixed the drier, a few more truthful villages said they had no intention of making copra.

The usual complaint is the drop in the market price that has occurred over recent years. This complaint is not new and in the past Native Affairs and DASF officers have repeatedly attempted to explain the reason for market changes. The villager has failed to grasp these explanations and can only remember that in the past he was receiving almost twice the current price.

Those villages producing copra still experience a difficulty in bringing their produce to a market. Their moto-moto's are not always capable of handling the shipment and there is no regular workboat service to the area. Perhaps a series of collection depots scattered throughout the area would act as a further incentive.

The people still continue to bring fresh fish and garden produce to the market in Daru.

EDUCATION.

The people are generally aware of the necessity for education. In the Fly river estuary there are Administration education centres at TEAPOPO, SEWERIMABU and PARAMA. There are also village schools conducted by various missions. All schools are well attended, in addition many more children attend schools situated at Daru.

Again the people around the TIREPE area requested the establishment of an administration school, they are not interested in sending their children to any of the already established schools.

The local people are emitting a certain amount of hostility towards the present staff at TEAPOPO. While overnighing at KENAME, a village adjacent to the Education site, the villagers went to TEAPOPO and threatened to beat the staff. This stemmed from a report of the teachers misconduct with the female students. One teacher is also alleged to have knocked one female student unconscious. While trying to revive her, her fellow students badly cut her back with broken glass. Although the teacher admitted hitting a group of students there is some doubt as to who actually hit the girl.

This is the second trouble of this nature in the last twelve months, on the previous occasion similar rumours of the teachers misconduct had caused the flareup. The village people are quick to believe any stories carried home by the children. There is no European staff at Teapopo.

KIWAI LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL.

The tax tribunal accompanying the patrol are not meeting with a very good response. The tax rate remains at £3.1.0.0 for males and £1.0.0 for females. Very few are able to pay their tax, however if things follow the usual pattern most will have paid by the end of April.

The people have a good appreciation of the principles of the council, however at MADADUO village several men were most vocal in their displeasure. Their main complaint was that no council works had been carried out in their village, while their tax had been spent on a new council chambers and a house for the staff. Council methods were explained at some length and I feel sure that

the village people have a more complete picture of things.

During the latter parts of the patrol the Council's film projection equipment was used and, where conditions allowed, films were shown to the people. These included several films showing the development of the Territory and the people and further emphasised the works of local government. Altogether the people were most appreciative of the program.

SHOTGUNS.

A inspection was made of all special arms permits and a record kept. There were a few who didnot hold current permits, most of these were only just overdue and the individuals were told to renew the permit immediatly.

TORO PASSAGE CHANNEL MARKERS.

The people of KATATAI village have recently installed new marker sticks over the sand-bar leading to Toro Passage. Shipping entering the passage from the Daru side should keep the markers on their right.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of WESTERN Report No. DARU No 6 of 1962/63.

Patrol Conducted by P.W.J. MCKENZIE, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled KIWAI CENSUS DIVISION (part.)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans P.J. RUSSELL, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Const. MATKAI 2 R.P.N.G.C.

Natives N.M.O. SIBERA
Council tax tribunal & hygiene committee.

Duration—From 20/3/1963 to 6/4/1963.

Number of Days EIGHTEEN (18)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 18/9/1962

Medical/...../9

Map Reference Kiwai Fournal

Objects of Patrol 1. Census revision 2. tax collection
3. routine administration.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

23/5/1963

[Signature]
District Commissioner *[Signature]*

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

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

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

67-2-15

20th August, 1968


The District Officer,
Northern District,
Belfast

FETTER REPORT NO. 6-52/68 - BAIL

Copy of the above-mentioned Fetter Report is acknowledged with thanks.

It is gratifying to note that the attendance at courses was good.

Has anything been done to encourage the people living permanently at home without means of support to return to their homes? The only way to win abstract people to their homes is to give them some activity in which they are interested and I feel that these activities should be confined to the domestic field at this stage.


(J. E. McFarthy),
Belfast

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-2-1.

District Office,
DARU, N.D.

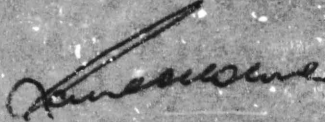
23rd. May, 1963.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KORIEDOJU.

PATROL DARU 6/1962-63 - KIWAI CENSUS
DIVISION (PART) - MR. P. W. J. MCKENZIE, C.P.O.

The above patrol represents a "carry on" from
Patrol DARU 5 of 1962-63 covered by my memorandum 67-2-1 of
18th April, 1963.

The attached census figures show a nett increase
of 5.0 percent and natural increase of 3.0 percent - and that
in the most prolific area of the District.


(I.A. Holmes)
DISTRICT OFFICER.

BARU PATROL REPORT No 5 of 1962/63

Area Patrolled.....Kivai Census Division (part)
 Conducted by.....P.W.J. McKensie , Cadet Patrol Officer,
 Accompanied by..... P.J. Russell , Cadet Patrol Officer.

Const. Naikai.
 N.M.O. Sibera
 Council Tax Tribunal.
 Council Hygiene Committee.

Duration..... 20-3-63 to 6-4-63. 12 days.

Objects of Patrol..... Census revision,
 Council tax collection,
 Routine administration.

Reference..... Kivai Journal .



DIARY

- 20th March, 1963. Departed Daru for Sui at 1630 per M.V. Tarua. Arrived 1950 & slept the night.
- 21st March, 1963. Census revision, etc. of Sui & Dawara. To IASA, via XEBU plantation. Slept night at IASA. Films were shown using the council generator.
- 22nd March, 1963. Census revision etc. of IASA village. To KUBIRA VILLAGE per M.V. Tarua. Census revision etc. To DOROPC. Slept night.
- 23rd March, 1963. Census revision etc. of DOROPC village. To DAHERATANI per M.V. Tarua. Census revision etc. Films were shown. Slept night.
- 24th March, 1963. To GRSOA per M.V. Tarua. Census revision etc. To WAPI. Slept at Wapi.
- 25th March, 1963. Census revision etc of WAPI & AIBINIO people. To WAPAURA per M.V. Tarua. Census revision etc. To IPISIA. Slept night. Films were shown to people from, Ipisia, Agobara, Sagasia, & Ormasapuo.
- 26th March, 1963. Census revision etc. of ORMASAPUO, SAGASIA, & AGOBARA villages. Slept night at IPISIA.
- 27th March, 1963. Census revision etc. IPISIA village. To SAGUANE village per M.V. Tarua. Census revision etc. To SAMARI village. Slept night.
- 28th March, 1963. Census revision etc. of SAMARI village. To DARU per M.V. Tarua.
- 29th March, 1963. To MABADUAN per M.V. Tarua. Slept night.
- 30th March, 1963. Census revision etc at MABADUAN. Showed films to village people. Slept night at MABADUAN.
- 31st March, 1963. To BUJI per M.V. Tarua. Films shown to BUJI & BEH people. Slept at BUJI.
- 1st April, 1963. Census revision etc of BUJI & BEH. To SIGABADURU per M.V. Tarua. Slept night.
- 2nd April, 1963. Census revision etc of SIGABADURU & TABATATA. To KODORO with education supplies. Showed films to school children. Slept night.
- 3rd April, 1963. To MASSINGARA per M.V. Tarua. Census revision etc. Showed films to Massingara & Mawatta people. Slept at MAWATTA.
- 4th April, 1963. Census revision etc of MAWATTA. To TURISTURE per M.V. Tarua. Census revision etc. Showed films. Slept night.
- 5th April, 1963. To DOROGORI per M.V. Tarua. Census revision etc. To KATATAI by foot. Showed films to Katatai & Derogori people. Slept night.
- 6th April, 1963. Census revision etc of KATATAI. To DARU per M.V. Tarua.

END OF DIARY

DARU PATROL REPORT NO. 5 of 1962/63.

INTRODUCTION.

As per instructions received in year 67 - 1 - 1 of the 25th February, 1963, I joined G.P.O. P. Russell on the 20th March to complete the census revision patrol in the KIWAI N.L.G.C. Area. On the 28th of March P. Russell left the patrol, with the village west of KATATAI yet to be completed.

The patrol was duly completed and this report is a supplement to that of P. Russell's and contains census figures for the KIWAI CENSUS DIVISION.

Census figures of these villages in the KIWAI N.L.G.C. Area, but not in the KIWAI CENSUS DIVISION, shall be included with reports of their own respective Census Divisions.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

Little can be added to the remarks made by P. Russell on this section. Several minor complaints of a domestic nature were received, but the people preferred to settle these themselves.

CENSUS.

Attendance at the census was good although as reported previously many people are living permanently on DARU without means of support. The total population of the KIWAI CENSUS DIVISION is 7509. Absenteeism is at a high percentage. A total of 1359 males and 717 females were recorded as absent from the census. This represents 28% of the total population. Of these 749 were school children. At present DARU with its construction work is the main centre of attraction. Other centres of employment are the two coconut plantations in the District, the CRICOMO SAWMILL and the A.P.C. site at IANARA.

MEDICAL.

There have been 341 births in the area in the past 12 months against 121 deaths. 42% deaths were children under 13.

With the KIWAI N.L.G.C. Aid Post Orderlies patrolling the area the general health situation appears satisfactory.

AGRICULTURE.

With regard to P. Russell's remarks concerning transport facilities the Council propose to use the WORKBOAT as much as possible in village work. The propose is to both collect produce and also to show films in the villages per means of the Council's portable generator.

EDUCATION.

As stated previously the people are aware of the necessity for education. Several mission school are in the area west of KATATAI and one European material school at TURETURE, has been built by the Council. Good attendances are being received at the schools and use is being made of the wireless sets provided by the Council.

Other topics have been fully covered in P. Russell's report.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Western Report No. DPKW 8 of 1962/63

Patrol Conducted by C. Viner-Smith C.P.O.

Area Patrolled Bituri Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 1 Member R.P. & N.G.C., 1 Interpreter.

Duration—From 22/4/1963 to 9/5/1963

Number of Days 7

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 24/10/1962

Medical 24/10/1962

Map Reference Bituri Fourmil

Objects of Patrol Local Government Council Pre-Election Talks.

Census Revision, Routine Administration.

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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BARU PATROL REPORT No. 6 of 1962/63

Area Patrolled : The Bituri Census Division.

Conducted by : G. Viner-Smith, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Accompanied by : Const. Suwimalan.
Warawia, Interpreter.

Duration : Seventeen Days

Objects of Patrol : Local Government Council Pre-Election
talks.
Census Revision.
Routine Administration.

Reference : Bituri Journal



Daru Patrol Report No. 8 of 1962/63.

PATROL DIARY:

Monday 22nd April 1963.

- 0930 A.D.O. and self departed Daru per M.V. Tarua for Abam.
1330 Arrived Abam and did Census Revision and Pre-election talks. As we were held up by heavy rain decided to spend night there.

Tuesday 23rd April 1963.

- 0825 Departed Abam for Peawa per M.V. Tarua.
0850 Arrived Peawa and conducted Census & Pre-election talks and shotgun register revision. Finished 1050. Visited S.D.A. people.
1115 Departed for Oriomo Agric. Station arriving at 1140 for short inspection. Departed for Zim 1215. Arrived 1400 and commenced Census and talks. Slept the night at Zim.

Wednesday 24th April 1963.

- 0700 A.D.O. departed to Iamaga whilst I returned to Daru Per M.V. Tarua. Collected refrigerator from Oriomo en route and arrived Daru 1415hrs. Reported to D.O.

Thursday 25th April 1963.

Observed ANZAC Day.

Friday 26th April 1963.

- 1000 Departed for Iamara per M.V. Tarua. Arrived Severimabu 2025hrs. Slept the night.

Saturday 27th April 1963.

- 0615 Departed for Iamara arriving at 1145. Proceeded to Mutum where I conducted Census Revision and pre-election talks. Returned to Iamara 1445 where A.P.C. personnel put me up for the night.

Sunday 28th April 1963.

- 0605 Departed Iamara for Mutum. Picked up carriers and departed for Rual 0700hrs. Arrived Old Rual 1045 where we waited for canoes from Rual to pick us up.

- 1150 Arrived Rual and conducted Census and Local Council talks.

- 1445 Departed Rual for Tewara per canoe arriving at 1655. Repaired rest house where we spent the night.

Monday 29th April 1963.

- 0715 Commenced talks and census. Finished at 0900 and departed for Sanguanso.

- 1130 Arrived Sanguanso and commenced Census and L/C. talks. Stopped at Sanguanso for the night.

Tuesday 30th April 1963.

- 0730 Departed Sanguanso by canoe for Kapal arriving at 1200hrs. Stopped the night at Kapal.

Wednesday 1st May 1963.

- 0700 Departed Kapal and arrived Wim/Kanel 1045. Interpreter and Policeman both injured their feet on this stretch. Did Census and L/C. talks, and slept here this night. to allow the above to recover a bit.

Thursday 2nd May 1963.

- 0730 Departed for Wipig arriving at 1045. Census and pre-election talk successfully completed by 1300. Departed for Podari at 1340 arriving at 1520. Track very wet and muddy. Heavy rain prevented work in the afternoon.

Friday 3rd May 1963.

- 0700 Commenced L/C. talks and Census. Heavy rain falling all night.

- 0905 Departed for Biambodk arriving at 1035. Track very wet. Leaches bad. Finished Census and Council talks at 1200 and departed for Nanu.

- 1450 Arrived Nanu and conducted talks & Census Spent the night here.

PATROL DIARY - Continued

Saturday 4th May 1963.

0830 Left Namu and arrived at Glabi 1030. Track wet. Began talks and census 1045 and finished at 1315. Held up by heavy rain and departed for Kibuli 1405hrs.

1600 Arrived Kibuli and conducted campaign of Local Council pre-elections. Slept here the night here.

Sunday 5th May 1963.

0730 Commenced census revision departing Kibuli at 1000 by canoe.

1200 Arrived Sebe and did census, pre-election and shotgun register.

1400 Departed Sebe for Gnao.

1930 Arrived Gnao where we spent the night.

Monday 6th May 1963.

0800 Conducted talks and census revision. Bought 21 vegetables and fruit. These people have big gardens and plenty of food for sale.

1230 Departed Gnao for Kodoro. Met Mr. Macilwain's canoe coming upstream and his police boy told me that there was no food or accommodation in Kodoro. Returned to Gnao where I left the rest of the party and departed to Kodoro in small canoe.

1400 $\frac{1}{2}$ Arrived Kodoro and met Mr. Macilwain who spoke to Daru at 1450 requesting the M.V. Tarua to come and pick us up.

1600 Departed Kodoro for Gnao where we spent the night.

Tuesday 7th May 1963. Mr. Macilwain
Spent at Gnao a further pre election talk with the assistance of Imu - Die an influential member of the Sub-District.

0400 Departed for Kodoro to bring M.V. Tarua up to Gnao.

1100 M.V. Tarua arrived at Kodoro. Contacted Daru to say we would be using the Tarua for a few days extra.

1235 Departed for Gnao per M.V. Tarua. Slept at Gnao.

Wednesday 8th May 1963.

0630 Departed from Gnao to Sebe. We arrived at 0900 and sent the Tarua to Kibuli to pick up the V.C.'s and village men from Glabi and Namu who had come down to hear the talk. Mr. Macilwain gave those who were already there a talk and then we departed leaving Imu and Wena to talk to the rest when they arrived.

1530 Departed Sebe for Kodoro and arrived at 1805. Spent the night there.

Thursday 9th May 1963.

0650 Departed Kodoro for Daru per M.V. Tarua.

1400 Arrived Daru and unloaded boat.

END OF DIARY.

INTRODUCTION.

According to ~~the~~^{the} instructions on 67-1-1 of 11th April, 1963, I departed for a Patrol of the Bituri Census Division per M.V. "Tarua" on 22rd. April 1963. I was accompanied by Mr. Macilwain for the first two days to Zim on the Oriomo, and then returned to Daru on the 24th April. I continued to Lamara A.P.S. Camp per M.V. "Tarua" on the 26th April 1963.

In the course of the Patrol I completed a Census Revision and gave Pre-Election talks for the newly formed Oriomo-Bituri Native Local Govt. Council. A revision of the shotgun register was also compiled.

The last Patrol to the Bituri Census Division was conducted by Mr. D.J. Fanning C.P.O. from 20.9.62 to 24.10.62

Native Local Government Council.

Due to the close proximity of the Kiwai N.L.G.C. the idea of a Council was not a new one to many villages. To a few though in the Bituri swamp areas it was new and although interest was roused very few questions were raised regarding the Council.

In most villages questions were invariably asked about the payment of Council Tax. Some villages such as Wim, Kanel, Wipin and Podari said that it was difficult to transport their vegetables and fruit to markets and were concerned as to where the Tax money would come from.

However they were all resolved to start the Council first and then bring these problems to the Council's notice at a later date.

All villages were told to nominate men or women to stand for election who will be voted in or out when the elections take place.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The co-operation in the majority of villages was agreeably noted, although in some places the V.C. seems to hold very little authority and the younger, more educated men are leading the community.

A few problems resulting from sister exchange were brought to my notice and were dealt with in the villages. Those concerned found amicable solutions.

MEDICAL.

Generally health is satisfactory but some cases which badly need medical attention, such as ulcers and burns are not being attended to. These are mainly children whose parents say the Aid Post is too far away and as very few N.M.O.'s visit any villages other than their own, there is little chance of this condition improving. In villages where there is a Native Medical Orderly the health is very good.

AGRICULTURE.

A good number of villages in the Bituri have only small self-sufficient gardens. They contain bananas, pineapples, oranges pumpkin, sweet potatoes, yams, taro, sago, mahe and taitu. However there is good potential for larger gardens and the sale of vegetables if interest can be created in the villagers.

There is no Copra production but if amenities were provided by the new Council for pickup centres to be established possibly at Kodoro on the Pahoturi, Zim on the Oriomo, and on the South Bank of the Fly, production would probably commence.

There are villagers at Oriomo Agricultural Station being trained in coffee growing but as yet none has been grown in the villages.

Crocodile skins are still the main source of income.

EDUCATION.

With the ~~marked~~ scarcity of schools in the Bituri Census Division many children are not being well educated. The mission schools at Uliara, Kapal, Win, Podari, and Glabi are well attended. The Government schools at Kodoro and Oriomo have many children from the Bituri and Oriomo Divisions but are unable to hold the flow of the children from the mission schools. Usually the Mission schools teach up to standard Two or Three and for higher education the students attend Government schools.

A Government school in the upper Bituri area would ease the strain considerably.

SHOTGUNS.

In an inspection of shotguns in the Bituri I found very few people without current Special Arms Permits and there was only one faulty shotgun. A revision of the register compiled by Mr. Fanning last year was done and an accurate record is now being kept.

NATIVE ENTERPRISE.

The Bituri Census Division has no stores operating except for a small and limited trade store at Gnao run by a private individual.

PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.

The Australian Petroleum Company at Iamara has suspended drilling activities until September - October this year. At the moment they are engaged in the re-construction of their airstrip and also in the construction of a road inland to a new drilling site. This is employing a small number of Natives from Mutum, Rual and surrounding villages.

~~Mix Mafixi and Mixixi plaktattax~~

CONCLUSION.

The thoughts of the people towards advancement is relatively negative in the Bituri. The new Local Council we hope will assist in erasing this general attitude.

Report on R.F.M.G.C. Personnel Accompanying the Patrol.

Constable Suwimalan

Works well, efficient
but tends to get
moody.

W. W. Smith
.....
Cadet Patrol Officer.

67. 3. C. ✓



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-1-6

District Office,
DARU:

15th November, 1962.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KORORUA:

BORDER SURVEY PATROL.

Attached hereto is a report I asked Mr. C.P.O. Reid to submit on his recent border patrol accompanying Mr. B. Willington of the Department of Lands, Surveys and Mines.

As can be seen it was found that Opka is situated within Australian Territory but the village of Ingembit is cut by the Territorial boundary. No doubt a full report of this will be submitted by Mr. Willington. In both villages Mr. Reid has had talks with the people and whilst nothing startling is revealed in the report it provides quite interesting reading. The Officer was perfectly correct I feel in not taking any action in the matter of minor offences reported to him in the village of Opka.

Submitted for your information, please.

No action on this as a patrol report other than acknowledge. Copy on 1-3-12(2) for further action
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Flower
(E. Flower)
DISTRICT OFFICER

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

*In Reply
Please Quote*

No. 67-1-6

Sub-District Office,
Daru
WESTERN DISTRICT

7th November, 1962.

District Officer
Western District
DARU

BORDER SURVEY PATROL

Attached hereto is a report on a patrol into two West New Guinea Villages. The object of the patrol was to carry out Astro Fixes in five Border Villages.


Due to the inclement weather and lack of rations, only two of the original five villages were completed. These being OPKA and INGEMBIT, 10 days were spent in OPKA and 6 in INGEMBIT.

The report, which is attached, deals only with the Native Affairs situation in the Villages patrolled.

The Astro Fixes, which were carried out by Mr. P. Willington of the Department of Lands, Mt. Hagen, revealed that OPKA was situated a quarter of a mile inside Australian Territory, and INGEMBIT was found to be right on the Border, with the actual Border cutting the Village in half.

It was interesting to note a sign board hanging on the Government Rest House at INGEMBIT. The board read:- Dutch Customs, Please have your Passport handy for inspection.

For your information please.


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(G.J. REID) C.P.O.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

*In Reply
Please Quote*

No 87-1-6

Sub-District Office,
DARU:

9th November, 1962.

The District Officer,
Western District,
D A R U:

BORDER SURVEY PATROL.

1. INTRODUCTION.

The area covered by the patrol extends from Kiunga North-West to the Ok Biria River, in the Ok Tedi Census Division. The country is generally hilly and densely covered with sub-tropical forests. Tracks are almost non-existent and walking is done over tree roots.

The patrol was made in company with Mr. B. Willington, a Lands Survey officer from Mount Hagen.

2. NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The Native Affairs situation throughout the area controlled from Kiunga was fair. An exact appraisal of the situation was difficult as all but two villages were deserted.

The two West New Guinea villages visited were both occupied and in general the patrol was well received.

OPKA.

Opka is a fairly large village with a population of approximately 210. The village is in charge of a Dutch appointed V.C., one Ambuwan. He is a young, well educated man and holds far more respect in the village than the average V.C. in the majority of Australian administered villages.

The people are far better dressed than their counterparts on the Papuan side of the border, this especially applies to the V.C., who met the patrol dressed in long khaki trousers, long sleeved khaki shirt and black shoes.

In a fairly long talk with the V.C. he told me that the last Dutch patrol visited the village over 12 months ago. However, he had just returned from Mindiptahan, where he found the Dutch the eve of their departure. From his I learned that a local Papuan had now taken over and was in sole charge on the station.

The V.C. expressed concern for the lack of law and order throughout the area, and already it appears that there have been a number of minor offences in the area. This matter was brought to my attention when he asked me to hear a case of assault. I informed him that I could do nothing. He then asked to whom he could report such matters and on this matter I was also unable to help.

Whilst in the village, a Catholic Mission Father from Ninati arrived. I had quite a long talk with him, the conversation ranging from the present international situation to the Mission education programme for the village people. The Father, who was a Dutchman, told me that he was staying on at his Mission station, as were most other missionaries in West New Guinea. He appeared to be very popular with the people and Mission influence in the village is very strong.

The village people proved most co-operative and provided ample supplies of food for the patrol. They appeared to have little interest in anything but their own affairs, and it is decided to bring the village under Australian Administration, I feel sure that the people would welcome the move, especially the V.C., who appears to show a certain amount of concern for the welfare of the village people.

INGEMBIT

Ingembit is 2 hours walk from Opka over a fairly well used track. The village is well laid out with roads and footpaths and housing is excellent.

On arrival in the village a Dutch flag would be found flying at the masthead in front of the Village Constable's house. However, when he learned that it was an Australian patrol the flag disappeared and was not sighted for the remainder of my stay.

The people in the village showed little enthusiasm towards the patrol and were not very co-operative with regard to food supply for carriers. As no barracks were available, the carrier line slept in the villager's houses, and even here they were given no food.

The V.C., one Mangim, was found to be very pro-Dutch, and appeared to know quite a deal about the present international situation. He was very reticent when speaking of the Indonesians and little could be obtained from him as to his views on this or any other matter. Once again the V.C. had a very strong influence on the village people and village affairs. He is very keen to lift the general status of the village and implied that he would welcome the Australian Administration, if they were willing to open a post in his village. After the first day in the village little was seen of the people hence it was difficult to obtain their views on any matter.

Once again a large mission station was found in the village and its influence appeared to be very strong. The Mission station which is set apart from the village proper, runs a large school and church which is regularly visited by the Father from Ninati.

3. CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, the people contacted have little interest in the political developments currently taking place. They appear to be contented to flow with the tide. In my opinion I feel that further contact should be made with the