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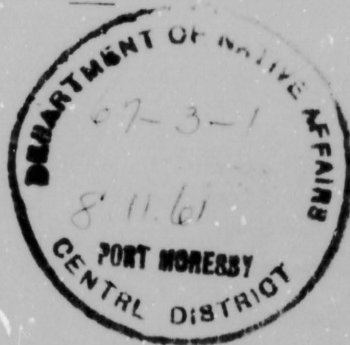


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No. 67-1-10

Department of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu.

8th November, 1961.



The District Officer,  
Central District,  
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT KWI.1/61-62 - MR.J.A.ABSALOM

1. The Report has been received with great interest. Mr.Absalom's first patrol proves that he is well fitted to carry out a tough task in rugged country.

His Diary is excellent, being concise but containing all essential information. The accompanying map is good, but I would suggest that village and camp heights be shown. Whilst adding interest, this would show the actual altitudes reached.

2. The Patrol was successful in locating three aircraft, all crashes of the last war, and it would appear that the three are all United States Air Force planes. A tragic reminder of the suffering undergone by the survivors of the "Flying Dutchman" are the messages written on the door of the aircraft - details of which are given in Mr.Absalom's Diary of the 1st of September, 1961. Incidentally, what type of plane was the "Dutchman" - B.17 or B.24?

3. I fully agree with your suggestion that the door should be preserved as a War relic. I appreciate that the messages written on it are in pencil and much care would have to be taken in order to bring it safely to Port Moresby. I suggest this. Providing Mr.Absalom is fit, a special patrol be undertaken to visit the site of the "Flying Dutchman" crash in order to bring back the door intact. It might be necessary to recruit special carriers for the task and take hessian, canvas, etc., in order that the door be wrapped carefully so as to preserve the writing. I would like Mr.Sharp, A.D.O. Kwikila, to arrange this if possible and hope to speak to him over R.T. today.

If the door can be brought safely to Port Moresby I will place it in the Museum here in the first instance. As Trustee of the Museum, I am willing to allocate funds for this task. I hope the patrol can do this as soon as possible.

4. On their return to Port Moresby, Lt.Wheeler and Sgt. Parolillo, U.S. Army, who accompanied Mr.Absalom on the patrol spoke very highly of his leadership. I would also like to give him my personal congratulations on a very good job, and I would like these extended to Constables Dura and Evo'o and the Interpreter Henari.

A copy of this memorandum is forwarded to the A.D.O. Kwikila and Mr.J.A. Absalom.

cc. A.D.O., Kwikila.  
cc. Mr.J.A. Absalom.

*J.K. McCarthy*  
(J.K.McCarthy),  
Director.

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District Office,  
East Central Division,  
Central District,  
Port Moresby.

25th October, 1961.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KOROROU.

PATROL REPORT NO. 1/61-62  
RIGOU DISTRICT -  
J. A. ABSOLON C.P.O.

Attached hereto please find the above mentioned patrol report submitted by C.P.O. Absolon.

2. This was a special patrol to accompany an American War Graves Party for the recovery of bodies from war time aircraft wrecks.

3. This was Mr. Absolon's first patrol and was of an arduous nature, and shows that, although young and inexperienced, he has what it takes to make a successful patrolling officer.

4. I have drawn his attention to the somewhat numerous spelling errors in the report.

5. The information contained under the heading Friday, 1st September, 1961, reveals an incredible story of endurance, and the door with the diary entries would have a fitting place in a war museum, and would, no doubt, be of interest to a War Historian. I think the next patrol to that area should recover this relic and hand it over to interested authorities.

(K. I. CHESTER)  
ACTG. DISTRICT OFFICER.

Assistant District Officer,  
RIGOU.

I am very pleased with the way Mr. Absolon acquitted himself on this patrol. No doubt he has gained valuable experience. His patrol report makes quite interesting reading, but is marred somewhat by spelling errors. Whilst a Patrol Officer is not supposed to be a touch typist, he should be able to turn in a neat report free from spelling errors.

(K. I. CHESTER)  
ACTG. DISTRICT OFFICER.



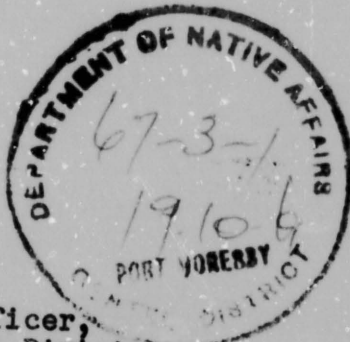
TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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No. 67-1-1 (59).



Rigo Sub-District Office,  
KWIKILA:  
East Central Division.

12th October, 1961.

District Officer,  
East Central Division,  
District Office,  
PORTMORESBY.

PATROL REPORT - KWI, 1-61/62.

Enclosed is the above Patrol Report.

2. This report covers a Special Patrol to the Mt. Brown and Mt. Obree Census Divisions conducted by Mr. J.A. Absalom, C.P.O., in search of missing wartime aircraft. Mr. Absalom has done very good work on this patrol - his first - and should be complimented on his efforts. Mr. Absalom was not accompanied by a senior officer from this department due to lack of staff. In addition, Mr. Absalom had only arrived at Kwikila a few weeks before the patrol commenced. Camping allowance claim for the period of the patrol is also enclosed.
3. For your information and consideration, please.

(E.S. Sharp.)  
Assistant District Officer.

Encl. 2.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of..... Rigo - Central ..... Report No..... L/61-62 .....

Patrol Conducted by..... John Abalom (C.P.O.) .....

Area Patrolled..... Portions of the Mt. Obree and Mt. Brown Tax Census Divisions. .....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... Yes (two American Army Officers). .....

Natives... 2. Manbara R.P.A.M.G.C. and 1 Medical Orderly for part of the way.

Duration—From..... 8/ 8/19.61 to..... 8/ 9/19.61 .....

Number of Days..... 31. .....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany..... No. .....

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

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

Map Reference..... See accompanying Patrol Map. .....

Objects of Patrol..... To search for crashed wartime aircraft. .....

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation	....	£.....
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Sub-District Office,

Kwikila.

Ist., October, 1961.

The Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-District Office,  
Kwikila.

Patrol Report.

In accordance with your instructions, please find attached  
in triplicate Patrol Report No. I/61-62.

Rigo Patrol Report No. I/61-62.

Patrol Conducted by :- J. A. Absalom, C.P.O.

Area Patroled :- Portions of the Mt. Brown and  
Mt. Obree tax census Divisions.

Patrol Accompanied by ::- Lt. Bill Wheeler, U.S. Army.  
Sgt. Hank Parollilo, U.S. Army.  
I863 Constable Ist. class Dura.  
I0298 Constable Evo'o.  
Interpreter Henari.

Duration of Patrol :- 8/8/61 to 8/9/61.

Number of Days :- 31.

Object of Patrol :- To search for crashed wartime  
aircraft.

Map reference :- See attached map and also Rigo  
Sub-District 2miles to the 12th.

*J. Absalom*

(J. Absalom)  
Cadet Patrol Officer



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PATROL DIARY

TUESDAY 8TH. AUGUST. 1961.

Departed Kwikila by truck for Gobaragere at 1000. Picked up kerosene and tobacco there and left at 1115. Crossed the Kemp Welch River at 1130 arriving at Karekodolu at 1215. Re-crossed Kemp Welch and arrived Gaunoma at 1415. Decided to spend the night here as the carriers from Bulidobu have not arrived. Payed carriers. The rest house and police quarters here are in excellent condition. Failed to make radio contact with Moresby. The track was very flat and easy today.

WEDNESDAY 9TH. AUGUST. 1961.

Departed Gaunoma 0715 arriving at Bulidobu at 1010, and Dirinoma 50 min later. The patrol was again forced to stop because there were not adequate carriers. Again we failed to make radio contact with Moresby.

THURSDAY 10TH. AUGUST. 1961.

Departed Dirinoma 0700, crossed Kemp Welch River by canoe and arrived Tabunoma at 0950. Re-crossed the Kemp Welch by canoe arriving Sirinuma No.1. 1045. Changed sixteen carriers, had some coffee and continued on our way at 1200. Arrived Sirinuma No.2. at 1315 and Barataka 2 hours later. The track was very treacherous and steep in places. There was a new rest house but no police barracks. I gave instructions for them to be built. Failed to make radio contact again.

FRIDAY 11TH. AUGUST. 1961.

Payed carriers from Sirinuma No.1. departed Barataka at 0845. The patrol had to wait for the new carriers to arrive from Sori. Arrived Sori at 1415 after a hard walk on a very bad track. Issued some wheatmeal to the carriers that come on from Sirinuma No.1. with the patrol. Brought a chicken, and some eggs for dinner. The rest house and police barracks are in reasonable condition. No radio contact with Moresby.

SATURDAY 12TH. AUGUST. 1961.

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Payed/carriers from Sirinuma No.1. departed Sori 0845. Arrived Dodi at 1310, changed carriers and left, arriving Abare at 1615. The track was fairly good for most of the day. Managed to make radio contact with Moresby for the first time tonight. Lt. Wheeler picked them up by accident at about 2100 hours.

Apparently we had been trying to pick them up on the wrong frequency. Moresby sends on one frequency and receives on another; we were trying to do both on one frequency, 5.885.

SUNDAY 13TH. AUGUST, 1961.

Departed ABARO 0800, arrived DOROBISORO 1½ hours later. Elevation 1790 ft. Met Constable Evo'o who had the supplies (four bags rice, 4 cartons meat, 10 lbs tea and 20 lbs sugar) for our stay on top. He had arrived 3 days ahead of us. The carriers at DOROBISORO refused to carry for the patrol so we continued with the S.D.A. carriers we already had, arriving MIMAI at 1330. I gave Evo'o instructions to follow us next morning with 2 bags of rice, 2 cartons of meat, tea, sugar and 28 carriers.

Two natives have come forward saying that they found a plane while out hunting about two months before. After questioning them closely I decided that it was probably not the "Flying Dutchman" but a new plane. After discussing the matter with Lt. Wheeler we decided to follow this lead. The plane is about 2 days walk away. Made radio contact with Moresby.

MONDAY 14TH. AUGUST, 1961.

Departed MIMAI 1045. The carriers from DOROBISORO were late in arriving. Passed through a deserted village and arrived at the new village (KARUNI) 45 minutes later. Elevation 3440 ft. The carriers seemed reluctant to proceed further. Eventually I persuaded them to continue. Apparently there is no water for a considerable distance. After a long hard climb we camped at 1500 at an elevation of about 6000 ft.

Lt. Wheeler had a conversation with his Sgt. at the BOROKO HOTEL. He instructed him to bring up new batteries for the radio a new head set and extra supplies. Sgt. Parolillo will depart KWIKILA on Thursday.

TUESDAY 15TH. AUGUST, 1961.

Broke camp at 0835; at 0855 we come out on a ledge, there was a fantastic view we reached the mountain peak at 0930. Made camp at 1130, elevation 6500 ft the carriers say that there is no water between this point and the plane. Tent 5 carriers on ahead to locate the plane and bring back some metal. They returned with the required piece at 1700. Made radio contact with Moresby at 1745. The carriers killed four pidgens and two cuscus. It is very cold.

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WEDNESDAY 16TH, AUGUST, 1961.

Departed camp at 0715 with 12 carriers Henari and Constable Evo'o. I sent the carriers on ahead to cut a track. We reached the plane at 1015, elevation 7790. The plane was scattered over an area of some 1000 sq yds. Lt. Wheeler was unable to locate the serial number of the plane because it was so badly wrecked; he did however find the engine numbers. It was a twin engined plane of some type, probably a B25. Sgt. Parolillo later said that there were more than 500 bullet holes in the wreckage he located. Departed the plane at 1315 and arrived back at camp 3 hours later.

The carriers killed 60 cassus and 4 bush wallabies while we were away today.

No radio contact with Moresby.

THURSDAY 17TH, AUGUST, 1961.

Broke camp at 0830, reached peak at 1000 and first camp site 30 minutes later. Arrived New Village (BARUNI) 1115 and DOROBISORO 1430. Lt. Wheeler sent two telegrams concerning the crash.

FRIDAY 18TH, AUGUST, 1961.

Rested at DOROBISORO today. Lt. Wheeler has an infected wrist. It was decided that I should wait here for Sgt. Parolillo and Lt. Wheeler would continue on to find the DUTCHMAN. HENARI the Interpreter says he remember during the war that there was a plane on the Mt. Brown side of Mr. Obree that they recovered about twenty bodies from.

Had trouble contacting Moresby. Heard RIGO inquire if we had come up yet. Eventually made contact at 1930.

Brought a chicken some eggs and fruit.

SATURDAY 19TH, AUGUST, 1961.

Lt. Wheeler departed at 0945 for TABU. He sent a note with the carriers telling me that it was 4 hours walk.

SUNDAY 20TH, AUGUST, 1961.

Sgt. Parolillo arrived at 1800. He had been walking since 0700 hrs. and was almost exhausted, so were his carriers.

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He made really good time from Kwikila, 4 days. He said he could have made it in 3 but was held up by missionaries.

MONDAY 21ST. AUGUST, 1961.

Sgt. Parolillo departed at 0900 for the first week. I left at 1245, had a great deal of trouble obtaining carriers. Arrived TABU 1545 elevation 3400 ft. Payed carriers. It began to rain soon after I arrived.

TUESDAY 22ND. AUGUST, 1961.

Departed TABU 0730. Arrived BADAIKA 1300 elevation 2920. The track was very slippery due to last night's rain. Payed carriers.

WEDNESDAY 23RD. AUGUST, 1961.

Departed BADAIKA 0800, arriving BULIDOBURU 1430 (elevation 1320 ft). The track was very bad and slippery. Has been raining off and on since 1145. Steady rain began at 1400. There were some steep climbs and descents between the two villages, the highest point reached was 3400 ft. Payed carriers. Lt. Wheeler apparently rested for a day here and left this morning.

THURSDAY 24TH. AUGUST, 1961.

Departed BULIDOBURU 0800, meet carriers from AIRIAUKA at 1030. They had been on their way to pick me up at BULIDOBURU. Arrived AIRIAUKA 1130, elevation 3360 ft. Found that Lt. Wheeler was still there. The track was again very slippery after the rain. Payed carriers.

Made radio contact with Moresby.

FRIDAY 25TH. AUGUST, 1961.

Departed AIRIAUKA 0900 arriving SAUNOM at 1155. Decided to stop here as it is raining and our supplies are running low, it will save us two meals.

Made contact with Moresby at 1735. Lt. Wheeler received replies to his messages of the 17th. Tried to make contact again at 1930 but Moresby were only receiving us strength 2.

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SATURDAY 26TH. AUGUST. 1961.

Departed SAUNOM 0850. Steady rain began at 1100. Made camp at 1215, rain continued all night. Everyone is wet and miserable, the rice got wet.

Made radio contact with Moresby at 1820.

SUNDAY 27TH. AUGUST. 1961.

Broke camp at 0815. The carriers tell me that we crossed into the TUFU Sub-District today at about 1030. From this point we followed a stream down for about 1½ hrs. It was a mere trickle when we started and a raging torrent when we left it. We have apparently crossed the water shed. The scenery was awe inspiring. Made camp at 1500.

MONDAY 28TH. AUGUST. 1961.

Broke camp at 0845, walked for 3½ hours and set up camp again by a river. Sent some Councillors on to cut the track as we have left the regular road.

A small boy lit a dead tree, which would have fallen on the tent, Had two natives not cut down the tree next to it, thus knocking it over away from the tent.

Made radio contact with Moresby.

TUESDAY 29TH. AUGUST. 1961.

Broke camp at 0730. Followed river up until 1300. From the river we climbed steeply until we camped at 1530. Misty rain began at 1400. Caught up with the councillors who had been cutting the track. Elevation 8780.

WEDNESDAY 30TH. AUGUST. 1961.

Sent councillor off at 0600 to cut the track. Before breaking camp at 0915 I sent a message back to our third camp with Village Constable from SAUNOM for Sgt. Parolillo giving him our walking times.

We follow a small creek up for most of the day and camped on its banks at 1500. The banks of the creek almost since we joined it have been of tundra. I am a bit worried about locating the "DUTCHMAN" all the men who knew exactly where it was are dead. Our present guides are not too certain of themselves, that is the main reason why progress has been so slow.

The policeman I sent back with the message from Sgt. Parolillo came into camp at 1730. Sgt. Parolillo is at our last camp. The sun is shining now, it is very pleasant after all the rain we have had. Made contact with Moresby. Elevation 8900 ft.

THURSDAY 31ST. AUGUST, 1961.

Sent carriers out at 0700 to look for the "FLYING DUTCHMAN." Lt. Wheeler offered £1 reward to the man that found it. I followed them at about 0900. I stopped and waited at the end of the tundra valley. The carriers returned at about 1230 with some American ammunition, webbing belts and other articles from the plane. I returned to the Base Camp with these at 1300. On return I found Sgt. Parolillo had arrived at about 1030.

Made radio contact with Moresby and gave them the glad news.

FRIDAY 1ST. SEPTEMBER, 1961.

Departed Base Camp for Flying Dutchman at 0800, arriving there 45 minutes later elevation 9000ft. Sent all the carriers except two in the general direction of the other crash. Lt. Wheeler judged it to be about 2 miles away from the "DUTCHMAN" when he spotted it from the air.

Sgt. Parolillo found a few bones (the left arm and shoulder blade of a man of <sup>about</sup> 25). He also found a DIARY written in pencil on the door to the tail section. The DIARY is as follows:-

Crashed 1:30 10 Nov 1942.  
17 men alive  
Wed 11 16 men alive  
12 4 men started for help  
13  
14 Tried to put balloon up  
15 Crackers and cheese  
16 4 men started for help - risk south leaves  
8 men left.  
17 Small peace cheese  
18 Chocolate bar  
19 Found chocolate bar  
20 1/3 can tomato juice  
21 1/3 can tomato juice  
22 Drank last 1/3 can tomato juice  
23 Last cigarette CW --- M Butts  
24 First day no rain  
25 2nd day no rain

- 26 Thanksgiving. Rain today also clear in morning
- 27 Bird found water this morning - still got our chins up.
- 28 Clear day. We have ---- OD.
- 29 Nice clear day. Boy were getting weak still have our hope
- 30 Still strong on imaginary meals.
- Dec 1 My My summer is here, went to spring today.
- 2 Just slide by but boy it rained.
- 3 Kinda cold and cloudy
- 4 Same ole thing - clear this morning.
- 5 Boy nothing happened just waiting.
- 6 Had ---- e service today, still lots of hope
- 7 Years ago today the war started - Boy we didn't think of this then.
- 8 Nice day. Still living on --- wishes.
- 9 God is looking out for our water supply
- 10 Just 30 days go. We can take it but it would be nice if someone come.
- 11 Cold rainy day. We would like to start out before Christmas.
- 12 Family nice day still plenty of water
- 13 Beautiful morning everyone has high hopes
- 14 Waiting
- 15 Waiting
- 16 New water place today
- 17 Running out of imaginary meals(6 more shopping days)
- 18 Nice a<sup>nt</sup> warm in morning rain in afternoon
- 19 Plenty cold last night cold this morning to. Water pretty low. (5 more day till Xmas)
- 20
- 21 Plenty of water
- 22 Rained all 3 days
- 23 Thinking about home still hoping
- 24 Tonight is Xmas eve. God wake them happy at home
- 25 Xmas day
- 26
- 27
- 28 Rain every day
- 29
- 30 Johnny died today.
- 31
- Jan. 1 New years day
- PAT )
- MART ) On lower portion of door
- TED )

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At 1350 some of the carriers returned to say that they had found the other aircraft. We decided to go and do what we could. At 1500 we met HENARI and the carriers returning, they informed us that it was another 2 hours walk, so we turned back to camp arriving at 1730.

Native rations are getting very low.

Made radio contact with Moresby.

Again the day was warm, but as soon as the sun goes down it becomes bitterly cold.

#### SATURDAY 2ND. SEPTEMBER, 1961.

Made radio contact with Moresby at 0700. Reception was very bad so we failed to get our message through. I sent two councillors back to the village to bring food up to meet us as we have only two meals left.

Sgt. Parolillo and I departed Base Camp at 0830 for the new plane. Lt. Wheeler had to stay behind because of two tropical ulcers on the sole of one foot. We arrived at the plane at 1130. Elevation 920 ft. It was very hard walking, mostly through vine bamboo.

Sgt. Parolillo established that there was a B17 (Flying Fortress). It was very badly wrecked, we only found 2 of the four engines. Part of the tail section was still in tact. The wreckage was scattered over an area of 4000 sq yds. No remains were found, Sgt. Parolillo thinks that the <sup>CREW</sup> area probably bailed out.

Departed scene of crash 1500 and arrived at Base Camp at 1730.

No radio contact with Moresby.

#### SUNDAY 3RD. SEPTEMBER, 1961.

Broke camp at 0800 walked until 1800. The last carrier arrived at 1900. Just before we left this morning a Patair D.C. 3. circled low over us. Sgt. Parolillo let off a red smoke flare. We are taking a shorter route back. It will take us straight to BULIDOBURA.

Made radio contact with Moresby. Sent messages concerning the B17.

#### MONDAY 4TH. SEPTEMBER, 1961.

Sgt. Parolillo left at 0640 to catch his carriers who had gone on ahead. The rest of the patrol broke camp at 0810. At 0925 we met a messenger from Sgt. Parolillo giving us walking times. Arrived second camp (see map) at 1100. Lt. Wheeler foot was bothering him so



I sent the carriers with one of the policemen on to set up camp and we rested until 1245. We arrived at the first camp at 1705. The track was very good and the walking easy today. Heard A.B.C. News cast about the patrol.

Made radio contact with Moresby.

TUESDAY 5TH. SEPTEMBER? 1961.

Broke camp at 0815 and arrived BULIDOBURU at 1300. Sgt. Parolillo had arrived an hour before us. He had stopped at AIRIAUKA the night before, to pick up a patrol box left there on the way up.

Made radio contact with Moresby.

WEDNESDAY 6TH. SEPTEMBER? 1961.

Departed BULIDOBURU at 0800, arriving at KAIKANOMU at 1200. At KAIKANOMU we brought some bananas and two pineapples. Arrived EPAIKA at 1705. Payed Carriers.

THURSDAY 7TH. SEPTEMBER? 1961.

Departed EPAIKA 0800 and arrived BULIDOBURU at 1200. I had the natives of this village tie up the rafts for us and we left at 1315. At 1600 we arrived at GAUNOMU. Made radio contact with Moresby for the last time.

FRIDAY 8TH. SEPTEMBER. 1961.

Departed GAUNOMU at 0800 by raft and arrived at GOBARAGERE at 1550. Truck to KWIKILA at 1330.

Reported to the Assistant District Officer.

The patrol was 100% successful in that one more plane than expected was found. Although at one stage it looked as though we would run out of rations, both native and our own every thing eventually worked out alright. A

Apart from a few tropical ulcers and minor injuries the members of the patrol maintained good health throughout.

*J. Absalom*  
C.P.O.

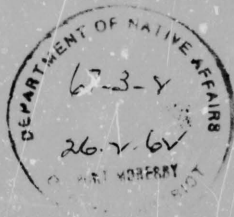


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No. 67-1-17

Department of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu, Papua,

22nd February, 1962.

District Officer,  
East Central Division,  
Central District,  
PORT MORESBY.

RIGO REPORT NO. 2 OF 61/62.

Thank you for the above report forwarded with your  
67-3-2 of the 10th ult.

- 2. A routine patrol which Mr. Absolom appears to have conducted satisfactorily.
- 3. A patrol map is always useful and young officers particularly, should be directed to submit one.

J.K. McCarthy  
(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR

A.D.O.  
Kuchala, 26/2/62  
for information, please

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District Office,  
East Central Division,  
Central District,  
Port Moresby

10th January, 1962.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu.

PATROL REPORT 2-61/62. RIGO.  
J. ABSOLOM C.P.O.

The above report, together with census figures, is forwarded for your consideration, please. Some comments follows:

Census Statistics.

Infant mortality rate of 4.76% still seems very high even though it had dropped greatly. A more constant system of patrolling by medical staff and visits by Aid Post orderlies to villages other than where the Aid Post is established would improve matters even more so. Noted that the last Medical Patrol was over 12 months ago. Absentee labour does not appear high, although it appears that the bulk of the people are employed within the Sub District and it is likely that many of these can get home during their period of employment.

Agriculture and Stock.

It would be interesting to know when the last Agricultural Patrol was conducted in this area. The people are obviously interested in cash cropping and improvement of their economy, yet it is possibly some considerable time since a patrol passed through the area.

The proposed road extension into the area will improve matters considerably as far as marketing is concerned, but permanent cash crops are necessary and the only way of ensuring correct establishment of these is by constant patrolling by the departmental officers concerned.

Village Officials.

Village Constable of Tabu could well be replaced if anyone better is available.

This is Mr. Absolom's 2nd patrol. He appears to have conducted it quite well. It is a pity he did not submit a map to indicate his patrol.

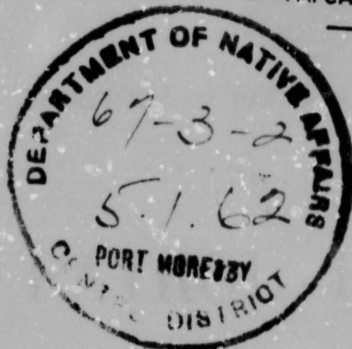
Claim for Camping Allowance is enclosed for favour of your approval and settlement.

(F.G. DRIVER)  
ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER.

att.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



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Rigo Sub-District Office,  
KWIKILA:  
East Central Division.

3rd. January, 1962.

The District Officer,  
East Central Division,  
District Office,  
PORT MORESBY.

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3.. For your information and necessary action please,

( E.S. Sharp. )  
Assistant District Officer.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Rigo - Central Report No. 2/1961-62.

Patrol Conducted by J.A.I. Absalom, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Mc. Obase Tax Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans No.

Natives Two Members of the R.P. & N.G.C. and one Interpreter

Duration—From 6 10 61 to 23 10 61

Number of Days 17

Did Medical Assistant Accompany No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 19 60

Medical 9 60

Map Reference Rigo Sub-District 2 mile inch.

Objects of Patrol Tax collected, Revision of Census and 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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Patrol Diary

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6th. <sup>OCT</sup> Nov., 1961.

Departed Kwikila by truck at 0900 with all personnel and gear. The patrol completed the Kemp Welch crossing at 1100 and departed for BOREGAINA arriving at 1145. Departed BOREGAINA at 1200 and arrived at GEVEROGORO =- KOKOROGORO Rest House at 1535.

Tax Census completed.

The villages both in good order.

There were no complaints.

The A.D.O., Mr. Sharp was accompanying the patrol for the first few days so that he could conduct a Local Government Survey to bring the villages close to Kwikila into the Council; he began the Survey here.

7th. <sup>OCT</sup> Nov., 1961.

Departed Rest House at 0830 and arrived at DEBADAGORO one hour later.

Completed the Tax Census.

There were no complaints.

The village was clean and well kept.

Departed at 1100 and arrived at LIBUNAKOMANA at 1215. As it was raining heavily it was decided to delay the Tax Census until the following morning.

8th. <sup>OCT</sup> Nov., 1961.

The Tax Census again had to be cancelled because of rain.

The Patrol Rested.

9th. <sup>OCT</sup> Nov., 1961.

Departed LIBUNAKOMANA at 1100 after completing the Tax Census. Arrived BOKUMOMANA at 1130.

Tax Census revised.

One minor complaint settled.

The village proved to be clean and reasonably tidy.

Departed at 1300 arriving at the composite village of EFAIKA, WARAIKA, GOBUNAIKA, AUDUIKA and WAUREIKA at 1445. It began to rain as the patrol left BOKUKOMANA and had not stopped by 1700 so I delayed the Tax Census until the following morning.

One Native Matters Court sent to Kwikila.

The medical orderly made a complaint that the Aid Post and surroundings were not being properly maintained. The ward had fallen down the day the patrol arrived. Instructions were given to build a new one and to clean up the grounds once a week. Otherwise the village was quite well kept.

10th. <sup>OCT</sup> Nov., 1961.

The carriers left at 1000 with the patrol gear followed by myself at 1210 after completing the Tax Census.

Three of the village books would not balance.

Arrived AMURAIKA at 1340, but as this village is in the Mount Brown Division of the Sub-District I only stopped for a few minutes and then continued on to KAIKANOMU arriving at 1545

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Revised Census and collected Tax.

The village was in fair order except for some rubbish under some of the houses.

No complaints.

11th. <sup>Oct</sup> Nov., 1961.

Departed KAIKANOMU at 0725 arriving at TOMOROVANUA at 0940. The track was fair but steep in places.

The Tax Census was completed without trouble.

The village was clean but the houses were of poor design. There were some new houses being built and I gave some advice on how to improve on the design.

No complaints.

12th. <sup>Oct</sup> Nov., 1961.

Departed TOMOROVANUA at 0710 and arrived at LOFAIKA at 1000.

Tax Census completed.

No complaints;

The village was in reasonable order.

Departed LOFAIKA at 1140 and arrived at BADAIKA at 1215. The track was good but there were some steep climbs between TOMOROVANUA and LOFAIKA.

Tax Census at BADAIKA.

One minor complaint settled.

As in Tomorovanua the houses were of a very poor design, but reasonably clean.

13th. <sup>Oct</sup> Nov., 1961.

Departed BADAIKA at 0900 and arrived at TABU 4 1/2 hours later. The track was very bad.

Tax Census revised.

The village was in very poor condition, it had obviously been cleaned up for the patrol and not a very good job done at that. The V.C. of this village, has been neglecting his duty and letting one of the councillors do most of his work.

One new councillor was elected.

No complaints, except about the V.C.

14th. <sup>Oct</sup> Nov., 1961.

Departed TABU 0900 arriving at IGONAMU at 1100 and DOROBISORO Rest Houses 30 minutes later.

Tax Census for both villages.

No complaints.

Both of these villages were clean and in good order. Several new houses were under construction in DOROBISORO.

15th. <sup>Oct</sup> Nov., 1961.

Patrol Rested.

16th. <sup>Oct</sup> Nov., 1961.

Departed DOROBISORO at 0715 and arrived at ABOWANA at 0800.

Tax Census completed.

No complaints.

The village was clean and the houses in a reasonable condition.

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Departed 1000 and arrived at LAROMI Rest House at 1130. As it <sup>9</sup>  
began to rain heavily half way through the C<sup>o</sup>ensus I cancelled the  
remainder until the next morning.

17th. Nov., 1961.

Completed Tax Census of MIMAI, IODUBI, and IPIODURU.

Until about twelve months ago these three villages were combined  
but they split up because of the unusual number of deaths in the v  
village. IODUBI and IPOIDURU are now building a new site near ~~the~~  
the old one on the other side of the river; MIMAI refuses to jion  
this union because they say that their gardens are too firmly  
established at their present site.

Departed LAROMI Rest House at 1130 arriving at DOROBISORO Rest  
House 1 1/2 hours later.

18th. Nov., 1961.

Departed DOROBISORO ta 0715 and arrived at ABARO at 0840.

Tax Census of SOMORE, Huavola and ABARO completed. In these  
villages a number of men folk were away at an S.D.A. Mission  
conference.

The villages were all well kept.

No complaints.

Departed ABARO at 1200 arriving at DODI 1 hour 50 minutes later.  
As it was raining I cancelled the Tax Census until the following  
morning.

The track from DOROBISORO was in good trim.

19th. Nov., 1961.

DODI, BORO and IDAGIGOLO Tax Census completed before departure  
at 1000.

All of the villages were in reasonable order.

One dispute settled.

Arrived SORI at 1350. The track was not very good, and walking  
was not helped by the fact that it had rained heavily the night  
before.

Tax Census for SORI, GURANOMU and MEIADOBU completed.

One dispute settled.

All ~~villages~~ villages were reasonably well kept and clean except  
for a ~~few~~ houses in GUANOMU - MEIADOBU; some of the men in this  
village were told to replace their old houses with new ones. The  
previous Patrolling Officer gave the same instructions.

In these villages as in the other S.D.A. villages quite a few  
of the men were away at a mission conference. No notice of this  
conference was recieved at the Sub-District Office, Kwikila.

20th. Nov., 1961.

Departed SORI at 0845 and arrived at BARATAKA at 1345. The  
track was not very good.

Tax Census completed.

No complaints.

Some of the houses in the village were deplorable but the village  
officials informed me ~~that~~ that these houses will soon be replaced.

DOROBISORO

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21st. <sup>Oct</sup> Nov. 1961.

Departed BARATAKA at 0725 and arrived at SIRUM No. 2 at 0915.  
The track was good and the walking easy.

Tax collected and the Census revised.

No complaints.

The village was clean and well looked after. Inspected some coffee gardens.

Departed Sirum No. 2 at 0945 and arrived at SIRUM No. 1  
1½ hours later.

Tax Census revised.

No disputes or complaints heard.

The village, as most of the villages down the Kemp Welch are,  
was clean and tidy.

22nd. <sup>Oct</sup> Nov. 1961.

Departed SIRUM No1 by raft at 0830 and arrived at GAUNOMU at  
1400. We passed through DIRINOMU, BULIDOBU and ather small villages  
but I did not stop as Mr. Sharp had completed the Tax Census from  
DIRINOMU down.

23rd. <sup>Oct</sup> Nov. 1961.

Departed Gaunomu at 0715 and arrived at GOBARACERE landing at  
1015. Walked to Kwikila as no truck had been sent. Arrived at 1450  
and reported to the A.D.O.

END OF PATROL

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NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The people of this Division are progressing very well. The villages closer to Kwikila have decided to join the Local Government Council; the Survey was mentioned in the Diary. Those villages higher up (the BARAI Region) are becoming increasingly aware of their responsibilities. They are stirring out of their life of mere existence. Many of the smaller villages in the area have amalgamated to form one large village.

The people are taking the advice of the Agricultural Department and improving their gardens and the quality of their crops. Some attempt at sanitation is being made in most of the villages of the area; and house designs are also improving.

Reception to the patrol, though not overwhelming was, on the whole friendly. Some of the Rest Houses had been supplied with a variety of extras such as tables, chairs and mats.

Very few complaints were brought before the patrol, and only one of these was serious. It was a case of adultery and I sent the parties concerned to Kwikila.

Other factors are dealt with under the various headings.

CENSUS AND STATISTICS.

The census of 48 villages was carried out and a total of 2730 names were recorded. This is an increase of 36 on last year's total.

The infant mortality rate has dropped considerably in the last few years, from 19.1% in 1958-59 to 4.76% at the present time. This seems to indicate that the living standard of the people has risen in this period.

The percentage of the eligible labour force away at work is fairly high at 38.3%. This number of men away at work is somewhat damaging to the development of the area, especially when it is remembered that the remaining labour is spread over such a wide area. Several requests were received from village officials to make some of the young men return to the village, especially those that had been away for a number of years. It was explained to them that the Government had no power to do this. These requests seemed to indicate that ~~the~~ some members of the Native Community can see that this continuous drain of manpower is a handicap to advancement.

There were 14 migrants into the area and 7 out. About half of these came from the Tufi Sub-District.

No difficulty was experienced in the collection of tax, £229/10/0 being collected in all.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

The two Aid Posts at DOROBISORO and EFAIKA seemed to be operating fairly well. The people are quite willing to accept medical treatment when they are sick.

Two cases of Glandular T.B. were discovered and sent to Rigo for treatment. ~~Ohh~~ Otherwise the area was quite healthy.

VILLAGES AND HOUSING.

Reading previous patrol reports it appears to me that the housing situation is improving all the time in most of the villages.

The instructions of the previous Patrol Officer had, in the main, been carried out. I made suggestions in some of the villages to improve the design of houses already under construction. In others instructions were given for some men to build new houses to relieve overcrowding or because of the condition of the old ones.

The above comments apply mainly to the BARAI Region. In the lower portions of the Division and down the Kemp Welch houses are of generally airy and spacious design.

The grounds and surroundings of most of the villages had obviously been cleaned up for the coming of the patrol, but no real complaint can be recorded here.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The worst sections of road in the Division are BADAJKA to TABU, DODI to SORI and SORI to BARATAKA in that order. Otherwise the roads are quite good although they become very slippery after rain. Not much improvement can be expected in the worst sections of the road because of the lack of labour.

All the bridges the patrol crossed were fairly sound although some of them hardly inspired confidence.

AGRICULTURE AND STOCK.

This area is well supplied with food, the main types are:- sweet potatoes, taro, bananas, pineapples and various other types of minor foods such as tomatoes and citrus fruits.

The diet of the people consists mainly of vegetables and what little meat they can get by hunting. Most of the villages have a fairly high population of pigs but these are not eaten except on special occasions.

In some of the areas especially that of the Kemp Welch valley many people are growing coffee as cash crop. A small amount of cocoa is also grown. This cash cropping has not been altogether successful because there is no real market for the goods produced. The Administration therefore has to buy it.

MISSIONS AND SCHOOLS.

The census reveals a pathetically low number of children of both sexes attending Government and Mission schools. The number is 10.5% of the total in the 10 - 16 age group. This percentage is probably lower because many of the school children are well over the age of 16. The majority of students are at Mission schools (L.M.S. and S.D.A.), although a small number attend the Government schools at Rigo and Port Moresby.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

The village officials in the main are doing their jobs fairly well. There is one exception and that is the V.C. at TABU.

He is a lazy, good for nothing rascal. One of the village councillors does all his work.

The position of councillor is more or less only honorary. They act as an advisory committee to the V.C. They therefore have very little power as councillors.

CONCLUSION.

This area has long been cut off from progress because of the rugged nature of the terrain and the difficulty of communication. But they are now beginning to wake up to the possibilities of advancement.

Within the next twelve months a road will probably be constructed up to the LIBUNAKOMANA, BOKUKOMANA area. This project will greatly benefit the mountain people and warrants all assistance the Administration can give it.

*J. Absalom*

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Cadet Patrol Officer

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APPENDIX A

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Wigo Patrol Report No. 2 of 1961/62.

Report on Native Constabulary.

- No. 2052 Sgt. OIVO : Experienced and efficient.  
Good control of Police under him.
- No. 9173 Const. IWAS : A good patrol constable.  
Cheerful and reliable in all his duties.

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(J.A.I. Absalom).  
Cadet Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX B

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VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

YEAR 1961-62

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		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				M	F				
Gereyogoro	6/10/61	4	1						1					3	2			3	2	11				2	1	13	21	5	20	-	20	27	21	20	19	23	97		
Kondrogoro	6/10/61	5	3											1			1	1			12	2			6	1	12	39	9	32	3	33	29	30	36	31	46	164	
Debarogoro	7/10/61	5	3														3	2			9	1			2		6	24	5	22	-	23	31	36	27	18	26	119	
Lisnandoma	9/10/61	2	2											1					2	30	3			2	2	20	56	17	45	4	46	30	56	38	33	55	219		
BANKUMARA	9/10/61	1												2					5						1		8	17	4	15	-	13	17	15	11	13	17	62	
EFRIKA	10/10/61	2												2					21	4	2			3	4	7	29	4	22	1	19	20	20	15	9	23	101		
GOBUNAKA	10/10/61	1																	3		1						3	7	5	8	1	7	23	9	10	7	12	42	
ADUWA	10/10/61								1								1	1	4								1	9	2	8	2	8	20	6	5	7	10	32	
WAGBANA	10/10/61																		1	4		1					4	8	3	6		4	23	7	7	9	7	31	
KANANOMU	10/10/61	2	1											2			4	2			7				1		4	14	1	9	2	9	19	11	7	9	12	47	
TONDROVANA	11/10/61	1	2											2			4	2	3						1		8	15	5	16	1	17	22	14	14	19	21	72	
LOFAKA	12/10/61	3	1																1						2	1	-	12	2	11		11	17	5	7	10	12	37	
ERANAKA	12/10/61	2												1					3								2	12	3	6		6	22	10	5	8	6	32	
BADAKA	12/10/61	1	1						1					1					1								5	12	5	8	1	8	27	11	11	14	13	50	
ADUWAKA	12/10/61	1	1											1					1	3							3	8	4	10	-	10	21	6	9	8	11	37	
TABU	13/10/61	3	3											2			1								1		8	11	12	16	1	16	36	27	28	20	23	99	
IMIDIRU	13/10/61	1							1					1			2	2	8								6	13	5	8		6	32	13	8	7	14	50	
IBONAMU	15/10/61	4	3														3	5		1	11	3					15	38	15	28	1	23	39	36	35	32	45	162	
DOROBISORO	15/10/61	3	2						1								2	2		2							7	21	7	18	1	19	35	24	22	29	23	100	
ABUWANA	16/10/61	5												1	1	1	2	2	5	6	1						17	29	9	20	1	19	32	37	30	30	30	128	
IPUCURE	16/10/61	1							2					4	1	1	3	1	4								2	7	9	7	10		5	28	14	10	8	12	50
MIMPA	17/10/61	3	3											3			1	1	1	2		1					2	9	5	5	1	7	29	6	10	7	6	32	

# VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

 YEAR 1966

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V. LAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS												MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE AT WORK				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		TOTALS (excluding absentee)				GRAND TOTAL											
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HUANGA	15/10/61	1																								4	6	7	5	1	5	4	10	12	5	5	34								
SOMORE	15/10/61	2					1																				10	12	3	4	1	4	4	14	9	8	7	44							
AHAKU	15/10	1																									5	14	8	11		10	23	16	12	9	11	55							
DODI	15/10	2	1													1											4	8	2	9	1	8	17	9	7	9	11	37							
IDRIGOLO	19/10	<del>2</del>	<del>1</del>					2																			4	7	1	7		6	35	6	3	7	7	24							
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GUANDUMU	19/10	1																									6	14	5	7		5	3	13	7	14	7	45							
MERINDOBU	19/10																										1	2	1	2		2	12	2	2	2	3	10							
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TARUMU	12/10																											1	4	1	5		4	17	2	3	3	7	17						
IRUMENDU	12/10	1																										1	16	2	10		11	16	6	6	10	12	4						
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TOTAL		63	42	3	2	3	3	5	1	4	36	20	21	32	6	33	206	8	30	1	11	34	3	245	655	212	545	29	518	25	427	557	558	695	2730

Births 105  
Deaths 77

Migrations In 14  
Migrations Out 6

Population increase  $1.2\frac{9}{10}$

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District Office,  
East Central Division,  
Central District,  
Port Moresby

10th January, 1962.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu.

PATROL REPORT NO. 3-61/62  
RIGO SUB DISTRICT.

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including them in the Council.
3. Comments covering the survey will  
accompany that report.
4. Claim for camping allowance is attached  
for favour of your approval and settlement.

(F.G. DRIVER)  
ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER *BS*

cc. Assistant District Officer, Rigo.

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3.. For your information and necessary action please,

( E.S. Sharp.)  
Assistant District Officer.

Amount Paid for Day Dances -  
Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund  
Amount Paid from P.L.M.P. Trust Fund



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of **Central - 180** Report No. **3/61-62**

Patrol Conducted by **E.S. Sharp Assistant District Officer**

Area Patrolled **Mt. Obree, Mt. Brown, Maria, Koiari Portions only.**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **Part. One.**

Natives **One Admin. 6 Council members.**

Duration—From **6/10/1961** to **14/10/1961**

Number of Days **Nine**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **No**

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services **N/A**/19.....

Medical **N/A**/...../19.....

Map Reference **Rigo Sub-District Map 2" = 1 mile**

Objects of Patrol **Local Government Council extension survey**

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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Diary of Memorandum of Patrol 3/61-62.

Local Government Survey - Additional Village Inclusion.

6th. October.

Departed Kwikila per truck for the Kemp Welch River crossing at Gobaragere. Cadet Patrol Officer J.A.I. Absalom accompanying. Crossed River then proceeded to Boregaina Village. No work at Boregaina departed for Kokorogoro and Geveregoro. Arrived at the Rest House for these two villages 4 hours later. Held discussions re Local Government all people for both villages in favour. Conducted census instructing C.P.O. Absalom in census revision.

7th. October.

Departed Kokorogoro for Libunakomana via Debadagoro. Census revised for Debadagoro Local Govt. Survey conducted 100% vote in favour. Arrived Libunakomana 1½ hours out. Heavy rain all day. Survey conducted.

8th. October.

At Libunakomana meeting of all neighbouring villages held and itinerary planned.

9th. October.

Census revision for Libunakomana further instruction give C.P.O. Absalom. Local Government Survey conducted for Libuna 100% vote in favour. C.P.O. Absalom proceeded into the Mt. Obree. Visited all villages to Nogomaka all villages voted 100% in favour. Slept Libunakomana.

10th. October.

Visited all other outstanding villages in the Boku area to Alebagiu. Meetings held and all 100% voting in favour. Returned to Libunakomana.

11th. October.

Departed Libunakomana for Dirinomu via Debadagoro and Bulidobu. Arrived 5 hours out. Meeting held at Dirinomu for Tabunomu, Nemonomu, Nafenanomu, and Bulidobu. Census revised for Dirinomu and Tabunomu. Tabunomu and Dirinomu 100% vote in favour.

12th. October.

Departed Dirinomu for Nafenanomuper raft. Census revised vote taken for inclusion in Rigo Council. 100% in favour. Moved onto Bulidobu and Nemonomu. Census revised and vote taken, again 100% in favour. Proceeded on to Gaunomu via Sisigolo and Iaramenomu. Census revised for all villages. Meeting held at Gaunomu.

13th. October.

At Gaunomu and Wairadobu. All villages visited yesterday again visited and vote taken. 100% in favour. Gaunomu and Wairadobu vote taken 100% in favour.

14th. October.

Proceeded down river per raft to Kwikila arrived 1100.

Register  
Diary Concluded.

All other villages mentioned in the survey but not the diary were visited by means of day trips. All villages voted 100% in favour.

Patrol Completed.

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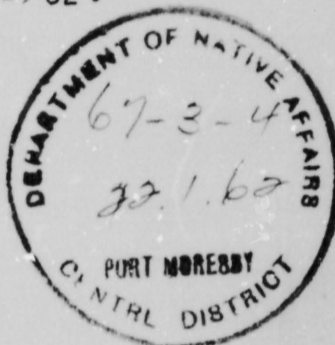
TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Ref: 67-16-1

Department of Native Affairs Headquarters,  
KONELOBU.

19th January 1962.

The District Officer,  
East Central Division,  
Central District,  
PORT MORESBY.



PATROL NO. 4/61-62

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of:-

- + Memorandum of Patrol No. 4-61/62
- + ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

covering Patrol by..... E.S. SHARP, A.D.O......

*J.K. McCarthy*  
(J.K. McCarthy)  
Director.

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District Office,  
East Central Division,  
Central District,  
Port Moresby

10th January, 1962.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu.

PATROL REPORT NO. 4-61/62 RIGO.

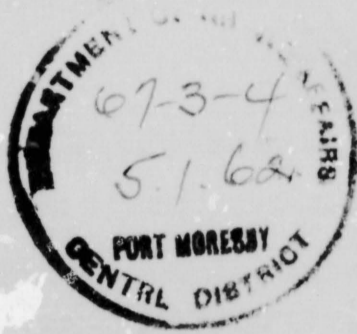
Memorandum of Patrol together with  
diary of the above patrol is forwarded, please.

2. This patrol was for a specific purpose -  
to obtain the door of the aircraft "Flying Dutchman" -  
thus there is no need for comment.
3. Claim for Camping Allowance is attached  
for favour of your approval and payment.

(F.G.DRIVER) *AS*  
ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER.

cc. Assistant District Officer, Rigo.

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Rigo Sub District Office,  
KWIKILA.  
East Central Division.

3rd January, 1962.

The District Officer,  
East Central Division,  
District Officer,  
Port Moresby.

RIGO PATROL REPORTS 2 to 4 INCLUSIVE.

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3. For your information and necessary action, please.

(E.S. SHARP)  
ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Rigo East Central Report No. 4/61-62

Patrol Conducted by E.S. Sharp Assistant District Officer

Area Patrolled Mt. Obree and Mt. Brown areas

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives Three

Duration—From 28/11/1961 to 9/12/1961

Number of Days Twelve

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services N/A/19

Medical N/A/19

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol Recovery of Diary door from crashed aircraft

"Flying Dutchman"

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

### MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No. 4/61-61 Subdistrict Rigo District Central - East  
Officer Conducting Patrol... E.S. Sharp Assistant District Officer  
Census Division Patrolled... Mt. Obree, and Mt. Brown.  
Objects of Patrol... To recover Diary door from crashed aircraft  
"Flying Dutchman".  
  
Date Patrol Commenced... 28 November '61 Date Completed... 9 December, '61  
Duration—days... Twelve

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

Nil ... Door handed to District Officer East Central Division.

*E.S. Sharp*  
Patrolling Officer's Signature.

I certify that all necessary local administrative action has been or is being taken on matters arising out of this patrol and that the correspondence above indicated by a "tick" has been forwarded to the Headquarters, Department of Native Affairs, Port Moresby.

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District Officer.

Diary to accompany Memorandum of Patrol 4/61-62.

ABSENT  
AT WORK  
In  
Out  
In  
Out

Recovery of Diary Door from "Flying Dutchman".

28th. November.

Departed from Kwikila am. for Gobaragere. Proceeded to Karekadobu in heavy rain. Waited until rain eased and thence to Gaunomu. Carriers changed on to Bulidobu via Nafenanomu. Slept at Bulidobu.

29th. November.

Departed Bulidobu for Efaika village. Arrived 4 hours later. Heavy rain prevented further progress. Slept at Efaika.

30th. November.

Departed Efaika for Amuraika, thence Kaikanomu. Carriers changed at Kaikanomu. Proceeded to Bulidoburu. Arrangements commenced for trip to Dutchman. Slept.

31st. December.

Finalization of arrangements. Slept at Bulidoburu.

2nd. December.

Party departed for Airiuka to meet carriers and guide. Slept at Homenomu.

3rd. December.

Proceeded over spur of Mt. Brown. Party delayed awaiting second group from Bulidoburu. Camped.

4th. December.

Followed hunting track in general NNE direction. Walked all day. Camped.

5th. December.

Proceeded along hunting track to Awala River followed River up thence along a small branch of the river in a SSW direction. Up a slope to the Dutchman. Picked up door and proceeded back along track. Camped.

6th. December.

Proceeded along inward track passed previous camp site. Camped.

7th. December.

Proceeded along track to Airiuka and Bulidoburu roads. Paid carriers. Main party to Bulidoburu arriving approx. 5pm. Slept at Bulidoburu.

8th. December.

Departed Bulidoburu for Efaika via Kaikanomu and Amuraika. Arrived Efaika 1600 slow time owing to general tiredness of personnel. Slept at Efaika.

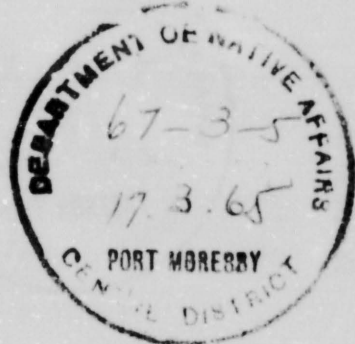
9th. December.

Departed Efaika for Bulidobu. Rivers flooded making walking difficult. Arrived Bulidobu and rafted down Kemp Welch River to Gobaragere arriving 1700. By courtesy of Mr. Rosser truck to Kwikila..Patrol Completed.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 67-1-32

Department of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu, Papua.

13th April, 1962.

The District Officer,  
East Central Division,  
Central District,  
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT NO. 5 - 1961/62 - RIGO:

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report together with accompanying memoranda is acknowledged with thanks.

2. I am favourable impressed with the patrol instructions issued with the exception that the period of the patrol was restricted to 21 days. The accompanying memoranda adequately cover the contents of the report and I have nothing further to add to them.

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Handwritten: 18/4

J. K. McCarthy  
(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

You file 67-1-1 refer.  
For your information, please

PLD.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 67-1-1

Rigo Sub-District Office,  
East Central Division,  
KWIKILA.

2nd April, 1962.

The District Officer,  
East Central Division,  
District Office,  
PORT MORESBY.

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PATROL REPORT NO. 5/61-62.

Reference your 67-3-5 of 26th March, 1962 to the Director.

The report was delayed here due to staff shortage. M. Taunakekei had been the only clerk here to cater for stores and general duties, the others being on leave and hospitalized. We were this obliged to undertake most of our own typing, etc, and consequently this delayed processing of the report. Establishment here is for four clerks.

For your information, please.

(T. Mitchell)  
a/Assistant District Officer.

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my 67-3-5 of 26th March, 1962 refer  
that a particularly valid reason as most other Station  
face the same predicament & get manage to get through their  
correspondence in reasonable time

*Adw 6/4/62*

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District Office,  
East Central Division,  
Central District,  
Port Moresby.

26th March, 1962.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu.

RIGO PATROL NO. 5/61-62.

Receipt of the above report is acknowledged. No reason is given for the late submission of this Report - the patrol was completed on the 21st January, 1962, and the Report was not forwarded ~~to~~ until 15th March, 1962.

2. I agree that the patrol was too hasty - although I note in Mr. Sharp's written instructions that the patrol should not take more than 21 days. It is to be hoped that future patrols to this area will be given more time in which to operate.

3. Please ensure that a full investigation is made into the allegation that the S.D.A. native missionary is telling people not to pay their personal Tax on the next visit to the area.

4. In future forward an additional copy of the Village Population Register Sheets for forwarding to Health Department. Perhaps this was not done this time as an E.M.A. was accompanying the patrol.

5. Mr. Absolom has submitted a reasonable report, somewhat marred by spelling and typographical errors.

(F.G. DRIVER)  
ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER.

cc.  
Assistant District Officer,  
Kwikia.

For information, please. Claim for Camping Allowance returned - note you have not signed certificate on reverse.

(F.G. DRIVER) *AS*  
ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER.  
26.3.62.





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In Reply  
Please Quote

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No. 67-1-1(64).

Rige Sub-District Headquarters  
East Central Division,  
K W I K I L A.

24th. November, 1961.

Mr. J. A. Absalom,  
Cadet Patrol Officer,  
KWIKILA.

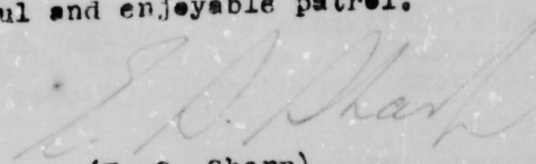
PATROL INSTRUCTIONS - MARIA CENSUS DIVISION.

You will prepare to depart for a patrol into the Maria Census Division, You have already been advised of these arrangements verbally. The patrol should occupy a period of not more than twenty one days. You will not leave for this patrol until your previous Report is completed, and spelling corrected.

2. These people are very backward in development mainly through poor communications and distances away from markets. Health is major problem and for some unknown reason these people have been medically forgotten, therefore village hygiene and sanitation will be one of the main items to concentrate on. I advise you to heed local knowledge given you by your Interpreter or accompanying Police. During the course of the patrol the following will be achieved or followed:-

- (a). Revise the census for all villages and collect tax. This is a One Pound area.
- (b). Attend to outstanding complaints and queries that come into your jurisdiction.
- (c). Pay particular attention to health, housing standards hygiene, in particular the fly menace.
- (d). Always be on the look out for suitable road routes even though it may be years before advantage can be taken of them. Report on a possible road route from Gada to Matairuka.
- (e). Do not travel on religious days.
- (f). Do not make promises that can not be kept.
- (g). You may take Henari Reuben as Interpreter as well as <sup>Constable</sup> Corporal Mabeweri and Constable Benias, both these men are familiar with this area.
- (h). Obtain a monetary allowance for carrier payments and N.M.T.A.'s.
- (i). Submit your report in accordance with C.I.'s 217 and 267.

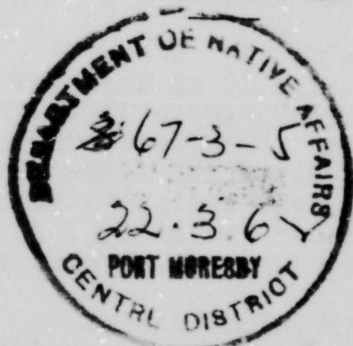
3.. Wishing you a successful and enjoyable patrol.

  
(E. S. Sharp)  
Assistant District Officer.



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In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 67-1-3

Rigo Sub-District Headquarters,  
East Central Division,  
KWIKILA

15th March 1962

The District Officer,  
East Central Division,  
PORT MORESBY

Patrol Report No. 5/61-62

Attached please find two copies of the above report, covering a patrol to the Maria Tax Census Division conducted by Mr. J. Absalom, C.P.O.

P.5, Native Affairs. It is reassuring that the Dept. of Agriculture have begun to devote time to this area, and it is to be hoped that this continues. The proposed GOADA road will pass through this Sub-Division and should prevent a repetition of the situation that occurred in the other mountain areas, where coffee was encouraged and no favourable route to market it existed.

I was pleased to note that there were very few complaints in the area.

P.5, Census and Statistics. An increase of 2.2% in the population, whilst not startling, represents a fair increase considering that the area has been medically neglected for many years, and contained no Aid Posts. Apart from the present patrol, the area was last visited by a Medical Assistant in 1957.

The increase in infant mortality rate is disappointing, though 6.4% is not an alarming figure here. The position should improve with the introduction of the proposed three Aid Posts. Also more frequent Medical patrols will have to be undertaken.

34.8% is a large absentee labour potential, unhealthy so in such an area. However I do not propose to seek restrictions on recruitment as most of the workers themselves leave the area to find employment. Probably this should remedy itself with the expansion of cash cropping and the proposed road to ready markets. I have truck crops in mind when the road is completed, to give an almost immediate return instead of having to await maturity of a permanent crop.

Mr. Absalom was unable to investigate fully the allegation against the S.D.A. native missionary as this worthy is in the Marshall Lagoon area and patrols here only.

P.5, Medical and Health. The situation is good, considering the lack of attention in recent years from P.H.D. I have not yet received Mr. Stephenson's report, which should throw more light on the matter.

P.6, Agriculture and Stock. Again, the situation of people planting crops and being unable to market them has come up. A separate memorandum will go forward on the subject.

P.7, Missions and Schools. There seems here a problem that is shared with many other areas in the Territory. 18% of children of school age attending school is not good, but I gather that the Dept. of Education can assist greatly for some time.

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General. There is little doubt that combined patrols are an advantage to all concerned, as long as each officer considers the needs of the other. I encourage these at all times.

My main criticism is that the patrol seemed somewhat rushed, 42 villages in 18 days gives the people little time to bring up complaints should they wish to do so. Of course, many of the villages were small, but an average of 136 people per day in an area of such small population such as this is not good patrolling. Mr. Absalom explained that he had to hurry matters as the staff situation at Kwikila was uncertain and he may have been obliged to take over from Mr. Sharp who was to proceed on leave.

On the whole, Mr. Absalom is to be complimented on a successful patrol.

Camping allowance claims are forwarded for your approval.

(T. Mitchell)  
Assistant District Officer.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of..... Rigo - Central District Report No..... 5/61-62.

Patrol Conducted by..... J. Absalom, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled..... Maria Tax Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... E. B. Stevenson, Medical Assistant.

Natives..... 2 Members, R. P. & N. G. C., 1 Interpreter,  
1 Hospital Orderly.

Duration—From..... 3./1./1962. to 21./1./1962.

Number of Days..... 18.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... Yes.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... 11./1960.

Medical ..... 1957.

Map Reference..... Rigo Sub-District 2 mile - inch.

Objects of Patrol..... Tax collection, Census revision, and 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 .....



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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In Reply  
Please Quote

No.

Sub-District Office,  
KWIKILA.  
Central District.

12th. February, 1962.

The Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-District Office,  
KWIKILA  
Central District.

Patrol Report

In accordance with your instructions please find attached in  
triplicate Patrol Report No. 5/61-62.

Rigo Patrol Report No. 5/61-62.

Patrol Conducted by	:	J. Absalom, C.P.O.
Area Patrolled	:	Maria Tax/Census Division.
Patrol accompanied by	:	E. Stevenson, E.M.A. No. 9915 Const. Benias. No. 10216 Const. Isara. Interpreter Henari.
Duration of Patrol	:	3/1/62 - 21/1/62, 18 days.
Object of Patrol	:	Tax collection, Revision of Census, Routine Administration.
Last Patrols in the Area	:	Native Affairs - November 60. Medical - 1957.
Appendices	:	'A' Report on Native Police. 'B' Village Population Reg.
Map Reference	:	Rigo Sub-Dist. 2 mile - inch.

*J. Absalom*  
( J. ABSALOM ).  
Cadet Patrol Officer.

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PATROL DIARY

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3rd. Jan., 1962.

Departed KWIKILA at 0915 and proceeded to SIVIGOLO by tractor and trailer arriving at 1035. Did not depart until 1115 because of the lack of carriers; arrived at MATAIRUKA 1 1/2 hours later. Track reasonable but rather wet through the swamp.

Tax Census completed. One minor complaint investigated, referred. Village in reasonable order; a couple of cases of yaws discovered.

4th. Jan., 1962

Departed MATAIRUKA at 0800 and arrived MEIROBU at 1100. The track had not been cut in many places.

Tax collected and Census revised. One minor complaint concerning hunting rights investigated and settled.

Village fair, although several houses needed rebuilding.

5th. Jan., 1962

Departed MEIROBU 0725 and arrived at TEBAROKA 15 minutes later after a fairly steep climb. Tax Census of this village and KOBAROKA done here.

No disputes or complaints.

Both of the villages were clean and in reasonable order.

Departed for MEMEKAKOMANA at 1140 arriving 1 hour 20 minutes later. Tax Census completed. No complaints or disputes. The village was clean but some of the houses were in poor repair.

Departed at 1355 and arrived BAGUBARA at 1400. Tax Census. No disputes or complaints.

6th. Jan., 1962.

Departed BAGUBARA at 1010 after completing the Tax Census of DIRIGORO; arrived at BOGAMAKA 50 minutes later. Tax Census. No complaints or disputes. The village was clean and well kept.

The E.M.A. discussed the possibility of putting an Aid Post here. The people seemed eager to co-operate.

Departed at 1100 arriving at NAGOETEBAKA 1 hour later. Viewed some excellent coffee gardens between BAGUBARA and BOGAMAKA.

7th. Jan., 1962.

Patrol Rested.

8th. Jan., 1962.

Departed NAGOETEBAKA 0730 arriving DEVAMANA 0800; departed

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0825 arrived TAIOPENA 0900; departed 1030 arrived MUMIRU 1215;  
departed 1345 arrived BIDONAGOBU 1430.

Tax Census for all of these villages and BOKUKOMANA, £42  
collected in all. All villages reasonable.

No complaints or disputes.

Three new councillors elected, one at each of the following villages  
BIDONAGOBU, MUMIRU and BOKUKOMANA.

9th. Jan., 1962.

Departed BIDONAGOBU at 0830 and arrived at DIDIGA  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour  
later. Departed at 0930 and arrived at MAMATAGORO at 1030. I did  
not inspect DIDIGA because the river was too high.

Tax Census at both of the above villages.

MAMATAGORO was found to be reasonably clean although the housing  
was of a generally poor design. Several of the houses needed  
rebuilding.

10th. Jan., 1962.

Departed MAMATAGORO at 0900 (had some trouble with carriers);  
arrived at UNUAGORO at 1105.

Tax Census completed.

No complaints or disputes.

Two applications for S.A.P.'s referred to KWIKILA.

Departed 1225 arriving at SENEMAKA at 1410 and MARANOM 35 minutes  
later. As these two villages are in the Mt. Brown Tax Census  
Division there was no work to be done except the hearing of a couple  
of minor complaints.

11th. Jan., 1962.

Departed MARANOM at 0800 and arrived at UNANOM 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  hours later.  
The track had hardly been cut at all.

Tax Census of UWAIA done at UNANOM Rest House. No disputes.  
UWAIA village was clean but <sup>is</sup> as usual in the mountain areas the  
houses were of a very poor design.

12th. Jan., 1962.

Departed UWAIA at 0800 and arrived at BIGEIA 8 hours later.  
Went straight to bed with a slight attack of dysentery.

13th. Jan., 1962.

Departed BIGEIA at 1145 after completing Tax Census and arrived

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BIGZIA village was fairly clean but some of the houses badly needed repair. No complaints.

14th. Jan., 1962.

Tax Census of the MARIA group in the morning. In the afternoon I visited MARIA Nos 1 and 2. MARIA<sup>No 1</sup> was one of the most miserable villages I have ever seen; the housing was of a very primitive design and the surroundings of the village ~~the~~ were not very clean.

No disputes or complaints.

15th. Jan., 1962.

As the Medical Assistant had a bad bout of fever the patrol stayed here an extra day.

16th. Jan., 1962.

Departed MARIA R.H. 0710 and arrived at IAURA 2 hours 20 minutes later. Tax Census completed. Village clean but housing poor. No disputes.

Departed 1045 and arrived at ORAI'IA at 1315. Track well kept but very steep for the first half. Tax collected and Census revised. Two minor disputes settled. The village was much the same as IAURA.

17th. Jan., 1962.

Tax Census before departure of KORU-ORO and LI'IBA. Departed at 0930. Badly kept track to KAKIAKOMANA arriving at 1155 - carrier about half an hour later. Tax Census of this village and TABUAKOMANA completed. Departed at 0240 and arrived at UNUAGORO 1 hour later. Tax Census delayed until morning because of rain.

18th. Jan., 1962.

Departed at 1000 after completing Tax Census of UNUAGORO and KORUAKOMANA; arrived AREBOKA 1 1/4 hours later. Tax collected and Census revised. No disputes.

The E.M.A. discussed the possibility of establishing an Aid Post here. The people seemed quite willing to co-operate.

Departed at 1245 for IWATEBA R.H. <sup>arriving</sup> at 1435. Tax Census of GOUNO completed before the rain began.

19th. Jan., 1962.

Departed at 0930 by raft after completing the Tax Census of



KIRU and MAPIKO. Tax Census of VARAKOGENA and GARAMOKOGENA (7)  
completed enroute; arrived at GOADA at 1245. Tax Census of GOADA,  
OKAUKANA, BINIGORO and NARDKELLI. No disputes or complaints.  
Road to MATAIRUKA discussed.

20th. Jan., 1962.

Departed GOADA Rest House at 0800 and arrived IMIRU at 1205,  
changed carriers and continued on to LEBAGOLO arriving 1 hour  
later. The road was very badly kept and the village also was  
in very poor condition. Departed LEBAGOLO after completing the  
Tax Census arriving MATAIRUKA at 1715.

Met Agriculture Patrol here.

21st. Jan., 1962.

Departed for SIVIGOLO at 0805 and arrived 1½ hours later  
after wading through a swamp sometimes thigh deep. Transport met  
us and the Patrol arrived at KWIKILA at 1330.

END OF PATROL

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

This area has long been known as one of the most backward in the Sub-District. But in the last few years it has been making increasing progress. The Department of Agriculture has sent several patrols into the area and consequently some Villages have begun to grow coffee and other cash crops. Some attempt at Sanitation is being made in most of the Villages, although many of the mountain villages are still rather dirty. But these too have improved, judging by previous patrol reports.

Reception to the Patrol, though not overwhelming, was on the whole friendly. Food in the form of pineapples, bananas, etc., was supplied at most Villages. The Rest Houses were fairly good, although some of them were very small.

Very few complaints were brought before the Patrol and most of these were settled by arbitration.

Other factors will be dealt with under the various headings.

CENSUS AND STATISTICS.

The census of 42 Villages was carried out and a total of 2442 names were recorded. This is an increase of 53 on last year's total, and gives a population increase of 2.2%.

There has been an increase of .6% in the infant mortality rate since 1958. This brings the percentage now to 6.4%.

The percentage of the eligible labour force away at work is 34.8%. This is a rather high figure when it is remembered that the remained is spread over such a large area and that the Villages in most cases are very small. At one village the Village Constable requested me to send some of the men working on local plantations back to the village as there was nobody to do the village work. This I think, speaks for itself.

No difficulty was experienced in the collection of tax, except at a few S.D.A. Villages where the mission is reputed to have told the people not to pay tax.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

There are no Aid Posts in this Division, however the E.M.A., who accompanied the patrol, plans to build three. One at BOGUMAKA, one at

MARIA and one at AREMAKA.

The people in these three Villages seemed quite willing to build the necessary buildings.

Many cases of Glandular T.B. were discovered, especially in the southern portion of the Division. A few cases of Malaria and other such sicknesses were threated. Tropical Ulcers were also prevalent.

#### VILLAGES AND HOUSING.

For the most part the houses in the mountain area are of a very poor design. There is little grass so many of the houses have pandanas or bamboo leaf roofs, and consequently they leak very badly. The walls are made out of adzed timber, usually of uneven length, which present a very untidy picture. The Villages in this area are invariably perched on the top of razor backed ridges, thus restricting the village to a small area.

The villages lower down on the Ormond River and Mimai Creek are, on the whole, well layed out and clean. The housing in these Villages such as AREMAKA and BOGUMAKA is of a spacious and airy design.

#### ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The walking tracks in this Division have been established for many years and are therefore very good; except that in some places the grass had not been cut for a considerable period. The Patrol left the Government road several times to avoid flooded rivers.

The few bridges crossed by the Patrol proved to be sound.

#### AGRICULTURE AND STOCK.

The diet of the people in this area is made up mainly of sweet potatoes, taro and bananas supplimented with what little meat the men can obtain by hunting, and a variety of minor foods such as pineapples, citrus fruits, tomatoes and corn. Most of the villages have a few pigs and fowls but these are only eaten on special occasions.

Some excellent coffee gardens were veiwed between BAGUBARA and Bogumaka. It is a pity that this coffee has to go to waste. The Administration at the moment has no funds left to pay these people for their coffee, so they have been let down completely. The Department of Agriculture instructs them to plant gardens, gives them the seed and then cannot buy the product off them. Very soon when the people relize what is happening they will be very reluctant to plant cash crops in the future.

MISSIONS AND SCHOOLS.

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The census reveals a pathetically low percentage of children attending schools of any description. The percentage is 17.3% at mission schools and .54% at Government schools. This percentage is probably lower because it is taken from the 10-16 age group and many of the students are over the age of 16.

There were no religious differences of opinion.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

The Village Officials seemed to be doing their jobs efficiently as can be seen by the small number of ~~cases~~ <sup>complaints</sup> brought forward.

CONCLUSION.

The establishment of Aid Posts in this Division will improve the lot of the people considerably. Absence of Aid Posts and the minimum of patrolling by the Department of Public Health has been one of the main stumbling blocks in the advancement of this area.

The combined Native Affairs and P.H.D. patrol was a success and should be practiced more often.

*J. Absalom*  
(J. ABSALOM).  
Cadet Patrol Officer

APPENDIX 'A'

(3)

Report on Native Police.

- No. 9915 Constable Benias : A good Patrol Constable.  
Very Efficient.
- No. 10216 Constable Isara : Will be a good Patrol  
Constable with more  
experience. Quite and  
A willing trier.

*J. Absalom*

( J. ABSALOM ).  
Cadet Patrol Officer.



# VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

YEAR 1960-61

Govt. Print.—3002/2.60.

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS										MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		Average Size of Family	TOTALS (excluding absentee)				GRAND TOTAL				
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		10-16	16-45	10-16	16-45	Pregnant	No. Child bearing age	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F																		
TAURA	16/11	1	1			1						1	1	3	3	7							4	9	17	4	18	1	14	19	17	10	12	19	69		
ORAIYA	"	4	4									1				2	2			6					5	20	9	24	1	20	14	19	23	15	28	91	
LIYBA	"	1	1									1				3	3			7					4	12	3	9	1	10	31	16	7	11	50		
KORVORD	"	2	2									1	1					2	1	1					3	11	6	13	1	14	24	16	14	11	8	59	
KANIKOMANDA	17/11	4	1			1		1											4						7	20	1	20		20	22	21	9	17	25	74	
TAVAKOMANDA	17/11	1													1				5						3	11	2	10		11	12	6	6	8	12	37	
VANVORD	18/11	2	1																7						4	6		7		7	27	15	7	2	8	37	
KYANANDA	18/11	4				1									3				6						2	14	3	9	1	10	20	11	12	10	11	50	
ARIMANDA	18/11	1	6															1	9						2	21	2	21	2	23	13	13	13	14	24	38	
KATCOA	18/11	1	1									1	5						4	1	1				1	12	1	8		8	12	6	3	9	9	35	
GOVLO	18/11	1														4	2		1	6					2	13	4	11	1	12	21	10	10	8	9	48	
KIVV	18/11											1				2	2	10	4	2							3										6
MALIKO	18/11	1	1																4						4	19		11	2	15	26	15	11	15	21	71	
VANVORDA	18/11	1	4													1			11						1	23	6	25	1	26	27	10	24	20	25	92	
GANVORDA	18/11	2													1				4						1	11	3	13	1	18	7	13	5	12	23	60	
GOVVA	18/11																		1						2	14		7		7	22	9	4	12	5	35	
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BINIGORD	18/11	1																	5						1	8	2	6		6	13	4	2	4	5	23	
NARRELLA	18/11		1																3	2					1	5		1		1	18	2	1	2	1	9	
LEBAYLO	21/11	2	3			1													1	1					4	15	5	19	1	20	3	14	19	16	20	69	
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 67-1-30

Department of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu, Papua.



5th April, 1962.

The District Officer,  
East Central Division,  
Central District,  
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT NO. 6 - 1961/62 - RIGO:

The contents of the Patrol Report record a well organised search. The officer has displayed initiative in his capacity to meet local situations in the portage problem.

2. It was a disappointment to those concerned in the search that the reported wreck turned out to be a lightning struck tree. However, it is necessary to investigate such reports.

✓  
9.4.62  
e.c.  
ASO  
Kumbila

67-3-6

*J.K. McCarthy*  
(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

For your information, please

ccs



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→ 67.3.6.

District Office,  
East Central Division,  
Central District,  
Port Moresby.

26th March, 1962.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu.

RIGG PATROL NO. 6/61-62.

The attached report is forwarded for  
your information, please.

2. The Assistant District Officer, Kwikila,  
has fully covered the contents of the report in  
his comments, copy attached, and I have nothing  
further to add.

(F.G. DRIVER)  
ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER.

cc.  
Assistant District Officer,  
Kwikila.

Camping Allowance claims returned for payment.

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ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER

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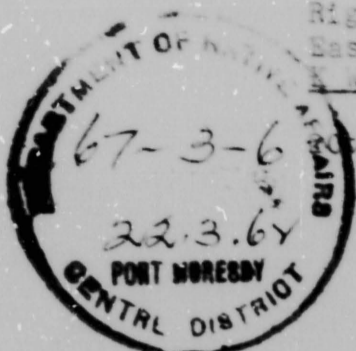
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Rigo Sub-District Headquarters,  
East Central Division,  
NEW KILIA.

20th March, 1962.

The District Officer,  
East Central Division,  
District Office,  
Port Moresby.



PATROL REPORT No.6/61-62.

Attached please find two copies of the above report, which consists mainly of a diary due to the special nature of the work involved.

P. 1. 24/2/62 Mr Absalom can be excused for travelling on the S.D.A. Sabbath in an S.D.A. area, due to the nature of the patrol. Also, the carriers concerned were willing, and no pressure was put on those who refused to carry. I have reminded him that a routine patrol observes such days.

It was a disappointment for all concerned that the reported wreck turned out to be a lightning-struck tree, but the patrol was valuable experience for Mr Absalom, who was equipped with ground to air radio, and received a successful air drop. I feel that he is to be congratulated on the patrol, and on the fact that he took advantage to use as a fallow up patrol in the villages visited instead of wasting his chance. He could have made some mention, I felt, of the result of this follow up.

Camping allowance claims are forwarded for favour of your approval.

*T. Mitchell*

( T. Mitchell.)  
a/Assistant District Officer.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Rigo - Central Report No. 6/61-62

Patrol Conducted by J. Absalom, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Mt. Obree Tax Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans No.

Natives 2 Members R.P. & N.G.C. and 1 Interpreter.

Duration—From 21./2./1962 to 8./3./1962.

Number of Days 16.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / / 19

Medical  / / 19

Map Reference Rigo Sub-District 2 mile - inch.

Objects of Patrol Investigation of reported sighting of Piaggio wreck.

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded,  / / 19

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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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In Reply  
Please Quote

No.

Sub-District Office,  
KWIKILA.  
Central District.

9th., March, 1962.

The Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-District Office,  
KWIKILA.  
Central District.

Patrol Report.

Please find attached in triplicate Patrol Report No. 6/61-62.

Rigo Patrol Report No. 6/61-62.

Patrol Conducted by	:	J. Absalom, C.P.O.
Area Patrolled	:	Mt. Obree Tax/Census Division.
Patrol Accompanied by	:	Corpral Yaru. Constable Cari. Interpreter Henari.
Duration of Patrol	:	21/2/62 - 8/3/62, 16 days.
Object of Patrol	:	Investigation of reported sighting of Piaggio wreck.
Map Reference	:	Rigo Sub-District 2 mile-inch.
Appendices	:	R Report on Native Police.

*J. Absalom*  
( J. Absalom )  
Cadet Patrol Officer.

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Introduction.

As a result of a report by Mr. D Foley of the Lands Department that he had sighted the wreck of the Patair Piaggio that crashed last March, out from TABU Village this patrol took place. Mr Foley was in the Village on February 6 on his way to Mt. Obru where he is to construct a beacon for his Department.

On Sunday the 18th. the area was searched from the air by the Department of Civil Aviation; the wreck was not sighted. On the 21st. this Patrol left Kwikila for the area, arriving at TABU on the 25th. The following is the Patrol Diary.

Patrol Diary.

21/2/62.

Departed KWIKILA by truck at 0845 and arrived at GOBARAGERE Plantation 20 minutes later. Departed GOBARAGERE at 0945 and arrived KAREKADABU 1035 and Gaunom 2 hours later.

It began to rain heavily at about 1145 and the carriers who were from KAREKADABU refused to carry any further so the Patrol halted here for the night.

22/2/62.

Departed GAUNOM at 0730 and arrived at Dirinom at 1105 changed carriers and departed arriving SIRUM No. 1 at 1545 and SIRUM No. 2 1 1/2 hours later.

23/2/62.

Departed SIRUM No. 2 0830 - had trouble with carriers - and arrived at BARATAKA at 1015. Lack of carriers at this village forced me to leave some of the Patrol gear behind. Departed at 1050 and arrived SORI at 1630 the carriers arrived 1 hour later.

24/2/62.

Sori is an S.D.A. village and most of the men refused to carry; however five came forward so I sent them back to get the remainder of the gear at BARATAKA.

25/2/62.

Departed SORI 0830 for TABU arriving 6 1/2 hours later. The Patrol used an old war time track. There were still not enough carriers so some of the gear had to be left behind again.

I could not locate the crash even after observing the ridge for about two hours so I sent a letter to Mr. Foley who was at that stage two day walk away.

26/2/62.

Organized ground search for crash using people from SORI, TABU, IGONAMU and DOROBISORO. No result.

Prepared garden close to village for the Air Drop on the following day.

27/2/62.

Received Note from Foley, stating that he would be at TABU sometime on Wednesday.

The Air Drop was fairly successful with about an 95% recovery. Three of the bags split.

Still no sign of the crash.

28/2/62.

Continued ground search with no result. Foley arrived at 1535. The cloud had descended and a misty rain began at about 1500 so nothing further could be done that day.

1/3/62.

Foley departed at 0750 for supposed crash sight. D.C.A. aircraft arrived at 0930 and dropped trade twist and some fresh bread. They also spoke to Foley who was still about 1 hours walk from the crash sight. After the D.C.A. plane had departed I directed him to the area by radio then followed him across. The only object was found which could have been mistaken for the wreck was a tree which had been struck by lightning.

2/3/62.

D.C.A. aircraft arrived at 0920, they dropped us some goods and after we had told them what was found they departed. Departed at 0945 and arrived at BADAIKA at 1430.

3/3/62.

Insufficient carriers so I decided to stay in the village and send for more.

4/3/62.

As it was Sunday the Patrol rested.

5/3/62.

Departed at 0815 and arrived at TOMORRANUA Village 3 hours later.

6/3/62.

Departed at 0800 and arrived at KAIKANOM 1½ hours later. Parted with Mr. Foley here, he went to BULIDOBURU from here. Departed KAIKANOM at 0945 and arrived at ARAMAIKA at 1200.

7/3/62.

Departed AREMAIKA at 0700 and arrived at BAUKUKOMANA at 0830 and KOKOROGORO Rest Houses at 1235.

8/3/62.

Departed 0715 and arrived BOREGAINA at 1125 and GOBARAGERE LANDING ½ an hour later. Truck to KWIKILA at 1315, reported to A.D.O.

END. OF PATROL.

Conclusion.

As is shown in the diary the Patrol failed to carry its object, however it did serve the purpose of follow up Patrol to the Tax Census Patrol last October.

*J. Absalom*  
( J. Absalom )  
Cadet Patrol Officer.

Report on Native Police.

Corpral YARU

A good type of policeman, this was his first patrol. With more experience he should become a first class Patrol Policeman.

Constable CARI

This man is of the Moresby Sub-District Office detachment. He is slavenly and sullen in carrying out orders. Not a good policeman at all.

*J. Absalom*

( J. Absalom )  
Cadet Patrol Officer.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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TELEGRAM.

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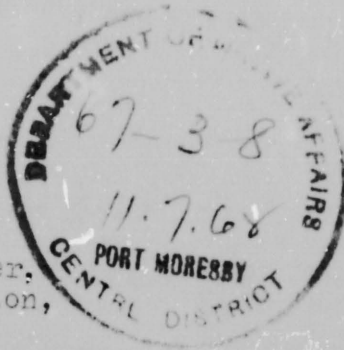
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Our Reference 67-1-40

If calling ask for

Mr

The District Officer,  
East Central Division,  
Central District,  
PORT MORESBY.



Department of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu, Papua,

28th June, 1962.

PATROL REPORT 8/61-62.

The stone carvings (or similar ones) were mentioned in a patrol report a few years ago. They are said to be of comparatively recent origin. KOIARI carvings were previously described in a paper by F.E. Williams: "Papuan Petrographs" in the Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute - Volume LXI, 1931 - if you are interested.

The Division appears to be in a generally satisfactory condition, despite difficulties of access for load transport. Unfortunately, we are not able to do all we would like to, only what we can, with available resources.

I doubt if the preponderance of males in the 10 - 16 age group has much to do with the absentee problem and that Village officials are doing a good job, due to the fact that few complaints were brought before the patrol. It depends from whose point of view one assesses the situation - ours or theirs!

W. R. Dishon  
(W. R. Dishon).  
a/Director.

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For your info  
Dishon  
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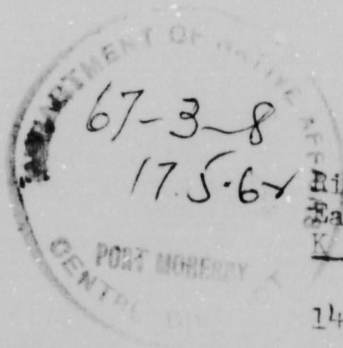
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Rigo Sub-District Headquarters,  
East Central Division,  
K W I K I L A.

14th, May 1962.

The District Officer,  
East Central Division,  
District Office,  
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT 8-61/62.

Further to my 67-1-2(83) of 4th May 1962, please find 2 copies of the photographs of the rock carvings (Appendix "C"), for attachment to this report.

(T. MITCHELL)  
A/ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER.

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Lancel & DNA

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Director,  
D.N.A.

67-3-8

Forwarded herewith for  
your information.

J. R. Keane,  
D.A.

APPENDIX C

Rice Patrol Report No. 2/61-62

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District Office,  
East Central Division,  
Central District,  
Port Moresby.

14th May, 1962.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu.

RIGO PATROL REPORT NO. 8/61-62.

The attached report by C.P.O. Absalom for your information, please.

2. The patrol was of a routine nature and there are no matters for your action.
3. The rock carvings referred to are of recent origin and of no particular anthropological value. I am unable to recall who reported on these originally but I do recall that they are recent.
4. There is no point in extending the Native Local Government Council into this area at present because of difficulty of communication but in 4-5 years when roads have been developed, it may be possible to include them. By that time, too, the coffee areas will probably be quite extensive.
5. We do not have the resources to make any appreciable difference to these people at present and we will have to continue with routine Native Affairs, Health and Agricultural Patrols.

inch.

(D.R. MARSH)  
DISTRICT OFFICER.

Att. Report, comments, map, etc.

attached.

*[Signature]*  
(D.R. MARSH)  
DISTRICT OFFICER  
14.5.62.

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

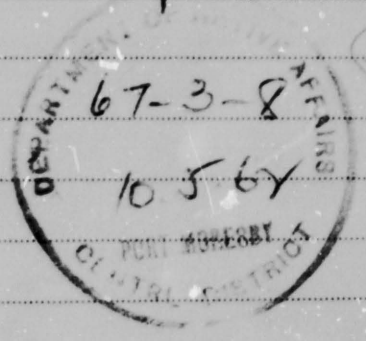
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To: The D.O. PM From: ADO Rigo (11)

Subject: P/R 8-61/62 Date: 7/5/62

My comments on the above P/R were forwarded in error without the report and relevant contingencies.

These are forwarded herewith.



Mitchell ADO



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....Rigo.....Central..... Report No.....8/62-62.....

Patrol Conducted by.....J. Absalom, Cadet Patrol Officer.....

Area Patrolled.....Koiari Tax Census Division.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....No.....

Natives.....Two Members of the R.F. & NPG.C. and one Native Medical Orderly.

Duration—From...30/3/1962 to 9/4/1962

Number of Days.....11.....

Did Medical Assistant accompany?.....No.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../2/1961..

Medical ...../5/1958..

Map Reference.....Attached Patrol Map. Rigo Sub-District 2-mile--inch.

Objects of Patrol.....Tax/ census and 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 ....



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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In Reply  
Please Quote

No.

Sub-District Office,  
MIKILA.

10th., April, 1962.

The Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-District Office,  
MIKILA.

Patrol Report.

In accordance with your instructions please find attached in  
triplicate Patrol Report No. 8/61-62.

Rigo Patrol Report No. 8/61-62.

Patrol Conducted by	:	J. Absalom, C.P.O.
Area Patrolled	:	Koiari Tax/Census Division
Patrol Accompanied by	:	No. 7138 Const 1st. Class Havia.
		No. 9915 Const. Benias.
		1 Native Medical Orderly.
Duration of Patrol	:	30/4/62-9/4/62, 11 days.
Object of Patrol	:	Tax collection, Revision of Census and Routine Administration.
Last Patrols in the Area	:	Native Affairs : Jan. 61. Medical : May 58.
Appendices	:	'A' Report on Native Constabulary. 'B' Village Population Reg.
Map References	:	Attached Patrol Map. Rigo Sub-Dist. 2 mile-incl

*J. Absalom*  
( J. Absalom )  
Cadet Patrol Officer.

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Rigo Sub-District Office,  
East Central Division,  
KWIKILA.

29th, March, 1962.

Mr. J. Absalom,  
Cadet Patrol Officer,  
KWIKILA.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS - KOIARI PATROL  
PMR 8/61-62.

As verbally instructed by me, please prepare to depart tomorrow, 30th, March 1962 on a routine tax census patrol of the KOIARI Census Division.

Two members of the R.P. & N.G.C. will be made available for you, Const. 1st class Havia and Const. Benias. The later is particularly experienced in mountain patrolling in this Sub-District, and you may rely on his advice on routine matters, roads, etc.

In the course of the patrol, please attend to :-

(a) As you have no court powers, try to mediate in disputes that occur. Where the matter is in criminal jurisdiction and sufficiently serious send the parties concerned to Kwikila for attention.

(b) Revise the Census in all villages and collect tax. The tax rate here is £1. Take all precautions regarding the safety of cash in your charge.

(c) Pay particular attention to housing and sanitation in all villages. You will be closely followed by a Medical Patrol, so inform the people of this fact, and the Medical Assistant can follow up your instructions in this regard.

(d) We have no Interpreter available, so take this chance to improve your Police Motu, which should be fluent by the time you go on leave. Your Police Constables understand simple English, but try and use Motu exclusively.

(e) Do not travel on religious days.

(f) There are rock carvings in the Agitana - Borebere area. Please include in your patrol report a sketch of these.

(g) Check the relevant 'For attention Patrol' file and attend to anything outstanding on this and any other files in the Office.

(h) Do not make promises that cannot be kept.

(i) Do not rush the patrol; take a minimum of ten days to complete it. When your patrol is completed, please submit a report in accordance with C.I.'s 217 and 267, with a map of the patrol route attached.

I wish you a successful and enjoyable Patrol.

Signed.  
(T. Mitchell) a/ADO.



Patrol Diary.

1962. 10

Friday, 30th., March.

Departed KWIKILA by truck at 0950 and arrived at GOBARAGERE at 35 minutes later. Departed GOBARAGERE at 1040 and arrived KODAGERE at 1105 and GEA at 1340.  
Stayed the night.

Saturday, 31st., March.

Departed GEA ~~at~~ 0745 and arrived at MEDENE at 1115. There was nobody in the village as the GEA councillor had not followed my instructions and sent word on ahead.

Sunday, 1st., April.

Tax Census of MEDENE and BUSALAMAJA.

Monday, 2nd., April.

Carriers departed at 0815 for IAUDOBU arriving 1½ hours later. I departed for BUSALAMAGA at 0800 and arrived at 0905. I talked to the people for about an hour and then left for MEDENE arriving at 1115 and at IAUDOBU 50 minutes later.  
Tax Census of IAUDOBU.

Tuesday 3rd., April.

Departed IAUDOBU at 0745 and arrived at IOVEI at 0935.  
Tax Census of the above village.

Wednesday, 4th., April.

Departed IOVEI 0735 arriving at MAIANA at 1100. Completed Tax Census and departed for BOREBERE arriving at 1305.  
Delayed Tax Census until the following morning because of rain.

Thursday, 5th., April.

Departed BOREBERE at 0915 after completing Tax Census. Arrived at AGITANA 2 hours later. Stopped to examine rock carvings between ~~the~~ these two villages.  
Tax Census of AGITANA = SEREPWATIE completed.

Friday, 6th., April.

Departed AGITANA at 0730 and arrived at LONIDIARI 4 hours later. The carriers arrived at 1215.  
Tax Census.  
Sent runner to KWIKILA instructing the A.D.O. of my return.

Saturday, 7th., April.

Departed LONIDAIARI at 0900 and arrived at LAGUME 1½ hours later.  
Tax Census of the above village.

Sunday, 8th., April.

Patrol Rested.

Monday, 9th., April.

Departed Lagume at 0800 and arrived at GAMORE hours later.  
Truck to Kwikila. Reported to the A.D.O.

END OF PATROL.

*J. Absalom*  
( J. Absalom )  
Cadet Patrol Officer.

Introduction.

The Koiari Patrol Division is the smallest in the in the Rigo Sub-District; with a total of ten villages. It is situated in the North West corner of the Sub-District and has an extremely hilly topography. The region is criss crossed by small creeks and in most cases the tracks follow these, sometimes crossing and recrossing the same creek twenty to thirty times in a few hours walk.

The villages are very small with populations ranging from 20 to just over 60. Previous to 1957 the area was patrolled very infrequently, but since then there has been an annual patrol. With the introduction of the Rigo Local Government Council this Division was cut down considerably in size.

Native Affairs.

The people of this Division were found to be very co-operative and helpful. There was no lack of carriers at any stage in the Patrol, some men even stayed with the patrol for 2 or 3 days to help the smaller villages out. Fresh food in the form of corn, cucumbers, tomatoes, sweet yams, spring onions, pumpkin, water melons, fish, and fresh water prawns was supplied at most villages.

The villages of BUSALAMAGA and IAUDOBU are interested in joining the Native Local Government Council; but say that they cannot afford more than two pound tax until a truck road has been built into the area. Most of the other villages including MEDENE hold that they cannot afford more than they are already paying. The main stumbling block in bringing this area into the Council seems to be the high rate of Council Tax.

Law and Justice.

There were only three minor complaints brought before me, and none of these warranted being sent to Kwikila for the Court of Native Matters.

Agriculture.

As mentioned in the sectioned headed Native Affairs there is an abundant supply of Native Foods as well as some European vegetables. There are very few domestic pigs in the Division; this mainly due to the influence of the S.D.A. missions in the area which forbid the eating of pork. The main form of live stock are fowls.

Coffee is grown in the following villages:-

- Medene ----- 2 men with an average of 30 trees each.
- Basalamaga ----- 4 men with an average of 50 trees each.
- Iaudobu ----- 6 men with an average of 31 trees each.
- Lovel ----- 4 men with an average of 320 trees each.

These are the only villages growing cash crops. The rice at Lovel mentioned by Mr. Brown last year was a failure. The people of BUSALAMAGA took 3½ bags of rice to Kapagere last year for which they have not been payed. No coffee has been taken to Kapagere by any of the villages yet.

Medical and Health.

This patrol will be closely followed by a medical patrol, conducted by Mr. B. R. Stevenson, the E.M.A. at Kwikila. Francis Raka a Medical Orderly from Kwikila hospital accompanied the patrol. The general health was found to be good with only the general run of T/U's, sipoma and sores. One case of glandular T.B. was discovered.

As yet there are no Aid Posts in this Division but the E.M.A. informs me that he intends to establish two in the near future.

Education and Missions.

The two missions in the area are the London Missionary Society and the Seventh Day Adventist Mission. The percentage of the 10-15 age group attending mission schools is 37.14%. This is an extremely high figure compared with some of the other Patrol Divisions in the Sub-District. Quite a number of the children from S.D.A. villages attend the S.D.A. schools at Bautama and Bislatab. The rest attend schools in their own or adjacent villages.

The mission teachers generally do a good job, helping to improve village sanitation, etc as well as teaching the children basic English and Mathematics.

Anthropology.

As instructed by the A.D.O. (see attached Patrol Instructions) I examined the rock carvings on the road between Borebere and Agitana. They are at the old Agitana village site. The rock they are carved into is a type of soft sand stone. See attached sketch.

Roads and Bridges.

The walking tracks are fair. But allowances must be made for the fact that the population is only small and some long distances are covered. However, despite this difficulty an honest effort had been made to clear the roads for the Patrol. All bridges crossed were fairly sound.

The people at Agitana-Serepewatei came up with a suggestion that a road could be constructed into their area from Toganom on the Segeri road system. They say that they have found a plausible route. If such a road could be constructed it would greatly improve the living standard of these people.

Tax.

f 69 tax was collected. No difficulty was experienced in its collection.

Census and Statistics.

As can be seen by the census figures attached there has only been a population increase of 1 (.24%) since last years patrol. This is a disappointing figure but not much more can be expected with such a small population.

The infant mortality rate is low at 2%. This is due, I think to the cleanliness of the villages and the good type of houses.

The percentage of able bodied men away at work is 28.42%. This is a high figure but it is unavoidable in an area like this where the young men wish to go out and earn some money for themselves.

For some reason there is a larger number of male births than female births in this area. The number of males in the 10-16 age group is almost double that of the females in the same age group. This is probably another cause of some of the young men leaving their villages.

Village Officials.

The village Official on the whole seem to be doing their jobs fairly well; this is born out in the fact that very few complaints were brought before this Patrol.

The people of Agitana-Serepewatei requested that a V.C. be elected in their village now that they are combined. The V.C. who at present looks after this village lives 2 hours walk away at Borebere; he also looks after Maiana. Dalagi Davoka was elected to fill the position subject to the A.D.O.'s approval.

Conclusion.

This area is a pleasure to patrol after some of the other Divisions of the Sub-District. The housing is generally of an excellent design and all of the villages are clean. In the main the people are very co-operative and enthusiastic.

Unfortunately in the past this division has been somewhat neglected, but if a road could be constructed to Toganom the whole aspect would change. These people could then supply a large amount of produce to Sogeri and Moresby markets; at the moment this is impossible because of the lack of communications. It would be a pity to neglect these people any more because they are of a very industrious nature.

*J. Absalom.*

( J. Absalom )  
Cadet Patrol Officer.

Appendix 'A'

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Report on Native Constabulary.

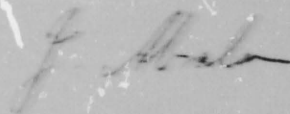
No. 7138 Const. 1st. Class Havia.

An excellent Patrol  
Policeman.

No. 9915 Const. Senior.

This man is keen  
and efficient in his  
work. A good all round  
policeman.

I recommend this  
man for promotion.



( J. Abelson )  
Chief Patrol Officer.

YEAR 1961/62

Appendix 'B'

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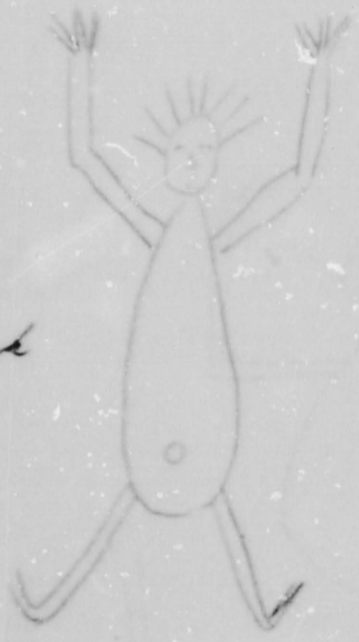
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Population Increase .245% 16 Births, 10 Deaths, 1 Inigrant In, 6 Inigrants Out.

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KIRITANA ON THE KBIARI TENSUS DIVISION OF THE RIGO  
SUB-DISTRICT.

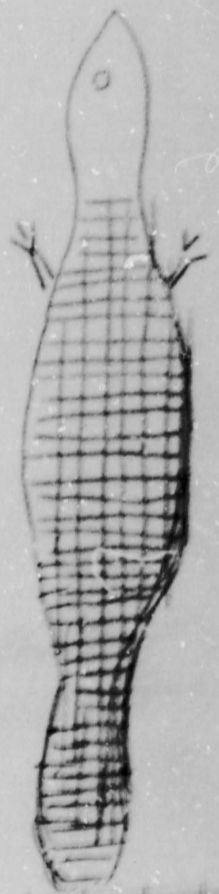
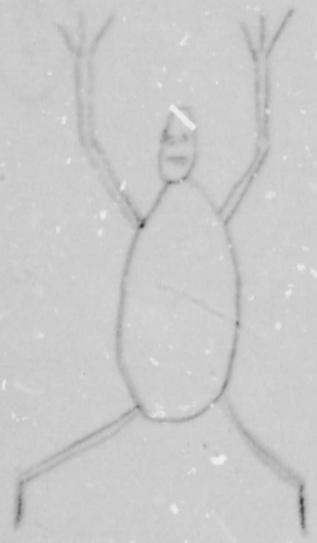
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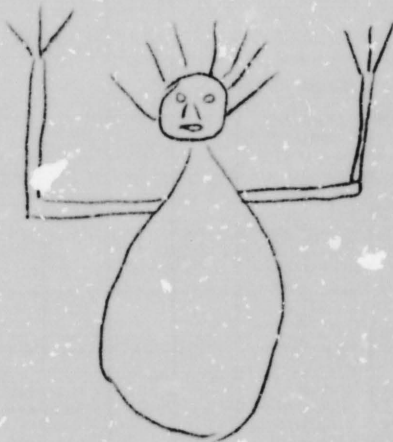
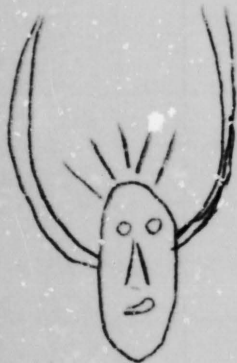
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Rock CARVINGS ON THE ROAD BETWEEN BOREBERE  
AND AGITANA IN THE KOIARI CENSUS DIVISION  
OF THE RICO SUB-DISTRICT.

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C.P.O.





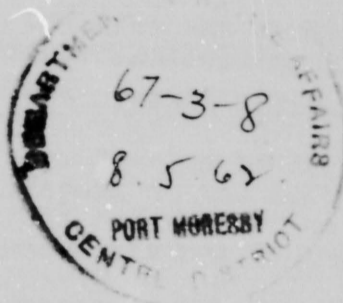
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Amount  
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to State

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8.5.62

In Reply  
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No. 67-1-2( )

Rigo Sub-District Headquarters,  
East Central Division,  
KWIKILA.

4th. May, 1962.

The District Officer,  
East Central Division,  
District Office,  
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT 8 - 61/62.

Attached please find two copies of the above report, on a patrol conducted to the Koiari Tax-Census Division by Mr. J. Absalom, Cadet Patrol Officer.

P.2 Native Affairs.

The interest of the BUSALAMAGA and IAUDOBU people in Councils will be fostered, and they will be invited to send observers to the next meeting of the Council. MEDENE will also be included in this invitation. There is no reason why these people should not be included in the Council at a lesser tax rate should the Council so desire.

P.2 Agriculture.

A total of 1546 coffee trees for this small population is quite satisfactory, particularly as there is no ready access to the area except bridle paths.

I have already written to the Field Supervisor at Kapogere for particulars regarding payment for this rice. It certainly does not encourage the people to plant economic crops if they are taken gratis by the government.

P.2 Health.

I have already written to you commenting on Mr. Stephenson's report for this area. He agrees with Mr. Absalom that the health here is good, and intends to establish three Aid Posts, at the villages of LONIDAIRI, BOREBERE and IAUDOBU. Three Aid Posts for a population of 400 odd seems generous, especially as they are in the main healthy, but there are problems in the wet where floods cut off tracks between villages.

P.3 Education. The position here is good, where 37% of the children attend mission schools.

P.3 Anthropology. It is a pity that no comments were made regarding the history and purpose of these carvings. Perhaps the next Officer to patrol the area could throw some light on this.

P.3 Roads & Bridges. It is unlikely that funds will be available in the foreseeable future for a road to this area, as the population is so small and no significant areas of agricultural land would be opened thereby. There are other areas within Sub-District which must be given precedence.

P.3 Census and Statistics. The population increase is disappointing, particularly in regard to the low infant mortality rate and general good health. The high rate of absentee workers may contribute to this.

(2).

P.3 Village Officials. Relevant forms for the proposed new V.C. for Agitana - Serepewatie have been forwarded to you under separate cover.

General. The area was perhaps neglected some years ago, but has had regular patrolling since 1957, and this will continue.

The overall situation is most pleasing indeed, in all aspects.

Mr. Absalom heeded a suggestion that I made, and completed his report at the last village. He submitted it on the day after his return, but we have been awaiting photographs taken of the rock carvings to include them. This will be forwarded on arrival.

He is to be congratulated on a good routine patrol, properly conducted.

Camping allowance contingencies are forward for favour of your signature.

*T. Mitchell*

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received

(T. MITCHELL)  
a/Assistant District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

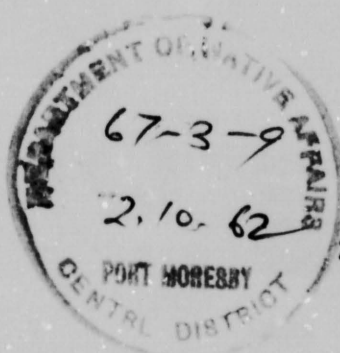
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Telegram—NATAFF

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Our Reference 67-1-56

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Department of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu, Papua,

27th September, 1962.

The District Officer,  
East Central Division,  
Central District,  
PORT MORESBY.

RIGC PATROL REPORT No.9/1961-62

The Ormond Census Division is certainly unfortunate in its environment and we can expect little surcease for the people until they have access to surface transport.

Your suggestions in relation to the introduction of goats as livestock and the planting of teak seeds and cuttings are excellent ones and I will be very interested to note of any implementation that the Assistant District Officer Kwikila is able to accomplish.

The report itself could have been more neatly presented though the content is quite constructive.

(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

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ADO Rigo.

uly 67-3-9 of 4/9/62 refers.  
Please let me know what help you need to implement these ideas. Teak seedlings will be available in numbers & you will need to check with DASF re movement of goats. D.K. McCarthy  
3/10/62 Do

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East Central Division,  
Central District,  
Port Moresby

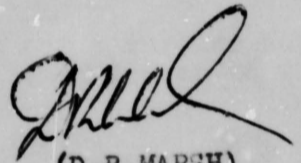
1st October, 1962.

Senior Forest Officer,  
Regional Office,  
P.O. Box 341,  
Port Moresby

SUPPLY OF TEAK CUTTINGS

Your 103-9-1 of 28.9.62 refers.

2. Thank you for your assistance. The seeds received last Friday will be shared between Marshall Lagoon and Magarida.

  
(D. R. MARSH)  
DISTRICT OFFICER.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-3-9

Please address all  
Correspondence to the Director

IDG: MJM

Memorandum for—



In Reply  
Please Quote

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No. 103-9-1

Department of Forestry,  
Konedobu, Papua,  
Regional Office,  
P.O. Box 341,  
Port Moresby.

28th September, 1962

District Officer,  
East Central Division,  
Central District,  
PORT MORESBY.

SUPPLY OF TEAK CUTTINGS.

Your 67-3-9 of 14/9/62 refers.

I am confident that at this stage we will be able to supply 3,000 teak stumps to A.D.O. Sharp of Kwikila, during December or January. The best planting time is early in the new wet season.

I am sending to you this day a further supply of teak seed, and would appreciate advice as to where this will be sent.

Ian D. Grundy.  
A/Senior Forest Officer.

SFO.

*your 103-9-1 of 28/9/62 refers. Thank you for your comment. The seeds received last Sunday could be shared between Marshall Legum & H. Legum.*

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1/10/62 DO

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East Central Division,  
Central District,  
Port Moresby

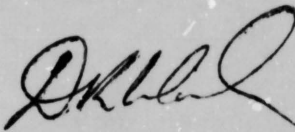
14th September, 1962.

Regional Forests Officer,  
Port Moresby.

SUPPLY TEAK CUTTINGS OR SEEDS

Our discussions and copy of memorandum  
6.2.4. from A.D.O. Kwikila refer.

2. I am very keen to establish teak in the  
Rigo area and would appreciate you fill the order  
with cuttings, plus a few pounds of seed.



(D.R. MARSH)  
DISTRICT OFFICER.

cc. A.D.O. Kwikila.

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Kwikila  
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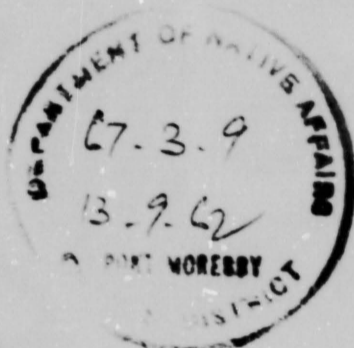


TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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In Reply  
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No. 6-2-4

Rigo Sub-District Headquarters,  
East Central Division,  
KWIKILA.

11th September 1962.

The District Officer,  
East Central Division,  
District Office,  
PORT MORESBY.

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SUPPLY TEAK CUTTINGS OR SEEDS.

I noticed in your memo 67-3-9 dated 4 September that Forestry Department will be making available teak cuttings and seeds.

2. Would it be possible for your to apply on my behalf for a tentative supply of 3,500 cuttings or seeds or a mixture of both.

3.. For your necessary action, please.

(E.S. SHARP)  
ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER.

R/Land Officer

*Our discussions refer.  
I am very keen to establish  
teak on the Rigo area & would  
appreciate you fill the order with  
cuttings plus a few pounds of seed.  
14/9 DO*

67.3.9  
cc. Director of Native Affairs,  
Konedobu.

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Rigo P/R No. 9/61-62, for your information, please.

*D.R. Marsh*  
(D.R. MARSH)  
DISTRICT OFFICER.  
4.9.62.

67.3.9.

District Office,  
East Central Division,  
Central District,  
Port Moresby.

4th September, 1962.

Assistant District Officer,  
RIGO.

Reference your PR 9/61-62 and 67-1-1 (9) of 28th  
August, 1962.

2. This sparsely populated area, which is geographically isolated from markets and which is comprised mainly of grassland with minor fertile pockets of agricultural land has posed a problem to me over a number of years and I fail to see any ready answer.
3. The harsh nature of the land has caused the people to hold strongly to traditional ways and to resist change. Consequently, even the best laid plans for development are likely to be resisted.
4. Socially, I would advocate you speak to the local missionary with a view to extending the quantity and quality of their schools.
5. Economically, I would advocate that you introduce goats to the area - not to the village areas but to the isolated grasslands which exist. These goats, when they multiply, could be driven along the trade routes and sold to other villages for feasts or to plantations for rations. One would have to observe D.A.S.F. restrictions on movement.
6. The land is overall best suited for low grade grazing and the goats would be a worthy experiment.
7. A second economic feature could be the planting of teak seeds and cuttings. This timber is fire resistant and the young poles provide fencing, house building material and, ultimately, logs. The main concentration should be in the areas where it is possible to ultimately have logging operations and shipping facilities, but it will do a lot of good to have trees spread over the entire area.
8. Cuttings and seeds will be available from Forestry Department in November this year.
9. Politically, I would not attempt anything except to support the village leaders to maintain their position of leadership.
10. In particular, you should encourage the health authorities to pay regular visits.
11. I do not see any point in developing a complicated plan of overall development. We have not the staff or time to implement it.
12. If you can encourage the missions and health department and add to this with the introduction of goats and teak, it will be a good start and will help to accustom the people to change.

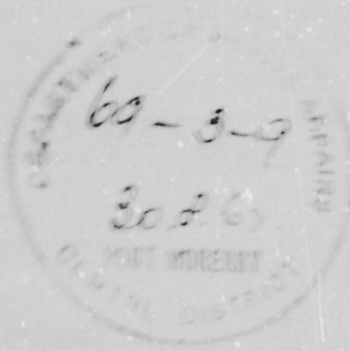
*D.R. Marsh*  
(D.R. MARSH)  
DISTRICT OFFICER.





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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-3-9



In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 67-1-1(90)

Higo Sub-District Headquarters,  
East Central Division,  
KIMBILA:

28th. August, 1962.

The District Officer,  
East Central Division,  
District Office,  
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT - 9/61-62.

Enclosed is the above mentioned Report of a Patrol into the Ormond Census Division conducted by Mr. J.A.I. Absalom Cadet Patrol Officer. Camping Allowance claim is also enclosed.

2. A brief resume of the position existing in the Ormond Division was given in the Patrol Instructions. At the present time we have an area surrounded on three sides by two reasonably active Councils, and to illustrate the position these people have active trade routes, and traditional markets in both Council areas. The main purpose of this patrol was to attempt to enthuse the people into carrying on normal traditional trade, but along reasonable organized lines, and a greater quantity of turnover. It appears from the report that with the exception of Kwaibo, an immediate enthusiastic reception was not forthcoming. It is to be hoped that the idea was not sown on barren ground. Perhaps when the vehicular track is completed into this area, and the market established some move may be made by the remainder of the people. The possibility of a surplus was gone into, however this is not an over-productive area, and there would be little hope of over supplying.

3. We now have on our hands people who are dissatisfied with the old techniques of Administration, and it is up to this Office combined with your Office to find a newer and more acceptable technique. This should have a beneficial effect on the area, as at the present time passive resistance is used by the people in accepting orders which generally results in tempers being frayed. What lines we should take I can not as yet say, however it is my intention of conducting the follow up patrol, and I will advise you of my recommendations.

For your advice and necessary action please.

*J. A. Sharp*  
( J. A. Sharp )  
Assistant District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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# PATROL REPORT

District of Rigo-Central Report No. 9/61-62

Patrol Conducted by J. Absalom, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Ormond Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.

Natives Two members R.P.& N.G.C., one Interpreter, and one Medical Orderly.

Duration—From 19./6./19.62 to 28./6./19.62.

Number of Days 10

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 5./19.61.

Medical 10./19.61.

Map Reference Rigo Sub-District 2 mile - inch.

Objects of Patrol Collect tax, revise census and 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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# Village Pop

Year.....

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	DEATHS																	
		Births		0-1 Month		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13		Females in Child Birth			
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Rigo Sub-District Headquarters,  
East Central Division,  
KWIKILA.

21st August 1962.

**The Assistant District Officer,  
Sub-District Office,  
KWIKILA.**

PATROL REPORT.

Please find attached in triplicate Patrol Report  
No.10/61-62.

RIGO PATROL REPORT NO.10/61-62.

Patrol Conducted by : J.Absalom, Cadet Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled : Ormond Tax/Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by : Corporal Kaiamai  
Constable Isara  
Interpreter Henari  
N.M.O. David

Duration of Patrol : 19/6/62 - 28/6/62, 10 days

Object of Patrol : Collect Tax, Revise Census and  
Routine Administration

Map Reference : Rigo Sub-District 2 mile - inch

*J. Absalom*

(J. ABSALOM)  
Cadet Patrol Officer.

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Rigo Sub-District Headquarters,  
East Central Division,  
KWIKILA.

18th June, 1962.

Mr. J. Absalom,  
Cadet Patrol Officer,  
KWIKILA.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS - ORMOND CENSUS DIVISION.

You will prepare to depart for a patrol into the Ormond Census Division, verbal advice has already been given.

2. The Ormond Division is a complexity in Administration. On one side you have regular patrolling by Native Affairs and on the other lack of patrols by both Health and Agriculture. This then presents a frustrating pattern to the patrolling Native Affairs Officer as to what can be done. To clarify this position for you I feel that we must shoulder the burden of other Departments and concentrate on village improvements such as hygiene sanitation, and improved house design, as well as suggestions preferably from the people themselves, for the instruction of a cash economy. During the course of the patrol the following therefore will be achieved or followed:-

- (a) Revise the census for all villages and collect tax
- (b) Attend to outstanding complaints and queries that come into your jurisdiction.
- (c) Pay attention to village sanitation and hygiene and try to encourage better house design or construction.
- (d) Hold meetings and enquire into possible suggestions for the introduction of a cash economy.
- (e) Always be on the look out for possible road routes.
- (f) Do not travel on religious days
- (g) Do not make promises we can not keep
- (h) You may take Henari-Reuben as your interpreter also 2 police to accompany you.
- (i) Consult the E.M.A. Rigo regarding an N.M.A. to accompany you.
- (j) Obtain a monetary allowance for carrier payments and outstanding N.M.T.As.
- (k) Submit your report in accordance with relevant Circular Instructions.

3.. Wishing you an enjoyable and successful patrol.

SIGNED

(E. S. Sharp)  
Assistant District Officer.

Patrol Diary.

Tuesday, 19th., June, 1962.

Departed KWIKILA by tractor and trailer at 1045 arriving at SIVIGOLO at 1125 and SIVIGOLO Sawmill 30 minutes later. Departed Sawmill at 1210 and arrived at MATAIRUKA at 1320. Stayed the night.

Wednesday, 20th., June, 1962.

Departed MATAIRUKA 0730 and arrived at LEBAGOLO 2 hours and 20 minutes later. Changed some carriers and departed arriving at IMAIRU at 1155. Tax/Census - stayed the night.

Thursday, 21st., June, 1962.

Departed IMAIRU at 0800 and arrived at POTUNA 1 hour and 10 minutes later. Tax/Census for POTUNA and URIGO.

Departed at 1105 for GOADA Rest House arriving at 1325

Friday, 22nd., June, 1962.

Departed Goada at 1015 and arrived at BAGI BOGI at 1215. Tax/Census  
Departed at 1340 for GOROGORUNA Rest House arriving at 1625.

Saturday, 23rd., June, 1962.

Tax/Census of KONAKO, GOROGORUNA and DUBANATOBOLA. As this is an S.D.A. area the patrol rested.

Sunday, 24th., June, 1962.

Departed

GOROGORUNA Rest House at 0800, inspected KONAKO enroute ANIMARUPU. Sent carriers straight to ALEPA. Arrived ANIMARUPU 1205. Tax/Census completed. Roads and village in extremely bad condition.

Departed at 1330 and arrived at KEX ALEPA 1 hour and 20 minutes later. Tax/Census of GEREGAGEA at ALEPA Rest House.

Monday, 25th., June, 1962.

Completed Tax/Census of ALEPA and departed at 1100. Arrived IMAIRU 1 hour and thirty minutes later. Tax/Census of VANUAVAMONA.

Tuesday, 26th., June, 1962.

Departed IMAIRU 0800 and arrived at KWAIBO 3 hours and 30 minutes later. Inspected the two hamlets of VANUAVAMONA enroute. Tax/Census of KWAIBO and BABAGU.

Wednesday, 27th., June, 1962.

Tax/Census of MAMALO and KORE.

Thursday, 28th., June, 1962.

Departed KWAIBO at 0730 and arrived at NIUIRUKA at 1115, thence by land rover to KWIKILA arriving at 1220.

Reported to the Assistant District Officer.

End of Patrol.

## Introduction

The Ormond Division is situated in the eastern section of the Rigo Sub-District. It lies adjacent to the Maria Division. The topography is of a generally undulating nature; the vegetation mainly savannah with some areas of rain forest along the Ormond Rivier and its tributaries.

Most of the villages are of a reasonable size with populations ranging from 36 to 227. The area has been patrolled regularly since 1957, before this year patrolling was somewhat spasmodic.

## Native Affairs

The people of the Division showed a rather indifferent attitude towards the Patrol. Unlike most of the other Divisions in the Sub-District this Division has shown very little improvement under regular patrolling. Most of the housing is of the traditional style and the villages are on the average dirty and badly set out. The Patrol did not lack for carriers throughout.

When the people were broached on the subject of supplying produce to the proposed new market at Kwikila the answer was that was too far to carry bannanas etc. - they were not interested; except the Kwaibo people who <sup>WERE</sup> were very keen.

## Law and Justice.

Several minor complaints were brought before the Patrol but none of these warranted being sent to Kwikila for the Court of Native Matters.

A complaint was layed against the villagers of Molegoro and Bagugolo because of the condition of their roads and villages.

## Agriculture

There is practically no cash cropping in the Division, mainly because the area has been neglected completely by the Department of Agriculture except for one patrol in 1958 and another early this year which only visited some of the villages.

There was a plentiful supply of Native foods, and most of the villages had the usual number of pigs and fowls.

## Commerce

There have been two trade stores established in the Division, one at Dubanateboa and the other at Seragea. Both of these stores have a very limited stock but they do show some spirit of enterprize on the part of the men that established them. The owners informed me that they have an average income of about eight pounds a month. The people in the Kwaibo area run quite a healthy business with the coastal villages of Kerepuna and Kalo. They trade bananas and other such produce for fish and money.

## Medical and Health

The patrol was accompanied by a Native Medical Orderly from the Kwikila Hospital. There was a lot of sickness in the area,

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mainly malaria. An abundance of sapoma and tropical ulcers cases where treated.

#### Education and Missions

Both the Seventh Day Adventist and the London Missionary Society have missions in the area. They have however, done very little to improve the conditions of the people. The mission house at Kwaibo is one of the worst in the village.

The percentage of the 10 - 16 age group attending mission schools is 18.78%

#### Roads and Bridges

Many of the walking tracks in the area were only partially cut, consequently walking was made difficult on some occasions. However, some consideration should be given to the fact that the country covered was mainly savannah; also in most cases the distances covered were fairly long.

#### Tax

£ 206 was collected in tax, no difficulty was experienced in its collection.

#### Census and Statistics

As can be seen by the census figures attached there has been a population increase of 7.92% over the last twelve months. This is a fairly average increase in comparison with the rest of the Sub-District. The natural increase was 2.17%.

The infant mortality rate was low at 2.05%. This figure is rather surprising for such a backward area.

The percentage of able bodied men away at work is 37.5%. This high figure probably accounts to a certain extent for the roads and villages being in such bad repair.

#### Village Officials

The Village Officials on the whole seem to be doing their jobs fairly well; this was borne out in the fact that very few complaints were brought before the Patrol.

The people of Potuna and Urigo requested that a V.C. be elected for their two villages as the V.C. that looks after them now lives at Imairu, one and a half hours walk away. Mogona Inua was elected subject to the Directors approval.

#### Conclusion

This area is one of the worst I have patrolled in the Rigo Sub-District. The people on the main are indifferent to improvement and do very little to help themselves. The road to Gonda should improve their living standard if they are willing to make the effort to grow produce which can be marketed. Orders issued by the last patrol in the area had only been carried out half-heartedly, most of them looked as though they had only been started when the patrol was due. I recommend a follow up patrol for this area.

*J. Abraham C.P.O*



1961/62.

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VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS												MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE AT WORK				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		Average Size of Family	TOTALS (excluding absentee)				GRAND TOTAL						
				0-1 Mth.		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13		Females in Child Birth	IN		OUT		Inside District		Outside District		Govt.		Mission		MALES		FEMALES		Pregnant	No. Child bearing		Child		Adults			
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Imairu	20/6		4					1	1			1		2	2			1	18									12	22	10	24	-	28	2.8	23	23	11	32	107		
Potuna	21/6	2	1		1													6										10	14	4	19	-	22	2.5	24	16	12	25	83		
Urigo	21/6	2	1															5						1	1			6	18	9	13	-	15	2.3	17	18	22	19	83		
Bagi-Bogi	22/6	1	2															1	7					1				1	20	3	11	-	11	2.0	9	7	13	14	51		
Boligoro	22/6													1	2	1	2											-	5	-	5	-	5	.7	3	2	4	6	17		
Konako	23/6	1	2											1				3	1					4				3	18	5	17	3	16	2.3	8	18	21	19	74		
Gorogoruna	23/6	1														1												6	18	7	13	-	13	3.1	17	13	16	15	67		
Dubanatoba	23/6	2	6													1	1			1	6		1			1	5	2	7	27	5	22	-	25	3.3	26	26	22	25	114	
Bagugolo	24/6	1	1															1	17									4	28	2	19	-	18	2.0	18	26	13	20	94		
Molegoro	24/6	2	2					1										2	9									2	14	4	11	-	10	2.9	13	10	8	14	54		
Geregaga	24/6	2	3					2						1	1			2	13					2		1	10	12	43	18	33	-	40	3.2	28	35	31	36	168		
Alepa	25/6	10	3					1						2	1			2	22		1					2	1	18	49	16	51	-	51	2.7	60	47	36	58	227		
Vama-vama	25/6	3	3																14							2	15	30	4	16	-	17	3.1	32	22	28	27	125			
Kwaibo	26/6	2	1													1				2								12	28	12	27	2	33	2.3	27	26	32	36	127		
Babagu	26/6	1	1																									6	8	3	7	-	9	3.2	12	8	4	8	36		
Mamalo	27/6	4	3																							1	15	26	4	24	-	26	2.1	33	19	20	34	117			
Kore	27/6	3	2													1				2								6	11	4	14	-	14	2.6	16	18	13	16	65		
TOTALS		37	35			2		1	4	2		3	3	12	11			2	9	5	18	150	1	2		2	1	29	14	135	379	110	326	5	353	2.55	366	354	306	404	1609