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PATROL REPORT NO 3-68-69

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MR. N.C. McQUILTY.

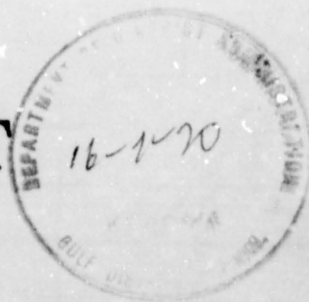
BAIMURU

GULF DISTRICT.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT



District of GULF Report No. BAIMURU No. 3-1968/69.
 Patrol Conducted by N.C. McQUILTY, PATROL OFFICER.
 Area Patrolled BAIMURU LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL AREA (PART)
BAIMURU CENSUS DIVISION
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans K.R. SMITH, C.P.O.
 Natives 1 INTERPRETER, 1 OPERATOR
 Duration—From / / 19 to / / 19 11th 13th 18th 20th DECEMBER, 1968.
 Number of Days 4 half days
 Did Medical Assistant Accompany? —
 Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / / 19
 Medical / / 19
 Map Reference
 Objects of Patrol ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION
FAMILIARISATION

Director of District Administration,
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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Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
KONFIDOBU.....Papua.

67-2-45

28th April, 1970

District Commissioner,
Gulf District,
KERIMA.

PATROL NO. 3-68/69.

Your reference 67-6-17 of 15th April, 1970.

2. I acknowledge with thanks, receipt of Special Report
by N. C. McQuilty, Patrol Officer of part Baimuru Census
Division.

3. This patrol was conducted in December, 1968. No further
comment is called for.

T. W. Ellis
(T. W. Ellis)
Secretary

Department of the Administrator.

c.c. Mr. K. B. Smith,
Assistant Patrol Officer,
KEREMA.....G.D.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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DJH/KAM.
Department of the Administrator,
KEREMA, GULF DISTRICT.

15th April, 1970.

The Secretary,
Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
KONE DOBU.

BAIMURU PATROL REPORT No. 3-1968/69.

BAIMURU CENSUS DIVISION.

Your telegram 88 of 11th November, 1969, refers.

Attached please find two copies of the above-mentioned patrol report for your records.

The report has been copied from our records as the original cannot be located. It is assumed it was forwarded your direct in 1968.

R.S. Bell
(R.S. BELL),
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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PATROL DIARY:

Folios 3 and 4 Field Officer's Journal refers.

Wednesday, 11th Dec. 1968:

Departed station in dinghy C937 and arrived IPIGO 1020. Inspected village and housing which was very poor as village is still under construction being only 6 months old. Given 6 months to complete work. Also looked at 1 copra dryer. Talked to villagers on means of improving their income. Complaint settled. Departed 1150 arrived back at Baimuru 1230.

Friday, 13th Dec. 1968:

Departed station 0910 arrived PAKEMUBA 0933. Inspected village and water well. Discussed ideas with people on the merits of sending sago to Moresby for sale. Departed 1050 arrived KEMEI 1115. Inspected village and talked with the people. Departed 1205 arrived station 1240.

Wednesday, 18th Dec. 1968:

Departed station 1340 in dinghy arrived at KARARUA 1355. Inspected village. Talked with villagers about the Council, economic development, housing and schools. Departed and returned to Baimuru 1625.

Friday, 20th Dec. 1968:

Departed 0825 from station arriving RAVIPAKA 0840. Talked to people about sending their children to school at Baimuru and the benefits of an education. Inspected village and 2 shotguns. Visited garden of Jeffry Ekhai and gave him some advice and will send Agriculture officer later this year. Returned to Baimuru 1015.

SITUATION REPORT:

Political: IPIGO:

1. Although this is a new village still under construction there seems to be little development as the people lack education and incentive and are lethargic in their ways. In 5 months they built only 3 houses to standard, the rest are still shanties.
2. The Local Government Council plans to put in a well some time during the next financial year, but it is so long since any development has taken place that the people are sceptical of its fulfilments.

PAKEMUBA:

3. The Council is trying to encourage these people to move to IPIGO and combine villages. This, I feel, is a good idea because not only would it be easier to supply services to the combined villages, but the people of PAKEMUBA seem to be far more conscious of good housing and sanitation and this should act as an incentive for the people of IPIGO village to lift their own living standards.

KEMEI:

4. This is a very small village now, as most of the people have moved back to the village of KARARUA to which they are aligned. Those remaining are still trying to make up their minds. Little benefits have been gained from Council works and there is greater chances of development in the village of KARARUA. There are only 4 houses now occupied at KEMEI.

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Department of District Administration,
Patrol Post,
BAIMURU.

67-2-1.

31st December, 1968.

The District Commissioner,
District Office,
KEREMA.

BAIMURU PATROL REPORT No. 3-1968/69.
BAIMURU COUNCIL AREA.

Report Number: Baimuru No. 3-1968/69.

Sub-District: Kikori.

District: Gulf

Council Area: Baimuru Local Government Council.

Patrol Conducted by: N.C. McQuilty.

Designation: Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled: Baimuru Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by: Cadet Patrol Officer, Mr. K. Smith.
Local Officers: 1 Interpreter.
1 Operator.

Duration of Patrol: 11th, 13th, 18th and 20th December, 1968.

No. Patrol Days: 4 half days.

Last Patrol to Area: May, 1968.

Objects of Patrol: (i) General Administration;
(ii) Familiarisation.

Total Population: 690

Map Reference: Fourmil Kikori and map attached.

Village population register: Not enclosed.

K. SMITH,
CADET PATROL OFFICER.

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KARARUA:

This is a large and active village and the people seem happy and interested in improving themselves. This is because it is very near to Baimuru, and so, hears of and sees most of the developments taking place in the Council area. The Council is putting in a well during the next financial year, and the people are eager for its completion.

RAVIPAKA:

The people here seemed happy to see us and were interested in what news we had of Administration and Council work. Little has been achieved in this area by the council as yet but the people seem to understand that it will take time. However, they cannot grasp the reason why they should send their children to school.

To sum up the people of this area the Baimuru Census Division are generally politically conscious of the functions of both the Local Government Councils and the House of Assembly. This is due to the fact that they live in close contact with Baimuru and the work of the council and also the large number of radio's in this area.

ECONOMIC.

The main economic activity in this area is the production of copra as a cash crop. The people here favour the use of smoke driers. There are however, the problems of lack of transport and involves at times the long cartage of this crop by canoe to villages that can accommodate vessels of the 'K' class.

IPIGO.

They have one village owned copra drier and produced 20 bags in 5 months. This is not full production, but the people are still building their new village. There could be a further source of income for these people in the tending of the council fishing nets once they are set up.

PAKENUBA.

This village has one communially owned copra drier, but has produced only 3 bags in the last few months. They seem content to only produce when they need some money and then sit back until it has all been spent before producing once again. The people are thinking of making sago and sending it to Moresby with the next load of copra. This could supply a helpful increase to their income.

KEMEI.

They have a village owned copra drier and large supplies of coconuts. However they have to take their copra to EAUMORO society store for sale, which involves a long canoe trip. This is their only source of income.

KARARUA.

In this village is the KAUFORO society store which trades in copra, crocodile skins and is fortunately on a shipping route. It is also the village trade store.

There are 3 copra driers in the village and 4 more in the combatis. This is quite a wealthy village.

RAVIFAKA.

The village has a good supply of coconuts and has 3 copra driers in the combatis. The copra is sometimes sent to Moresby but mostly sold to the KAUFORO society in small lots.

They are organising the sale of sego in a store in Moresby at POREBADA.

Up river from RAVIFAKA, Jeffrey Ekai, a council member has about 2 acres of land cleared. He has 300 seeds planted in a nursery, and shade planted since 1961, but this needs thinning and also extending. He also has 120 coconut seedlings yet to be planted out. About 1/2 an acre of rice has been planted and is doing well but some is being eaten by grasshoppers. There is also a small patch of tobacco planted but this again is being eaten by grasshoppers.

This is I feel a commendable effort being achieved by only one man, his wife and children, and should be encouraged if economic development of this area is to be achieved.

SOCIAL.

IFIPO.

There is no Mission station at this village and also no trade store the nearest being at Baimuru. There is also no school and only 1 or 2 children go to Baimuru. After talking to the people on the merits of an education they said more would be attending next year.

PAKEMUA.

This village is in the same position as IFIPO, and only a few boys are permitted to attend school at Baimuru. There is also no medical orderly stationed at either of these villages.

KUMEI.

The L.M.S. did have a Pastor and Teacher stationed at this village but they left 5 years ago due to the majority of the people returning to KARARUA. There is no store either. Only 1 or 2 children attend school at Baimuru.

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KARARUA.

The B.D.A. Has a mission and Pastor here but does not run a school as it is only a short trip to the Baimuru school. A large number of children attend school here.

RAVITAKA.

There is no Mission or school or trade store in this village. No children go to school at Baimuru as they say it is too far and the children are too tired at the end of the day. However, next year they could possibly start attending.

(K. Smith.)
Cadet Patrol Officer.