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CENTRAL DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1956/57

KAIRUKU

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
<u>KAIRUKU</u>		
1 - 56/57	E.S.Sharp	Bush Mekeo Census Division
2 - 56/57	K.A.Brown	x Roro Census Division
3 - 56/57	E.S.Sharp	Kabadi and Nara Census Divisions
4 - 56/57	J.A.Edwards	Roro and Mekeo Census Divisions
5 - 56/57	K.A.Brown	WAIMA- KIVORI Census Division
7 - 56/57	J.A.Edwards	Mekeo and Waima Census Divisions
8 - 56/57	J.A.Edwards	Nara Census Division

DIRECTOR
D.M.A.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Central - Milne Bay S.O. Report No. 151 1/56-57

Patrol Conducted by E.S. SHARR - Patrol Officer (S.O.)

Area Patrolled Bush Merae Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives Five

Duration—From 13/2/1956 to 24/2/1956

Number of Days 12

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services P / 1955

Medical 1 / 1956

Map Reference YULE ISLAND 1:125,000 SERIES

Objects of Patrol 1. CENSUS REVISION 56-57

2. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £ NIL

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

Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund £ NIL

Village Pop

Year... 1956-57

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	Births		DEATHS														Females in Child Birth
				0-1 Month		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13				
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F			
AMEIANA	19/8	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ARANAIRI	17/8	6	4	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
BABANGONGO	16/8	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
ENGESA	22/8	4	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
INAUKINA	20/8	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
IOI	21/8	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-
MAIPA	20/8	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PUNGA	19/8	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS		20	26	-	-	1	-	1	5	-	1	2	-	3	5	-	-	-

STATISTICAL SUMMARY:

TOTAL MALE POP:	623
TOTAL FEMALE POP:	532
TOTAL % OF MALES	
ABSENT :	16.6%
ABSENT AT WORK 16-45 AGE GROUP	32.4%
BIRTHS/100 POP	3.8
BIRTHS/DEATH	2.6
NATURAL INCREASE	2.1

e Pop

Over 13		Females in Child Birth
M	F	
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	1	-
-	2	-
1	-	-
2	2	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
3	5	-

NA. 90-1-34

15th March, 1957.

The District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MURPHY.

KAINUKU P/R NO. 1 of 56/57.

The above-mentioned Report is acknowledged with
thanks.

No comments are necessary from this Headquarters.

(A. A. Roberts)
Director

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P/R.KAI.1/56-57/400

District Office,
PORT MORESBY.

13th September, 1956

Assistant District Officer,
KAIRUKU.

KAIRUKU PATROL REPORT No.1/56-57

It is pleasing to know that every effort is being made to put the main access road into service. It is obvious that the area will not advance unless there is a road.

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(D.R. Marsh)
Acting District Officer

cc. Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

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District Office,
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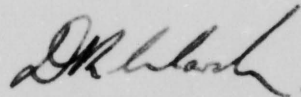
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Acting District Officer

cc. Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Sub-District Office,
KAIRUKU:
Central District.

1 SEPTEMBER, 1956.

The Assistant District Office,
Sub-District Office,
KAIRUKU . . . Central District.

REPORT OF PATROL TO BUSH MEKEO CENSUS DIVISION
KAIRUKU SUB-DISTRICT.

Officer Conducting the
Patrol : E.S.Sharp Patrol Officer Grd. (11)

Area Patrolled : Bush Mekeo Census Division.

Personell Accompanying : A. Opu . . . Interpreter.
Reg.No. 1275 Cpl. DADAN
" " . 7230 Con. VUGO
" " . 9308 Con. KAOWI

Duration : Out : 13 August, 1956
In : 24 August, 1956.
Twelve Days.

Last Native Affairs
Patrol : 1 August, 1955

Last Medical Patrol : 1 January, 1956.

Mode of Travel : Motor Transport
Canoe, and foot.

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Introduction :

The Bush Mekeo people inhabit the fertile plains situated at the foot of the IARIMA mountain chain. All villages are situated in close proximity to either the MA'AKUNGA or AKAIFU rivers. Both of these rivers are subject to severe flooding in the North West season, and as a precautionary measure all houses are raised some 7 to 8 feet above ground level.

The Bush Mekeo people refer to themselves as the INAWINA group, whereas the Mekeo tribe refer to them as the FIFIALO tribe. The literal translation of the latter being " the bush people", hence the Administration term Bush Mekeo.

Introduction concl.

The last census, and administrative patrol to be carried out in the Bush Mokee census division was during the month of August, 1955, and Assistant District Officer Tomasetti was the Officer-in-Charge of the patrol.

Diary.

- 13 August : Departed KAIRUKU per launch and Barge for ARARRANA. By jeep to EPO.
- 14 August : At EPO with Mr. Surveyor C. Sparkes-Carroll.
- 15 August : To BEIPA per jeep. Supervised road maintenance.
- 16 August : To BABANGONOC via AIFEANA. Admin. duties carried out census revised.
- 17 August : Proceeded down river to APANAIFI. All duties carried out.
- 18 August : Proceeded up the AKAIPIU river to PIUNGA. Census revised all admin. duties carried out.
- 19 August : On to AMELAKA duties carried out.
- 20 August : Proceeded to INAUKINA all duties carried out. On to MAIPA.
- 21 August : Admin. duties for MAIPA completed, on to ICI. Census revised duties performed.
- 22 August : To ENOEFA routine admin. duties completed.
- 23 August : To BWIPA.
- 24 August : Departed BEIPA for ARARANA via EPO. On to KAIRUKU.

Patrol Completed.

Finance .

No financial business was transacted during the course of the patrol.

The patrol worked from an Advance of Ten Pounds for the payment of carriers etc. The Advance was acquitted as per Kairuku Official Receipt No. 3 92803 of 3rd. September, 1956.

Census and Statistics.

The last census patrol of the area was conducted during the month of August 1955. During this patrol a total population of 1124 was recorded. During the course of the present patrol the population recorded

Census and Statistics concl.

(recorded...) was 1155, giving an increase of 31 for the division.

The attached census appendix paints a bright picture for these people, in so far as future population is concerned. The figure for males absent at work is rather high, 32.4%, however unlike the KUMI absentees these people take regular leave, and visit their home villages frequently. The maximum period absent for anyone person was 3 years. This high figure has had no harmful effect on population trends in the Bush Mekeo.

Law and Order.

Many minor complaints, with particular emphasis on land matters, were brought to the patrol for adjudication. All such complaints were of an arbitrary nature and were all settled to the satisfaction of both parties.

One case of stealing was heard in the Court for Native Matters, Case No. 42 refers.

Missions.

Both the Roman Catholic, and London Missionary Society are active in the area. These missions rely on patrolling as their means of contact, the L.M.S. operating from the TIRIMA Sub-District, and the Catholic from BEIPA in the Mekeo census division.

The majority of people are adherents of the Catholic faith, and there is a small mission station at AMEIAKA. The L.M.S. Pastor contacts his following en route to the KUMIMAIPA census division, GOIHALA sub-district.

Education.

The education of these people is left entirely in the hands of the missions. All villages have their small village schools where the rudiments of the English language is taught. Anyone wishing to do so can attend either the Sacred Heart of Jesus Higher School at Mainokana, or the De La Salle College at Yule Island.

There is one youth from PIUNGA village receiving his secondary education in Australia.

Roads and Bridges.

Approximately half the travelling in this census division is done per means of canoeon either the MA'AKUNGA or AKAIPIU rivers. Foot tracks were all in excellent condition, however owing to the high rainfall and the flat nature of the terrain many sections of the roads were either extremely muddy or completely underwater. The sections underwater were traversed by means of fallen trees, which were laid

Roads and Bridges road.

(Laid....) across these sections.

Bridges consist of two or three logs lashed together, placed across the stream, and a cane hand rail attached.

Carrier and/or Canoe times between villages :

From Village	To	Time	Remarks.
Alpeana	Labangongo	2 hours	Excellent road. Could be made into a vehicular road.
Labangongo	Apsanapi	5 "	Down the Ma'Akunga river.
Apsanapi	Ipi Piunga	"	Up the Akaifu river.
Piunga	Ameiska	1 "	" " " "
Ameiska	Inaukina	1 1/2 "	Good track.
Inaukina	Maipa	1 1/2 "	" " " Cross Akaifu r.
Maipa	Ioi	1 "	" " " Sloppy walking.
Ioi	En'efa	2 1/2 "	" " " Sections u/water
En'efa	Ma'Akunga R.	1 "	" " " "

Agriculture Stock and Fisheries.

Food supplies, both meat and vegetables, were plentiful. Among the vegetables presented were Sweet potato, corn, bananas, and rice. Individuals appeared to favour many small gardens rather than one big one.

No one group appeared to be interested in any form of cash cropping, although one or two individuals approached the patrol re cash cropping.

Fish, and shrimps abound in the rivers, and the method employed in catching them is either with rods, spears, or nets. Bait for rod fishing is a small berry which is casted upstream and allowed to drift slowly down with the current, the fisherman also walking slowly downstream with the rod. Bury, consisting of the same berry used as bait, is frequently used.

It appears as though the Bush Mekao people are becoming interested in poultry raising and many fine but small flocks were noticed.

There is no European plantation in the Bush Mekao, and all produce is sold either to the Alpeana or Beipa Native Societies, or transported to the Kerema sub-district for sale to either Co-operative societies or European traders.

Health.

The general health picture was good, however Tropical Ulcers on the legs of children were all too frequently seen.

I am lead to believe that an Aid Post was established at Maipa village, but owing to the un-co-operative nature of the people in regards to the carrying of medical stores it was disbanded. The people now have to travel to the Catholic mission station at Beipa, Mekeo division, or the L.M.S. station at Moru, Kerema sub-district.

The Malarial Control Scheme run by Dr. E. Nespor finished in January, 1958, but mosquitoes were prevalent during the course of this patrol. This can be attributed to the fact that the last spraying of the Bush Mekeo census division was carried out prior to the torrential rains experienced during the North West season.

Anthropology.

- (a). Nothing of interest was noted.
- (b). No specimens were collected.

Rest Houses.

This area has some of the best rest houses in existence in the Kairuku sub-district. All rest houses were adequate for the patrol's needs.

Village Officials.

All Officials appeared to be carrying out their duties efficiently. The Village Constable of BABANGONGO village was absent visiting Moresby when the patrol arrived at his village.

Mapping and Cartographic.

Minor village placement alterations only have been carried out on the existing map of the area.

Attached to this report is a rough overlay map showing these alterations.



(E.S.Sharp.)
Patrol Officer Grade (ii).

APPENDIX "B" TO PATROL REPORT KAI. 1/56-57.

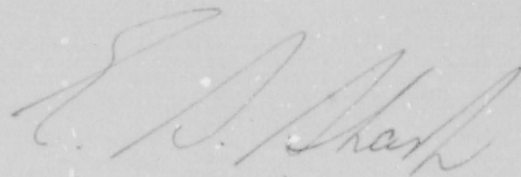
LAND HOLDINGS :

Apart from one small mission lease at AMBIAKA village there are no other Land Holdings in this Census Division.

APPENDIX "C" TO PATROL REPORT KAI. 1/56-57.

WATERWAYS. :

Refer to Assistant District Officer Tomasetti's Patrol Report KAI. 2/55-56 of 31 August, 1955.



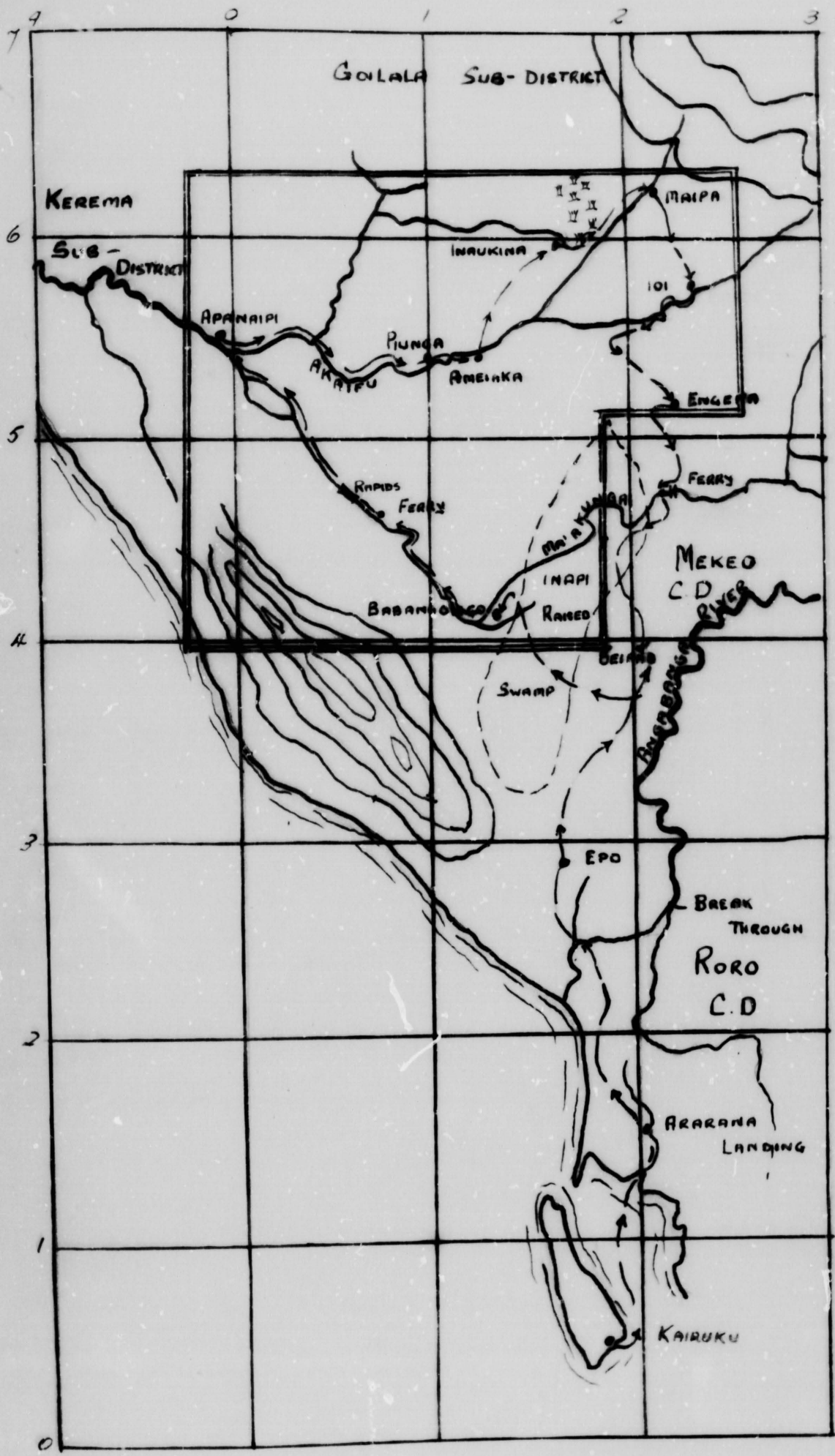
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Patrol Officer Grade (II).

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

Year 1956-57.

Govt. Print-389/431

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	DEATHS										Males In U.B.	Females In U.B.	ABSENT FROM VILLAGE				LABOUR POTENTIAL			FEMALES		Average Size of Family	TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)		GRAND TOTAL						
		BIRTHS		0-1 Mth.		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8				9-13		Over 13		AT WORK		STUDENTS		Males		Females	Pregnant		Number of Child-bearing age	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	M	F	M
AMLIANA	19.8.56	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	23	5	21	2	22	2.122	19	19	22	90		
AVARAIPI	17.8.56	6	4	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	86	24	71	6	82	2.6	70	75	79	81	225	
BADANTORGO	16.8.56	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	20	9	22	3	24	2.1	25	20	20	28	111	
EMIKA	22.8.56	4	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	45	17	27	-	31	2.6	37	45	20	30	100	
TRAVIYA	20.8.56	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	42	4	25	4	24	2.0	30	25	26	24	127	
IOI	21.8.56	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	20	5	17	5	19	2.4	25	19	17	10	87	
MAIPA	20.8.56	5	5	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	25	5	25	2	24	2.4	41	25	25	25	141	
PRITVA	19.8.56	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	31	6	25	2	27	2.7	21	26	22	27	108	
TOTALS	20.8.56	26	26	-	1	-	1	5	-	1	2	3	5	-	14	45	4	5	1	5	34	302	72	241	25	263	-	202	162	147	246	1155
<i>Stationary Summary</i> Total Male Females 633 Total Deaths 60 Total Male Deaths 32 Total Female Deaths 28 Absent at census 16-25 32-44		<i>Stationary Summary</i> Births 106 Deaths 60 Natural Increase 46		31 26 28		114 45 4 5 1 5 34 302 72 241 25 263 202 162 147 246 1155																										



SCALE 4m = 1"

— BUSH MEKEO - CENSUS DIVISION —

TO ACCOMPANY PATROL REPORT KAI 1/56-57

— E.S. SHARP - PATROL OFFICER GRD(ii) —

Population Register

Area Patrolled... *BUSH AREA*

No.	ABSENT FROM VILLAGE								LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		Average Size of Family	TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL
	AT WORK				STUDENTS				Males		Females		Pregnant	Number of Child Bearing Age		Child		Adults		
	Inside District	Outside District			Govt.	Mission			10-16	16-45	10-16	16-45				M	F	M	F	
1	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	23	5	21	2	22	2.1	23	19	19	22	90
5	17	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	21	96	24	71	6	92	2.8	70	75	78	81	325
-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	20	8	22	3	24	3.1	25	28	20	28	111
-	22	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	11	45	17	27	-	31	2.8	37	45	30	30	166
2	19	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	8	42	4	25	4	24	3.0	30	25	26	24	124
5	4	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	4	20	5	17	5	19	2.4	25	19	17	19	87
-	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	18	35	5	33	3	34	2.4	41	25	35	35	141
1	11	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	5	31	6	25	2	27	2.7	21	26	22	27	108
14	93	4	5	-	1	-	5	-	84	302	74	241	25	263	-	272	242	247	266	1155



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of CENTRAL - KAIRUKU S.D. Report No. 2 / 56-57.

Patrol Conducted by K. A. BROWN. A. ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER.

Area Patrolled RORO CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 3 / 9 / 1956 to 22 / 9 / 1956

Number of Days 11 days.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

Medical /...../18.....

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol 1. Census Revision 2. Borenia Land Dispute.
3. General 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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31st October, 1956

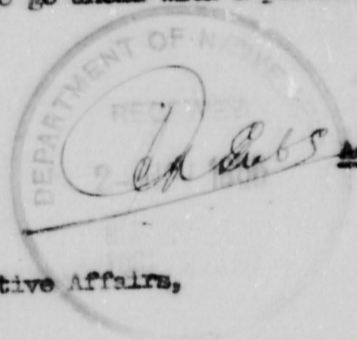
Assistant District Officer,
KAIRUKU.

PATROL REPORT KAIRUKU 2/56-57

I consider it would be a false move at this stage to introduce Councils to the DELENA area. However you might organise those interested to act as advisors between the Administration and the people - particularly with regard to Agricultural development.

Please maintain police in the BERKINA area while Mr. McCance is ploughing his new land as I expect trouble in this quarter until we satisfy BERKINAS' needs.

Your road position has improved since this patrol was conducted and we hope that your road maintenance money will permit you to go ahead with a permanent bridge at MOU.



D. L. Marsh
(D.L. Marsh)
Acting District Officer

cc. Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

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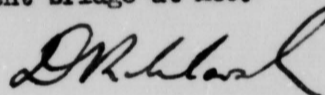
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Please maintain police in the BEREINA area while Mr. McCance is ploughing his new land as I expect trouble in this quarter until we satisfy BEREINAS' needs.

Your road position has improved since this patrol was conducted and we hope that your road maintenance money will permit you to go ahead with a permanent bridge at MOU.



(D.R. Marsh)
Acting District Officer

cc. Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA - NEW GUINEA.

Sub-District Office,
KAIRUKU.

16th October, 1956.

District Officer,
Central District,
FORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT KAIRUKU No. 4. of 1956-1957

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: K.A. Brown. Assistant District Officer.
AREA PATROLLED: RORO Census Division.
PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY: 1003 SGT. IRUKABU.
8372 Const. EVO'0.
Interpreter. HERRA RAUPUA.
DURATION OF PATROL: 3rd September, 1956 to 22nd September, 1956.
11 actual days patrolling.
OBJECTS OF PATROL: 1. Census Revision.
2. Borneo Land Dispute.
3. General Administration.

DIARY.

Monday 3rd September, 1956.

Census of TSIRIA by landrover from station. General clean up of village under supervision.

Tuesday 4th September, 1956.

To FOUKAMA by Launch 8.30 a.m. Census revision. Visited L.M.S. Station DELEMA. Census of DELEMA. Returned KAIRUKU by Launch 6 p.m.

Wednesday 5th September, 1956.

To DELEMA by Launch thence by jeep to KIRABADA arriving 8.30 a.m. Census revised of village, road inspected. Returned KAIRUKU 5 p.m.

Thursday 6th September, 1956.

To BIGTO by Launch arriving 8.30 a.m. Census of village and at 1 p.m. downstream to NIKURA. Census revised of village and returned to KAIRUKU 5 p.m.

Friday 7th September, 1956.

To PINUPAKA by Launch 8.30 a.m. Census revised, village inspected. Returned KAIRUKU 4 p.m.

Saturday 8th September, 1956.

At KAIRUKU.

Sunday 9th September, 1956.

At KAIRUKU.

Monday 10th September, 1956.

To ARARANA landing by launch. Thence to MOU village. Census and inspection of roads and village area.

Tuesday 11th September, 1956.

From MOU to RAPA 1 hour. Census of village. General inspection.

Wednesday 12th September, 1956.

From MOU to BABIKO. Census revised.

Thursday 13th September, 1956.

To BEREINA village. V.C. absent in Moresby with census book. Spent the day discussing the dispute over boundary of Crown and Native land. Returned KAIRUKU 5 p.m.

Friday 14th September, 1956 to Thursday 20th September, 1956.

At KAIRUKU attending to visitors. Mr. Justice Bignold presided over Supreme Court from Monday 17th to Thursday 20th.

Friday 21st September, 1956.

Accompanied by Mr. CPO Edwards returned to BEREINA village. Further discussion on land dispute after return of V.C. and chiefs from Port Moresby. Inspected EFO-BEIPA Road in the late afternoon.

Saturday 22nd September, 1956.

Census of BEREINA revised. Mr. EMA Moran carried out medical inspection in conjunction with census. Returned KAIRUKU 2 p.m.

END OF DIARY.NATIVE AFFAIRS.

A few days prior to commencement of the patrol (31st August, 1956) a meeting of MEKRO, WAIMA-KIVONI and MORO officials and chiefs was held at TSERIA. Mr. Patrol Officer Sharp and myself attended the meeting which sprang from a desire on the part of some DELENA men to institute a Native Council.

The Chairman of KAIRUKU NATIVE SOCIETIES' ASSOCIATION, VAKAI of DELENA was the prime mover of the meeting. VAKAI expressed his desire for DELENA government to Mr. Falkinder, leader of recent Parliamentary delegation. The opportunity was taken to set a date for the discussion immediately after the party had left the island.

Mr. Sharp who has had experience with Rabaul Councils outlined the aims and methods of Local Government bodies.

The intelligence of these people was displayed in their pertinent questions during the discussion.

During my patrol I brought the matter up in all villages I visited. Apart from one or two individual cases the people are indifferent. DELENA of course strongly supports the idea, due mainly I think, to the propaganda of VAKAI who fancies himself as Chairman.

I am convinced that the time is not ripe for the institution a local government body in this area. The material in the way of spokesmen, clerks and so on is certainly there but the people lack the necessary unity. Previous schemes have proved that after an initial burst of energy and ent these people revert to inertia.

Many petty disputes were settled or left to themselves as usual. Villages on the whole are unsatisfactory and several were abandoned under supervision.

Penalty in petty and several men who had not complied with orders given under Reg 100 of British regulations were prosecuted and fined.

The attitude of the RONG people towards the administration is not exactly one of respect. Almost without exception orders left by previous patrolling officers had been ignored. Prosecution of offenders is having the desired effect.

Boundary Land Boundary Matters.

Discussion on two occasions were held on this subject preparatory to a visit by the District Officer, Mr. Smith.

The dispute is subject of separate memorandum and is far from settled. The people of KAMBELE were instructed by the District Officer to conform to the boundary laid by Mr. Surveyor Spence-McCoy.

Mr. Surveyor Whitmore has installed three iron pegs on the eastern boundary and a traverse will be completed as soon as possible by an officer from KAMBELE.

I have further warned the Kambela people that action will be taken to prosecute persons removing survey pegs.

GENERA.

An increase of 34 on 1955 figures constituting just under 3% increase in the Census Division.

New births exceeded deaths by 93.

Men away at work showed a slight increase in the "outside district" category and more women are accompanying their husbands.

In general the population trend is satisfactory.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

New Bridge. Work was commenced on this bridge during the patrol. Supports were driven alongside existing piles and attached. Several bearers and a lot of decking was replaced. Material sitting from OROKE bridge will be laid as runners when transport is arranged.

Oroke Bridge. Plans were made for construction of a single footbridge so that timber and other valuable material could be salvaged off this ill-fated structure. Estimated cost of the foot bridge is £50 while the salvagable material would be about £200. Most of the piles for the small foot bridge have been sunk.

Ararua-Orake Road. There remains only one mile of road to form on the 11 mile RO-ORAKE stretch. Work on this section is behind schedule. I had planned for it to be completed by the end of September or early October so that the rice could be transported out. Some difficulty has been experienced by Mr. Curtis in getting the villages concerned to do the clearing. This has been a constant frustration since the work is being pushed along without a labour line. I have paid several short visits since the patrol and have managed to keep the clearing ahead of the machines building up the road.

As soon as this section is completed the Kairua tractor will be brought down to grade the Ararua-Orake section, then to Kairua for the airstrip.

The Arake culverting (ex New Guinea Resources) will be installed to complete a good job as soon as funds are available to purchase it.

Mr. C/O Edwards accompanied me on the last two days of patrol so that I could point out the repairs needed. He is at present in the area and will submit a report on his return.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

I learned that Village Constables and Councillors in many of the NORO villages were having "courts" involving offences against the Native Regulations. At BEREMBA I was informed that it is not uncommon for the officials to impose a fine as high as £30. In one case investigated a decision over a stolen watermelon was given against three men who paid £3 to the owner.

Apparently this practice has been going on for some time. A talk was given on the subject and officials warned that in future unlawful decisions would not be taken lightly.

The settlement of minor domestic disputes was encouraged but it is difficult for these people to put things in perspective. The slightest provocation leads to dictatorial actions.

Most of the officials in the area are intelligent and not incapable of doing a good job.

CONCLUSION.

The patrol was routine and there is little to report in other spheres. Within three months another patrol will be sent to this area to see that instructions left are carried out.



K.A. Brown.
A/Assistant District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of CENTRAL - KAIRUA S.D. Report No. KAI 3/56-57

Patrol Conducted by E. S. SHARP PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled KABARA + NARA CENSUS DIVISIONS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives THREE

Duration—From 6/10/1956 to 14/10/1956

Number of Days TEN

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 1/2/1956

Medical 1/2/1954

Map Reference PORT MORESBY - AREA - SCALE 1:50,000

Objects of Patrol 1. CENSUS REVISION 56-57
2. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND 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... 1956-57

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	Births		DEATHS														Females in Child Birth	
				0-1 Month		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13					
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		
<u>KABADI</u>																			
HISIU	6/10	10	9	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	3	5	-	-	-	
KEVEONA	8/10	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	
KOUPUANA	9/10	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	
MATAPUHA	9/10	4	7	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	
PINU	11/10	10	12	-	-	1	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	
UKAUKANA	10/10	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	
TOTAL:		40	46	-	-	3	2	5	3	-	1	2	-	10	14	-	-	-	
<u>NARA:</u>																			
ALA'ALA	11/10	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DIUMANA	12/10	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
KAIHU	12/10	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
OROI	22/10	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TUBU	13/10	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
YANUAMHI	13/10	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:		6	13	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	9	-	-	-	-	-

Age Pop

-13	Over 13		Females in Child Birth
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-	3	5	-
-	1	-	-
-	1	1	-
-	-	1	-
-	2	-	-
-	1	2	-
-	10	14	-
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-	2	-	-
-	1	-	-
-	-	-	-
-	1	-	-
-	5	-	-
-	9	-	-

N.A. 30-1-39

15th March, 1957.

The District Officer,
PORT MORESBY.

KAIRUKU PATROL REPORT NO. 3
OF 1956/57.

The abovementioned Report is acknowledged
with thanks.

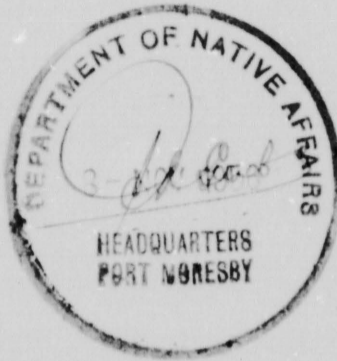
An interesting and well written Report.

Please let me have a copy of the Report
dealing with Jehovah's Witnesses.

(A.A. Roberts),
Director.

Handwritten initials/signature

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DRM/FS

P/R KAI.3/56-57/637

7th November, 1956

Assistant District Officer,
KAIRUKU.

PATROL REPORT KAIRUKU No.3/56-57

Please give me details of the activities of Jehovah's Witnesses in your area and the circumstances of their departure.

I have approached the District Commissioner for funds to supply wire for the Area River crossing, and you should receive a reply shortly.

I do not consider that we should attempt to combine KABADI and NARA Villages against their will; however if they desire to do so you should try and regulate the move.

The District Commissioner will contact you direct, with regard to RORONA (ROGERS) strip.

I have written to the Department of Agriculture re the cashew nuts and consider that nothing should be done about rice cultivation until the possibilities have been thoroughly investigated by yourself and the Department of Agriculture.

It has been arranged for a Native Labour Inspector to proceed to the area during November and conduct inspections; however we have neither the funds nor staff to cope with a Post at Galley Reach this year.

The report is well written and reflects credit on Mr. Sharp. I hope he can make a return visit before long. As he points out, the census is most interesting. Please ensure that constant medical aid is maintained in the area.

(D.R. Marsh)
Acting District Officer

cc. Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

30-1-1/92

Sub-District Office,
KAIRUKU.

31st October, 1956.

District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

KAIRUKU PATROL REPORT No.3. of 1956-1957
Mr. E.S. SHARP. P.O. Gr.11.

Two copies of the above report forwarded for your information and comment please.

Census. Figures for KABADI are interesting and encouraging. NARA is increasing but the progress is far from satisfactory.

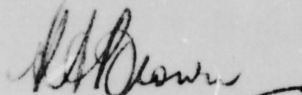
This is the second recommendation for the grouping of the NARA people into one village. I agree with the suggestion but before any specific recommendations are made a special patrol will visit the area.

Rogers Airstrip. I also inspected the strip a few days before Mr. Sharp's visit. A report (2-2-1/78 of 12th October, 1956) was forwarded at District Commissioner's request. Local residents are willing to maintain the strip if funds are made available. The District Commissioner minuted a copy of his recommendations (to Department of Civil Aviation) to this office. I expect a decision on the matter shortly.

Agevairu Crossing (Aroa River). My enquiry on the $\frac{1}{2}$ " steel wire was connected with this crossing. Residents are willing to supply drums and build the punt if the Administration supplies the cable. A punt at the crossing will connect the Hisiu Beach Area with Galley Reach area. If Rogers is opened Hisiu people will be able to use it too. It will also be another step forward on the proposed Port Moresby-Kairuku road.

Patrol Post. A Patrol post is definitely needed in the Galley Reach area. There are approximately 2,000 natives employed under agreement in a very small area. In the four months I have been at KAIRUKU there have been seven visits to plantations extending from 3 days to two weeks. Your views on the possibility of eventual establishment of a Post would be appreciated.

It is recommended that arrangements be made to have a regular inspection of the plantations by a Native Labour Inspector from Port Moresby.



K.A. Brown,
A/Assistant District Officer.

Sub-District Office,
KAIRUKU:
Central District.

24th October, 1956.

The Assistant District Officer,
Kairuku,
CENTRAL DISTRICT.

REPORT OF PATROL TO
KABADI AND NARA CENSUS DIVISIONS
KAIRUKU SUB-DISTRICT.

Officer Conducting
the Patrol:- E.S. Sharp, Senior Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled:- KABADI and NARA Census Divisions.

Personnel Accompanying:- Reg.No. 7230 Constable VUGO
Reg.No. 9308 Constable KAOWI.

Duration:- Out. 6th October, 1956.
In. 14th and 22nd October, 1956.

Last Native Affairs
Patrol:- March, 1956.

Last Medical Patrol:- December, 1954.

Mode of Travel:- Motor transport, foot and launch.

Introduction.

The introductory paragraphs contained in Patrol Reports KAI 3 and KAI 7/55-56 cover the description of these areas.

The highlights of this patrol were satisfactory native affairs and population trends. The NARA Census Division has broken through the unexplainable declination barrier that appears to be common in most Census areas. However, this fact will be discussed under the heading 'Census and Statistics'.

The last Census Patrol of this Census Division was conducted by the writer during the month of September, 1955. A routine Administration Patrol, conducted by Mr. Patrol Officer J.A. ERSKINE, visited the area during March, 1956.

DIARY.

- 6th October : Departed KAIRUKU per jeep for HISTU. Census revised, Administration duties carried out.
- 7th October : Observed. Attended Planters' Meeting.
- 8th October : To KEVEONA. Census revised, Administration duties carried out.
- 9th October : To MATAPAILI via KOPUANA. Census revised at both villages. Returned to KEVEONA.
- 10th October : UKAUKANA census revised. Administration duties carried out.
- 11th October : To PINU. Census revised, Administration duties carried out. On to ALA'ALA via OBU Estate. ALA'ALA census revised, Administration duties carried out.
- 12th October : Proceeded by truck to DIUMANA, census revised, on to KAI AU. No Rest House at KAI AU on to TUBU.
- 13th October : TUBU census revised, Administration duties carried out. On to VANUAMAI, census revised and Administration duties carried out.
- 14th October : To RERENA Landing thence KAIRUKU.
- 22nd October : To OROI by motor transport. Census revised and Administration duties carried out. Back to KAIRUKU.

Patrol Completed.

Finance.

No financial business was transacted during the course of the patrol.

The patrol worked from an advance of £10 for the payment of carriers, etc. The advance was acquitted per Kairuku Official Receipt No. G92880 dated 24th October '56.

Census and Statistics - KARADI.

The last census patrol of these divisions was conducted by the writer during the month of September,

/ month of September,

1955. A total population of 1,591 was recorded during the patrol. The population recorded during the last patrol was 1,641, an increase of 50 and a natural increase of 46.

The census was one of interest throughout, and certain points of population trends were encountered for the first time by the writer. The predominance of males over females was found to be 49 as compared to 59 for the 55-56 census. The figures are, total male population 845 and total female population 796. Recorded male births exceeded recorded female births by 6, and the birth rate per 100 population was the highest yet recorded in the Kairuku Sub-District. Males absent at work balance the female male ratio, and at least 60% of those males absent are employed on nearby plantations, which contributes to the satisfactory population trend in this division. The picture of this division, in regard to population, is extremely bright as there is steady employment and rich garden land available.

Census and Statistics - NARA.

An increase of 10 was recorded during the patrol, and the population has now reached the magnificent total of 541.

Here, as in the KABADI, female births outnumber male births and the male female ratio has been reduced from 95 in 55-56 to 75 this census. Birth rate per 100 population has dropped since the 55-56 census and the natural increase was 7 only.

It is my opinion that to speed up the slow increase of population in this area, all the villages should combine and an agricultural pursuit instigated. I will deal with this aspect later in the report.

Law and Order.

Complaints of a minor nature only were brought for adjudication. All were settled amicably.

A land matter concerning the ownership of coconut palms planted on the old village site, known as PINU I, was dealt with. The decision was recorded in the village book of PINU and was agreeable to the majority of the village people.

Hunting rights were the bone of contention at VANUAMAI village. This complaint concerned the poaching of the village people from the coastal villages of POUKAMA and DELENA, and was adjudicated on the return of the patrol to the coast. The decision was recorded in the village book of VANUAMAI.

/ book of VANUAMAI.

Missions.

Apart from the establishment of a Catholic Mission school at, or near, MARIBOI Plantation, and the departure of the Jehova's Witnesses from the area, the mission situation remains as outlined in Patrol Reports KAI 3 and 7 of 55-56.

Education.

The District Education Officer, Mr. G. Stanton Crouch, visited the Administration schools at NISIU and PINU and has no doubt submitted a report to his Director.

Roads and Bridges.

During the course of the Planters' Association meeting, which was attended by Mr. Assistant District Officer Brown and myself, the question of a punt to be installed at the AKEVAIRU crossing, AROA river, was raised. The local planters were quite willing to construct the punt providing the Administration supplied the winch and approximately 400 yards of steel cable. If this is done, it will enable the people of the KANOSIA-GALLEY REACH area to contact KAIRUKU in cases of emergency. Are there sufficient funds held at Headquarters to enable the work to commence?

Work has been started by the people of OROI, ALA'ALA and NISIU on their respective sections of road. When these sections are completed the section from DELENA to AROA will be trafficable for two wheel drive vehicles.

Agriculture Stock and Fisheries.

Food supplies were ample, and the unseasonal rains which the areas have been experiencing augers well for next years crops. Thus the periods of famine experienced in the various census divisions will be avoided.

It appears that the soil and climatic conditions which exist in the NARA census division, are ideally suited to the growing of Cashew. If possible a supply of seed would be appreciated, to enable planting to commence before the onset of the North West season.

The KABADI people are particularly interested in rice growing and their area is suitable for this. However, no Agricultural Extension Officer has visited this area and until such time as one does, it would be a wasted effort distributing seed rice.

As mentioned earlier under Census and Statistics, and also as per patrol report KAI 7/55-56, the NARA group

/ the NARA group should combine into one village, say at or between O'NI and AIA'ALA, and the provisions of Section 121 of the Native Regulations Ordinance enforced. The site suggested lends itself ideally to future production of copra, as it adjoins the reknowned HISIU BEACH plantation area.

Health.

Health was good generally throughout KABADI and NARA. Although the Aid Post at KABADI was unattended, and as a result minor sores and etc., were prevalent. It is pleasing to note since my return the Medical Officer at KAIRUKU has sent a replacement to enable this Aid Post to function once more.

Anthropology.

- (a) Nothing of interest was noted.
- (b) No specimens were collected.

Airstrips and/or Sites.


An assurance can now be given to the residents of HISIU BEACH and KANOSIA-GALLEY BEACH areas, that RARONA (Rodgers) Strip will eventually become operable. This topic was also under discussion during the Planters' Association meeting. This will be of benefit to the residents of the area as well as to the Administration.

Patrol Post.

The establishment of a Patrol Post, with the opening of the RARONA strip in mind, becomes an important consideration. The difficulty would be in staffing the Post, as all the powers conferred on an Assistant District Officer would be needed by the Officer in Charge. The business handled at the present time, and the unavoidable time lapse in attending to these matters is of concern to the residents of this area.

Conclusion.

Appendices "Alienated Land" and "Inland Waterways" have been dealt with in Patrol Reports KAI 3 and 7/55-56.


R. S. Sharp.
Senior Patrol Officer.

VILLAGE POP

Year.....1956...-57.....

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS															
				0-1 Mth.		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13					
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				
<u>NARA.</u>																			
ALA'ALA	11/10	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DIUMANA	12/10	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
KATAU	12/10	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
OROI	22/10	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
TUBU	13/10	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
VANUAMAI	13/10	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	5	-	-	-
TOTAL		6	13	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	9	-	-	-

STATISTICS

TOTAL MALE POPULATION	308	BIRTHS
TOTAL FEMALE POPULATION	233	BIRTHS
TOTAL YEAR MALES ABSENT	13 3/4	MATHS
ABSENT AT WORK 11-NS	22 2/4	

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

Year...1956...57.....

Govt Print.-3305/4.51.

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS														DEATHS														Sex in 100 Births	ABSENT FROM VILLAGE								LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES Pregnant Number of Child-bearing age Average Size of Family	TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL
		0-1 Mth.		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13		Inside District		Outside District		Govt.		Missi		Males		Females		Child		Adults																				
		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																
KABADI																																																
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KOUPUANA	9/10	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	9	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	9	46	14	26	1	30	2.9	30	33	43	37	157												
MATAPAILA	9/10	4	7	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2	20	-	-	-	11	-	1	-	11	64	19	48	3	52	2.3	39	60	56	65	252											
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UKAUKANA	10/10	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	6	-	2	-	2	-	9	-	11	54	10	54	3	55	2.4	26	40	64	68	217												
TOTAL		46	-	-	3	2	5	3	-	1	2	-	10	14	-	6	112	4	8	1	55	12	21	5	90	424	108	356	15	391	-	271	328	377	447	1641												

STATISTICS. -

TOTAL MALE POPULATION: 845	BIRTH POPULATION: 53
TOTAL FEMALE POPULATION: 796	BIRTH RATE: 22
TOTAL PAOR MALES	NATURAL INCREASE: 46
ABSENT	30.4%
ABSENT AT WORK 16.45	24.3%

on Register

Area Patrolled K989314 NARH CENSUS

MISSIONS

P	ABSENT FROM VILLAGE								LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		Average Size of Family	TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL
	AT WORK				STUDENTS				Males		Females		Pregnant	Number of Child Bearing Age		Child		Adults		
	Inside District		Outside District		Govt.		Mission		10-16	16-45	10-16	16-45				M	F	M	F	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F												
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....CENTRAL..... Report No.....KAI. 4/56-57.....

Patrol Conducted by.....MR. J.A. EDWARDS.....C.P.O.....

Area Patrolled.....RORO and MEKEO CENSUS DIVISIONS.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....NIL.....

Natives.....FOUR.....

Duration—From 1.../...10.../1956...to 20.../...10...1956..

Number of Days.....TWENTY.....

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../...9.../1956...

Medical/...9.../19...56

Map Reference.....YULE ISLAND 4 MIL. SERIES.....

Objects of Patrol.....ROAD MAINTENANCE, COMMENCE CONSTRUCTION OF A RICE
SHED, CHECK PROGRESS BEING MADE BY BABIKO VILLAGERS ON OREKE
FOOT BRIDGE, ASSIST MR. CURTIS IN COMPLETING THE EPC-BEIPA ROAD.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND 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 £.....

ge Pop

Over 13			Females in Child Birth
F	M	F	

207,140 ✓

HA.30-1-40.

19th March, 1937.

District Officer,
PORT MORESBY.

KAIUKU P/A No. 4 of 56/37

The above mentioned report is acknowledged
with thanks.

I agree with you regarding the Moro and the
Mekoo people. They are a proud race.

But firmness is required in dealing with
them.

(A.A. Roberts)
DIRECTOR

P/A
19/37

bridge.

Although there are some twenty seven villages in the

ge Pop

307/40 ✓



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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No.

District Office,
Port Moresby.

14th November, 1956

Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT KAIRUKU 4/1956-57

For your information, please.

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(D.R. Marsh)
Acting District Officer

cc. A.D.O.
KAIRUKU

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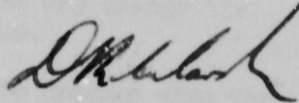
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14th November, 1956

Assistant District Officer,
KAIRUKU.

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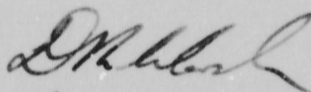
Mr. Edwards appears to have accomplished the purpose of his patrol and is to be complimented on his first solo effort, yet I am distressed to find such a sudden change in his outlook on the native people.

My impression of the RORO and MEKEO is that they are a particularly proud people and it is possible that Mr. Edwards is mistaking their outspoken manner for something else. I cannot agree that they are lazy to the extent that they warrant his censure and suggest that he may change his views when he gains a little more experience.

Action is now being taken to procure wire for a suspension bridge at OREKE and I hope to confirm this shortly.

You would do well to prevail upon vehicle owners not to use the roads in the wet season more than absolutely necessary.

I hope you can purchase and clear the rice this month. It should be given top priority.



(D.R. Marsh)
Acting District Officer

cc. Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

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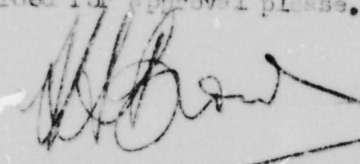
Sub-District Office,
KAIRUKU.

5th November, 1956.

District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

CAMPING ALLOWANCE Mr. J.A. EDWARDS C/O

Attached claim duly endorsed forwarded for approval please.


K.A. Brown,
A/Assistant District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

*In Reply
Please Quote*

No.

Sub-District Office,
KAIRUKU:
Central District.

24th October, 1956.

The Assistant District Officer,
Kairuku,
CENTRAL DISTRICT.

REPORT OF PATROL TO
RORO AND MEKEO CENSUS DIVISIONS
KAIRUKU SUB-DISTRICT.

Officer Conducting
the Patrol:- J.A. EDWARDS, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled:- RORO and MEKEO Census Divisions.

Personnel Accompanying:- Reg. No. 1275 Corporal DADAE.
Reg. No. 8146 Constable IPA I.
Reg. No. 9131 Constable POKEBU LU.
Reg. No. 2138 Constable OVERO.

Duration:- Out. 1st October, 1956.
In. 20th October, 1956.

Last Native Affairs
Patrol:- September, 1956.

Last Medical Patrol:- September, 1956.

Mode of Travel:- Motor transport, bicycle, foot and
launch.

Introduction.

The general purpose of this patrol has been briefly outlined in the preamble. The construction of a rice shed measuring thirty feet by fifty feet was the main purpose of the patrol and as a result I stayed in the Rest House at Beipa for thirteen days.

Other minor works included, inter alia, repairs to the causeway between OREKE and AROANA, improvements to the MOU bridge, viz., placing of Mardsen Matting, as runners, across the bridge.

Although there are some twenty seven villages in the

Introduction(continued)

two Census Divisions only ten were visited by the patrol.

DIARY

Monday, 1st October, 1956.

Departed KAIRUKU 0800 hours by Govt. launch accompanied by patrol personnel. Arrived ARCANALanding 0900 hours. By tractor and trailer to MOU village after loading Govt. barge with rice and copra. Const. POKBULU sent to repair road at 1300 hours. Village and co-operative store inspected.

Tuesday, 2nd October, 1956.

Village people ordered to clean area around Rest House. Consts. POKBULU and IPAI sent to supervise work on road. School inspected and talk given to children. Rode to EPO 1030 hours. Talked to BABIKO villagers constructing foot-bridge across OREKE river. Marsden Mattie taken from existing main bridge and transported to MCU bridge. Talked to fifty school children from RAPA. Brief inspection of road 1700 hours.

Wednesday, 3rd October, 1956.

Walked to Babiko and talked with village officials. Brief check made on all rice in village - 73 bags. Met Mr. Pyne. Govt. timber stacked under rest at MOU also check of all Govt. tools in village made. Discussion with male villagers during the evening.

Thursday, 4th October, 1956.

Went to OREKE footbridge to check on progress being made. Lengthy discussion with chiefs, officials and all male villagers of MOU.

Friday, 5th October, 1956.

By tractor and trailer to OREKE. By truck to BEIPA. Mr. Pyne picked up en route. Discussion with BEIPA officials re rice shed.

Saturday, 6th October, 1956.

Discussed rice shed with Mr. Curtis of D.A.S.F. Suitable timber list prepared and appropriate tools acquired.

Sunday, 7th October, 1956.

Day of rest.

Monday, 8th October, 1956.

Went to OREKE for supplies. Later visited INAWI where villagers were repairing old Rest House.

Tuesday, 9th October, 1956.

Inspected road with Mr. Curtis to ascertain work to be done.

Wednesday, 10th October, 1956.

Commenced digging holes for stumps.

DIARY(continued)Thursday, 11th October, 1956.

Inspected several good stands of timber six miles from BEIPA village. Mr. Pyne departed for INAWI. Also const. OZERO.

Friday, 12th October, 1956.

Villagers from BEIPA out cutting timber for rice shed. Cut timber carried in by them.

Saturday, 13th October, 1956.

Cut coconut stumps seven feet long for shed. Ava logs dragged in by tractor.

Sunday, 14th October, 1956.

Walked to INAWI to enquire about road. People ordered to clear their section of the EPO-BEIPA road on Tuesday 16th October, 1956. Also walked to ORIROPEANA. Village inspected. Previous order given by A.D.O. Tomasetti re payments of copra money checked.

Monday, 15th October, 1956.

Coconut stumps lined and positioned.

Tuesday, 16th October, 1956.

Worked on main road with INAWI villagers. Rode to INAWAIA late afternoon. Slept D.A.S.F.'s house.

Wednesday, 17th October, 1956.

Visited EBOA, JESIUBAIBUA and INAWAIA. Departed for BEIPA 1000 hours. A.D.O. arrived afternoon.

Thursday, 18th October, 1956.

Const. IPAI sent to AMO AMO and INAWOUNI for timber. Proceeded to INAWI with Cpl. DADAB to enforce Mr. Brown's order. All villagers working on road. AIPEANA villagers cut and transported flooring for shed.

Friday, 19th October, 1956.

Went to EPO. Met Mr. Brown. Went to INAWI late afternoon as villagers failed to work on road. Ordered to do so without fail on Monday 22nd. New Rest House to be built and also many village houses to be repaired or rebuilt.

Saturday, 20th October, 1956.

By truck to OREKE. By tractor and trailer to AROANA thence by Govt. launch to KAIRUKU arriving 1206 hours.

End of Patrol.

NATIVE AFFAIRS:

The attitude of the indigenous population, in the area visited, towards Govt. officials cannot be termed satisfactory. As a whole they are a lazy lot and display only a luke warm interest in works which are for their benefit. This is rather surprising as several D.A.S.F. officers are permanently stationed in the area in connection with the Mekeo Rice Scheme.

Until they were fully convinced the villagers of AIPEANA and BEIPA were reluctant to give assistance to the building of a rice storage shed. It proposed that upon the purchase of the rice from the Co-operative stores it be stored in the shed until transport becomes available. This will benefit the native population a great deal as much rice is rotting away, particularly in the villages of RARAI and INAWOUNI. This situation, I think, gives rise to ill feeling between the Administration and the native people of the area. At one village, viz. INAWAIA, the people were unanimous about the fact that future rice schemes in their vicinity would not receive any support whatsoever.

The people of MOU could not understand why I should stay so long in their village. Their suspicions were quite evident by the numerous questions they asked. One such question, "Why are you staying here so long," was reiterated by many for the whole of the time the patrol was in the village.

It is intended that all the rice in the area be purchased before the 'Wet' sets in and a good start made early next year. I feel that if worth-while were achieved from next year's crop the ill-feeling between the Administration and the indigenes would be alleviated.

Other works, mainly road maintenance, will be discussed under the appropriate headings.

Some Co-operative societies operating in the area have recently been closed as their financial positions are steadily deteriorating. Insufficient numbers of society members is attributed to the repeated monetary losses. AIPEANA and also, to some extent, BEIPA societies seem to be among the most stable in the area. I believe a £400 rebate was given to the AIPEANA society members.

During what little contact I have had with them I have found the indigenous population, in general, to be a dissimulative and extremely lazy lot.

MISSION INFLUENCE AND EDUCATION:

The Catholic Mission is the only one active in the area and seems to cater for the educational needs of the native population. However the work done by this Mission does not seem to be appreciated by many of the people as they do not encourage their children to attend school. The schoolchildren I spoke to all appeared to be progressing rather well. A temporary teacher in charge of the school at MOU complained that some village people had threatened him because he refused to let his classes be interrupted by parents seeking their children for work in the garden.

HEALTH:

An European Medical Assistant recently conducted a Typhoid survey patrol. The sick people in most of the

HEALTH(continued)

villages had been treated accordingly. I did however notice many children with small cuts and sores.

VILLAGES - HOUSING AND SANITATION:

In the main the housing can be classified as poor. Previous officers have repeatedly ordered many houses to be either rebuilt or repaired. Large numbers of people have failed to comply with the instructions given and thus have been fined.

Many houses are far too small and unsafe for their many occupants.

Orders to build latrines were given by Mr. E.M.A. Moran on his recent patrol to the area. The bush or river seem to be their toilet at present.

The people of INAWI and JESIUBAIBUA were ordered to clean their respective villages.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS :A. Village Constables

<u>Village</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Comments</u>
AIPEANA	KAVO WEKURE	Appears to be able to get the work done.
BEIPA	APINI OAPAISA	Helpful to patrol.
INAWI	ISAIMO OPU	A willing worker but no control over his people.

These officials are reluctant to come and complain to a visiting officer should some of their fellow-villagers refuse to perform the work allocated to them by the officer.

The INAWI village Constable was particularly so and said he preferred to have a Govt. Officer around when he gave orders. Hence the powers of the V.C. were read and explained to all the people of INAWI.

B. Village Councillors

Most village councillors are clan chiefs and have been made councillors for obvious reasons. In my opinion a great majority of these clan chiefs are incapable of carrying out the orders left by a visiting Govt. official.

The fact that they are clan chiefs does not seem to matter much to the village people when they are told to do Govt. work by the former.

C. Ferryman

Only one ferryman was encountered on this patrol, viz. FUAU FUAU AISA of AIPEANA. He appeared to be carrying out his duty well the two times I crossed the St. JOSEPH at ORIROPETANA. No complaints were made against this man.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

A reasonable vehicular road runs from AROANA Landing

ROADS AND BRIDGES(continued)

to the OREKE. From here an excellent, newly formed road runs to the Agricultural station at BEIPA; this road is some ten to twelve miles in length. The slightest bit of rain on the road makes the surface unsafe for vehicles and this will present a major problem in subsequent years as suitable top-dressing materials, e.g. sand and gravel, are not found in the area.

The causeway between AROANA and OREKE is subject to constant flooding as the level of the water on both sides of the road is influenced by the tides. This stretch of road which is between 200 and 300 yards in length was thoroughly repaired by levelling the bumps and filling all the holes. Some of the earth used to fill the holes was carried in buckets for one hundred yards.

This work seemed to be of no avail as, on the day of the patrol's departure for BEIPA, a tractor belonging to a Mrs. James was driven through this section of road which had been inundated for several hours the previous night.

The main bridge over the OREKE River has been closed to vehicular traffic. A small footbridge is at present being constructed by the BABIKO villagers for a sum of £50. I believe now, though, that a suspension bridge is to be erected. The former bridge will eventually be demolished; much of the timber obtained will be reused.

The Marsden Matting was not fastened to the MOU bridge because no suitable nails could be found in the Govt. tool box at OREKE. It is intended that a small supply of nails be given to the MOU people who have agreed to do the job.

AGRICULTURE, STOCK AND FISHERIES:

It has already been stated that the D.A.S.F. is active in the area. There is nothing more to add except, perhaps, that two new D2 tractors and also two new tractors were brought into the some months ago and have already proved a success.

In-numerable pigs were seen at all villages and several complaints concerning the ownership of the same were brought forward. In many instances a previous officer had given a final decision and in these cases the people were reproached for their stupidity.

An abundant supply of food was evidenced at all villages and added to this is the fact that other essential foodstuffs can be purchased from the co-operatives.

CONCLUSION:

It is proposed that a few days be spent in the vicinity of BEIPA in order that the actual building of the rice shed be supervised.

I think, that if these people can see or understand the visible results of their labours, then a lot will have been done to patch up the ill-feeling between these indigent people and the Administration.

J.A. Edwards
J.A. Edwards.
Cadet Patrol Officer..

APPENDIX "B"

KALIKU PATROL NO. /56-57

TIMBER -MEKEO RICE SHED:

<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>USE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DIMENSIONS</u>
BEIPA	Stumps	18	7' x 1' (coconut stumps)
"	Studs	10	12' X 4" x 4"
"	Braces	20	10' x 3" x 3"
"	Two AVA logs measuring 20' x 3' (or 4')		
INAWOUNI	Plates	40	10' x 6" x 4"
"	Bearers	20	10' x 6" x 6"
"	Ridge ples	2	30' x 6" x 4"
AMO AMO	Rafters	100	25' x 3" x 3"
" "	Joists	100	10' x 3" x 3"
AIPEANA	Flooring	1500 Square Feet.	



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....CENTRAL (KAIRUKU)..... Report No. KAIRUKU 5 of 1956/1957.....

Patrol Conducted by...K.A. Brown, A/Assistant District Officer......

Area Patrolled.....WAIMA-KIVORI CENSUS DIVISION.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... MR. E. J. FINE Co-Operative Officer......

Natives.....5.....

Duration—From 18 / 2 / 1957 to 22 / 2 / 1957.....

Number of Days..... 4½ days.....

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... / 4 / 1956.....

Medical / 2 / 1956.....

Map Reference..... 4 miles to inch strat series......

- Objects of Patrol.....
1. Co-operative Activity at WAIMA and KIVORI
 2. Inspection of flood damage BEREINA Village.
 3. Inspection of Oreke bridge site at height of flood.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund £ Nil.....

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Over 13		Females Males
M	F	

NA. 30.1.49

22nd March, 1957.

The District Officer,
Port Moresby.

Kairuku P/R. No. 5 of 56/57.

The above mentioned report is acknowledged
with thanks.

The report is being sent to the Registrar of
Co-operatives.

(A.A. Roberts)
Director.

*The Journal, Ascendants, Reps of Co-ops, left
for Kairuku 29/3/57 for discussion with
Bishop Jones & the Officers at Kairuku,
in an effort to arrive at a final and
the best approach to the problem.*

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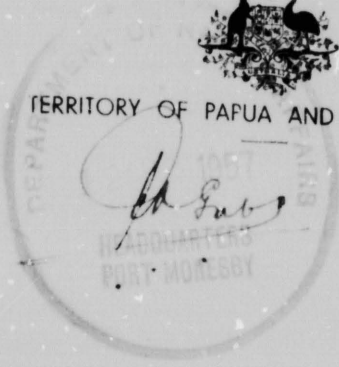
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7th March, 1957

Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT KAIRUKU 3/56-57

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It is to be hoped that the Co-operative Officer can gain the confidence of the people and make a success of the venture.

*See File 7-4-1 re Hauramiri
of Hauramiri near G. up.*

J.R. White
(J.R. White)
Acting District Officer

cc. A.D.O.
KAIRUKU.

JRW/FS

P/R. KAI. 5/56-57/2045

District Office,
Port Moresby.

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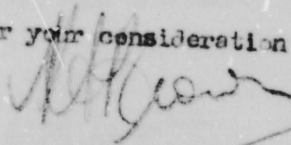
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1st March, 1957.

District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORSBY.

CAMPING ALLOWANCE CLAIMS
K.A. Brown ADO E.J. PINE. C.O.

Attached claims forwarded for your consideration of recommendation
please.


K.A. Brown.
Assistant District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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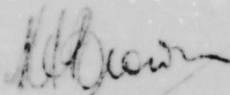
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District Officer,
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PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT KAIUKU No.5 of 1956/1957.

Attached are two copies of the above report for your information and comment.

The patrol was a very short one and was originally planned to look into coOperative activity.


K.A. Brown,
Assistant District Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA - NEW GUINEA

Sub-District Office,
KAIRUKU

25th February, 1957.

District Officer,
Central District,
FORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT KAIRUKU No. 5. of 1956/1957.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY : K.A. Brown, A/Assistant District Officer.
AREA PATROLLED : WAIMA - KIVORI Census Division.
PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY : Mr. E.J. Fyne, Co-Operative Officer.
1118 L/Cpl AI'A
9131 Const FOKKUU.
KILA KONE Co-operative Section.
DEPARTURE OF PATROL : 18th February, 1957 to 22nd February, 1957.
PURPOSE OF THE PATROL : 1. An inspection of Co-operative Activity.
2. Inspection of flood damage to BEREINA Village and adjacent areas.
3. Inspection of Oreke bridge site after destruction of the bridge by flood.

KAIRUKU

Monday 18th February, 1957.

Left KAIRUKU by workboat "Ruby" 6 am arriving WAIMA 8 am. Too rough to land and proceeded on to KIVORI FOB, arriving 10am. Took five hours to land patrol gear and personnel through surf. Meeting of Co-ops.

Tuesday 19th February, 1957.

Inspection of village KIVORI FOB and thence to KIVORI KVI. Inspected store under construction and proceeded on to BEREINA. Talk on Co-operatives. Arrived WAIMA 5 pm. Slept in AVIARA Rest House, after talk with AVIARA and MAURAMIRI people.

Wednesday 20th February, 1957.

Left 6 am for BEREINA carrying canoe from BEREINA. Water completely surrounding village. Canoeed from BEREINA to OREKE River. Visited Mrs. James of OREKE Store and inspected the bridge site. Proceed by canoe to EPO Agricultural station. Visited residents and left 4 pm for BEREINA. Arranged for 7 bags of rice to be distributed to those who lost their gardens, left 8.30 arriving AVIARA 7 pm.

Thursday 21st February, 1957.

Talk with ERE ERE and MOKOALA villages in morning and general meeting of all villages in afternoon.

Friday 22nd February, 1957.

Final talk with WAIMA people. Left 10 am arriving KAIRUKU noon.

END OF DIARY.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.

WAIMA.

The visit to WAIMA with Mr Pyne was primarily to assess reactions to :-

1. The formation of one Society by HAURAMIRI group using the store in that village. This group (predominately Catholic) would then invite all other villages to join in their Society.

I am opposed to this suggestion because it will widen the already large gap between Catholic and London Missionary Society factions at WAIMA. I am certain that on principle alone staunch LMS would not join in with such an arrangement.

It would not be very long before they would want a store licence in competition.

2. The formation of one society with a store at a central point. The area suggested is on Administration land. A lease could be applied for and the store constructed by a Contractor.

Past experience has proved beyond all doubt that the two religious groups will not work together on such tasks as buildings. Probably this is the main reason why four societies were formed in the first instance.

In 1953 the idea of amalgamation was first put to the people. From reports it seems that the majority agreed. In actual fact, each village agreed to one Society providing the store was erected in their particular village. This I think has been overlooked.

Early in 1956 the idea was put forward again. It was decided that existing stores would be closed down and one Society to be known as WAIMA NATIVES SOCIETY ~~was~~ formed. The store site was chosen near ROROAIIA-Rest House and building commenced. As far as I could ascertain this was mainly the work of the LMS group.

In March 1956 the following was financial state of affairs of the existing stores:-

Ere Ere	£196.2.1. Credit	P & L Appropriation.
Aviara	£145.10.6. Debit	
Hauramiri	£9-6-7 Credit	
Reroaia	£131.13.3. Debit	

A period was allowed so that Societies showing Debit balance could reduce their losses. At this stage it was realised that support of a new Society depended a great deal on the original subscribers getting back their share money. Two Societies managed profits. HAURAMIRI made a very good effort largely due to the help it got from Father Peuchet, who checked their books and assisted in getting their copra out. I understand that Father Peuchet offered to help the other Societies but they refused the help. This again showed how deep the religious differences are at WAIMA.

State of affairs at the time of liquidation of the Societies as follows:-

Ere Ere	£321.13.3. Credit.
Aviara	£80.5.8 Debit
Hauramiri	£110.11.3 Credit
Reroaia	£104.5.9 Debit

£1904.8.7 was handed back in July, 1956. This was made up of the original share capital plus profit in the case of ERE ERE and HAURAMIRI. Both ROROIA and AVIARA did not get back their original share capital. Only £632.10.0 was re-invested in the proposed WAIMA Society. Constant appeals by the Co-Operative Officer since this date have fallen on deaf ears. The Association launch was sent down on two occasions with the idea of purchasing copra and getting more share money. Copra was purchased but nothing further was subscribed.

About two months ago people started to withdraw their share money and now the amount subscribed stands at £527.10.0. The majority of this was withdrawn by HAURAMIRI villagers and other Catholics.

The official members of the old HAURAMIRI Society approached me for the issue of a Trading Licence. I discussed the matter with Mr. Pyne and after some consideration I refused the licence. These people approached His Lordship Bishop Sorin who wrote,

...." I know from the Officer in Charge of the Co-operative Section in the District that he has no intention of opening a co-operative again in WAIMA unless all the population agrees to have ONE co-operative only. My opinion after very serious consideration is that this will be absolutely impossible and I willingly recommend the scheme of the Hauramiri people whereby they would again open their store and arrange for the sale of their copra without being dependant on the Association of Co-operatives, at KAIRUKU. It is indeed the common opinion of the natives that the individual co-operatives have lost rather than gained by the institution of this Association. I have no opinion on the matter but it appears that the extra-charges imposed by the Association on the individual co-operatives are a burden which is not justified by proportionate benefits.

Consequently I think that the Hauramiri people should be granted the necessary Licence to have their own individual co-operative, at least for a period of six months or a year, which will be a kind of experiment. If you think it is impossible to grant such a licence to the people themselves I would be prepared to ask for a licence in the name of Reverend. G. Porchet, who is willing to supervise closely the proceedings. Kindly let me know if you envisage any other solution.".....

I discussed the matter with His Lordship before proceeding on patrol mainly with the idea of clearing the role of the Association which seemed to have created some doubt. Other matters I left until the patrol was completed.

All that could be achieved has been carried out as far as the Co-operative Section is concerned. The WAIMA Society had progressed to the stage where it had over half of the capital required to commence operations. Rather than solve the problem the action by HAURAMIRI has retarded it.

I am convinced that the chances of the HAURAMIRI group getting sufficient capital are remote. There is no doubt they would raise sufficient capital to start a store similar to the one that has already been closed down because it was economically unsound.

During my visit meetings were held in all the villages who had a store. After these were concluded a general meeting was held.

Ere Ere, Aviara and Rorosia supported the idea of one co-operative with a store on Administration land. Hauramiri would not support the other groups.

There is little doubt that the majority of the WAIMA people support the one Society and I consider that the Co-operative Officer should proceed with WAIMA NATIVE SOCIETY and construct a store on the Administration land.

I cannot help feeling that the attempt by Hauramiri group to start their own Society was coupled with the desire to lead the way in all village affairs. Despite the opinions of His Lordship and Father Porchet to the contrary, I feel that the issuing of a licence to Hauramiri at this stage would cause further friction between the LMS and Catholics.

KIVORI.

The position in this group is more promising although the people are slow in subscribing the required share capital.

Work on their store is progressing favourably but most of the work to date has been carried out by KIVORI KUI in whose village the store is situated.

Talks were given in each of the three villages to encourage them to get their Society formed as quickly as possible.

GENERAL.

A patrol is scheduled for WAIMA KIVORI in April and the patrolling officer will be instructed to investigate general feeling and endeavour to give the proposed WAIMA Society further support.

FLOOD DAMAGE BEREINA EPO AREA.

General opinion has it that the present flood is the biggest in the area for many years. The area is completely inundated for miles. The Epe-Oreke road is under about four feet of water and is flowing at about 4 knots.

The residences occupied by Mrs James ~~ambok~~ near the Oreke and Mr Geary of Epe have about 2 feet of water under them. The rest of Epe residences are still dry.

The BEREINA people in some cases lost all their gardens. Water is flowing through the village to a depth of about a foot. Seven bags of rice were distributed to the people who lost gardens.

There is no doubt that most of the water from the St Joseph (Angabunga) River is now flowing through the Oreke. Several years ago it was suggested that a break-through near Jesubaibua village would channel the water back into St Joseph. Some work was carried out on the project. I have not yet visited the actual site but I understand that the task now would be too great.

The actual damage to rice crops cannot be assessed at this stage.

OREKE BRIDGE.

It is most fortunate that work was not under way on the proposed suspension bridge at BEREITSU, as it would have been swept away with the old bridge. Work on the wire bridge was held up because the steel cable ordered had not arrived. By a stroke of fate this cable arrived a few days before the wooden bridge collapsed.

The old structure was built by the Catholic Mission at a cost to the Administration of £1600. It is a total write off. There is little evidence that a bridge ever existed.

The banks of the Oreke near Bereitsu are not sufficiently stable to hold the huge piles necessary for a suspension bridge, in my opinion. The soil has a tendency to dissolve when flooded and the piles sink.

The choosing of a suitable site and the actual task of building any form of bridge would be a matter for a very experienced bridge engineer.

When the waters subside a flying fox arrangement will be installed to get over the lighter goods. I understand the OIC EPO has already a plan in mind. I will render all the assistance I can.

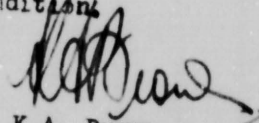
It is hoped that some action will be taken by the Department of Public Works in this matter as development in the Mekeo depends a great deal on satisfactory transport to Arerana landing.

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CONCLUSION.

The patrol was not of a routine nature so many minor matters were left for the normal census patrol scheduled for April.

All villages visited were in a satisfactory condition.



K.A. Brown.
A/Assistant District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of KAIRUHU Report No. KAI 7/56-57

Patrol Conducted by S. A. EDWARDS CPO

Area Patrolled MENGO & WAIMA CENSUS DIVISIONS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives THREE

Duration—From 30/4/1957 to 20/5/1957

Number of Days 21 DAYS

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services DAC /19 56

Medical OCTOBER /19 56

Map Reference YULE ISLAND & MIL SERIES

Objects of Patrol CENSUS AND ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION

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AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
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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 £.....

Village Pop

Year 1957

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	Births		DEATHS														Females to Child Birth
				0-1 Month		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13				
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INAWAIA	6-5-57	13	8	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	
EBOA.	4-5-57	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
JESUBABUA.	7-5-57	14	9	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
OKIROPETANA.	9-5-57	9	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	
BEBEO	10-5-57	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
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IMOUNGA	11-5-57	3	4	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
KARAI	13-5-57	11	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	
AMODAMO	14-5-57	7	5	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
BETPA'A.	14-5-57	23	20	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	
APIANA	15-5-57	7	17	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	4	6	1	-	
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 Patrol Accompanied.....

Duration—From.....

Did Medical Assistance.....
 Last Patrol to.....

Map Reference.....
 Objects of Patrol.....

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICTS
 AND NATIVE AFFAIRS
 PORT MORESBY

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Amount Paid for.....
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of KAIRUKU Report No. KAI 7/56-57

Patrol Conducted by J. A. EDWARDS C. P. O.

Area Patrolled THE 100 9 WAIMA CENSUS DIVISIONS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans —

Natives THREE

Duration—From 30/4/1957 to 20/5/1957

Number of Days 21 DAYS

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services DECEMBER 56

Medical OCTOBER 19 56

Map Reference YULE ISLAND 4 MIL SERIES

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District Commissioner

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Village Pop

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26th June, 1957.

The District Officer,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT NO. 7 - KAIRUKU. 56/57

The vital statistics are showing a most satisfactory trend. The increase in the number of females employed away from their village is another interesting factor arising in this District.

It is pleasing to note that the officer was able to adjudicate on land usage rights brought before him: the officer should be happy - he has only bride price cases with which to deal and not "sister exchange".

The assistance from the Missions in compiling the vital statistics is appreciated.

Have the notes on health been brought before the District Medical Officer?

It appears that the people lose their capacity for performing necessary village works after they have spent long periods in urban areas. Under the heading "Village Officials" on Page 6 Para 4, the officer mentions that support by Administration of Village Officials would lead to improved village conditions. I take it the village officials were fully instructed in their duties and given support by the Patrol personnel.

Concerning the remarks on the ferryman - was any firm recommendation to replace him made to you?

Could Mr. Edwards perhaps be spared to set up a means of transporting the rice to buying points?

Are the natives milking or eating the goats?

With more training, I think Mr. Edwards may have the makings of a good Patrol Officer.

Will you kindly indicate in your covering memorandum if matters of interest to other Departments have been brought before the notice of that Department at District level: if not, Health, Agriculture etc. should be in the form of appendices to the report and should then be submitted in duplicate.

Y.A.
A. A. Roberts
Director.

Handwritten notes:
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

30/1/58 ✓

*In Reply
Please Quote*

No. 31-4/1529

District Office,
Port Moresby.

21st June, 1957



DRM/JK

Assistant District Officer,
KAIRUKU

PATROL REPORT NO. 7/56-57

Receipt of this report is acknowledged.

A copy of the report and the camping allowance claim have been provided to the Director.

As much as I admire Mr. Edwards determination to control the Mekeo people, I consider that he should not again patrol alone until such time that he has gained more experience in methods of approach. Certainly he is beginning to understand them but his action about the construction of a latrine was unlawful and highly dangerous to his personal safety. Please see that he is accompanied on the next patrol and have him write the report. It may be that his actions are not as truculent as his words.

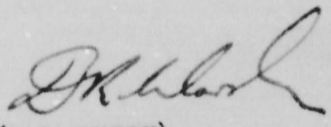
Mr. Edwards has had a considerable variety of work on this patrol and it is pleasing to note his interest. We appear to have discussed most aspects on your recent visit but for the record I would say that this season, I would like you to concentrate on the marketing of native foods and on the production of rice within the resources of the machinery available.

(D.R. MARSH)
Acting District Officer

Copy to :

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY

For your information, please,


(D.R. MARSH)
Acting District Officer

Sub-District Office,
KAIRUKU:

26th May 1957.

The Assistant District Officer,
Kairuku,
CENTRAL DISTRICT.

REPORT OF A PATROL TO

WAIMA AND MEKEO CENSUS DIVISIONS

KAIRUKU SUB DISTRICT.

Officer conducting the Patrol :- J.A. EDWARDS, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrol :- WAIMA and MEKEO Censur Divisions.

Personnel accompanying Reg. No. 2136 Constable SAMA.
Reg. No. 3155 Constable VASENUFA
Reg. No. 8432 Constable KAMI

Duration:- Out. 30th April 1957
In. 20th May 1957

Last Native Affairs Patrol.- To Mekeo- December 1956.
To Waima- February 1957.

Last Medical Patrol:- October, 1956.

Mode of travel:- Launch, tractor and trailer, foot.

Introduction.

These two census divisions which share a common boundary are situated to the west of Kairuku however much disparity exists between the two groups.

The Waima-Kivori people are essentially coastal dwellers in as much that most of their food is obtained from the sea whilst the Mekeo people who inhabit a very fertile flood plain rely on the land and an adequate rainfall for their existence.

Normally the two areas are patrolled separately however for the purposes of this report they have been combined.

DIARY

Tuesday, 30th April, 1957.

Departed Kairuku 1300 hours accompanied by patrol personnel. Arrived Biotou landing at dusk. Walked to Inawabui arriving 2130 hours. Slept Inawabui.

Wednesday, 1st May, 1957.

Commenced writing new books. Minor riot quelled.

Thursday, 2nd May, 1957.

Supervized work on swampy sections of road.

Friday, 3rd May, 1957.

Departed Inawabui 0745 hours. Arrived Eboa 0935 hours. Mission records consulted, re ages of Inawabui people, during afternoon.

Saturday, 4th May, 1957.

Census of Eboa taken. New books written.

Sunday, 6th May, 1957.

Supervized construction of a causeway some sixty yards long.

Tuesday, 7th May, 1957.

Supervized work on causeway. Census of Jesiubaibua village. New books written.

Wednesday, 8th May, 1957.

Mission records consulted re ages of Jesiubaibua people.

Thursday, 9th May, 1957.

Walked to Oriropetana. Census. Slept.

Friday, 10th May, 1957.

Walked to Bebeo, census, walked to Inawauni. Slept.

Saturday, 11th May, 1957.

Census of Inawauni early morning. Walked to Imounga over new road (two hours fifty five minutes)

Sunday, 12th May, 1957.

Walked to Ioi (Bush Mekeo) Met Father Verges and Father Louis. Returned to Imounga in afternoon. Census during evening.

Monday, 13th May, 1957.

Departed 0715 hours for Inawauni and thence to Rarai arriving 1300 hours. Census during evening. Slept.

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DIARY (Cont.)

Tuesday, 14th May, 1957.

Walked to Amo Amo, census. Walked to Beipa'a, census. Slept.

Wednesday, 15th May, 1957.

Census of Aipeana during morning. Walked to Inawi and censused there during afternoon. Slept Inawi.

Thursday, 16th May, 1957.

Walked from Inawi village to Epo Agriculture station. By tractor/trailer to Kivorihereparu village arriving 1630 hours. Census taken during evening.

Friday, 17th May, 1957.

Walked to Kivorikui village, census. Walked to Kivoripoe village, census. Carriers obtained then patrol proceeded to Waima arriving 1800 hours. Slept Roiokupuna village.

Saturday, 18th May, 1957.

Census of Bahinemo, Roiokupuna, Ororopokina, Tarova, Parukupuna, Raraikupuna, Hauramiri, Aravure, Herahera, Tona&Auna, Aikave, Aihuakupuna, Korina, On&Ovia, Roroaiara. Slept Roroaiara village.

Sunday, 19th May, 1957.

Completed census books. Visited Catholic Mission in connection with application for land lease in Waima area.

Monday, 20th May, 1957.

Walked around boundaries of proposed Mission lease. By bicycle to Bereina where transport arranged. From Roroaiara village to Bereitsu. By tractor to Aviara, census taken. BY tractor / trailer to Ararana landing then by launch to Kairuku arriving 1900 hours.

Patrol Completed.

CENSUS AND STATISTICS

Mekeo:-

Once again a steady increase in population is revealed. This year's census shows an increment of 206 over last year's figure. Births totalled 241 and 64 deaths were recorded giving a natural increase of 174. A total of 31 Migrations In was offset by 24 Migrations Out. In the compilation of the new books many names not previously recorded were entered, viz, 22.

The accuracy of these books however will not be ascertained until the next census is taken as some difficulty was experienced in gathering complete family groups.

Although the number of males absent at work scarcely varies the number of females absent at work has increased almost 200%.

The innovation, into some villages, of an aid to the recording of vital statistics as mentioned by Mr Patrol Officer Erskine (refer KAI 5/56-56) has proved extremely useful.

CENSUS AND STATISTICS (Cont.)

Waima/Kivori :-

An increase of 22 was recorded despite the reasonably high number of births which amounted to 82. Deaths numbered 48 giving a natural increase of 34. A total of 38 Migrations In was offset by 48 Migrations Out. One book was found to have two names too many and was amended accordingly.

Male absentees are about the same as last year's figure however as in the Mekeo division an increasing number of females are absent at work.

During the course of the patrol it was discovered that several un-intelligent males had journeyed to Port Moresby after they had been refused a pass at Kairuku. Action will be taken upon their return to their respective villages.

LAW AND ORDER.

As is to be expected many minor complaints re "Bride Price" and land were brought forward for settling. The fashion seems to be that anything including the most trivial matters should be 'showered' on the visiting officer.

Land matters in particular come into this category as many cases requiring only elementary adjudication were presented.

Trespassing appears to be a dominant complaint. In many cases permit holders who have been previously warned continue to hunt on other people's land. I think that in these instances the cancellation or suspension, preferably the former, of the permit would be of some avail.

MISSION INFLUENCE AND EDUCATION.

In almost every village the Roman Catholic Mission has, established, a school in which the rudiments of the English language are taught. When a young boy or girl has completed his schooling in the village he or she can then continue their studies at Yule Island.

On all occasions the Mission trained teachers were very helpful towards the patrol particularly during the rewriting of the village census books.

Complaints were received that some children were not being sent to school but were being detained for work about the house. It was mentioned by a Mission representative at Inawaia that full attendance was observed only when a Government ^{was} expected in the vicinity. Many children were being taken to Port Moresby in preference to them going to school.

An increasing number of young people, in the Mekeo, are receiving higher education at either Maiohana or Yule Island. The actual increase on last year's figure is 77 or nearly 400%. It would be foolish to attach any importance to this figure however because the census, last year, was conducted at or near the conclusion of the Christmas holiday period.

Two youths are receiving secondary education in Australia.

HEALTH AND HYGIENE

Due to the efforts of the Catholic Mission nothing serious in the way of sickness was noticed. One TB case was sighted at Imounga however it was said that treatment had been sought some time ago. The father of the small boy afflicted was told to take his child back to Kairuku. An appropriate notation was made in the village register should the father fail to comply with this order.

One NMA was met during the patrol at Inawi. His contribution towards the welfare of his people as far as health is concerned is absolutely nil. The Aid Post appears as though it has not been *opened* for some length of time; it would collapse if it was.

In reminiscing a Sister from the Beipa'a Mission cannot name one occasion on which the Aid Post has been seen functioning. The medical needs of the people are tended to by the Mission.

It has been suggested in previous reports that this Post would be better located in some ^{other} census division. Personally I think something should be done in the near future to rectify the situation.

At Rarai village I was approached by a woman who wanted to charge a councillor with sorcery because her small child was growing thinner each day. To me the child appeared to be suffering from malnutrition. The mother was told to take the child to Kairuku for treatment. At the time of writing the child is being treated in Moresby.

Generally speaking the villages were very clean; inevitably because of the Assistant District Officer, Mr Brown's recent patrol to the area in which some time was devoted to personally supervising the cleaning up of the villages in turn.

Upon my arrival at one Waima village I was nonchalantly informed by the village Constable that I would have to use the bush as my toilet as a latrine was non-existent. The erection of a latrine was completed a little before midnight.

HOUSING .

Special attention was paid to un-satisfactory housing particularly in the Mekeo where there is an abundance of suitable housing materials. In some villages, viz., Beipa'a and Rarai, the following practice has been adopted:-

When a ~~house~~ man is told to demolish his house and construct a new one he merely pulls the old one down and then moves in with his relatives.

Perhaps more attention could be given to this during the next routine patrol. Many people who have been absent for a considerable length of time were found to be the chief offenders.

Many varied types of housing were seen. The size, durability etc. of the house, it could be said, is directly proportional to the diligence of the occupants. One surly individual from Alpeana was sent to Kairuku because of his repeated failure to construct a new house. He had been warned five times since January 1955 and was fined 10/- last August.

Because of the scarcity of building materials in the Waima attention was given mainly to the untidy appearances of the houses.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

All types ranging from reasonably competent to completely incompetent were encountered. Two Village Constables featured in court cases. They were accused of unlawfully killing village pigs.

Several of these officials complained that the people refused to maintain their respective sections of the village roads however the officials concerned were reluctant to give names particularly after offenders from a ~~neighbouring~~ neighbouring village were sent to Kairuku.

Heated quarrelling between Village Constables frequently and councillors frequently occurred. Most councillors were accused of failing to assist the Constables in their work.

The village people themselves seem to have drifted into some form of lethargy consequently these officials are to be commended for their efforts. I think that if that if these officials are staunchly supported by the Administration the complaints of people refusing to work will be few and far between.

B. Village Councillors-

In-numerable councillors were accused of sorcery, stealing etc.etc. Animosity between councillors of one village and councillors of another is rampant. Even among the officials of the one village it was evident.

Since the councillors cannot combine their resources and work as a single unit it is little wonder that the instructions left are not carried out. At one village five people were ordered to reconstruct their houses - these five were the village officials.

C. Ferryman-

The single ferryman encountered on this patrol appeared to be doing a good job. Later a few complaints were made against this man.

Reorganization of this system or the instigation of some form of punishment would do much I think to alleviate the numerous complaints made against them. Many children especially schoolchildren have to wait; a reliable source of information says that they have waited for four hours, some time before the ferryman condescends to commence work. This was corroborated by the European Mission teachers.

Examples of the following are common :- One councillor had a quarrel with the ferryman so the former's children were refused a passage on the canoe. The children were on their way to school. This had been going on for a few days until the matter was brought forward for settlement, which resulted in the Ferryman being severely reproached.

ROADS AND BRIDGES .

Surprisingly the two main roads giving access to the Mekeo are the only ones still effected by flood waters otherwise all other roads and tracks in both census divisions are in excellent condition.

The road between the two villages of Oriropetana and

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ROADS AND BRIDGES (Cont.)

of Oriropetana and/

Jesiubaibua is inundated for a distance of about half a mile. I believe that this is more or less an annual occurrence. This section will be impassable for at least another month as far as motor vehicles are concerned.

A new track has been cleared from Inawauni to Imounga. The walking time taken by the writer to cover the distance was two hours fifty five minutes. One small section of this road built around a hillside has fallen away making it very unsafe particularly after a shower of rain.

As mentioned by Mr Brown, Assistant District Officer, in his recent report (KAI 5 56-57) the floods this year are supposed to be the worst for many years. Roads and tracks which are normally open to traffic were damaged by water. Even on horseback the water could not be negotiated there by isolating the Beipa'a Mission completely for two weeks.

Most bridges in the area are unsafe and could do with both minor and major repairs.

AGRICULTURE STOCK AND FISHERIES.

During the writer's last patrol to the Mekeo area (Dec '56) practically all of the rice was weighed and later purchased. At one village viz., Inawauni, insufficient bags prevented the weighing of the rice. The current situation was investigated and it was found that should the rice be bagged transport would have to be made available almost immediately because of the large number of rats in the area.

The flooded condition of the road makes this impossible at the present moment.

Upon my arrival at Beipa'a from Rarai a combined meeting of the Aipeana and Beipa'a people was in progress. It was unanimously agreed that rice should be grown once again this year. Their sincerity will be judged according to the amount of preparatory work they do within the next month or so. Much bitterness was displayed when rice payments were made earlier this year.

I think it would be appropriate for me to mention under this heading that in one village (Mekeo) thirteen young healthy looking goats were seen. AS many as six and four were seen at two other villages. During a sing-sing held at Kairuku over Christmas many goats were distributed amongst the dancers. Some of these were taken back to the villages where they have multiplied most satisfactorily.

Perhaps in the not too distant future disputes as to their ownership will be the plague of visiting officers. It was learnt that the villagers intend to hold a sing sing in June or July and that most if not all would be slaughtered.

NATIVE AFFAIRS

Quite a considerable number of males have been absent at Moresby for periods of up to seven weeks. These people are residing with friends and relatives. I think that the maximum time imposed which a visitor can remain without work is three weeks. This matter could perhaps be referred to the Assistant District Officer, Port

NATIVE AFFAIRS(Cont.)

Assistant District Officer, Port/
Moresby.

Constant driving and close supervision of the people I consider would be one method or way of hastening the termination of this apparent lethargy which the people have developed especially in the Mekeo. It is a pity that there is no incentive for the Waima people however the establishment of only two co-operative stores should prove interesting and will require expert guidance in the initial stages.

During the Assistant District Officer, Mr Brown's recent patrol to Inawabui village (Mekeo) several orders were given re the clearing or opening of several drainage channels. At first the villagers were unwilling to carry out the work however the benefits derived upon its completion some short time ago are being much appreciated. It is now possible to travel all the way to Kairuku by canoe whereas before this possibly was not envisaged.

GENERAL .

The four corners of a proposed Mission lease in the Waima area were surveyed and marked. A suitable report and sketch of the area has been submitted to the Assistant District Officer, Kairuku.

J. C. Edwards
CAPT PATROL OFFICER .

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Area Patrolled *WAIMA - MEKEO*

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	AT WORK				STUDENTS				Males		Females		Pregnant	Number of Child Bearing Age		Child		Adults		
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Area Patrolled WAIMA-MEKEO

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of KAIRUKU - CENTRAL Report No. 8/56.57

Patrol Conducted by J. A. EDWARDS CARET PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled NARA

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans —

Natives 1 RPC

Duration—From 30/5/1957 to 5/6/1957

Number of Days SEVEN DAYS

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? —

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services OCTOBER 1956

Medical — /1957

Map Reference YULE ISLAND 4 MIL STRAIT SERIES

Objects of Patrol TO ENCOURAGE THE NARA PEOPLE TO COMBINE INTO ONE VILLAGE

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND 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 ... £.....

8/56-57/49

EM/JK

8th July, 1957

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
POBY MORSEBY

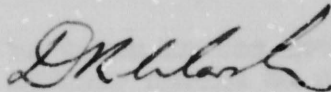
KAIRUKU P/R NO. 8/56-57

Reference your 30-1-57 of 4th July, 1957.

I have found that where a small native population is declining it is not good to re-establish them away from their own land as a separate entity, but in cases where they actually live on the land of others, actually in the village of others, the two sets of tribal lands are made common to both groups and adjustments of land for gardening and other purposes takes place.

If eventually the people can be freely moved the A.D.O. will make an officer available, although the main process will be gradual.

Mr. Edwards is shaping very well as a field officer and my recent restriction on solo patrols by him should not be regarded as adverse comment. I am merely trying to protect him from the fiendish Maheo, who delight in ruining officers before they find their feet.



(D.R. MARSH)
Acting District Officer

30-1-57

4th July, 1957.

The District Officer,
PORT MORESBY

KAIRUKU PATROL REPORT NO. 8. 56/57

I am unable to trace any remarks from the Assistant District Officer, Kairuku attached to this file.

I feel that we should not press the people too hard, in an effort to make patrolling more convenient, by amalgamating villages. It is after all a policy of the Department to have people settled on their own farmlets with essential meeting place. Should people be removed from their own land, we will find untold problems arising as to land rights and ownership. It has been tried and found unsuccessful in other areas.

I should like the para (4) of your memo. to the Assistant District Officer, Kairuku expanded upon.

Should any action be taken in the moving of village sites, I think an officer should be made available to assist - a junior officer would be quite suitable I have no doubt.

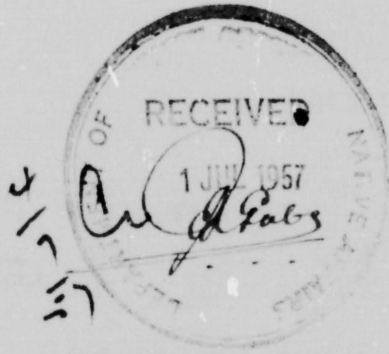
The remarks by the Cadet Patrol Officer I find of interest and indicate a keen interest in his work.

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(A.A. Roberts)
Director

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26th June, 1957

The Assistant District Officer,
KAIRUKU

REFERENCE KAIRUKU PATROL REPORT No. 8/56-57

This is a good report by Mr. Edwards, but it does not deal with all the possibilities.

Would it be possible to combine the village of TUBU with GROI and or ALA ALA while KAIKU and DIUMANA move to the new site selected by Mr. Edwards, or possibly to get one or another of them to go to VANUAMAI.

Whatever the outcome it is obvious that they need assistance and you should continue to suggest alternative sites to them. In the interim I think a medical patrol to ascertain mortality rates from malaria should be conducted.

The land ownership problem could probably be overcome if the three villages were absorbed rather than set up as a separate village.

I do not consider any action should be taken at this stage to have the villages declared forbidden settlements.

D. R. Marsh
(D. R. MARSH)
Acting District Officer

- Copy to:

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESEY

Sub-District Office,
KAIRUKU.

14th June, 1957.

The Assistant District Officer,
Kairuku,
CENTRAL DISTRICT.

REPORT OF A PATROL TO
THE NARA CENSUS DIVISION.
KAIRUKU SUB DISTRICT .

Officer conducting the Patrol:-	J.A.EDWARDS Cadet Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled:-	NARA Census Division.
Personnel accompanying	Reg. No. 8372 Constable EVO'O
Duration:-	Out. 30 th May 1957. In. 5 th June 1957.
Last Native Affairs Patrol:-	October 1956.
Last Medical Patrol:-	Unknown.
Mode of travel:-	Launch, foot and truck.

Introduction:-

The introductory paragraphs contained in Patrol Reports KAI 3 and KAI 4 / 56-57 covers the description of this area.

For the last year or so patrolling officers have recommended that the NARA people combine to form one village and, with the guidance and assistance of the Administration, engage themselves in some form of agricultural or pastoral activity.

The passive resistance encountered will, I think, be surmounted only after the elders of the three villages are convinced that such a drastic move would result, ultimately, in their amelioration. They are not even willing to contemplate such a move.

DIARY.

Thursday, 30th May 1957.

Departed Kairuku 1300 hours. Arrived Aroana landing 1900 hours. Walked to Plantation arriving 2100 hours. Slept.

Friday, 31st May 1957.

Departed for Hisiu. Manu Manu village inspected en route. Arrived Hisiu village 1000 hours. Walked to Hisiu Point Plantation and slept.

Saturday, 1st June 1957.

Along Hisiu Beach By truck to ALA'ALA village. Carriers obtained, then walked to OROI village (one and half hours.) Slept.

Sunday, 2nd June 1957.

Observed.

Monday, 3rd June 1957.

Site suggested by previous officers inspected.

Tuesday, 4th June 1957.

Discussion with village officials.

Wednesday, 5th June 1957.

Walked to Keabada village (Ninety minutes). Walked to Delena village. (Seventy minutes). By canoe to Kairuku.

Patrol Completed.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

Indeed the state of existence of these gradually diminishing people is quite alarming. The people themselves seem to have no thought of the future, for, as Mr P.O. Erskine has already stated, the people refuse to leave their present area because their ancestors are buried there. Numerous other excuses were proffered as to why they should not move to a more suitable area.

The officials were asked, individually, what they thought of the Administration's suggestion. Several of the stronger willed deprecated it however the remainder were un-decided and merely repeated the remarks made by the former mentioned.

From the map attached an idea of the position of the proposed village site in relation to the existing ones can be gained. The walking time over an excellent vehicular road constructed by the army during the war between OROI village and the suggested new one is forty minutes. It is another fifty minutes on to ALA'ALA village which is situated right at the end of the copra producing Hisiu Beach area.

The place selected appears to be on a small scale plateau for , just ~~12~~ twelve minutes walk from it the road dips or descends about eighty feet and crosses a small stream from which the villagers would obtain their water. Eventually this stream passes by a lagoon well stocked with fish and enters the sea not far away.

The advantages of such a site, I discovered, were ~~very~~ numerous and also encouraging. An OROI man who has made his garden along the creek near the site stated that the following foodstuffs could be grown:-

Bananas, sweet potatoes, yams, pumpkins, sugar cane, paw paws, pineapples, corn, tapioca, water melons, coconuts.

Most of these were seen growing in the garden.

Very few stones were seen on or in the reasonably black soil. There ~~are~~ ^{A GREAT} is almost an innumerable amount of rocks and small stones surrounding the existing villages and, indubitably, this has an adverse effect on gardening in the area. Mr Erskine stated and I quote, "Low rainfall, poor soil, and ground subject to severe erosion when cleared strictly limit the food returns from a normal outlay of effort."

An all important consideration. that of water, was thoroughly investigated and it was found that the drinking supply was a vast improvement on the existing one . The Native Medical Assistant^s who has been in the area for many years said that the poor water supply was responsible for a large number of deaths.

Should this supply of water dry up; it has never been known to occur, water could be obtained from Oroï village. The average depth of water in the creek was about ten inches. In places it was waist deep.

Ample supplies of building materials are to be found in the area. The clearing of a site for the new village would necessitate a great deal of hard work which I imagine is to be avoided if possible by these people. Very few large trees were seen.

During the wet season much of the area is inundated however as I have mentioned previously the site suggested would not be effected. The area has very few mosquitoes and nothing which would be detrimental to the health of the people was either mentioned in conversation or actually seen. There is plenty of game in the area viz., wild pigs, cassowarys, wallabys and also to be included in this group is the fact that an abundant supply of sea foods, fish etc. can be obtained.

If the Nara people condescended to combine and live on the site selected the accessibility of the position both by road and sea would be conducive to their development. It is proposed that a co-operative store and village school be erected and this venture, I think, would be successful provided the people worked hard in the initial stages. I am not inferring that they should not work or would not have to work later on for the only road to successful development is by consistent work.

One disadvantage exists and that is the land does not belong to the Nara people but to the Oroï people. This matter was discussed in great length and resulted in the Oroï villagers unanimously agreeing that the Nara people could use their ground for gardening purposes etc.. These, the former mentioned people, are only too eager to have the Nara people down perhaps because their duties such as the maintenance of roads would be alleviated

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to some extent. One disadvantage which these people put forward for consideration was that of a food supply for the 'advance party'. To clarify this statement a little it was suggested that some villagers from each village establish a camp and plant gardens. Later when the gardens were in full production more people could move down. This process I suppose would take over one year .

The benefits to be derived from such a migration, as I have briefly mentioned previously, would be many and varied. Firstly the health of the people would be improved. A Medical Orderly is stationed at Oroï village. Secondly, the unrealized potential of the area could be exploited and consequently assist in their social and economic development.

Obstacles, both foreseen and un - foreseen, would be numerous. TUBU is a catholic community whereas KAI AU and DIUMANA are L.M.S. Mission influence , I think, could not be dismissed as being an obstacle. As has been stated in previous reports these people have a feeling that they have been forgotten by the Administration. Their isolation also has developed, in them, a feeling of independence and security. Such a contrasting change in their mode of life would, they feel, result in nothing but failure. The officials would, they said, rather run away to the Kabadi area than build houses on the new site. Apparently any force used in this issue would serve no purpose but to make the people more determined than before.

During my visit I heard that three Rigo men who had settled in the villages concerned had returned, with their wives and children, to the Rigo Sub-District. Perusal of the three village registers revealed that there are twenty two children under the age of eleven years in a total of one hundred and seventy three people. Most of the villagers are aged.

In, conclusion, a village movement such as the one pro-

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proposed, and with circumstances as they are, would perhaps warrant
a visit by an agriculture Officer who could then assess quite acc-
-urately the potential of the area. Mr. Erskine, in his Patrol Report
KAI 7 /55-56 stated " That this conservatism can be overcome is
evidenced by the case of the ALA'ALA people who moved to the coast
on HISIU BEACH and with the help of the Maima ~~people~~ immigrants have
adjusted themselves quite well to their new environment. What special
circumstances operated in this case are unknown."

I, myself, did not become acquainted with these circumstances
however something of value may be gleaned if the matter were
discussed with the Villagers ~~of~~ of ALA'ALA.

END OF PATROL.....

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