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STATION: BAIMURU, 1968 - 1969

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GULF DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1968-1969

KIKORI & BAIMURU

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
<u>KIKORI</u>		
1-68-69	I.B. Beckhaus	Urama, Era & Gore C.D.
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6-68-69	I. Beckhaus	Gope & Urama C.D.
7-68-69	D.E. Webb	Upper & Lower Turama, Kikori Kairi & part Goaribari C.D.
8-68-69	I. Beckhaus	Gope, Era & Kikori- Kairi C.D.
9-68-69	I. Beckhaus	Part Era & Urama C.D.
10-68-69	I. Beckhaus	Urama, Era & Cope C.D.
11-68-69	I. Beckhaus	Era, Gope, Urama & part Goaribari C.D.
<u>BAIMURU</u>		
1-68-69	N.C. McQuilty	Iari C.D.
2-68-69	N.C. McQuilty	Baimuru, L.G.C. part
4-68-69	N.C. McQuilty	Upper Purari & Pepike
5-68-69	N.C. McQuilty	Baimuru L.G.C.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of..... GULF ..... Report No..... BAIMURU No. 1-1968/69.....

Patrol Conducted by..... N.C. McQuilty. Patrol Officer......

Area Patrolled..... Iari Census Division: Baimuru L.G. Council Area.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... Mr. P. Carew. Cadet Patrol Officer.

Natives..... 1 Outboard operator.

Duration—From..... 1/8/1968 to..... 3/8/1968.....

Number of Days..... 3 Days (2 Camped out).....

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... 20/5/1968.....

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

Map Reference..... Fourmil Karamui and map attached......

Objects of Patrol..... (i) Council By-election Maipenairu  
(ii) Familiarisation; and  
(iii) General Administration.

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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.....  
*District Commissioner*

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation .... \$.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund .... \$.....

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Ref: 67-2-3

Department of District  
Administration,

KONEDOBU. Papua.

3rd October, 1968

The District Commissioner,  
Gulf District,  
KIRIWA.

PATROL NO. BAIMURU 1 OF 1968/69

Your reference 67-6-25/0717

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of

\* ~~Special/Annual/Census - Area Study/Situation~~ Report by  
N. G. McQuilty ..... to Iari .....  
..... Census Division.

Mr. P. Carew has compiled a good report.

(W. R. DISHON)

~~(T.W. ELLIS)~~  
A/ Director

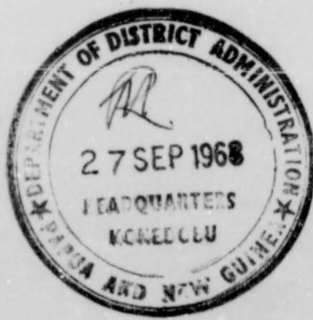
cc.

Mr. P. Carew C.P.O.,  
Patrol Post,  
Baimuru,  
Gulf District.

\* Delete as necessary.

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67-6-25/0717



KEREMA, Gulf District.

20th September, 1968

Officer in Charge,  
BAIMURU.

BAIMURU PATROL REPORT NO. 1/68-69

Receipt is acknowledged of the above report.

Political education should be constant, and every opportunity taken to inform the people of political developments and of furthering their education. The recent Local Government course held in Kerema should assist you in future patrols.

Funds permitting, the Welfare Assistants will visit your area later in the year.

Claims for camping allowance are returned herewith.

*John S. Murphy*  
(John S. Murphy)  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

→ cc: Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
Konedobu.

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Department of District  
Administration,  
Patrol Post,  
BAIMURU.

26th August, 1968.

District Commissioner,  
District Office,  
KEREMA.

Baimuru Patrol Report No.1-1968/69  
Baimuru Council Area.

Please find attached two copies of the above Patrol Report, patrol map and claims for Camping Allowance. Also please find a Contingencies for the hire of a private motor as no Administration motors were servicable for use by the patrol. Could these be funded and returned to Baimuru for payment, please.

A separate report on the by-election has been submitted by the Returning Officer, ie. Baimuru's 41-6-1 of the 7th August, 1968.

It is hoped, in the near future to have some Local Government training notes translated into Police Motu and handed to the Councillors. After the Councillors have read these over a short training course on each subject, ie. meeting procedures, finance committee, etc., will be held after each monthly meeting. Using this method it is hoped that the Councillors will have a much wider understanding of Local Government by the end of this year.

It is hoped to be able to organise pick up points for the copra and organise a communications system whereby the number of bags of copra at each point can be forwarded to the shipping company concerned for uplifting by 'K' beat.

It is hoped with the visit of the Kerema Welfare Assistants to this Women's Club that it will start operating on a sound basis. The women are very enthusiastic and with some training and outside assistance will run a very satisfactory club. When the aims and work of women's clubs are explained to the men their dissent will decrease and the membership of the club improve.

Overall a very well written and informative report by Mr.P.Carew.

Although the attached report was written by Mr. Carew as a training exercise Mr.N.McQuilty cannot add anything apart from the above comments.

For your information, Sir.

*N.C. McQuilty*

N.C.McQuilty, P.O.  
Officer-in-Charge.

cc. Assistant District Commissioner,

Kikori.



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Patrol Report

Mr. N.C. McQuilty, Patrol Officer, Field Officers' Journal  
Police 7 and TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Thursday 1st Aug 1968

In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 67-2-1

Last minute patrol preparations,  
0850 - 1210 in dinghy to Maipenairu Village  
Council by-election. Trip took long  
low side and mud banks.  
Inspected village and housing, info  
programs.  
Talks with the members of the Maipenairu Club.  
Patrol left Maipenairu Village.

Department of District  
Administration,  
Patrol Post,  
BAIMURU.  
22nd. August, 1968.

District Commissioner,  
District Office,  
KEREMA.

Baimuru Patrol Report No. 1-1968/69  
Baimuru Council Area.

Report Number : Baimuru No. 1-1968/69.

Sub-District : Kikori.

District : Gulf.

Council Area : Baimuru Local Government Council.

Patrol Conducted by : N.C. McQuilty.

Designation : Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled : Iari Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by : Cadet Patrol Officer, Mr. P. Carew.

Duration of Patrol : 1.8.68 to 3.8.68.

No. Patrol Days : 3 Days.

Las Patrol to Area : 12 Days May 1968.

Objects of Patrol : i. Council By-election Maipenairu.  
ii. Familiarisation, and  
iii. General Administration.

Total Population : 1997

Map Reference : Fourmil Karimui and map attached.

Village Population Register: Not Enclosed.

*P. Carew*

P. Carew.  
Cadet Patrol Officer.

cc. Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
KIKORI.

Patrol Diary: SITUATION REPORT

Mr. N.C. McQuilty, Patrol Officer. Field Officers' Journal  
Folios 7 and 8.

Thursday 1st Aug. 1968:

Last minute patrol preparations,  
0850 - 1210 In dinghy to Maipenairu Village to carry out  
council by-election. Trip took longer than normal due  
low tide and mud banks.  
Inspected village and housing. Informed people of patrol  
programme.  
Talks with the members of the Maipenairu Womens' Club.  
Patrol slept Maipenairu Village.

Friday 2nd Aug. 1968:

By-election carried out from 0900 to 01100. Talks with dis-  
senting males about Womens' Club - main reason ignorance  
of aims of club.  
Also talked with ex-servicemen about leasing crown land  
in Baroi River area for coconut growing.  
Inspected several copra dryers and talked to owners about  
production and transport.  
One small complaint heard and settled.  
Patrol slept Maipenairu Village.

Saturday 3rd Aug. 1968:

0753 - 1020 Departed Maipenairu in dinghy and returned to  
Baimuru.

Patrol stood down.

A Council By-election was conducted at Maipenairu  
to replace the Councillor who had resigned to work for the mission  
as a Pastor. The people gave no outward impression that they were  
either interested or disinterested in the coming by-election, yet  
when the proceedings were set under way, the people nominated three  
candidates.

Several significant features were apparent and came  
to my attention during the polling. Firstly, the high percentage  
of absent people who were eligible to vote, and secondly, the manner  
in which the people voted. This was significant in that the people  
showed no hesitation in choosing their candidates and with the  
exception of three or four people, used the preferential system of  
voting.

For the details of the procedure and the statistics,  
I refer you to the report submitted by the returning officer.

(ii) Economic.

The main and only economic activity encountered was  
the production of copra as a cash crop. The people favour the  
sacke driers. There were two sacke driers in the village, but only  
one was in use since the other had just been constructed. This  
particular unit was being used to burn out ten bags of copra per  
week.

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SITUATION REPORT

(i) Political:

1. As far as politics are concerned the people may be classed as backward. This, like every other problem in this area is due to neglect. The best and only way of explaining the purpose and functions of the House of Assembly to these people is by comparing it to the Local Government Councils which are similar and on a miniture scale of the former.
2. Although the people have been in the Council since it was formed in 1966, they are still largely ignorant of the purpose and functions of a Council and therefore unable to comprehend and understand the political significance of a House of Assembly.
3. Due to lack of supervision as a result of the critical staff situation the Council could not, and for some time did not function at all. For this to happen to any Council, let alone this Council, the aspirations and hopes of a people are quickly dampened.
4. Subsequently the people were little impressed. They experienced paying tax and seeing no material benefits eventuate. Now, when the Council is starting to make some progress, the people are hesitant. The capital works programme planned for this year cannot in any way please all of the people by constructing something of material benefit in each village, but is adequate enough to impress the people that something is being done with their money.
5. I feel that a political education patrol mounted in this area would achieve much. The patrol would have to be very carefully planned in respect to the manner in which the necessary information is dessimated to the populace. It would be imperative to use a blackboard and colored chalk and just as important to incorporate the people in the explanations. The trend in education is student teacher involvement rather than repetative teacher commands. This technique is more suited to these people who for ages have been accustomed to sit down and talk things over amongst themselves. I am sure that if administrative officers took advantage of this, it would be amazing how much could be achieved.
6. A Council By-election was conducted at Maipenairu to replace the Councillor who had resigned to work for the mission as a Pastor. The people gave no outward impression that they were either interested or disinterested in the coming by-election, yet when the proceedings were set under way, the people nominated three candidates.
7. Several significant features were apparent and came to my attention during the polling. Firstly, the high percentage of absent people who were eligible to vote, and secondly, the manner in which the people voted. This was significant in that the people showed no hesitation in choosing their candidate and with the exception of three or four people, used the preferential system of voting.
8. For the details of the procedure and the statistics, I refer you to the report submitted by the returning officer.

(ii) Economic.

The main and only economic activity encountered was the production of copra as a cash crop. The people favour the smoke driers. There were two smoke driers in the village, but only one was in use since the other had just been constructed. This particular unit was being used to turn out ten bags of copra per week.

10. The major problem associated with this industry is the lack of transport. The adjacent waters around Maipenairu are too shallow to accommodate vessels of the K Class.

11. Subsequently the people have to wait till they have made a substantial amount of copra before they ship it out to Kapuna or Baimuru where it is uplifted by the K boats. Shipping the produce to one of these loading points is a task in its self. If the person does not have his own canoe he has to get a loan of one and this costs money.

12. Several villagers were observed preparing a shrip net for use in the waters around the village. The net was approx. 25 yards long and had a half inch mesh. This makes the net very vulnerable should it ever be set incorrectly where the big fish are running.

13. The people are content to set their fish traps and catch enough fish to sustain themselves. There is little doubt that the adjacent waters have an abundance of fish, but unfortunately the people cannot exploit this resource as they do not have the market, or sophisticated equipment required in an area that lacks transport communication.

14. Perhaps when the fishing industry "Delta Fisheries Pty.Ltd" has established itself around Baimuru, it could expand its sphere of activities into this region. To avoid repetition I refer you to information and statistics incorporated in the report submitted by the officer who I accompanied on this patrol.

(111) Social:

15. The United Church has a Mission station situated at Urika, approximately a half hours walk away from Maipenairu, and provides services necessary for a healthy and well balanced life.

16. The mission has stationed a pastor in the village. In addition to catering for the spiritual side of life he conducts school classes for pre-school children. When the children have successfully passed they are admitted to the mission school at Urika, which provides education to standard five. Upon satisfactory completion at this school the pupils are admitted to the school at Aird Hills Mission station.

17. A medical orderly is also stationed in the village and looks after the ills the people may have. Major ills and sicknesses are treated at Kapuna hospital which is run by a husband and wife doctor team who provide modern, up to date treatment.

18. The Womens' Club has a membership of twenty women. The driving force behind the club is the pastor's wife, who has encountered problems in keeping the club a functioning body.

19. The male population is against the womens' club because they claim they women do nothing and could be using their time more effectively elsewhere. This attitude of the menfolk is keeping membership at a low level.


20. It is true that the women do not have a Womens' Club House and that since the club was formed several years ago, they have not been visited by Welfare Assistants from Kerema.

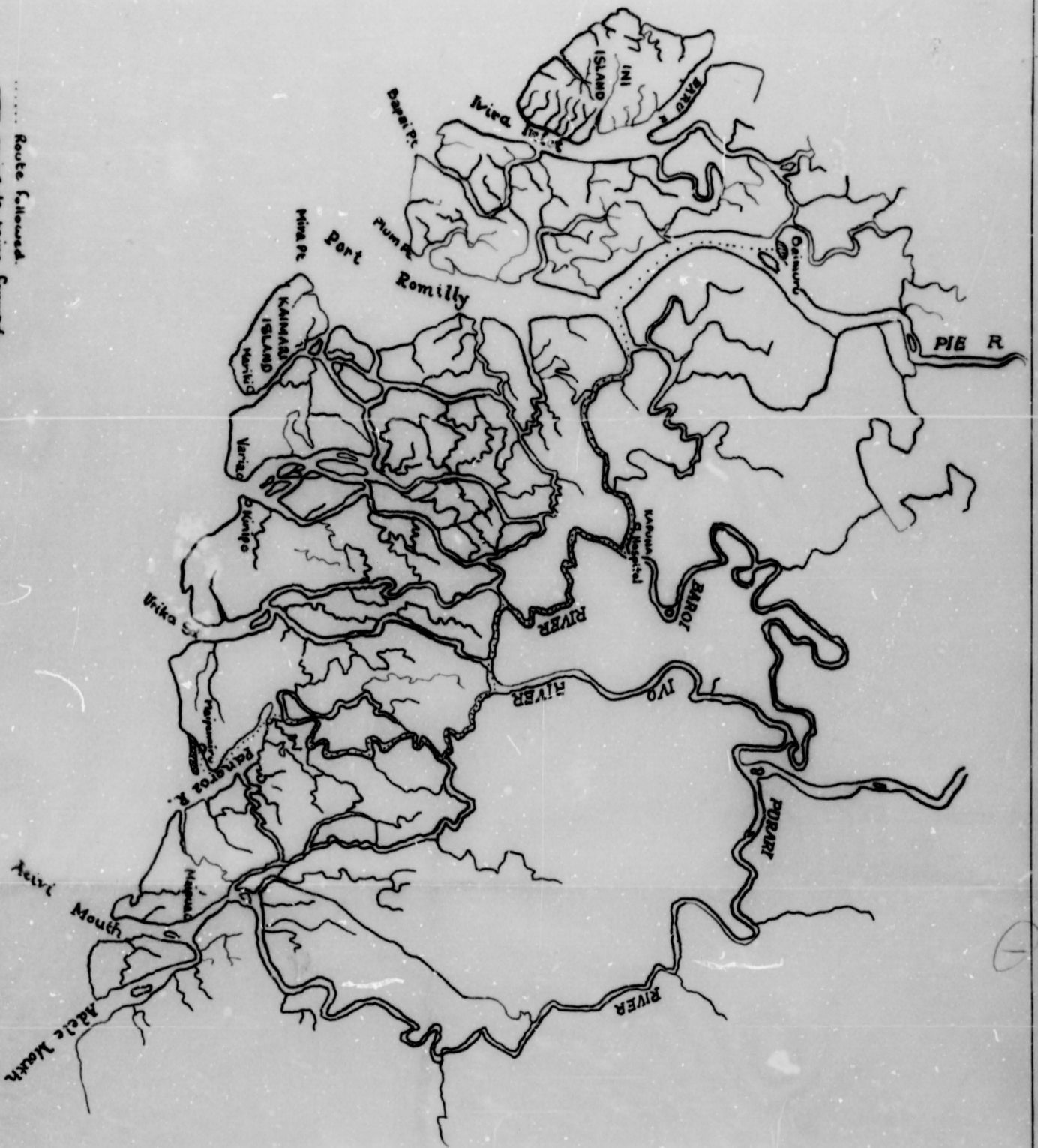
21. The Club is to be visited in the near future by two Welfare Assistants from Kerema and it is expected that the whole attitude towards the club will change once the Welfare patrol has visited. The Council is going to assist the Club in purchasing a sewing machine and a wireless so that they can start functioning effectively as a club.

22. No complaints were brought to the attention of the patrol whilst it was in the village.

*P. Carew*

P. Carew.  
Cadet Patrol Officer.

..... Route followed.  
 passage being formed.



Scale : Fourmils.

P. Casse CPO 278



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... Baimuru No.2-1968/69

Subdistrict..... Kikori

District..... Gulf

Type of Patrol..... Situation Report

Patrol Conducted by..... N.C.McQuilty, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled..... Baimuru L.G.C. Area (Part)

(Council and/or..... Baroi, Iari and Maipua Census

Census Division/s.)..... Divisions

Personnel Accompanying Patrol.....

..... 1 Policeman

..... 1 Interpreter

..... 1 Operator

Duration of Patrol—from 29 / 10 / 68 To 9 / 11 / 68

No. of Days..... 12 days

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area :..... Baimuru No.1-1968/69

Date..... 8-20-5.68 Duration..... 12 days

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)..... 1. Routine Administration, and

..... 2. Council Projects.

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... 2982

Director of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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.....  
District Commissioner.

67-2-44

Division of District Administration,

17th. October, 1969.

The District Commissioner,  
Gulf District,  
KEREMA.

PATROL NO. BAIMUNI 2/68.69

Your reference 67-6-26/1390 of 26th. September, 1969.

2. I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. N.C. McQuilty, Patrol Officer to parts BAROI, IARI and MAIPUA Census Divisions.

3. Your comments adequately cover the matters raised in this report.

4. I am pleased to note that you are following up the reason for the report's lengthy delay in submission.

(T. W. ELLIS)

Secretary

Department of the Administrator.

c.c.  
Mr. N.C. McQuilty,  
Patrol Officer,  
c/- District Office,  
KEREMA. Gulf District.

Please note that political education must be a continuing process in all situations with the emphasis on the advantages of national unity.



67-6-26/1390.

67.2.44 (7)  
KEREMA, GULF DISTRICT.



26th September, 1969.

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

BAINURU PATROL REPORT No. 2-1968/69.

Thank you for the abovementioned report which was received on the 22nd September, 1969.

I note the patrol was completed on the 9th November, 1968. I require an explanation for this inordinate delay.

Mr. McQuilty's remarks in the political section are no doubt very accurate, but the remedy lies with himself and other members of your field staff. I am becoming a little tired of reading reports detailing what is wrong in an area without some indication of remedial action having been taken.

If political education is lacking, then your task and that of your officers, is to supply it.

I would appreciate information concerning the new type of celo loom as designed by the United Church mechanic. I would also appreciate any information about the proposed hammer mill to be used in the breaking down of sago fibre.

At this late stage there is little point in making further comment. The report is far too stale.

Returned herewith, funded camping claim.

<sup>AS</sup>  
(R.S. BELL),  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

Encl.

Minute to:

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator  
Division of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

For your information and comment, please.

R.S. Bell <sup>AS</sup>  
(R.S. BELL),  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

Encl.

Patrol Diary:

Folios 25 to 31 Field Officers Journal refers.

Tuesday 29th Oct. 1968: .....  
Last minute patrol preparations.

Departed station 1155 in dinghy and Patrol Post, arrived Korovaki village 1235. Inspected village and BAIMURU. Also looked at 2 small copra dryers - very poor. Also inspected hole for council water well. 13th November, 1968.

Assistant District Commissioner, V.D.  
Sub-District Office, Korovaki Village.  
KIKORI.

Wednesday 30th Oct. 1968: Most of day spent putting in fibre glass wall liner at Korovaki. Then discussions with people until Baimuru Patrol Report No. 2-1968/69 council tax, land copra Baimuru Council Area (Part) etc. etc. etc.  
Patrol slept Korovaki village.

Report Number 31st Oct. 1968: Baimuru No.2-1968/69 departed Korovaki village 0825 and proceeded to Ara'ava and Svava villages - Sub-District 0855. Inspect: Kikori and copra dryers. Visited Kapaia mission station and had talks with Minister in charge District concerning land leasing: Gulf Loop and sage machine. Also talks with doctor concerning V.D. at Beana oil camp. Returned Council Area and had talk: Baimuru Council Area ng tax payers meetings, council meeting, radio receivers, new rest house, Patrol conducted by : N.C.McQuilty, Patrol Officer  
Area Patrolled : Baroi, Iari and Maipua Census Divisions

Friday 1st Nov. 1968: 0915 people started clearing area for new rest house - proceeded Kairimai village to outwait rainstorm. Departed Kairimai Duration of patrol to Kapaia: 29.10.68 to 9.11.68 40. Lunch. Inspected village, lands stores and proposed SIA mission No. patrol days etc. Camp etc: 12 days. digging hole for well liner.  
Last patrol to area Kapaia vi: 12 days May, 1968

Objects of patrol Nov. 1968: i. Routine Administration, ga for sand for cement work on ii. Council projects. used digging hole for well liner.  
Total population Kapaia vi: 2982

Map reference rd Nov. 1968: B: Fourmil Kikori and maps attached. ga with village people concerning tax payers meetings, council Village population register: Not enclosed. ga, schools, etc. ga with complaints settled. ga  
Patrol slept Kapaia village.

Monday 4th Nov. 1968: One Local Court case heard. Several more complaints settled. Patrol departed *N.C. McQuilty* departure due rain - and proceeded towards *N.C. McQuilty* via Iari. Motor on dinghy broke down and towed into *N.C. McQuilty* arriving 1245. Camp set up. Patrol Officer.  
Village inspected and talks with people concerning new village site, economic development, etc.  
Dinghy sent to Kapaia to hire village motor - returned into afternoon.  
Patrol slept Old Iari village.

Tuesday 5th Nov. 1968: Further talks with people concerning relocating village on dry land - appears none available. Several complaints settled.  
Patrol packed up and departed 0935 for Kavikivas No.2 arriving 1150 due slowness of 5hp. outboard motor.  
Talks with village people concerning moving the village to higher, dryer land. Also talks with a man from the old

Patrol Diary:

Folios 25 to 31 Field Officers Journal refers.

Tuesday 29th Oct. 1968: .....

Last minute patrol preparations.

Departed station 1155 in dinghy and canoe and arrived Korovaki village 1235. Inspected village and housing. Also looked at 2 small copra dryers - very poor. Also inspected hole for council water well.

Visited U.G.C. oil camp at Beara. Talks with N.L.O. and M.A. concerning compensation and V.D.

Patrol slept Korovaki Village.

Wednesday 30th Oct. 1968: Most of day spent putting in fibre glass well liner at Korovaki. Then discussions with people until 1945 concerning tax payers meetings, council tax, land complaint, aid post, school, society store, copra dryers, etc.

Patrol slept Korovaki village.

Thursday 31st Oct. 1968: Patrol packed up and departed Korovaki village 0825 and proceeded to Ara'ava and Evara villages - arriving 0855. Inspected village and copra dryers. Visited Kapuna mission station and had talks with Minister in charge concerning land leasing, celo loom and sago machine. Also talks with doctor concerning V.D. at Beara oil camp. Returned to village and had talks with people concerning tax payers meetings, council meeting, radio receivers, new rest house, complaints, etc.

Patrol slept Ara'ava village.

Friday 1st Nov. 1968: 0930 Departed Ara'ava village after people started clearing area for new rest house - proceeded to and inspected coffee plot on Baroi River. Returned to Kairimai village to outwait rainstorm. Departed Kairimai 1110 in dinghy to Mapai village arriving 1140. Lunch. Inspected village, trade stores and proposed SDA mission airstrip, etc. Commenced work on digging hole for well liner.

Patrol slept Mapai village.

Saturday 2nd Nov. 1968: Inspected sand bar near village for sand for cement work on apron for well. Continued digging hole for well liners.

Patrol slept Mapai village.

Sunday 3rd Nov. 1968: Patrol remained Mapai village. Talks with village people concerning tax payers meetings, council meeting, economic development, missions, schools, etc. Complainants settled.

Patrol slept Mapai village.

Monday 4th Nov. 1968: One Local Court case heard. Several more complaints settled. Patrol departed Mapai 1150 - late departure due rain - and proceeded towards Old Iari. Motor on dinghy broke down and towed into Old Iari by canoe - arriving 1245. Camp set up.

Village inspected and talks with people concerning new village site, economic development, etc.

Dinghy sent to Mapai to hire village motor - returned late afternoon.

Patrol slept Old Iari village.

Tuesday 5th Nov. 1968: Further talks with people concerning relocating village on dry land - appears none available. Several complaints settled.

Patrol packed up and departed 0935 for Ravikivau No. 2 arriving 1150 due slowness of 6h.p. outboard motor.

Talks with village people concerning moving the village to higher, dryer land. Also talks with a man from the old

Tuesday 5th Nov. 1968: (continued)..... Purari River village of Evara who have now built a new village where the Purari and Ivo Rivers divide. Village inspected - housing in a very poor state. Patrol slept Ravikivau No.2.

Wednesday 6th Nov. 1968: Further discussions with people concerning new village site - people decided on site about one mile upstream on the western bank of the Purari River. Also talks about growing copra.

Patrol departed 0835. Mercury 20 broke down after 15 mins - returned the village in dinghy, picked up paddlers and returned to canoe. Then proceeded in dinghy towards Apiope - water too rough so took shelter amongst Nipa palms. Patrol canoe towed to Apiope by village canoe. Self arriving in dinghy 1325. Camp set up and village inspected. Talks with people concerning economic development, especially copra. Also general items discussed. Patrol slept Apiope.

Thursday 7th Nov. 1968: 0925-1105 Self departed Apiope in dinghy and proceeded to Kapai village fixing a villagers' outboard motor on the way and arranging for the hire on the morrow. Talks with Kapai people about economic development, migration of Old Iari people to this area, etc. 1225-1315 Returned to Apiope via the same route. Further talks with Apiope people. Patrol slept Apiope village.

Friday 8th Nov. 1968: 0750 - 0950 in dinghy from Apiope to Maipenairu. Talks with villagers concerning tax payers meetings, forthcoming council meeting, copra producing and shipping, complaints, etc. Visited United Church mission plantation Urika - discussions concerning hire outboard motor, school, shipping copra, etc. Self Slept Urika.

Saturday 9th Nov. 1968: Self returned to Maipenairu. After messing around with outboard motors finally departed 0920 for Baimuru via Mapaio and Kapuna - self arriving 1450 - canoe arriving 1545.

Patrol stood down.

#### Situation Report.

##### Political:

1. This section is to be read in conjunction with the 'Political' sections in Baimuru Patrol Reports No. 8-1967/68 and No.1-1968/69.
2. Although the Baimuru Local Government Council has been operating for 2 1/2 years the constituents and the councillors know very little about the theory of Local Government and therefore, politically, this council contributes very little. This will be rectified when the staff situation at Baimuru improves and when certain training documents have been translated into Police Motu.
3. The Baimuru area has never had a local member elected to the House of Assembly although several have nominated. The members elected for this electorate have not visited the area and talked to the constituents since the elections. Coupled with this the people have seen no immediate or material good from the House of Assembly.
4. Not only are the people lacking in education and stimulation from the Local Government Council and the House of Assembly members but they are also in a backwater ( at the end of the line ) where no development has or is taking place. Due to no development in the present people's

time, and their father's time, apathy and disillusionment have set in. This is more pronounced in the Iari villages of Old Iari and Ravikivau No.2 due to lack of good land for building villages and less for gardens or coconuts for copra production.

5. Political development in this area can only advance hand in hand with economic development. This must be done on a large scale. The only feasible thing that can contribute towards this, in the foreseeable future, is the 'Southern Highway', i.e. from the Western Highlands via the Southern Highlands to Paia Inlet, and the industries that will be established at the road head, i.e. liquid gas, etc. (This has been elaborated on in a submission detailing an overall plan for the Economic Development of the Gulf District).

6. The work programme of the Baimuru Local Government Council, for the first time, is progressing well. One Aid Post has been completed and another partially. Three wells out of four have also been partially completed. It has purchased a canoe. A teacher's house at the Baimuru Primary ~~XXX~~ 'T' School has been partially completed. Four fishing nets have been purchased mainly to train people to use them but also to supply fish to the villages. The Council Architectural Adviser is in the process of drawing up plans for a council chambers to be built on the Administration's station at Baimuru.

#### Economic:

7. Copra production in the Maipua Census Division and Maipenairu village has been greatly stimulated by the United Church plantation and staff at Urika. The mission has organised copra sheds and wharves near Maipenairu and Kapai and the village people from Apiope have another at their village. The three villages have between them 16 copra dryers. These only operate about 30 - 50% of the time but wastage of nuts in this area would be very small compared to the other areas covered by the patrol. When 100 bags or more have been stock piled the mission arranges for a small coastal boat to be diverted to pick them up.

8. Copra production in the remainder of the Iari Census Division and the Baroi Census Division is negligible. There being four small poorly built copra dryers in the Baroi and eight in the Iari. Several reasons that contribute towards this low production rate are, 1) High water table and therefore shortage of good land for coconut growing, and 11) only about one third of coconuts grown are used for copra production, the remainder going to waste.

9. There are 5 celo looms in the area patrolled - 4 in Mapaio and 1 in Evara. The celo is purchased by the Administration at Baimuru for \$1 per 8' by 4' sheet for use on low cost housing both in Kerema and Port Moresby. The present demand for this material is far greater than the supply but as other building materials can be used just as cheaply and are more readily available in the towns the demand for this celo must soon decrease and possibly cease.

10. A mechanic, who until recently, worked for the United Church at Kapuna designed a new type of celo loom. This loom is similar to the P.W.D. Research Station one but the celo is produced in a continuous roll instead of only a sheet 8' by 4'. Rolls of over 80' by 4' have been made but the average length is about 70'. This celo, other than for local use, would be much more ~~convenient~~ convenient and cheaper to freight as a 70' roll takes up less space than five 8' by 4' sheets. The celo in the roll is far cheaper to produce - would sell at about 60¢ for 8' by 4' - and therefore would be able to compete with other building materials such as plywood.

11. The same mechanic, as mentioned above, prior to his departure from the Territory, was also experimenting with a hammer mill for breaking down sago fibre prior to washing. His experiments, as far as they went, showed that the traditional method only extracted 50% of the sago from the fibre or rather he was able to get as much sago again out of the fibre already processed by the village women as they themselves had extracted. The hammer mill was only on a small scale and run by the motor off a Victor motor mower. The mechanic, whilst in Australia, is going to purchase a proper hammer mill and send it to Kapuna so the experiments can continue.

12. Two coffee plots were inspected by the patrol but as these are in the Koriki Census Division and their extension to the area patrolled is not recommended, due to low prices, they will be mentioned and commented on by the next patrol to the Koriki area.

13. Every village has its compliment of small trade stores. None of these could be classed as economic or profitable. The owners usually work for one or two months making copra to get money to buy a small stock for the store. They then sit back and sell and eat the stock. The money received from this is spent. Then the owner has to start all over again to make copra. The majority of these stores did not have licences when the patrol visited the villages but then again the majority of them did not have any stocks. The owners have been warned and told they require licences to trade and it will be necessary to get licences when they receive their next shipment of goods.

14. Due to the swampy condition of Ravikivau No.2 village site the patrol decided to try to talk the people into moving the village further up the Purarua River to dryer land. This will not only give them a much healthier village site but also land for growing coconuts for copra production. Prior to the patrol's departure the people agreed that it was to their advantage to move the village but were undecided where to move to, i.e. Ivira (Crown Land), about one mile up the Purarua River or up near the Ivo River and the old site of Evara village. (At least they are now thinking about it!)

15. Old Iari village is on a far worse site which is covered with water at an average high tide. They have no better land to move the village to or grow coconuts on. Their only hope for a healthier existence, both physically and economically, is to resettle them. This matter will be investigated at a later date after discussions with the District Agricultural Officer and some suitable land has been found.

16. The United Church has a copra plantation at Urika managed by a Samoan Pastor. It has approximately 2000 coconut palms but the majority of these are very old and are in the process of being replaced. Production would not be at the maximum due to economising with labour (only ten), lack of supervision and all the undergrowth not cleared around the palms. The mission plans to extend the plantation so that the mission can become more independent financially internally.

Social:

17. The Administration has a boarding school at Baimuru catering for students up to and including standard six. The United Church has schools at Korovaki, Mapaio, Kapai, Maipenairu and Urika. The school at Urika is a boarding and day school and goes to standard four with about 80 pupils. The school at Mapaio goes to standard two. The other schools mentioned are only very small ones and only cater for prep.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... 4-1968/69 BAIMURU  
 Subdistrict..... KIKORI  
 District..... GULF  
 Type of Patrol..... ANNUAL CENSUS & AREA STUDY  
 Patrol Conducted by..... N. C. McQUILTY, A.D.O.  
 Area Patrolled } UPPER PURART & PEPIKE  
 (Council and/or } CENSUS DIVISIONS.  
 Census Division/s.) }  
 Personnel Accompanying Patrol .....  
 K. R. SMITH, CPO ..... 1 O/BOARD OPERATOR  
 2 INTERPRETERS .....  
 4 POLICEMEN .....  
 Duration of Patrol—from 13/2/69 To 19/3/69  
 No. of Days..... 35 DAYS  
 Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area : JULY/AUG/SEPT. 1967.  
 Date..... — Duration..... —  
 Objects of Patrol (Briefly) i) REVISE CENSUS & COMPILE NEW REGISTERS,  
 ii) CONSOLIDATE ADMIN. INFLUENCE, & iii) ROUTINE  
 ADMINISTRATION.  
 Total Population of Area Patrolled..... 1367

Director of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

01/6/1969

*H. Bell*  
District Commissioner.

*Area Studies Files*

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27th August, 1969.

The District Commissioner,  
Gulf District,  
KEREMA.

PATROL NO. BAIMURU 4/68-69

Your reference 67-6-28/1053 of 5th August, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Census and Area Study by Mr. N. C. McQuilty, A.D.O., to UPPER PURARI and NORTHERN PEPIKE Census Divisions.

There is little that we can do for these remote areas until additional staff becomes available for increased patrolling. At present the general situation does seem to be surprisingly good.

Mr. McQuilty's area studies of these two Census Divisions are quite good. Documentation and presentation are of a high standard. These studies provide a sound platform upon which plans for these areas may be based.

Unfortunately, Mr. McQuilty's situation report is far too brief, and it lacks essential information. Mr. McQuilty would do well to read my circular 67-1-0 of 21st June, 1968, as it applies to situation reports.

*T. W. Ellis*  
(T. W. ELLIS)  
Secretary

Department of the Administrator.

C.C.  
Mr. N. C. McQuilty,  
Patrol Post,  
BAIMURU.  
Gulf District.

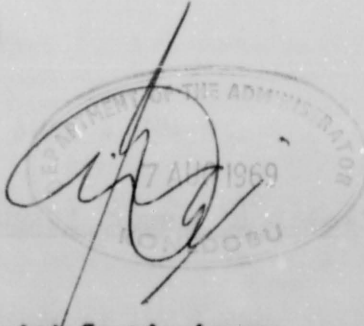
Please note that political education must be a continuing process in all situations with the emphasis on the advantages of national unity.



67-6-28/1053

67.2.39  
KEREEMA, GULF DISTRICT. (iv)

5th August, 1969.

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

BAIMURU PATROL REPORT No. 4-68/69.

Thank you for the abovementioned report which was received on the 22nd July, 1969 - four months over-due. Your attention is drawn to District Standing Instructions which state that all patrol reports will be forwarded to District Headquarters within fourteen days of the patrol standing down.

Undue delay detracts from the value of reports. Further breaches of District Instructions will be viewed very seriously.

The Pawaian people should be encouraged to engage in copra production. As more staff become available, patrolling to the area must be increased.

I will discuss coffee production at Wema with the District Rural Development Officer

These are informative studies of two remote areas, but little can be done until more staff are available.


Camping claim herewith.

(R.S. BELL),  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

Encl.

Minute to:

Secretary, Dept. of the Administrator, Division of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

  
For your information and comment, please.  
(R.S. BELL), DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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C. Social Groupings:

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

(21)

Introduction:

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AREA STUDY of

UPPER PURARI Census Division.

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(c) Patrolling of this area began with ANGAU officers just after the war. Concentrated and then regular patrolling followed. These people are hunters and gatherers and although the Administration has forced the people to build villages they still spend about 90% of their time absent in their bush houses (kombatis). Virtually the only time these people live in the village is when a patrol is in the area. This makes contact difficult and therefore the Administration's influence not very great.

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(b) There are no vehicular roads within the census division. All but two villages can be reached by water transport on the Purari River. The other two villages have to be reached by walking patrols.

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#### D. Leadership:

(a) With the large number of men being absent from the village, the people tending to live more and more in kombatis and the break down of customary gatherings, ie wedding feasts, pre-fight sing sings, etc., these people seem to be breaking up into smaller and smaller groups and the old traditional leaders seem to have less influence. The young men who have been out working in the big wide wonderful world seem to have more influence especially concerning untraditional things like Administration policy, workers leaving village, cash crops, etc., but the old traditional decisions are still made by the older leaders.

(b) There are no outstanding traditional leaders worth mentioning. Tomi Kabu still has some influence in this area but the village people get little material benefit from this.

#### E. Land Tenure and Use:

(a) Land inheritance is by patrilineal descent. Land can also belong to women but only if they are looking after it until such time as their sons come of age. Land is worked on the extended family basis.

(b) There is no alienated land in this census division. These people do not know about land tenure and at this stage no advantages could be gained by introducing it.

(c) There is no cash cropping at present although Tomi Kabu has a trial plot of rubber on the bank of the Purari River below Pawaia No. 1 village. The people at Pawaia No. 1 village are being encouraged to plant coconuts for copra production. The coconuts grown at the moment are used for domestic consumption.

#### F. Literacy:

(a) The only school in the area is a small one run by the United Church at Uraru. This is an unofficial one and run by an untrained pastor. The pupils attend the school very irregularly as they spend most of their time in the bush with their parents. None are absent from the area at school.

(b) At the most only two or three of the adults in the villages would be literate in Police Motu or vernacular. None have completed Primary or High school.

(c) Every village has at least one radio and Pawaia No. 1 has five. The people who own the radios claim it is almost impossible to tune into Radio Kerema but tune to Radios Daru and Wewak. Due to the low literacy rate newspapers are of little use apart from smoking.

#### G. Standard of Living:

(a) Standard of housing and sanitation is good in the villages (it should be it was set by field officers) but live in the old insanitary and unhygienic way in their bush houses. The houses are built on a westernised plan and method. All of the village people use European clothing and utensils in the house. 44 gallon drums with corrugated iron catchment areas are used for drinking water.

(b) The staple diet of this area is sago supplemented from gardens with sweet potatoes, corn, bananas, manioc, wild cabbage, wild asparagus, etc. and pigs, birds, animals and cassowaries.

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Religions:

(1) The Indian Church station at ... ..

The only other religious group in this area is the ... ..

(2) ... ..

Non-Indigenous:

There are no non-indigenous ... ..

Means of Transport:

(a) ... ..

(b) ... ..

(c) ... ..

Technical and Clerical Skills:

A few well skilled bush carpenters and tradesmen can be found especially in the lower part of the census division. Due to the lack of schools and the low rate of literacy no skilled craftsmen are available.

Stage of Political Development:

There are no members of the House of Assembly from this area and none have nominated. No visits have been made by members either since the elections or in the pre-election campaign.

This census division is not covered by local government.

The strongest influencing factor in the lives of these people is sorcery. This is far stronger than any Administration, mission or common sense influence. Village sites, gardening, marriage and even life and death of a person is ruled by sorcery. It is my opinion that the old tradition of making sorcery has died out but people are threatened with sorcery if they disagree with ...

.....what a person wants. This is almost impossible to police due to restrictions on supply of petrol to a patrol in this area and therefore very few apprehensions can be made. Discussing this with the people is also virtually hopeless and profitless due to the interpreter also being a strong believer ( he cannot be replaced due to no one else being available with better qualifications).

Although sorcery is stronger than mission or Administration influences relations with the missions and the Administration is good. Relations between villages is also good but become strained at times due to sorcery.

#### M. Economy of the Area:

(a) There is no cash cropping in this area. Some coconuts are being grown at Pawaia No.1 village for domestic consumption but the people are being encouraged to plant more for copra production. Approximately half the population from Weme village have migrated to a site, Tuito, near or over the New Guinea border. These people have planted coffee with the help of the New Guinea people. The extent of plantings are not known.

(b) The Pawaia No.1 people have a celo loom on the Purari River below the village for the production of celo matting. 630 sheets were recently purchased by the Department of Public Works for use in the Gulf District.

(c) Income from crocodile skins was the second largest income earner until the new protection ordinance was introduced. Misunderstanding and lack of licences has decreased this income. This patrol explained the ordinance and with the issue of licences this income should increase.

(d) The major income earner for this area is absent labour. A small percentage of the labour would be working for the minimum wage, mostly over the New Guinea border. The remainder work for the United Geophysical Corporation oil camp at Beara. These labourers would average, with bonuses, allowances, etc., about \$5 per week.

#### N. Possibilities of Expanding Economy;

(a) These people have sufficient land for any use they may wish to put it to in the foreseeable future.

(b) If coconuts for copra production are grown at Pawaia No.1 village and the coffee north of Weme successfully grown these two areas should have a stable income. The areas further up the Purari River would require a cash crop with a high production, low weight and bulk and high returns due to transport difficulties and costs.

(c) More labour could not be recruited from this census division without grave consequences to village life. Effects can already be seen with low birth rates and the absence of the young men causing the break down of traditional customs, eg. wedding feasts.

(d) As these people have been encouraged to plant larger gardens over the years they have become more settled but they would become much more settled if they had a cash crop. As they are semi-agriculturalists they would have no problems planting cash crops.

#### O. Central Government:

(As these people only have about one D.D.A. patrol a year, no Administration medical services, no Administration schools, and no other Administration services, and no member of the House of Assembly has visited them either on pre-election campaign or

.....after elections, these people have little idea what central government is and as this does not affect them directly they have no desire to know.

P. Facilities:

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There are none. A small trade store is under construction at Pawaia No.1 village but like all other stores in the Baimuru area it will probably prove uneconomical.

Q. Attitude Towards Local Government:

The people in Pawaia No.1 village approached the patrol requesting a Local Government Council. I think this is not so much a desire for local government but they consider it a status symbol. In other words, if they had a local government council they would not be bushies but more advanced like the coastal people.

The people were told that a council could not be set up for the Purari area as it would be very low level and impossible with the present staff and funds. Communications in the area would also be very difficult. If the people from Pawaia No.1 village planted coconuts and received a constant income we could think about including their village in the Baimuru Local Government Council.

*N.C. McQuilty*  
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Please refer to Pages 1 to 13 of Field Officers Journal.

Tuesday 11.2.69:

Two canoes loaded with patrol gear, rations and personal. 67-2-2 Baimuru 09:5 - canoe departed Patrol Post, No.1 Village - self in dinghy departed at Baimuru. for Beera - issued rations - thence to U.C.M. Kapiua - thence to Pawaia No.1 village arriving just prior 8th July, 1969 at 1920 hrs.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office, KIKORI.

Friday 15.2.69:

**Baimuru Patrol Report No. 4-1968/69  
Upper Purari & Northern Pepike  
Census Divisions.**

- Report No. : Baimuru No. 4-1968/69
- Sub-District : Kikori
- District : Gulf
- Council Area : Nil
- Patrol conducted by : N.C. McQuilty
- Designation : Assistant District Officer
- Area patrolled : Upper Purari and Northern Pepike
- Patrol accompanied by : K.R. Smith, C.P.O.,  
2 Interpreters,  
1 O/Board operator,  
4 Police men.
- Duration of patrol : 13.2.69 to 19.3.69
- No. patrol days : 35 days
- Last patrol to area : July/Aug./Sept. 1967
- Objects of patrol : i. Revise census & and compile new Registers,  
ii. Consolidate Admin. influence, and  
iii. General Administration.
- Total population : 1367
- Map reference : Fourmil Kikori and map attached
- Village population registers : Attached.

Patrol remained camp waiting for interpreters to arrive. Interpreter Epos with Villagers to arrive. 1910 hrs. Patrol slept Camp No.1.

*N.C. McQuilty*  
(N.C. McQuilty)  
**Assistant District Officer.**

Wednesday 19.2.69:

Broke camp and loaded canoes and dinghy. 0900 - 1240: Departed Camp No.1 and proceeded up Purari River. Self talked with people at new Uri village under construction, concerning gardens, sorcery, housing, etc. - thence onto Koni village. Camp set up and village inspected. Spent afternoon waiting for people to return from gardens. Patrol slept Koni village.



Patrol Diary:

Please refer to Folios 1 to 13 of Field Officers Journal.

Thursday 13.2.69:

Two canoes loaded with patrol gear, rations and personnel. Departed Baimuru 0915 - canoes departed for Pawaia No.1 village - self in dinghy departed at 1000 hrs. for Bearn - issued summons - thence to U.C.M. Kapuna - thence to Pawaia No.1 village arriving just prior to the canoes at 1520 hrs. Camp set up in rest house. Village inspected and informed people of the patrol's programme. Patrol slept Pawaia No.1 village.

Friday 14.2.69:

Census revised for Pawaia No.1 and No.2 villages. Also for half of Uri village now residing at this village. New Census/Tax/Electoral Roll compiled. Talks with people gleaning information for Area Study. Also talks about economic development and possible Development Bank loan to assist. One complaint settled. Talks with European crocodile shooters. Patrol slept Pawaia No.1.

Saturday 15.2.69:

Canoes and dinghy loaded. Departed 0910 and proceeded up Purari River to Tsubu River arriving 1310. Camp set up on bank just inside mouth of Tsubu River. Interpreter Epos departed for Weme village to bring people down to river for census - also to recruit carriers for the Pepike area. Patrol slept Camp No.1.

Sunday 16.2.69:

Patrol remained Camp No.1 awaiting Weme villagers. Patrol slept Camp No.1.

Monday 17.2.69:

Patrol remained camp waiting for Weme villagers to arrive. Interpreter Epos with Village Councillor return to camp 1910 hrs. Patrol slept camp No.1.

Tuesday 18.2.69:

1115 - 1530: In dinghy up Tsubu River to CDW Stream Gauging station. Waited 35 minutes for villagers to arrive. Census revised for the group. Talks about moving the village closer to the Purari River. The people decided on a spot about 4 hours walk from the Stream Gauging Station. Also talks about rubber and coffee plots, migrations to Tutu near New Guinea border. Returned to camp after recruiting 3 carriers. Patrol slept camp No.1.

Wednesday 19.2.69:

Broke camp and loaded canoes and dinghy. 0900 - 1240: Departed Camp No.1 and proceeded up Purari River. Self talked with people at new Uri village under construction, concerning gardens, sorcery, housing, etc. - thence onto Koni village. Camp set up and village inspected. Spent afternoon waiting for people to return from gardens. Patrol slept Koni village.

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Thursday 20.2.69:

No work carried out until 1100 hrs. due to heavy rain. Census revised for Koni group.  
 Carriers recruited. Discussion concerning possible murder/sorcery. As evidence stands does not warrant further investigation. Visit by Bob Hook crocodile shooter.  
 Afternoon spent bringing new census registers up to date.  
 Patrol slept Koni village.

Friday 21.2.69:

0830: After camp broken and canoes loaded departed Koni and proceeded up Purari River to Uraru village. Attempted to fix outboard motor half way but unsuccessful and limped into Uraru on one cylinder at 1310.  
 Talks with Village Constables concerning carriers for the Pepike area, census revision, and inspected village. Talks with mission pastor and medical orderly.  
 Patrol slept Uraru village.

Saturday 22.2.69:

Census revised for Kairuku, Tatu and Uraru. Talk given concerning migrations and absenteeism.  
 Carrier line recruited. All patrol gear and rations repacked for morrow.  
 Patrol slept Uraru village.

Sunday 23.2.69:

Carriers and patrol gear lined 0730. All ferried in canoe and dinghy to mouth of Mu'a Creek. Patrol started walking 0905 up Mu'a Creek. Thence gradual climb to top of range - thence steep descent to Wenu Creek. Followed Wenu Creek to old site of Kairuku village arriving 1610 hrs..  
 Camp set up on old village site.  
 Patrol slept Camp No. II.

Monday 24.2.69:

Broke camp and packed up. 0805 hrs. patrol departed Camp No. II and followed For Creek down to junction with Purari River arriving 1315.  
 Camp set up at kombati near site of old Tatu village.  
 Patrol slept Camp III.

Tuesday 25.2.69:

Packed up after braking camp. 0805 - 1025: Attempted to cross Purari River in rapids. Not successful as very rough and dangerous. 1025 departed and walked up eastern bank of Purari River - one steep range, remainder only medium height, plenty of water - arrived canoe pick up point 1625. Thence in canoes to Gurimatu village - last canoe arriving 1810.  
 Patrol slept Gurimatu village.

Wednesday 26.2.69:

Census revised for Gurimatu group. More carriers recruited. One complaint settled. Village housing inspected. Arranged for messenger to go to Lake Tabora to arrange for canoes to pick up patrol on the following day. Fresh foods purchased for carriers.  
 Patrol personal rested, washed, etc.  
 New type Tax/Censu/Electoral Roll compiled.  
 Patrol slept Gurimatu village.

Thursday 27.2.69:

Broke camp and packed up. 0810 departed Gurimatu village and

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Thursday 27.2.69: (Continued) (7)

...walked up steep ridge - thence followed along side of ridge - plenty of water - until sick patrol member forced camp 1300. Camp set up at an old Jefferies camp site (1950?). Carriers treated for blisters, sores, etc. Patrol slept Camp IV.

Friday 28.2.69:

Broke camp and packed up. 0810 departed camp site and walked to canoe landing - good walking country, mostly following stream - arriving 1010. Departed in canoes 1040 and paddled to Haiduru village on island in Lake Tebora. Camp set up in rest house and barracks. Village inspected and patrol programme told to V.C. and Cr. Carriers rationed. Patrol slept Haiduru village Lake Tebora.

Saturday 1.3.69:

Census revised for Haiduru village. Talks with people concerning Administration in general, health of people, old Saki murder, food supply and introduction of European vegetables, absentee labour, etc. Village Constable paid. New Census/Tax/Electoral Roll compiled. Medical treatment given to those that required it - people came forward readily. Fresh foods purchased and given to carriers. Talk with V.C. and Cr. concerning 1964 murder. Patrol slept Haiduru village Lake Tebora.

Sunday 2.3.69:

0730 Broke camp and packed up. Carriers and patrol gear lined. Some carriers paid off. 0820 canoes began ferrying patrol personnel and gear to shore of lake - 2 trips required - completed 1110 hrs. 1120 patrol departed shore line and walked over limestone ridge - 2 false crests - no water - to an old Mundell camp site. Camp set up 1340 due impending rain. Patrol slept Camp No.V.

Monday 3.3.69:

Broke camp and packed up in rain. 0835 patrol departed camp and walked towards Negetau village over rough limestone ranges and then through foothills to Negetau village - self arriving 1420 remainder of carriers arrived 1630. Village inspected and found to be in good condition. Camp set up in rest house and barracks. Fresh foods purchased for carriers. Informed V.V. and Cr. of patrol's programme. Patrol slept Negetau village.

Tuesday 4.3.69:

Census revised for Negetau village. Talks with people concerning Administration, census, carriers, etc. Fresh foods purchased. Talks with V.C. Patrol rested, washed etc. Patrol slept Negetau village.

Wednesday 5.3.69:

Broke camp and packed up. 0730 ~~was~~ patrol departed and walked towards Tobare village crossing three ranges and many small limestone spurrs - no water - self arriving 1345 and last carriers 1515. Talks with V.V. Unable to revise census as most people absent sago camp. Camp set up in rest house and barracks. Carriers rationed.

Patrol slept Tobare village.

Thursday 6.3.69:

Waited camp until weather cleared. Some patrol rations, 1 Constable and some injured carriers remained camp. Self with remainder of patrol departed for Haubrere village 0945 - walked along wet and muddy but level track and thence along small creek to village - self arriving 1130 and last carriers arriving 1200. Camp set up in rest house and barracks. Census revised for Haubrere group. Talks with people concerning walking tracks, Administration, etc. Fresh foods purchased. Patrol slept Haubrere village.

Friday 7.3.69:

Broke camp and packed up. 0725 patrol departed Haubrere and walked up valley towards Urupio village - over muddy and uncut track - self arriving deserted village 1540 - remainder of carriers arriving 1610. Village Constable and some village people arrived late afternoon. Camp set up and carriers rationed. Patrol slept Urupio rest house.

Saturday 8.3.69:

Waited till all the people arrived from kombatis then census revised for Urupio group. Also talks with people about walking tracks, neighbours, Administration, etc. Fresh foods purchased. Tikarapou people arrived late afternoon. Patrol slept Urupio village.

Sunday 9.3.69:

Census revised for Tikarapou group at Urupio village - also talks with this group about walking tracks, V.C., village, Administration, etc. Then self and CPO departed and walked to Negebare village - 70 minutes walking along reasonable track - millions of leeches. Waited until people returned from gardens. Then census revised for this group. Talks concerning Administration, communications, economic development, etc. Returned to Urupio 1510. Rationed carriers. Patrol slept Urupio village.

Monday 10.3.69:

Broke camp and packed up. 0715 patrol departed Urupio and returned along track to Haubrere - all carrier having arrive by 5 1/2 hrs. walking. Thence along track to Tobare village - self arriving 1520 and remainder of carriers arriving 1550. Earth tremour felt 1655 - last for approx. 1 1/2 mins. - native materials rest house moved in a rocking motion backwards and forwards. Patrol slept Tobare village.

Tuesday 11.3.69:

Patrol remained Tobare - rested and washed. Census revised for Tobare group. Talks with people concerning Administration, future patrols, walking tracks, possible new site for village, etc. Several complaints also dealt with. Carriers spent afternoon making sago for the homeward journey. Patrol slept Tobare village.

Wednesday 12.3.69:

Broke camp and packed up. 0715 departed Tobare and walked along cleared track crossing 3 small streams - after 45 mins. arrived  
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Wednesday 12.3.69: (Continued..) (5)

.....at Tobare sago camp (Welu). Another 15 minutes further on arrived at Semia Creek. Followed this creek - easy walking - till 1435. Then camp set up just past Mr. Grigg's 2nd camp. Carriers rationed. Patrol slept Camp No. vi.

Thursday 13.3.69:

0730 departed camp after packing up and followed general direction of Semia Creek to Irou River after 2 1/2 hrs. walking. Then followed down Irou River - then across and up several small streams to Trubedesare village 1300. Village found deserted. Walked on until 1330 then made camp. Patrol slept Camp No. VII.

Friday 14.3.69:

Broke camp and packed up. 0725 Followed various small creeks up onto range then crossed over range and down to Pau Creek arriving 0940. Thence followed creek downstream to join with Wai Creek. Thence followed Wai Creek to its junction with the Purari River arriving 1405. Met by dinghy and departed for Ururu village 1415 arriving 1444. Then canoe and dinghy shuttled patrol personnel and cargo to Ururu - completed 1850. Camp set up in rest house. Carriers rationed. Talks with Village Cr. from Weijana. Patrol slept Ururu village.

Saturday 15.3.69:

Census revised for Weijana group at Ururu (it was done at this locality as most of the people were absent from the village ~~xxxx~~ when the patrol was outward bound). Talks concerning future census, dismissal of V.C., building, maintaining and cleaning village, complaints, etc. Some patrol carriers paid - names checked for others. Patrol gear and outboard motors readied for morrow. One Local Court case heard - one complaint settled. Remainder of day spent resting. Patrol slept Ururu village.

Sunday 16.3.69:

Self and half patrol personnel, excluding C.P.O. Smith, packed up and departed for Baimuru - canoe departing 0700 and self in dinghy 0730. Visited CDW Stream Gauging Station for a cuppa and then down Purari River to Mapaio village - thence through passage to Kapuna Hospital and Port Rowilly to Baimuru arriving 1635. Canoe arriving 1930. Patrol slept Baimuru.

Canoe returned to Ururu 17th and returned to Baimuru on the 19th with the remainder of the patrol.

Patrol stood down.

SITUATION REPORT.

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(a) Introduction:

This report covers both the Upper Purari and Northern Pepike Census Divisions. It only covers points not already dealt with by the two separate Area Studies.

(b) Political:

This heading is adequately covered by the relevant paragraphs in the two separate Area Studies.

(c) ECONOMICS:

Also adequately covered by the two separate Area Studies.

(d) Social:

These areas have not been covered by an anti-Yaws campaign or any other medical patrol. Several cases of Yaws and many old scars were seen by the patrol. I suggest the Departments of District Administration and Public Health liaise and have a Medical Assistant accompany the next District Administration patrol to the area. The next patrol will be mounted in February or March 1970.

All other points in this section have been adequately covered by the separate Area Studies.

(e) Miscellaneous:

The Village Constable from Weijana is to be dismissed, as at the time of the census he hadn't been in the village for some three months and did not appear before the patrol even when word was sent for him.

The next patrol to the area must also appoint a Village Constable for Tikarapou. The present Village Councillor is under trial and may prove to be the man for the job.

A list of all the appointed Village Constables cannot be attached as the Record of Services for the Pepike Village Constables are still at Kikori.

The new type 6' bed sleeves would prove very suitable for dwarfs, midgets and everyone else under 5'6". Everyone above this height has the constant wakeful sensation of having no support under the head or feet. I beseech you, Sir, to consider the tall ones of us, and our slumbers, and have the old type bed sleeve reissued (at least 6'6" long).

Attached in Appendix I for the convenience of future patrolling officers is a list of walking times, condition of tracks, watering places, etc.

Ururua/Ne...	35mins.	Two rapids - the 2nd can be very rough if low water.
Uraru		
Ururu/Wairua	4hrs. 45mins.	40h.p. powered canoe with medium load and medium flow in river.

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All times are carrier times and include rest periods. Some patrols, depending on carriers, will be able to cover the country much quicker.

Appendix 'A':

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The following is a list of walking times between villages, condition of tracks, watering places, etc.

From/To	Trav/Walk. Time.	Comments, condition, etc.
Baiauru/Pawaia No.1	& 6hrs.5mins.	Heavily laden canoe with 40h.p. motor.
Pawaia No.1/ Tsubu R.	& 4hrs.	As above.
Tsubu R./Koni	& 3hrs.20mins.	As above.
Koni/Uraru	& 2hrs.45mins.	As above. Several rocky rapids to be taken with caution otherwise damage to motors.
All the above trips done when water in river about normal height.		
Uraru/Old Kairuku	7hrs.5mins.	First days walk. Plus extra hr. for ferrying from village to Mu'a Cr. Good walking following cr.
Old Kairuku/Old Tatu	5hrs.10mins.	Good walking thru' limestone boulder strewn stream bed. No water.
Old Tatu/ Gurimatu	6hrs.walk. 20mins.water.	DO NOT CROSS PURARI R. AT TATU - too dangerous. Walk up east bank. First range steep but remainder medium. Plenty of water. Camp site 1hr. from Tatu.
Gurimatu/Lake Tebora	5hrs.50mins. walking. 2hrs.30mins. on lake	Climb steep ridge then follow along side and descend to cr. flats. Thence down small stream and across lake to island in canoes.
Lake Tebora/ Camp	1 hr. water, 2hrs.20mins. walking.	1hr. oneway ferrying trip from island to shore. Thence up over steep rough limestone range to camp site - only water camp site. Another camp site with water 45 mins further walk.
Camp/Negetau	6hrs.	Rough walking over 1/stone ranges and foothills. Hard on carriers. Only water at 2nd camp site and over range.
Negetau/Tobare	7hrs.45mins.	Rough walking over 3 1/stone ridges. No water.
Tobare/Haubrere	2hrs.15mins.	Good walking along valley and small stream.
Haubrere/Urupio	8hrs.50mins (uncut track) 5hrs.30mins. (cut track)	Good walking thou' bit wet - along valley and low ridges.
Urupio/Negebare Tobare/Purari R.	70 mins. 19hrs.50mins	Good walking along ridge tops. Easy walking along Irou valley (Semia Cr., Pau and Wai Crs.)
Wai Cr.-Purari R./ Uraru	35mins.	Two rapids - the 2nd can be very rough if low water.
Uraru/Baimuru	8hrs.45mins.	40h.p. powered canoe with medium load and medium flow in river.

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All times are carrier times and include rest periods. Some patrols, depending on carriers, will be able to cover the country much quicker.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... BAIMURU PATROL No. 5 of 1968/69

Subdistrict..... KIKORI

District..... GULU

Type of Patrol..... SPECIAL

Patrol Conducted by..... H.C. McQUILTY A.D.O.

Area Patrolled  
(Council and/or  
Census Division/s.) } BAIMURU Local Government Council  
Area

Personnel Accompanying Patrol  
..... W.L. WHITE C.P.O.  
..... Interpreter - Kaimu  
..... Const 1/c Poru  
..... Outboard Operator

Duration of Patrol—from 28/11/69 To 12/5/69

No. of Days..... 14 Broken Period

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area : October November December 1968

Date..... Duration.....

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)..... To conduct the first taxpayer's meetings of the  
Baimuru Local Government Council

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... 5256

Director of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner.



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KORORUA, GULF DISTRICT.

20th October, 1969.

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

PATROL REPORT BAIMURU No. 5-1968/69.

The Secretary, Department of the Administrator's  
memorandum 67-2-42 of the 10th October, 1969, herewith.

Please ensure there is a greater emphasis on political  
and Local Government education in this area.

(R.S. BELL),  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

Att.

Minute to:  
The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

A.D.C's. comments herewith.

*Not rec'd*

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

67-2-42

10th October, 1969.

The District Commissioner,  
Gulf District,  
KEREMA.

PATROL NO. BAIMURU 5/68-69.

Your reference 67-6-29/1349 of 19th September,  
1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. W.L. White, Asst Patrol Officer to part BAIMURU Local Government Council area.

The report reveals a definite need for greater emphasis on political and Local Government education.

The delay in submission is excessive, and at this late stage further comment is unnecessary.

Covering comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Kikori were not received with the report. Please forward a copy.

(T.W. ELLIS)

Secretary

cc: Mr. W.L. White, Department of the Administrator.  
Assistant Patrol Officer,  
Patrol Post,  
BAIMURU. Gulf District.

Please note that political education must be a continuing process in all situations with the emphasis on the advantages of national unity.

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67-6-29/1349



KEREMA, GULF DISTRICT.

19th September, 1969.

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

BAIMURU PATROL REPORT No. 5-1968/69.

Thank you for the abovementioned report which was received on the 16th September, 1969, four months overdue.

The fact that the report was found "amongst blank Land Applications" indicates an untidy office system. Please ensure that this does not occur again.

Mr. White's observations are harsh, but they also indicate the people's lack of understanding of the Local Government system. This in turn reflects on the quality of previous educational programmes conducted by field officers.

I realize the experienced staff situation at Baimuru has not been good, but I suggest you take a more personal interest in the area, and also arrange for your more experienced Patrol Officers to patrol the area.

Patrolling is to be more frequent and is to follow a set plan of political and Local Government education.

Camping claim returned herewith.

(R.S. BELL),  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

cc: Officer-in-Charge, BAIMURU.

Minute to:

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU.

For your information and comment, please.

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

Encl.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Tel.  
Telegrams.....  
Our Reference..... **67-2-1**  
If calling ask for  
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,  
**Patrol Post,  
Bainuru.  
23rd May, 1969.**

**Assistant District Officer,  
Patrol Post,  
BAINURU.**

**Bainuru Patrol Report No.5 - 1968/69  
Bainuru Council Area**

<b>Report Number</b>	: Bainuru No.5 - 1968/69
<b>Sub - District</b>	: Kikeri
<b>District</b>	: Gulf
<b>Council Area</b>	: Bainuru Local Government Council
<b>Patrol Conducted by</b>	: N.C. McQUILTY.
<b>Designation</b>	: Assistant District Officer
<b>Area Patroled</b>	: Bainuru Local Government Council Area
<b>Patrol Accompanied by</b>	: W.L. WHITE.
<b>Designation</b>	: Cadet Patrol Officer
<b>Local Officers Accompanied:</b>	1 Interpreter 1 Member R.P.N.G.C. 4 Outboard Operator
<b>Duration of Patrol</b>	: 28/4/69 to 12/5/69
<b>Number of Days</b>	: 14 (Broken Period)
<b>Last Patrol to Area</b>	: October, November, December 1968
<b>Object of Patrol</b>	: To conduct the first Taxpayer's meetings of the Bainuru Local Government Council.
<b>Total Population</b>	: 5256
<b>Map Reference</b>	: Founmil Kikeri and map attached
<b>Village Population Register:</b>	Not enclosed.

*White*  
**(W.L. WHITE.)  
Cadet Patrol Officer.**

Patrol Diary;

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Please refer to Folios 22 to 27 Mr. N.C. McQuilty, ADO's, Field Officers Journal.

Monday 28.4.69: Last minute preparation. Patrol departed Baimuru 1140 in dinghy and canoe and arrived Koravaki village 1230 - after having trouble with outboard motor. Camp set up in Rest House and Barracks. Village inspected including council well and society store. Tax Payers' Meeting held from 1515 to 1800. Social visit made to U.G.C. Beara. Patrol slept Koravaki village.

Tuesday 29.4.69: One complaint settled. Departed Koravaki 0915 - patrol gear in canoe to Ara'ava village and self in dinghy to Baimuru. Outboard motor broke down half way up Komilly Sound - towed to Baimuru by canoe arriving 1100. Office work. Spent remainder of the day trying to fix 1, or any of the 2 Admin. outboard motors without success. Remained Baimuru.

Wednesday 30.4.69: Departed Baimuru in hire dinghy 0810 and proceeded to Ara'ava village arriving 0915. Held Tax Payers' Meeting from 1045 to 1245. Patrol packed up and departed Ara'ava 1355 in canoe for Mapaio arriving 1515. Village inspected and informed people of the Tax Payer' Meeting the following morning. Patrol slept Mapaio village.

Thursday 1.5.69: Tax Payers' Meeting held from 0945 to 1105. After lunch patrol departed in canoe 1150 for Old Iari village arriving 1240. Camp set up. Tax Payers' Meeting held for Old Iari and Ravikivau No.2 from 1440 to 1550. Then commenced typing out minutes of meetings. Patrol slept Old Iari.

Friday 2.5.69: Patrol packed up and departed Old Iari in canoe 0840 for Apiope arriving 1010 after taking small channel thru island due swell in opening. Camp set up and village inspected. Tax Payer' Meeting held from 1415 to 1555. Also talk with Lakea, ex VC, about moving Ravikivau No.2 village to join Apiope - discouraged due to do not own land, sago up river, land available for coconuts, etc. Patrol slept Apiope.

Saturday 3.5.69: Packed up and departed in canoe 0905 Apiope for Maipenairu arriving 1007. Village inspected and camp set up. Tax Payers' Meeting held from 1455 to 1600. Also talks concerning forthcoming census patrol and general elections of Councillors. Patrol slept Maipenairu.

Sunday 4.5.69: Patrol remained Maipenairu and rested. Patrol slept Maipenairu.

Monday 5.5.69: Patrol packed up and departed Maipenairu in canoe 0845 for Akoma arriving 0925. Minutes of meetings typed out. Tax Payers' Meeting held from 1440 to 1620. Also talks given concerning census patrol and general elections. Village inspected. Patrol slept Akoma.

## PATROL DIARY

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Tuesday 6.5.69: Patrol packed up and departed Akoma in canoe 0855 and arrived Kinipo 1005.

Camp set up and village inspected.

Also typed out minutes of meetings.

Tax Payers' Meeting held from 1445 to 1620. Also talks concerning cleaning village, forthcoming census patrol and general elections.

More typing of minutes. Meeting closed 1800.

Patrol slept Kinipo village.

Wednesday 7.5.69: Two complaints settled.

Patrol packed up and departed Kinipo 0835 in canoe for Mariki arriving 0930.

Camp set up and village inspected including new council Aid Post and society store.

Minutes of meetings bought up to date.

Unable to hold Tax Payers' Meeting due to shareholders meeting of Kaimare N/s being held until 1630

Patrol slept Mariki.

Thursday 8.5.69: Tax Payers' Meeting held from 0920 to 1045.

Patrol remained Mariki due to high swells (S.E.)

Patrol slept Mariki.

Friday 9.5.69: Patrol packed up and departed Mariki in canoe

0845 and proceeded up Romilly Sound - thence to Kararua Village

but people not ready for meeting so proceeded onto Baimuru

arriving 1050. Canoe unloaded. Departed Baimuru 1350 and returned

to Baimuru 1720 after holding Tax Payers' Meeting from 1500

to 1630.

Patrol slept Baimuru.

Saturday 10.5.69: Tax Payers' Meeting for Baimuru ward cancelled

due to no one arriving.

Sunday 11.5.69: Observed Baimuru.

Monday 12.5.69: Departed Baimuru in canoe 0920 for Kararua

arriving 0945. Tax Payers' Meeting held from 1000 to 1115. Returned

to Baimuru arriving 1205

Saturday: Patrol stood down.

Departed Api Oyi 0905 for Maipenairu, arriving 1005.

A.D.O. and C.P.O. inspected village.

Taxpayer's Meeting convened 1445. Meeting closed 1555.

Sunday 4/5/69

Sunday Observed at Maipenairu

Monday 5/5/69

Departed Maipenairu 0845 for Akoma, arriving 0925.

A.D.O. and C.P.O. inspected village.

Meeting convened 1440. Meeting closed 1620.

Slept Akoma

Tuesday 6/5/69

Departed Akoma 0855 for Kinipo, arriving 1005.

A.D.O. and C.P.O. inspected village.

Taxpayer's Meeting convened 1445. Meeting closed 1620.

Slept Kinipo

Wednesday 7/5/69

Departed Kinipo 0835 for Mariki, arriving 0930

Co-operative meeting in progress. Taxpayer's meeting postponed until Thursday.

Slept Mariki

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PATROL DIARY

Monday 28/4/69

Departed Baimuru station 1140 in dingy. Arrived Koravaki 1230.  
Main body of the patrol proceeding in motorised canoe to Koravaki.  
On arriving A.D.O. and C.P.O. inspected village.  
Taxpayer's meeting convened 1515. Meeting closed 1800.

Slept Koravaki.

Tuesday 29/4/69

Departed Koravaki 0915 for Baimuru station. Outboard broke down 0940.  
Received tow from U.G.S. canoe, arriving Baimuru station 1100.  
Spent the rest of the day trying to fix the motor, however, unsuccessful.

Slept Baimuru.

Wednesday 30/4/69

Hired outboard motor from Baimuru Holdings to rejoin patrol.

Departed Baimuru 0810 for Ara'ava, arriving 0915.

A.D.O. and C.P.O. inspected village.

Taxpayers meeting convened 1045. Meeting closed 1245.

Departed for Mapai 1355, arriving 1515.

A.D.O. AND C.P.O. inspected village.

Slept Mapai.

Thursday 1/5/69

Meeting convened 0945. Meeting closed 1140.

Departed for Old Iari 1150, arriving 1240.

A.D.O. and C.P.O. inspected village.

Meeting convened 1440. Meeting closed 1550.

Slept Old Iari.

Friday 2/5/69

Departed Old Iari 0840 for Apiopi arriving 1010.

A.D.O. and C.P.O. inspected village.

Taxpayer's Meeting convened 1415. Meeting closed 1555.

Slept Api Opi.

Saturday 3/5/69

Departed Api Opi 0905 for Maipenairu, arriving 1005.

A.D.O. and C.P.O. inspected village.

Taxpayer's Meeting convened 1415. Meeting closed 1555.

Slept Maipenairu

Sunday 4/5/69

Sunday Observed at Maipenairu.

Monday 5/5/69

Departed Maipenairu 0845 for Akona, arriving 0925.

A.D.O. and C.P.O. inspected village.

Meeting convened 1440. Meeting closed 1620.

Slept Akona.

Tuesday 6/5/69

Departed Akona 0855 for Kinipo, arriving 1005.

A.D.O. and C.P.O. inspected village.

Taxpayer's Meeting convened 1445. Meeting closed 1620.

Slept Kinipo.

Wednesday 7/5/69

Departed Kinipo 0835 for Mariki, arriving 0930.

Co-operative meeting in progress. Taxpayers meeting postponed until Thursday.

Slept Mariki.

Thursday 8/5/69

Taxpayer's Meeting convened at 0920. Meeting closed 1045.  
Water too rough to proceed to Baimuru in canoe.  
Spent the rest of the day typing up the minutes of previous meetings  
Slept Mariki

Friday 9/5/69

Departed Mariki 0845 for Baimuru station, arriving 1050.  
Before reaching Baimuru the patrol proceeded to Karafua village. However insufficient people present to hold meeting, so returned to Baimuru.  
Attended to correspondence that had accumulated whilst on patrol.  
Departed Baimuru station 1350 for Ipigo, arriving 1440.  
Taxpayer's meeting convened 1500. Meeting closed 1630.  
Returned to Baimuru, departing 1640, and arriving 1720.

Slept Baimuru.

Saturday 10/5/69

Meeting planned for Baimuru station, however noone turned up so meeting cancelled. Saturday observed at Baimuru station.

Sunday 11/5/69

Sunday observed at Baimuru station.

Monday 12/5/69

Departed Baimuru 0920 for Kararua, arriving 0945.  
Taxpayer's meeting convened 1000. Meeting closed 1115.  
Departed for Baimuru 1120, arriving 1205.

PATROL STOOD DOWN.  
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OBJECTS OF THE PATROL: To conduct the first taxpayer's meetings for the Baimuru Local Government Council.

AIM OF THE PATROL: To try and educate the people in the area to attain a more self reliant stand in the running of their own council. The comments therefore are very basic, very simple. Follow up patrols will conduct the matter of local government education at a higher and more detailed level.

PURSUANCE OF THIS AIM: The council advisor, Mr N. McQUILTY and Mr W. WHITE C.P.O. addressed the various meetings along these general lines:-

- (1) The meetings were told briefly of the functions of the House of Assembly as opposed to the functions of a local government council. The people were told that the House of Assembly looked after the interests of the Territory as a whole. As well as the House of Assembly looking after their interests, they had their council to look after their smaller requests.

If the government had to do all the work in the Territory, then it would have too much work to do and would not be able to do all the work that the people wanted it to do. That is why there are councils, so that the work can be shared between the government and councils.

- (2) The Baimuru council belongs to everybody in the council area. The council does not belong to the Government or the House of Assembly, it only belongs to the people in the council area, so therefore the people within the council must do everything that they can to help their council.



(3) Why councillors?

With some two thousand taxpayers in the council, this number would be too great to conduct a short and orderly meeting. So each village has a representative (councillor) who they choose, by election, to represent them at the meetings of the council. The councillor acts as the ears and mouth of the people he represents at the council meeting. He takes back the information from the meeting and takes requests to the meeting.

(4) The work of the council is to help everyone in the council area- not just one man or one family. The council does not buy an outboard motor or clear a block of land for a family. The work of the council is to build water tanks, water wells, aid posts, classrooms.....work that will benefit everybody.

There are twenty two villages in the council and all these have work that they want the council to do. All this work is too much for the council to do in one year, so therefore all requests cannot be completed within a year. It could be possible that it will be two to three years before all present requirements can be fulfilled.

If the council has a big project then it might ask the government for financial assistance. If the government grants assistance then it will only be on a dollar for dollar basis and only if the people will give free assistance in carrying out the project.

(5) The people were then told of the projects carried out within the council area with the tax money collected in the 1968/69 financial year. They were then informed of the requests made at taxpayers meetings held in the previous villages, for council works in the 1969/70 financial year.

(6) The people present were then asked to put forward suggestions for council works in their village or for work that would benefit the council area as a whole.

After each meeting the people were told that in October 1969 there would council elections. The advisor told the people that if they wanted the council to be strong and if they wanted a man that would work strong for the council and for their village they should vote in a man that was not lazy. They had the choice to vote back the present councillor or they could vote in a new man to represent them at the council meetings. If they did not want the council to be strong and they did not want a man that would work strong for their village, then vote in a man that was lazy. It is up to you.

COMMENTS ON TAXPAYER'S MEETINGS:

In all meetings both Mr. McQUILTY and myself tried to keep continuity of topics in the discussions, however we were unsuccessful in that the discussions usually jumped from wanting the council to buy rice and peanut seeds, to building a house for the mission medical orderly, to copra, back to rice and peanuts, to building a shed for the mission, to building a copra storage shed, a house passenger at Baimuru and would probably finish up by asking for the council to provide a school teacher.

This was most aggravating on our part as we hoped that they might thrash out the pros and cons of each topic and then decide if the suggestion was relevant to council works or was purely a mission or private matter which they could deal with inside the village and not ask for council assistance. However they could not see our aim in the meetings- or rather they did not want to- and were only interested in getting the maximum amount possible from the council for the minimum amount of tax. These people could be compared with a stockbroker; minimum investment - maximum return.

Here again we were asked to clear a block of land and a request for the council to provide a school teacher.

About the only reasonable request was for a road linking Ara'ara and Kapuna Hospital and a wharf large enough to handle 'k' boats calling in for copra.

In many instances the wards wanted council work several times larger than the amount of tax they wanted to pay. In one case, Maipenairu, work for the approximate value of \$1580 was requested and the total income from tax in that ward will only be \$143, after 1/3 deducted for council administration costs. This attitude is indicative of the attitude of all the taxpayers within the council.

This attitude has resulted from lack of education concerning local government. However education now, for many of the taxpayers, would be impracticable as their ideas on local government are fixed and only a force short of an atom bomb would be required to change their ideas. I feel that education in the early stages of the council formation was lacking and now it will have to be an extensive and long range plan to educate the majority of taxpayers. The education should be concentrated on the younger generation that are just about to, or have just started to, pay tax. If the younger generation can be induced to think along logical lines rather than following their elders attitude it would benefit the council and the area as a whole in the long run.

It cannot be said that the people are anti-council, as they can see that with the council they are receiving things that otherwise they would not be getting. However they refuse to realize that they will have to pay a higher premium on their insurance for better and higher living standards that the council works will give them.

With more council experience and more local government education under their belts, and if they can be induced into a larger extent of participation in the affairs of the council, I feel that in the future this councils attitude will be progressive rather than regressive.

COMMENTS ON INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS:

Koravaki Village - 28/4/69

This ward has asked the council to provide:-

- (1) A wharf.....\$700
  - (2) A copra storage shed.....\$400
  - (3) An aid post.....\$450
  - (4) Peanut and rice seed.....\$ 20
  - (5) House passanger-10% of cost.....\$100
- \$1670

At the tax rate proposed by the people, the income from the ward would be \$387 - less 33 1/3% for council administration costs - this would leave \$258 for council projects in that ward.

Many irrevelent matters were brought up, such as - one man asked if the council would buy him an outboard and another asked the council to clear him a block of land. They refused to understand that the council did not do this type of work. Both men said that they paid tax and the council should do work for them. During the 68/69 financial year the council put in a well at Koravaki, valued at \$200.

It was discovered that the people had held a meeting the day before and decided the topics that they were going to discuss and nominated their speakers. Therefore the suggestions were not spontaneous and it was almost impossible to draw any relevent discussion from them.

Ara'ava - 30/4/69

This ward asked the council to provide:-

- (1) A teachers house.....\$300
  - (2) House passanger.....\$100
  - (3) Wharf.....\$700
  - (4) Ara'ava-Kapuna hospital road.....\$100
- \$1200

Proposed tax rate would provide an income of \$364 - less 33 1/3% for council administration - leaves \$243

Here again we met with a request to clear a block of land and a request for the council to provide a school teacher.

About the only reasonable request was for a road linking Ara'ava and Kapuna hospital and a wharf large enough to handle 'k' boats calling in for copera.

Mopai Village - 1/5/69

This ward has asked the council to provide:-

- (1) A well.....\$200
  - (2) An aid post.....\$500
  - (3) House passanger.....\$100
  - (4) Sporting equipment-school.\$ 50
  - (5) Rice and peanut seeds.....\$ 80
- \$880

With the proposed tax rate the income for this ward would amount to \$809 less 33% for council administration costs- leaving 540 for projects in this ward

In this village we were asked to provide the village with a lawn mower, AND HELP THE S.D.A. mission build an airstrip, and rebuild some classrooms. The airstrip sight was looked at and it was noticed that half the strip would be in a swamp. An undertaking of this size would be impossible for the council as the expenditure would be too great.

The very fact that the people asked for a lawn mower shows that they expect the council to make life easier for them and that they are willing to sit back and as little work as possible. This ~~is~~ idea is general throughout the council area as shown at a later council meeting, not one but three councillors asked the council to provide their villages with lawn mowers. This attitude of laziness makes it difficult for a council to operate effectly.

Old Iari Village - 1/5/69

Both these villages are slowly sinking into the mud and until the new village is completed it would be useless for the council to do any work in either Old Iari or Ravikivau No.2, as the work would sink into the mud or when the villages move to a new site the work would be rendered useless. Irrelevant matters, such as outboard motors and coconut nurseries were brought up; they were told that if they wanted help with buying motors then they would have to see the Development Bank, and help with coconuts they should see the Agriculture Assistant.

AniOni Village - 2/5/69

This village has asked the council to provide:-

- (1) 2 Water tanks.....\$700
  - (2) Reef for copra shed.....\$100
  - (3) House passanger 10%.....\$ 80
- \$880

With the proposed tax rate, the income for this ward will be \$363 - less 33% for council administration costs - leaving \$242 for projects.

The main part of this meeting was taken up with complaints about being neglected by the council. They complained that other villages have received wells, tanks, aid posts, radios and fish nets. One speaker complained that he asked his councillor in April for water tanks in the village and as yet they have not received them.

The people were told that the council sets it's budget in July every year and that if a new project is thought up then it must wait for the next budget session to approve it. They were asked if they had listened to the talk given at the beginning of the meeting when they were told that it might take two or three years Before the council could complete all the work that it has been asked to do? One speaker said that he would refuse to pay tax until some work was done in his village. The main reason that this village was upset is that they have been making an investment in the council for three years with out any return. They must realise that the works of the council doesnot benefit everybody immediatly, but all will benefit in the long run. An investment in a council is a long term investment that will pay higher dividends over a longer period.

Maipenairu Village - 3/5/69

This village has asked the council to provide:-

- (1) A wharf.....\$700
  - (2) An aid post.....\$450
  - (3) 1 Water tank.....\$350
  - (4) House passanger - 10%...\$200
- \$1580

With the proposed tax rate the income for this ward will be \$215 - less 33 1/3% for council administration costs - leaving \$143 for projects in this ward.

The only suggestion that is worth any merit was one that asked for steel piles for a wharf. This is a good suggestion as this would be the most used wharf in the area, outside Baimuru, and it would be a good idea to make it fairly permanent. The other suggestions were the usual ones asking for aid posts and water tanks. This village has shown the most promise so far in their suggestions, however they still want a reduction in tax rate. The reduction in tax almost cuts the income from taxation in half.

Akoma Village - 5/5/69

This village has asked the council to provide:-

- (1) Wharf - part payment Panarea wharf..\$200
- (2) House passanger.....\$100
- (3) House passanger.....\$300

With the proposed tax rate the income from tax will be \$397 - less 33 1/3% for council administration costs - leaving \$265.

The usual requests were made concerning outboards. The request was for the whole village to put half the money and the council to put the other half. They were told that it would be useless for the whole village to use it because it would soon wear out and they would fight over who would use it. Also if the council helped to buy an outboard then it would have to help every other village buy an outboard.

Kinipo Village - 6/5/69

This ward has asked the council to provide :-

- (1) Two water tanks.....\$700
  - (2) An aid post.....\$500
  - (3) House passanger.....\$100
- \$1300

Income from taxation would amount to \$362 - after 33 1/3% being deducted for council administration.

The people asked for a medical orderly. They were told that in this area it was up to the missions to supply medical orderlies. They then asked for an Administration orderly. The original statement was repeated. Then an aid post was asked for and two tanks. The iron on the roof can be used for water catchment.

Mariki Village - 8/5/69

This ward asked the council to provide:-

- (1) A ward at Kapuna.....\$100
- (2) Two water tanks.....\$700
- (3) House passanger.....\$100

Income from tax - \$362 after 33 1/3% being deducted for council administration.

On the most part a very quiet meeting with not a great deal of enthusiasm. Asked the council to pay the aid post orderly. Meeting was told that the council did not employ medical orderlies and that it was up to the people who employed them (Administration) to pay them. The council is not in a financial position to employ medical orderlies. It would be unrealistic to employ only one orderly as the amount of paper work that would be required would not justify it. One female asked if the council would build a ward at Kapuna Hospital (mission) a maternity ward.

Ipito Village - 9/5/69

This ward asked the council to provide:-

- (1) One water tank.....\$350
- (2) House passenger.....\$ 80
- \$430

Income from taxation will be \$230 - after 33 1/3% has been deducted for council administration costs.

This village is in the middle of rebuilding at a new site. They were very interested in a water tank because they claim that their children are becoming sick after drinking river water. They told the meeting that at present they did not have a great deal in requests as they would like to finish building the new village before they had to help build a council project in their village. Their first suggestion for council tax was \$2 for men and \$1 for women. This was just to try us out, because after they saw that we did not approve they quickly changed to the amount that we have been hearing throughout this patrol, ie a reduction from \$6 and \$2 to \$4 and \$1.

Kararua Village -12/5/69

This ward has asked the council to provide:-

- (1) 1 Well.....\$200
- (2) House passenger.....\$ 80
- \$280

Income from taxation will be \$275 - after 33 1/3% has been deducted for council administration costs.

This village has an unequalled reputation for laxness. During the past week they have spent one day at the office telling us that they cannot pay their 68/69 tax because they do not have any money. It did not occur to them that if they wanted money then they would have to work for it. One man stood up in the meeting and stated that he did not have any money; he said this in a tone more or less expecting the administration to give him a hand out.

CONCLUSION:

With the drop in the tax level, the council will have a drop in revenue of approximately 37%. This in turn will reduce the amount of work that the council will be able to carry out in the 69/70 financial year to a lower level than will be completed this financial year.

As stated earlier in this report the taxpayers of this council regard the council as a means of receiving more than they put in. They do not seem to realise that the council is for the mutual benefit of everyone within the council area. If they receive more local government education and more enthusiasm can be injected into them they might take a greater interest and participate in the affairs of the council.

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