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REPORT NO:	FOLIO	OFFICER CONDUCTING PATROL	AREA PATROLLED	MAPS/ PHOTOS	PERIOD OF PATROL
[1]-1956/57	1-8	GERALD P. JENSEN MUIR (P/O)	Aiga Division		08/12/56-21/12/56

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Northern IOMA Report No. 5 of 1956/57

Patrol Conducted by Gerald P. Jensen-Muir, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled AIJA Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans One-Two

Natives 3-7

Duration—From 8/12/1956 to 21/12/1956

Number of Days Fourteen

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 5/9/1956

Medical 5/9/1956

Map Reference IOMA Patrol Sketch Maps Based on BUNA Revised 2nd.

Objects of Patrol Census Revision 56/57; Agriculture Extension-CACAO; General Administration; Village Inspections.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

11/2/1957

G.P. Jensen-Muir
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

Sub-District Office,
I O M A ,
Northern District.

25th December, 1956.

The District Commissioner,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

Patrol Report No 5 of 1956/57

I O M A

AIGA CENSUS DIVISION AND
MAMBARE RIVER

Officer Conducting	G.P.Jensen-Muir, Patrol Officer.
Personnel Accompanying	J.Healy, A/D.A.O. (part) I.Montgomery, C.A.O. R.P.&N.G.C. Constable LOMKI No 7102 Constable MANA No 8152 Constable URAVA No 9091(part) D.N.A. Interpreter Taiga of Iema D.A.S.F. Agric Asst. Paul ESOB Agric Trainee Luke AMBODA Agric Trainee George
Duration of Patrol	From 8th December, 1956 to 21st December, 1956. A total of fourteen days.
Area of Patrol	AIGA Census Division; Upper reaches of MAMBARE River.
Objects of Patrol	Census Revision 56/57; General Administration; Cacao inspections; Village Inspections;
Last Patrol to AREA	IOMA No.1 of 1956/57 during June, 1956.

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Introduction

The AIGA Division lies to the South-East of IOMA, and is one of the smaller census divisions of the IOMA Sub-District, as well as being the most progressive.

Two large rivers flow through this division—OPI & KUMUSI, and the majority of the population is clustered between these rivers. The terrain is mainly flat with large areas given up to swamps.

The division is the centre of a Cacao Cash Cropping enterprise, which received intensive inspection from the District Agricultural Officer and his staff.

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Diary

Saturday, 8th December, 1956.	1000 departed IOMA; 1700 arrived GAI'ARI (Aiga)	d ed.
Sunday, 9th	1100 Proceeded rendezvous with D.A.S.F. Officers. Slept KIKINONDA.	
Monday, 10th	0745 Census revised, village inspected. Cacao inspected, advice given. 1045 Proceeded POHO Cacao, instructions given. Continued on to USUINDARI cacao, thence to USUINDARI Village. Census amended, & village inspected.	age ven
Tuesday, 11th	0800 Proceeded KORISATA, cacao, village & census. General cacao growing discussions all AIGA groups. Supervised erection bridge support posts. Continued on per motorcycle to BORUGASUSU , cacao, village inspection & census. 1645 5 minutes to OSAKO. Slept.	
Wednesday, 12th	A/D.A.O. recalled POPONDETTA, pillion per IOMA m/c to HOJAVASUSU. Self returned OSAKO. Cadet A.O. on OSAKO Cacao. Demonstration given pruning, etc..	
Thursday, 13th	0750 Census OSAKO. Village Inspected. 1000 Proceeded AURIDA Hamlet per m/c. Duties performed. 1300 Proceeded UTUKIARI, duties performed. Cacao discussions local people.	R.)
Friday, 14th	0700 Court for Native Matters. 0830 Proceeded junction OPI & SISA Rivers per m/c, thence per foot 5 minutes SARA'ITITI hamlet. Census & village inspection. Per m/c from junction 5 minutes to PETIKIARI. Supervised erection wire on suspension bridge over OPI. Cadet A.O. demonstration Cacao.	
Saturday, 15th	0730 Supervision erection wire bridge. 1400 Proceeded KONININDA Hamlet, Duties performed. C.N.M. Returned Petikiari.	
Sunday, 16th	Day observed.	
Monday, 17th	0800 Proceeded POHO per m/c. Census amended, village inspected, thence via SIAI to HURATA, checking progress made on cacao work ordered by D.A.S.F.	
Tuesday, 18th	0745 Census revised HURATA & ORUSUSU. Village & Hamlet inspected. C.N.M. Inspected new Cacao family unit land preparation. 1350 Proceeded to OITATANDI. Duties performed. Slept (Mosquitos allowing)	
Wednesday, 19th	0630 Inspection OITATANDI Cacao. Proceeded BATARU Hamlet. Duties performed. Thence to SIAI various family unit cacao plantations. 1810 Arrived KIKINONDA.	

Diary

Thursday, 20th December 1956 0815 departed KIKINONDA, proceeded ONOMBASUSU Hamlet. Duites performed. Continued on to GAIARI. Camped.

Friday, 21st 0614 Census revised GAI'ARI. Village inspected. Departed for KUREREDA via DABO Cacao Plantation. Advice given. Extensive demonstrations given KUREREDA Cacao. Proceeded IOMA arriving 1600.

Patrol Completed

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Travelling Times (Walking)

Rest Houses at villages underlined.

IOMA	-	<u>KUREREDA</u>	1 hr. 45 mins.
KUREREDA	-	<u>MT. GREEN</u>	1 hr 20 mins.
MT. GREEN	-	<u>GAI'ARI</u>	1 hr 35 mins.
GAI'ARI	-	<u>PETIKIARI</u>	1 hr 15 mins.
PETIKIARI	-	<u>KONININDA</u>	30 mins.
PETIKIARI	-	<u>SARA'ITITI</u>	14 mins.
SARA'ITITI	-	<u>UTUKIARI</u>	45 mins.
UTUKIARI	-	<u>AURIDA</u>	50 mins.
AURIDA	-	<u>OSAKO</u>	20 mins.
OSAKO	-	<u>BORUGASUSU</u>	15 mins.
BORUGASUSU	-	<u>KORISATA</u>	20 mins.
KORISATA	-	<u>PETIKIARI</u>	48 mins.
KORISATA	-	<u>ONOMBASUSU</u>	15 mins.
ONOMBASUSU	-	<u>OITATANDI</u>	45 mins. (plus crossing KUMUSI R.)
KORISATA	-	<u>USUINDARI</u>	45 mins.
USUINDARI	-	<u>POHO</u>	15 mins.
POHO	-	<u>KIKINONDA</u>	40 mins.
KIKINONDA	-	<u>DIROU</u>	37 mins.
DIROU	-	<u>SIAI</u>	15 mins. (plus cross KUMUSI R.)
SIAI	-	<u>BATARU</u>	40 mins.
BATARU	-	<u>OITATANDI</u>	26 mins.
OITATANDI	-	<u>HURATA</u>	1 hr. - mins.

(Motorcycle times one third of above)

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Ferrymen

OITATANDI Village - KUMUSI River

SIAI Village - KUMUSI River

PETIKIARI Village - OPIA River (Terminated)

KORISATA Village - HOINDABA River (Terminated)

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Native Affairs

The area continues to remain well settled as a result of the frequent patrols.

Several C.N.M. were heard, and a few disputes settled. The majority of these disputes concerned money lent and not repaid.

One feature found that was not pleasing, is that despite orders from Co-Operative Officers and officers from IOMA the people of one village, KONININDA, had collected money for the formation of a co-operative.

During investigations into the SIAI-KORISATA pseudo co-operative mess the writer learnt of this collection of money, and advised the leader, Councillor SERIPA, to return it immediately to the people. All the people were advised at that time to defer collections, as ordered, until the time was ripe for the formation of a co-operative in the area to handle eventual AIGA cacao production.

This pseudo co-operative was instigated by Sergeant Major INGITA of this village whilst stationed at POPONDETTA. He was recently on leave in the area, and instructed the people to ignore the instructions of co-operative officers & OICs IOMA in regard to this, or so it is alleged by all concerned.

Just prior to this patrol the above was learnt and the money seized and paid into Trust Fund Suspense.

Due to the part played by Sgt. Mjr. INGITA no charges were laid against the village people.

During this patrol all Aiga people and in particular the KONININDAS, were advised that such collections of money were illegal (as they had been advised by Co-Op. Officers), and that further at the present time completely wasteful. When the time was ripe, a co-operative would be formed in the area by D.N.A. and/or D.A.S.F. to handle the eventual AIGA Cacao production, but if they insisted in these abortive efforts, when that time came, they would have no money to establish this co-operative and its attendant fermentry.

The people accepted this advice, and state the only reason they started this collection of money was because Sgt. Mjr. INGITA told them to do so. However, they now realise the futility of these attempts, and now are happy to wait for the official co-operative (which must be formed within a year or so.)

The money seized has been repaid to claimants.

These people are 'co-operative hungry'. Production from the 12,000 cacao trees in the area will warrant the formation of a co-operative within two years or so. It is considered essential that this be a fully authorised and supervised co-operative to prevent undesireables, like Stanley TAGO, gaining control and running things to their own benefit.

This matter will be gone into with the District Commissioner & the District Agricultural Officer.

Native Affairs-Villages

As usual Aiga Division villages were found in an excellent clean state, despite the people's commitments elsewhere.

New buildings are being erected in the majority of villages, and all show improvements in the standard of housing. Only in UTUKIARI & attendant hamlets has it been found necessary to order a standard type of house.

Latrines & rubbish holes are provided for each & every house in the division, and are used.

Only one man had failed to maintain his portion of the village, and in deference to the work performed by others, the writer had no option put charge him before a C.N.M.

Native Affairs-Village Officials

The majority of officials perform their duties in a most satisfactory manner. Councillors, however, are still assisting Village Constables in their duties. Constant propaganda has been given by patrols, and eventually the proper functions of these officials may be understood.

This is difficult to foresee, however, as in the neighbouring area the councillors of the HIGATURU Local Government Council hold full power and sway.

These councillors, by the way, had informed AIGA people that in future if they wished to pass through the council area, they must have a pass from the OIC IOMA. This was quickly squashed.

V.C. BAKIHI of UTUKIARI was charged with neglect of duty during this patrol, as he had failed to instruct his people to carry out necessary maintenance on roads as ordered last December, and he removed a person under custody from the safe keeping of a fellow Village Constable. He was convicted and imprisoned. This man has been warned on countless occasions to smarten up and do his job, but seems indifferent. A suitable replacement should not be too hard to obtain.

V.C. PENEMO and V.C. SORARI are still the most efficient officials in the area, and are a wonderful assistance to patrols.

Census

Census was revised in all villages & hamlets. Figures are attached hereto.

Total population has now increased to 1498, consisting of 845 males & 653 females. This is an increase of 6.4% since 1951.

Births registered were 23 males & 14 females, drop of 5 from the previous year. However, pregnancies noted were 17, an increase of 8 from last year.

The position as far as deaths are concerned is not satisfactory. It is hard to account for the increase.

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-	-	5-8 years	1	-
-	-	9-13 years	1	-
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The numbers absent working has increased, but the majority of this increase has been caused by the families of absentees going to join them. In addition one group of AIGAs were recruited to work on a vegetable garden somewhere in the BOMANA area.

The numbers absent at school has increased by 15 to 18, all of the increase being absorbed by Mission schools. Two boys of this area are attending the District Central school, POPONDETTA.

The migrations in and out recorded are principally Mission staff.

Health

The usual crop of sores, Tropical ulcers, etc., were seen during the patrol, generally on adults & youth.

All children seen were in excellent shape a result, no doubt, of the fortnightly visits to the area by Infant Welfare Sisters from SAIHO. Children here refers to infants.

Infant Welfare sister patrolling the area reports that many sick people appear for treatment during her presence in the area, rather than proceed to either of two aid posts available.

Certain persons continue to neglect their children. On this patrol a child was found at HURATA Village with secondary Yaws. There could be no excuse for this. There are three aid posts within reasonable walking distance and Infant Welfare staff visit the village. The father concerned had been ordered by the Village Constable to present his child to the I.W. staff, but had failed to do so on the last two visits. He was apparently just too lazy to care. There can be no excuse for such conduct, as the area has been under Administration & Mission influence for half a century. The parent was charged and convicted before a Court for Native Matters.

The Anglican Mission have established an Aid Post at SIAI Village, and some natives are now proceeding there for treatment. The majority, however, are still proceeding to KORISATA Aid Post, manned by A.P.O.Gr.1 JAPHET BISAIVU.

Infant Welfare Patrols of the area commenced last August, and these should bring down the present high infant mortality rate.

During the last year 24 persons died, of whom 5 were infants under one month, another three under one year, and another five under 3 years of age. Adult deaths totalled 10, plus one woman in child-birth.

Village hygiene remains at a very satisfactory level. Latrines average one to each house, i.e. about seven persons. Each & every house has its own rubbish pit.

The area requires frequent medical patrols, and it is thought that during the forthcoming year deaths in all age groups will be substantially reduced due to Infant Welfare patrols.

Missions

The area is under the influence of the Anglican Mission with regional headquarters at GONA, the Rev. John Wardman being in charge.

There are two Mission stations within the division - KORISATA & SIAI. Schools of a sort are attached to both.

Although few of the AIGA people are 'confirmed' Anglicans, the Anglican Mission have quite a deal of influence throughout the area. Their views are called for by, and given to, the people on all manner of subjects.

During this patrol the majority of Mission staff were absent at GONA headquarters.

Native Economic Development
Aiga Cacao Project

The cacao project was given a thorough inspection by the A/District Agricultural Officer and a Cadet A.O..

Trees now total 12,000, but there will be a sharp increase as the many family unit areas now being cleared are planted. This swing to family unit enterprises is being encouraged to the utmost.

Increase in acreage since the last patrol has not been very large, but this is primarily due to the exceptional dry conditions prevailing in this division.

However, despite frequent advice by D.A.S.F. & D.N.A. staff certain groups persist in growing cacao without shade. They have been issued with the seeds necessary, but have done nothing about it. For example, the organiser at HURATA was issued with seeds by Mr Peter Byrne, A.O. on the 9th July, 1956, these were found still in his house by this patrol. His excuse was that he thought the seeds would die if he planted them. The example of OITATANDI was explained to him, as they had been issued with seeds and had planted them and their cacao garden was now in a most satisfactory condition.

On these cases so much seems to depend on the ability of the organiser. The family unit system should remedy this to some degree, as control and instructions can definitely be brought home to one person or one group.

Pantargities weevil infests the majority of the Aiga cacao. Demonstrations were given in all gardens so affected on removing the larvae, etc.. The people were advised to cut down all of one type of tree called KUVITA in the local talk, which houses the pest normally.

Pruning demonstrations were given and all groups have been advised to complete pruning as soon as possible, as the trees are in sad need of pruning.

At PETIKIARI, where the patrol stayed two days, all trees were pruned by the patrol, shade, permanent and temporary planted throughout, and the area cleaned to the satisfaction of D.A.S.F. This was then held up as an example of what a cacao plot should look like, and what should be done.

Shade seed was distributed in many villages, although most now have sources of supply in their own gardens.

Several growers have been ordered to increase the number of trees to 500 within three months.

In one village, UTUKIARI, there appears to be a slackening interest in cacao. An attempt was made to bolster this, but this village is generally indifferent in anything it does.

Other villages, viz., SIAI, OITATANDI, and BORUASUSU are pressing on and expanding.

Acting on instructions left by the District Agricultural Officer during May, 1956, the writer ordered the removal of 120 trees at SIAI. These were the original batch planted here, and were planted by the pseudo SIAI-KORISATA co-operative, and have now just been abandoned. Seeds had been left to correct the state of this garden and orders left for it to be cleaned, to be brought to the legal minimum, and maintained. The garden has been abandoned, as the people are forming their own family units and the SIAI-KORISATA pseudo co-op was wound up some years ago.

Despite advice given them by the D.A.O. the people of SARA'ITITI failed to plant their area with shade, and severe soil erosion has taken place. To such an extent in fact that D.A.S.F. officers this time advised the people to remove

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Aiga Cacao Project

remove the trees (these were extremely poor) (And would never be any good now) , and start afresh.

Due to the poor condition of the trees after attacks by the weevils at KORISATA, the D.A.O. advised the people to remove the trees and start afresh. They have elected to do this. This garden was planted mainly with poor quality seeds obtained from the pre-war stand of cacao at OSAKO, despite the D.A.O.'s orders that cacao seed was not to be obtained from there.

Overall the project progresses satisfactorially. It is unfortunate that some of the people responsible for the cacao plots in certain villages heed not the excellent advice given them by D.A.S.F. officers. Because of this, the D.A.O. has given instructions, that orders issued under the Cacao Ordinance must be complied with in all cases within 2 months, or offenders will be prosecuted.

Roads & Bridges

Roads were in excellent condition throughout.

The patrol supervised the erection of two wire suspension bridges- over the G. & the HOINDABA. As a result the services of two ferryman have been become redundant, and their services have been terminated.

The new vehicular section via OSAKO, AURIDA, UTUKIARI, and SARA'ITITI is nearly completed, only bridges remaining to be built.

The majority of the area is now open to vehicular traffic.

Conclusion

The area needs medical patrols. Aid Post facilities are sufficient, but the ability of the orderlies is limited, and the area needs the services of a European medical officer.

From a native affairs angle the area is satisfactory, and frequent patrols will keep it so.

For the Agriculture side patrols are definitely needed, and these, it is thought, must enforce orders given to ensure the success of the AIGA CACAO Project.

G.F. Jensen-Muir
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Patrol Officer