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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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MILNE BAY DISTRICT

TROBRIAND ISLANDS SUB DISTRICT REPORTS 1957/1958

*LOSUIA* No. 1 NORTH AND SOUTH KIRIWINA CENSUS DIVISIONS *J. C. CORRIGAN*  
" No. 2 LUSANCAY CENSUS DIVISION *B. JINKS*

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of MILNE BAY Report No. LOSUA 1/57-58

Patrol Conducted by J.C. Corrigan Cadet Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled KIRIWINA NORTH AND SOUTH KIRIWINA CENSUS SUB-DIVISIONS

Patrol Accompanied by--Europeans NIL

Natives R.P.N.G.C-2 INTERPRETER 1

Duration--From 17/11/1957 to 15/1/1958

Number of Days Forty nine (49)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by--District Services 8/1956

Medical 1952

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol (1) Conduct an enquiry into the VAKUTE NATIVE SOCIETY

Search of Lusancay Islands for missing launch IGMA (C) Routine Administration

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Officer

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

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

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





Los.1/57-58/139  
LJD/CD

28th April, 1958.

The Assistant District Officer,  
LOSUIA.

P/R. No. 1/1957-58

The above report refers.

... Attached find copies of correspondence received from Headquarters on matters arising out of the report.

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It is my firm opinion that the Society should be proceeded with. The present staff position forbids any direct supervision of the Society; however, I feel that every opportunity should be taken by you to encourage the venture per medium of their Committee who could make regular visits to Losuia. The history of Vakuta is one of continued striving to attain a goal set some 10 years ago and should they not receive some encouragement a complete collapse is foreseeable. Such a collapse could have an undesirable bearing on the future economic development of the area generally.

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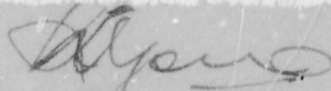
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Advice has been received of the shipment to the Society of two sets of Hot Air Drier parts. Please advise if these have been received and if the driers are now in operation.

For your consideration and comments, please.



A.F. Cow  
District Commissioner.

*C.C. Director  
Dept. Native Affairs*

*Your N.A. 30-6-63, refers.*



30/6/63 ✓  
LOS. 1/57-58/139  
LJB/CD



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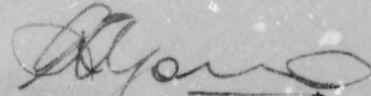
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A.F. Gow  
District Commissioner.

*Directed.  
Dept. Native Affairs*

30-6-63

22nd April, 1958.

The District Commissioner,  
Milne Bay District,  
SAMARAI.

Patrol Report No. 1 1957/58 - Losuia.

Further to my earlier memo of the 26th  
March, 1958, the Registrar of Co-operatives advises :-

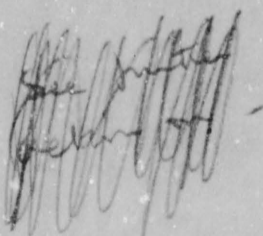
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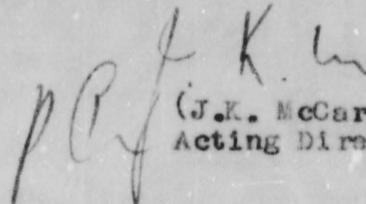
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It is immaterial to me whether Vakuta is proceeded with or not, and if the District Officer is prepared to leave the matter in a state of suspension, then I am prepared to accept his advice and advise the Co-operative Officer accordingly.

However, having been forced by the District Officer, Samarai, to make this commitment in the first place, I would appreciate advice as to what is now required."

For your information and comment please.



  
(J.K. McCarthy)  
Acting Director.

N.A. 30-6-63

3rd April, 1958.

The District Commissioner,  
SAMARAI.

PATROL REPORT NO. 1/1957-1958.  
LOSIVA.

Further to my memorandum of the 26th March, 1958, attached is the copy of a minute to me from the Registrar of Co-operatives.

Will you kindly now please advise me in what form action you require in the matter of Vakata. Your covering memorandum leaves the matter "up in the air".

*J.P. f. K. W.*  
(J.K. McCarthy),  
Acting Director.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Director of Native Affairs, Port Moresby

MINUTE

File No. 30-6-63

Govt. Print.—3017/4.55.

SUBJECT

PATROL REPORT NO. 1 - 1957/58 - LOSUIA

I have read with interest the Report Losuia No. 1 of 1957/58.

I am attaching with your file the Registry file 7/5/17 dealing with the Vakuta Native Society.

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*G. Morris*  
(G. Morris)  
Registrar

26th March, 1958.

The Registrar of Co-operatives.

MINUTE

File No NA30-6-63

Govt. Print.—275/9.57.

SUBJECT

Patrol Report No.1. 1957/58 - Losuia.

Your attention is invited to the memorandum on the Vakuta Native Society, for information and any comment you may wish to make.

*J.K. McCarthy*

(J.K. McCarthy)  
Acting Director.

30-6-63

26th March, 1958.

The District Commissioner,  
Milne Bay District,  
SAMARAI.

Patrol Report No. 1. 1957/58 - Losuia.

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report and accompanying memoranda are acknowledged with thanks.

The people should be relieved of some of their road work if it is impracticable for them to keep both houses and roads in good condition.

What action has been taken to contact Mr. Jinks concerning the decision mentioned at Page 2 under the heading "Omarakana"?

Matters concerning the Vakuta Society have been brought to the notice of the Registrar of Co-operatives. It is surely the function of the Village Constable and not the Council to ensure that necessary maintenance is carried out.

If you have not Mr. Leo Austin's works in your library, please apply to this Headquarters for a copy in order that it may be made available to Losuia.

Please take up the matter of staff in separate correspondence.

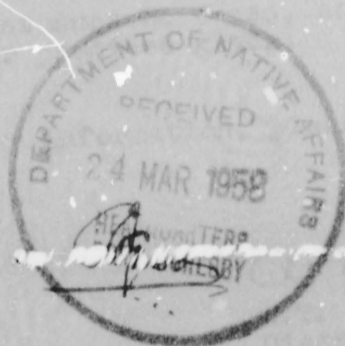
Mr. Corrigan has performed the Patrol well and presented his report in a very satisfactory manner.

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

See Jinks  
action file  
file no  
13-8-9(W)

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

30/6/63 ✓



MEMORANDUM FOR:-

*In Reply*

*Please Quote*

D. S. Los.1/57-58/162  
EDW/CD  
HEADQUARTERS,  
MILNE BAY DISTRICT,  
SAMARAI.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Patrol Report Losuia No. 1 of 1957/58

Please find attached two copies of the above report with comments by the Assistant District Officer, Losuia. Enclosed also are contingency vouchers in support of Mr. Corrigan's claim for Camping Allowance, duly certified.

It is pleasing, but unusual these days, to read a report of a Patrol Officer who has been fortunate enough to have been able to carry out a tour of inspection of an area and has had the time to do so in a thorough manner.

Vakuta:

The economic efforts of this group will have to remain in a state of suspense until such time as staff are available to assist them. The Vakuta people should be informed accordingly. It may be possible, once copra collection points are established as part of the plan to develop the D'Entrecasteaux Islands, to divert the Co-operative Vessel "Motuana" at regular intervals to collect copra from Vakuta. If this were done, Agricultural and Co-Operative Inspecting Officers could perhaps fly to the Trobriand Islands say once every three or four months, to check work by the Vakuta people. In such circumstances both Departments would be prepared to station Papua staff at Vakuta to supervise such activities.

*We must accept this plan.*

Staff:

It was planned tentatively to post a Cadet Patrol Officer to Losuia when the new intake arrives in the District.

It would be appreciated if you could advise if permission has yet been received from the Public Service Commissioner to employ Mrs. D.F.M. Rutledge on a part-time basis. The Assistant District Officer is in need of some clerical assistance.

General:

It is regretted that this report has not been forwarded earlier but the problem of Vakuta has caused considerable thought at this headquarters. Whatever the

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difficulties are that must be faced, an attempt will have  
to be made to honour promises given. Just how, remains ✓  
the difficulty.

For your information, please.

A.T. Timperley  
District Commissioner.

Attach:

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply

Please Quote

D. S. DNA 30/1

SUBDISTRICT OFFICE,  
LOSUIA,  
MILNE BAY DISTRICT.

28 January 1958.

MEMORANDUM FOR :-

District Commissioner,  
Samraï.

Patrol Report Losuia No. 1 of 1957/1958.

Herewith please find the above report submitted by Mr. J.C. Corrigan, Cadet Patrol Officer. It covers his first sole patrol. The report is well written and indicates Mr Corrigan's interest in his work.

Diary 25.11.57: Time of arrival at KUIAU should read 1800.

Search for "IGAU": The search DAKOTA landed here 9 a.m. 27.11.57. I greeted them soon after their arrival at the airstrip, had a discussion with the officer in charge, and took him to Mrs Butler, who drew him an outline of the vessel. He had been given an area between Fergusson Is and SINAKETA to search, and despite our protests that the area given him had been thoroughly covered by Mr Butler in the chartered launch "Annabelle", and our advice that two vessels were now thoroughly searching the Lusancay Group, he said he would have to follow instructions and search the area given him. But he said he would keep an eye out on the way back to Lae. In this way he "buzzed" the "Kingfisher" (Mr Corrigan), and the "Annabelle" (Mr. Butler).

On his return from Lae, Mr Butler told me the pilot had told him that it was sheer good luck that the "IGAU" was found by them. After leaving the Lusancay Group the plane ran into bad weather. They tried to climb above the storm, but finding it hard, they decided to try below and came out into the clear directly on the drifting vessel!

Vakuta: Mr Corrigan's special report is forwarded with the patrol report. Without guaranteed extra staff, I am not in favour of a hasty formation of a co-operative society at Vakuta, and in the meantime have persuaded the people to repair their two previous ventures, of which they were so proud - a very nice cement and iron church, and three very large cement tanks (none of which now hold water).

In his letter agreeing to the inclusion of Vakuta in the Milne Bay Group of Societies, there was a very disturbing sentence -

"The people of Vakuta should understand quite clearly that this section will not be able to give the same degree of supervision as is offered to other Societies and they should understand that any failure of the Society through chicanery, malpractice or inferior quality product, will result in the total loss of their funds."

and I think before joining, VAKUTA should be given an honest statement of profit and losses, assets and liabilities of each present member of the group, which have had more supervision than VAKUTA has been promised. At one time I believe nearly all copra submitted by the Milne Bay Group was rejected, and somebody must carry that loss.

Village Officials para 2: Mr Corrigan's talk will do neither good nor harm. Missions are always in need of voluntary workers, and no matter how much field personnel may talk, throughout the Territory Wednesday will always be Mission Day and Friday Govt. Day. At IOKEA (Kerema Sub-District) pre-war the natives were so well

organised that Monday all the men went hunting and the women fished; Tuesday and Thursday were gardening days; Wednesday was Mission Day and Friday was Government Day; Saturdays were for the collection of food so that there would be absolutely no work on Sundays.

Tax: The economic position of these people has worsened, rather than improved, since tax was last collected. The coastal people, through their pearling, were able to finance the inland people to cover their taxes, possibly on the WASI system. The pearl shell, the "lapi" has almost disappeared. Mrs Lumley says she brought the matter to the attention of Dr Rapson of the Department of Fisheries, and it would be of interest if our Department took the matter up with Dr Rapson, and ascertained whether any measures could be taken to renew the supply of "lapi".

Agriculture: Mr. Leo Austen was asked by the pre-war Administration to stay at Losuia for a five year period to study the culture etc of the people, after a Mr. Pitt-Rivers had published a very scathing report about the neglect by the Govt. of the cultures, customs, etc of the Kiriwina people.

Mr Austen was very thorough but at times I think he carried matters a little bit too far - when paying a ceremonial visit to Chief Mitakata he would be preceded by a bugler blowing toots all the way and followed by a native carrying, dangling on a stick, five sticks of tobacco, and the carrier followed by an Armed Constable.

It could be mentioned here that after his five year period was completed, Mr Austen proceeded to Daru to take up the appointment of Resident Magistrate. One of his first acts was to call representatives of the PARAMA people across from the mainland, give them 15 lbs. tobacco, and ask them to repay in due course in dugongs and turtles. He obviously saw no harm in WASI. I am certain this form of Government WASI still continues at DARU.

Voucher-Tamping Allowance: I have altered and initialled Mr Corrigan's affirmation that he was supplied with a cook. He definitely was not. The error is excusable - Mr Corrigan under-estimated the time needed to type a full patrol report and worked many hours after midnight for several nights running. The voucher was typed on the day of his departure, and he looked a wreck, saying he had been up until 4 a.m. to complete the report. In this circumstances I trust my alteration will be approved.

General: In all, a good report, not as fully done as his instructions required, but in the circumstances, quite satisfactory as far as I am concerned.

*D. F. M. Rutledge*  
D.F.M. Rutledge.

ADO

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply

Please Quote

D. S. DNA 30/1

SUBDISTRICT OFFICE,  
LOSUIA  
MILNE BAY DISTRICT.

16 November 1957.

MEMORANDUM FOR:-

Mr. J. C. Corrigan,  
Cadet Patrol Officer,  
Losuia.

Patrol - Losuia No. 1 of 1957/58.

Please be prepared to go on patrol to VAKUTA Island by the vessel "Kingfisher" leaving tomorrow, Sunday 17 Nov 57, when the tide is suitable.

Const DOIWA and Court Interpreter MAIWARI have been instructed to accompany you.

Please arrange stores for the few days you will be away for the crew of the "Kingfisher" and the other two mentioned above, and take tobacco to cover gifts to Village Constables and Councillors and for repayment of gifts of food, cooked and raw.

It is desired that you return at the latest by dusk on Wednesday 20 November 1957, and be prepared to continue the patrol the following week. Further instructions will be given you to cover this latter patrolling.

The things to be covered by the patrol are -

1. A census check and at the same time that you will advise the gathered natives tax will be reintroduced as from 1.1.58, the amount not yet determined, but possibly twice the amount of the pre-war tax;
2. An inspection of villages, roads, bridges, cemeteries;
3. Listing of all "foreign" natives;
4. Listing of all holders of firearms;
5. Descriptions of all Administration land seen;
6. Reports on schools;
7. The alleged quarter-caste HELEN CLRAK is required to be in Samarai soon to appear before the Court there and she and her grandmother LILI are to catch the CARSAIR plane on Friday 22 Nov 57 from Losuia;
8. Make a thorough investigation of the affairs of the VAKUTA Welfare Society, and check whether a report received that a copra dryer was burnt down, is true;

Further reports are required on: What debts the Society owes;  
What was the £100 withdrawal covered by O/R. 44200 dated 18 July 56 intended for;  
What shell is available and brought in;  
What is the average monthly copra production;  
Is there a record of the initial £300 collected;

If there are debts which should be paid please bring in a couple of the Savings Bank trustees and we will arrange payment of them through N.M.T.A.

The Savings Bank Pass Book is herewith. The Society may retain it or return it, as they wish.

c. Check on P. & N. Co. Capt. M. Beard letter CE. 2/23/4/59 attached.

10. Try to locate KALITONI and question him
- (a) About his mother's Savings Bank Pass Book;
  - (b) About NMO equipment handed him by KARIDAGA for return to store, still allegedly in his possession.

Herewith are all the latest papers held in the office covering copra production and sale. Please check them with the Society, and use your own judgment as to whether the Society should hold them or whether we should file them on their behalf.

A full and complete report on your return is expected, with brief mention only later in your Patrol Report, covering the Vakuta Society. The Co-operatives have agreed to make it a limited sort of Society, they to join the Milne Bay Co-operative body, but at the moment I do not feel such action would be in Vakuta's best interests.

Also please query the affects of the present drought and ascertain present food supplies and what is possibly available until the next harvest.

The weather is not good and you are likely to have a rough trip on the "Kingfisher". Never forget that you may know more about vessels and sailing conditions BUT the native crew know, and will always know, more than you about local conditions, and act on their advice. Nevertheless, a happy patrol.

*D. F. M. Rutledge*  
 D.F.M. Rutledge. ADO

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

*In Reply*

*Please Quote*

D. S. DNA 30/1

SUBDISTRICT OFFICE,  
LOSUIA,  
MILNE BAY DISTRICT

25 November 1957.

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. J.C. Corrigan,  
Cadet Patrol Officer,  
Losuia.

Patrol - Losuia No.1 of 1957/58.

Please continue this patrol today, using the vessel "Kingfisher" to take you to KAIBOLA, you to work on foot from there and the "Kingfisher" to return here tomorrow.

Court Interpreter Maiwori will accompany you again, and there will be two Constables of the Royal Papuan & New Guinea Constabulary to go with you as well. They will be named on parade 25.11.57.

The patrol is to be a general one with full inspection of villages, water holes, coconut groves, roads, bridges, etc. in addition to census revision and contact with the people. Investigate all troubles reported and send any Courts to Losuia using Village Constables as escorts.

Inform all people that adult males above the age of 18 years become taxable again as from 1 Jan 58, and that all males who are taxable should start gathering together the wherewithal to pay the taxes, which I think, will possibly be twice the amount they were paying pre-war.

Arrange for patrol stores, working on two weeks as a start. With the payment of carriers in tobacco there should be no need for a cash advance.

Check in the native mail box for deliverable letters and go through C/wealth Savings Bank Pass books held for any on the patrol route. Give me a list of the Pass books you take.

Keep in mind the possibility of a famine through the drought and consequent poor harvest, but from what I have heard at the office so far, I think what I initially heard was an exaggeration.

I hope you have a happy patrol.

  
D.F.M. Riddle. ADO

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
Please Quote

DNSI DNA 30/1

SUBDISTRICT OFFICE,  
LOSUIA,  
MILNE BAY DISTRICT.

16th January, 1958.

MEMORANDUM FOR:-

Assistant District Officer,  
Losuia,  
Milne Bay District.

VAKUTA NATIVE SOCIETY

In accordance with instructions laid down in your DNA 30/1 of 16th. November, 1957 I proceeded to Vakuta Island and there in conjunction with a routine census and general administration patrol conducted an enquiry into the affairs of the Vakuta Native Society, the results of which are outlined below.

HISTORY

The Society had its beginning in a communal collection of money amongst the people of the Vakuta Island Area comprising the villages of Gilibwa, Olinai, Vakuta and Mafilaka and comprising some four hundred odd persons. The money obtained from these initial collections was brought to Losuia and on the 10th. February, 1948 a deposit of £10-2-0 was placed with the Commonwealth Savings Bank agency at Losuia, thus opening an account which was called the Vakuta Village Welfare Account.

Further deposits to the account until June 1956 were donations from the proceeds of the production of smoke cured copra sold to local European traders. The balance of the account as at June 1956 stood at £328-19-7. Operations on the account, all deposits, up until this period occurred at rather irregular intervals; a table illustrating deposits in succeeding years is set out below.

YEAR	BALANCE	DEPOSITS
1948	£37-11-7	£37-11-7
1949-50	£37-11-7	Nil
1951	£136-13-6	£99-0-0
1952	£256-11-11	£126-0-4
1953	£256-11-11	<del>£55-5-8</del> Nil
1954	£311-16-7	£55-5-8
1955	£318-7-7	£6-11-0
1956 (up until June )	328-19-7	£10-12-0
	TOTAL	£328-19-7

From the above it can be seen that enthusiasm waned from 1955 on and the dormant state of the society was not altered until after the visit of Mr Doonan, then Assistant District Officer, Losuia in 1956.

A list of contributors to the initial £300 of the funds of the society was compiled but this has since been either lost or destroyed; it was not held at Losuia but was left in the care of Stephen Wadisoni, secretary of the society.

In June, 1956 Mr Jackman, Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, visited Vakuta Island in company with Mr Doolan. The outcome of their visit is outlined in succeeding paragraphs.

The society was to be given an opportunity to prove itself capable of economic copra production selling direct to the Copra Marketing Board. To this end:

- (1) A mark, C522 was allotted to the society by the CMB.
- (2) A supply of bagging materials sufficient for a year was to be purchased through the agency of the Milne Bay Native Societies Association. (The withdrawal of £100 from the account of the society and covered by O/R 44200 dated 18th July 1956 was for this purpose.)
- (3) The mode of production was to be changed from a family basis to a village basis; the villages of Gilibwa and Okinai were to act as one production unit, the village of Vakuta as another and Kaulaka village as a third.
- (4) Three smoke dryers were to be constructed, one each at Kaulaka, Vakuta and Okinai. These dryers have since been constructed, the one at Vakuta however was accidentally burnt down in August 1957.
- (5) Copra was to be transported from Vakuta to Losuia as backloading on the Losuia station launch, Kingfisher, on arrival at Losuia it was to be stored in a shed since built by the Vakuta Islanders at their own expense and there await final shipment to Samarai, the details of which were to be handled by the ADO Losuia.
- (6) The proceeds from copra sold were to be paid by the CMB into an account which the society was to hold with the BNSA. This arrangement was in operation from July 1956 to March 1957 when it was decided the balance at the end of March 1957, standing at £387-10-4, should be transferred to the society for depositing in the Society CMB a/c and that future payments from the CMB should be paid direct to the Society.
- (7) To initiate the Society into the ways of a society registered under the Native Economic Development Ordinance, the offices of a chairman, secretary and four directors were created; there was no treasurer as the finance of the Society was to be handled by the ADO Losuia and the BNSA until the time of registration.

Once the Society proved itself capable of economic production, it was to be registered under the NEDO. Capital was to be raised xxx by the issue of shares @ £5.

To enable the members to purchase shares, funds from the sale of copra to the CMB only ~~XXXXX~~ were to be divided evenly amongst the adult male members of the Society, a list of whom was to be prepared by the Society office bearers (this task was done during my visit and the list has been entrusted to Stephen Wadisoni). If the sum of what a member received from this division and the amount he contributed to the original



£300 was not sufficient to purchase a share then he was to pay the balance and he would then be issued with a share.

FUTURE

Up until the present the Society has accumulated over £800 from copra sold direct to the CMB and by this it has shown itself capable of economic copra production. Thus it would appear the next step is the registration of the Society under the Native Economic Development Ordinance.

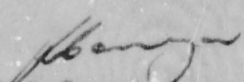
This proposal to register the society has the approval of the Registrar of Co-operatives and he has instructed the Co-operative Officer Samarai to undertake this task as outlined in his 770/19-14 of 1st October, 1957.

While I was at Vakuta I explained the various points raised in the above correspondence to the office bearers (with the exception of the proposed association with the MBNSA as this point is not definite) and they were in concurrence with most of what I said but were hesitant in bringing forward a solution to the problem of the Society funds; the distribution of which has been complicated by the list of contributors to the initial £300. When pressed with this problem, they put forward the ~~xxxxxxx~~ proposal that not only should the proceeds of the sale of copra to the CMB be divided evenly amongst the adult male members but so also should the initial £300 be divided in this manner. *the loss of*

To this proposal there was one dissentient, a divorced woman, who of course would forfeit her contribution if such a proposal were put into effect. In such a case it would be better to honour the claim as the amount involved is not large and it ~~xxxxxxx~~ would be in the interests of harmony and would prevent future strife.

Concerning the amount of shell - there is not a great deal of trochus and what little there is is on the Eastern side of Kirivina Island close to the Wawela area. The rights to fish in these waters are vested in the Giliwa villagers. There is some green snail shell on the Eastern side of Vakuta Island and heiler shell in the lagoon on the Western side. The villagers, however, are not bringing in shell and have not done so for some time and are not enthusiastic about a shell fishing venture. Some shell could be obtained but the proceeds from such a venture would ~~xxx~~ be only a small part of the overall profit most of which would come from the production of copra.

At the moment copra production is static, mainly because of garden activities which take up a large part of the villager's time. Over the last six months, however, production of thirty bags a month has been attained on two occasions. Mr. Doolan has estimated the possible monthly average production at between forty and sixty bags. When the two hot air dryers, for which an order has been placed with the Regional Agricultural Officer Samarai, have been constructed a minimum monthly production of thirty bags would be probable.

  
J.C. Corri  
Cadet Patrol Officer

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
Please Quote

~~XXXX~~ DNA 30/2

SUBDISTRICT OFFICE,

LOSUIA,

MILNE BAY DISTRICT.

16th. January, 1957.

Messrs.

District Commissioner,  
Milne Bay District,  
S A M A R A I.

PATROL REPORT LOS 1 - 57/58

Area patrolled:

Kiriwina North Census Sub-Division

Kiriwina South Census Sub-Division

Officer conducting patrol:

J. C. Corrigan, Cadet Patrol Officer

Patrol accompanied by:

Europeans; Nil

Natives: R.P. & N.G.C. 2

Interpreter 1

Duration:

17th. November to 21st November

25th November to 24th December

27th December to 10th January

49 days

Last patrol to area:

DNA: Kiriwina North; May 1956

Kiriwina South; July-August 1957

DPH: Most villages visited by

motor transport. Last recorded

patrol to North Kiriwina-1952

Objects of patrol:

Conduct an enquiry into the  
Vakuta Native Society, to search  
Lasancays for missing launch Igau,  
Census Revision, routine adminis-  
tration.

D I A R Y

Sunday 17th November

Departed Losuia for Vakuta Island per station

launch M.V Kingfisher, arriving Vakuta Sunday Evening.

Tuesday 18th November

Census Okinai and Gilibwa.

Tuesday 19th November

Census Vakuta and Kaulaka Villages. Investigation of Vakuta Society.

Wednesday 20th November

Further investigation of Vakuta Society. Proceeded to Muwo Plantation per Kingfisher with child Helen Clark and her grandmother Lily on board.

Thursday 21st November

Departed Muwo for Losuia arriving Losuia noon.

Monday 25th November

Departed Losuia for Kuiuau Island per Kingfisher arriving 0600.

Tuesday 26th November

Departed Kuiuau 0518 arrived Munawata 0550 departed Munawata 0600 passing between Munawata and Labi Islands; headed due West in direct line for Simsim; altered course 275° arriving Kawa Island 1327; took on pilot departed Kawa 1432; passed through break in reef past Gabwina and Gwaderab Islands then back through reef to arrive Kudarabi Island 1800.

Wednesday 27th November

Departed Kudarabi 0535 arrived Kawa 0935 passing Kanapu, Konokonowana and Nukuana Islands, also other smaller unnamed islets; arrived Kawa disembarking pilot; arrived Simsim 1205, 1238 departing; 1245 Kingfisher 'buzzed' by Qantas search dakota; arrived Tuma Island 1755 after passing Simlindon and adjacent islets, Tubina, Nuarguta and Siliniaka.

Thursday 28th November

Departed ~~KAWA~~ Tuma 0535 arrived Kaibola 0828; Kingfisher returned to Losuia; census Kaibola, Labai and Luebila villages.

Friday 29th November

Census Kapwani and Idaleka .

(3)

Saturday 30th November

Proceeded to Tobaada Rest House; census  
Mwatawa, Kolikweu and Bwaitavaiya.

Sunday 1st December

Observed.

Monday 2nd December

Census Tobaada.

Tuesday 3rd December

Carriers to Mutawa, self to Losuia thence

LMM Mutawa.

Wednesday 4th December

Census Kadokobiliya, Liluta, Kaimwamwala  
Deyagila, Iuwade and Mutawa.

Thursday 5th December

At Mutawa.

Friday 6th December

At Mutawa.

Saturday 7th December

Proceeded to Tilakaiwa Rest House. Census  
Tilakaiwa, Iolaota, Wakailua.

Sunday 8th December

Observed.

Monday 9th December

Census Kabululu and Kwaibwaga.

Tuesday 10th December

Census Omarakana; self to Losuia returning  
Tilakaiwa in evening.

Wednesday 11th December

Proceeded to Kabwaku Rest House.

Census Kabwaku.

Thursday 12th December

Census Wakaisa and Okaibobwa.

Friday 13th December

Proceeded to Obweliya Rest House.

(4)

Saturday 14th December

Census Okaikoda.

Sunday 15th December

Observed.

Monday 16th December

Census Obowada and Kaulagu.

Tuesday 17th December

Census Obweliya, Ialungwa and Moliqilagi.

Wednesday 18th December

Proceeded to Kuluvitu Rest House; census  
Kulivitu, Oyakeki, Giligali and Libutuma.

Thursday 19th December

At Kuluvitu.

Friday 20th December

Self to Omarakana via Bwaitavaiya and  
Kabwaku, thence to Ialaka; carriers direct to Ialaka.

Saturday 21st December

Census Ialaka, Kuluwa, Buduwailaka  
and Luya.

Sunday 22nd December

Observed.

Monday 23rd December

Proceeded to Boitalu Rest House. Census  
Boitalu, Siviagila, Lobua and Oliesi.

Tuesday 24th December

Patrol proceeded to Losuia.

Wednesday 25th December

At Losuia.

Thursday 26th December

At Losuia.

~~XXXXXXXX~~ Friday 27th December

Proceeded to Gumilibaba Rest House.  
Census Gumilibaba, Wabutuma and Kudukwaikela.

Saturday 28th December

Census Wasaisuya, Kavataria and Mulosaida.

Sunday 29th December

Observed.

Monday 30th December

Proceeded to Tokwaukwa Rest House Census  
Tokwaukwa.

Tuesday 31st December

Census Kapwapu and Teiava.

Wednesday 1st January

Proceeded to Losuia returning in the evening.

Thursday 2nd January

Census Oiveowa thence to Mweyewa Bay Rest House.

Friday 3rd January

Census Okaiboma, Okupukopu, Osapola, Ilalima and  
Kaituvi.

Saturday 4th January

Proceeded to Obulaku Rest House, census of  
Kwabula en Route.

Sunday 5th January

Observed.

Monday 6th January

Census Wawela and Obulaku.

Tuesday 7th ~~January~~ January

At Obulaku; Kingfisher arrived Kiribi Point.

Wednesday 8th January

Proceeded to Sinaketa Rest House per Kingfisher.  
Census Sinaketa, Bwadela, Loya and Okaiyaula.

Thursday 9th January

Census Kopila and Kumilabwaga. Proceeded to  
Nananauli Island per Kingfisher.

Friday 10th January

Proceeded to Muwo Plantation per Kingfisher  
thence Losuia.

END OF DIARY

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

Village Groups.

Kaibola.

The Kaibola area has always been noted for neatness in respect of roads and village surrounds and this state of affairs is due to the efforts of Tobisikola, the Village Constable of the area. The initiative of this Constable was put to goodly effect when learning of the reintroduction of head tax, he caused all plantations belonging to the people of his area to be cut and cleared. The steady methodical cleaning is commendable and the work, although not yet completed had obviously been well under way before the arrival of the patrol. A new rest house and police barracks had been commenced since the last patrol and the rest house requires old sheets of galvanised iron, promised from Losuia. In such an exposed position to the North West wind an iron roof is essential. The only fault with the area was the poor condition of housing but this is not restricted to the Kaibola area and is general throughout the Sub-District.

TOLOADA.

Although the network of roads in this area is large, these roads were all clean and well cut. Village surrounds were good though housing was poor. A new rest house had been started since the last patrol and was ready for use by this patrol.

Mutawa.

This area was well cleaned; roads were good; village surrounds were clear; housing, however, was poor. Water is obtained from underground coral caverns and apart from an inevitable limestone taste is quite good. A new village councillor, Tudesi was elected to replace the previous office bearer for Iuwada village who was dismissed in 1956. The rest house and barracks at Mutawa are too old and need replacing.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.Village Groups.Omarakana.

The amount of attention given to this area over the last year has brought about a much needed improvement. During the course of the last patrol to the area more than one hundred villagers were summonsed to appear in court at Losuia. That action has had a beneficial effect on the state of the area; roads were well cut and village surrounds clear though housing as in most other villages was poor. A dispute concerning land between Nemani of Kabululu and Mitakata of Omarakana was brought to my notice; in effect the dispute boils down to one between the two villages. It is a longstanding one and in 1956 Mr. Jinks, then at Losuia gave a ruling in the matter. As both disputants argue the ruling was in their respective favours and each has witnesses who are prepared to say as much, it would be better to get in touch with Mr. Jinks and determine what his ruling was as both agree the ruling he gave was correct. None of the present native staff at Losuia were with Mr. Jinks at the time and they have no knowledge of the affair.

Kubwaku.

Roads and village surrounds for this area were in excellent order and this is a tribute to Village Constable Mwaiyoyu.

Obweliya.

This area has been reduced in size to half of its former proportions. The villages in the present Obweliya group are Obweliya, Moligilagi and Ialungwa. This move has been the cause of the lessening of friction between the rival groups of Okaikoda and Obweliya on one hand and Kabwaku on the other. Roads, village surrounds and water supply were good; housing however was poor.

Okaikoda.

This area comprises the villages of Okaikoda, Obowade and Kaulagu and has come from a division of what was the former Obweliya group, the reason for this division being given above.



NATIVE AFFAIRS.Village Groups.Okaikoda (continued).

Regarding village surrounds, roads, water and housing, the group is similar in all respects to the Obweliya group.

Kuluvitu.

A village constable had been lacking in this area from 1954 to 1957 and with the appointment of a new constable, the state of this area has been improved considerably. The housing is among the best in the Sub-District. The rest house and barracks are in poor condition however and need replacing.

Ialaka.

The new rest house and barracks for this area are better than any other in the Sub-District. This however seems to have lent to the villagers an air of complacency concerning the state of their roads. They were warned about neglecting roads and closer attention to this group in the near future is warranted.

Bwoitali.

Four months ago work in this area began to slacken. Prompt action in punishing those guilty of neglect has brought about a much needed improvement in this area.

Gumilababa.

The general appearance of this area is one of neglect. Because of its proximity to Losuia, the state of the area has been taken for granted and for this reason has received scant attention from patrols in the past. To allow for closer contact with the people a temporary barracks and rest house were built during the course of the patrol and it is recommended these be replaced by more permanent structures in the near future.

Tokwaukwa.

All villages in this group are fishing villages and are close to Losuia. Work in the area has been steady over the last six months though it was obvious work had been accelerated in the week prior to the arrival of the patrol. A temporary barracks

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

Village Groups.

Tokwaukwa. (continued)

and rest house similar to those at Gumilababa were constructed  
of ~~these~~ ~~materials~~ replacing with a more permanent structure.

Kavataria.

This group comprises the two adjacent villages of Kavataria and Mulosaida and a population of over six hundred. For such a large population the task of cleaning roads and village surrounds is not a difficult task and the state of the area was accordingly in good condition. Housing is only as good as can be expected when materials used are mainly coconut palm frond and a little grass and sago.

Okaiboma.

A good area with well cut roads and clean village surrounds; the housing was the best seen during the patrol. The rest house is situated on the shores of Mweyuya Bay and when this is replaced it would be better if it were moved to Plalima as this would be more central and make for closer contact with the people.

Obulaku.

An extensive mangrove swamp isolates this area from the large concentration of population in the North and also from Losuia. In spite of this isolation, roads and villages were clean though the roads are limited in size and length by the rocky and swampy nature of the terrain.

Sinaketa.

This group is in the Kiriwina South Census Sub-Division and like Obulaku, it is isolated from Losuia. Roads and village surrounds, however, were good. In the past a feud has

NATIVE AFFAIRSVillage GroupsSinaketa(contd.)

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ existed between Sinaketa and Vakuta; this broke out afresh at Losuia during the sports on New Year's Day and also on the return of the villagers from Losuia, a few days later. Although both clashes were slight and involved no more than half a dozen persons, the state of affairs needs close attention and prompt punitive action to stamp it out.

Vakuta

THIS GROUP, COMPRISING all Vakuta Island and the Southern tip of Kiriwina Island, has been visited as often as any in the past year, mainly in connection with the Vakuta Native Society. Whilst the patrol was at Vakuta, an enquiry was held into the affairs of the Vakuta Native Society and this has been made the subject of a separate memorandum. Since the inauguration in July 1956 of production of smoked copra, the Society, selling direct to the Copra Marketing Board, has made a profit of over £800. By this it has proved itself capable of economic production and is ready for registration under the Native Economic Development Ordinance. This proposal to register the Society has the approval of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies and he has requested the Co-operative Officer Samarai, to undertake this task. Village surrounds and roads in this area were good.

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NATIVE AFFAIRSGeneral

The general aspect of native affairs on Kiriwina Island is one of a people well content with their lot. While this is excellent from a law and order point of view, it tends to be a barrier to the introduction of new ideas, particularly in respect of housing.

At present there are a large number of Trobrianders employed in Port Moresby, some of them having returned on the expiration of their leave and although they have not yet made any perceptible impact on the traditional culture pattern, it must only be a question of time before they do so. Once they see the more sophisticated areas of the Territory, they will realize many aspects of their own culture pattern can be done away with and once any of the aspects of the culture pattern fall away, then so also will the tradition, on which these aspects are based.

Village Officials

It has long been realized that village councillors on Kiriwina are not performing the duties within their sphere of office; viz. the settling of disputes and acting as an intermediary between the people and the Administration. Instead, all are performing the duties of village constables and are in effect, assistant village constables.

This state has been brought about, in no small way, by the idea of Friday as a universal workday for cleaning roads and other tasks under the Native Regulations and the enforcing of this has been left largely in the hands of the councillors. The expected reply from most constables when asked to explain the condition of a dirty road or cemetery is the councillor ~~has~~ did not get his village men to work.

I explained to the villagers that so long as <sup>were</sup> their roads ~~were~~ always neat and clean, they had nothing to fear. They were told they were no longer required to work as a group every Friday and the village constable was instructed to allot a mark to every able bodied male, something which had been done in the past but which ~~is~~ had since fallen into disuse.

The village constables were told to make weekly inspections in their areas and to bring to Losuia, those guilty of wilful neglect of their roads. With these new measures, the authority of the councillors will be reduced and this will tend to place them in their proper perspective.

#### Housing

Housing is generally poor but any move to improve it, would ~~not~~ be impeded by superstition and tradition, which requires the houses of the commoners to be smaller than those of the clan chiefs. There is no excuse, however, for shanties constructed out of old war time corrugated iron. These houses are unsightly and less hygienic than the traditional type and the owners take pride in their upkeep. By building such houses, the people are losing some of their traditional skills and the ability to build tin shanties is hardly a compensating accomplishment.

All houses of the above type were condemned and forceful action from Losuia will be required to eliminate them altogether.

#### Tax

The people were informed of the reintroduction of head-tax to the Territory and they took this news with apparent resignation, rather than apprehension. The Trobrianders are well accustomed to the concept of tax, having had much experience of it prewar.

#### AGRICULTURE

The harvest of yams in 1957 was poorer than usual though not in the nature of a famine. The Islanders explain this poor harvest, saying, in the previous harvest they had secured a 'bumper' crop and for this reason they were later than usual in planting their new gardens. Although the festivities for this period were prolonged more than somewhat, the explanation goes deeper than that.

Austen, a prewar assistant registrate magistrate and an anthropologist of some note, blamed these periodically poor harvests on a fault in the Kiriwinan Seasonal Gardening Calendar, based on the position of certain stars and phases of the moon. In his paper appearing in Oceania of March 1939, he says these poor harvests are, "— not their fault, but the fault of the moons, which were late or



HEALTH


The health of the people is good and all villages are within easy access of Losuia Native Hospital. There are five aid posts in the area and these give quite a good coverage. During the year, over six ~~thousand~~ thousand persons received anti-yaws injections and were examined by a T B survey team. The ease of access to many of the villages in the North Kiriwina area by motor transport, will in the near future, lead to a system of domiciliary therapy for T B sufferers, of whom there are a large number in the area.

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CENSUS

Census figures are attached in two sections; North Kiriwina and South Kiriwina. It is pleasing to note the increase from 7,132 in 1956 to 7,375 to date in the North Kiriwina area; this increase says much for the work of the Dept. of Public Health at Losuia, and of the staff of the various aidposts.

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J.C. Corrigan

Cadet Patrol Officer

APPENDIX A

EDUCATION

A comprehensive coverage of schools operated in the area has been given by Mr Jinks in his report - Los1-56/57 and the former Area Education Officer, Mr Paul had made an inspection of schools in early 1957.

The highest standard is standard 5 and this is only at the Methodist school at Oyabia and the Catholic school at Gusaweta.

The village higher school at Kaibola is much appreciated by the villagers of the Kaibola area and attendance is consequently very good.

The highest standard for both missions' village schools is standard 3.

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APPENDIX B

REPORT ON R.P. & N.G.C.

~~XXX~~ 6333 Const. Doiwa.

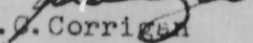
An average policeman.

8437 Const. Lauwa

The unsatisfactory conduct of this member caused him to be fined for conduct prejudicial to discipline. The stricter discipline of a larger centre would have a beneficial effect on this member.

9948 Const. Peter

From the Sepik, this member naturally experienced language difficulties. After he acquires some knowledge of Kiriwinan, he should be a useful member whilst at Losuia. Conduct satisfactory.

  
J. G. Corrigan  
Officer R . P . C.

APPENDIX C

LIST OF HOLDERS OF  
SHOTGUN PERMITS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Village</u>
Mulolu	Kavataria
Abedi	Mulosaida
Deri	Tokwaukwa
Kaleb	Tokwaukwa
Manoreia	Oiveowa
Mulai'ina	Okupukopu
Parai'idai	Sinaketa
To'osawa	Loya
Kabal'uyega	Bwadela
Tauliki	Obulaku
Kekenai	Vakuta
Lasaro	Vakuta
Ogwawokwa	Vakuta
Kalitoni	Vakuta

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# VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

YEAR 1957-58

KIRIWINA NORTH

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VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS										MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE AT WORK				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		Average Size of Family	TOTALS (excluding absentee)				GRAND TOTAL										
				0-11 th.		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13		Females in Child Birth	IN		OUT		Inside District		Outside District		Gov't.		Mission		MALES	FEMALES	Pregnant	Number of Child-bearing age		Child		Adults							
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LALAKA	21-12-57	4	8					2						1		1	6	2	3	3													14	37	13	33	33	3.9	42	44	53	49	193
LUYA	21-12-57	1	2											2	3	2	1	2	3	2													9	26	10	30	2	3.0	34	25	48	44	133
BUDUWAILAKA	21-12-57		2					1						2			1	5	4													6	13	1	7	2	3.6	8	8	17	12	45	
KULUWA	21-12-57	4	2					1								1	4		4													6	20	6	16	16	3.9	26	14	23	22	85	
BOITALU	23-12-57	1	2											1			2		1													4	28	4	31	2	3.4	21	20	47	44	132	
SIVIAGILA	21-12-57	1	1															1														2	14	1	15	1	4.1	9	9	18	17	53	
LOBUA	23-12-57	3	1					1						1	1	2	2	1	1													3	26	2	21	2	3.7	23	12	37	29	101	
OLIA	23-12-57		1											1			1															1	3		3	3	3.6	3	3	5	5	16	
CUMILABABA	27-12-57	2	12											3	3	6	7	1	5	1	1	1									9	46	17	39	9	3.9	41	60	65	60	232		
WABUTUPA	27-12-57	2	1											2	3	2	2	9	12	1	1										11	35	8	22	3	3.7	31	27	54	37	157		
KUDUWAIKEM	27-12-57	2	1					1						1	1	5	6	1			1	3									2	21	3	21	1	3.8	21	13	27	26	93		
WASAKUYA	28-12-57	2	1					1						1	2	3	2	2	1	1	1										4	17	2	12	12	3.6	21	11	24	20	79		
KAVATARIA	28-12-57	10						1						5	3	11	17	1	1	14	9	1	3			1					23	62	19	63	5	3.9	80	76	93	99	376		
PILGSAHA	28-12-57	5	1											1	4	4	8	8	11	23	17	4	2								9	40	5	42	4	4.0	38	40	63	62	242		
TUKU KUKWA	30-12-57	11	11											2		6	9		3	12	6	10									15	62	16	69	11	4.0	99	87	122	100	416		
KAPWAPU	31-12-57	3	2											1	2	1	4	3	5												7	40	10	29	6	3.7	35	39	55	40	169		
TEIANA	31-12-57	3	2											1		2		4	6	1	1										2	6	33	7	26	3.6	27	15	42	37	130		
DINEOWA	2-1-58	5	7					1						1	2	2		1	2		1										7	44	11	35	7	3.8	40	41	63	47	194		



# Population Register

Area Patrolled **KIRIWANA - NORTH.**

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



# PATROL REPORT

District of LOGUHA MILNE BAY Report No. LOS 2-56/57

Patrol Conducted by B. JINKS, C.P.O.

Area Patrolled LUSANCAI CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by—Europeans NIL

Natives TWO

Duration—From 18/12/1956 to 19/12/1956

Number of Days 9

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 14/1955

Medical 14/1955

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol CENSUS AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Officer

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

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

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







30-5-67

12th May, 1958.

The District Commissioner,  
Milne Bay District,  
SAMARAI.

Patrol Report No.2, 1956/57- Lesuia.

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol  
Report is acknowledged with thanks.

As the Patrol Report is so out of  
date, comment by this Office is unwarranted.

J. K. U.  
(J. K. McCarthy)  
Acting Director.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

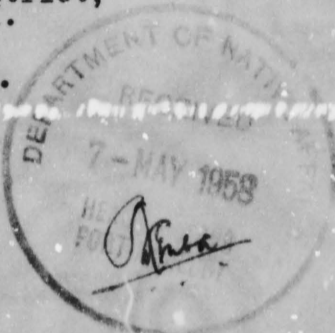
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No. LOS."2-56/57/12

Headquarters,  
Milne Bay District,  
S A M A R A I.

5th May, 1958.



The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

LOSUIA REPORT NO.2 - 56/57

The above report of a patrol conducted by Mr. Cadet Patrol Officer Jinks during December of 1956 has been recently located in the office without action having been taken on it.

Mr. Jinks returned to Konia during March 1957 and supervised the initial clearing - please refer Losuia Special Report 248 of 27/3/57 and your NA 30/6/38 of 10/4/57.

Although the report is now outdated, it is submitted for your information, please.

A.F. Gow,  
District Commissioner.

Encl:

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

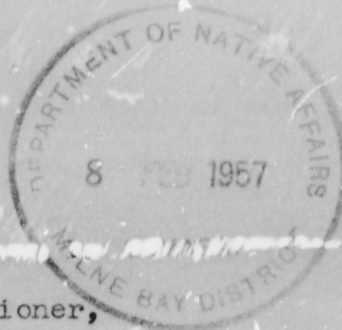
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SUBDISTRICT OFFICE,  
LOSUIA,  
MILNE BAY DISTRICT.  
29th January, 1957.

MEMORANDUM FOR:-



The District Commissioner,  
Milne Bay District,  
SAMARAI.

PATROL LUSANCAY DIVISION.

Attached please find report of a patrol of Lusancay Census Division conducted by Mr. C.P.O. Jinks.

There appears to be a real need for Government assistance in eradicating mosquitoes on Konia. With such a small population available, I doubt whether any effective programme could be carried out without outside help. The E.M.A. Losuia will therefore be approached for the use of any equipment -sprays, oil etc- he may have, and an attempt will be made during the coming month to attack this problem.

I do not consider the appointment of a Village Constable for Konia is warranted as the island is within reasonable canoe travel from Kawa. Action will be taken to have VASAILA appointed as V. Constable for Kawa/Konia to replace TOWAWALA who was dismissed some twelve months ago.

Any move to have co-operatives established in this Sub-District will be dependent upon the success, or otherwise, of the Vakuta venture. Should the Society prove successful, arrangements may later be considered for the inclusion of such groups as Kaileuna-Munawata-Kuiaua.

*L. J. Doolan*  
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L. J. Doolan.  
Assistant District Officer.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

*In Reply  
Please Quote*

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SUBDISTRICT OFFICE,  
LOSUIA,  
MILNE BAY DISTRICT.  
15th January, 1957.

MEMORANDUM FOR:-

The District Commissioner,  
Milne Bay District,  
SAMARAI.

PATROL REPORT LOS 2-56/57

Area Patrolled: Lusancay Census Division  
Officer Conducting Patrol: B. Jinks, CPO  
Patrol Accompanied By: Europeans: Nil  
Natives: RPC - 2  
Duration: 10th to 19th December, 1956. - 9 days  
Last Patrol to Area: DNA April, 1955.  
PHD April, 1955.  
Objects of Patrol: Census and General Administration

D I A R Y

Monday 10th December Proceeded to Giwa rest house - census of Giwa  
Tuesday 11th December Census of Koma and Lebola villages  
Wednesday 12th December Census of Kaisiga and Bulakwa villages en  
route Kaduwaga  
Thursday 13th December Inspection of Kadai island and Tuma village  
Friday 14th December Census of Kaduwaga and Tauwema villages  
Saturday 15th December Census of Munuata and Kuaiaa villages  
Sunday 16th December Observed. Proceeded to Kawa island  
Monday 17th December Census of Ogigiku village  
Tuesday 18th December Proceeded to Simsim islands. Census of  
Konia village.  
Wednesday 19th December Inspection of Iowana island en route Losuia.

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NATIVE AFFAIRSGeneral

The patrol was carried out during the period when most of the island peoples are completing the preparations for their main gardens. Yams at this time are quite plentiful in those villages which have moderately large areas of garden land (mainly Kaileuna island), and the hardy people of the island harvest a variety of secondary crops. They are rarely without fish in fair weather.

The people of the Lusancays tend to be more independent than those on Kiriwina. Munuata, Kuiuau, Kawa and Sinsim, where there are no chiefs, but merely land-holders, decisions on matters outside these men's limited jurisdiction are much more affected by popular opinion.

The Lusancay chief TOBEWAGA died some five years ago, and his successor is still too young to take up his duties. This has led to a slight falling-off in social contact arising out of such activities as Kula exchange. On Kaileuna, Munuata and Kuiuau this is of no importance, as the succession of the new chief will probably mean the highest spot in social life in a decade, but in the case of Sinsim and Kawa it adds to their isolation. The resourcefulness of these people has led them to conduct regular inter-island cricket matches, and while this would no doubt be applauded by the MCC, it would be better replaced by something more constructive.

The main problem of life on Kawa is the absence of a regular fresh water supply and that of Sinsim, mosquitoes. The mosquitoes have been mentioned in earlier reports, as well they might - Big Brother could never dominate the life of 1984 the way the mosquito dominates life in the Sinsims. The people have two villages, one on each island, which are occupied alternately, as the mosquito dictates. The gardens and water supply are on Konietila (see map), but the people prefer Konia, which is the source of most of the copra and all the mosquitoes. As there are no islands within five miles of the Sinsims, it should be possible to eradicate the mosquitoes by spraying DDT and laying oil on the Konia swamp (see HEALTH). The villagers expressed their willingness to undertake this work and to clear the scrub.

There are several thick groves of coconuts on Kawa island, and the people should be able to raise sufficient money to buy a tank and overcome their water shortage. There are many problems to be met in installing it, however - provision of a catchment, construction of the stand and the tank itself, transport, and the manner in which the money is to be raised. The quickest way of obtaining the required amount would be to sell copra direct to Samarai, but this would again involve the problem of transport. To overcome the other difficulties it would be necessary for the Administration to provide more assistance than is usual in such cases - supervision and assistance in assembling and erecting the tank, charter of ML "Kingfisher", and, if possible, purchase of the tank from Government Store or at reduced rates from a commercial firm on behalf of the villagers.

The programmes for Sinsim and Kawa outlined

above would add to village activities and counteract to some extent the influence of traders in these islands.

#### Village Groups

##### Koma

This group is widely scattered and Kaisiga and Bulakwa villages are isolated by a swamp which is rarely crossed. These villages are on the beach, are extremely clean, and the fact that the Village Constable cannot visit them weekly is no cause for concern. The other villages are in good order and the group as a whole is one of the best in the Sub-district.

##### Kaduwaga

Although the VC appointed in 1955 from Tauwema is very old and has been sick for some time, the group has not suffered. The Councillors have been doing the VC's work, and the people are probably the only ones in the Trobriands who have accepted the routine laws of the Administration as a matter of course - there are few shirkers.

##### Munuata

The differences between the two villages in this group are quite pronounced, although they are only two miles apart. The Munuata villagers are unusually friendly, and their housing and village cleanliness are on a par with any in the Sub-district. The Kuliaua people, however, are very reserved and have a reputation for laxity in village work. Orders were given concerning the repair of houses, and a two-day stay in Kuliaua rest house by the next patrol should bring the village up to the standard of Munuata.

##### Simsim and Kawa

These islanders live a most isolated and difficult life, with shortages of water, garden land and good food. Because the two communities are so small there has never been occasion for Administration officers to stay for any time on either island and the reticence of the people is again most apparent, particularly on Kawa. A spotting station was in operation on this island during the war, and there is a half-caste boy in the village. It is hoped that the establishment of a part-time Aid Posts on Simsim and Kawa (see HEALTH), besides benefiting the people, will help to change their outlook a little.

#### Village Officials

There have been many changes in village officials in this census division since the war and vacant positions should be filled as soon as possible. It is also recommended that Village Constable TOBWAGA of Tauwema be replaced by a younger and healthier man from Kaduwaga, and that Constables be appointed at both Konia and Ogigiku, instead of only at Ogigiku, as was the earlier practice. Recommendations for these positions are: Kaduwaga - MONOTUNA; Ogigiku - VASAILA; and at Konia possibly MOIKOVIYA, the present Councillor. These men could be appointed on the follow-up patrol to the area during February. The present officials are effective in most cases, and the willingness of the people to do their work makes their jobs easier.

#### Housing

Housing in the Lusaneas is very good, with the exception of Simsim and Kawa, where building material, particularly sago, must be brought from as far away as Good-enough Island. On the other islands material, particularly good wood, is much more plentiful than on Kiriwina. The housing type is that also favoured in South Kiriwina -

square houses, built on stumps, usually with sago roofs and "moi" (pandanus) walls. They are much sturdier and last far longer than those on North Kiriwina because the Lusancay people make greater efforts to obtain good material - they show a little foresight.

If the mosquitoes are cleared from Simsim the housing should improve considerably as the people will then have easier access to what timber there is, and will no longer have to maintain two houses. It is possible that the Kawa villagers may also obtain a little timber from these islands - it seems the only hope of any improvement on Kawa.

#### Roads

The only roads are on Kaileuna and these are very well kept - the people accept the task as a responsibility.

#### Law and Order

The only case which arose during the patrol was at Kaisiga village, where eleven men did not return from Kuaia in time for the census, despite two days warning. They were brought back to Losuia and imprisoned for one month by Mr. ADO Doolan.

One complaint concerning Kula exchange and several concerning non-payment of credit were adjusted almost entirely by the people concerned - it is mainly a matter of bringing the parties together. Disturbances in these islands are rare, as the people show a sense of responsibility which augurs well for their future development.

#### Economic Potential

Each of the inhabited islands has thickly-planted coconut groves, and copra-making colonies often visit other islands, remaining several days and smoking copra on the spot. The island people have more copra per head than those of Kiriwina, but the population is so scattered that it is doubtful if they could alter their present system of selling to traders except under a highly developed Co-operative system.

A village fund was begun at Kaduwaga six years ago by the then Mission teacher and now stands at £105. This village unfortunately has very little copra, and although it has some of the best timber in the Sub-district, the people would have little market for pit-sawn planks. Once the Vakuta Native Society has obtained a boat, however, it should be possible to link Kaduwaga, Munuata and Kuaia into a Society with good prospects. This would also provide the Vakuta boat with sufficient work, which will be lacking if it transports only Vakuta produce.

Talks were held with the Kaduwaga, Munuata and



Kuiaua villagers concerning Co-operatives, and they fully understand the benefits these can bring. It is doubtful, however, if the formation of a Society could be considered until adequate transport is available.

#### HEALTH

An Aid Post operates at Koma village and regular patrols are carried out by the Orderly to the Kaileuna villages and to Kuiaua and Munaata islands. Health is very good in all these places.

The people of Kawa and Simsim, however, receive treatment only during a patrol's visit, and many minor ailments were treated by the Koma orderly. Three people requiring longer treatment were brought to Losuia.

The villagers were told that the station vessel, M.V. "Kingfisher" would be made available to transport an NMO to and from Simsim where, with the approval of the Medical Assistant, Losuia, he could remain until all minor sicknesses were fully cured, a period of perhaps two weeks. The villagers agreed to build houses at Kawa and Simsim for an NMO and to transport him from island to island.

As mentioned above, it is recommended that an attempt be made to eradicate the mosquitoes on Simsim. If the equipment at present at Losuia could be made available, it should be adequate to do the job - spraying and oiling of an area approximately 600 by 300 yards. It is suggested that this be one of the objects of a follow-up patrol during February.

#### AGRICULTURE

On Kaileuna gardens are slightly smaller than on Kiriwina, the people relying a little more on fish. The smaller islands have much less land, and on Kawa they depend largely on sugar cane during the off-season in January-February. This is mainly because there is no swampy ground ("Dumia") for taro, which helps tide the Kiriwinans over the lean period. The clearing of mosquitoes from Simsim should give the people access to a little of this ground, which would be of considerable help.

Yams and sweet potato are the main crops, but sweet corn and sugar-cane play an important part in the people's diet.

The most urgent need of the Kawa and Simsim villagers is a more advanced system of agriculture, but their isolation renders instruction and supervision almost impracticable, particularly where so few people are concerned.

#### CENSUS

Figures are appended. The ratio of births to deaths is most satisfactory, particularly for Kawa.

APPENDIX "A"VILLAGE OFFICIALSKoma

Village Constable BEONA, appointed in 1955, is proving most satisfactory. His only other position in the village is that of dance leader, and he relies on the Administration to back him up to the fullest extent. He has profited considerably from his appointment as VC, and as he is anxious to retain his position, he is very zealous in his work.

Kaduwaga

VC TOBWAGA is too old and sick for his position. The best replacement seems to be MONOTUNA of Kaduwaga (see above).

Munuata

VC KAIKWALAMA has good control, particularly in Munuata, and the fact that he is probably the biggest gossip in the Trobriands can be very handy at times.

APPENDIX "B"EDUCATION

Education in this Census Division is provided by the Methodist Overseas Mission, details being as follows:

School	Teachers	Standard	No. Pupils	English-speaking teacher
Koma	1	3	40	Yes
Kaduwaga	1	3	50	Yes
Kuiaua	1	2	35	No

As is common in the rest of the sub-district, most people below forty years of age have a good knowledge of figures and most can write their names, but they have minute knowledge of English. These schools cannot be visited regularly by a European missionary, and attendance seems to be less regular than on Kiriwina.

APPENDIX "C"LAND

The only alienated land in the Lusancays is three Mission leases at Koma, Kaduwaga and Kuaiaua.

- Koma:
- a. Lessee: Methodist Overseas Mission
  - b. Area: Approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre
  - c. Description: On the eastern fringes of Koma village. The land is flat and grassed and bordered by a single line of coconut trees.
  - d. Improvements: One teacher's house and one school/church building.
  - e. Use General Mission use - classes and services, playground for pupils
  - f. Plan: The duplicate of the Transfer document is at the sub-district office, Losuia. The sketch plan is only approximate, and no compass was used.
  - g. Cements: Cements were never used to mark the land.
  - h. Full use has been made of this land since it was first leased.

- Kaduwaga:
- a. As for Koma
  - b. Approx  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre
  - c. Description: On the eastern fringes of Kaduwaga, then as for Koma
  - d. As for Koma
  - e. As for Koma
  - f. No plan is held at Losuia.
  - g. Cements: Nil
  - h. As for Koma

- Kuaiaua
- a. As for Koma
  - b. Area: Approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre, although original lease was of only  $1\frac{1}{2}$  square chains.
  - c. On the western fringes of Kuaiaua village, then as for Koma.
  - d. As for Koma
  - e. As for Koma
  - f. Plan: Duplicate of Transfer is held at Losuia, and the plan is fairly accurate.
  - g. Cements: Nil
  - h. As for Koma

APPENDIX "D"POLICE

No. 2317 Constable ONOBA

This member is steady enough, although not particularly bright.

No. 7924 Constable PEGINA

A keen young Constable, who seems unhappy in the Trobriands, and would probably be better in his home District until he is a little older.



# Register

Area Patrolled LUSANCAY C DIVISION.

ABSENT FROM VILLAGE AT WORK				STUDENTS				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES			TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL
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