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ROUKU (MOREHEAD)

| Patrol No. | Conducted by: | Area Patrolled. |
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| Rouku 1-53/54 | J.C.Baker | Bensbach R., Border, Suki and East Trans-Fly |
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ROUKU PATROL POST

PATROL REPORTS:

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Western (Morehead) Report No. 1 of 53/54

Patrol Conducted by J.C. Baker

Area Patrolled Bensbach R. Border, Suki & East Strano-Fly.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 6/7/1953 to 9/8/1953

Number of Days 34

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol Census, medical & routine.

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Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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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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No. 30-5-1/138

DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT SERVICES & NATIVE AFFAIRS
20 OCT 1953

District Commissioner's Office,
DARU W.D.

14th October, 1953.

MEMORANDUM for-

The Director,
Department of District Services and Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

MOREHEAD RIVER PATROL REPORT NO.6 OF 53/54.

The abovementioned Report is forwarded together with a Patrol Sketch Map.

The patrol was of a routine nature and requires little comment.

The area covered appears to be in good order and very peaceful.

It is rather difficult to give an opinion regarding border movement.

(F.A. CHAMPION)
District Commissioner W.D.

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DS 20-4-245

22nd October, 1935

The District Commissioner,
Western District,
[illegible]

Patrol Report No.I/35-36, Mr. [illegible]

Receipt is acknowledged.

The legend has been extracted and forwarded to the Anthropologist.

The Report discloses that useful consolidatory Administrative work is being carried out by Mr. Baker.

(A. R. [illegible]).
Actg. Director, DNSAna.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

MOREHEAD RIVER PATROL REPORT NO 6 of 1953/54

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|---|---|
| By | J.C.Baker C.P.O. |
| Area | Bensbach R. , Border , Suki , and East Trans - Fly (Via Fly and Bituri Rivers) |
| Accompanied by | Sgt Hombe R.P.& N.G.C. No 1324<br>Const. Embogo R.P.& N.G.C. No 7912<br>Const Medori R.O.& N.G.C. No 7380 |
| Duration | 34 days ( 6.7.53 - 9.8.53 ) |
| Map Reference | 4 mile Strat. Series Fly R. and Kiwai Sheets |
| Objects of Patrol | 1. Census<br>2. Medical<br>3. Routine Administration |
| Last D.D.S.& N.A. Patrol | September 1952 |

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# PATROL DIARY

Monday July 6th 1953

Departed station 1.5 pm for Tokwa , arriving at 5.1o pm. Inspected village. Medical check carried out by N.M.O. Aniwa

TuesdayvJuly 7th

Departed TOKWA 8.15 am. Arrived IANDORODOA 12.3o pm. Inspected village, and talked with the people

Wednesday July 8th

Left IANDORODOA ~~at~~ 7.3o am. Arrived at the garden hamlet of Taipo at 11.15 am . Departed for Wereave at 2.oo pm., arriving at 5. oo p.m. Wallaby plentiful over latter section of track . Two shot to provide meat for patrol personnel

Thursday July 9th

At Wereave. Medical etc . Recieved report that a number of Dutch natives had crossed the border at Kwari, and intended to settle. Decided to move north along the border to Kwari, and investigate .

Friday July 10th

Departed Wereave 8.15. am . Travelled through a small patch of rain forest, then open timbered plain. Made camp beside oneof a string of water holes (Upper Bensbach River) at 4.3o pm . Two hours lost treating a carrier for snake bite during morning.

SaturdayJuly 11th

Broke camp 7.5 am. Travelled through whatappeared to be a large ~~dry~~ dried out swamp of of low thick ti-tree , then crossed an extensive Kunai plain. Made camp at 2.45 pm.beside a small water hole in a dried creek bed . One carriers hand badly mauled while he was man handling a four foot seven inch crocodile from the water hole.

Sunday July 12th

Broke camp 7.oo am. Crossed two extensive ~~separated~~ Kunai plains separated by a patch of rain forest . Followed a dried creek bed for some distance looking for water. Found a small soak , and by digging obtained enough extremely poor water . Camped at 3.1o pm.

Monday July 13th

Broke camp at 6.45 am. Crossed a small patch of Kunai , then travelled through open savannah to a large semi dry lagoon . Skirted the lagoon, crossed about a mile of undulating rain forest and reached the bank of the Wanggoe River. Here met a small partybof Kwari natives. Crossed the river and made camp at 2.5o pm.

~~Tuesday~~ Tuesday July 14th

Broke camp at 8.3o am. Arrived Kwari 1o.25 am . Conducted census , and investigated reported crossing by Dutch natives . Medical inspection by N.M.O. Aniwa.

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Wednesday July 15th

Departed Kwari 8.oo am. Passed water hole (reported permanent) 12 noon. Made camp 5.5o p.m.near small water hole. No water on track between these two spots.

Thursday July 16th

Broke camp 8.oo am. Arrived Gwaku 1o.15 am. Paid off carriers, inspected village etc.

Friday July 17th

Medical inspection of Gwaku people. Departed 1o.am. for Auwe (per canoe) , arriving 4.3o. p.m. Visited U.F.M. station at Gigwa during evening .

Saturday July 18th

Departed Auwe for Gwibaku 8.3o am . Arrived 9.5 am Medical inspection etc. Arbitrated two minor disputes. Proceeded to Gigwa, arriving 2.5o.pm.

Sunday July 19th

At Gigwa .

Monday July 2oth

Departed 8.15 am for Iwewe . Medical check and village inspection . Supervised general clean up of village. Returned to Gigwa , arriving at 4.5o pm.

Tuesday July 21st

Departed for Duru 9.45am. per canoe . Reached canoe landing 1o.5o am. Proceeded per foot, arriving Duru 12.5 pm. Inspected village, and listened two two minor disputes. Medical inspection by N.M.O.

Wednesday July 22nd

Departed Duru 9.3o am Arrived Gigwa 11.4o am. Departed for Iwewe 2.oo pm. , arriving at 4.3o pm. One minor dispute amicably settled.

Thursday July 23rd

Departed Iwewe 7.5o am. for Kowataugwa. Arrived 1.1o pm. This is a new village still in process of construction. Offered some advice on layout etc. Proceeded to Teraruma , arriving at 3.5o pm. Census interrupted by heavy rain.

Friday July 24th

At Teraruma . Census,Medical etc. U.F.M. vessel "Main" arrived at 8.oo pm.

Saturday July 25th

Departed per "Maine" 5.oo am . Arrived Mugamuga 12.5 pm. Departed 1.15 pm. Arrived Wasua 1o.3o pm.

Sunday July 26th

At Wasua

PATROL . DIARY

MONDAY JULY27th

Heavy S.E. winds made canoe travel impossible . Accepted U.F.M. offer to land me at Lewado next day. Travelled per Maino to Madieri via Gaima. Contacted Daru by radio 12 noon.

Tuesday July 28th

Departed Madieri per "Maino" 9.3o am. Arrived Wasua 12.5o p.m. Departed for Lewado 2.oo pm. , arriving 4.oo pm.

Wednesday July 29th

Departed Lewado by canoe 9.3o am. Entered Bituri River as tide turned up at 1o.45 am . Travelled up on strong tide till 5.45 pm. , then made camp.

Thursday July 30th

Broke camp 7.3o am. Arrived Upiara 3.oo pm. Difficulty experienced in forcing canoes through narrow canoe lanesover latter half of days travel. Medical check of Upiara people by N.M.O.
Mr Toepher M.A. arrived in late afternoon, on a medical patrol from Daru.

Friday July 31st

Assisted Mr Toepher in his medical examination. Departed 11.oo am for Kinkin, arriving at 1.55 pm. Census etc.

Saturday August 1st

Departed 7.5o am. for Kondoba . Arrived 9.oo am. Census, medical etc. Departed for Buk at 2.oo pm., arriving at 4.o5 pm. Census etc.

Sunday August 2nd

Departed 7.3o am. for Dimisis. Arrived 2.35 pm. Census etc.

Monday August 3rd

Departed 7.5o am. for Bimadebun. Arrived 2.2o pm. Census etc .

Tuesday August 4th

Departed 9.ooam. for Gubam. Arrived at hamlet of Boete 11.3o am. Left Boete 12.3o am. Arrived Gubam 2.oopm. Inspected village, and talked to people.

Wednesday August 5th

Checked Gubam census. Medical inspection by N.M.O. Departed for Arufe 11.oo am. Arrived 2.5o pm. Met Mr Steer of A.P.C. , and for some time discussed recruiting and sundry other matters with him. Visited Mrs Ellis of New Guinea Revival Mission, who has recently returned to the village . Mr Gore, of the Unevangelised Fields Missionat Gigwa also visiting the village.

Thursday August 6th

Arufe census and medical etc. Also medical check of visiting natives from surrounding villages.(absent from villages during my visit) Departed 4.oopm. for Derriderri . Arrived 6.1o pm.

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**Friday August 7th**

Conducted Derriderri-Pongaki census , inspected village, and talkedx to the people . Medical check by N.M.O.

Departed Derriderrix 1.oo pm. Arrived Pongaki 1.3o pm. Departed for Mata 2.3o pm. Arrived Mata 4.35 pm.

**Saturday August 8th**

Mata village inspection , medical etc. Departed for Garieta at 11.3o am. , arriving at 1.3o pm. Inspected village and talked to people. Proceeded on to the station, arriving at 3.45 pm.

End of Patrol

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## PATROL SUMMARY

**Introduction**

Originally it was intended to patrol the Bensbach - Lower Morehead area. However a report by the Woreave V.C. that a number of Dutch natives had crossed the border and intended to settle at Kwari caused me to decide to move north along the Border to Kwari and investigate the report , then continue on the route shown.

As a result , the patrol was extended for two weeks over the originally planned time.

**Villages and Housing**

All villages visited were in good order. At Kwari, rebuilding is going forward as instructed on the previous visit.

The Ok Tedi people, who some four years ago migrated down the Fly to Teraruma, have divorced themselves from Teraruma , and are now building what promises to be a good village at Kowataugwa , on the eastern bank of the Fly above Teraruma. Although thisw village comes arbitarily within the Gaima sub-district, it can be patroled far more conveniently from this post.

Villages east of the Morehead have completed , or are completing new and very satisfactory rest houses , modifications of the plan contained in the Village Constables Register . They are being encouraged to build all houses on similar lines, particularly with regard to veranda and kitchen annexes . Eventually it is hoped that cooking will take place in these kitchens rather than in the not always hygienic conditions beneath the houses.

**Village Officials**

These Village Constables are working far more satisfactorily , but whether as xx a result of a better understanding of their duties since the conference in mid June, or because of their recent salary increase , I do not know. Possibly a combinatinn of both.

**Food Supply**

Taitu digging is now complete , and throughout the area this food, the staple , is plentiful. Game , particularly wallaby, is plentiful. A herd of 5 deer was seen north of Woreave , and these animals form a very occasional change in diet. They are appar aparently increasing in numbers.

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**Border Movement**

There has been little movement across the border of late. The reported migration from D.N.G. to Kwari resolved itself into an elderly couple , former Papuan natives, who wished to return to their old village. They were entered in the Kwari population register.

Three young Kwari men have been absent at Iramboe Mission D.N.G. for the past three years. As Kwari is rapidly becoming a village of old and infirm people, with attendant problems of small gardens and food shortages, I feel that , if possible , some action should be taken to bring these men back.

**Magisterial**

Nil

**Health**

A medical inspection was carried out in all villages visited Generally the people appear healthy, Kwari is an exception to this

Following table shows the number of cases found.

| | Yaws | T/U | Scabies | N.G.Mth | Abcess | Septic Sores | Hansenides (Suspect |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/A | - | 2 | - | - | 1 | - | 2 |
| M/C | 10 | 1 | 4 | - | 1 | 1 | - |
| F/A | - | 1 | - | 2 | - | 1 | - |
| F/C | 5 | - | 5 | - | - | 1 | - |
| Totals | 15 | 4 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 |

By far the majority of these patients were found in the villages east of the Morehead between Kinkin and Bimadebun.

All recieved treatment at either Gigwa U.F.M. or Rouku Aid Post .

**Native Affairs**

Generally the situation is normal. The patrol was well recieved in all villages, and the people were friendly and co-operative.

**Education and Missions**

(a) Gigwa -- (Unevangelized Fields Mission) This school was temporarily closed due to a changeover of missionaries It has since re-opened.

(b) Arufe--- ( New Guinea Revival Mission ) With the recent return of Mr Ellis of the above mission , this school has re-opened, after being closed for some six months.

Here I should like to thank the Unevangelized Fields Mission for the assistance rendered to the patrolin providing transport down the Fly River on their vessel,the"MAINO".

Patrol Summary

Census

Although a census was conducted in villages east of the Morehead River, figures obtained offer little guide to the position, particularly with regard to recruitment and school attendance.

This was due to the simultaneous arrival of an A.P.C. party , and the New Guinea Revival Mission at Arufe. Many natives were absent from their villages, and either on the track or at Arufe seeking work or education , or simply satisfying curiosity.

Thus these figures are not submitted, though they are held if desired. The census will be re-done in about six weeks time.

Anthropology

A SUKI (GUILA) FOLK STORY

(As told by V.C. Danu and the Elders of Duru Village)

Shortly after the beginning of all things, the first two men, named Sami and Gwawi, were living at a place named Gukave, with only their dog, Diari, to keep them company.

One day while roaming through the bush, Sami noticed a tall tree, which he proceeded to chop down. From the base of the tree, a spring of water gushed to form a well, which overflowed, making a small creek . To Sami, water was a new thing, something that he did not understand, and therefore left strictly alone

However the day was very hot, as indeed were all days in those early times, there being no clouds to break the full strength of the sun, or rain to cool the air, so Diari entered the creek and drank, then returned to his master. As the dog nuzzled him, Sami felt the strange, new sensation of wetness, and noticed the moisture around the dogs mouth. " What is this?" he asked fearfully, " where have you been?"

He followed the dog back to the creek, and watched it drink. Timidly he dipped an exploratory finger into the water, and, amazed at the cool, pleasant feeling, moistened his tongue, then sat back and waited for the death that he felt this strange, new element must surely bring. A while later, he tasted the water again , looked at Diari, and, as neither he nor the dog showed any ill effects , decided that the water was harmless, made a leaf cup, and drank deeply.
"Ah! This is good" he thought "I feel lovely and cold inside"

Shortly after this, Diari went hunting, and returned with two cassowary and two pigs. Hot and thirsty, he entered the creek, muddying the water.

Noticing this fouling of his drinking water, Sami became angry , and began to thrash Diari who ran into the bush. After travelling for many miles he found a track close by a village of the GIUMA, a queer people with strange appendages growing from their shoulder blades, rather like the branches from a tree. He climbed a tree , and lay along a branch overhanging the track. Soon one of the Giuma people, returning from hunting, passed beneath the tree. Quickly Diari sprang upon him, bit off his head, and, carrying it, set off for home. When almost there , he buried the head in a bush hens nest, then ran to his master.

Sami immediately noticed the blood on the dogs muzzle, and again Diari was beaten. He ran yelping into the bush and back to where he had buried the head, only to find that a coconut palm had sprouted from it. He took one of the dried nuts back to his master, and, with his teeth, showed him how to husk and break it, and, by eating a little, demonstrated that it was good to eat. Sami tried a little, liked it very much, and was soon busy on the remainder of the nut. Meanwhile Diari had brought

Patrol Summary

Anthropology (Cont)

him the shin bone of a cassowary, and soon showed him how to crack it and eat the marrow.

Refreshed by his meal, Sami, assisted by Gwawi, set about making a canoe from the tree he had fallen.

Suddenly the stone canoe adze he was using slipped from his grasp, and imbedded itself deeply in Gwawi's genital region.

Firmly repulsing Sami's offerx to remove the adze, Gwawi instructed that a shelter, surrounded by a high fence, be built. This was done, and into it Gwawi retired .

Some days later, Sami heard Gwawi calling him in a strange, highly pitched voice to enter the hut. He entered, and was amazed at the metaphormosis that had taken place, for, in addition to the highly pitched voice, Gwawi had developed breasts and the other so well known female characteristics.

She explained to Sami that he was know her man, and invited him to come to her. After some rather natural hesitation, he did so, and, in due course, a son was born to them. This child they named Zanai.

Now Sami was able to continue work on his canoe, and, despite the constant querulous interruptions of his wife, finally finished it.

"And who is going to launch it?" demanded Gwawi "There are only you and I able to work. The baby and Diari cannot help."

"you mind your own business," retorted Sami, "and leave my work to me."

At that moment, a bush hen called. Sami answered, and immediately the fallen nuts around the coconut palm that had sprouted from the head changed to human beings. Some of these people had only one arm, or one leg, or one eye, and these unfortunates were immediately attacked by the whole beings, who, after a short sharp struggle, managed to stick them head first into the ground, whereupon they turned to trees and shrubs.

Later that day , Sami sent Diari out hunting. He returned with five pigs and five cassowarry , and a big feast was held.

Next day a length of cane was tied to the canoe, all the people took hold, and the began to pull. As they pulled, the canoe rose slowly into the air. When it was about six feet off the ground , Sami stopped the work, and placed his son , and the dog, Diari , together with some cassowary grease , in the bow of the canoe The people cantinued pulling, and the canoe rose higher and higher. When it was almost out of sight, Sami again stopped the work. He then threw some black mud, some white ashes, and some glowing coals at the canoe. These struck the canoe and stuck to it, forming clouds -- the black rain clouds, the white clouds of fine weather, and red clouds of sunset.

These clouds spread, and soon the canoe was hidden from sight.

And nowdays, when the Sukd people hear the roar of an approaching Guba, they know that Zanai and Diari are rocking their canoe, high above the clouds.

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REPORT ON NATIVE PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING MOREHEAD RIVER PATROL
No 1 of 1953/54

Sergeant Homba R.P.& N.G.C. No 1324

An experienced N.C.O. Steady and reliable.

Const. Embogo R.P.&.N.C.C.No 7912

Worked well. Is keen and conscientious.

Const. Medori

A trier, hampered by being not over intelligent.

N.M.O. Aniwo — A junior orderly who worked well. Further experience should make him a very satisfactory N.M.O.

J.C.Baker

J.C.Baker C.P.O.
O.I.C. Morehead River Patrol Post

# VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

Year 1953 — Completing Upper Morehead - Suki Census

Govt. Print.—3553/7.51.

| VILLAGE | DATE OF CENSUS | BIRTHS | | DEATHS 0-1 Mth. | | 0-1 Year | | 1–4 | | 5–8 | | 9–13 | | Over 13 | | Females in Child Birth | MIGRATIONS In | | Out | | ABSENT FROM VILLAGE AT WORK Inside District | | Outside District | | STUDENTS Govt. | | Mission | | LABOUR POTENTIAL Males | | Females | | FEMALES Pregnant | Number of Child-bearing age | Average Size of Family | TOTALS (Excluding Absentee) Child | | Adults | | GRAND TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | 16-45 | 10-16 | 16-45 | | | | M | F | M | F | M+F |
| Carried Forward | | (Figures submitted with Patrol Report No 6 of 52/53 from this Post) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Kwari | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 2 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 2 | | | | 1 | 6 | | 7 | 1 | 7 | 2.5 | 2 | 2 | 14 | 10 | 19+12 31 |
| Kowataugwa | 25/7/53 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | 11 | | | | 1 | 1 | 5 | 14 | 1 | 17 | 1 | 15 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 17 | 21+23 44 |
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of WESTERN, MOREHEAD Report No. 2 of 53/54

Patrol Conducted by J.C. Baker C.P.O.

Area Patrolled Benabach & Lower Morehead, Eastern Trans-Fly.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 26/9/53 to 14/11/53.

Number of Days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol Census, medical & dentist.

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Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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2nd Dec,1953.

The District Commissioner,
DARU

Morehead River Patrol Report No.2/53-54.

The above Report of Mr. Cadet Patrol Officer J.C.Baker's Patrol to Bensback and Lower Morehead Rivers and the eastern Trans-Fly is acknowledged with thanks.

Mr. Baker appears to have carried out this routine Patrol in a thorough-going manner and the area visited should be all the better for the field work carried out.

The Patrol party was well received by the native people and the situation is generally satisfactory, except possibly in regard to health matters.

The requests made for an Aid Post at BUJI should be considered and if you are in agreement, you should approach the Medical Officer at DARU to see whether such a Post could be esyablished for the benefit of the people living in that area.

I agree,that the idea of village councillors of WERRAVE and other border villages having an ensign to fly, is sound.

(A.A.Roberts).
Director.DDS&NA.

36/4/150.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

FAC/MB

In reply
Please quote :

No. 30-5-1/249

District Commissioner's Office,
DARU W.D.

27th November, 1953.

DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT SERVICES
1 - DEC 1953
& NATIVE AFFAIRS

MEMORANDUM for-

The Director,
Department of District Services and Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

MOREHEAD RIVER PATROL REPORT NO.2 OF 53/54

The abovementioned is forwarded in triplicate.

A routine patrol, well carried out.

The whole area appears to be peaceful.

Mr. Baker's idea of flying flags at Border villages is very sound. I whole heartedly agree.

This office is now proceeding on leave. I am sorry to see him go. It is hoped he will return to this District after his leave.

(F.A. CHAMPION)
District Commissioner W.D.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

MOREHEAD RIVER PATROL REPORT NO 2 of 1952 / 53 3 4

By J.C.Baker C.P.O.

Area (a) Bensbach and Lower Morehead Rivers
(b) Eastern Trans Fly

Accompanied by

1. Bensbach Section

Const Embogo R.P.& N.G.C. No 7912
Const Siromi R.P.& N.G.C. No 7811

N.M.O. Kimai

2. Eastern Trans Fly Section

Const Embogo R.P.& N.G.C. No 7912
Const Pete R.P.& N.G.C. No 7711

N.M.O. Kk Aniwo

Duration 44 days (28.9.53 - 18.10.53
22.10.53 - 14.11.53)

Map Reference 4 mile Strat. Series Fly River & Kiwai Sheets

Objects of Patrol 1. Census
2. Medical
3. Routine Administration

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PATROL DIARY

Monday 28th.September 1953

Departed Station 7.55 am for Sibrasi. Arrived 9.5o am Census, medical inspection etc.

Tuesday 29th September

Left for Iokwa 7.5o am . Arrived 8.45 am. Departedx9 am for Wemenevre , arriving 1o.45 am. Census , medical, and village inspection. Talked with people.

Wednesday 3oth September

Departed for Tokwa 7.2o am . Arrived 1o.1o am Census etc

Thursday 1st October

Departed for Iandorodoa 7.2o am. Arrived 11.3o am . Census , medical etc.

Friday 2nd October

Departed Iandorodoa 7.1o am. Arrived hamlet of Taipo 1o.5 am. Departed for Wereave 11.15 am. Arrived2.5 pm.

Saturday 3rd October

At Wereave. Dispatched a Sota (D.N.G.) native to Sota to send back 4 Papuan natives visiting Sota.

Sunday 4th October

Natives arrived from Sota , accompanied by Amboneso Mission teacher . Wereave census , medical etc.

Monday 5th October

Departed 6.5o am for Weam , arriving 1o.3o a.m. Census etc

Tuesday 6th October

Departed Weam 7.15 am. Arrived Tekopa (abandoned) 8.3o am., Kandarisa 9.25 am. , and Mengete 11.15 pm . Census etc.

Wednesday ~~Thursday~~ 7th October

Departed for Korombo at 8.1o am . Arrived 1o .5o am Census etc.

Thursday ~~Friday~~ 8th October

At Korombo. Dispatched Const Siromi to collect a small group of people from a garden place, who werexreported tx not to have been previously censused. Siromi reported back at 8. 15 pm. , saying thatvhe had found the hamlet, but that the residents had "gone bush"

Friday ~~Saturday~~ 9th October

Proceeded to Wando , arriving at 1o.15 pm. Census etc

Saturday 1oth October

At Wando. Supervised the construction of two pit latrines for use of villagers.

Patrol Diary

Sunday 11th October

Departed 8.oo am for Bandaber , arriving at 9.15 pm . Census, medical etc.

Monday 12th Octoberc

Departed for Bula 1o.3o am . Arrived 4.oo pm.

Tuesday 13th October

At Bula. Census , medical , etc. Supervised fencing and cleaning of well.

Wednesday 14th October

Departed Bula by canoe 8.5 am Made camp 2.3o pm.

Thursday 15th October 1953

Broke camp 7.3o am , and continued canoe trip up Morehead . Made camp 2.2o pm.

Friday 16th October

Broke camp 7.4o am. and continued up Morehead till 3.opm

Saturday 17th October

Broke camp 8. oo am. Arrived at Station 12.3o pm

Sunday 18th to Wednesday 21st October

On Station , attending to various station matters. Const. Pete dispatched ahead to warn villages of coming census.

Thursday 22nd October

Departed Station 4.15 pm Arrived Garieta 5.2o pm Proceeded to Mata , arriving 8.5 pm.

Friday 23rd October

Medical and village inspection at Mata . Departed for hamlet of Pongaki at 1o.15 am , arriving at 12. oo noon. Proceeded to Derriderri , arriving 1.oo pm. Census , medical etc

Saturday 24th October

Departed for Arufe 6.o5 am. Arrived 8.1o am. Census etc Departed 5.3o pm per A.P.C. launch for A.P.C. base camp at Tarara . Arrived 6.45 pm.

Sunday 25th October 1953

At Tarara . Discussed sundry matters with A.P.C. Party Leader and Senior Field Assistant . Returned to Arufe in late afternoon.

Monday 26th October

Visited New Guinea Revival Mission School during morning. Departed 3.3o pm for Gubam , arriving at 5.45 pm .

Tuesday 27th October

Patrol Diary

Tuesday 27th October

Gubam census etc. Departed for Bimadebun 2.oo pm. Arrived 5.1o pm.

Wednsday 28th October

At Bimadebun . Inspected village and water supply, checked census , and talked with the the people. Medical inspection by N.M.O.

Thursday 29th. October

Departed for Karp 6.15 am. arriving at 1o.45 am. Census etc.

Friday30th October

Departed for Belevi7.1o am. Arrived 11.oo pm. Census etc.

Saturday 31st October

Departed for Kwiwung 6.5o am Arrived 1o.4o am. Census etc.

Sunday 1st November

Departed for Dimugi 7.oo am , arriving at 11.3o am. Census abandoned until some 38 absentees recalled.

Monday 2nd November

At Dimugi. Const Pete rejoined patrol after notifying villages ahead. Majority of absentees turned up in late afternoon . Census and medical.

Tuesday 3rd November

Departed 8.1o am for Dimiri, via a a hunting track, and reached that village at 6.o5 pm. An extremely unpleasant day.

Wednesday 4th November

Dimiri census etc. Departed for Wuta 3.pm. Made camp 7.oo pm.

Thursday 5th November

Broke camp 6.oo am. Arrived Wuta 7.3o am. Census etc.

Friday 6th November

Departed for ~~Wuta~~ Buji 7.oo am. Arrived 9.3o am. Found B'er people also assembled . Medical census etc.

Saturday 7th November

Departed by motamota for Iauga 8.3o am. Arrived 1.15 pm. Conducted census and medical. etc. Moved on to Moibut , arriving 1o.oo. pm

Monday 8th November

Departed Moibut for Tais at 7.oo am . Arrived 9.oo am . Census ; medical and village inspection. Supervised fencing and cleaning of water supply.

Patrol Diary

Monday 9th November

Depart fo Mare ar 6.30 am. Arrived 12.00 noon Census , medical, and talked with people

Tuesday 10th November

Departed by canoe for Jarai at 8.50 am, arriving 10.05 am. Census etc. Returned to Mare per foot, arriving 9.00 pm.

Wednesday 11th November

Departed 8.00 am for Tonda , arriving 5.30 pm

Thursday 12th November

Tonda census, medical etc

Friday 13th November

Visited A.P.C. camp during morning , then procceeded to Mibeni in afternoon

Saturday 14th November

Mibeni census etc. Departed for station 11.00 am Arrived 3. 30 pm.

End of Patrol

PATROL SUMMARY

Introduction

The patrol was of a routine nature, made for the purposes of medically examining the people, checking the census, and general administration.

A constable was dispatched three days ahead of the patrol to warn of coming census.

Villages and Housing

All villages visited were in good order, with the coastal villages from Bula to Tais below the general standard. This is, I think, largely due to the fact that gardens are of necessity a long way in, and from the villages, and much time is therefore spent away from the villages , which are regarded mainly as convenient market sites for the extensive trading carried on between these people and the Torres Strait Islanders and the Kiwai villages to the east These people were encouraged to build stronger and more permanent houses , and it was recommended that they include verandas and kitchens in the design Rest houses in some of these coastal villages are extremely poor , and where necessary it was instfucted that they be rebuilt.

Most rest houses are in satisfactory condition, and the new structures at Iandorodoa, Wereave, Mata, Derriderri, Gubam, and Dimisis are a credit to the builders

Due to lack of water, the Iokwa people have moved to Sibrasi on the Morehead. The new village is only partially finished , and work is hampered by lack of manpower. Have suggested that when those at work return, they remain in the village for a long spell.

The Korombo people are contemplating a move to the Bensbach River, a move I strongly supported , as at the moment they are carrying water almost two miles from a filthy soak.

Village Officials

Generally these men are carrying out their duties satisfactorily. Exceptions are the Village Constables of Dimugi and Iauga , neither of whom bothered to attend the V6 s conference in June . Both were carefully instructed in the duties, and warned that they would be dismissed should they not pay more attention to their work.

Food Supply

Although supplies of Taitu are rapidly diminishing, food, if not abundant, is adequate at the moment. Fair quantities were offered for sale to the patrol.

The people are awaiting the N.W. rains to plant the next taitu crop.

The "Feast and Famine" basis on which these people live is one contributing factor to the low birth rate in the area, and I feel that the general introduction of maize, a crop that will grow, and that is readily storable, may do much to offset the annual period of food shortage . To this purpose I have written to the Dept of Agriculture requesting a quantity of seed and plan to introduce it first through the mission schools at Rouku and Arufe, and at the proposed L.M.S. school at Wereave. At these centres cultivation can be supervised, the crop will help feed the school children , and with constant encouragement should spread to the villages generally within a season or two.

These people a reluctant to adopt anything new , and it is hoped , that by introducing it first through the schools, the younger generation will become familiar with the crop , and willing to use it.

Patrol Summary

Border Movement

There is still a deal of traffic between Wereave and Sota in Dutch New Guinea. These two villages originally formed the Papuan village of Waia, the split occurring when a Malayan mission teacher was returned to Dutch territory, after attempting to start a mission at Waia. He moved to Sota , accompanied by a section of the village. The two peoples still consider themselves the one group.

The Sotar village constable is a full brother to the Wereave Councillor , a Sotar native I turned back I found later to have been a former Village Constable of Wereave in days before population registers., and the majority of the sago on the Papuan side is, according to Native custom , owned by the Sota people, who have no hesitation in coming across to use it.

The Blue Ensign was displayed in all villages, and an attempt made to inculcate in these people an awareness of the meaning of the British Commonwealth. To further this, and to serve as a constant reminder, a Blue Ensign has been left in Wereave , and the V.C. instructed to fly it daily. I should like to see the Flag in all Border villages at least, and suggest that three new Blue Ensigns be forwarded to this post for delivery to Wando, Weam, and Kwari.

It is hoped that the establishment in the near fuuture of an L.M.S. school at Wereame will be a further influence binding the people to the Papuan side of the Border.

The Amboinese mission teacher from Sota visited me at Wereave, seeking information on the proposed school, and requesting medical attention. I explained that the school would open shortly, and would handle the education of all Papuans in the area. It was agreed that the one female child at present attending school at Sota would return as soon as the Wereave school opened. He was given penicillin injections for a crop of small sores, and warned not to regard the visit as a precedent to future visits to Papuan territory.

Roads and Bridges

All tracks were dry, and most in very good order. Water courses are adequately bridged for foot patroling. The exception is the track from Dimugi through Dimiri, and Wuta to Buji , and from Tais through Mare, Tonda, and Mibeni to Rouku. These villages have been instructed to put their tracks in order, and to maintain them when this is done. At the moment , these tracks are merely pads, scarcely discernable in many places.

Health

A medical inspection was carried out in all villages , and all cases found recieved treatment at either Rouku or Toge Aid Posts.

Requests were made for an aid post to be established at Buji. This I think a good idea, for a post here would serve a large area , the inhabitants of which have at present a 4-6 day walk for treatment , consequent upon which they don't go.

The people area west of this post is particularly clean at the moment. The people have expressed appreciation of the speed with which medical patrols reached them during the influenza outbreak in June.

A large number of Yaw cases were found in the villages east of the Mai Kussa and on the coast., and health generally appeared only fair in this area.

Health(Cont)

Following table shows the cases found in Eastern Trans-Fly

| | Yaws | T/U | Scabies | T.B Gland | T.B Lung | V.D? | Filariasis | Septic sores Infected Injuries etc. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| M/A | 2 | 1 | 3 | - | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| M/C | 17 | 1 | 8 | - | - | - | - | 4 |
| F/A | 5 | 5 | 4 | 2 | - | 1 | - | 3 |
| F/C | 15 | 3 | 3 | 1 | - | - | 1 | 5 |
| Totals | 39 | 1o | 18 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 14 |

Grand Total -- 8?

Census

A census was conducted in all villages . Village population registers are enclosed.

Bensbach and Lower Morehead Area

This census

| | |
|---|---|
| Deaths | 27 |
| Births | 17 |
| Natural Decrease | 1o |

Over past 4 yrs

| | |
|---|---|
| Births | |
| Deaths | 77 |
| Births | 56 |
| Natural Decrease | 21 |

Percentage of obvious pregnancies

| | |
|---|---|
| 1952 | 3% |
| 1953 | 4.5 % |

Among the factors contributing to the decline in population in this area are :-

1. The feast and famine basis on which these people live may make family limitation an economic necessity in their eyes , though I can find no direct evidence of birth control by either contraception or induced abortion . To remedy this it is necessary to remove the cause by introducing a crop, such as maize, to overcome the annual January to June food shortage.

2. Sterility It is not uncommon to find a man with two or three wives and no children . In such cases I feel sure that male sterility is the reason for lack of family. The damage done through male sterility is greatly aggravated by the belief- among males at least- that if a wife does not bear children, the fault lies with the mother in law. ( Page 5 P/R No 4 of 52/53 from this post) The irate husband ; particularly if the female he has exchanged bears children, demands a second wife, and if

she should not bear, a third. In this way many possibly fertile women are debarred from having families

The inevitable, if slow, decline of polygamy consequent upon the proposed widening of mission influence , will, in time do much to remedy this.

Child marriage, though waning due to administrative and mission efforts , is still fairly common, and possibly many cases of sterility among women are traceable to this cause, Efforts to stop this practice will be continued.

Infant mortality in the first few days of life is high. Diseases of the Gastro-Enteric group, due to faulty and filtly feeding, are big killers. There is no attempt at hygiene in breast feeding , and the custom of, at the first sign of labour, roasting taitu, and force feeding it to the new born infant must kill many. How any survive it is a mystery to me.

Malaria of course takes its usual toll.

Education in the principles of hygiene, prenatal care, and infant feeding and welfare is the only cure for these troubles. Here again the widening of L.M.S. influence will help considerably.

As on former patrols , these factors were explained and discussed with the people.

Small gifts of soap were given to mothers of newly born Children as an encouragement to proper care etc.

Recruitment

The number of casual workers employed by A.P.C. inside the sub-district is very low at the moment . This is because most have returned to their villages to plant the taitu. They intend returning to A.P.C. at the completion of planting .

The natives themselves have arranged an excellent roster system for this casual work, thus ensuring that the villages are not completely denuded of laboour at any time. I have strongly supported them in this.

Native Affairs

The patrol was well recieved in all villages. and the people appear contented.

The Coastal people conduct a large and thriving trade with the Torres Strait Islands of Boigu and Saibai, and the Kiwai villages to the east . I met five Mabaduan canoes at Buji, returning from a trading trip to Mare and Jarai. They were all well laden with taitu , taro , mabo and coconuts , for which they had traded calico and European style clothing, most of which was new or almost new.

The Buji people approached me to fix the price to be paid by the Boigu Islanders for pigs . This I refused to do, explaining that they were men well able to handle their own affairs in such matters, I suggested that such matters be arranged by the village councillors in conference with the rest of the people

Another trading venture that has recently sprung up is that of the Boigu Islanders taking turtles up the Wassi Kussa to trade to the A.P.C. at Tarara for the valued twist tobacco, which , I was told, will bring 2/6d of anyones money on Boigu. This trade was discouraged.

Magisterial

Nil

REPORT ON NATIVE PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING MOREHEAD RIVER PATROL
No 2 of 1953/54

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Const. Embogo | R.P.& N.G.C. No 7912 | A very reliable man |
| Const Siromi | R.P.& N.G.C. No 7811 | A forceful type who again worked excellently . An outstsnding shot. |
| Const Pete | R.P.& N.G.C. No 7711 | Quiet and unobtrusive , but always there when needed . A good man. |

N.M.O. Aniwo — A junior orderly , who is not always as conscientious as might be desired. His " star turn" was the bringing of an empty syringe box and no hypodermic syringe.

N.M.O. Kimai . — Worked consciously and well.

J.C.Baker

J.C.Baker C.P.O.

O.I.C. Morehead River Patrol Post W.D.

# VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

Year 1953 . Morehead River Sub-District. W.D. Bensbach and Lower Morehead Area.

Govt. Print.—3553/7.51.

| VILLAGE | DATE OF CENSUS | BIRTHS | | DEATHS | | | | | | | | | | | | Females in Child Birth | MIGRATIONS | | | | ABSENT FROM VILLAGE AT WORK | | | | ABSENT FROM VILLAGE STUDENTS | | | | LABOUR POTENTIAL | | | | FEMALES | | | TOTALS (Excluding Absentee) | | | | GRAND TOTAL |
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| | | | | 0-1 Mth. | | 0-1 Year | | 1—4 | | 5—8 | | 9—13 | | Over 13 | | | In | | Out | | Inside District | | Outside District | | Govt. | | Mission | | Males | | Females | | Pregnant | Number of Child-bearing age | Average Size of Family | Child | | Adults | | |
| | | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | 10-16 | 16-45 | 10-16 | 16-45 | | | | M | F | M | F | M+F |
| TOKWIA | 28.9.53 | 2 | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | 3 | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | | 4 | | | | 11 | 3 | 10 | 12 | 4 | 12 | 1 | 11 | 2.9 | 8 | 5 | 10 | 20 | 36+28 64 |
| WEMENEVRE | 29.9.53 | | | | | | | Tokwia total 23 | | | | | | | | Wemenevre 42 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOKWA | 30.9.53 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 5 | | 3 | 3 | | 1 | | | | 8 | | 8 | 12 | 2 | 15 | 1 | 14 | 2.5 | 10 | 9 | 12 | 22 | 34+31 65 |
| KANDORISA | 5.10.53 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 (DNG) | 1 | 1 | 7 | | 5 | | 5 | 3.5 | 4 | 4 | 9 | 9 | 14+14 28 |
| WEAM | 5.10.53 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 | | 2 | 11 | 1 | 11 | 1 | 11 | 3.5 | 9 | 7 | 17 | 15 | 27+22 49 |
| IANDORODOA | 1.10.53 | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 3 | | 4 | 11 | 1 | 13 | | 12 | 3.6 | 13 | 8 | 15 | 23 | 32+31 63 |
| MENGETE | 6.10.53 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 3 | | 3 | 10 | 2 | 11 | 1 | 11 | 3.1 | 1 | 7 | 11 | 14 | 16+21 37 |
| WERENVE | 2.10.53 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | | | 1 (D.N.G) | | | | 3 | 2 (DNG) | 4 | 10 | 1 | 7 | | 7 | 2.5 | 6 | 2 | 13 | 11 | 23+15 39 |
| WANDO | 9.10.53 | 2 | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 | 5 | | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | 3 | 3 | 3 | 20 | 4 | 21 | 1 | 20 | 3.3 | 11 | 12 | 22 | 29 | 36+46 82 |
| KOROMBO | 7.10.53 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | 2 | 16 | 3 | 16 | 1 | 15 | 3.6 | 7 | 8 | 15 | 21 | 28+29 57 |
| BANDABER | 11.10.53 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 2 | | | | 2 | | | | | | | | 2 | | 2 | 8 | 1 | 8 | | 8 | 3.7 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 11 | 16+17 33 |
| BULA | 12.10.53 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 3 | | 3 | 4 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 14 | 3 | 18 | | 17 | 2.7 | 7 | 10 | 14 | 22 | 21+32 53 |
| TOTALS. | | 10 | 7 | | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | | | 5 | 19 | | 10 | 19 | 9 | 15 | 14 | | 6 | | | | 37 | 9 | 39 | 131 | 22 | 137 | 6 | 121 | | 81 | 78 | 141 | 197 | 285+284 569 |

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| ARUFE | 25.10.53 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 6 | 14 | 1 | 10 | | 9 | 2.3 | 10 | 3 | 16 | 13 | 26+16 42 |
| Gubam | 27.10.53 | 3 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | 1 | 3 | | 2 | 1 | | 1 | | | | 4 | | 10 | 19 | 8 | 18 | | 18 | 4.9 | 21 | 21 | 16 | 25 | 43+46 89 |
| Bimadebun | 28.10.53 | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 2 | | 2 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | 13 | 2 | 19 | 2 | 18 | 4.3 | 15 | 11 | 14 | 23 | 30+34 64 |
| Dimisis | 30.10.53 | 4 | 3 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 3 | | 1 | | 2 | 3 | | | | | | | | | 8 | 24 | 5 | 25 | 2 | 25 | 4.3 | 23 | 22 | 27 | 32 | 50+64 104 |
| Belevi | 31.10.53 | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 8 | 19 | 3 | 21 | 3 | 20 | 2.8 | 15 | 8 | 21 | 27 | 36+35 71 |
| Kwiwung | 1.11.53 | 1 | 4 | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | 2 | | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | 22 | 1 | 20 | 4 | 20 | 2.4 | 11 | 12 | 27 | 23 | 38+35 73 |
| Kin Kin | 31.7.53 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | | | | 15 | | 8 | 1 | 7 | 3.6 | 7 | 4 | 15 | 10 | 24+14 38 |
| Dimugi | 2.11.53 | 2 | | | | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | 20 | 18 | | | | | 18 | | | | | | 5 | 32 | 8 | 26 | 2 | 24 | 2.8 | 20 | 18 | 18 | 27 | 56+45 101 |
| Dimiri | 4.11.53 | 2 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 4 | 3 | 2 | | | | | | | 1 | | | 4 | 16 | 5 | 18 | 2 | 18 | 3.8 | 22 | 20 | 19 | 22 | 42+42 84 |
| Wuta | 5.11.53 | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 5 | 7 | | | | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 4 | | 4 | | 4 | 2.1 | | 5 | 4 | 5 | | 6+12 18 |
| B'er | 7.11.53 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 3 | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 4 | 7 | | | | | | | | | 7 | 11 | 4 | 11 | | 10 | 2.6 | 11 | 10 | 13 | 12 | 24+22 46 |
| Buti | 7.11.53 | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | 2 | 1 | | 2 | 4 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | | | 7 | 16 | 5 | 18 | 1 | 18 | 1.8 | 15 | 11 | 18 | 20 | 33+31 64 |
| Iauga | 8.11.53 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | | | | | | | 1 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 1.9 | 8 | 5 | 9 | 7 | 17+12 29 |
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# VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER

Year 1953 . Eastern Trans Fly Morehead River Sub District W.D.

Govt. Print.—3563/7.51.

| VILLAGE | DATE OF CENSUS | BIRTHS | | DEATHS | | | | | | | | | | | | Females in Child Birth | MIGRATIONS | | | | ABSENT FROM VILLAGE AT WORK | | | | STUDENTS | | | | LABOUR POTENTIAL | | | | FEMALES | | Average Size of Family | TOTALS (Excluding Absentee) | | | | GRAND TOTAL |
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| | | | | 0-1 Mth. | | 0-1 Year | | 1—4 | | 5—8 | | 9—13 | | Over 13 | | | In | | Out | | Inside District | | Outside District | | Govt. | | Mission | | Males | | Females | | Pregnant | Number of Child-bearing age | | Child | | Adults | | |
| | | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | 10-16 | 16-45 | 10-16 | 16-45 | | | | M | F | M | F | M+F |
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M + F

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Morehead River

# MOREHEAD R

Takwa

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Bebe

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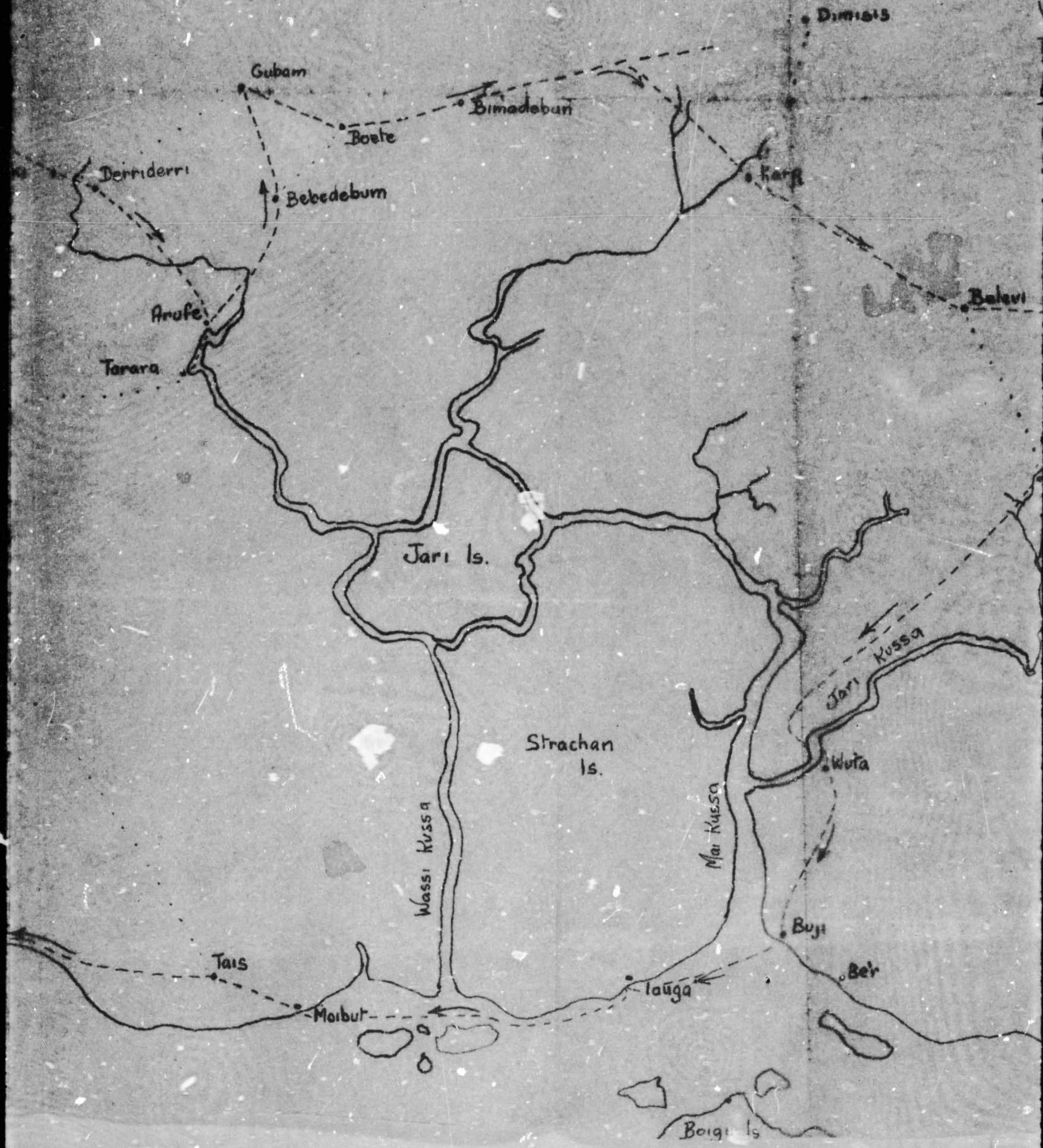
# HEAD RIVER PATROL NO.2 &

Map Reference :- 4 mile Strat Se



# ATROL NO. 2 of 53/54

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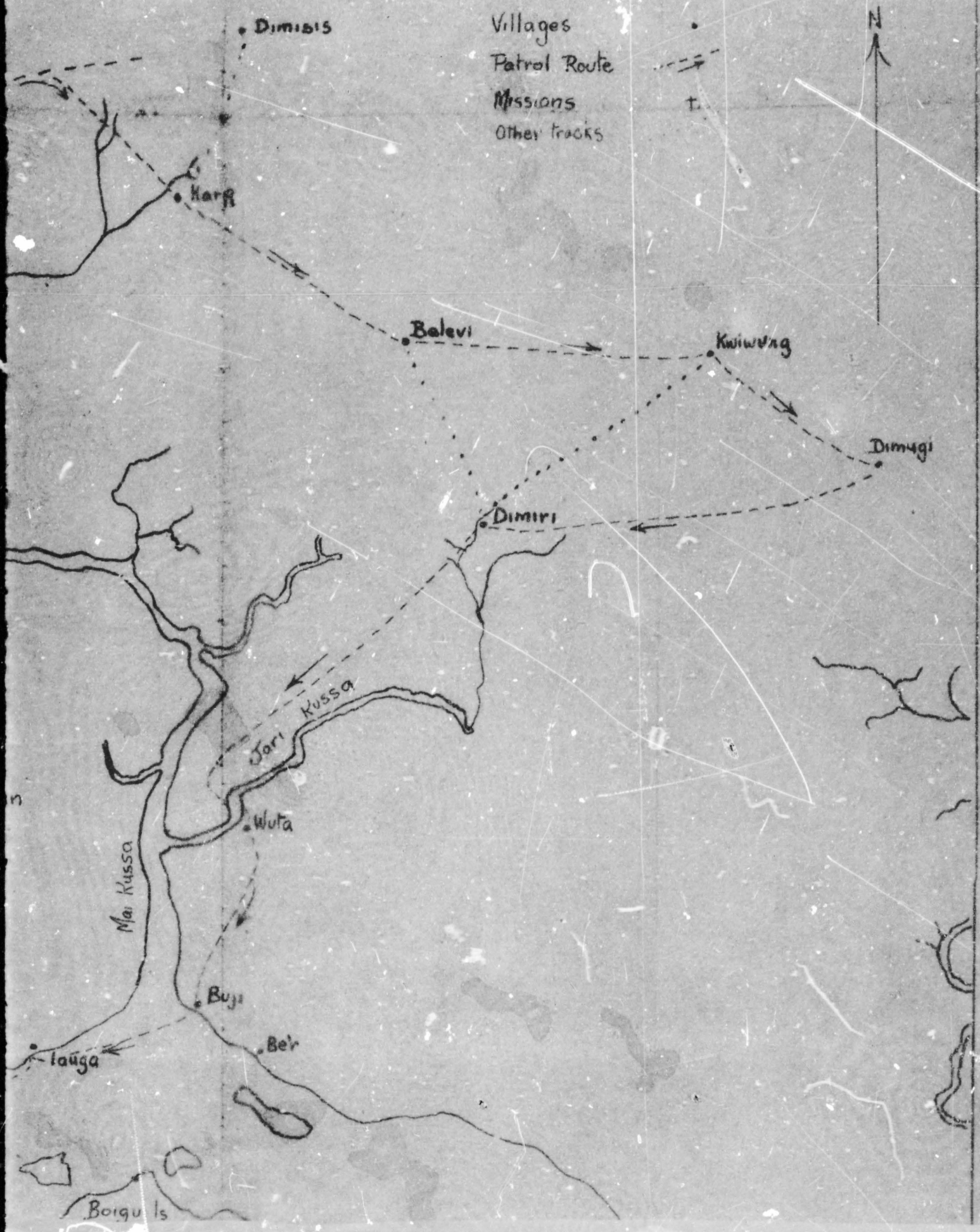

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of WESTERN — KOUKU Report No. 3 OF 1953/54

Patrol Conducted by R.J. MORRIS C.P.O.

Area Patrolled EASTERN TRANS-FLY

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 5

Duration—From 30 / 11 /1953 to 21 / 12 /1953

Number of Days 22

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / 12 /1953

Medical .... / 6 /1953

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol MEDICAL & ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

29 / 12 /1953.

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 .... .... £

30-4-53

12th Jan, 1954.

The District Commissioner,
DARU

ROUKU Patrol Report No. 1/53-54.

The Report of Mr. R.J. Norris, Cadet Patrol Officer, of his Patrol of the eastern Trans-Fly area for the purpose of routine administration and medical inspection, is acknowledged, with thanks.

Mr. Norris appears to have carried out his Patrol in a methodical manner spending altogether a night and day in each village, thus allowing plenty of time for a thorough inspection and for anybody with problems for decision or advice, to bring them to his notice, which is what is wanted.

I agree with the comments in your covering memorandum. It might be advantageous to have village councillors appointed to KOAFUM and KAIUUMO villages which apparently have none, should the right type of man be available and these places be more than just mere hamlets.

It does not seem to be in the best interests of native people that all forms of dancing and gaiety should be suppressed by certain Missions. Indecent and obscene features, of course, cannot be tolerated, but harmless dances, sing-sings and accompanying feasting in moderation, is another matter. It could have a depressing effect on morale and the will to survive. It probably has no little effect too on many young men being only too willing to leave their villages and take employment with employers they know to be reasonable.

After all, in England, one of the zones of modern civilization, for instance, at harvest time, there is any amount of feasting and dancing all over the countryside and the Church plays its part, parish churches being decorated with samples of the matured crops. The beginning of Spring (May 1st) and Christmas time, are other occassions for jollification.

It might be advisable, when opportunity offers, to have a constructive discussion with appropriate Mission leaders in your District, on this subject.

A.A.R.

(A.A. Roberts),
Director, DDA&NA.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

FAC/MB

In reply
Please quote:

No. 30-5-1/2

District Commissioner's Office,
DARU W.D.

4th January, 1954.

DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT SERVICES
11 JAN 1954
& NATIVE AFFAIRS

MEMORANDUM for-

The Director,
Department of District Services and Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

ROUKU PATROL REPORT NO. 3 OF 53/54.

The abovementioned is forwarded in triplicate.

The patrol was of a routine nature and requires very little comment.

I do not consider it necessary to open a patrol post purely for the reason to see that the people build better roads. Neither do I consider it necessary to appoint village constables as stated on page 6. Councillors should be able to see that their respective villages and roads are kept clean.

(F.A. CHAMPION)
District Commissioner W.D.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Morehead River Patrol Report No. 3 of 1953/54.

Conducted by: R.J.Morris C.P.O.

Area: Eastern Trans-Fly.

Accompanied by:

Europeans: Nil.

Natives:

Const. Embogo. 7912
Const. Siromi. 7811
N.M.O. Aniwo.
Interpreter Tamate.
Personal Servant I.

Duration: 30/11/53 to 21/12/53 22 days.

Map Reference: A.P.O. Sheet Trans-Fly Area 4 miles 1".

Objects of Patrol: Medical.
Routine Administration.

Last Patrol: D.D.S.&N.A. October 1953.

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PATROL DIARY.

Monday 30th. November.

Departed station 0730hrs. Walked to DERRI DERRI via GARIETA , MATA , and PONGAKI. Arrived 1630 hrs. Inspected village.

Tuesday 1st. December.

N.M.O. examined DERRI DERRI people. Departed 1000 hrs. Walked to ARUFE, arriving at 1200 hrs. Lunch with Mr. Ellis of the New Guinea Revival Mission. Inspection and medical. A.P.C. launch called at ARUFE. Invited to accompany A.P.C. personnel to TARARA base camp. Departed ARUFE 1815 hrs. Arrived TARARA 1900 hrs.

Wednesday 2nd. December.

Spent the day at TARARA. Inspected labour barracks Discussed various matters with Party Leader and Native Labour Officer.

Thursday 3rd. December.

Departed TARARA 0600 hrs. Arrived ARUFE 0710 hrs. Departed ARUFE 1130 hrs. Walked to BEBEDEBUN arriving at 1315 hrs. Councillor reported that all people had gone to GUBAM to await patrol. Inspected village. Departed BEBEDEBUM 1400 hrs. Arrived GUBAM 1500 hrs. BOITE people also at GUBAM. Inspected village. N.M.O. examined people of all three villages.

Friday 4th. December.

Departed GUBAM 0730 hrs. Walked to BOITE, arriving at 0835 hrs. Inspected village. Departed BOITE 1000 hrs. Arrived BIMADEBUN 1200 hrs. Inspection and medical.

Saturday 5th. December.

Departed BIMADEBUN 0830 hrs. Arrived DIMISIS 1245 hrs. Inspection and medical.

Surday 6th. December.

Departed DIMISIS 0815 hrs. Arrived BUK 1520 hrs. Inspection and medical.

Monday 7th. December.

Departed BUK 0945 hrs. Arrived KONDOBA 1215 hrs. Inspection and medical.

Tuesday 8th. December.

Departed KONDOBA 0900 hrs. Arrived KIN KIN 1130 hr Inspection and medical.

Wednesday 9th. December.

Departed KIN KIN 0730 hrs. Arrived KWIWUNG 1300 hrs Inspection and medical. Village Constable reported that a constable (Rouku replacement) had passed through the village two days earlier.

Thursday 10th. December.

Departed KWIWUNG 0730 hrs. Arrived BELEVI 1145 hrs Inspection and medical.

Friday 11th. December.

Departed BELEVI 0715 hrs. Arrived DIMIRI 1130 hrs. Inspection and medical.

PATROL DIARY

Saturday I2th. December.

Departed DIMIRI 07I0 hrs. Arrived WUTAR I400 hrs. This includes a delay of _ 45 minutes to cross the river. Inspection and medical.

Sunday I3th. December.

Stayed at WUTAR.

Monday I4th. December.

Departed WUTAR 0800 hrs. Arrived BUJI I000 hrs. Inspection and medical. BER people were also present at this inspection.

Tuesday I5th. December.

Departed BUJI 0800 hrs. Arrived BER 0850 hrs. Departed BER 0920 hrs. Arrived TABATATA I600 hrs. Village deserted. Found a few people at garden places.

Wednesday I6th. December.

Inspection and medical at TABATATA. SIGABADA reported to be deserted —— people having gone to Daru for Christmas. Decided to return to Buji to await arrival of M.V. URANGAH (due on 18th December).

Thursday I7th. December.

Departed TABATATA 0800 hrs. Arrived BUJI I700 hrs. Delayed for I½ hours by high tide making swamp between BUJI and BER impassable

Friday I8th. December.

At BUJI awaiting ~~x~~ URANGAH. Worked on report.

Saturday I9th. December.

At BUJI awaiting URANGAH. Worked on report.

Sunday20 th. December.

At BUJI awaiting URANGAH. ~~XXX~~Worked on report.

Monday 2Ist. December.

URANGAH arrived 0700 hrs. Departed BUJI 0830 hrs. Arrived TOGO I500 hrs. Walked to TOGO aid post to collect patient. Departed ~~XX~~ TOGO I700 hrs. Arrived DARU 2030 hrs.

END OF DIARY.

# PATROL SUMMARY.

## INTRODUCTION.

A census patrol of this area has already been conducted this year (1953/54) and for this reason the main objects of this patrol were medical and routine administration. It had been arranged previously that the M.V. URANGAH should meet the patrol at the coastal village of BUJIand to transport all personnel to DARU for the Christmas break.

The report that the SIGABADA people had all gone to DARU for Christmas proved to be false.

It is regretted that yellow foolscap had to be used for this report but nothing else was available.

## NATIVE AFFAIRS.

### (a) FOOD.

Taitu (the staple diet) planting has been completed in most of the villages visited by the patrol. From now until harvest the people will live mainly on Manioc supplemented with fruit and game. No village is worried about its food supplies and V.C.s report that they have sufficient to last until harvest time.

### (b) WATER.

In many villages water supplies are far from satisfac tory.At the time of the patrol, most creeks were dry and what water was available was of poor quality. The people of TABATATA village have temporarily moved to their garden places because the village water supply had become too salt to drink. This state of affairs has probably improved by now as there has been plenty of rain since the patrol arrived in Daru.

### (c) NATIVE LABOUR.

It is pleasing to note that not too many men are leaving their villages to work for A.P.C.. Some men who were working for A.P.C returned to their villages for the duration of the taitu planting. V.C.s appear to be determined not to let too many men go to work at the same time.

## MISSIONS.

There are two missions operating in the area --- the L.M.S. and the N.G.R. (New Guinea Revival). The N.G.R. mission station is at ARUFE on the WASSI KUSSA river. This mission is a recent arrival in the Territory —— Mr. and Mrs. Ellis have been at ARUFE for less than two years. The influence o of the N.G.R. mission is confined to ARUFE and no native pastors have been installed in any villages. This is possibly due to the comparatively short time that the mission has been in operation.

It appears that the mission originally allowed the ARUFE natives to smoke and dance but, following a visit from by a U.F.M. man from GIGWA, these priviledges have been withdrawn to the consternation and confusion of the locals.

PATROL SUMMARY.

MISSIONS (Contd.)

The L.M.S. has no European missionaries in the area but native pastors are working in the villages of BUJI and SIGABADA. The L.M.S. is undoubtedly the more popular of the two missions mainly, I think, because it allows its adherents to smoke and dance.

The educational and medical facilities offered by these missions are discussed later in this report.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The condition of roads in this area varies considerably. Many roads connecting villages close to the WASSI KUSSA river are excellent and A.P.C. personnel use jeeps on them. All roads east of DIMISIS are very poor and hardly better than hunting tracks. They are extremely narrow, overgrown and so rough that walking becomes unpleasant after the first few hours. Not one section of road is drained and this, of course, accounts for the rough eroded surfaces.

I would attribute this poor road maintenance to the following factors:-

(a) Small Population.

Villages with a population of less than 50 are not uncommon, while populations of more than a hundred are rare. Thus the labour available is limited.

(b) Distance between villages.

The majority of villages east of DIMISIS are at least 4 hours walking time apart, which means that each village has a considerable section of road to maintain. This, coupled with the small labour force available, is the main reason for the poor state of roads.

(c) Influence of V.C.s

Even after making allowances for (a) and (b), the roads are still not as good as they might be and it is obvious that the people rarely, if ever, work on them. I would say that the fault here lies with the V.C.s who did not appear to me to be a particularly influential body of men. This will be discussed in the relative section of this report.

I think that the most satisfactory solution would be to establish a temporary post in one of these villages during the next dry season to enable an officer to supervise road making over the area. This would probably also help to increase the influence of the V.C.s.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

Health is generally satisfactory throughout the area and only five cases were serious enough to warrant hospitalisation. these were returned to Rouku.

The villages of BUK, KONDOBA, YIN KIN, KWIWUNG, DIMUGI, BELEVI, DIMIRI, BUJI, BER, TABATATA and SIGABADA are all at least five days walk from Rouku and it is obvious that, because of this, many minor injuries and sores are not treated. If a medical aid post could be established in one of these villages it would certainly be appreciated by the natives.

PATROL SUMMARY.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH. (Contd)

TARARA A.P.C. base camp still has a number of influenza patients and 17 were treated in villages visited by the patrol. There is considerable movement of A.P.C. parties throughout the area and as a result of this it is more than likely that the epedemic will spread. The European medical assistant at TARARA is doing good work and does not confine his activities to A.P.C. employees.

The N.C.R. mission at ARUFE offers limited medical facilities.

EDUCATION.

Educational facilities in the area are negligable. The N.G.R. mission at ARUFE operates a small school (less than 40 pupils) on four mornings of each week. It is difficult to see how instruction is given as neither Mr. nor Mrs. Ellis speak either Motu of the Vernacular. However, one or two of the natives speak a little English and all instuction is given through them. Hardly a satisfactory arrangement. Pupils of the school are forbidden to smoke or dance.

The L.M.S. native pastor at BUJI also runs a small school. Instruction is given in the vernacular.

VILLAGES AND HOUSING.

All villages visited by the patrol were satisfactorily clean and tidy. Small individual family houses are customary in this area. Most of these houses are constructed of bark although in a few villages sago palm materials are available and used.

Almost every village has satisfactory rest houses and police barracks. In June of this year, Mr. Baker (previous O.I.C. Rouku) held a V.C.s conference at the station. One of the aims of this conference was to demonstrate the type of rest house required by P/Os. As a result, almost every village has started to build new rest houses. Some of these have now been completed and are magnificent.

LAW AND JUSTICE.

No complaints were brought to the notice of the patrol. One man was charged with neglect of his son and was taken to Daru for trial.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

As already stated in the "Roads and Bridges" section of this report, the V.C.s of the area are not a particularly influential body of men. The one outstanding exception to this is the V.C. of GUBAM who controls the villages of GUBAM, BEBEDEBUM and BOITE. These villages are close together --- I hour and 1½ hours from GUBAM respectively.

Other V.C.s manage to have villages clean for a patrol but it appears that regular road maintenance is beyond them. Even when an officer is actually in the village the people pay little attention to instructions given them by the V.C. It was necessary to talk to the people of most villages to outline the powers and duties of V.C.s. I think that if an officer could stay in these places for a few days or even a week at a time and, during that time, make it quite clear to the people that a V.C. is a Government officer, then the influence of thes men would be increased.

PATROL SUMMARY.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS (Contd).

In addition to the one already mentioned, three V.C.s control two villages each.

BUK and KONDOBA ..... 2½ hours apart.

KIN KIN and KWIWUNG ..... 5½ " "

WUTAR, BUJI and BER ..... 2 hours & I hour apart.

These villages are not large but I think that, with the exception of BUJI and BER, they should each have their own V.C.

PATIENTS TREATED.

| | M/A | M/C | F/A | F/C |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Small sores..... | 2 | I | I | I. |
| Scabies..... | I | 2 | - | -. |
| Malaria..... | - | 2 | - | -. |
| Burns..... | I | - | I | -. |
| Lacerations..... | - | 2 | 2 | -. |
| Yaws..... | - | I | 2 | I. |
| Influenza..... | 7 | 4 | 5 | I. |
| Dysentry..... | I | I | - | -. |
| Pneumonia..... | I | - | - | -. |

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END OF REPORT.

(R.J.Morris)
C.P.O.

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

| No. | Name | Rank | Conduct | Ability |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7912 | EMBOGO | Const. | Very Good | Hard working, consciencious and an excellent shot. |
| 7811 | SIROMI | Const. | Very Good | Hard working, forceful type Good patrol constable. |

(R.J.Morris)
C.P.O.

## STORES TAKEN ON PATROL

| ITEM | Amount Taken on Patrol | HOW ISSUED | | | | | | Amount Returned to Store |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Issues to Police | Issues to Carriers | Payment of Carriers | Purchase of Food | Hire of Canoes | OTHERS | |
| MEAT | 48 TINS | 38 | | | | | | 10 |
| RICE | 112 LBS | 80 | 32 | | | | | — |
| SUGAR | 10 | 10 | | | | | | — |
| SALT | 3 LBS | 3 | | | | | | |
| TEA | 3 LBS | 3 | | | | | | |
| MARGARINE | 38 LBS | 15 | | | | | | 23 .35 |
| MATCHES | 20 BOX. | 20 | | | | | | — |
| TOBACCO | 624 STKS | 50 | ~~300~~ | 300 | 200 | | VC. 40 | 34 STKS |
| SOAP | 2 LBS | 2 | | | | | | |
| KEROSENE | 4 GALS | 4 | | | | | | — |
| TOILET PAPER | 1 | | | | | | 1 | |
| AXES | 2 | | | | | | | 2 |
| 16" KNIVES | 2 | | | | | | | 2 |
| CARTRIDGES .303 | 50 | 30 | | | | | | 20 |
| " S/G | 25 | 25 | | | | | | — |

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

NORTHERN

District of Western (Kouke) Report No. 4 of 53/54

Patrol Conducted by R. J. Morris C.P.O.

Area Patrolled Upper Maschead & Suki

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 24/8/19 54 to 22/9/19 54

Number of Days..... 39

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol Census, medical + routine

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Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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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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30-4-159

29th March 1954.

The District Commissioner,
Western District,
MADANG

MADANG Patrol Report No.4/53-54.

The Report of Mr.E.J.Morris, Cadet Patrol Officer of his Patrol of the Upper Mot-ohead and Sepik areas, has been received, with thanks.

It is evident that Mr. Morris has endeavoured to carry out his field work in a thorough and efficient manner, often in the face of difficult travelling conditions.

I agree with your contention regarding payment to natives in trade goods for services rendered. An appropriate selection of such goods should be taken and if a native carries out the work required he should be paid with a suitable quantity of the article he selects from the items available. To limit the recompense for carrying patrol equipment for considerable distances to the rather utilitarian piece of soap would probably increase the difficulty of obtaining carriers in the first place. It is ridiculous that a man or woman cannot string coloured beads into an armlet or necklet and wear them should they want to. It is probable too that not all the native people are adherents of one or other of the two Missions.

Three copies of the sketch map will be forwarded for Bargaim and Todau.

A.A.Roberts
(A.A.Roberts),
Director,DNG&HA.

30/4/159

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

FAC/MB

In reply
Please quote:

No. 30-5-1/156

District Commissioner's Office,
DARU W.D.

16th March, 1954.

DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT SERVICES & NATIVE AFFAIRS
22 MAR 1954

MEMORANDUM for-

The Director,
Department of District Services and Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

ROUKU PATROL REPORT NO. 4 OF 53/54.

The abovementioned report is forwarded in triplicate.

The patrol has been well carried out and being of a routine nature, requires little comment.

Regarding payment to carriers, of beads and tobacco. I consider that if the natives want the items, give them. After all, smoking and the wearing of ornaments is not a crime.

If the natives really want soap, it will be supplied.

(F.A. CHAMPION)
District Commissioner W.D.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Morehead River Patrol Report No.4 of 1953/54.

Conducted by: R.J.Morris C.P.C.

Area: Upper Morehead and Suki.

Accompanied by:

Europeans: Nil.

Natives: Const. Sirom 7811.
Const. Tengs epa
N.C.O. Magua.
Inter. Tamate.
Pers. Servant 1.

Duration:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 18/1/54 to 22/2/54 ..... | 36 | days. |
| 24/2/54 | 1 | " |
| 1/3/54 to 2/3/54 ..... | 2 | " |
| | 39 | days. |

Map of patrol enclosed.

Objects of patrol:
1. Census.
2/ Medical.
3. Routine Administration.

Last D.D.S. Patrol: April 1953.

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PATROL DIARY.

Monday I8th. January.
Departed station 0925 hrs. Walked to UPARUA arriving at II00 hrs. Census and medical.

Tuesday I9th. January.
Departed UPARUA 0830 hrs. Returned to station with two carriers and one policeman to collect a patrol box which had been accidentally left in store. Arrived back at UPARUA I200 hrs. Village and gardens inspected.

Wednesday 20th. January.
Departed UPARUA 0825 hrs. Arrived SETAVI I050 hrs. This time includes 35 minutes taken to cross the Morehead River. Census, medical and inspections.

Thursday 2Ist. January.
Departed SETAVI 0725 hrs. Arrived OLD SETAVI (abandoned) 0855 hrs. Departed OLD SETAVI 0910 hrs. Arrived KIRIWO I200 hrs. Census , medical and inspections.

Friday 22nd. January.
Departed KIRIWO 0855 hrs. Arrived SERISA II45 hrs. Census, medical and inspections.

Saturday 23rd. January.
Supervised construction of latrine. Departed SERISA I400 hrs. Arrived back at KIRIWO I700 hrs.

Sunday 24th. January.
Spent the day at KIRIWO.

Monday 25th. January.
Departed KIRIWO 0800 hrs. Arrived GOM I420 hrs. Track under water for greater part of its length. Inspected village.

Tuesday 26th. January.
Census and medical GOM. Gardens inspected.

Wednesday 27th. January.
Departed GOM 0800 hrs. Arrived GWAJU I320 hrs. Census, medical and inspections.

Thursday 28th. January.
Departed GWAJU 0830 hrs. Most of the track ankle deep in mud and water. Made camp in the bush at 1345 hrs. Approximately halfway between GWAJU and KWARI.

Friday 29th. January.
Broke camp 0730 hrs. Track flooded. Arrived KWARI 1345 hrs. Medical.

PATROL DIARY.

Saturday 30th. January.
KWARI village book reported to be at station.
Only able to take a rough census. Inspected village and gardens.

Sunday 31st. January,
Departed KWARI 0830 hrs. Made camp at 1500 hrs.

Monday 1st. February.
Broke camp 0900 hrs. Arrived GWAKU 1130 hrs.
Unable to account for difference in times taken for this part of the trip.

Tuesday 2nd. February.
Departed GWAKU 0845 hrs. By canoe to AEWE
arriving at 1445 hrs. Many canoe lanes partially blocked.

Wednesday 3rd. February.
At AEWE. Census, medical and inspections.

Thursday 4th. February.
Departed AEWE 1030 hrs. By canoe across lagoon to GIGWA Mission Station. Arrived at 1050 hrs. Collected rice which had been sent in advance of patrol. Departed GIGWA 1130 hrs. Arrived GUIBAKU 1150 hrs. Census, medical and inspections.

Friday 5th. February.
Supervised building of road between GUIBAKU and GIGWA.

Saturday 6th. February.
Departed GUIBAKU 0800 hrs. By canoe to IWEWE.
Arrived at 1215 hrs. Census, medical and inspections.

Sunday 7th. February.
Departed IWEWE 0800 hrs. To TERARUMA by way of SUKI CREEK and ELY RIVER. Arrived at 1330 hrs. Village book reported to be be at station. Compiled a new book and took census.

Monday 8th. February,
Departed TERARUMA 0900 hrs. Travelled up ELY RIVER to KAWATUNGWA. Arrived at 1130 hrs. Medical census and inspections.

Tuesday 9th. February.
Departed KAWATUNGWA 0800 hrs. Arrived IWEWE 1600 hrs.

Wednesday 10th. February.
Departed IWEWE 0800 hrs. Arrived GUIBAKU 1130 hrs.
Inspected the new road from GUIBAKU to GIGWA which had been almost completed during my absence.

Thursday 11th. February.
Departed GUIBAKU 0820 hrs. By canoe and road to DURU. Arrived at 1200 hrs. Time includes 20 minutes to transfer gear from canoes to carrying poles. Inspected village and gardens.

PATROL DIARY.

Friday I2th. February.
At DURU. Census, medical and inspections.

Saturday I3th. February.
Departed DURU 0810 hrs. Arrived INAPUROK I300 hrs. Received note from Native Labour Officer, A.P.C. Seismic 2, TARARA. (See Summary). Census, medical and inspections.

Sunday I4th. February.
Departed INAPUROK 0805 hrs. Walked to SERKI. Much of track badly flooded --- water knee-deep. Arrived SERKI I330 hrs. This time includes I¼ hours to cross large creek and swamp. Census, medical and inspections.

Monday I5th. February.
Departed SERKI 0810 hrs. Arrived KERU I430 hrs. Census, medical and inspections.

Tuesday I6th. February.
Departed KERU 0630 hrs. Arrived GUBAM I100 hrs. Departed GUBAM I200 hrs. Passed through BEBEDEBEM I300 hrs. Arrived ARUFE I600 hrs. A.P.C. launch waiting for me at ARUFE. Settled carriers at ARUFE then left for TARARA. Arrived TARARA A.P.C. camp I800 hrs. On arrival I found that Mr. A.D.O. Kent had arrived from DARU by Catalina that day.

Wednesday I7th February.
At TARARA with Mr. A.D.O. Kent. (See Summary).

Thursday I8th. February.
Mr. A.D.O. Kent informed me of the arrangement regarding A.P.C. vessel moored at TONDA (on the Morehead River). Mr. P.Bose, Party Leader, offered transport to TONDA as soon as available. Offer accepted. Mr. A.D.O. Kent departed, by Catalina, for DARU.

Friday I9th. February.
Returned to ARUFE. Sent carriers back to station with Const. Tengarepa in charge. Returned to TARARA with Const. Siromi and personal servant. That evening, a Chimbu native employed by A.P.C. went mad and had to be forcibly restrained (see summary).

Sturday 20th. February.
Chimbu native no better this morning so I sent him to DARU per M.V. KAMONAI. Const. Siromi accompanied him. No transport available to take me to TONDA.

Sunday 2Ist. February.
Departed TARARA by Land Rover at 0730 hrs. Arrived TONDA II00 hrs. Loaded barge and departed for station I200 hrs. At I400 hrs. river completely blocked by floating islands. Unable to proceed. Went downstream to a garden place belonging to the TONDA people and collected I canoe and 2 men. Returned to obstruction in river and proceeded to cut a passage through. Worked until dark.

PATROL DIARY.

Monday 22nd. February.

0500 hrs. Everybody cutting passage through blockage. 1100 hrs. Passage completed and barge through into clear water. 1105 hrs. Passage blocked by another floating island. Proceeded to station, arriving at 1500 hrs. Const. Tengarepa and carriers had arrived on Saturday 20th.

Wednesday 24th. February.

Census, medical and inspections at ROUKU.

Monday 1st. March.

Departed station 0900 hrs. Arrived GARRITA 0945. Departed GARRITA 1000 hrs. Arrived MATA 1220 hrs. Census and inspections.

Tuesday 2nd. March.

Departed MATA 0830 hrs. Arrived GARRITA 1050 hrs. Census and inspections. Departed 1400 hrs. Arrived station 1445 hrs.

END OF PATROL DIARY.

PATROL SUMMARY.

INTRODUCTION.

On the 14th. January, Constable EMBOGO was sent to warn the people concerned of the patrol. All villages close to the station were invited to attend a dance to be held on the station on Saturday 16th. January. This was arranged because, owing to my absence at Christmas, the usual dance had to be postponed. It also gave me an opportunity to recruit carriers for the duration of the patrol. This proved extremely satisfactory to all concerned in as much that I was saved a good deal of trouble usually experienced in this area of small village populations when recruiting carriers from day to day and it gave the local men an opportunity to earn a tomahawk.

The original route of the patrol was to have been, INAPOROK, KERU, MATA, GAUBITA and ROUKU. But information received at INAPOROK caused this to be altered slightly. (See Summary).

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

(a) Food.

The people living in this area are more fortunate than most others in this sub-district as they have fair quantities of sago to help them through the "lean period" between taitu planting and harvesting. In some villages sago and not taitu is the staple diet. Sago stands are often two or three days walk from villages and, for this reason, much time is spent away from villages.

(b) Native Labour.

The census figures show a total adult male labour potential of 389. Of this number, 142 (or 36.5%) are away at work. 119 men are working inside the district and of these I should estimate that 100 are employed by A.P.C.. This company is shortly to transfer its activities to the SOARI river --- in GAIRA sub-district. Thus it is evident that, when the A.P.C. does move, almost all of the men at work will be working outside their own district.

But, even so, the total of 36.5% absent is not sufficiently large to warrant any undue concern in the area. As Seismic Party No. 2 of the A.P.C. is moving shortly, it is doubtful whether that particular party will do any further recruiting in this area. However, I understand that a new party is to take their place and, should they attempt any large scale recruiting, the situation will alter considerably.

(c) Migrations.

Approximately eight years ago the entire population of the village of HOPANE, situated between the OKWEDI and OKMART rivers, in KIUNGA sub-district, decided to move. They gave me the following reasons for the move:-

1. They had very few steel knives and axes and no calico.
2. Recruiters rarely, if ever, ventured as far as their village so they had no opportunity to work and earn the items they wanted.
3. They decided that, as the recruiters would not go to them, they should move into an area visited by the recruiters.

Having made their decision, they moved down the Fly river and settled in with the people of TERARUMA---- thus placing themselves considerably closer to the labour market. They lived at TERARUMA until just recently when they decided to build a village of their own. The TERARUMA people gave them land further up the Fly on the North bank. They have now completed the new village which they call

PATROL SUMMARY.

NATIVE AFFAIRS (Contd.)

Migrations (Contd.)

KAWATUNGWA. They have made excellent gardens and informed me that they have no intention of returning to the old village.

KAWATUNGWA is, I think, in Gaima sub-district but as it is so remote from any of Gaima's patrol routes I think that it would be more satisfactory to visit it from this station.

ROADS AND BUILDING

As to be expected in this season, almost every road in the area is flooded. In most places mud and xxxxx water is only ankle deep but a few sections of the road are knee-deep in water. During the dry season the roads are probably good --- most of them are four or five feet wide. Distances between villages and small populations make the building up and draining of these roads an almost impossible task without some form of mechanical aid and, after years of use, the surfaces have been worn down until now they are generally a few inches below the level of the surrounding countryside. Consequently, after any rain they become muddy and water-logged.

The A.P.C. uses Jeeps and Land Rovers with some success in the area but wear and tear is heavy. I was taken from TARARA to TONDA by Land Rover and, during the trip, one spring was broken and the hydraulic brake system was torn out by a stump.

Bridges are satisfactory. In most places they consist of one log to span the creek but on Jeep roads the A.P.C. have constructed more suitable bridges. It is quite conceivable that much of this area could be patrolled by vehicles but light wheeled tractors would be more suitable for this job than such vehicles as Jeeps.

WATERWAYS.

Many canoe lanes in the SUKI Creek/Lagoon area were partially blocked. People in the villages concerned were instructed to clean and maintain them.

The Morehead River between TONDA and ROUIN is completely blocked in one place and partially blocked in two others by islands of floating grass. Possibly these blockages will clear themselves but in any case it would be advisable to equip any vessel proceeding up the Morehead with bush knives.

A.I.S.T.
A.P.C.

On 13th. February, between the villages of DURU and INAPOROK, I received a note from the Native Labour Officer of Seismic Party No.2 based at TARARA. He informed me that a number of Chimbu natives employed as labourers had refused to work and therefore requested that I proceed to TARARA as xx quickly as possible. On arrival at TARARA I found that Mr. A.D.O. Kent had already been sent out from DARU to attend to the matter. On the following day, the natives were questioned by Mr. Kent and it was decided, after consultation with Mr. Steer of the A.P.C., to return the natives to their villages.

PATROL SUMMARY.

A.P.C. (Contd)

Before Mr. Kent returned to DARU, he informed me that arrangements had been made for an A.P.C. barge --- then moored at TONDA on the Morehead River --- to be taken to ROUKU where it would remain until collected by the A.P.C.. The Party Leader, Mr. Bosc, offered to make transport available within a few days to take me to TONDA to collect the barge. His offer was accepted. I returned all patrol personnel, with the exception of one policeman, to the station with Constable TENGAREPA in charge.

On the evening of 19th. February, one of the Chimbu labourers became violent. He daubed his face with mud and picked up an axe. This was taken from him but he escaped again and rushed out of the barracks brandishing a burning stick. Before he could do any harm he was recaptured by Constable SIROMI who handcuffed him, left him in the care of the other Chimbus, and reported to me. I questioned the other Chimbus and they informed me that, during a similar attack in his village, he had killed a man. The man was obviously dangerous so I asked the camp's medical assistant to give him a sedative. As an added precaution he was kept in handcuffs. The sedative had no apparent effect and during the night he attempted to attack a man sleeping close to him. After this disturbance the other Chimbus did not sleep and watched him until morning.

As he was no better the next morning I sent him into DARU on the M.V. KAMONAI for treatment. Constable Siromi accompanied him.

On 21st. February transport was available so I proceeded to TONDA. The trip from TONDA to ROUKU should have taken 6 hours but, the river was blocked by islands of floating grass and we did not arrive at ROUKU until 1500 hrs. the following day ---- 27 hours after departing from TONDA.

LIVESTOCK.

Most villages in this area keep three or four pigs which, in the interests of village cleanliness, are kept in pens. The pigs are captured in the bush when very small and are eaten as soon as they are large enough. The villagers never attempt to breed them.

Only a few fowls were seen during the patrol. Hordes of village dogs make a fowl's chances of survival extremely slim.

GAME.

Game is plentiful throughout the area, and forms an important part of the diet. The type of game found in any particular area depends, of course, on the type of vegetation in that area. The large tracts of open grassland which one finds in this area are ideal for wallaby. In the rain forest there are plenty of cassowary.

VILLAGES AND HOUSING.

All villages visited were clean but many houses were in poor repair. Many of these people spend much of their time in distant gardens and sago places and consequently allow their village houses to fall into bad repair. Where necessary, orders were given for repairs to be carried out.

PATROL SUMMARY.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

Health is generally good throughout the area. No signs of the recent influenza epedemic were seen. Numerous treatments were given in every village but very few serious cases were seen. Where necessary, patients were returned to ROUKU for further treatment. In all villages people were informed that in future when they attend ROUKU hospital food will be provided for them.

At GIGWA mission I was informed that difficulty is experienced in retaining patients until treatment has been completed. This is mainly due to the fact that they are unable to provide food for them. Patients are willing to remain in hospital as long as they have sufficient food but when this is exhausted they return to their villages. Village officials in the Gigwa area were told that they should ensure that hospital patients are supplied with food until they are discharged.

EDUCATION.

Educational facilities in this district are not good. Mr. Gore of the U.F.M. Gigwa informed me that about 130 pupils attend his school. As the school was not in session during my visit I was not able to inspect it.

The L.M.S. school at Rouku is still closed as the native teacher is still on leave. The school has been closed since mid-November.

LAW AND JUSTICE.

Mr. Gore of the U.F.M. Gigwa reported that an IWEWE woman had, in late August, died in his hospital as a result of a severe beating given her by her husband. At IWEWE I investigated the matter and my enquiries convinced me that Mr. Gore was mistaken. The man concerned was, at the time of his wife's death, on patrol with Mr. Cockburn of Daru. He left IWEWE at the end of July and was away for at least two months. The V.C. claimed that the woman's injuries had been sustained as a result of falling from a log into a dry creek-bed whilst carrying a heavy load of sago. There was a witness to this accident whom I questioned. Later when I told Mr. Gore of this he became very "hazy" regarding dates and facts and both he and Mrs. Gore admitted that they had probably made a mistake.

Marriages in this district are usually arranged on the basis of an exchange of sisters. This often causes minor disputes. Those that were reported to me were settled amicably. On several occasions I was approached by men who complained that their wives were continually fighting. Although I spoke to the women concerned, I afterwards told the men that it was not the policy of the Government to interfere between any man and his wives.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

I found that there is the usual tendency for councillors to act as "seconds in command" to the village constable. In almost every village it was necessary to outline the differences in the duties of these officials.

PATROL SUMMARY.

MISSIONS.

There are two Europeans in this sub-district and (U.F.M. and N.G.R.M.) and, unfortunately, both set extremely puritanical ideals for their followers. Natives are not allowed to dance, smoke or wear beads. I have found that tobacco and beads are accepted as trade without question but it is likely that by using these trade items I offend the missionaries. Soap is the only item that could be used without offending anyone but, unfortunately, insufficient stocks are held at this station to allow it to be used as trade. Could soap be issued as a trade item for these awkward areas in future.

END OF REPORT.

(R.J.Morris) C.P.O.
O.I.C. Morehead River Patrol Post.

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MOUNTHEAD RIVER PATROL NO. 4 of 1953/54

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

| No. | Name. | Rank. | Conduct. | Ability. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7811 | SIROMI-SASAMBO | Const. | Very Good. | Very good patrol man. Did good work on this patrol. |
| No R/S | TENGAREPA | Const. | Very Good. | Useful man on patrol. Good shot. |

(R.J.Morris) C.P.O.

ROUKU PATROL NO. 3 OF 1953/54
EASTERN TRANS FLY
ROUTE OF PATROL ------
SCALE 4 MILES TO 1"
A.P.C. SHEET EAST. TRANS-FLY.
OFFICER. R.J. MORRIS C.P.O

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7° 30'
7° 00'
9° 30'
9° 00'
141° 30'
142° 00'
142° 30'
143° 00'

KERU
WUPARUA
GUBAM
SOTE
MATA
ROUKU
LOKWA
GAREITA
PONGAKI
DERI DERI
BEBEDEBUM
MARUFE
TARARA
WA.S.S.R.
TUNDA
MILGENI
MOREHEAD RIVER
KWALER
JARAI
WALATER
MARE
TAIS
MOIGUTA

BUK

DIMISIS

GUBAM

BOITE

BIMADEBUN

DERI

BOBEDEBUM

MAKE
(ABANDONED)

ARUFE

JARI R'VER

BELEVI

WASSI

MAI

KUSSA

JARI
ISLAND

TAMAKA KUSSA

KUSSA

STRACHAN
ISLAND

KUSSA

IARA

WUTAR

BUJI

KWALER

BER

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KAWA

MATA
-KAWA

KUSSA IS.

AUBUSSI

MOIMI

BOIGU ISLAND

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BUK

KONDOBA

KINKIN

URARA

SANGWANSO

KAGAL

KANGI

KWIWUNG

DIMIRI

ITUMBO

GLABU

KIGULI

TATA

GIDERETU

SEGE

KODORO

WADORO

KUPERI

TOGO

YAPERE IS.

TABITATA

MABADUAN

TO DARU

SAPUKAWA

SIGABADA

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142° 30'

142° 40'

142° 50'

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

6 MAY 1954
DISTRICT OFFICE
MAY 1954
DARU

District of WESTERN ROUKU Report No. 5 OF 1953/54

Patrol Conducted by R. J. MORRIS C.P.O.

Area Patrolled BENSBACH RIVER

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 5

Duration—From 15/3/1954 to 1/4/1954

Number of Days 18

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services OCTOBER/1953

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

Map Reference SKETCH MAP ENCLOSED

Objects of Patrol ROUTINE ADMIN. AND MEDICAL

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DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

11/5/1954

J. Brandsema
District Commissioner

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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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5th July, 1954

The District Commissioner,
DARU.

ROKEU Patrol Report No.5/53-54.

The above Report submitted by Mr.R.J.Morris, Officer-in-Charge at ROKEU Patrol Post, after his patrol of the Bensbach River area is acknowledged.

Mr.Morris appears to have carried out his field work in a thorough manner and the villages visited should be all the better for his visit.

I agree that there is no harm at all in the purely social across border native visits to see relatives and friends, in fact it would be an unwarrant m deprivation of liberty to interfere at this stage with such logical pursuits.

(A.A.Roberts),
Director, DD&NA.

Noted

13/7/54

30/4/163-

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT SERVICES & NATIVE AFFAIRS
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In reply
Please quote:

No. 30-5-1/242.

District Commissioner's Office,
DARU W.D.

11th May, 1954.

MEMORANDUM for-

The Director,
Department of District Services
and Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

ROUKU PATROL REPORT No.5 of 53/54.

The abovementioned is forwarded in triplicate.

The patrol was of a routine nature only.

I. Border Movements.

I do not consider it necessary to prevent these social visits of border villagers. No harm is being done.

2. Health.

On my return from Rouku in January. I called at BULA and found the village surroundings very filthy. All the people were told to dispose of their garbage by burning or dumping in the river on an outgoing tide.

( F. A. CHAMPION )
District Commissioner, W.D.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Morehead River Patrol Report No. 5. of 1953/54.

Conducted by: R.J.Morris C.P.O.

Area: Bensbach River W.D.

Accompanied by:

Europeans: Nil.

Natives: Const. WAPRI 4263
Const. EMBOGO 7912
N.M.C. ANIWO
Inter. TAMATE
Pers. Servant I.

Duration: 15.3.54 to 1.4.54 18 days.

Map of patrol route enclosed.

Objects of patrol: 1. Routine Administration.
2. Medical.

Last D.D.S. Patrol: October 1953.

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PATROL DIARY.

Monday 15th. March.
Departed station 0915 hrs. Proceeded down Morehead River by canoe. Arrived SIBRASI 1145 hrs. Medical and inspections.

Tuesday 16th. March.
Departed SIBRASI 0830 hrs. Arrived IOKWA (aban.) 0920 hrs. Departed IOKWA 0935 hrs. Arrived WEIMENVIE 1145 hrs. Medical and inspections.

Wednesday 17th. March.
Departed WEIMENVIE 0815 hrs. Arrived TOKWA 1040 hrs. Track under water in places. Medical and inspections.

Thursday 18th March.
Departed TOKWA 0805 hrs. Walked to IAMDORODOA on good dry track. Arrived 1140 hrs. Medical and inspections.

Friday 19th March.
Departed IAMDORODOA 0805 hrs. Arrived TAIPO (garden hamlet) 1045 hrs. M.M.O. attended to a man suffering from several pig bites. Departed TAIPO 1130 hrs. Arrived WEWRAVE 1350 hrs. Arranged for carriers to take TAIPO man to station hospital.

Saturday 20th March.
Medical and inspections at WEWRAVE. Discussed border movement with village officials and people.

Sunday 21st March.
Departed WEWRAVE 0815 hrs. Arrived WEAM 1045 hrs. Medical and inspections.

Monday 22nd March.
Departed WEAM 0807 hrs. Walked to KANDORISA arriving at 1000 hrs. Medical and inspections. Unable to sleep in this village as it has neither rest-house nor police barracks. Departed KANDORISA 1300 hrs. Arrived MENGETE 1445 hrs. Medical and inspections.

Tuesday 23rd March
Departed MENGETE 0805 hrs. Walked to KOROMBO arriving at 1025 hrs. Medical and inspections.

Wednesday 24th March.
Departed KOROMBO 0810 hrs. Walked to WANDO. Arrived 1125 hrs. Track under water in many places. Medical and inspections.

Thursday 25th March.
Departed WANDO 0820 hrs. Arrived BANDABER 1000hrs. Medical and inspections.

Friday 26th March.
Departed BANDABER 0810 hrs. Walked to BULA arriving 1330 hrs. Medical and inspections.

Saturday 27th March.
Supervised cleaning of village. Departed BULA 1030. Arrived BANDABER 1545 hrs.

PATROL DIARY.

Sunday 28th March.
Observed at BANDARER.

Monday 29th March.
Departed BANDARER 0[illegible] hrs. Arrived WAIDO 1015 hrs.

Tuesday 30th March.
Departed WAIDO 0[illegible] hrs. Arrived [illegible] 1125 hrs.

Wednesday 31st March.
Departed [illegible] 0815 hrs. Arrived [illegible] 1220 hrs.
Heavy rain all day.

Thursday 1st April.
Departed [illegible] 0820 hrs. Arrived station 1215 hrs.
Paid off carriers.

END OF PATROL DIARY.

PATROL SUMMARY.

INTRODUCTION.

A census of the area was taken in October 1953. Const. TENGAMPA was despatched to warn the villages concerned of the patrol. The main objects of the patrol were routine administration and medical work. The patrol was well received in all villages.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

(a) Migrations.

The IOKWA people have now completed their move to a new village site on the west bank of the Morehead River. The move was caused by a serious shortage of water during the last dry season. The new village, which is called SIBERASI, should prove more satisfactory than IOKWA as the Morehead is fresh at this point. The people are still using IOKWA as a garden place but I was informed that as soon as the new village is complete (there is still quite a lot of clearing to be done), gardens will be made closer to the new site.

(b) Food.

As is usual throughout most of this sub-district, taitu is the staple food. WERRAVE is the only village among those visited on this patrol that has a substantial quantity of sago. Taitu planting has now been completed and until the crop is ready for for harvesting (May/June) the people will live on BIOCAN (manioc) and game. Game (especially wallaby) is plentiful throughout the area. There are plenty of fish in the Bensbach River and the people who live in the villages of WERRAVE, WEAM, WANDO and BANDABER take full advantage of this. Almost every village was able to provide food for carriers.

AGRICULTURE.

Recently, a quantity of corn seed was received from the Dept. of Agriculture. This will be issued to the villages of the sub-district as quickly as possible. These people do not appear to be at all anxious to introduce new crops. For the past few years, efforts have been made to introduce sweet potatoes but results are disappointing. Officers have given talks in which it has been explained that sweet potatoes have many advantages over biscara. Despite these efforts, little interest has been raised and it is quite possible that corn will be given the same reception.

For this reason it is thought that a comparatively large quantity of the seed should be given to the missionaries in the area (native and European). Most children "board" at school and return to their own villages only at week-ends. If teachers grow corn and supply it to school children they should soon become accustomed to it and, in the future, there will be a demand for it in the villages.

BORDER MOVEMENTS.

The officials of the border villages of WERRAVE and WEAM reported that, to their knowledge, no Europeans have entered Papua from Dutch New Guinea since the last patrol. There is still some traffic between the inhabitants of SOTA (D.N.G.) and WERRAVE but it is difficult to see how this can be completely stopped as the people of both villages originate from the same stock. WERRAVE recognises the fact that the SOTA people own sago on the Papuan side of the border.

PATROL SUMMARY.

BORDER OVERVIEW (Contd)

Much of the traffic from Papua to D.M.C. has resulted from the [illegible] lack of any nearby school or mission on the Papuan side and the WERRAVE people have been in the habit of attending church and school at BULA. This has now been rectified and an L.M.S. teacher has established himself at WERRAVE. This should decrease considerably the movement of Papuans to D.M.C.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Roads and bridges are quite satisfactory throughout the area. Some sections of road are under water but this is only to be expected at this time of the year.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Most of these men are doing a good job. The outstanding man of the area is [illegible]I, V.C. of IANDOBOA and KANDARIBA. Although he is a comparatively young man (about 25), he is respected by the people of several villages besides the two over which he has direct control

The V.C. of WERRAVE is well below the standard of the other officials of the area. He has been in office for more than 25 years but appears to have little control over his own people. He is also in charge of the small village of TOKWA but rarely is he seen in that village.

HEALTH.

M.M.O. AIMO medically examined everybody in the area and it is pleasing to note that the area is quite clean. Three people suffering from pig bites, two children with yaws, and one man with V.D. were returned to Rouku for treatment. These were the only serious cases although several others were returned to the station to be treated for sundry small sores and minor injuries.

The L.M.S. teacher now established at WERRAVE is a trained medical orderly. He has been supplied with drugs and should be able to maintain the health of his area at its present standard.

At the village of BULA, at the mouth of the Morehead River, 10 people have died during the past two years -- presumably from dysentry. Only two births have been recorded in the same period. The total population at the last census (1953) was 53. In the past it has been the practice to dump rubbish in the bush close to the village, with the result that there are swarms of flies everywhere. The importance of burning rubbish daily was explained to the people and the V.C. was instructed to enforce this. No deaths have been reported in this village since the last census (Oct. 1953).

EDUCATION.

The L.M.S. native mission teacher has now returned to Rouku after being absent on leave since mid-November. Another native teacher of the same mission is now establishing a school at the border village of WERRAVE. Education is entirely in the hands of these two teachers. Neither of the schools were open at the time of the patrol so it is impossible to report on their activities.

PATROL SUMMARY.

MISSIONS

The L.M.S. which has stations at Rouku and Weresave, is the only mission in the area. The mission is popular with the people and provides the only educational facilities in the area.

VILLAGES AND HOUSING

Most villages were clean and tidy at the time of the patrol. [illegible] and BULA were below standard and were cleaned under supervision. Where necessary, instructions were given to repair or rebuild houses.

LAW AND JUSTICE

Nothing reported.

END OF REPORT

(R.J.Morris) C.P.O.

MOREHEAD RIVER PATROL REPORT No. 5 of 1953/54

REPORT ON N.P.F. & N.G.C. PERSONNEL

| No. | Name | Rank | Conduct | Ability |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7912 | MEBOGO-OWARI | Const. | Very Good | Keen, conscientious and very reliable. |
| 4263 | WAPAI-DANA | Const. | Very Good | Not over bright but reliable. |

(R.J. Morris) C.I.O.
O.I.C. Morehead River P.P.

## STORES TAKEN ON PATROL

| ITEM | Amount Taken on Patrol | HOW ISSUED | | | | | | Amount Returned to Store |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Issues to Police | Issues to Carriers | Payment of Carriers | Purchase of Food | Hire of Canoes | MISC | |
| MEAT | 48 TINS | 40 | 8 | | | | | NIL |
| RICE | 140 LBS | 100 | 40 | | | | | NIL |
| SUGAR | 8 LBS | 8 | | | | | | NIL |
| TEA | 3 LBS | 2 | 1 | | | | | NIL |
| MATCHES | 120 BOX | 15 | | 25 | 80 | | | NIL |
| TOBACCO | 21 LBS | 2½ | 2½ | 6 | 8 | | 2 | NIL |
| SOAP | 2 LBS | 2 | | | | | | NIL |
| KEROSENE | 4 GALLS | 2 | | | | | 2 | NIL |
| CARTRIDGES 3/6 | 25 ONS | 11 | | | | | | 14 |
| " .303 | 15 " | 15 | | | | | | NIL |
| FISH LINES | 21 " | | | | 21 | | | NIL |
| FISH HOOKS | 25 " | | | | 25 | | | NIL |
| MANTLES TILLEY | 1 " | | | | | | 1 | NIL |
| CALICO GREEN | 2 YDS | | | 2 | | | | NIL |
| CALICO RED | 12 YDS | | | 12 | | | | NIL |

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WEREAVE

TAIPO

IANDOROBUA

KANDORISA

WEAM

TOKWA

MENGETE

WEMENEVRE

IOKWA

KOROMBO

NETHERLANDS NEW GUINEA

TAVI RIVER

BENSBACH RIVER

WANDO

BANDABER

BULA

MOREHEAD

MOREHEAD RIVER PATROL POST
PATROL No. 5 or 53/54
CONDUCTED BY : R.J. MORRIS C.P.O
SCALE : 4" TO 1 MILE.
A.P.C. SHEET WASSI KUSSA

141° 10'

141° 20'

141° 30'

TAIPO

IAN DOROBOA

KANDORISA

MENGETE

TOKWA

SETAVI

UPARUA

8°30'

8°40'

WEMENEVRE

IOKWA

ROUKU

KOROMBO

SIBRASI

RIVER

BENSBACH

3°50'

MIGENI

WANDO

BANDABER

TONDA

RIVER

MOREHEAD

RIVER

9°00'

BULA

9°06'

JARAI

WALATER

141°10'

141°20'

141°30'

141°40'

3 copies to Moresby

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of..WESTERN -- MOREHEAD RIVER Report No..6 of 1953/54

Patrol Conducted by..R.J.Morris C.P.O.

Area Patrolled..Morehead River P.P. to Daru via Fly River.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....3.....

Duration--From..7/..6../19.54..to..16/.6../1954..

Number of Days.....10.....

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..March../19.54..

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

Map Reference.....Map of patrol route enclosed.

Objects of Patrol....1. Discussion of official matters with D.O.

2. To collect quarterly rations for station.

3. Routine inspection and administration.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

14/7/1954

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 .... .... £.....

30-4-166

28th July, 1954.

The District Commissioner,
Western District,
DAWU.

ROUKU Patrol Report No.6/53-54.

The above Report submitted by Mr.R.J.Morris, Cadet Patrol Officer in charge ROUKU Patrol Post, after his journey with Mr.Kent from his Post to Daru via the Fly River, is acknowledged.

Acknowledgement also is made of Mr.Kent's special Report on his twenty-one day visit to ROUKU and return to Daru.

The villages visited en route were found to be clean and orderly and the native situation generally very fair. infood in the area traversed.

I am very pleased with the work being carried out by Mr. Morris both at ROUKU Patrol Post, and on patrols, where he has shown commendable energy and a proper interest in the welfare of the native people which are administered from that Post.

PA

(A.A.Roberts).
Director.D.D.S.& N.A.

30/4/166

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT SERVICES & NATIVE AFFAIRS
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District Commissioner's Office,
DARU W.D.

16th July, 1954.

MEMORANDUM for-

The Director,
Department of District Services
and Native Affairs.,
PORT MORESBY.

Rouku Patrol Report No. 6 of 1953/54.

The a/m is forwarded.

A routine patrol which does not require comment.

The area covered is peaceful.

( F.A.CHAMPION )
District Commissioner W.D.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Morehead River Patrol Report No.6 of 1953/54.

Conducted by: R.J.Morris C.P.O.

Area: Morehead River P.P. to Daru
Via Fly River.

Accompanied by: Const. SIRGMI 7811
Const. TEGEREFA 6081
Personal Servant 1

Duration: 7.6.54 to 16.6.54 10 days.

Map of patrol route enclosed.

Objects of patrol:
1. Discussion of official matters with D.C.
2. To collect quarterly rations for station.
3. Routine inspection and administration.

Last D.D.S. patrol: March 1954.

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PATROL DIARY.

Monday 7th. June.

Departed station 1215 hrs.
Walked to Morehead River crossing.
Arrived 1250 hrs.
Proceedod up river by canoe to GAREITA.
Arrived 1330 hrs.
Walked to MATA, arriving at 1545 hrs.
Inspected village.

Tuesday 8th. June

Departed MATA 0830 hrs.
Walked to KERU.
Arrived 1330 hrs.
Mr. ADO Kent held court. Inspected village.

Wednesday 9th. June.

Departed KERU 0845 hrs.
Walked to SERKI.
Arrived 1530 hrs.
Inspected village.

Thursday 10th. June.

Departed SERKI 0900 hrs.
Walked to INAPOROK. Track bad.
Arrived 1430 hrs.

Friday 11th June.

At INAPOROK.
Inspected village.

Saturday 12th June.

Departed INAPOROK 0700 hrs.
Walked to canoe place.
By canoe to A.P.C. camp near BUREI CREEK.
Accepted A.P.C. offer to take patrol tp
TOTOMA base camp by 'bomb scow'.
Arrived TOTOMA 1500 hrs.

Sunday 13th. June.

Observed at TOTOMA.

Monday 14th. June.

M.V. 'ELEVALA' arrived TOTOMA 1500 hrs.
Loaded gear and departed 1630 hrs.
Anchored at dark.

Tuesday 15th. June

Departed at daybreak.
Delivered mail to WASUA U.F.M. station.
Arrived GAIMA PATROL POST 1100 hrs.
Departed GAIMA 1600 hrs.
Called at MADIRI.
Anchored TORRO PASSAGE for the night.

Wednesday 16th. June.

Arrived DARU.

PATROL SUMMARY.

INTRODUCTION

Mr. ADO. Kent arrived at this station on 31st. May to attend to various magisterial matters. During his stay he was informed by DARU radio that the M.V. 'URANGAH' was laid up at DARU with engine trouble and, therefore, would not be available to return him to DARU as previously arranged. He was also informed that the M.V. 'ELEVALA', which was carrying quarterly stores to LAKE MURRAY and KIUNGA patrol posts would call at TOTOMA A.P.C. base camp on the FLY RIVER on ~~xx~~ or about the 13th June. Mr. Kent decided to meet the 'ELEVALA' at TOTOMA. I accompanied Mr. Kent for the reasons set out in the preamble of this report.

ROADS & BRIDGES.

At the time of this patrol many tracks were ankle deep in mud and water, making walking unpleasant. This area is so flat and the distance between villages so great that I feel that it is impossible to improve "wet weather walking". However, now that the SE. season has started it is hoped that the tracks will soon dry out.

Bridges, which usually consist of a single log in the area, are quite satisfactory fo foot patrolling.

VILLAGES & HOUSING.

All villages visited by the patrol were found to be clean and tidy, despite the fact that no official warning of the patrol was given.

In every village, rest houses were excellent.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

All appear to be doing a ~~xx~~ good job. They reported that their people are happy and contented and there has been no trouble since the last patrol.

HEALTH.

A medical orderly was not taken on this patrol as only a few villages were visited. No cases requiring medical attention were seen.

Unless the U.F.M. replace Mr.& Mrs. Gore at GIGWA mission station, the SUKI people will have to reportbto this station for medical treatment --- which involves a walk of up to five or six days. This matter will be discussed at a later date if the U.F.M. decides not to send a European to GIGWA.

EDUCATION.

Prior to the departure of the patrol, the L.M.S. native teacher at Rouku complained that some MATA children of

PATROL SUMMARY.

EDUCATION. (contd)

school age are not attending school. On arrival at MATA a talk was given to the people stressing the importance of education.

My remarks regarding Mr.& Mrs.Gore in the Health section of this report apply also to education. Mr.&Mrs. Gore provided the only educational facilities available in the SUKI area.

AGRICULTURE.

The first taitu crop of the season has been harvested in some villages and sufficient quantities were available at the time of the patrol to feed carriers. From now until the end of the year taitu should be available in large quantities.

MISSIONS.

During the patrol , it was brought to my notice that Mr. & Mrs.Gore of the U.F.M. GIGWA have left the district. As yet I do not know if they are to be replaced but, if they are not, the SUKI area will lack both educational and medical facilities.

.....END OF REPORT.....

(R.J.Morris) C.P.O.

MORRHEAD RIVER PATROL REPORT NO.6 of 1953/54

Report on R.P.&.N.G.C. Personnel.

| No. | Name. | Rank. | Conduct. | Ability. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7811 | SIRCMI-SASAMBO | Const. | Very Good | Good man on patrol. |
| 6981 | TEGKREFA-AKEMBO | " | Very Good | Useful on patrol. Good shot. |

C.P.O.

## STORES TAKEN ON PATROL

| ITEM | Amount Taken on Patrol | HOW ISSUED | | | | | | Amount Returned to Store |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Issues to Police | Issues to Carriers | Payment of Carriers | Purchase of Food | Hire of Canoes | V. C. S & Misc. | |
| Meat | 10 tin | 10 | | | | | | ----- |
| Rice | 40 lbs | 40 | | | | | | ----- |
| Matches | 36 box | 6 | 6 | | 24 | | | ----- |
| Soap | 1 lb | 1 | | | | | | ----- |
| Tobacco | 200 stk | 10 | | 120 | 60 | 4 | 6 | ----- |
| Sugar | 13 lbs | 4 | | | 9 | | | ----- |
| Kerosene | 2 gal | ½ | | | | | 1½ | ----- |
| Mantles Tilley | 2 | | | | | | 2 | ----- |
| Generators " | 1 | | | | | | 1 | ----- |
| Toilet Paper | 2 | | | | | | 2 | ----- |
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TIDA

SUKI CK.

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GIBWA

GWAKU

SUKI LAGOON

ALLIGATOR IS.

TOTOMA A.P.C.

DURU

BUKEI CK.

A.P.C. CAMP

SWAMP

GOE

INAPOROK

SERKI

KIRIWO

SETAVI

KERU

UPARUA

MATA

GUBAM

BOETE

ROUKU

GAREITA

MOREHEAD RIVER P.P.

POROAKI

DERI DERI

BEDEDEBEM

DAIRABI

MOREHEAD RIVER

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TIDAL IS.

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CAMP

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142° 00'

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FLY RIVER

BUK

KONDOBA

SWAMP

UPIARA

SANGANBO

KIN KIN

KAPAI

KINEL

KWIWUNG

WIM

BELEVI

142° 30'

MOREHEAD RIVER P.P
REPORT NO. 6 OF 1953/54
MOREHEAD TO DARU VIA FLY R.
BY R.J. MORRIS C.P.O.
SOURCE A.P.C. P.M. 1953/39
SCALE 1 INCH TO 4 MILES.
JUNE '54

8° 00'

FLY RIVER

WASUA

GAIMA

PISARAMI

SEPARI

SUWAMI

TO DARU

NARAKIWAI

BARAMURA

8° 30'

KONDOBA

UPIARA

SWAMP

SINGANBO

RUA

KIN KIN

KAPAI

KANEL

WIM

IAMEGA

BIANDA

142° 30'

143° 00'

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of..WESTERN -- MOREHEAD RIVER Report No..I of1954/55.....

Patrol Conducted by.....R.J.Morris C.P.O.....

Area Patrolled.....Eastern Trans-Fly.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....Nil.....

Natives.....6.....

Duration—From..5../..7.../19.54..to..17../..8.../1954...

Number of Days.....44 days.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....No ----- (NMO)

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..Dec.....19.53..

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

Map Reference...Map of patrol route enclosed.....

Objects of Patrol.....1. Census.....

2. Routine administration.

3. Medical inspection.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

4/10/1954

J.R. Brown
District Commissioner

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

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

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

# Village Popul

Year 1954/55

| VILLAGE | DATE OF CENSUS | Births | | DEATHS | | | | | | | | | | | | Females in Child Birth | MIGR | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | 0-1 Month | | 0-1 Year | | 1—4 | | 5—8 | | 9—13 | | Over 13 | | | In | |
| | | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | | M | F |
| IAUGA | 7·8·54 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| TAIS | 9·8·54 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | 2 |
| MARE | 11·8·54 | | 2 | | | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | |
| JARA | 12·8·54 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| TONDA | 15·8·54 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| MIBENI | 16·8·54 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |

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District Medical Officer,
D A R U.

25th October, 1954.

Patrol Report D.D.S. & N.A. of Trans-Fly.

The patrolling officer considers that an aid post could be well established at BUJI for the coastal people.

Will you please discuss this with the District Commissioner and establish this aid-post when staff is available.

(R.F.R. Scragg)
A/Assistant Director - Hygiene.
for A/DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

Copy to:-
Director,
Dept. of District Services &
Native Affairs.
PORT MORESBY.

Noted 28/10/54

(R.F.R. Scragg)
A/Assistant Director - Hygiene.
for A/DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

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18th. October, 1954.

The District Commissioner,
Western District,
BIRU.

BOKIU Patrol Report No.1 of 1954/55

Receipt is acknowledged of the above-mentioned Report and sketch map submitted by Cadet Patrol Officer R.J.Morris regarding his Patrol of the eastern trans-Fly area.

It would appear that Mr.Morris has carried out a thorough Patrol and the native situation generally is satisfactory.

I will request the Department of Education to send him a copy of their syllabus for native schools which he has asked for.

The claim for camping allowance has been passed to the staff section for implementation.

The Report and sketch map have been neatly prepared.

(A.A. Robertson).
Director.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

FAC/NT.

DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT SERVICES & NATIVE AFFAIRS
17 OCT 1954

In reply,
Please quote:

No. 30-5-1/569

District Commissioner's Office,
DARU, W.D.

4th October, 1954.

MEMORANDUM for-

The Director,
Department of District Services
and Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

ROUKU PATROL REPORT NO.1 OF 54/55.

The a/m report is forwarded in triplicate, together with a map.

The whole area appears to be peaceful and law abiding.

EDUCATION:

The Rev Allen of L.M.S. Daru will be informed about his two schools with their lack of equipment.

AGRICULTURE:

Past officers have made many attempts to get these people to grow sweet potatoes and corn, but with little success.

The natives responsible for refusing to take the patrol gear have been dealt with.

( F. A. CHAMPION )
District Commissioner, W.D.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Morehead River Patrol Report No. 1 of 1954/55.

Conducted by: R.J.Morris C.P.O.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

DISTRICT OFFICE
SEP 1954
DARU
- OCT 1954

Morehead River Patrol Post,
W.D.
28th. August 1954.

The District Commissioner,
Daru, W.D.

Morehead River Patrol Report No.1 of 1954/55.

Four copies of the abovementioned report, together with a claim for camping allowance, are enclosed herewith.

(R.J.Morris) C.P.O.
O.I.C. Morehead River P.P.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

DISTRICT OFFICE
SEP 1954
DARU
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Morehead River Patrol Post,
W.D.
28th. August 1954.

The District Commissioner,
Daru, W.D.

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(R.J.Morris) C.P.O.
O.I.C. Morehead River P.P.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Morehead River Patrol Report No. 1 of 1954/55.

Conducted by: R.J.Morris C.P.O.

Area: Eastern Trans-Fly.

Accompanied by: Europeans Nil.

Natives: 6029 L/Cpl. ADIBOMATU.
7802 Const. JIPURI.
8439 Const. MAIKERI.
N.M.O. SARAU.
TAMATE (inter.)
Personal Servant 1.

Duration: 5.7.54 to 17.8.54 44 days.

Objects of patrol:
1. Census.
2. Routine administration.
3. Medical inspection.

Last D.D.S. patrol: December 1953.

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# PATROL DIARY

Monday 5th. July.

Departed Station 0930 hrs.
Arrived GAREITA 1030 hrs.
Arrived MATA 1330 hrs. Dinner at MATA.
Departed MATA 1430 hrs.
Arrived PONGARKI 1630 hrs.
Inspected village.

Tuesday 6th. July

Census PONGARKI.
Departed PONGARKI 0930 hrs.
Arrived DERIDERI 1030 hrs.
Census, medical and other inspections.

Wednesday 7th. July

Departed DERIDERI 0855 hrs.
Arrived Arufe 1045 hrs.
Census, medical and other inspections.
Inspected N.G.R.Mission school.

Thursday 8th July.

Departed ARUFE 0840 hrs.
Arrived BEREDEBEM 1020 hrs.
Inspected village. People at GUBAM for census.
Departed BEREDEBEM 1045 hrs.
Arrived GUBAM 1145 hrs.
Census and medical of GUBAM, BEREDEBEM and BOETE people.

Friday 9th. July.

Departed GUBAM 0830 hrs.
Arrived BOETE 0930 hrs, inspected village.
Departed BOETE 1000 hrs.
Arrived BIMADIBUM 1200 hrs.
Census, medical and other inspections.

Saturday 10th. July.

Departed BIMADIBUM 0840 hrs.
Arrived DIMISIS 1215 hrs.
Census, medical and other inspections.

Sunday 11th. July.

Departed DIMISIS 0820 hrs.
Arrived BUK 1330 hrs.

Monday 12th. July.

Census, medical and other inspections BUK.

Tuesday 13th. July.

Departed BUK 0815 hrs.
Arrived KONDOBA 1000 hrs.
Census, medical and other inspections.

Wednesday 14th. July

Departed KONDOBA 0830 hrs.
Arrived KINKIN 1030 hrs.
Census, medical and other inspections.

PATROL DIARY.

Thursday 15th. July.

Departed KINKIN 0835 hrs.
Arrived BITURI CREEK 1015 hrs.
Canoes arrived from UPIARA 1445 hrs.
Arrived UPIARA 1545 hrs.
Medical and other inspections.

Friday 16th. July.

Departed UPIARA by canoe 0855 hrs.
1 canoe overturned but, fortunately, nothing lost.
Arrived canoe landing place 1200 hrs.
Departed 1245 hrs.
Arrived LIMAL 1330 hrs.

Saturday 17th. July.

Departed LIMAL 0835 hrs.
Arrived MALEM 1055 hrs.
Medical and other inspections.

Sunday 18th. July.

Departed MALEM 0905 hrs.
Arrived Dimugi 1130 hrs.
Census, medical and other inspections.

Monday 19th. July.

Departed DIMUGI 0830 hrs.
Arrived [redacted]. KWIWUNG 1140 hrs.
Census, medical and other inspections.

Tuesday 20th. July.

Departed KWIWUNG 0855 hrs.
Arrived BELEVI 1215 hrs.
Census, medical and other inspections.

Wednesday 21st. July.

Departed BELEVI 0815 hrs.
Arrived DIMIRI 1145 hrs.
Census, medical and other inspections.
WUTAR councillor reported that he had one canoe on the river to take the patrol to his village.

Thursday 22nd. July.

Departed DIMIRI 0830 hrs.
1030 hrs. Divided patrol into two parties; one party to walk to WUTAR with L/Cpl., other to walk to river and canoe to WUTAR.

Canoe Party: 1115 hrs arrived IARA KUSSA RIVER.
1130 hrs. departed, using double canoe.
1430 hrs. arrived OLD WUTAR.
1500 hrs walked to WUTAR, arriving at 1510 hrs.

Road Party arrived WUTAR 1645 hrs.

PATROL DIARY.

Friday 23rd. July.

Census, medical and other inspections WUTAR.

Saturday 24th. July.

Departed WUTAR 0810 hrs.
Arrived Buji 1010 hrs.
Census, medical and other inspections BUJI and EE'R people.

Sunday 25th. July.

0820 hrs. departed BUJI.
Arrived EE'R 0920 hrs.
Departed EE'R 0935 hrs.
Arrived TABATATA 1520 hrs.

Monday 26th. July.

Census, medical and inspections at TABATATA.
Investigated report of a crashed plane (wartime) on the beach between TABATATA and SIGABADU.
Walked through deep swamps to the coast but unable to walk along the beach as the tide was in. No canoes available.

Tuesday 27th July.

Departed TABATATA 0810 hrs.
Arrived SIGABADU 1415 hrs.
Three very large and deep swamps between these villages. Probably this track would be impassable during the wet season.

Wednesday 28th. July.

Census, medical and other inspections SIGABADU.
Departed SIGABADU 1000 hrs.
Arrived MABADUAN 1345 hrs.
No canoes available for trip down the coast to IAUGA.

Thursday 29th. July.

Departed MABADUAN 1030 hrs.
Proceeded up PAHOTURI RIVER using two river canoes.
Arrived TOGO landing place 1130 hrs.
Departed 1215 hrs.
Arrived TOGO 1240 hrs.
Departed TOGO 1300 hrs.
Arrived KUPERI 1345 hrs.
Departed KUPERI 1400 hrs.
ARrived WAIDORO 1445 hrs.

Friday 30th July.

Departed WAIDORO 0840 hrs.
Arrived IRUPE 1245 hrs.
Departed IRUPE 1320 hrs. Arrived DRAGALI 1405 hrs.
Departed DRAGALI 1430 hrs.
Arrived MASINGARA 1645 hrs.

PATROL DIARY

Saturday 31st. July.

Short of rations. Decided to go to Daru for supplies.
Walked to OLD MAWATA. Hired three sailing canoes.
Departed OLD MAWATA 1045 hrs.
One canoe arrived DARU approximately 1800 hrs.
The canoe in which I was travelling was becalmed in sight of Daru wharf at 1930 hrs.
Attracted attention of Daru office guard 2300 hrs.

Sunday 1st. August.

Picked up by dinghy 0130 hrs.
Third canoe arrived at 1200 hrs.

Monday 2nd. August.

At DARU collecting stores.

Tuesday 3rd. August.

Departed DARU 1100 hrs. Three sailing canoes.
Arrived OLD MAWATA 1350 hrs.

Wednesday 4th. August.

Departed OLD MAWATA 1000 hrs.
Sailed down the coast to SIGABADU.
Arrived 1430 hrs.
L/Cpl. ADIBOMATU's canoe did not arrive.

Thursday 5th. August.

Questioned crews about missing canoe. Informed that it was quite likely that it had not left MAWATA.
Waited at SIGABADU for missing canoe which had patrol's rice and trade goods aboard.

Friday 6th. August.

Still no sign of the missing canoe.
Small launch arrived from BUJI. Chartered this to take const. JIPURI back to OLD MAWATA to look for canoe and stores.
Decided to proceed with remainder of patrol.
Departed SIGABADU 1000 hrs.
Arrived BUJI 1430 hrs.
One canoe struck a reef but, fortunately, was not damaged.

Saturday 7th. August.

Departed BUJI 1200 hrs.
Arrived IAUGA 1315 hrs.
Census, medical and other inspections.

Sunday 8th. August.

Departed IAUGA 1200 hrs.
Arrived MOIBUT (abandoned village) 1515 hrs.
Departed MOIBUT 1530 hrs.
Walked to TAIS arriving at 1615 hrs.
1915 hrs. Const. JIPURI arrived with missing gear.

Monday 9th. August.

Census, medical and other inspections TAIS.

PATROL DIARY

Tuesday 10th August.

Departed TAIS 0900 hrs.
Arrived MARE 1400 hrs.

Wednesday 11th. August.

Census, medical and other inspections MARE.

Thursday 12th. August.

Departed MARE 1015 hrs.
Arrived WALATER 1200 hrs.
Inspected the village which is a hamlet of JARAI.
Departed WALATER 1230 hrs.
Arrived JARAI 1315 hrs.
Census, medical and other inspections.

Friday 13th. August.

Departed JARAI 0915 hrs.
Arrived MARE 1145 hrs.

Saturday 14th. August.

Departed MARE 0755 hrs.
Arrived TONDA 1600 hrs.
Village deserted. Sent one policeman to gardens to tell the people to come in.

Sunday 15th. August.

Census, medical and other inspections TONDA.

Monday 16th. August.

Departed TONDA 0840 hrs.
Arrived MIBENI 1130 hrs.
Census, medical and other inspections.

Tuesday 17th. August.

Departed MIBENI 0840 hrs.
Arrived Station 1300hrs.

..... END OF DIARY .....

PATROL SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION.

The purpose of this patrol was to check the census, carry out routine administration and to medically examine the people.

The patrol had to be extended for one week when it was found that the BUJI canoe was out of commission. The nearest available canoes were found at MASINGARA and, by that time, it was necessary to proceed to DARU in order to replenish the patrol's rations. IAUGA, which is situated on STRACHAN ISLAND is only accessible by canoe.

Constable BETI left the station on 29th. June to warn the people of the patrol.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

General

The people living in this area are law-abiding, peaceful and contented. Crime of any sort is rare and friction between villages occurs only occasionally and usually concerns the exchange of brides.

Migrations.

The DIMUGI people requested that they be allowed to abandon their village and move to other villages (LIMAL and MALEM) which have, in the past, been regarded as garden hamlets of DIMUGI. This request was made while the patrol was at KINKIN so the patrol route was altered slightly to include these hamlets which, it was claimed, had never been visited by a Government officer.

Both LIMAL and MALEM were found to be well built and exceptionally clean. Good rest houses and police barracks have been built in each village. Roads have been cleared to UPIARA and KWIWUNG and when it had been explained to them that UPIARA is in DARU sub-district the people agreed to make a road from LIMAL to KINKIN direct.

After reading information in the DIMUGI village book and inspecting all three villages, I am of the opinion that the move should be allowed -- for the following reasons:-

1. The people have been living at LIMAL and MALEM for several years and congregating at DIMUGI for Government visits only.

2. MALEM and LIMAL are very close to the gardens which means that the people will spend more time in their villages.

3. Game is more plentiful ~~at~~ in this area than at DIMUGI.

The following points were made quite clear to everybody concerned:-

1. The move is to be complete -- nobody is to remain at DIMUGI.

2. There is to be no further sub-division of the villages.

3. The villages and roads are to be maintained at their present high standard.

Food.

At the present time food (mainly taitu and taro) is plentiful. The taitu harvest was average despite the prolonged dry season last year which delayed planting.

## PATROL SUMMARY.

### ROADS AND BRIDGES

Last year, inland roads east of DIMISIS were very poor and instructions were given to have them improved. These instructions have been carried outand, provided the roads are maintainod regularly, there should be no cause for further complaint.

Roads between BUJI and SIGABADU are still poor but frequent large swamps make improvements difficult. These swamps are too extensive to be bridged and not always deep enough to be crossed in canoes, so it appears that patrols will just have to wade through them.

The greater part of the DIMIRI/WUTAR road is to be abandoned. On this trip the patrol was divided into two parties two hours from DIMIRI; one continued on foot and the other walked to the IARA-KUSSA and proceeded to WUTAR by canoe. The river route is at least one hour shorter than the road. For this reason the DIMURI people have been instructed to maintain the road only from their village to the canoe landing on the IARA-KUSSA. WUTAR is a very small village of less than 20 people and, in the past have been unable to maintain their section of the road.

Only a few single log bridges remain in the area and these are rapidly being replaced by bridges suitable for jeeps. It is realised that maintenance difficultiss make the use of vehicles out of the question for this station but one or two light two-wheeled trailers or "trek carts" could be used quite successfully.

### VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

There has been a noticeable improvement in the village constables since the last patrol and more attention is being paid to their instructions. More frequent patrols and "backing" of these men should improve the position still more.

The V.C.s of BUJI and ARUFE resigned because they felt that they were too old to carry out their duties; suitable replacements will be recommended under seperate cover. No replacement was selected for the V.C. of SIGABADU who died last year -- this will be done on the next visit to the village.

Every V.C. in the area was paid to 30.6.54.. The next-of-kin of the SIGABADU V.C. were paid the wages due to him.

### MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

N.M.O. SARAU conducted a medical examination in every village censused by the patrol. The following cases were treated and forwarded either to ROUKU or TOGO aid posts or to the N.G.R. mission aid post at ARUFE.

| | |
|---|---|
| Granuloma | 2. |
| Yaws | 6 |
| Scabies | 11 |

Numerous cuts, abrasions and small sores were also treated.

The coastal people are still in need of an aid post which would probably be best situated at BUJI.

### MISSIONS.

N.G.R. mission at ARUFE -- Mr. & Mrs. Ellis.
L.M.S. at BUJI and MARE -- Native teachers.

PATROL SUMMARY.

EDUCATION

Educational facilities in the Eastern Trans-Fly are poor.

L.M.S. school at BUJI.

This school consists of one native teacher, about 40 pupils and a school-room. The teacher has only one text book --- a Motu reader with several pages missing. He has neither exercise books nor pencils.

L.M.S. schhol at MARE.

One native teacher and about 40 pupils -- no school-room. The teacher was advised to get his pupils to build a school. This ~~schoolk~~ school has even less materials than the BUJI school.

Both of these teachers could be doing a good job but lack of materials makes their task far more difficult than it need be. If the required materials are forwarded to this station they will be distributed to each of these schools as quickly as possible.

N.G.R. mission school at ARUFE.

This school which is conducted by Mr.&Mrs.Ellis is better equipped than the L.M.S. schools. I was informed by Mr. Ellis that work is basedon a modified version of the Dept. of Education's syllabus for native schools. Instruction is given in Motu to the 58 pupils who attend the school on Mondays to Thursdays, 0830 - 1200 hrs. Pupils are learning to read and write in Motu. The only other instruction give n is a little simple English and arithmetic, an occasional geography lecture and some time is devoted to gardening.

I would appreciate a copy of the Dept. of Education's syllabus for native schools as it would give me an idea of what to look for when inspecting these schools in future.

AGRICULTURE.

The main crops of the Eastern Trans-Fly are taitu, taro, manioc, pineapples and bananas. Taitu and taro form the staple diet and are grown in large quantities. Manioc is eaten during the growing season of the taitu and taro. Bananas and pineapples are not grown in large quantities.

The people do not appear to be interested in the introduction of such crops as sweet potatoes and corn. Some sweet potatoes are grown but not, as yet, in any quantity. Corn seed was distributed to some villages in the area before the start of the last wet season but the only growing corn which was seen on this patrol was that planted by the ARUFE school boys under the supervision of Mr. Ellis. Corn which was planted on the station grew well but, unfortunately, I was on patrol when it should have been harvested and it was too hard to eat when I returned. It will be used as seed this year.

A small quantity of peanut seed was given to the L.M.S. teacher at ROUKU ; this was planted during the wet season and rotted in the ground. Another small parcel of seed has since been received and will be planted on the station. It would be appreciated if detailed instructions regarding planting and harvesting of peanuts could be despatched with the next batch of seed.

The main obstacle in the path of any native agricultural development in this area is the attitude of the people themselves. They have existed for so long on taitu, taro and manioc that they fail to see any reason why efforts should be made to introduce new crops. On future patrols efforts will be made to correct this.

PATROL SUMMARY.

AGRICULTURE (Contd)

Prospects are a little brighter for copra production. A European (Mr.Julius?) is now living in the coastal village of BUJI and is buying coconuts from the coastal people. As Mr.Julius was absent when I visited BUJI I was unable to ascertain the quality or quantity of copra he expects to produce. It is possible that with this incentive the coastal people will plant more coconuts.

CRASHED AIRCRAFT

At Daru, I found that details of the aircraft which crashed during the war on the beach between TABATATA and SIGABADU, are on record so no further action was taken in the matter.

VILLAGES AND HOUSING.

Every village visited by the patrol was found to be clean and tidy. Housing is generally good and only in a few cases was it necessary to instruct individuals to rebuild.

Good rest-houses and police barracks are available in every village where they are necessary.

MAWATA CANOE.

The canoe which failed to leave MAWATA on 4th.August (see diary) was in charge of L/Cpl.ADIBOMATU. It was loaded and ready to sail when I left but once I was out of sight, the crew told L/Cpl. A ADIBOMATU to unload as they weren't going. He did this with the assistance of 4 carriers who were to ~~xx~~ have travelled with him ; left the bulk of the gear in the MAWATA rest house and walked to BUJI carrying only the trade box.

On 6th. August, Const. JIPURI was sent to MAWATA in a small launch to look for the missing canoe. On arrival there, he was informed of what had happened and that the canoe had since sailed to the TORRES STRAITS ISLANDS. Const. Jipuri had the gear loaded onto the launch and rejoined the patrol at TAIS on 8th.August. On its way down the coast the launch called at BUJI and there found L/Cpl. ADIBOMATU. The skipper agreed to take the trade box but refused ~~xx~~ the L/Cpl 's party on the grounds that the launch would have been overloaded. The L/Cpl 's party walked back to the station.

This incident has been reported to DARU and will be investigated from that office as MAWATA is in Daru sub-district. L/Cpl. ADIBOMATU has been returned to DARU.

End of Report.

R.J.Morris.

(R.J.Morris) C.P.O.

Moresead River Patrol Report No.1 of 1954/55.

Report of R.P.&.N.G.C. Personnel.

| No. | Name. | Rank. | Conduct. | Ability. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8439 | MAIKKRI-BAUNO | Const. | Very Good. | Very keen, willing & reliable. |
| 7802 | JIPURI-GOMBA | Const. | Good | Reliable. Useful man on patrol. |
| 6329 | ADIBOMATU | L/Cpl. | Good | Poor. Not much use on this patrol. |

(R.J.Morris) C.P.O.

# tion Register

Area Patrolled.....EASTERN TRANS-FLY.....

| ...IONS | | ABSENT FROM VILLAGE | | | | | | | | LABOUR POTENTIAL | | | | FEMALES | | Average Size of Family | TOTALS (Excluding Absentee) | | | | GRAND TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | AT WORK | | | | STUDENTS | | | | | | | | | | | Child | | Adults | | |
| Out | | Inside District | | Outside District | | Govt. | | Mission | | Males | | Females | | Pregnant | Number of Child Bearing Age | | | | | | |
| M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | 10-16 | 16-45 | 10-16 | 16-45 | | | | M | F | M | F | M + F |
| | | | | | | | | | | 5 | | 3 | 9 | | 7 | 1 | 7 | 2·1 | 3 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 17+13 30 |
| 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | 6 | 1 | 4 | 16 | 2 | 16 | 2 | 16 | 1·7 | 4 | 4 | 13 | 21 | 24+26 50 |
| 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | 15 | 3 | 15 | 1 | 15 | 2·5 | 10 | 8 | 16 | 20 | 26+28 54 |
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## STORES TAKEN ON PATROL

| ITEM | Amount Taken on Patrol | HOW ISSUED | | | | | | Amount Returned to Store |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Issues to Police | Issues to Carriers | Payment of Carriers | Purchase of Food | Hire of Canoes | V. & C. s Misc. | |
| Kerosene | 6 gall | 2 | 2 | | | | 2 | |
| Meat | 144 tins | 96 | 48 | | | | | |
| Rice | 400 lbs | 300 | 100 | | | | | |
| Sugar | 35 " | 20 | 15 | | | | | |
| Tea | 4 " | 2½ | 1½ | | | | | |
| Salt | 2 " | 2 | | | | | | |
| Axes ½ | 8 only | | | 8 | | | | |
| Beads | 3 lbs. | | | | 3 | | | |
| Belts Trade | 7 only | | | 7 | | | | |
| Blades Razor | 100 " | | | 25 | 75 | | | |
| Calico Blue | 7 yds | | | 7 | | | | |
| " Mauve | 1¾ " | | | 1¾ | | | | |
| " Purple | 12 " | | | 12 | | | | |
| " Red | 3½ " | | | 3½ | | | | |
| Hooks Fish | 75 only | | | | 75 | | | |
| Knives 4" | 12 " | | | 12 | | | | |
| " 6" | 1 " | | | 1 | | | | |
| " 8" | 3 " | | | 3 | | | | |
| Lines Fish | 3 " | | | | 3 | | | |
| Matches, | 265 box | | | 165 | 100 | | | |
| Mantles Tilley | 1 only | | | | | | 1 | |
| Mirrors | 12 " | | | | 12 | | | |
| Tobacco | 1300 stk | 120 | 100 | 450 | 500 | 50 | 80 | |
| Wicks H/L | 1 only | 1 | | | | | | |

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of WESTERN -- MOREHEAD RIVER Report No. 2 of 1954/55

Patrol Conducted by R.J.Morris. C.P.O.

Area Patrolled Upper Morehead & Suki.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.

Natives 6

Duration—From 6/9/1954 to 1/10/1954

Number of Days 26 days.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No -- (NMO)

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services February 1954

Medical September/1954

Map Reference Map of Patrol Route enclosed.

Objects of Patrol 1. Routine administration.

2. Medical.

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DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

3/11/1954

*District Commissioner*

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

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

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

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

30-4-176

16th November, 1954.

The District Commissioner,
Western District,
DARU.

ROUKU Patrol Report No.2 of 1954/55

Acknowledgement is hereby made of the above-mentioned Patrol Report submitted by Mr.R.J.Morris, Officer in Charge ROUKU Patrol Post, concerning his Patrol of the Upper Morehead and Suki areas. The Voucher for camping allowance has, as usual, been passed to the staff section for further necessary action.

The native situation in this area would seem to be orderly and generally satisfactory at the present time.

Although I note that the accompanying native policemen were given a good report, they allowed an escaped prisoner to escape on two further occasions during the Patrol. If the circumstances warranted those responsible would be worthy of being punished under the Police Force Regulations or at least given a severe reprimand for their laxness. However with regard to distant one-officer Posts it is often better to exchange any unsatisfactory native member with one from the nearest headquarters and punish the former according to the circumstances and the law there.

Your remarks in the final paragraph of your covering memorandum are agreed with. There is no harm in natives at their present stage of development visiting friends, attending feasts or bartering purely native articles and produce according to established native custom with neighbours across the border. Those who seek employment should however do so within their own Territory.

A good informative Report.

pp (A.R.Roberts)
Director.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT SERVICES & NATIVE AFFAIRS
13 NOV 1954

In reply
Please Quote:

No. 30-5-1/607.

District Commissioner's Office,
DARU, W.D.

4th November, 1954.

MEMORANDUM for-

The Director,
Department of District Services
and Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

ROUKU PATROL REPORT NO.2 of 54-55.

The a/m report is forwarded together with a map and claim for camping allowance. As this officer is not yet in possession of the appendix to P.S.C. Circular No.8 the claim is forwarded by voucher only.

The whole area patrolled appears to be in excellent order and the people peaceful and law abiding.

I do not think that people from Dutch Territory should be prevented from visiting friends in Papua. They should not be employed in Papua.

( F.A.CHAMPION )
District Commissioner, W.D.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Morehead River Patrol Post,

13th. October 1954.

The District Commissioner,

Western District,

DARU.

Patrol Report No.2 of 1954/55.

Four copies of the abovementioned report, together with a claim for camping allowance, are enclosed herewith.

(R.J.Morris) C.P.O.

DISTRICT OFFICE
OCT 1954
DARU
29 OCT 1954

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Morehead River Patrol Report No.2 of 1954/55.

Conducted by: R.J.Morris C.P.O.

Area: Upper Morehead & Suki.

Accompanied by: Europeans: Nil.

Natives: 3498 Cpl. Kai-Aia.
8439 Const. Maikeri.
7711 Const. Beti.
N.M.O. Wasabea.
Inter. Tamate.
Pers. Servant 1.

Duration: 6th.September to 1st. October 1954.
26 days.

Map of patrol route enclosed.

Objects of patrol: 1. Routine administration.
2. Medical.

Last patrol to area: D.D.S. February 1954.
P.H.D. September 1954.

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PATROL DIARY.

Monday 6th. September.
1100 hrs. departed station.
1235 hrs. arrived UPARUA.
Medical and other inspections.

Tuesday 7th. September.
0805 hrs. departed UPARUA.
1030 hrs. arrived SETAVI.
Time includes 35 mins. to cross the Morehead.
V.C. of MATA reported to the patrol with a prisoner (PAWE) who escaped from the station in June.
Medical and other inspections.

Wednesday 8th. September.
0755 hrs. departed SETAVI.
0915 hrs. arrived OLD SETAVI (abandoned).
0945 hrs. departed OLD SETAVI.
1220 hrs. arrived KIRIWO.

Thursday 9th. September.
0820 hrs. departed KIRIWO.
1050 hrs. arrived SERISA.
Medical and other inspections.

Friday 10th. September.
0800 hrs. departed SERISA.
1030 hrs. arrived KIRIWO.
Medical and other inspections.

Saturday 11th. September.
0755 hrs. departed KIRIWO.
1305 hrs. arrived GOE.
Medical and other inspections.

Sunday 12th. September.
Observed at GOE.
Cpl. KAI reported that the prisoner had escaped during the night.

Monday 13th. September.
0800 hrs. departed GOE.
1245 hrs. arrived GWAKU.
One canoe capsized while crossing a swamp.
Gear recovered.
Medical and other inspections.

Tuesday 14th. September.
0815 hrs. departed GWAKU.
1230 hrs. arrived at camp-site used in FEBRUARY.
Waterhole dry. Searched for and found water a little further on.
1330 hrs. made camp approximately half-way to KWARI.

Wednesday 15th. September.
0735 hrs. broke camp.
1220 hrs. arrived KWARI.

PATROL DIARY.

Thursday 16th. September.
Census, medical and other inspections KWARI.

Friday 17th. September.
0820 hrs. departed KWARI.
1300 hrs. made camp.

Saturday 18th. September.
0730 hrs. broke camp.
1150 hrs. arrived GWAKU.

Sunday 19th. September.
0820 hrs. departed GWAKU, using 3 canoes.
1300 hrs. arrived AUWE.
Medical and other inspections.

Monday 20th. September.
0720 hrs. departed AUWE.
1020 hrs. arrived IWEWE.
Medical and other inspections.

Tuesday 21st. September.
0655 hrs. departed IWEWE.
1200 hrs. arrived TERARUMA.
Medical and other inspections.

Wednesday 22nd. September.
0805 hrs. departed TERARUMA.
0935 hrs. arrived KAWATUNGWA.
Medical and other inspections.

Thursday 23rd. September.
0730 hrs. departed KAWATUNGWA.
1220 hrs. arrived IWEWE.
2030 hrs. policeman arrived from GIGWA.
Dr. Harmos' medical patrol at GIGWA.

Friday 24th. September.
0730 hrs. departed IWEWE.
1020 hrs. arrived GWIBAKU.
Inspected village. Dr. Harmos had completed the medical.
Visited Mr.& Mrs. Hardy at the U.F.M. GIGWA.

Saturday 25th. September.
0815 hrs. departed GWIBAKU.
1100 hrs. arrived DURU.
Medical and other inspections.

Sunday 26th. September.
0820 hrs. departed DURU.
1300 hrs. arrived INAPOROK.
Medical and other inspections.

PATROL DIARY.

Monday 27th. Sepatember.

0830 hrs. departed INAPOROK.
1320 hrs. arrived SERKI.
Time includes 1½ hours to cross Burei Creek and one swamp.
Medical and other inspections.

Tuesday 28th. September.

0530 hrs. Const. Beti sent on ahead to look for escaped prisoner.(PAWE of KERU).
0755 hrs. departed SERKI.
1030 hrs. arrived RARONARO (hamlet of KERU)
1160 hrs. departed RARONARO.
1315 hrs. arrived KERU.
Const. Beti had recaptured the prisoner.
Medical and other inspections.
Prisoner put in handcuffs and leg irons for the night.

Wednesday 29th. September.

0700 hrs. Cpl Kai reported that the prisoner had again escaped -- in handcuffs and leg irons.
Search parties organised but unable to find him.
Const. Beti left in village to find prisoner.
1020 hrs. departed KERU.
1440 hrs. arrived MATA.
Most of the people absent. Inspected village.

Thursday 30th. September.

0716 hrs. departed MATA.
0915 hrs. arrived GARRITA.
Medical and other inspections.
Proceeded to A.P.C. camp and carried out inspection of labour quarters.
Departed A.P.C. camp in bomb-scow.
Arrived station 1300 hrs.

Friday 1st. October.

Const, Beti arrived with escaped prisoner.
Medical and other inspections of ROUKU village.

End of Patrol.

PATROL SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION.

On the 2nd. September, Const. JIPURI was sent to warn the people of the area that a patrol was about to visit them. This area was last patrolled in February of this year.

KWARI was the only village visited by the patrol in which a full census was taken. This was necessary because, it was not possible to take the census during the February patrol. In all other villages names were checked to ensure that there were no absentees from the medical examination.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

Food.

At this time of the year food is plentiful throughout the area. The taitu harvest has been gathered and in every village full taitu stores show that the crop was good. This is the festive season in the Upper Morehead area and soon the annual dances, which are held to celebrate the taitu harvest, will commence

The people in the immediate vicinity of SUKI LAGOON depend on sago rather than taitu for their staple diet.

Border Movements.

In May of this year a party of six D.N.G. natives crossed the border at KWARI. The village constable ordered them to return to their own territory but they refused to do so. Within a few days they reported to the station and stated that they wished to work either at Daru or Port Moresby. They were informed that this was not possible and, after a warning not to venture into Australian Territory again, they were returned to D.N.G. via the border village of WEREAVE.

The village constable of KWARI did not mention this to me until I had questioned him on the matter. He was reminded that it is his duty to report incidents of this nature to the government officer immediately they occur.

Two natives (a man and his wife) who were previously recorded in the KWARI village book have migrated to D.N.G.. As the village constable insisted that they were not Papuans, their names have been removed from the village book. No other movements have taken place.

GENERAL.

The people living in the area appear to be happy and contented. Only a few minor disputes were reported, all of which were settled to the satisfaction of all concerned.

VILLAGES & HOUSING.

All villages visited were found to be clean and tidy. The standard of housing is generally good, although in some villages houses are rather small. Houses are constructed either of bark and/or sago materials, depending on which is available. The GWIBAKU people are using grass thatch as roofing material.

Where necessary, instructions were given to rebuild houses.

PATROL SUMMARY.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Most of the village constables in the area are doing a good job. In some cases, however, they do not ensure that sick children are taken to hospital. Invariably, the excuse ~~xxxxx~~ is that the parents of sick children ignore any orders given them. It was pointed out to them that this is not an excuse as they (the V.C.s) have only to report to the station and a policeman will be despatched to ensure that their orders are carried out.

Every village constable in the area was paid to the 30th. June 1954.

ROADS & BRIDGES.

Only one section of track was under water at the time of the patrol; all other tracks were dry and hard. With a few exceptions, most of the tracks in the area are between four and five feet wide and are reasonably clean.

GWAKU/KWARI. This track is hardly more than a wallaby pad but as the combined populations of the two villages totals only 90 people, little can be done about it. They can hardly be expected to maintain approximately 35 miles of track between them.

INAPORCK/SERKI. Following instructions given:- The large swamp between the two villages to be bridged. Also, two double canoes to be provided for the BUREI CREEK crossing whenever patrols are in the area. At present it takes approximately 1½ hours to move a patrol across this creek.

GOE/GWAKU. One small swamp to be bridged.

Bridges satisfactory. Jeep bridges are replacing single log spans.

WATERWAYS.

Since the last patrol, all canoe-lanes in the SUKI LAGOON area have been cleaned and widened making canoe work far easier. I think the people in the area now realise that they will benefit by the work that has been done. It is to be hoped that, eventually, they will realise that this applies to all instructions given them by government officers.

MISSIONS.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardy arrived at GIGWA U.F.M. station in August to replace Mr. and Mrs. Gore, who left earlier this year. Thus the Suki people will continue to benefit by the educational and medical facilities provided by U.F.M.

The ROUKU L.M.S. native teacher is, at present, attending the annual mission conference at DARU.

PATROL SUMMARY.

EDUCATION.

Mr. Hardy of the U.F.M. GIGWA informed me that he and Mrs. Hardy will be going to WASUA in November to attend the annual mission conference. As he only arrived at GIGWA in August and has to attend this conference in November, he decided to limit the number of pupils attending the school to 120. However, when he returns to GIGWA the school will be open to as many pupils as wish to attend. Instruction is given up to, and including, Standard 1. Any pupil who attains this standard and who wishes to continue, may attend BALIMO school(GAIMA).

The native teacher of ROUKU L.M.S. school is at present attending the annual mission conference at DARU. There are no government schools in the area.

HEALTH.

After village registers had been checked to ensure that there were no absentees, N.M.O. WASAMA carried out medical examinations in each village. Persons requiring hospitalisation were sent either to the station or to GIGWA aid post. In a few instances it was found that sick children are not taken to hospital. Parents concerned were warned against further offences and V.C.s were instructed to report to the station any offences of this nature.

Dr. Harmos of DARU is at present conducting a medical patrol of the entire sub-district.

LIVESTOCK.

Very few fowls are kept in this area. Every village has a few pigs which are kept in pens. It was noticed that in some cases these pens are built beneath houses, and instructions were given to remove them to the outskirts of the village. The reasons for these instructions were explained to the people concerned.

TERARUMA & KAWATUNGWA.

These villages are not in the position shown on the map which was forwarded with Report No. 4 of 1953/54. Actually they are situated further upriver from the position shown on that map. This has been corrected on the map accompanying this report.

GAME.

Plenty of wallaby in the extensive grass plains; pig and cassowary in the small areas of rain forest.

S.A.P.

A number of village constables applied for shotgun permits but they were advised to consider the matter very carefully. They appear to think that a shotgun would provide them all with unlimited quantities of meat with very little effort on their part. I don't think that these people could maintain a gun for the following reasons:-

PATROL SUMMARY.

S.A.P. (Contd)

1. Initial cost. £15. is the least they can expect to pay. This means that everybody in the village would have to contribute to the cost.

2. Cartridges. Everybody contributing to the cost of the shotgun would have to receive a share of any meat obtained by it. Thus, the number of cartridges required would be high. Money is scarce in this area and I fail to see how they could afford sufficient cartridges.

3. Even supposing that they could afford to buy sufficient cartridges there is no trade store closer than Daru.

4. An arrangement like this could only lead to constant bickering among the people.

These points were carefully explained to the people concerned and it is to be hoped that they will forget the whole idea.

A.P.C.

A large A.P.C. party (Seismic 1.) is now well established on the east bank of the Morehead River just below GAREITA. Approximately 30 Europeans and 300 natives are now based at the camp but the party is not yet at full strength.

A dynamite store has been constructed on the west bank of the river but as yet it contains no dynamite. The store is at least 1½ miles from the nearest village(GAREITA, onthe other side of the river, and fire breaks have been cleared around it. The local natives have been warned not to start bunting fires in the area.

Two helicopters are now operating in the area.

.....End of Report.....

(R.J.Morris) C.P.O.

Morehead River Patrol Report No.2. of 1954/55.

Report on R.P.&.N.G.C. Personnel.

| No. | Name | Rank. | Conduct. | Ability. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3498 | KAI-AIA | Cpl. | Very good. | Excellent. |
| 7711 | ESTI-TITI | Const. | Very good. | Good |
| 8439 | MAIKERI-BAUNO | " | Very good. | Good. |

(R.J.Morris) C.P.O.

## STORES TAKEN ON PATROL

| ITEM | Amount Taken on Patrol | HOW ISSUED | | | | | | Amount Returned to Store |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Issues to Police | Issues to Carriers | Payment of Carriers | Purchase of Food | Hire of Canoes | | |
| Kerosene | 4 galls | 2 | | | | | 2 | |
| Matches | 170 bx | 24 | 8 | 40 | 88 | 10 | | |
| Meat | 72 tin | 72 | | | | | | |
| Rice | 260 lbs | 160 | 100 | | | | | |
| Sugar | 15 " | 15 | | | | | | |
| Salt | 2 " | 2 | | | | | | |
| Soap | 6 " | 2 | | | 4 | | | |
| Tea | 2 " | 2 | | | | | | |
| Tobacco | 980 stk | 80 | 100 | 380 | 260 | 60 | 100 | |
| Axe ½ | 4 | | | 4 | | | | |
| Calico Red | 7 yds | | | 7 | | | | |
| " Mauve | 1¾ " | | | 1¾ | | | | |
| " Purple | 1¾ | | | 1¾ | | | | |
| Knife 6" | 2 | | | 2 | | | | |
| " 8" | 2 | | | 2 | | | | |
| Tomahawk | 2 | | | 2 | | | | |
| Batteries Torch | 4 | | | | | | 4 | |
| Beads Asstd. | 3 lbs | | | | 3 | | | |
| Blades Razor | 100 | | | 20 | 80 | | | |
| Mantles Tilley | 3 | | | | | | 3 | |
| Mirrors | 12 | | | | 12 | | | |
| Paper Toilet | 1 | | | | | | 1 | |
| Wicks H/L | 2 | 2 | | | | | | |
| Cartridges S/G | 25 | 25 | | | | | | |
| " .303 | 15 | 15 | | | | | | |

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KWARI.

GWAKU

GOE

SERISA

KIRIWO

SETAVI

UPARUA

ROUKU

GAREITA

A.P.C. SEISMIC 1.

MOREHEAD RIVER

141° 30'

MOREHEAD RIVER P.P. W.D.

PATROL NO. 2 OF 1954/55.

UPPER MOREHEAD AND SUKI.

SCALE: 1 INCH TO 4 MILES.

NOTE: THIS MAP SHOWS ONLY THOSE VILLAGES INCLUDED IN THE UPPER MOREHEAD AND SUKI CENSUS SUB-DIVISION.

R.J. MORRIS C.P.O.

KAWATUNGWA

TERARUMA

SUKI CK.

TIDAL IS.

IWEWE

ALLIGATOR IS.

AUNE

GWAKU

GWIBAKU

SUKI LAGOON

FLY RIVER

DURU

GDE

INAPOROK

SERKI

RIWO

8°30'

SETAVI

KERU

UPARUA

MATA

ROUKU

GAREITA

A.R.C. SEISMIC 1.

MOREHEAD RIVER

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of WESTERN - MOREHEAD RIVER. Report No. 3 of 1954/55

Patrol Conducted by R.J.Morris. C.P.O.

Area Patrolled Lower Morehead & Bensbach Rivers.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.

Natives 4.

Duration—From 26./10./1954 to 6./11./1954 plus 8/11/54

Number of Days 13 days.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No -- (MMC)

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services March /1954

Medical .... October /1954

Map Reference Map of patrol route enclosed.

Objects of Patrol 1. Census.
2. Medical.
3. Routine Administration.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ /19

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 .... .... £....

29/2/54

Personal File Noted - Ed.

# Village Population

Year 1954/55

| VILLAGE | DATE OF CENSUS | Births | | DEATHS | | | | | | | | | | | | Females in Child Birth | MIGRATIONS | | | | Inside District | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | 0-1 Month | | 0-1 Year | | 1—4 | | 5—8 | | 9—13 | | Over 13 | | | In | | Out | | | |
| | | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | | M | F | M | F | M | |
| BULA | 27·10·54 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | |
| BANDABER | 28·10·54 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | 1 | 2 | 1 | | |
| WANDO | 29·10·54 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | 5 | 2 | 1 | | 4 | |
| KOROMBO | 30·10·54 | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | 3 | | | | 4 | 3 | 2 | |
| MENGETE | 31·10·54 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 2 | |
| KANDARISA | 1·11·54 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | 1 | | |
| WEAM | 1·11·54 | 2 | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| WEREAVE | 2·11·54 | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | 2 | | | | |
| IANDORODOA | 3·11·54 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 3 | | | | | 1 | | |
| WEMENEVRE TOKWA/ | 5·11·54 | | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | |
| SIBAASI | 4·11·54 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | 3 | 2 | | 1 | | |
| | | 10 | 12 | | | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | 11 | 10 | | 12 | 13 | 9 | 13 | 11 | |

# pulation Register

Area Patrolled LOWER MURRUMBIDGEE AND BENSBACH

| MIGRATIONS | | | | ABSENT FROM VILLAGE | | | | | | | | LABOUR POTENTIAL | | | | FEMALES | | Average Size of Family | TOTALS (Excluding Absentee) | | | | GRAND TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | AT WORK | | | | STUDENTS | | | | | | | | | | | Child | | Adults | | |
| In | | Out | | Inside District | | Outside District | | Govt. | | Mission | | Males | | Females | | Pregnant | Number of Child Bearing Age | | | | | | |
| M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | 10-16 | 16-45 | 10-16 | 16-45 | | | | M | F | M | F | M + F |
| | | | 2 | | | | | | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 15 | 2 | 20 | - | 20 | 1·2 | 3 | 5 | 16 | 23 | 21+30 51 |
| | 1 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | 2 | - | 2 | 10 | 3 | 9 | - | 9 | 2· | 1 | 5 | 12 | 10 | 13+15 30 |
| 6 | 2 | 1 | | 4 | | | | | | 5 | 3 | 6 | 25 | 4 | 27 | 1 | 27 | 1·7 | 9 | 11 | 24 | 33 | 42+47 89 |
| | | 4 | 3 | 2 | | | | | | 4 | 3 | 4 | 13 | 3 | 12 | - | 12 | 2·1 | 2 | 5 | 14 | 15 | 22+23 45 |
| 1 | 1 | | | 2 | | | | | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 1 | 11 | | 11 | 1·6 | 2 | 4 | 12 | 15 | 18+21 39 |
| | 2 | | 1 | | | | | | | 5 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 6 | | 6 | 1·7 | | 5 | 9 | 10 | 14+16 30 |
| | | 0 | | | | | | | | 6 | 2 | 5 | 12 | 1 | 12 | | 12 | 2·4 | 6 | 8 | 16 | 16 | 28+26 54 |
| | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | 11 | | 8 | | 8 | 2·7 | 5 | 5 | 15 | 14 | 20+19 39 |
| | | | 1 | | | | | | | 6 | 4 | 4 | 13 | 4 | 14 | | 14 | 2·2 | 8 | 6 | 16 | 19 | 30+29 59 |
| 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | | 1 | | | | 9 | 2 | 6 | 15 | 2 | 16 | | 16 | 2·2 | 4 | 7 | 19 | 23 | 32+32 64 |
| 5 | 2 | | 1 | | | 2 | | | | 12 | 5 | 7 | 21 | 3 | 17 | | 17 | 2·1 | 8 | 4 | 19 | 20 | 41+29 70 |
| 12 | 12 | 9 | 13 | 11 | | 3 | | | | 53 | 24 | 39 | 155 | 25 | 152 | 1 | 152 | | 48 | 65 | 172 | 198 | 283+287 570 |
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## STORES TAKEN ON PATROL

| ITEM | Amount Taken on Patrol | HOW ISSUED | | | | | | Amount Returned to Store |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Issues to Police | Issues to Carriers | Payment of Carriers | Purchase of Food | Hire of Canoes | | |
| Rice | 125 lbs | 65 | 60 | | | | | Nil. |
| Meat | 28 tins | 28 | | | | | | " |
| Sugar | 5 lbs | 5 | | | | | | " |
| Tea | 1 " | 1 | | | | | | " |
| Salt | 1 " | ½ | ½ | | | | | " |
| Soap | 30 " | 2 | | | 28 | | | " |
| Matches | 72 box | 8 | | 24 | 40 | | | " |
| Tobacco | 300 stk | 28 | | 62 | 160 | | 50 | " |
| Kerosene | 4 gall | 1 | 1 | | | | 2 | " |
| Lines fish 10 oz. | 12 only | | | 6 | 6 | | | " |
| " " 16 oz. | 6 " | | | | 6 | | | " |
| Blades Razor | 30 " | 8 | | 12 | 10 | | | " |
| Toilet Paper | 1 only | | | | | | 1 | " |
| Mantles Tilley | 1 " | | | | | | 1 | " |
| Batteries Torch | 2 " | | | | | | 2 | " |
| Wick H/L | 1 " | 1 | | | | | | " |
| Soap Toilet | 2 " | | | | | | 2 | " |
| Cartridges S/G | 10 " | 10 | | | | | | " |
| " .303 | 5 " | 5 | | | | | | " |
| Axe ½ | 1 " | | | | 1 | | | " |
| Belt Trade | 2 " | | | | 2 | | | " |
| Calico Blue | 3½ yds | | | 3½ | | | | " |
| " Green | 3½ | | | 3½ | | | | " |
| " Purple | 10½ " | | | 10½ | | | | " |
| " Red | 10½ " | | | 10½ | | | | " |
| Knife 6" | 2 only | | | 2 | | | | " |
| " 8" | 6 " | | | 2 | 4 | | | " |

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17th December, 1954.

The District Commissioner,
Western District,
DAMU.

MOKEV Patrol Report No.3 of 1954/55

The receipt is acknowledged of Mr.R.J.MORRIS' Report and sketch map concerning his Patrol of the Lower Morehead and Pembuch River area.

The diary and narrative indicate that the field work has been carried out in a thorough manner and the area should be all the better for the visit of the Patrol.

The native situation would seem orderly and generally satisfactory at the present time.

(P.E. 11/17

(A.A.Robertson)
Director.

30/4/177

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

JMR/RT.

DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT SERVICES & NATIVE AFFAIRS
1 DEC 1954

In Reply,
Please Quote:

No. 30-5-1/677

District Commissioner's Office,
DARU, W.D.

10th December, 1954.

MEMORANDUM for-

The Director,
Department of District Services
and Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

KOUKU PATROL REPORT NO. 3 OF 1954-55.

Three copies of the above routine report, together with map are enclosed.

This report was received at this office since the D.C. departed on an inspection tour of Fly River stations.

For your information, please.

( J.M.ROBINSON )
a/ A.D.O.
for D.C. W.D.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

Morehead River Patrol Report No. 3 of 1954/55.

Conducted by: R.J.Morris C.P.O.

Area: Lower Morehead & Bensbach Rivers.

Accompanied by: Europeans: Nil.

Natives: 3498 Cpl. Kai-Aia.
8439 Const. Maikari-
N.M.O. Wasabea.
Pers. Servant 1.

Duration: 26.10.54 to 6.11.54 plus 8.11.54.
13 days.

Map of patrol route enclosed.

Objects of patrol:
1. Census.
2. Medical.
3. Routine administration.

Last patrol to area: D.D.S. March/April 1954
P.H.D. October 1954.

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PATROL DIARY

Tuesday 26th. October.
0730 hrs. departed station.
Proceeded down Morehead River per M.V.TAVA.
1710 hrs. arrived BULA.
Village filthy. Many people absent at garden places. Sent word for them to return.

Wednesday 27th. October.
Census and medical BULA.
Supervised cleaning of village and burning of rubbish.

Thursday 28th. October.
0730 hrs. departed BULA.
1230 hrs. arrived BANDAHER.
Census, medical and other inspections.
Village cleaned.

Friday 29th. October.
0755 hrs. departed BANDAHER.
1000 hrs. arrived WANDO.
Census, medical and other inspections.

Saturday 30th. October.
0707 hrs. departed WANDO.
1005 hrs. arrived KOROMBO.
Census, medical and other inspections.
Village cleaned.

Sunday 31st. October.
0725 hrs. departed KOROMBO.
0945 hrs. arrived MENGETE.
Census, medical and other inspections.

Monday 1st. October.
0700 hrs. departed MENGETE.
0830 hrs. arrived KANDARISA.
Census, medical and other inspections.
1000 hrs. departed KANDARISA.
1200 hrs. arrived WEAM.
Census, medical and other inspections.

Tuesday 2nd. November.
0715 hrs. departed WEAM.
0945 hrs. arrived WERRAVE.
Census, medical and other inspections.
Inspected mission station and school.

Wednesday 3rd. November.
0725 hrs. departed WERRAVE.
1000 hrs. arrived TAIPO.
1100 hrs. departed TAIPO.
1400 hrs. arrived LANDORODOA.
Census, medical and other inspections.

PATROL DIARY.

Thursday 4th. November.
0710 hrs. departed LANDORODUA.
1030 hrs. arrived TOKWA.
Census, medical and other inspections.

Friday 5th. November,
0700 hrs. departed TOKWA.
0915 hrs. arrived WEMENEVRE.
Census, medical and other inspections.

Saturday 6th. November.
0705 hrs. departed WEMENEVRE.
0950 hrs. arrived SIBRASI.
1010 hrs. departed SIBRASI.
Proceeded up Morehead River per M.V. TAVA.
1100 hrs. arrived station.
Paid off carriers.

Monday 8th. November.
0630 hrs. departed station accompanied by Constable MAIKERI.
Proceeded down Mirehead River, using canoe fitted with outboard motor.
0730 hrs. arrived SIBRASI.
Census, medical and other inspections.
1030 hrs. departed SIBRASI.
1140 hrs. arrived station.

..... End of Patrol Diary .....

PATROL SUMMARY

Introduction.

The purpose of this patrol was to check the census, carry out routine administration and medically examine the people.

In order to take advantage of an offer to make use of the A.P.C. vessel M.V. "TAVA" for the trip to BULA it was necessary to prepare for the patrol at a few hours notice. Thus, there was insufficient time to send a policeman ahead of the patrol to warn the BULA people.

Native Affairs.

Generally , the area is in satisfactory order and the people quite contented. At the moment they have ample supplies of food and every village was able to provide sufficient for the patrol's carriers. Only two disputes were brought to my notice (both of which concerned bride-exchange) and these were settled out of court.

The Village Constables of WEREAVE and WEAM reported that, apart from social visits between their villages and SOTA D.N.G., there have been no movements across the border. The L.M.S. native teacher at WEREAVE confirmed this.

A census of this area was last taken in Sept/Oct. 1953. The census taken on this patrol ('54) reveals three points of interest.

(a) There have been 23 deaths and only 22 births.

(b) Of a total of 152 women of child-bearing age, only one was obviously pregnant.

(c) Only 9% of the total adult male labour potential are absent at work. This depite the fact that A.P.C. Seismic 1, based on the Morehead River, are badly in need of labour.

Villages and Housing.

Most of the villages visited were found to be clean and tidy but three (BULA, PANDABER and KORUMBO) were well below standard. At BULA, one complete day was spent in cleaning the village and burning rubbish. The importance of cleanliness and hygiene was explained to the people of all three villages.

Instructions were given, where necessary, regarding repair and rebuilding of houses.

Village Officials.

The Village Constable of BULA was returned to the station for two weeks in the hope that a little instruction in his duties would encourage him to take more care of his village. The Village Constable of WEMENEVRE has improved slightly since my last visit to the village but, as he is a very old man, he will probably resign in the not too distant future.

The remaining Village Officials in the area are quite satisfactory.

PATROL SUMMARY

Missions.

The L.M.S., which is the only mission in the area, has a station at WEREAVE. In the short time since his arrival in the village (March this year), the native teacher has done a remarkably ~~job~~ good job. With the assistance of the local people, whose confidence he has gained, he has built a house for his family, a large school and a house for pupils "boarding" at the school. Gardens have been prepared and planting has begun. This teacher is ~~XXX~~ one of the few men in the area who has taken the trouble to plant the corn seed given him earlier this year.

Health.

A few cases of yaws and small sores were found and ~~xxx~~ returned to the station aid post for treatment. Sipoma is becoming more and more prevalent in the area and, in some villages, as many as 50% of the people have this skin disease. If any attempt is to be made to combat its spread, very large quantities of sipoma paint will be required. As treatment has to extend over a period of several weeks to have any noticeable effect, it would be impracticable to insist on treatment being given at the station aid post. I would suggest that bottles of sipoma paint be issued to village officials and the people concerned allowed to treat themselves. Treatment is extremely simple so there should be little danger of doing any harm.

The L.M.S. native teacher at WEREAVE, who is a trained medical orderly, has opened an aid post. Children attending his school are given daily doses of cod-liver oil.

Education.

The only school in the area visited by the patrol is that at WEREAVE, which is run by the L.M.S.. About 50 pupils attend the school and these are divided into three classes:-

1. Classes A and B. These classes consist of pupils who attended ROUKU school before the WEREAVE school was formed.
2. Infants class: consisting of pupils who have not previously attended school.

All instruction is given in Motu. School is held from Monday to Thursday inclusive but one day is devoted to gardening.

Agriculture.

There is little to be seen in village gardens at present as the taitu crop was harvested a few months ago. Gardens are being prepared for the new crop, which will be planted as soon as the rains start.

Pineapples and pumpkins were plentiful at the time of the patrol but very few bananas were offered for sale. Corn grown by the native teacher at WEREAVE is of excellent quality. He informed me that he has grown two crops this year. It is to be hoped that his efforts will inspire the village people.

PATROL SUMMARY.

Roads and Bridges.

Roads and bridges throughout the area are quite satisfactory for foot patrolling.

A.P.C.

Seismic 1 of A.P.C. is now using dynamite in parts of this area. The people in all villages were warned not to interefere with any dumps of dynamite that they may see on their travels.

..... End of Report .....

(R.J.Morris) C.P.O.
O.I.C. Morehead River P.P.

Morehead River Patrol Report No. 3 of 1954/55.

Report on R.P.&.N.G.C. Personnel.

| No. | Name. | Rank. | Conduct. | Ability. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3498 | KAI-AIA | Cpl. | Very Good | An excellent N.C.O. |
| 8439 | MAIKERI-BAUNO | Const. | Very Good. | Improves with every patrol. |

(R.J.Morris) C.P.O.

141°30'

KIRIWO

SETAVI

TAIPO

WERAVE

IANDORODOA

KANDARISA

WEAM

TOKWA

MENGETE

UPARUA

ROUKU

WEMENEVRE

IOKWA

SIBRASI

KOROMBO

TARI RIVER

LANDO

BANDABER

BENSBACH RIVER

MOREHEAD RIVER

9°00

BULA

ROUKU PATROL REPORT
No. 3 of 1954/55
AREA: LOWER MOREHEAD
AND BENSBACH
OCT./NOV. 1954.
SCALE: 4 MILES TO 1 INCH.

R.J. MORRIS.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of..... WESTERN ..... Report No..... MOREHEAD No.4 - 54/55

Patrol Conducted by..... A. M. Bottrill, a/ADO.

Area Patrolled..... EASTERN TRANS - FLY

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... NIL

Natives..... SIX

Duration—From 22/1/19 55 to 15/2/19 55

Number of Days..... TWENTY FOUR

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... N/O

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../7../19 55

Medical .... ...../9../19 54

Map Reference..... APC Sheet Trans-Fly Area 1: 250,000

Objects of Patrol..... Medical Inspection, Census, Routine Administration

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DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

7/7/1955

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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In Reply,
Please Quote.

No. 30-5-1/356.

District Commissioner's Office,
DARU, W.D.

7th July, 1955.

MEMORANDUM for-

The Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

ROUKU PATROL REPORT NO. 4 OF 54-5.

The a/m report is forwarded in triplicate. No map has been received, the census statistics have not come to hand.

Food: Although these people have never had an over supply of food, I do not think they ever go hungry. They appear to grow only sufficient for their immediate requirements. They can always rely on sago when the tuber vegetables become exhausted.

Labour: It is seldon that these people leave their district for employment so there is no cause for concern over the apparent high percentage of recruitment. The work is local and will not be detrimental to village life.

Missions: The New Guinea Revival Mission, now known as the Papuan Revival Mission has been a constant thorn in the side of the Administration since the Missions inception.

Fortunately their area of influence is very small, otherwise serious repercussions could result in their persistent antagonism towards officers stationed at Rouku.

EconomicDovelopment:

Owing to their remoteness it is doubtful to expect any form of economic advancement.

The coastal people of the area are noted for their extreme dislike for work of any kind. They are "spivs" in which they can purchase trade tobacco at Daru for 8d per stick and sell it to theTorres Strait people for 3/6 per stick.

Carriers:

This has been the subject of separate correspondence, resulting from a report by Pastor Ellis of R.R.M.

This report is a good one and gives a clear picture of the area.

( F.A. Champion )
District Commissioner,
Western District.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Morehead River PATROL REPORT NO.4 of 1954/55

Conducted By: A.M.LOTTRILL A/A.D.O.

Area: Eastern Trans FLY

Accompanied by: Europeans NIL

Natives Const. BETI

" KOREPE

" DENGO

" MAIKERI

N.M.O. GUBA

Personal Servant GIAN

Duration 22/1/55 to 15/2/55 24 days

Map Reference A.P.C. Sheet Trans - Fly Area 1/250000

Objects of Patrol Medical
Census
Routine Administration

Last Patrol D.L.S.& NA. July 1954

P.H.D. 1954

# PATROL DIARY

Saturday 22.1.55 — Departed Station 8 a.m. arrived Gereits 9 a.m., Census and Medical Inspection of assembled people. Departed 1 a.m. following the jeep track to MATA Village arriving at 2.15 p.m. Census and Medical Inspection.

Sunday 23.1.55 — Departed 10 a.m. arrived PONGAKI Hamlet 11 a.m. Census and Medical Inspection. Departed 2 p.m. arrived DERI DERI 3 p.m.

Monday 24.1.55 — Census and Medical Inspection AT DERI DERI. Departed 7.30 a.m. arrived at ARUFE Village and Mission at 10 a.m. Jeep track flooded and boggy over most sections. Visited school and had lunch with the Missionaries. Departed 12.45 p.m. by canoe with out-board motor down the WASSI KUSSA. Arrived at TARARA the A.P.C. GRAVITY PARTY Camp at 3 p.m. Departed 5 p.m. returning to ARUFE where I again ~~visited~~ *dined* with the Missionary. Slept in the Village Rest House.

Tuesday 25.1.55 — Census and Medical Inspection at ARUFE. Some difficulty encountered obtaining carriers due to instructions to V.C. being countermanded by the Missionary. Departed at 11.30 a.m. and arrived at GUBAM Village at 4 p.m. Heavy rain along track. Census and Medical Inspection.

Wednesday 26.1.55 — Departed GUBAM 7.30 a.m. following unserviceable jeep track east to BIMADEBUN Village. Arrived at noon. Census and Medical Inspection.

Thursday 27.1.55 — Departed BIMADEBUN 8 a.m. and arrived DIMISIS 1230 p.m. Const. DENGO sent to the coast via BELEVI to arrange canoes. Census and Medical Inspection.

Friday 28.1.55 — Departed DIMISIS 7.30 a.m. and arrived at BUK Village 2 p.m. Census and Medical Inspection.

Saturday 29.1.55 — Departed BUK 8 a.m. and arrived at KONEDOBA at 11.00 hrs. Census and Medical Inspection. In the evening the villagers arranged a dance.

Sunday 30.1.55 — Departed KONEDOBA 8 a.m. and arrived at KINKIN 12.30 p.m., taking over one and a half hours to cross a flooded tributary of the BITURI River. It was waist to shoulder high for 100 yards on each side of the creek bed and the creek course itself had to be bridged.

Monday 31.1.55 — Departed 8 a.m. from KINKIN following the track to UPIARA for about 2 miles and then following a freshly cleared new track running slightly east of due south. Arrived MALAM Village 3.45 p.m. Another lengthy period spent crossing a flooded tributary of the BITURI River en route.

Tuesday 1.2.55 — Census and Medical Inspection. Court for Native matters.

Wednesday 2.2.55 — Departed MALAM at 9 a.m. and arrived at 1.30 p.m. at KVIWA.G. Census and Medical Inspection.

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Thursday 3.2.55 — Departed KWI WANG 7 a.m.Constable BETI proceeding direct to DIMIRI with carriers.Myself and constable KOREPE,N.M.O. GUBA to BELEVI arriving there at 11.15 a.m.Constable DENGO reported back to patrol.Census and Medical Inspection.Discussion with the Village Leaders on proposed change of village site. Departed 3 p.m. and arrived at DIMIRI at 6 p.m.

Friday 4.2.55 — Census and Medical Inspection at DIMIRI.Departed 10 a.m.Arrived at canoe placeon the IARA KUSSA at 12.30 p.m.Continued by canoe to the old site of WUTAR.Thence walking to WUTAR Hamlet arriving at 5.30 p.m.

Saturday 5.2.55 — Census and Medical Inspection Wutar.Departed 8 a.m. Arrived BUJI Village 9.50 a.m.Census and Medical Inspection.Departed by canoe at noon leaving Constable DENGO and some gear at BUJI.Arrived TABATATA Creek at 5.45 p.m.and walked 2 miles through mangoe swamp to TABATATA Village arriving at 6.30 p.m.Was privileged to see the thousands of pigeons and other birds returning to YAPERE Is. at dusk,from all quarters of the compass.

Sunday 6.3.55 — Census and Medical Inspection.Decided to Proceed by canoe to SIGABADU whilst the good weather lasted. Departed 11 a.m. At the mouth of the TABATATA creek discovered that a strong South Easterly was blowing which had not been noticeable inside the mangroves. Owing to the fact that the creek was flowing very rapidly,as the tide was falling the double canoe could not be turned back.On reaching the spot where the waves and the creek current met the canoe broke up and we were thrown into the water.All heavy gear sank.We all fortunately reached the mangroves in the strong current.Floating gear was rescued as it reached the fringe of the mangroves.Returned to TABATATA Village at 5.50 p.m.Arranged for a party to search for rifles and other heavy gear at low tide that night.All rifles and most gear was recovered. Word sent to SIGABADU people to come to TABATATA.

Monday 7.2.55 — Drying out gear.Four SIGABADU men came in the evening .Reported road impassable for carriers.

Tuesday 8.2.55 — The L.M.S.teacher from BUJI kindly sent the canoe belonging to the SAMOAN teacher from MABADUAN to bring the patrol back to BUJI.Unable to continue to SIGABADU.Arrived BUJI 2 p.m. Inspected BER Hamlet en route.

Wednesday 9.2.55 — Again borrowed L.M.S.canoe to take patrol to BOIEGU I.where MABADUAN canoes were available,Departed 8 a.m. arrived BOIEGU I.(T.S.I.)at 11 a.m. Met the Superintendent.Departed by MABADUAN canoe at 2 p.m. Arrived IAUGA 4.30 p.m. having a stiff breeze to help us.Sea inclined to be rough.Census and Medical Inspection.

Thursday 10.2.55 — Departed 8 a.m. by Mabaduan canoe.Stiff breeze at first but becalmed at the mouth of the WASSI KUSSA. Arrived at TAIS beachhead at 3.30 p.m.Difficulty getting any carriers at TAIS.All at bush places. Finally arrived at TAIS at 6.30 p.m.TAIS Village is 3 miles through mangrove and lagoons from the beach.

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**Friday** 11.2.55 Census and Medical Inspection. Constable MAIKERI had reported to the patrol during the evening, having brought mail from ROUKU. Departed noon. Arrived MARE Village at 6 p.m. Track flooded and difficult.

**Saturday** 12.2.55 Census and Medical Inspection. Departed 10 a.m. for JARAI Village. Arrived 1 p.m. Census and Medical Inspection. Noted extensive coconut groves and a number of dries. Spoke to the people about copra production. Departed 3.30 p.m. Returned MARE 5.50 p.m.

**Sunday** 13.2.55 Departed 6.30 a.m. Discovered that the canoes left at the crossing for the swamp South of Tornda, by Constable MAIKERI, had been removed by a TORNDA native. Impossible to camp as the whole area was flooded up to the knees. Left the carriers at 3 p.m. to push on quickly to the village in order to obtain canoes. Water up to the waist for about 5 miles. Two places it was over one's head. One stretch required swimming for 250 yards. Arrived at TORNDA at 6 p.m.

**Monday** 14.2.55 Canoes arrived. Census and Medical Inspection. Departed 9 a.m. Following the jeep road to MIBENI arriving at 10.45 a.m. Census and Medical Inspection. Met A.P.C. Surveyor who was staying the night at MIBENI Rest House. Departed 4.30 p.m. following the jeep road to GAREITA. Arrived 6.30 p.m. Stayed as guest at the A.P.C. Camp.

**Tuesday** 15.2.55 Departed 10 a.m. by A.P.C. Vessel and arrived ROUKU 10.30 a.m.

END OF DIARY

# PATROL SUMMARY

## INTRODUCTION.

The objects of the patrol were to record the vital statistics, conduct a medical check of the people, and to carry out routine administration. The area had been visited in July last year by Mr R.MORRIS C.P.O. Owing to a canoe wreck and the flooded nature of the coastal area the census of SIGABADU was not taken and therefore the complete Census figures will be forwarded at a later date.

## NATIVE AFFAIRS

(a) Food. This was not over plentiful in any village. However there was no actual shortage noted. The people are now relying upon stored Yams and Manioc, growing about the villages. Those villages possessing Sago are engaged in cutting that commodity and as it does not generally grow close to the villages these people are not spending much time in the main villages. Near ARUFE Mission there appeared to be some temporary shortage but this could be alleviated as they possess Sago.

(b) Water. Overplentiful everywhere. The councillors of BUJI requested that they be given some 44 gallon drums with which to make a good permanent well. It is hoped that we will be able to meet this request shortly.

(c) NATIVE LABOUR. Villages from North of 9 degrees South and West of 142 degrees 20 minutes East have supplied a number of casual workers for the Aust. Petroleum Company. Practically all of them however have stated that they will work only until June or July - Harvest Time - then they will return to their villages. There they will remain until after Christmas when the new gardens have been planted. An excessive number were absent from TORNDA and MATA - more than 50% of the total male adults - but as they are working only a few hours from their homes, get back usually for week ends and are visited at work by their womenfolk, the effects are not as bad as they otherwise would be.

Very few men are absent at work outside the sub - district.

## MISSIONS.

The London Missionary Society and the New Guinea Revival Mission both maintain stations in the area.

(a) L.M.S.

No European Missionaries are stationed in the area but there are native teachers at ROUKU, MARE and BUJI. It was learned from native sources that the Mission is planning to place other teachers inland at either BELEVI or KWIWANG and DIMIRI.

The standard of education in these schools is not high. At ROUKU they are taught in MOTUAN whilst at the other schools they are taught in KIWAI. Very few pupils could be said to have learnt to write. There are, however, many beneficial effects gained by bringing together all the children of a half a dozen villages other than what is formally learnt in the classroom. Nevertheless it is felt that as the child reaches 14 or 15 years of age he or she would be better employed in his or her own village contributing some effort to the economic needs of the village, in the general maintenance of the village and also perfecting the skills necessary for village life.

The English Primers and Readers, forwarded by the Education Dept. were issued to these schools by the patrol.

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MISSIONS

(b) N.G.R. This mission has one station conducted by Pastor and Mrs C.ELLIS at ARUFE.The area over which they have influence and from which they draw their pupils is not large and has a scattered population of some 300.

Besides the education of children and young men from the villages of PONGAKI, DERIDERI, ARUFE, GUBAM, BIMA-DEBUN, and BELEVI,they are attempting the education of practically all the adults of ARUFE.This means that these adults are attending a course for a half a day every week day.The afternoons are free for the cultivation of food supplies.It is thought that this plan is a little too ambitious and is perhaps a contributory course of the temporary food shortage at ARUFE.

The primary school conducted by the Mission is achieving more in the teaching of English than any other school in the Sub - District at the present time.

Medical treatment is also available at the Mission and good work is being done in the treatment of all minor complaints.Further comments are made under the heading of "Health".

In my opinion it is unfortunate that the Mission was granted land so close to the village as it has meant that there has been much interference in normal village life. The Village Constable's instructions are often countermanded or interferred with by Mr ELLIS for no legitimate reason and as a result this official can no longer get an order obeyed unless an officer is present to enforce it.

The Village Constable of GUBAM reported that the Mission was trying to influence his people to move their village from the present site 12 miles North of ARUFE to a place about 2 miles distant .This would mean abandoning their coconuts and being a long way from their Sago places in the area North of the present site.Discussion with the Village Constablerevealed that most of the people desired to remain at GUBAM and I therefore advised him to remain there.

The Village Constable of BELEVI intimated that his people intended to shift their village to an old site on the MAI KUSSA.Two reasons were advanced.One, the declining productivity of the soil near BELEVI.Two, the fact that the N.G.R. Mission had told them that if they did so they would bring another European Couple to establish a Mission there.

AGRICULTURE.

No changes in the traditional pattern of land use were noted.Crop yields for the previous year were all reported to be satisfactory.New crops have been planted and were reported also to be progressing satisfactorily.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

For the present any development of indigenous economy towards a money economy seems to be impossible throughout the greater part of this area.There are, however, a few possibilities in some areas chiefly those along the coast and on the MOREHEAD River where opportunities of transport of produce out of the area might be made available.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Contd.

(a) Copra. Large groves of coconuts exist between JARI Village and WALARTER Hamlet on the coast between the mouths of the Morehead River and the WASSI KUSSA. They were bearing well at the time of the patrol - the middle of the wet season. No doubt a productio n of about one ton per month might be reached. The people were addressed on the matter and it appeared that they had already thought of the possibility due to the activities of Mr JULLIAN (Vide Patrol Report No.1 of 1954/5 p.9.) They intimated that they wished to produce Copra but that noone in the village Knew how to make it. A Constable was offered to show them and this was readily accepted to their obvious pleasure. Some production has since been achieved. Unfortunately there is no good anchorage at JARI and a vessel picking up Copra might have to stand off the reef far offshore. There are no sea going canoes along the coast capable of taking Copra to BULA. The people however said that if they can earn enough money they will buy a MABADUAN type canoe with sail.

Further to Mr MORRIS's remarks ( PR No.154/55 p.9) regarding the possibility of Copra Production in other coastal villages, I concluded from my observationsthat the groves of BUJI, TABATATA, TAIS, and MARI, are too small to warrant Copra Production. MARE would appear to be the only one with more coconuts than needed for normal food supplies. I did not see the groves at SIGABADU. It is felt however that with a little incentive and encouragement the groves could be enlarged. If the JARI people produce and get a fair return I feel sure that the incentive will be thus provided for these other villages to extend their groves.

(b) Crocodile Skins. Crocodiles abound in the coastal creeks and swamps and the natives know their breeding places. Very little capital is required to set up the Native Crocodile Hunter - who needs only an electric torch, batteries and salt. Returns are quick. Unfortunately these people are so poor in cash and so distant from a trade store that they find the acquisition of these things too difficult. The area is too distant ( 2 - 5 days walking) from the station for the O.I.C. to be of much assistance.

(c) Native Foods. It is thought that the current high price of rice at DARU(1/4 per pound) would cause a demand for cheaper substitutes amongst the native and part native residents of DARU as well as amongst the employers of native labour there. There should be no difficulty in obtaining 2d. per pound at DARU for 'Taitu' which these people produce in great quantities. The problems are transport and the lack of incentive due to the absence of any means to spend cash earned. If the people of BUJI, TABATATA, and SIGABADU had a MABADUAN type of canoe, fully rigged, I think most of the problems would be solved, as they would be able to sell their produce and spend their cash on the one visit to DARU. I understand that such a canoe would probably cost about £70 and the only hope these people have of obtaining such a sum would be by the sale of crocodile skins. The people are not seafarers but under the direction of the KIWAI Mission teacher at BUJI I feel that they could become sailors. The teacher appeart keen on this development.

(d) General. For the people further inland, that is from MATA to KWIWANG no hope can be seen for immediate development. I feel that any improvement in the economic condition of the coastal area will be reflected in some small way in the inland parts through intervillage trading and through social contacts.

The people of BUK, MALEM, and KONEDOBA do a small trade in mats with the people of the FLY River and with the cash received

ECCNOMIC DEVELOPMENT Contd.

received buy cloth and other necessaries from MADRI Plantation, which is 3 days distant by road and canoe. It is howeverhardly an economic proposition.

I found strong criticism of the rates of pay of the plantation workers ( 15/- per month)from the coastal natives and they made unfavourable comparisons with wages earned by TORRES STRAIT Islanders with whom they have close contact. Men just returned from work on rubber plantations were quite adamant that they would not go to work for such small wages again. Some men claim to have turned down work locally as casuals for the A.P.C.at £1 per month. They possess no skills to warrant them getting any margines over the ruling rate. Their desire for certain European goods however is strong but not satisfied.

Taitu cultivation is the greatest enemy of full recruitment of labour from the area. For a married man to enter an agreement he has to brave considerable criticism in the village especially on his return. He has no Taitu stored and no seed taitu for the next planting and he is therefore obliged to depend for them on friends and relatives often over a long period. It is unlikely that the needs for European goods of these people will be met by the export of labour alone.

A trade store in the area would do much to encourage production among these people.

LAW AND JUSTICE

The area was apparantly free of serious crime and the populace as a whole seem peaceful law abiding citizens. Only two cases were heard on the patrol. One was the case of an indecent assault on a female by the Councellor of BUJI. The other was a case of simple assault at MALEM.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Natives had cleaned their roads ~~xxx~~ 1 - 2 miles from their villages but beyond this they were generally not well ~~xx~~ maintained. The flooded nature of the country and the sparceness of the population preclude perfect maintenance. The A.P.C. have converted many of these inter village tracks into jeep roads but all bridges were down during the visit of the patrol and large areas of the roads were impassable for vehicles. The roads would only be at the best dry season roads and even then bush bridges would have to be built every year.

Jeep tracks exist from :-

GARETTA to TARARA via PONGAKI, DERIDERI, & ARUFE.
" " " via MIBENI.
MIBENI to 8 miles N of MARE via TORNDA.
MIBENI to 3 miles N of TAIS
DERIDERI to BUK via GUBAM, BIMADEBUN, DIMISIS.
BIMADEBUN to 5 miles W of KWIWANG via BELEVI.
BELEVI to GISA on the MAI KUSSA.

CARRIERS

Throughout the patrolthe policy was adopted of employing village to village carriers. This generally meant that carriers were usually engaged for one or two days. In this way it is hoped to keep carrying duty to a minimum and selection as universal as possible. The natives expressed approval of this ~~xxxx~~ scheme. An incident occurred at ARUFE Village that is necessary to report. During the afternoon of the 24th the village constable

CARRIERS Contd.

was instructed to have those men elegible for carrying ready the next morning to go to GUBAM. The following morning the Census was taken and the able bodied adult males were selected as carriers. Whilst I was having breakfast they all went into the schoolroom. It was later learnt that Mr ELLIS, during my absence at TARARA the previous afternoon, had countermandered my orders and instructed the men not to carry. My previous carriers had been paid off the previous morning because there was no food available for them at ARUFE. It was necessary to make strong representations to Mr ELLIS in order to get carriers. Finally he made available some youths of other villages, boarders at the school, stating that he preferred them to be chosen as carriers.

It is believed that both Mr MORRIS and Mr BAKER, two previous officers in this area had similar difficulties here.

None of the men at ARUFI selected for carrying were under 16 years of age.

Apart from 4 men from GUBAM who were insufficient to move the patrol gear there were no other carriers available.

HEALTH.

Many natives were treated on the patrol for minor complaints.Over 30 were sent to ROUKU aid post and a number were sent to TOGO aid post. Yaws were prevelent. Two cases of Granuloma were discovered - both reinfections. Three new T.B. cases were found. These 5 cases were eventually sent to DARU Hospital.

At ARUFE Village one child was found suffering from S Scabies on the hands and Anus. His guardian was instructed to send him to ROUKU aid post. On my return to the station the Village Constable reported that Mr ELLIS prevented the boy coming for treatment. It was learnt that although the hands of the child were being treated the missionary failed on grounds of modesty to treat the infection on the lower part of the body. The Constable was sent to again instruct the guardian to bring the child in for treatment. The Missionary fronted the Constable and prevented him from bringing the guardian and child to the station stating that the child did not need treatment. It was learned however that the Missionary still had not treated the child completely. The Constable was sent back again with written orders to arrest the guardian and repeat the order concerning the child. This time he was able to bring them back to the station. On arrival there the child was found by N.M.O. SIMUA to be badly infected and required treatment for more than 3 weeks before he could be discharged. ~~The~~

The village constable also reported that a woman who had been taken ill after the visit of the patrol and whom had been ordered by him to ROUKU aid post had died. He stated that the Missionary had also prevented her from going to the aid post and had been treated by the Mission for ten days prior to her death. No Official notification of her death has yet been received.

Another woman from GUBAM reported at ARUFE suffering from Anal Granuloma . She had been treated by the Missionary for some 4 months with penicillen. No physical examination had been made.

HEALTH Contd.

The A.P.C.medical assistant at GAREITA and his native staff wherever they are continue to render first aid and other treatment to villagers. They are to be commended for this service. Transport facilities for patients proceeding to hospital or aid post are always made available by officers of the company whenever possible.

TRANSPORT.

With A.P.C. operations in the area constant shipping owned by this company plies up the MOREHEAD River along the coast and up the WASSI KUSSA.

The ARUFE Mission have a launch that has been out of order for some months and the A.P.C.have been maintaining their supplies. Should the company move from the WASSI KUSSA and the couple be unable to maintain their launch they would be in a difficult position because they are well off any shipping routes.

.....A/A.D.C.
A.M.BOTTRILL

## STORES TAKEN ON PATROL

| ITEM | Amount Taken on Patrol | HOW ISSUED | | | | | | Amount Returned to Store |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Issues to Police | Issues to Carriers | Payment of Carriers | Purchase of Food | Hire of Canoes | Issues To N.M.O | |
| MEAT | 48 | 39 | | | | | 9 | |
| RICE | 160 | 130 | | | | | 30 | |
| TOBACCO | 30 | | | | | | 30 | |
| MATCHES | 108 | 84 | | | | | 24 | |
| SOAP | 4 | 2 | | | | | 2 | |
| SUGAR | 15 | 12 | | | | | 3 | |
| TEA | 4 | 3 | | | | | 1 | |
| SALT | 5 | 3½ | | | | | 1½ | |
| CALICO | 10 | | | 4 | | 6 | | |
| MATCHES | 180 | | | 30 | 150 | | | |
| SOAP | 2 | | | 2 | | | | |
| TOBACCO | 728 | | | 380 | 324 | 24 | | |
| AXE ¾ | 1 | | | 1 | | | | |
| HANDCHIEFS | 2 | | | 2 | | | | |
| KNIVES 4" | 12 | | | 6 | 6 | | | |
| RAZOR BLADE | 60 | | | | 60 | | | |
| BEADS | 2 | | | | 2 | | | |

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of ROUKU, MOREHEAD R. WESTERN. Report No 5 OF 1954-55.

Patrol Conducted by A.M. BOTTRILL, a/A.D.O.

Area Patrolled UPPER MOREHEAD & SUKI.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL.

Natives Cpl. EROBO, Consts. KOREPE, HAVEA, HAIIA, DENGO.
NMO. GUBA, Personal Servant GIAN.

Duration—From 12/3/1955 to 3/4/19 55

Number of Days 22

Did Medical Assistant Accompany ? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Sept./19 54

Medical .... Sept./19 54

Map Reference A.P.C. Sheet TRANSFLY 1: 250,000.

Objects of Patrol Routine Administration - Medical Inspection.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

13/8/1955

District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation .... £

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

Amount Paid fr[illegible] P.E.D.P. Trust Fund ... .... £

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

FAC/RT.

DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT SERVICES & NATIVE AFFAIRS
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In Reply,
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No. 30-5-1/518.

District Commissioner's Office,
DARU, W.D.

23rd August, 1955.

MEMORANDUM for-

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

ROUKU P/R NO.5 of 5/-55.

The a/m report is forwarded in triplicate.

Mr Bottrill has been instructed to provide a sketch map with each report and to be more prompt with the compilation and despatch of all reports.

Referring to over recruitment in Kawatangwa and Teraruma the officer has not provided census statistics nor the names of recruiters, therefore no recommendations can be made.

I agree with the officers remarks regarding the move of Keru village. The area patrolled appears to be quiet and peaceful.

( F.A.Champion )
District Commissioner,
Western District.

# PATROL REPORT.

AREA. Upper Morehead & SUKI, W.D.. Patrol No. 5/54-55

CONDUCTED BY : A. M. Battrill, a/ADO..

ACCOMPANIED BY : Europeans - NIL

Natives - Cpl. ERORO
Const. KOREPE
" HAVEA
" HAILA
" DENGO
NMO GUBA
GIAN, Personal Servant.

DURATION. 12.3.55 to 3.4.55

Number of Days ~~x21x~~ Twenty Two.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany - No

Last Patrol to Area by District Services September 1954

Medical "

Map Reference : APC Sheet TRANSFLY 1: 250,000

Objects of Patrol : Routine Administration
Medical Inspection.

PATROL DIARY.

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| Saturday, 12th. March. | Departed ROUKU at 4 p.m. having been delayed by unexpected visit of an APC party. Reached UPARUA village at 6.p.m.. Carriers and police had arrived earlier. |
| Sunday, 13th. March. | Patrol rested. Inspected village coconut groves. Demonstrated correct spacing of coconuts. |
| Monday, 14th. March. | Census and medical check. Departed 9.30 a.m. arrived SETAVI village at 12.45 p.m.. Census and Medical check. |
| Tuesday, 15th. March. | Departed 8 a.m. and arrived at KIRIWO village at 1 p.m.. Track mainly flooded. Heavy rain. Census and Medical check. |
| Wednesday, 16th. March. | Accompanied by two police, proceeded to SIRISA hamlet. Three hours walk. Census and Medical check. Returned to KIRIWO village, arriving at 6.30 p.m. |
| Thursday, 17th. March. | Patients despatched to ROUKU Aid Post with Constable HAILA. Patrol departed 9 a.m. reached GOE at 3.15 p.m. Census and Mediacl check. |
| Friday. 18th. March. | Departed 8 a.m. arrived SUKI lagoon by foot at 12.30 p.m.. Thence by canoe to GWAKU village. |
| Saturday, 19th. March. | Left GWAKU at 7 a.m. . Made camp at 1.30 p.m. at customary camp site. Heavy rain throughout the afternoon. |
| Sunday, 20th. March. | Broke camp at 8 a.m. arrived KWARI hamlet at 1.15 p.m.. |
| Monday, 21st. March. | Census and Medical check. Conversations with village officials and others. |
| Tuesday, 22nd. March | Departed KWARI at 7.30 a.m.. Passed previous camp site at 2 p.m. Arrived at another camp site at 5 p.m.. Heavy rain. |
| Wednesday, 23rd. March. | Broke camp at 7 a.m. reaching GWAKU at 9.45 p.m.. Census and Medical check. A minor complaint heard. Constable HAVEA despatched with patients to ROUKU AID POST. Departed at 3 p.m. by canoe and arrived at AEWE village at 6 p.m.. |
| Thursday, 24th. March. | Census and Medical check at AEWE (often also known as GWIKATA). Departed at 10 a.m. Visited the U.F.M. station at GIGWA. Continued by canoe to IVEVE village arriving at 4 p.m.. Census and Medical check. Minor complaints heard. |
| Friday, 25th. March. | Departed at 06.30 a.m. by canoes down SUKI Creek to the Fly River and thence downstream to TERARUMA village calling at KAWATANGWA village en route. |
| Saturday, 26th. March. | Census and Medical check. Minor complaints heard. At 10 a.m. left for KAWATANGWA by canoe. Census and medical check. |

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| Sunday, 27th. March. | Returned by canoe to IVEVE. |
| Monday, 28th. March. | Departed at 8 a.m. by canoe and arrived at GWIBAKU village at noon. Census and medical check. Court for Native Matters. Visited GIGWA Mission. |
| Tuesday, 29th. March. | C.N.M.. Proceeded by canoe and by foot to DURU village. Census and Medical check. |
| Wednesday, 30th. March. | Departed 8 a.m. and arrived INAPOROK village at 1 p.m.. Census & Medical check. |
| Thursday, 31st. March. | Constable HAILA sent to inspect small hamlet DORRO recently re-established southeast of INAPOROK. Patrol departed 7.30 a.m.. Arrived SERKI village 1.15 p.m.. Heavy rain. Medical and census check. Hearing native complaints. |
| Friday, 1st. April. | Left SERKI at 7.30 a.m. and arrived at KERU village at 3 p.m.. Visited proposed new village site en route. |
| Saturday, 2nd. April. | Departed at 7 a.m. following a new track through a hamlet north of MATA, thence by jeep track to MATA arriving at the APC Morehead camp at 4.30 p.m.. |
| Sunday, 3rd. April. | Returned to ROUKU Patrol Post on board vessel made available by the APC.. |

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SUMMARY.

The purpose of this patrol was to medically examine the people of the Upper Morehead and Suki Division and to carry out routine administrative duties in the area.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

In all villages visited the people were contenced, orderly and well provided with food. Few native complairts were lodged and all of these were of a minor nature and were dealt with satisfactorily by the patrol.

A young Mission teacher of GIGWA was sentenced to six weeks imprisonment for adultery. The case had aroused considerable local interest because the married woman concerned was the clan sister of the teacher and was also in he position of being marked as the 'payment' for the teacher's future wife under the rigid system of brother-sister exchange custom strongly retained in this area. A further complication was the pregnancy of the married woman.

Two women laid complaints of assault against their husbands. One was fined; the other, accused of a more serious series of assaults was sentenced to a short term of imprisonment.

At TERARUMA there had been altercations between two factions of young men recently returned from plantation work. A native named UMI seemed to be the principal trouble maker but he avoided the patrol by joining an APC recruiting vessel on the Fly R.. His absence should cause the trouble to be straightened out.

It was found at KIRIWO that a woman had been recently taken by a crocodile. She was survived by a three months old baby which had been adopted by a woman whose last pregnancy was some five years previously. The infant, a girl, was weak and debilitated. She was immediately put on a milk diet and sent to the aid post, where she is progressing well.

Both at TERARUMA and KAWATANGWA there were several cases of natives being re-recruited for employment before they had spent three months in their village following the first term. Some of these natives had actually gone back to work on the vessels which had repatriated them after only spending a few nights in their village. This state of affairs is more serious in the case of KAWATANGWA villagewhich is already over-recruited and which is a colony of natives who have migrated and settled here from regions in the Upper Fly. Few of the absent men have built houses - the women themselves have built most of the existing huts. Most women have to do all the types of work in the village even clearing the gardens and cutting sago. The site for the village is fairly good, although infested with sandfly and possibly subject to inundation in high flooding of the Fly R.. There are said to be large reserves of sago in the swamps north of the village. It appeared however that the presence of a few more men is eminently desirable to improve housing, plant coconuts and fruit trees, and to obtain more protein for their families.

The Village Constable of KAWATANGWA ( A man of the most unprepossessing and unsophisticated appearance and speech) stated that their reason for establishing

this colony was to get nearer the supply of steel and other European goods. He emphasized that the village was a permanent one and that they did not intend to return to their former homes in the KIUNGA Sub-district. There seems to be no reason why this move should be discouraged as the land was previously unoccupied. However if they do not abandon this practice of allowing most of the men to go out to work, it may become necessary to return the women and children to their former homes where they may be more adequately sustenanced among a larger population. The VC was advised to attempt to influence the men on their return to remain a while and build up the village. Nevertheless as he appears to be the person most interested in acquiring the new wealth I doubt that the advice will be heeded.

The village officials of KERU village informed me that they intended to move their village to a former site about ten miles further north. They stated that the move was due to several recent deaths and also to a desire to return to the place of their fathers - this is a common phenomenon in this area. An inspection of the area near the proposed site revealed that there was an adequate supply of water and a number of coconut groves already exist. Gardens already exist in the area. There seemed to be no reason for opposing this change and the officials were told to follow the wishes of the majority in the matter. Since then it has been learned that the NGR Missionary from ARUFE opposes the change as it means that the people are moving further from the Mission station. I have since advised the people that it is a matter for their own decision but that any splitting of this small community is not desirable.

ROADS & BRIDGES.

A jeep track runs north from MATA, on the Morehead -WASSA KUSSA jeep track, through SETAVI and KIRIWO villages to a point half way between KIRIWO and GOE. Another runs from the Morehead WASSA KUSSA track through KEHU to a point a few miles north of that village. Both of these were impassable at the time of the patrol due to flooding and damaged bridges. It is understood however that the APC Seismic party are planning to use them againg in the coming dry season.

The village track south from DURU to SERKI was in excellent order. On their own initiative they had cut every fallen log along the road and cleaned the road beyond what is expected. Canoes and paddles were provided at the bad swamp crossings as suggested by the previous patrol.

Other tracks in the area were generally showing signs of neglect, probably because of the wet nature of the area. Signs of recent maintenance at village approaches were visible. A few more large canoes have been built by villages on SUKI Lagoon and the transport situation for patrols has thus become satisfactory.

HEALTH.

The health of the people was quite satisfactory. One case of granuloma and one case of Hansen's disease were discovered and sent to DARU Hospital. A number of minor cases were treated at ROUKU Aid Post.

The U.F.M. Mission at GIGWA render medical aid to the people of SUKI lagoon whereas the people to the south gain their treatment from the Government Aid Post.

At GWIBAKU village, only ten minutes travel from GIGWA Mission, it was noticed that there were two children who appeared to be deaf mutes. Parents actually brought them forward and asked that something be done to remedy this affliction. I believe that they are merely deaf; they are able to make sounds but as they cannot hear they are unable to learn the art of speech. They appear to be otherwise normal. Perhaps it might be of advantage, if any literature is available on speech therapy for such persons, to make it available to the UFM Missionary at GIGWA, who, I'm sure, is keen to ameliorate the condition afflicting these children. The parents were told to present the children to the Medical Officer on his next visit to Suki Lagoon.

EDUCATION.

Children from the villages of SETAVI ~~xxx~~, KIRIWO and UPARUA attend the L.M.S. school at ROUKU conducted by a Motuan teacher. Those from KERU attend the New Guinea Revivalist Mission at ARUFE, those from villages on SUKI lagoon, TERARUMA and INAPOROK attend the U.F.M. school at GIGWA, and those from SIRISA hamlet attend the LMS school at WEREAVE.

The U.F.M. school at GIGWA was in recess at the time of the patrol due to the recent illhealth of the wife of the Missionary, Mr. W. Hardy.

A number of natives were absent at higher grade schools conducted by the U.F.M. in the GAIMA Sub-district.

None of the Mission schools in the area are conducted in the true vernacular. GOGODARA and MOTU ~~being~~ are the language of the schools.

BORDER MOVEMENTS.

It was again noted that most of the males of KWARI village were still absent at the Mission at ERAMBOE in Dutch New Guinea. This Mission is only a few hours away and I believe that it is conducted by a KEI islander. The native s informed me that it was a Roman Catholic institution but I have since observed that in the Terrain Study produced during the war it is described as Protestant. The absent adult males were said to be working on a pitsaw there. The village Constable was instructed to encourage their return. The village was in a dilapidated and dirty state. The once well designed plan of constructing good houses had been discontinued or abandoned because of the shortage of males. There are only twentyseven natives in this village, altogether.

The people were told that unless there was some improvement in the village and some decrease in the numbers spending their time in DNG, consideration would be given to recommending that it be declared a 'Forbidden Settlement' under the NRO., and instructing the people to return to their former settlement nearer SUKI Lagoon.

Such a small village so isolated from other Papuan communities (the nearest is thirtyfive miles away) will continue to pose administrative problems for many years. The effort and expense of visiting such a small community is not inconsiderable and it is not possible for the Administration to provide the customary services for these people even in the fields of public health and education, nor can they be provided in the foreseeable future.

Furthermore the constant demands for carriers from GWAKU to visit this village which has not sufficient men for the job, over many years may tend to cause resentment.

Eventually it may be decided that in cases such as this one resettlement of the community is the only way in which ~~xxx~~ economic and social advancement can be attained. Before such a policy can be successfully inaugurated the need for its inception must be felt by the people to be affected.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Generally village officials are mediocre and have little inclination to act without popular support, which is ~~xxx~~ really a virtue in many instances. The village officials of DURU village, a group of ex-police and ex-soldiers, have very strong influence in their village and are able to get their people to carry out instructions relating to road and village improvement at all times. In other villages maintenance work is usually commenced when a patrol to the area is expected.

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A.M. Bottrill, a/ADO.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of WESTERN ) MOREHEAD Report No. 6/54-55

Patrol Conducted by A.M. Bottrill a/ADO

Area Patrolled Lower Morehead & Bensbach.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives Seven

Duration—From 16 4 /19 55 to 28 4 /19 55

Number of Days TWELVE

Did Medical Assistant Accompany ? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 1 / 10 /19 54

Medical ... / 9 /19 54

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol Routine Administration, Medical inspection.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

6 / 7 /19 55

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 .... .... £....

25/4/191

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

FAC/RT.

In Reply,
Please Quote.

No. 30-5-1/353

District Commissioner's Office,
DARU, W.D.

7th. July, 1955.

MEMORANDUM for-

The Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

ROUKU PATROL REPORT NO.6 OF 54-55.

The a/m Report is forwarded in triplicate.

The officer will be informed that all future Patrol Reports must be accompanied by a map of the area patrolled.

The report is most imformative and has been well carried out.

The local traders, I fear, will not offer a higher price than 4d per pound for copra until such time as the natives can produce first grade copra properly packed. At present all copra purchased from natives has to be sorted and re bagged.

Crocodile Skins.

If these are shipped to Daru they can be sold on the spot. A local trader has offered good prices for first quality salted salt water skins. Skins of 15" and over are fetching 6/6 per inch. One small blemish means a second quality skin.

I strongly recommend that some Admin. assistance, in the form of ration issues to the Missionary at WEREAVE be made. I think this would pay dividends.

( F.A.Champion )
District Commissioner,
Western District.

ROUKU PATROL POST, Western District.

Patrol Conducted by A.M. Bottrill , S/ADO.

Area Patrolled : Lower Morehead & Bensbach Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans : NIL.

Natives : L/Cpl. UNINI
Const. KOREPE
" LOLOEA
" METI
N.C.O. GUBA
Personal Servant GIAN
VC. GAMEAI of INDOROLO
VC. SAMSUI of ROUKU.

DURATION : 16/4/55 to 28/4/55: 12 Days

MAP REFERENCE : A.P.O. Transfly 1:250,000

OBJECTS OF PATROL. Routine Administration
Medical Inspection.

A.M. Bottrill S/ADO

## Patrol Diary.

Saturday,
16th. April. Departed Rouku Patrol Post at noon on board the APC vessel, m.v. KIBENI, anchoring the night about 20 miles above the mouth of the Morehead R..

Sunday,
17th. April. Arrived BULA village, at the Morehead Mouth at 10 a.m.. Census and medical check. Conversed with village officials and others who had approached me regarding copra production. Groves inspected by police. Demonstrated better spacing of coconuts.

Monday,
18th. April. Departed BULA 8 a.m.. Arrived BANDABER ~~17~~ 5 p.m. Track flooded almost the whole distance of 20 miles, some places thigh deep. Swamp 7 miles from BANDABER crossed by canoes. Large boar shot on the track.

Tuesday,
19th. April. Medical and census check. Left BANDABER at 9.30 a.m. by canoes down DUMDUMORI (x) Ck. to its junction with the Bensbach R. and thence up river to WANDO. Arrived 11.40 am.. Census and medical check. Demonstrated spacing of coconut palms.

Wednesday,
20th. April. Departed 7.15 a.m. by canoe up the flooded Bensbach R. to a canoe landing about 2 hrs. upstream. Thence by foot to KOROMBO village arriving at noon. Census & Medical check. Village dirty.

Thursday,
21st. April. Departed KOROMBO at 8 a.m. passing through the now abandoned hamlet of SORABAKO and arrived at ~~KK~~ MENGETE at 1230 hrs.. Census and medical check. Inspected proposed new site of the village.

Friday,
22nd. April. Departed MENGETE 7.30 a.m. crossing the flooded MAMBU Ck.. Arrived KADARISA at 10.15 a.m.. Census and medical check. A native complaint heard. Departed 2.p.m. and reached WEAM village at ~~1625~~ 4.15 p.m.. Census and medical check.

Saturday,
23rd. April ~~1955~~ Left WEAM at 8 a.m. arriving at WERRAVE at 11 a.m.. Met village headman, 'kepala kampoeng', of SOTAR village, D.N.G., who had crossed the border to meet the patrol. Census and medical check. Visited L.M.S. school and aid post. In the evening attended a small concert of singing and Samoan dances performed by students.

Sunday,
24th. April. Rested. Conversations with village officials, Mission teacher and D.N.G. headman.

Monday,
25th. April. 'Anzac Day.' Departed ~~to~~ WERRAVE 8.30 a.m. arriving at an APC surveying party's camp at

TAIFO at 11 a.m.. Lunched with APC surveyors. Census and Medical check. Returned to APC camp. During the evening watched dances performed by APC local casual labour in honour of patrol visit. Camped with APC personnel.

Tuesday, 26th. April. Departed TAIFO at 8 a.m.. Arrived INDORODO at 1130 hrs.. Census and medical check. Conversed for some time with village officials.

Wednesday, 27th. April. Despatched Const. ERTI with hospital patients direct to the Aid Post at ROUKU. Remainder of patrol departed 8 a.m. . Arrived TORWA noon. Census and Medical check. Left TORWA at 2.30 p.m. arriving at WAMENEVUE at 4.50 p.m.

Thursday, 28th. April. Census & Medical check. Returned ROUKU Patrol Post 1 p.m..

End of Diary.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

The village of BULA at the mouth of the Morehead R. own reasonably large groves of coconuts at three old village sites. Two of them are on the coast east of the river mouth two or three hours walking from the present village. The third is inland about two miles distant.

The people of the village having heard of the assistance rendered the neighbouring JARAI people in showing them how to produce copra, asked the patrol that similar assistance (vide Patrol Report No. 4 of 54-55) be also extended them. Their request was granted and Constable MAIKERI was left at the village for this purpose. At the time of writing, (rather belatedly, I fear), they have already made about a ton which has been marketed for them in DARU at the highest price obtainable from traders there: 4d. per lb., i.e., £37. 6. 8 per ton. The village has since been revisited and the people are again producing. This time they will pack it properly in bags which they have purchased and it is hoped that they get an improved price.

Other villages in the region traversed are not so fortunately situated on shipping lanes as is BULA and it is feared that any development along these lines is not at present possible. The village of WADDO on the Bensbach R. seems to have a number of groves which could be developed to provide the people with some of their cash needs if the river ever became used by shipping for some purposes. At present the only vessels which enter the river are those owned by crocodile shooters who hunt irregularly there in the early part of the dry season.

The Bensbach River for many years was visited regularly by Malay and Dutch Papuan natives hunting crocodiles. They also were sent to purchase crocodile skins collected by local natives by harpooning methods. All the local people seem to have received were discarded clothing of a poor quality, e.g., shorts of thinn calico having no pockets, fly, or buttons or belt, and discarded steel tools and cutlery.

With the establishment of the LMS station at WARRAVE this position has been changed. The LMS missionary himself takes parties of natives crocodile hunting and last year sold skins to the value of about £30 which was used for clothing the schoolchildren. During his absence at Daru at the end of last year, Dutch natives from SOTAM came and in one induced the people to sell other skins to them. They did so but it is considered that this will not occur again as the people concerned were most disappointed at the price they received and contemptuous of the second hand nature of those goods. Since the visit of the patrol the teacher has again recommenced hunting and he is most optimistic of doing better this year with a full season ahead of him. He intends distributing most of the gains among the actual hunters, keeping only a small portion for school needs and to pay for salt and torch batteries.

There is the above teacher is operating on the Bensbach R., the Village Constable of WADDO tells me that he will shortly commence crocodile hunting in the swamps forming the headwaters of the [illegible] near WARRAVE. The teacher of the LMS Mission at DARU has been hunting crocodiles successfully for some time on the Morehead R..

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PATROL SUMMARY.

Introduction.

The census of this area having been brought up to date on the previous patrol six months ago, the purpose of the patrol was merely to carry out routine administration and medically examine the people.

Several days warning was given to the villages of the approaching visit and as a result they were able to prepare their villages for the inspection.

Native Affairs.

The communities in the area patrolled were contented and orderly. Food supplies were adequate.

Two complaints were brought to the attention of the patrol. A man of KOROMBO complained that his wife, of several years' standing, had been recalled to KANDARISA by her brother who had sent back his wife, the sister of the KOROMBO man. At KANDARISA it was learned that what the plaintiff said was true and that the man from KANDARISA had made these arrangements so that he could send his sister to a man at WEAM in exchange for a young girl of that village. Both women were content with their present husbands. It was pointed out to the KANDARISA man that such an excuse for divorce did not exist according to local custom. He agreed and decided to send his sister back to KOROMBO and to accept back the wife he was considering putting away. During these discussions it transpired that the KANDARISA man had his mother living in an isolated hamlet and not on the census records.

The other complaint was against the Village Constable of WERMAVE who had been, on his own admission, making and drinking tuba. He accompanied the patrol back to the station where he was given a reprimand and told reasons for the ban on alcohol. It appears that on the Dutch side of the border thepeople manufacture this liquor freely without restriction and this means that this official's family, most of whom live at SOTAR on the Dutch side, can freely indulge a few miles away. For this reason no charges were laid but should the VC transgress again in this regard his dismissal will be recommended.

No border movements, other than social and family intercourse between the villages of SOTAR and WERMAVE and WEAM, were reported to the patrol. The LMS Mission teacher had crossed the border to visit SOTAR on the invitation of the Ambonese missionary at SOTAR to administer medical treatment to him after a firearms accident. He was told not to make a practice of crossing the border and to do so only on specific invitation for some particular and necessary purpose.

Having some slight knowledge of Malay I was able to carry on some conversation with the village headman of SOTAR. From his conversation I gathered that he was aware of fighting between Ambonese and Indonesians in the Moluccas but was loth to talk about it. I did not press him. He did not mention Indonesian claims to New Guinea, either from ignorance or from other reasons, and I did not myself mention the matter either.

Both teachers have stated their dissatisfaction at the prices received for their skins at DARU and have asked me if I would arrange direct marketing to Port Moresby. Both teachers are from MOTUAN villages and therefore have knowledge of the ruling rates there. They were told that it was not possible at the moment but that the matter of price discrepancy would be looked into.

Whilst at DARU recently I was further informed by a European there that Thursday I. vessels last year were crocodile shooting in the Bensbach R.. It is not known whether these persons had first complied with the regulations restricting entry into the Territory as the identity of the vessels have not been discovered. This August, the corresponding month to their alleged previous visit, an attempt will be made to note such visits. In my opinion hunting by parties not resident in the Territory means that this particular resource of the Territory is being exploited with no advantage either to the residents or to the revenues or trade of the Territory.

A third possibility for the development of the indigenous economy in the area would lie in the sale of yams, "taitu", to DARU. Preliminary negotiations with traders there disclose that they may be prepared to offer up to 4d. per lb. for this commodity. Naturally only villages near the shipping route on the Morehead R. could benefit directly from this trade. The price however seems particularly liberal.

It may be remarked that all this "development" spoken about is so small that it is negligible, the possibilities so restricted so as to be not worth while pursuing, and the slender transport organization on which it rests, being entirely dependent upon the charity and goodwill of masters and owners, is at best only a temporary arrangement liable to be withdrawn without notice. In countering such a criticism it is suggested that in the eyes of these small communities these small enterprises loom large and that to reject the possibilities offered by existing free transport would be foolishly denying these people their only opportunity of earning cash in their villages.

EDUCATION.

All the children between the ages of 9 and 16 years as well as others from the villages of WANDO, KOROMBO, MENGETE, BANDARISA, WEAE, WEREAVE, and INDOROBO were attending the school conducted by an L.M.S. native missionary at WEREAVE. Those from the villages of WEREEVRE, TORWA, ROUKU, IORWA and BANDAWER attend a similar establishment at ROUKU village. Those from BULA attend the one at MARE.

Although the school at WEREAVE is little more than a year old, the teacher has accomplished quite a lot both in schooling and in establishing his house, schoolroom, dormitories and dispensary. Considering that he does a considerable amount of medical work, for which he is well qualified, this is a tribute to his outstanding energy and ability.

On visiting the school it was pleasing to note that the physical health of the students was good despite the fact that most of the students live one or twovdays' long walk away. The village of WEMRAVE itself (total population : 35 ) is too small to provide the food required by the 50 pupils and the missionary and his family.

Undoubtedly the school could be better sited to cater for the needs of the majority. At first glance MENGETE, the most cetral village, would appear to be the most suitable but it is not on the river, a rich source of protein, and for that reason it is not favoured by the teacher. He seems to favour WANDO which has the largest population, a good position on the river although not central. Should the school move to either of these places,however, many of the political advantages of having a loyal educated native in the area would be lost. The presence of the Mission at WEMRAVE has done far more to instal a positive respect for the border than years of administrative acts from a distant post. Earlier, incursions and recruiting from the Dutch side were prevalent but these have now ceased. I feel sure that should the missionary move his post back a further fifteen miles that area would again fall under the sway of the Ambonese Mission situated at SOTAR. An alternative site would be the village of WEM which is slighily larger but similarly situated near the border and on the river to WEMRAVE.

The establishment at WEMRAVE has a particularly long supply route, being three days' walk overland from ROUMB. Thus it can be seen that this missionary, a Motuan native, with his wife and four children, is unable to get many supplies through this thinly populated area. Seclusion from fellow sophisticates is also a hardship to them.

The educational standard is good for one year's work and many of the older pupils are able to read parts from a Motu primer and a little from the English primer( the latter were received from the Education Dept. early this year and issud to all the schools). A glance at a few exercise books showed that they were attempting simple multiplication and division and writing.

During one evening I was treated to a show of hymnsinging and Samoan dances by the pupils.

It may nevertheless be very difficult to reach the standards already achieved by the Ambonese Mission at SOTAR already established more than four years. It is also significant in regard to practical education that whereas the SOTAR Mission is only three days travel chiefly by river from MERAUKE one of the chief towns of D.N.G., WEMRAVE is three days' walk from one of the remoter patrol posts of Papua. The two Missions themselves are only three hours' apart.

In order that unfavourable comparisons may not be drawn between these establishments, it might well be considered necessary to subsidize, in some special way, the educational work of the WEMRAVE Mission, so that it may not suffer so keenly from the geographical disadvantages with which it is faced.

A further advantage possessed by the SOTAR Mission lies in their use of the Malay language through which medium the people are acquainted with a rich and attractive culture suited to the environment . The crudeness of Motu culture must naturally be evident under these circumstances whilst English cannot lead them anywhere unless they are given other English contact and media outside of the schoolroom.

The manner in which I would recommend that the WEREAVE establishment be subsidized especially is as follows:
(a) The issue of rations to the teacher and his wife. These should be delivered to WEREAVE, monthly. In this way the heaviest burden of education would be lifted from the shoulders of the small population.
(b) By giving modest supplies of sporting, and musical goods from time to time.
(c) By promising that, say, two or three pupils at one time being admitted to the Government boarding school at DARU as soon as the necessary standard is reached, or even, possibly, as it is approached.

The cost of (a) would be £ 100 per annum. It can be justified by the medical and educational work of the missionary as well as the political benefits accruing.
~~I~~ I would recommend the sum of £5 per annum to be put aside to provide these items as the OIC Rouku recommends.
I understand that (c) would cost between £60 and £100 p.a.. It should however pay dividends ~~in reducing~~ by developing an educated group integrated in thought, loyalty and background with other Papuans, and at the same time by providing a useful cadre for ~~with~~ community leadership and administrative service.

It is to be remembered that the impressions of the effects of Australian rule gathered by natives of the neighbouring Territory are obtained from this and other border regions. These impressions if adverse could have some significance if there was a change of sovereignty in that Territory. Our aim should be to build up the self-respect of these people in relation to other more sophisticated natives both of our Territory and that of our neighbours.

These subsidies should, if approved in part or in full, be made available direct from the OIC Rouku to the Mission teacher, rather than through the normal channels.

It might be considered that too much emphasis has been placed on the importance of the outward signs of social sophistication rather than on academic or practical education. This has been done because it is considered that it is these signs which are considered important by the people themselves at the present time.

At the Rouku school, established slightly longer, progress is quite satisfactory, although not as spectacular. This might well be due to the fact that initial enthusiasm has diminished with the constant effort. It is also true that as the older youths went to work for APC locally, the next in line are anxious to get out and earn some goods also.

Whilst at MAUU in February the school was in recess and therefore I am unable to comment on the progress achieved by the children of MULA village.

AGRICULTURE.

The Dutch have apparently commenced some rice scheme in the region adjoining this area and a native showed me some of the seed rice which is being distributed and grown. If successful it will undoubtedly interest the local people. It is not known whether anything has been published in English relating to this scheme but if this has been done, it would be both interesting and informative for the OIC here.

The village people of SOTAI have purchased donkeys with which to transport produce and apparently they are doing well. Several times they have come over the border to WEREAVE bringing food for a dance. This is also an

interesting development, which could possibly be emulated with profit by the teacher at WEWEAVE for maintaining his supplies and shipping out his crocodile skins.

The usual traditional crops were reported to be everywhere favourably progressing and evidence of this was frequently seen. Despite the regular distribution of seed however, the local people have not adopted any new food plants.

Kapok seems to do well in this region and most villages now have a few trees although few have yet come into bearing. Progress of these trees is to be watched as this crop might prove to be valuable one in this region.

It was noted in the villages near ROUKU that coconuts planted under instructions issued in 1948 have only just come into bearing. If this is indicative of the rate of growth in all the inland regions it is feared that copra production will not be the answer to the problem of what is the most suitable cash crop.

It being noticed that there were no fruit trees in BULA village, seedlings of oranges, lemons, custard apples and breadfruit were made available and have been planted in the village.

HEALTH.

Medical services in the area patrolled are provided by the Government Aid Post at ROUKU and the Mission Aid Post at WEWEAVE. Health on the whole was good A few Hansenide cases were found at WANDO; two of them apparently re-infections or relapses as they had previously been treated at GEMO I.. One Granuloma case also a relapse or reinfection was found at KOROMBO. These were sent to DARU Hospital. One male, at first thought to be suffering from Granuloma, was later admitted into DARU Hospital with cancer and has since been sent to Port Moresby. He was the VC of WEWEAVE. Other cases of sores and yaws were treated at ROUKU.

There was an epidemic of whooping cough in the area when the patrol passed through but, as no deaths had been reported, it was decided to let it run its course and provide the generation with natural immunity. Since the patrol contact has been maintained in the area in case a more virulent form appears. It has now passed and only one death occured. A watch was kept to see that it did not spread to other regions and according to all reports it was localised along the Dutch border.

ROADS & BRIDGES.

The track from BULA to BANDASER was in a state of neglect which could be understood owing to the heavy flooding along its length. Other tracks had shown signs of as much care as circumstances at the time permitted.

A jeep road expends about 50 miles through this area from ROUKU through TOKWA, INDOROBO, MENGETE, KOROMBO to WANDO. Built by APC, at the time of the patrol it was unserviceable due to flooding and the damage to bush bridges and culverts suffered during the wet season. It is expected that by June it should be open again and then may be kept open until the rains in mid-December.

Although it could be used only for six months

of the year , a jeep would be of considerable use in this area and other areas administered from ROUKU. The high capital cost and subsequent maintenance costs for such a vehicle would deem any such request before it was made particularly in such a remote, economically unimportant, and sparsely populated region. Yet it seems a pity that the roads made may soon fall into disrepair and thus be lost a valuable capital asset for development: one that may never be regained. The greatest administrative use the vehicle could be put to would be for the transport of the medical officer on his annual patrol of the area. Travelling time between villages serviced by these roads could be cut by one quarter. It can readily be seen that valuable time spent by a highly salaried officer walking would be saved and the length of time he was obliged to spend away from the base hospital considerably reduced.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

The Village Constable of BULA has apparently improved considerably since Mr. Morris' last visit. He was quite co-operative and had his village clean and the people ready to receive the patrol. One of the Councillors, John by name, seems more cognisant of what is required of village officials.

The village Constable of INDROMO still shines out as the most competent and energetic official in the region.

The village constable of WEMEM [illegible], again, and long criticised as hopelessly incompetent, was found to be suffering from advanced cancer of the penis.

Other officials continue to carry out their duties in a very mediocre [illegible] manner. A number of them are no longer young men but the main reason for their incompetence seems to lie in their lack of any aim or driving purpose.

BORDER VILLAGES.

Somewhere south or southwest of WEAM there is a hamlet called LAKIU which is now administered by the Dutch. Reference to the Ordnance 4 miles to the inch sheet reveals that there is a hamlet of that name on the Australian side of the border, whereas there is another one, spelt LAKIJOE, yet phonetically pronounced the same, just over the Dutch side of the border. A compass traverse from WEAM could establish at which site the village is now situated. The people insist that there is only one site of that name.

A large triangle of land between the Bensbach R. and the Dutch border appears to be now deserted. It is almost 300 miles in extent. On the map referred to above it is liberally sprinkled with hamlet names. On asking where these people now dwell, it was stated that most of them had moved during the war to SEKIRAMLE so as to be near the Mission close by. Some of these may still actually be on this side of the border but they are controlled by the Dutch.

It is noted that on the APC sheets, now published, the standard map reference, the mouth of the Bensbach R. is shown as being well inside Dutch Territory. The only legal reference here to the position of the border is that in the Proclamation of 1940 under the Justices Ordinance laying down the limits of jurisdiction of the Courts in the Western District. It clearly states that the border is the meridian which passes through the centre of the mouth of the Bensbach R.. Thus if the APC computation correctly puts the mouth further west than formerly shown, it may mean that one or two villages, formerly thought to be on the Dutch side may conceivably be on our side of the border.

No action as contemplated, of course, in regard to the above matters without the sanction or direction of higher authority.

A.P.C.

The field parties of the Australian Petroleum Company have been active in the region during the year.

Seismic 1 Party has been carrying out extensive blasting operations between the Morehead and Bensbach Rs.. During the past few months there have been several reports that dynamite had been abandoned scattered along tracks and in the bush.. These were substantiated and the party leader was informed and he quickly arranged for these deposits to be recovered. He saw the dangers of having such a poisonous and explosive substance left in this manner and has now arranged for a party led by a European to cover the whole field of their operations and to locate and destroy any further deposits which may exist. Village natives were asked to report any further cases of abandoned dynamite (geopnex) which they may find.

The survey party met by the patrol at TARBO were cutting a line NNW to a point only a few miles from the border. They were requested to advise the post of the date when blasting was to commence along the extremity of this line so that natives in SOTAR village, D.N.G., may be warned. SOTAR natives reputedly own sago groves in the area and frequently visit this place to prepare sago.

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