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PATROL REPORT NO. 11-~~71~~

BY

W. P. AARON

KEREMA

GULF

DISTRICT



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number..... KEREMA NO. 11 of 1970/71

Subdistrict..... KEREMA

District..... GULF

Type of Patrol..... SPECIAL

Patrol Conducted by..... W.P. AARON

Area Patrolled } KEREMA BAY LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL
(Council and/or }
Census Division/s.) }

Personnel Accompanying Patrol

..... ROSEVA ROVELLA (INTERPRETER)

Duration of Patrol—from 8.12/60 to 11/12/70 and 12.1.71 to 18.1.71

No. of Days..... Five days

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area:..... 2 of 1970/71

Date..... 23.9.70 to 27.1.71 (broken) Duration..... 20 days (broken)

Objects of Patrol (Briefly)..... 1. Supervise the Onao-Bluff road
2. General Administration routine

Total Population of Area Patrolled..... 795 (only Onao group)

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please.

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.....
District Commissioner.

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P.O. Box 2306,
KEREMA.

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24th January, 1972.

The District Commissioner,
Gulf District,
KEREMA.

KEREMA PATROL NO. 11 OF 1970/1971.

Your reference 67-2-95 of 5th January, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by
Mr. W. Aaron, A.D.C. of the Kerema Bay Council area.

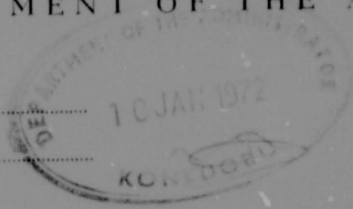
(S.J. PENTONELL)
a/Secretary.



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District Office,
KEREMA, Gulf District.

5 January, 1972.

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

PATROL REPORT KEREMA 11 of 1970/71

Your Telex 605 of 9th December, 1971 refers.

Attached please find Kerema Patrol Report 11 of 1970/71. No copies could be found here or at the Sub District Office and this copy was retyped from the Officer's copy.

The Assistant District Commissioner's comments adequately cover the patrol.

R.S. BELL
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. Assistant District Commissioner,
KEREMA.

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Sub District Office,
KEREMA, Gulf District.

4 January, 1971.

District Commissioner,
Gulf District,
KEREMA.

SPECIAL REPORT NO. 11-70/71

I enclose three copies of the above report by Assistant District Officer W.P. Aarons. This report is now submitted as it has apparently been lost in the system. Mr. Aarons has had copies typed from his personal copy.

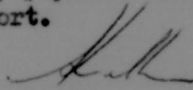
I am unable to find comments by the Assistant District Commissioner at the time that this report was first made.

My comments are:

Unfortunately this patrol suffered the fate of too many such patrols in this area concerning Rural Development Projects.

A combined effort by the Council President, the Assistant District Commissioner and a senior Assistant District Officer, together with an offer of contract rates of payment for what should have been a free labour, self help project. All failed to stir the apathetic village people to labour for a project that they do want. The attitude that "P.W.D. should do this for us" is widespread in this area.

Because this report is re-submitted lat (almost one year after the patrol was stood down) and because the little bit of work done clearing a survey trace has been completely overgrown again, I do not recommend that any payment be made to these people for their three days of effort.



K.A. WALLACE
ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

MORRIS Renew file to District office with this
NOTE.

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Sub District Office,
KEREMA, Gulf District.

22 December, 1971.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
KEREMA.

SPECIAL REPORT
PATROL REPORT NO. 11 of 1970/71

The above report had been lost during Mr. Quinn's term of office in late January, 1971. Luckily my copy was available so it has been retyped and now presented to you.

In paragraph 6 the people alleged for payment of clearing the section of the OPAU-BLUFF road. Would it be possible to pay them as they have been asking ever since?

For your information and advice, please.

W.P. Aaron
W.P. AARON
ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER.

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Sub District Office,
KEREMA, Gulf District.
7 December, 1970.

Mr. W. Aaron,
Sub District Office,
KEREMA.

Dear Mr. Aaron,

Kerema Patrol No. 11-1970

As discussed, please make ready to depart on patrol to the OPAU area in order to supervise work on the OPAU-THE BLUFF road.

2. Council President, Mr. L. Moha, has gone to OPAU this morning in order to talk with the people about the work; you and I will go over there tomorrow.
3. The people, despite repeated assurances from the Councillors, have proved very reluctant to work on this project. It is hoped that their attitude can be changed.
4. Please attend to any other local administrative matters that occur, including any Local Courts that may arise.
5. I wish you a pleasant patrol.

Yours faithfully,

J.B. QUINN
ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

Sub District Office,
KEREMA, Gulf District.

26 January, 1971.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
KEREMA.

SPECIAL PATROL REPORT
KEREMA PATROL NO. 11 OF 1970-71

<u>REPORT NO:</u>	KEREMA NO. 11 OF 1970-71
<u>SUB DISTRICT:</u>	KEREMA
<u>DISTRICT:</u>	GULF
<u>COUNCIL/NON COUNCIL AREA:</u>	KEREMA BAY COUNCIL
<u>PATROL CONDUCTED BY:</u>	W.P. AARON
<u>DESIGNATION:</u>	ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER.
<u>AREA PATROLLED:</u>	KEREMA BAY CENSUS DIVISION
<u>PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL:</u>	ROSEVA ROVELA INTERPRETER (PART)
<u>DURATION OF PATROL:</u>	8.12.70 - 11.12.70 11 days 12.1.71 - 18.1.71
<u>DATE AND DURATION OF LAST PATROL:</u>	
<u>OBJECTS OF PATROL:</u>	START THE PEOPLE OF THE OPAO AREA ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE OPAO-THE BLUFF ROAD.
<u>TOTAL POPULATION:</u>	
<u>MAP REFERENCE:</u>	MILINCH OF KEREMA. FOURMIL OF WAU
<u>VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER:</u>	NOT ATTACHED.

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PATROL DIARY

8.12.71

1000 hrs departed Kerema with Mr. Quinn A.D.C. for Merakera. 1130 hrs arrived Mirakera. 1130 hrs - 1300 hrs Mr. Quinn gave talks to the people about the Opau-The Bluff. Mr. Quinn departed for Mei and I stayed. 1300 hrs - 1606 arranged with each Councillor from Opao village to have 15-20 men available for working on this project. Slept at Mirakera.

9.12.70

0800 hrs - 1700 hrs at Mirakera - inspected surveyed track to Kapiri with 6 men and track to Mirakera. Slept at Mirakera.

10.12.71

0800 hrs - 1800 hrs at Mirakera. Arranged 15 men to clear the track to Lapari under the supervision of Mr. L. Moha, President of the Kerema Bay L.G.C. Departed Mirakera for Lapari and thence to the Bluff. Back to Lapari. Slept at Lapari.

11.12.71

0700 hrs departed Lapari for Mirakera, 1030 hrs arrived Mirakera thence to Kerema by outboard motor. 1130 hrs arrived Kerema and thence to sub District Office. 1300 hrs - 1606 hrs general office administration.

12.12.70

At Kerema Sub District Office as per my F.O.J.

12.1.71

1100 hrs - 1606 To Lapari with Roseva Rovela Interpreter. People of three Opao villages did not turn up as arranged. Messenger sent to bring contracts to Lapari. Slept Lapari.

13.1.71

0745 hrs - 1200 hrs Opao people did not arrive so waited. 1300 hrs - 1606 hrs Messenger arrived with one Mirakera man. The people refused to come because the amount to pay for the contract as negotiated by Mr. Quinn, was not enough. Sent a word back, said that I will discuss with A.D.C. Mr. Quinn about this matter and let them know by Monday 18th January. Slept Lapari.

14.1.71

0800 hrs departed Lapari to inspect the surveyed track to the Bluff. 1030 hrs arrived the Bluff. 1000 hrs - 1200 hrs departed the Bluff for Petoe arrived Petoe. 1200 hrs - 1300 hrs at Petoe waiting for canoe bringing patrol equipment. 1330 canoe arrived Petoe. 1330 - 1400 hrs crossed Kerema Bay to Kerema. 1400 - 1420 hrs lunch. 1420 - 1430 hrs reported Opao matter to D.D.C. thence to D.C. as Mr. Quinn was not in office. 1430 - 1606 in Sub District Office. Compiled F.O.J.

15.1.71

0145 hrs - 1440 hrs departed Kerema to inspect C.I.B. working on the Matupi-Didimaua road. Handed rations to the C.I.B. Inspected the road and brought back three prisoners for releasing. Back to Kerema.

16.1.71

Saturday - observed Kerema.

17.1.71

Sunday - observed Kerema.

18.1.71

0800 hrs - 0815 hrs departed Kerema, arrived Kapiri. 0815hrs - 0810 hrs departed Kapiri arrived Mirakera. 0910 hrs - 1300 hrs gave talk to three Opao villagers about taking back road tools and contract from them because they are reluctant to work on this project - Opao-The Bluff road. 1300 hrs departed Mirakera for Kapiri. 1355 hrs arrived Kapiri. 1355 - 1400hrs waited for outboard motor, motor arrived. 1400 - 1900 hrs outboard broke down. Rowed the dinghy from Kapiri to Kerema.

END OF PATROL DIARY



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Sub District Office,
KEREMA, Gulf District.

26 January, 1971.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
KEREMA.

SPECIAL REPORT
PATROL REPORT - KEREMA NO. 11 of 1970/71

INTRODUCTION:

Between 8th December, 1970 and the 18th January, 1971, I carried out a Special Report into the Opao area in the Kerema Bay Census Division. The main object of this patrol was to supervise work of the Opao-Bluff road.

2. This patrol had two parts - the first part between 8th and 11th December, 1970, the patrol returned to Kerema after a short time because the people complained about tools and they preferred to work early in January, and the second from 12th to 18th January, the patrol had withdrawn the tools and returned to Kerema because the people were reluctant to work.

3. This report is of a Special nature and will deal only with the matter of the proposed road in the area and will not be in the form of a Situation Report. The patrol actually camped only five days/three days at Mirakera and two days at Lapari/ which did not give enough time to collect materials for such a report.

ROADWORK

4. Although twenty spades were requested by the people and were issued a few months prior to this patrol, they had never done a bit of work on this project. These tools were delivered at Apiri and had not removed until I withdrew them on the second part of the patrol.

5. During the first part of the patrol, talks were given to them by Mr. L. Moha, President of Kerema Bay Local Government Council, Mr. J. Quinn, Assistant District Commissioner and myself about the benefits of this project. The people had agreed to work and accepted the proposed rate of \$100 per mile on a contract basis.

6. An arrangement was made with Councillors of Merakera, Havehuhu, Haupoe and Namohoroi to contribute twenty to twenty-five men for this project. The number of men each Councillor contributed were as follows:

Merakera	11
Haupoe	6
Namohoroi	10
Havehuhu	10
Total	<u>37</u>

Out of the total figure only fifteen men turned up next day to start work on the road. Approximately one mile of the road was cleared and nothing was done since then. The number lessened each day and finally the people approached me and suggested that they preferred to work on this project early in January. The people also asked me to bring more tools to work with and they suggested they meet me at Lapari. So the patrol departed for Kerema.

7. Between the first and second part of the patrol, I spent approximately \$1,000 on tools out of \$3,000 (Rural Development Funds) allocated to this particular project. The tools were as follows:

- 25 spades with handles
- 25 axes with handles
- 25 mattocks with handles
- 25 picks with handles
- 25 bush knives
- 25 crowbars
- 2 tents

8. Prior to the second part of the patrol's departure, a message was relayed over the air a few times for the contractors to meet us at Lapari as planned during the first part of the patrol. When the patrol arrived at Lapari the contractors were not there and the message was sent for them. The contractors refused to come so four Councillors arrived and told me that they did not want to work because:

1. Rate of \$100 per mile was insufficient.
2. They want to know how much money each person was to receive.
3. They wanted to be paid for clearing during the first part of the patrol.
4. They want P.W.D. to build this road for them as it would be used by the Administration.

9. Although talks were held between the people and the patrol each night over this project, I do not see that the above points are relevant to consider as dangerous. These people are lazy and talkative. They simply sit and talk over a subject for at least a month and even a year. During the first part of the patrol, I was told that they should be given at least a year to consider this project.

10. So the patrol withdrew all the tools and left the area because they were reluctant to work.

CONCLUSION:

11. The patrol did not accomplish its objects because the people were reluctant to work. During the patrol, the benefits of such a project were being explained continuously to all but, as a whole, they cannot see beyond their noses. A long term project has no attraction to the average Opao. What comes tomorrow is great importance to all and then, and only then, do they ever think about tomorrow.

W.P. Aaron
W.P. AARON
ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER.

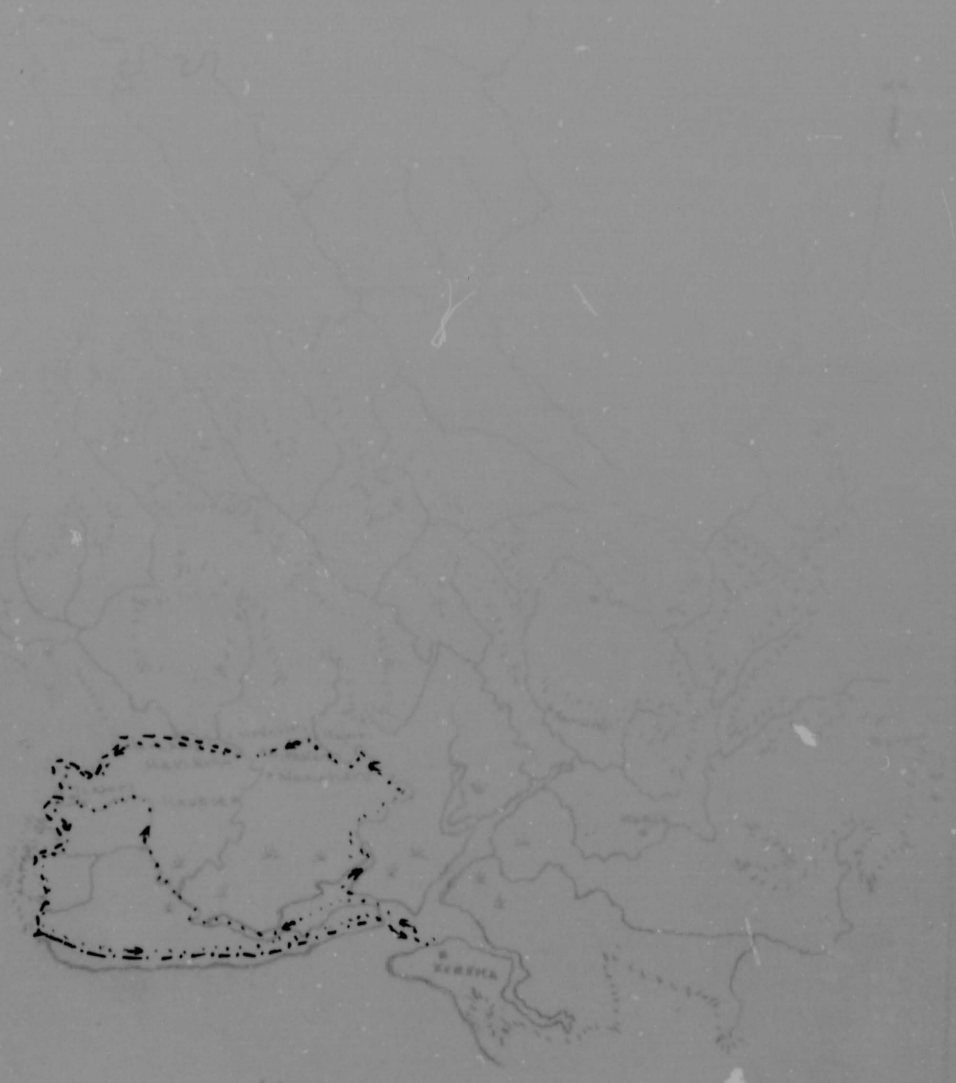
APPENDIX 'A'

ROSEVA ROVELA INTERPRETER

Although he accompanied the patrol for only two days, he showed himself as a good interpreter.

He had given help when explaining the benefit of this project.

KIRIBATI DISTRICT MAP



LEGEND

- — — — — SUB-DISTRICT BOUNDARY
- - - - - CENSUS DIVISION
- — — — — VILLAGE ROAD
- - - - - SURVEYED ROAD
- ☼ MOUNTAIN RANGE
- ☼☼ CHAN'S
- ... → ... PATROL ROUTE

SCALE: 1 INCH = 4 MILES.

DRAWN BY:
N. BARRON
ADD.