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PATROL REPORT OF: BAIMURU - GOLF DISTRICT

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PATROL REPORTS GULF DISTRICT

BAIMURU & IHU 1963/64

KIKORI

<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
<u>BAIMURU</u>		
1-63/64	J. Irwin	Baimuru/Baroe Census Division
2-63/64	J. Irwin	Koriki, Iare, Kaimare and Maipua Census Divisions
3-63/64	J. Irwin	Baimuru Patrol Post area
4-63/64	J. Irwin	Purari Delta area
5-63/64	J. Irwin	Era River, Pie River and Kaimari Census Divisions
<u>IHU</u>		
1-63/64	D.C. Hampton	Upper Vailala Census Division
2-63/64	K.A. Bond	Vailala East
3-63/64	P.G. Whitehead	Upper Vailala
<u>KIKORI</u>		
4-63/64	A.C. Plummer	Goaribari, Ikobi-Mairi, Urama, Era and Gope Census Divisions



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Gulf Report No. <sup>BAI</sup> No. 1-63/64

Patrol Conducted by John Irwin Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Baimuru/Baroe Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 3 Police. 2 Interpreters. 1 Clerk.

Duration—From 17.7./1963 to 29.7./1963

Number of Days 13

Did Medical Assistant Accompany Nil

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 24.1./1963

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol Follow up of Patrol No. 1-62/63.

Initial Education 1964 Elections.

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 E.D.P. Trust Fund .....

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28th August, 1963.

The Treasurer and Director of Finance,  
Department of the Treasury,  
KONEDOBU.

N.M.T.A. RECEIPTS:

The District Officer, Kerema, has commented on the lack of detail recorded on N.M.T.A. receipts. Two examples are -

- (a) "Payable at Kerema  
To Distributor of Deceased Estate being wages due to Sare Sumari Dec'd.
- (b) Payable at Kerema  
To "Hurima Kiwei".

I would be grateful if you would require officers to include the name of the village, Census Division, Sub-District and District on all such receipts.

*J.K. McCarthy*  
(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

67-2-1

28th August, 1963.

The District Officer,  
Gulf District,  
K. E. R. E. M. A.

PATROL REPORT NO. 1-63/64 - BAINBURG:

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report together with covering comment is acknowledged with thanks.

Mr. Irwin appears to be an energetic officer prepared to move amongst the people and I am gratified to note that follow-up action is being taken.

Material for political education has been forwarded to you and I hope it will be of assistance.

I am writing to the Treasurer concerning the lack of information on N.M.C.A. receipts.

A good report on a productive patrol.

*J. K. McCarthy*  
(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

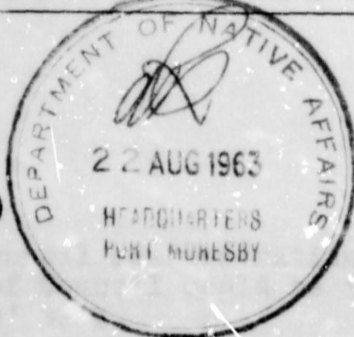
Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference: 67.2.6 (PR1)

If calling ask for

Mr. ....



Dept. of Native Affairs,  
Gulf District Headquarters,  
KEREMA.

19 August 63

The Director,  
Dept. of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU

BAIMURU PATROL REPORT 1/63-64

Two copies of the above report are forwarded with a copy of the comment of the Assistant District Officer at Kikom. Action has been taken to circulate extracts to the relevant Departmental representatives here.

At long last, Baimuru is now being served by an officer who is prepared to get among the people and carry out administration at the village level. It will be most unfortunate if it becomes necessary to move Mr. Irwin during his present term. If this is so, then it will be the result of pressures from outside this District.

Follow-up action such as was taken during this patrol has long been required in all parts of the District. I hold no doubts that it will result in a very greatly improved standard throughout the Baimuru area - particularly, if his patrol programme can be carried out without interference.

Electoral education material will be forthcoming in the near future, I have been informed. It is obvious that much work will have to be done in this respect and I join the plea of both officers for the expeditious despatch of the material once it is received in Port Moresby.

I shall request the Assistant District Officer to submit a formal application for the restriction he requires to be imposed on Kamama village.

The lack of attendance at schools by the children has been a complaint common to all reports in this District. I feel that the reason might be more deep seated than the reticence of the parents to send their off-spring to school but require more facts before I expound further.

Both reasons given by Mr. Irwin for the inadequacies of Village Officials are valid, in my opinion. No doubt frequent patrols will remove the second reason very quickly and I am confident that the right men will be found as a result of such patrols. However, once the Territory elections are concluded, a survey of the whole of the Baimuru area is to be carried out with the aim of ascertaining the readiness of the people for Local



Government Council administration. I think that a low income type of Council could be introduced in about twelve months' time.

The progress which has been achieved in the compilation of the Common Roll in the Baimuru area is most satisfying.

Mr. Irwin's statement concerning the lack of detail on N.M.T.A. receipts is true. Whether a directive would achieve the desired result is, I think, doubtful, but a reminder to all Departments concerned should be timely. In the Kerema Cash Office there are several receipts showing a complete inadequacy of information, of which the following two are typical -

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| (a) | "Payable at<br>To | Kerema<br>Distributor of Deceased Estate<br>being wages due to Sare Sumari<br>Dec'd. |
| (b) | Payable at<br>To  | Kerema<br>Hurima Kiwoi."   |

In neither case was the office of origin shown on the receipt. Enquiries are being made to endeavour to locate the persons concerned, but, I think you will agree that the task is not an easy one.

A good patrol, well conducted and well reported.

*G.R.G. Wearne*  
G.R.G. Wearne,  
District Officer.

cc. A.D.O. Kikori.  
O.I.C. Baimuru.

Wednesday  
17-7-63  
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Thursday  
18-7-63  
Sub-District Office,  
Kikori,  
GULF DISTRICT.

Friday  
19-7-63  
12th August, 1963.

The District Officer,  
Gulf District,  
KEREMA.

Saturday  
20-7-63  
BAINURU PATROL REPORT No. J-63/64.

The above patrol conduct by Mr. Irwin in his usual efficient manner is forwarded to you herewith.

Sunday  
21-7-63  
NATIVE AFFAIRS.

This patrol is the first follow up patrol the BAINURU area has seen for some time and the result from it have been most beneficial. It was with some considerable shock that the local inhabitants discovered that a Magistrates instruction was given to be obeyed and not ignored as it has been in the past.

I am glad that Mr. Irwin took the trouble to sleep in the villages close to BAINURU station. For too long now these villages have maintained rest house which have never been used. It has been my experience that much useful discussion can be carried out in the rest house after dinner at night over a smoke in the informal atmosphere so generated.

Attempts to educate these people to appreciate the forthcoming election even to a limited degree are being hampered by the lack of information from Port Moresby. You will appreciate the size of the KIKORI Sub-District and the difficulties involved in patrolling it and will agree with me that if we are going to conduct a successful programme of education it is essential that we start now. If we do, and luck is on our side, we will be able to cover the area twice before the elections in March. I feel that it is essential that we visit each village twice as these people lack education and have had no experience with local government. The matter of transport facilities has been taken up with the Registration Officer and it is hoped that he is able to arrange something.

Monday  
22-7-63  
Tuesday  
23-7-63  
Wednesday  
24-7-63  
Thursday  
25-7-63  
Friday  
26-7-63  
With reference to KAMANA village, I visited it a number of times in 1958. I sent a request to the District Commissioner asking that it be declared a forbidden settlement, the request was not granted. I would like, once more, to recommend that KAMANA be made a forbidden settlement.

CONCLUSION.

This has been another valuable patrol by Mr. Irwin whose efforts in the area have generated a new respect for the Administration.

Saturday  
27-7-63  
  
(H. G. de C. MILNE)

Assistant District Officer.

Patrol No. 1-63/64-BAIMURU.

DIARY.

Wednesday  
17-7-63.

Departed per canoe and own outboard for Ravipaka village. Camp made in village house-no rest house this village.

Thursday  
18-7-63.

Village inspection completed. Courts and disputes heard and settled. Afternoon spent in discussing forthcoming elections, and other general topics. Slept.

Friday  
19-7-63.

Departed Ravipaka 0900 hrs after checking CSB Passbooks and unpaid NMTA's. Arrived Unau Village. Village inspected in morning. Three prosecutions for failing to build houses. Petty disputes heard in afternoon, followed by initial talk on 1964 Elections. Also general discussion on economic development etc. Slept.

Saturday  
20-7-63.

Departed Unau for Kamau'a Village. Heavy rain en route and rough sea in the passage. Village inspected-deplorable! Afternoon spent in determining the future of the village and it's people. Initial election talk given.

Sunday  
21-7-63.

1400 hrs departed Kamau'a once again midst heavy rain for Kemei, via Baimuru. Camp made Kemei at 1730 hrs.

Monday  
22-7-63.

Village inspected, also in a shocking state. Prosecutions for failing to comply with a Magistrate's instruction. Initial election talk given. Departed for Amepoke and Piepoke village. Slept.

Tuesday  
23-7-63

Village inspected. Fair condition. A number of petty disputes settled. One assault case heard in CNM-convicted. Election talk given. Instructions for village improvement also issued. Departed for the small village of Pakemuba. Rough seas even this far up the Pie River. Village inspected. No complaints. Election talk given. Departed for Baimuru to close off mail. Slept.

Wednesday  
24-7-63.

Met Catalina-District Officer, two Welfare Officer's on board. Departed late in afternoon for Koravake Village. Slept.

Thursday  
25-7-63.

Inspection carried out in village of Koravake. A number of minor complaints settled. Instructions issued for village improvement. Oravi village inspected in afternoon and instructions issued and recorded in Village Books. Slept.

Friday  
26-7-63.

Inspection completed in the final village of Akiaravi and instructions issued. Talked to the assembled village on the forthcoming elections. Also suggested that the village as a whole might like to donate a timber raft to help the Suva games appeal-agreed.

The newly erected store for the Koravake Native Society was opened by self and Co-op. Inspector in afternoon. Village celebrating all night-No sleep.

Saturday  
27-7-63.

Inspected all passbooks and checked NMTA's. Talked to parents on the lack of attendance by their children at the school. Departed for Ara'ava Village.

Patrol No.1-63/64-BAIMURU.

DIARY. Contd.

Saturday  
27-7-63. Contd.

Village inspected-filthy. Inspection of Ukunukua and Evara Villages in afternoon. Also filthy. Forty-three prosecutions for failing to comply with a Magistrate's Instruction. Site of new rest house selected. Discussions on 1964 elections. Working on Common Roll this night. Slept.

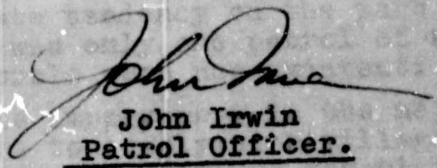
Sunday  
28-7-63.

Court of Native Matters held at Kapuna Hospital. Victim hospitalised with broken arm, bruises etc. Accused sentenced to six months at Baimuru. Compilation of Supplementary section of Common Roll. Inspection of Passbooks and checking of NMTAs. ~~Minor~~ Minor Courts and disputes heard and settled. Slept.

Monday  
29-7-63.

Prisoners despatched to Baimuru. Final inspection of Evara Village. Arrived Baimuru 1330, Supplementary Roll for Baimuru area completed.

END OF PATROL.

  
John Irwin  
Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

*In Reply  
Please Quote*

No. 67-1

Patrol Post  
BAIMURU.G.D.  
5th August, 1963.

Patrol No. 1-63/64-BAIMURU.

Introduction.

This Patrol is the first of the follow-up Patrols for the Baimuru area, as planned in the Patrol Programme recently forwarded.

The area covered consisted of the Baimuru and Baroe Census Divisions, and two adjacent villages of the Koriki Census Division.

Due to the fact that the MV "Ruby" was out of commission with a damaged water motor, the complete patrol was undertaken by canoe, with appropriate discomfort in the heavy rains.

Native Affairs.

Although most of the villages, particularly those in the Baimuru Census Division, are close to the station, a night was spent in each village. It was felt that by these means a more intimate contact was established with each group.

There appeared an unfortunate tendency on the part of the villagers, to believe that there was only one patrol of the area each year, and that follow-up patrols were non-existent.

This resulted in very little improvement in the majority of villages, and a general failure to comply with village improvement instructions, issued on the previous patrol.

Consequently in order to maintain a satisfactory standard of village appearance, cleanliness, health and sanitation, there was no alternative but to prosecute the offenders.

During the course of the patrol, 54 prosecutions were dealt with in the Court of Native Matters under section 101 of Native Regulations Ordinance.

It is anticipated that as a result of these prosecutions there will be an immediate and vast improvement in the general standard of villages in the remainder of the Baimuru area.

Only two serious cases were dealt with in the CNM, both assault and both convicted and sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour in Her Majesty's Corrective Institution Baimuru.

Owing to the more leisurely nature of this patrol as compared with No. 1-62/63, more time was devoted to general talks and discussions with the village inhabitants. The women, however are always noticeable by their absence on these occasions.

Although little has yet been received on the Educational Programme for the 1964 Elections, the opportunity afforded by this follow-up patrol was used to initiate and it is hoped stimulate interest in the forthcoming re-constitution.

It is extremely hard for the people of this area to grasp the situation, more so in view of the fact that they have had no contact with Native Local Government Councils.

With this in mind it is put forward that the Educational Programme will need to be extremely intensive, and the sooner it is started, the more chance it has of achieving at least partial success.

Simple demonstrations were given in all villages, which illustrated the method of choosing or electing a person, by means of lining up behind him. This was apparently understood and can be expounded upon in future patrols.

Native Affairs. contd.

One village in the area was visited for the first time by this patrol. This is the village of Kamau'a, situated on the banks of the Era River. Previously these people have come up to Unau for Census Revision, and consequently the village was not seen on the last patrol of the area.

The village is in a shocking state and is constructed over a complete sea of mud. At high tide this is covered by approximately three feet of water.

While it is realised that many such villages exist under similar conditions throughout the Territory, this particular example has been so sadly neglected as to present an ~~immense~~ imminent health hazard.

Previous Patrolling Officers have tried unsuccessfully to persuade the inhabitants to move up to Ravipaka or Unau, which ground also belongs to them.

Similarly on this patrol further attempts were made, and the people said that they were prepared to move. A months grace was given and no prosecutions were made in respect of the village of Kamau'a. However it is felt that the inhabitants will not move within this time, and I strongly recommend that the village be proclaimed as a Forbidden Settlement. For your further advices, please.

Economic Development.

There appears to be a slight improvement in this field over the last six months. More copra driers were noticed in the villages than previously, and the co-operative societies are gaining more support.

The Koravake Native Society opened a store situated in Koravake Village at the end of July.

The Kaimare Native Society have also built a store, of permanent type materials, which will be opened shortly.

In these regards the Kairimai Society appears to be lagging behind.

An increasing interest in crocodile shooting has also been noticed, although at present it is only a sporadic affair. The presence of European shooters in the area has been largely responsible for this.

There has been no Agricultural Patrol through the area as yet, although one is scheduled for October. A small quantity of coffee seed was obtained by the writer from Kerema, and this will be distributed to best advantages.

The sale of timber to the Baimuru Sawmilling Co., has picked up again, following issue of new Native Timber Authorities.

In all other respects the Economic position of the area remains little changed.

Agriculture.

No Comment. There has been no further progress since the last report.

Education.

The most noticeable change under this topic is the removal of the school from Beara to Baimuru, where a boarding school has been established under a European teacher.

Education in the remainder of the patrol area is under the control of the London Missionary Society. The schools at Piepoke and Koravake are run by native Pastors from Port Moresby, while the school at Ara'ava is ably run by two Samoans.

All schools in the area were recently visited by the District Education Officer-Kerema.

Education. contd.

At Koravake Village, following poor attendance at the school, at which English is taught, a talk was given to the parents on their obligation to send their children to school, at least three days of the week.

It is distressing to note the number of children in villages, many of them close to Baimuru, who do not go to school. The fault for this lies almost entirely with the parents who fail to realise the future repercussions of their indolence.

Roads and Bridges.

Nil.

Villages.

The most pertinent comments with regard to villages have already been made under the heading of Native Affairs.

However in general I am disappointed in the lack of improvement which was expected and which was not forthcoming.

The inhabitants were informed that the villages were their homes and should be kept in reasonable condition without constant supervision by patrols. In this way patrols would have more time ~~for general~~ to concentrate on general and specific problems which were obstacles in the path of development

Village Officials.

Once again appeared to be helpful to the patrol but on the whole lack forcefulness. This is a result of two things:-

- (1) The wrong man in the position.
- (2) Insufficient backing by field staff.

Attempts have been made to impress upon villages that the Village Officials are there to help them, and that they will be backed up by this Officer.

No recommendations are offered in respect of Village Officials in this area at present.

Missions.

There has been no change in the role of the missions in the area, which is represented by the London Missionary Society.

This society is responsible for the religious aspect of the area and also the major portion of health services.

Relations with the Mission remain satisfactory.

Common Roll.

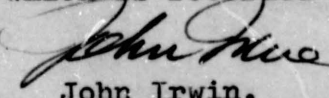
The Common Roll, including the Supplementary section is completed for this area, and was forwarded to the Registration Officer Gulf Electorate on 31st July 1963.

General.

This patrol also concentrated on the inspection of CSB Passbooks with regard to unclaimed depositors fund and calculation of interest. A total of 38 books have been forwarded to the Commonwealth Bank Port Moresby, from the area patrolled.

A determined effort was also made to reduce the number of unpaid NMTA receipts held at Baimuru. This is a formidable task. Not because of the numbers involved, but because of the dearth of information which appears on the receipts. For example I have no knowledge how to trace a payee at Koriki village.

In this regard it would be helpful if a directive could be initiated to the effect that Payee's name and village be similar if not identical to that which is recorded in the census books.

  
John Irwin.  
Patrol Officer.

Patrol No.1-63/64-BAIMURU.

Appendix.A.

Health.

The health in the area remains at a good standard and once again Tuberculosis holds it's place as the problem disease.

However it is pleasing to note that patients are now showing a little less hesitancy in accepting the tedious treatment required for the cure of this disease.

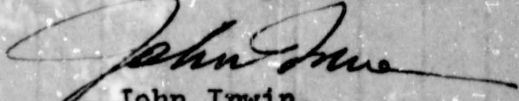
Absconders from the Kapuna hospital are also decreasing, following an intensive round up campaign, carried out during the period of the Rurari Patrol.

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Appendix B.

Report on Members of the Royal Papuan and New Guinea Constabulary who accompanied the Patrol.

Constable Moiya. No.10106.	Has improved considerably since the last patrol. Cheerful, and willing.
Constable Hahe. No. 8155.	The most forceful man on this patrol. A good asset.
Constable Baiiai.No. 8735.	Tries to do the job, but I fear he has an inferiority complex about his size.

  
John Irwin.  
Officer-in-Charge.  
Baimuru Detachment.



H.C.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of.....GILE..... Report No. 2-63/64-Baimuru.....

Patrol Conducted by..... John Irwin Patrol Officer.....

Area Patrolled..... Koraki, Iare, Kaimare and Maipua Census Divisions.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... Nil.....  
Natives..... 3 Police, 2 Interpreters, Boat Crew  
1 Clerical Asst. D.A.G. Member

Duration—From 21./8./1963 to 7./10./1963..

Number of Days..... 41.....

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services March /19..... 63

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol Follow-up. Electoral Education.....

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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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 67-2-8(PRE)

TRC:SO;

67-2-8

Dept. of Native Affairs,  
Chief District Headquarters,  
KORORUA.

5th March, 1964.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KORORUA.

BAINIRU PATROL REPORT NO. 2/63-64

District Officer,  
Gulf District,  
KORORUA.  
Report is forwarded in duplicate, please. Extracts to the relevant Departmental representatives of Kikori. Camping allowance claims have been approved and returned for payment. The comment of the Assistant District Officer at Kikori is also forwarded.

PATROL REPORT NO. 2/1963-64 - BAINIRU

In commenting upon this report, I could apply in full the contents of my 67-2-6(PRE) dated 29/11/63. Receipt of the above-mentioned patrol report is acknowledged with thanks.

The content of the report is adequately covered by your comment. The material has been reviewed throughout this District and it is noted that the content of the report is adequately covered by your comment.

I agree with Mr. Irwin's action in relation to the Ivira Island settlers. Efforts in establishing ownership of land should not be relaxed. It is unfortunate that this must be done in advanced (or even semi advanced) areas cannot be retarded or kept in abeyance to await progress in these backward areas.

The Upper Purari patrol has been delayed by Mr. Irwin's attendance at the Local Government course. In view of the misstatements which Mr. Irwin has concerning misinterpretation of the forthcoming elections, it is advisable to postpone that patrol further and again patrol the coastal areas. Without doubt the efforts now expended in the pre-Election campaign will be of great value to the Local Government survey next year.

(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

My previous remarks concerning the lack of detail on N.M.F.A. receipts continue to apply. I am inclined to instruct my officers to return to the office of origin such incomplete receipts as they come to hand. Only in this way can the essential details be provided to facilitate correct payment.

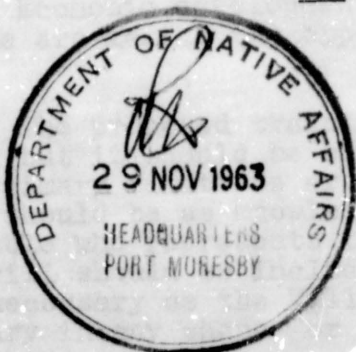
Mr. Irwin's action concerning Ivira Island settlers is correct. The matter was raised in the Oroko Council and I am now in a position to advise the Council of the facts of the matter. The question of ownership is being pursued.

I am still concerned about the delay in the Ivira Island matter which was raised in the Oroko Council. The attention of the Assistant District Officer at Kikori has already been drawn to it again.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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GRGW:SO;

In Reply  
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No. 67-2-6(PR2)

Dept. of Native Affairs,  
Gulf District Headquarters,  
KEREMA.

21st November, 1963.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU.

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*G.R.G. Wearne*

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(G.R.G. WEARNE)  
District Officer.

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GRGW:SO;

67-2-6(PR2)

Dept. of Native Affairs,  
Gulf District Headquarters,  
KEREMA.

21st November, 1963.

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(G.R.G. WEARNE)  
District Officer.

C.C.  
A.D.O. Kikori  
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Mr. J. Irwin Bainuru.

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I have always maintained that money is the best of course and the only solution to the problem is a steady inflow of money to the area. It is not possible to solve the problem in any other way. It is not possible to solve the problem in any other way. It is not possible to solve the problem in any other way.

The District Officer

1st November, 1963

MEMORANDUM

The course conducted for Village Officers was successful and it is hoped that there will be in their contact.

Sub District Office,  
KIKORI.  
Gulf District.

1st November, 1963

The District Officer,  
Gulf District,  
KEREMA.

PATROL REPORT No. 2-63/64 BAIMURU

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NATIVE AFFAIRS

Giving these people an accurate picture of the forthcoming elections and formation of a House of Assembly. We are facing the same difficulty in our area due mainly to the fact that it is such a new concept and is not sinking in. The area will be covered again before the elections and schools similar to the one recently held at Kikori will be run.

I am glad that Mr. Irwin has been insisting on village improvements, and while I agree with the policy that people should be encouraged to live their own lives on their own land where cash crops are being planted, I feel that where villages are established every effort should be made to ensure that they are hygienic and that the houses are up to standard.

Mr. Irwin's remarks on NMTA's are endorsed by myself and no doubt would be by every field officer of this Department.

IVIRA ISLAND

I visited this settlement in 1957 shortly before leaving the area and felt then that the people were best left along though housing should be improved. I agree with the action taken and approve the appointment of Village officials.

SORCERY

I have always maintained that sorcery is the product of ignorance and the only solution to the problem is education. Action under the NRO's at the best is only a makeshift solution, and seems is not one which will be with us long. It will be interesting to see how the new House of Assembly will deal with this problem.

The District Officer

1st November, 1963

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

The course conducted for Village Officials was quite successful and it is hoped that there is a general improvement in their conduct.

TRANSPORT

There is nothing to add to what has been said before, other than to note Mr. Irwin's comment on Paragraph 128 of his F.O.J.

CONCLUSION

Once again Mr. Irwin has conducted a useful patrol and it has been well reported.

*H. G. de C. Milne*  
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**Assistant District Officer**

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Departed Baimuru following departure of Catalina.  
Inspected Mariki Village 1730. T.S. patients deposited at  
hospital on the way. Slept.

Village inspected for election preparation. Some disor-  
der in the village. Slept.

Village inspected and improvement instructions issued.  
Afternoon spent in arbitrating disputes and civil claims.  
Slept.

Office continued until 1000. 1000-1500 Electoral  
preparation, with newly acquired pictures. Savings books  
inspected and S.M.A.'s checked. Slept.

Prize camp 1730- patrol gear to Ruby at Mariki via  
Beach. Evidence taken from one European and a large number  
of Europeans re non-payment of wages etc. (See police Investig-  
ations.)  
Patrol departed in Ruby at 1930 hrs. Arrived Napalo  
via barbed passage at 1800. Camp set up-Heavy rain. Slept.

0830-Departed in dingy with leave Constable for level  
No. 1 Village. Arrived 1100. Initial election talk to  
Papuan Villagers. Returned to Napalo 1530. Heavy rain all  
day. Ruberl in flood.  
Coffee seed distributed to Napalo coffee growers. Slept.

Heavy rain continues. Villages inspected. Thirteen  
prosecutions filed in afternoon. Further courts until 1930.

Further courts till midnight. Patrol taking and reading.  
Passbooks examined and a number retained for inspection.  
1800-1800 further electoral talk given. Slept.

Further heavy rain. Patrol 51500 now flooding into  
village. S.M.A.'s checked. Pre talk to Village Officials.  
Informed budding entrepreneurs of fundamentals of business.  
Departed 1800 for old base-arrived 1900 hrs.



Patrol No.2-63/64-BAIMURU.

DIARY

Wednesday.

21-8-63.

Departed Baimuru following departure of Catalina. Arrived Kairimai Village 1730- T.B. patients deposited at Kapuna Hospital on the way. Slept.

Thursday.

22-8-63.

Kairimai village inspected. Bank books retained for interest. NMTA payments checked. Courts and disputes heard in afternoon. Slept.

Friday.

23-8-63.

Village assembled for Election education. Some discussion on the problem of land scarcity. 1030. Departed on high tide for Kaiaravi Village in the Kuare Passage. Village inspected-improvement instructions issued. Discussions of village problems in afternoon. No complaints.

Saturday.

24-8-63.

Village assembled and Electoral talk given. Departed on a rising tide for Mapaio Village. Full afternoon spent in freeing Ruby from sand bars. Unable to reach Mapaio-returned Baimuru arriving 1930.

25-8-63

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30-8-63.

Electoral Education Programme at Baimuru with Registration Officer-Gulf Electorate.

30-8-63.

To Mariki and Kaimare to advise altered patrol dates. Slept Kaimare.

4-9-63.

Wednesday.

To Mariki from Baimuru in dinghy. Repairs to Ruby manifold completed by Mr.K.Tetley. Patrol gear carried around the beach to Kaimare Rest House. Slept.

Thursday.

5-9-63.

Village inspected and improvement instructions issued. Afternoon spent in arbitrating disputes and civil claims.

Friday.

6-9-63.

Courts continued until 1000. 1000-1500 Electoral education, with newly acquired pictures. Saving Books inspected and NMTA's checked. Slept.

Saturday.

7-9-63.

Broke camp 0730- patrol gear to Ruby at Mariki via beach. Evidence taken from one European and a large number of Papuans re non-payment of wages etc.(See Police Investigations.)

Patrol departed in Ruby at 1030 hrs. Arrived Mapaio via bottom passage at 1600. Camp set up-Heavy rain. Slept.

Sunday.

8-9-63.

0830-Departed in dinghy with leave Constable for Pawai No.1 Village. Arrived 1100. Initial election talk to Purari Villagers. Returned to Mapaio 1500. Heavy rain all day. Purari in flood.

Coffee seed distributed to Mapaio coffee growers. Slept.

Monday.

9-9-63.

Heavy rain continues. Villages inspected. Thirteen prosecutions heard in afternoon. Further courts until 1900.

Tuesday.

10-9-63.

Further courts this morning. Patrol making and mending. Passbooks examined and a number retained for interest. 1600-1800 further electoral talk given. Slept.

Wednesday.

11-9-63.

Further heavy rain. Purari River now flooding into village. NMTA's checked. Pep talk to Village Officials. Informed budding entrepreneurs of fundamentals of business. Departed 1000 for Old Iare-arrived 1200hrs.

Wednesday.  
11-9-63.

Village inspected in afternoon, resulting in eight prosecutions in C.N.M. Remainder of afternoon spent in fitting and installing a new rudder key on the Ruby.

Thursday.  
12-9-63.

0730 to Baimuru in dinghy to obtain further Patrol advance and to hear a court case from the top of the Purari. Station personnel paid-arrived Old Iare 1630 after calling at Kapuna Hospital. Remainder of afternoon spent in outboard maintenance. Heavy rain.

Friday.  
13-9-63.

Inspection of Ravikaupara and Ravikivau on opposite side of the river to rest house. Four prosecutions and further instructions issued. Further courts in afternoon. Passbooks examined. Initial election talk.

Saturday.  
14-9-63.

0800-1400. Election education of combined villages. A few minor disputes settled in afternoon. Majority of patrol resting.

Sunday.  
15-9-63.

0800 departed Old Iare. Arrived Ravikivau No.2 at 1000. Self and Const. Timerege to Ivira Island. Missing Supreme Court witness located and taken by dinghy to Arehava. Walked to Ihu via the beach, where witness was handed over to ADO Burge. Slept.

Monday.  
16-9-63.

Witness to Kerema per Magila. Returned to Arehava and thence to patrol camp-arriving 1700.

Tuesday.  
17-9-63.

Village inspected. Passbooks examined. Supplementary election talk given. Remainder of afternoon spent on Diary and routine administration.

Wednesday.  
18-9-63.

0730 departed Ravikivau No.2 for Maipua. Arrived 0830. Village inspected-no complaints. Visited newly opened SDA Mission school. Minor disputes heard in afternoon. Also investigated complaints re Arehava people living at Ivira. Rifle range set up on beach and Police members of patrol given rifle practice.

Thursday.  
19-9-63.

0800 Election education for people of Apiopi and Aivei villages. Further discussions on Ivira in afternoon.

Friday.  
20-9-63.

0830 departed Maipua per Ruby. Arrived Ivira Island 1000. Ruby anchored off-shore and patrol crossed by dinghy. Village inspected. Village officials appointed pending confirmation. Housing instructions issued. Dispute between Maipua people and Ivira heard and settled. (For further information see Squatters.) Electoral education course held for remainder of afternoon. Slept.

Saturday.  
21-9-63.

Repairs to outboard motor. Working on patrol report and diary. Ruby taking on fresh water.

Sunday.  
22-9-63.

Observed.

Monday.  
23-9-63.

To Kapai per Ruby. Patrol gear carried around the beach to Rest House. Fuel tank removed from Ruby and attempt to solder large hole-partially successful. Village inspected. Slept.

Tuesday.  
24-9-63.

A tiresome day of petty disputes and minor complaints Completed 1730. Slept.

Wednesday.  
25-9-63.

0730 People assembled for Electoral talk, continued until 1130. Patrol departed for Maipenairu-arriving 1300. Village inspected and instructions issued where necessary. Remainder of afternoon spent in hearing the many village troubles brought to the patrol.

Initial Election talk given to interested people in the Rest House during the evening.

Thursday.  
26-9-63.

0800 people assembled for Election talk. Village also addressed on duties of Village Officials.

1430 departed in dinghy for Urika Mission Station to hear pig court. Stayed for dinner with Pastor Mika.

Friday.  
27-9-63.

Further courts in the morning. Passbooks collected for insertion of interest. NMMA payments checked. New V.C. appointed pending confirmation. Departed in Ruby via Urika passage for Akoma. Arrived 1600-camp set up village inspected.

Saturday.  
28-9-63.

By dinghy to Mariki for radio conversation with District Officer-unsuccessful. Thence to Baimuru for Ruby engine oil and soldering flux. Slept.

Sunday.  
29-9-63.

Returned to Akoma with oil etc. Remainder of day observed.

Monday.  
30-9-63.

Courts and minor disputes heard during the morning. Village assembled for electoral talk in afternoon, completed 1800.

Tuesday.  
1-10-63.

Further minor disputes heard. Passbooks collected. NMTA payments checked. Supplementary election talk given following request for same by village people. Departed for Ikinu Village 1230-arriving 1300.

Village inspected. NMTA payments checked and Passbooks collected. Remainder of day soldering Ruby fuel tank again-more succes this time.

Wednesday.  
2-10-63.

0830-1230 Election talk. Further disputes heard in the early afternoon. Departed 1600 for Kinipo arriving 1730. Camp set up. Evening spent on Patrol Report and discussions with Village Constable.

Thursday.  
3-10-63.

Village inspected at high tide. Four prosecutions and further instructions issued. Courts till 1430. Court adjourned to an area about 2 hours walk from the village to re-convene on a dispute involving canoe logs.

Friday.  
4-10-63.

0730 The four villages in this group assembled for election talk. Further talk in afternoon. Passbooks collected, NMTA's checked. Slept.

Saturday.  
5-10-63.

0900 patrol crossed to Barea Village. Camp set up and Ruby withdrew to anchor in a safe spot. Village inspected and improvement instructions issued. Courts and minor disputes heard. Passbooks collected. Evening spent on Patrol Report.

Sunday.  
6-10-63.

0900 People assembled after church for election talk. Further talk and questions in afternoon till 1600. Remainder of day observed.

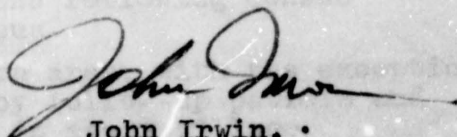
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0730 departed Barea Village for Baimuru. Arrived

PATROL COMPLETED.



John Irwin.  
Patrol Officer.

The two main objects of this Patrol were (1) Following up the previous Tax/Census Patrol of the area and (2) the conducting of Electoral Education Classes in each village. To this end the Patrol stayed at least two days in every village area, and frequently as many as three or four. In general, courts, disputes and routine administration was handled first, so that the best impression left in the village was that of the Electoral Education classes.

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Introduction.

It was found impossible to maintain the Patrol Programme drawn up for this station, owing to disruptions caused by the Electoral Education Course held at Baimuru, and the number of thwarted visits made by the Gulf Electorate Returning Officer.

This somewhat lengthy patrol has combined two normally shorter patrols, and has covered the following Census Divisions:- Koriki, Iare, Kaimare, and Maipua.

The whole of the Baimuru area, with the exception of the Purari River, has now been covered by follow-up patrols and Electoral Education Courses have been held in every village.

The Purari River Patrol is scheduled to leave Baimuru on 1st November, 1963.

Native Affairs.

The two main objects of this Patrol were:-

- (1) Following up the previous Tax/Census Patrols of the area  
and (2) The conducting of Electoral Education Courses in each village.

To this end the Patrol stayed at least two days in every village area, frequently as many as three or four. In general, courts, disputes and routine administration were dealt with first, so that the last impression left in the village, was that of the forthcoming elections.

The Patrol was well received in all villages, often this welcome being manifested in the present of a pig or fowls. This was not done on any of the previous patrols, and appears to signify a general acceptance of, and contentment with the Administration of the area.

However, I also feel that such presents have a direct relationship to the talks given on the 1964 Elections. Almost as though they have suddenly found the answer to all their past problems, and therefore can afford to be untypically generous.

I feel certain, that in some instances, the whole substance of the Election has been mis-interpreted. For example, the people of Mapaio Village, even went so far as to say that the Administration was tricking them. This was finally straightened out. Under the circumstances, when it is considered that this area does not even have ~~an~~ a Local Government Council, such a big step forward is liable to lead to some confusion at least.

In view of this, I propose to carry out a further Educational Patrol in January, of all villages in the area. This patrol will again press home the basic facts of the election, and clear up any persistent misconceptions. The lack of transport prevents this patrol from being undertaken until after the Purari Patrol finishes in December.

The follow-up section of the Patrol was mainly concerned with village conditions and the compliance with previous improvement instructions. In general the standard of village cleanliness and appearance is improving in the area. A number of prosecutions for failing to comply with such instructions were dealt with in the Court of Native Matters.

Much of the Patrol's time was also devoted to the settling of minor disputes and petty troubles. These do not seem to be decreasing at all and are generally similar in all villages. They are concerned ~~with~~ mainly with non-payment of small debts, non-payment of compensation for pig killing, non-payment of compensation for destroying canoes, etc, etc ad infinitum.

Courts of a more serious nature, I am happy to say were few. One case of obscene language, and one case of false evidence was dealt with.

Commonwealth Saving Bank Passbooks were examined in every village and the majority retained for the insertion of interest. It is now anticipated that all Baimuru depositors, still living in the area, and whose names appeared on the Depositor's Unclaimed Fund will now be deleted.

( Native Affairs. (Contd.)

The Mapaio Village people once again gave insight to their intellect in the matter of Passbook collections. Despite the fact that they were given a receipt for their books, they expressed the view that the Administration was going to take their savings and give them to someone else. This matter was also straightened out after some difficulty.

NMTA payments were also checked in every village, and payments effected where possible. ~~Howing~~ However owing to the appalling dirth of information these were few. Some of the receipts held by this office lack (a) Name of the person who deposited the money, (b) Payee's father's name, (c) payee's village, (d) payee's Sub-district and (e) signature of collector. As was explained before the lack of such information makes it virtually impossible to effect payment with any safety.

Settlement Ivira Island.

In order to apprehend a missing Supreme Court witness, a visit was made to Ivira Island for the first time. During previous patrols of this area I was informed that the island was in the Ihu Sub-District, and consequently it was not visited.

I have since learned that it marks the boundary of the Kikori Sub-District, and is administered from Baimuru. The settlement has grown up around an L.M.S. Aid post, and to all accounts appears to be a refuge for tax evaders etc.

Housing is sub-standard, even for this area, many dwellings being mere windbreaks built on the beach.

A village inspection was carried out and the former villages of the inhabitants ascertained. Most of the population come from the villages of Old Iare, Mapaio and Maipua, while there are five families from the Ihu Sub-District.

The island was originally settled by ancestors of the Maipua, Iare and Arehava(Ihu) people, who lived together. When the old people died, the children gradually drifted away from the island to other villages, until only a handful of descendants was left. I also understand that an Administration Medical Officer was stationed on the island for some time during the war, and that there is a strip of Administration owned land in the centre of the island. About this time strong winds and heavy seas started to wash away the beach, and the place was nigh on deserted. About ten years ago new deposits of sand were accumulated, and with the improving of the island, the population started to return.

Since then, I think it has been left pretty much on its own as far as Administration is concerned, and due to the lack of population has never been censused as a village. With the erection of the Aidpost, the population, although shifting has grown considerably, on this visit over 70 people were counted.

The people were all consulted as to whether they wished to return to their villages, or whether they wished to remain at Ivira. They ~~chose~~ chose the latter, and pending confirmation and further advices, Village Officials were appointed and village improvement instructions issued. The situation of the village is good, and if there are no objections to this settlement, I anticipate a fairly model village being established.

A number of courts were dealt with here, and the people assembled for Election discussions.

Sorcery.

The fear of sorcery appears to be quite strong in many of the coastal villages, particularly in the Maipua Census Division. Nearly all deaths and sickness are blamed on this phenomena, although no one is willing or capable to point out the sorcerers. There is not much heard about sorcery on the more inland villages, but doubtless it's influence is just as strong in those areas.

A case in point occurred in Maipenairu Village, where it will be remembered that an alleged murder case is pending on the exhumation of the deceased. Since then two of the alleged murderers relatives have died, both deaths being blamed on sorcery.

Native Affairs.(contd.)

Sorcery.

The alleged murderer, himself a Village Constable, is so scared by the deaths, that he has resigned his position and moved to healthier climes.

There is nothing that can be done about such occurrences, unless the affected people are prepared to name the alleged sorcerer.

Economic Development.

During this patrol, the new store of the Kaimare Native Society was inspected. The building is of permanent materials, and is well constructed. At the time of inspection the store was nearing completion, but I have since learned that it is now finished and that the village is waiting for me to open it for them. This will be done as soon as possible.

At Mapaio Village five trade stores were inspected, none of which had any stock. Considerable time was devoted by the patrol in discussing such business ventures. However I fear that the advice given will not be heeded, and that most of these businesses will result either in failure or litigation.

A notable exception, was the small but well stocked store at Old Iare, which is run by one Moko-Bai'i. This store was established since the last patrol of the area, and appears to be operating at a profit.

The small amount of coffee seed obtained from Kerema, was distributed to growers at Mapaio, and requests for further supplies were received by the patrol.

Village copra production is increasing, partly through the efforts of co-operatives, and partly due to the increase in numbers of individual producers. Most of the copra produced by the latter group is shipped through Gulf Traders Mariki. Copra driers (smoke type) were observed and inspected in almost all villages.

Income from crocodile skins remains static at a fairly low level.

The Mariki sawmill is once again operating and large quantities of timber are bought on Native Timber Authorities. Full benefit of this source of income is not being used by the village people, due to the fact that considerable undersized and therefore useless timber, is offered for sale.

The trading of sago with Port Moresby is increasing and as in the past, disputes over the division of profits are already occurring. This is a profitable income, if only it is handled as a business, rather than a pleasure trip. Discussions were also held on this subject in interested villages. The present custom, is to send someone in with the sago to arrange it's sale and to bring back the profits. However more often than not, this poor fellow ends up as the sapegoat for every missing shilling and every angry woman, who feels that she should have received more than she did.

There is virtually no other economic development in the area.

Agriculture.

Agricultural progress remains static, centring around the production of the staple crop-sago. The proposed patrol of the area by DASF, due in October, is being eagerly awaited, as these people have had no contact with this department for some time. I can only hope that they will not be disappointed.

Education.

Schools in the area covered by this patrol are solely mission operated, belonging either to the L.M.S or the S.D.A. Mission. The only village without a school is that of Kapai, which has been abandoned by the L.M.S.

A new S.D.A. school was inspected at the village of Apiopi. This school is run by a Papuan teacher and at present has 27 pupils. English is taught at the school.

Education (contd.)

The boarding school run by the L.M.S. ~~xxxxxxx~~ at Urika near Maipenairu, was also visited. This school is in the charge of a Samoan Pastor.

The L.M.S. teacher at Akoma complained of the lack of attendance by some of his pupils. Parents of the offenders were told that it was good for their children to go to school, and they were encouraged to compel attendance in future.

The Samoan Pastor at Urika said he was short of some school materials and requested help from the school at Baimuru. This request will be passed onto the teacher in charge.

A number of new native material classrooms were inspected, these are usually quite adequate while new, but age rapidly.

Five children who had removed themselves from the Primary T School Baimuru were persuaded to return.

Roads and Bridges.

Apart from the tracks around the beaches to coastal villages, these are non-existent.

Villages.

The coastal villages are still maintaining their superior appearance to those further inland. This is easy to understand however as they are built on sand, while their counterparts are built in the main, over mud.

General village appearance is improving, but it is a slow process. The villages at Old Iare have not improved very much since last patrol and further prosecutions were necessary.

A feature of the majority of these villages, including those on the coast, is that they are covered by water at high tide.

The best village group in the area is Apiopi-Aivei in the Maipua Census Division.

Village Officials.

Again appeared to be helpful, but the state of ~~most~~ of the villages ~~indicates~~ indicates that this is only in the face of the patrol.

Two resignations were received, one from Maipenairu and one from Kinipo. These positions have been replaced, pending confirmation from Headquarters. There is also a new appointee for the settlement at Ivira.

Owing to the general lack of forcefulness on the part of Village Officials, and the uncertainty of the scope of ~~the~~ their job, a refresher course is proposed at Baimuru.

This course will run from 14-10-63 to 18-10-63 and will be attended by all Village Constables. It is intended to cover such things as:- Care of Uniform, Village inspections, Duties, Court Procedure, and Drill. I think that all concerned will benefit from such a course and further comments on Village Officials will be forwarded after it's completion.

Missions.

The area patrolled is served by two missions, the London Missionary Society and the Seventh Day Adventists. The former are by far more numerous.

Relations in general with both mission remain good.

Water Transport.

As will be seen from the Diary, considerable trouble was experienced with the M.V. Ruby. Firstly the manifold had to be brazed, and this is only partially ~~successful~~ successful, owing to the age of the metal. A new manifold will have to be fitted. A new rudder key had to be fitted and this is now working well. Both the fuel and oil tanks have developed bad leaks, and are defying permanent solder repairs so far.

The patrol also had the use of an aluminium dinghy which allowed great manouvability. This dinghy was used in conjunction with my own motor, as there are now no serviceable outboards at Baimuru.



Water Transport.(contd.)

It was found that the Akoma Passage was becoming overgrown with biri branches making navigation very difficult. Further instructions were issued to the people of Akoma Village that this passage had to be cleared and maintained. This passage was initially cleared by Gulf Traders, on the understanding that it's maintenance would be the responsibility of Akoma.

Police Investigations.

While the patrol was at Kaimare, statements were taken from eight persons, including one European, concerning alleged non-payment of wages. The statements were directed against W.Bowe, crocodile shooter, and will be forwarded in the first instance to Sub-district Office, Kikori.

Statements were also taken in an alleged stealing case, in which the complainant is also M. Bowe.

Conclusion.

With the exception of the Purari area, all villages have now been re-visited by follow-up patrols. Electoral education courses have also been completed in all villages. However the courses carried out in the villages covered by Patrol No.1-63/64 were without the assistance of the flip charts, which were only recently received. It is proposed to cover these villages again working in conjunction with the charts.

*John Irwin*  
John Irwin.  
Patrol Officer.

Appendix A. Health.

The general health of the area remains good, and requires no further comment, additional to previous reports.

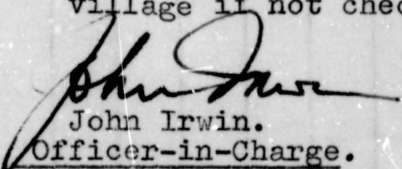
All Aidposts in the area were inspected and found to be clean and well stocked. No complaints were brought to the notice of the Patrol by any of the medical orderlies.

Appendix B. Report on members of the R.P.&N.G.C. who accompanied patrol.

Constable Timerege. No.8649. Capable and handled all tasks with efficiency. Conduct good.

Constable Barita. No.10,094 Smart and efficient. A good unit for river patrols.

Constable Dae. No.10,056. Carries out his duties well, but inclined to wander off into the village if not checked.

  
John Irwin.  
Officer-in-Charge.

Appendix.C. Squatters.

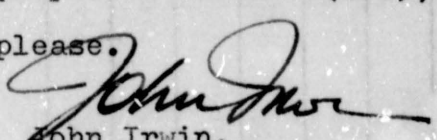
In the body of this report, mention is made of a settlement of 70 odd people at Ivira Island on the border of Ihu and Kikori sub-districts.

Since returning to the office, a map has been located which tends to indicate that this land is owned by the Administration.

It would be appreciated if a check could be made on the following numbers. D.A.1408 and D.A. 1450, which appear to apply to the land in question.

The origin of these people are-Arehava(Ihu), Maipua and Old Iare village.

For further advices please.

  
John Irwin.  
Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of GULF Report No. BAINURU 3/63-64

Patrol Conducted by J. IERWIN P.O.

Area Patrolled BAINURU PATROL POST AREA

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives.....

Duration—From 3./...1./1964 to 3./...2./1964

Number of Days 29

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol ELECTORAL EDUCATION

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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67-2-17

14th May, 1964.

District Officer,  
Gulf District,  
KEREMA.

PATROL REPORT NO. 3-63/64 - BAIURU.


Receipt of the abovementioned report is acknowledged with thanks.

I agree that it will take many years of instruction to develop in the people a full appreciation of the democratic process.

I am gratified to note that the dinghy with the outboard motor was an effective means of transport.

I agree that the film strip can be greatly improved. A film using natural colour and natural people in their own environment was made, but it was too late for distribution. However, it is hoped we learn from our mistakes.

I hope Mr. Irwin has completely recovered from his illness.

  
J. K. McCarthy,  
DIRECTOR.

67.2.17



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 67.2.6(PR.3)

Department of Native Affairs,  
Gulf District Headquarters,  
KEREMA.

17th April, 1964

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU.

BAIMURU PATROL REPORT No. 3/63-64

Attached please find the report of a patrol carried out by Mr. Patrol Officer Irwin for Electoral Education purposes through the Baimuru Patrol Post area.

Remarks under the headings Teaching Aids and Appreciation and Attitude are similar to those made by other officers conducting Electoral Education programmes and are to be collated and forwarded you on a District basis together with my comments.

As pointed out in Mr. Wearne's covering letter to Baimuru Patrol Report No. 2/1963 it was necessary again to cover this area with electoral education patrolling as it was obvious that the former education patrols did not obtain the results desired. From Mr. Irwin's remarks, which I find refreshingly frank, it is apparent that the importance of the political progress being made in constitutional development in the Territory is not fully grasped in the villages and is a conception which will take many years of unrelenting propaganda and instruction for the average villager to assimilate.

The unserviceability of the 'Ruby' is being taken up with the A.D.O., Kikori.

(B. BUNTING),  
a/District Officer.

c.c. A.D.O., Kikori  
O.I.C., Baimuru

67-2-3

Sub-District Office,  
KIKORI,  
Gulf District.

3rd April, 1964

The District Officer,  
Gulf District,  
KEREMA.

BAIMUHU Patrol Report No. 3/63-64.

Attached please find the original and 2 copies of the above report submitted by Mr. J. Irwin.

2. This patrol covered most of the area administered from BAIMUHU and its main object was to disseminate propaganda for the House of Assembly elections.

3. It is hoped that the introduction of Local Government will give these people a better grasp of the ideas and methods involved in a democratic election.

4. Camping Allowance claims are attached for your certification please.



(W.J.G. Lambden.)  
Assistant District Officer.

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DIARY.

Patrol No. 3 63/64-BAIMURU.

Friday.  
3-1-64.

Departed Baimuru per dinghy and canoe for Kararua Village. Election talk 1500-1700. Further Electoral Education in evening. (2000-2200).

Saturday.  
4-1-64.

0700 to Baimuru to start tractor for new PWD driver. D.C.A. advised that strip now being cut. Returned to Kararua. 1200-1600 talk on House of Assembly and background to elections. Night spent in village.

Sunday.  
5-1-64.

Patrol gear packed in canoe and moved to Unau Village. Self to Baimuru to give strip report and for conversation with Gulf Electorate Returning Officer. 1100 returned to village. Electoral Education held in village 1300-1700. Discussions with people on co-operative shares and other general topics in evening. Slept.

Monday.  
6-1-64.

0730 Revision of electoral education and mock elections until 1000. Courts of Native Matters heard in afternoon. Electoral strip film shown in evening. (1900-2100.)

Tuesday.  
7-1-64.

0700 Patrol gear packed and forwarded to Amepoke village. Self to Office to dispatch essential Treasury and Electoral mail. Thence to Amepoke via Begoro and Pakemuba, advising people of patrol dates. Village greatly improved. Preliminary electoral discussions in afternoon, strip film shown in evening for one hour, before heavy rain caused postponement.

Wednesday.  
8-1-64.

Electoral education with flip charts and mock election. Posters erected showing polling dates at Baimuru Static Booth. Courts heard in afternoon. Heavy rain and strong winds late afternoon. Two houses blown over. Electoral strip film shown in evening. 2030-2230.

Thursday.  
9-1-64.

0830 departed Amepoke for Kemei Village. Courts and disputes heard in village. Electoral instruction using flip charts, followed by mock elections. Dispute over ownership of canoe log settled in afternoon. Strip film shown in evening. Slept.

Friday.  
10-1-64.

1030 departed Kemei after revision of electoral talks and questions on the film. To Begoro Village, a break-away from Kaimare. Village not yet up to scratch and an extension of one month was given. Electoral talks given, followed by film in evening. Slept in village.

Saturday.  
11-1-64.

Departed for Koravake Village, arriving 1100. Village in good order and showing further improvement. Electoral talk in afternoon 1400-1700. Films shown in evening 2000-2200.

Sunday.  
12-1-64.

0800 dinghy dispatched to Ara'ava to arrest escapee from Kikori. 1000 returned with prisoner. Further Electoral instruction 1100-1300. 1430-1630 further talks to a group who admitted they did not understand the elections. Film shown again between 2000-2100. Night in village.

DIARY.  
Patrol No 3-63/64-BAIMURU.

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- Monday.  
13-1-64. Courts of Native Matters and general disputes heard, Also a number of requests by wives, for their husbands to return from Moresby. Tentative appointment of Village Constable to fill a vacancy caused by death. Canoe sent to Baimuru with prisoner, and also to bring a sick child to Kapuna Hospital. Short Electoral education talk to labour employed by A.P.C. at Beara. Returned to Koravake.
- Tuesday.  
14-1-64. Meeting with Goaribari squatters on Koravake land, resulted in them returning to their own area without incident. Returned to Koravake to hear further courts. 1600-1800 Electoral talks given to A.P.C. labour line, shooting parties etc. Returned to Koravake.
- Wednesday.  
15-1-64. To Baimuru to meet A.D.O. Kikori and await Returning Officer. Electoral discussions with Returning Officer and ADO in afternoon and evening.
- Thursday.  
16-1-64. Returning Officer departed. Self and ADO to Ara'ava Village. Camp set up and initial electoral talks given. Arranged with Dr. Calvert of Kapuna Hospital for conduct of Post Mortem at Maipenairu. Returned Ara'ava slept.
- Friday.  
17-1-64. 0800 to Maipenairu with ADO and Dr. Calvert. Investigation of Moresby land purchase. Exhumation of Eria-Auwa. Advised dates of Electoral Education-returned to Ara'ava.
- Saturday.  
18-1-64. 0630 ADO departed for Baimuru thence Kikori. 0800 Urgent courts heard. Electoral Education with flip charts and mock election.(1200-1600). Film shown in evening.1900-2100.
- Sunday.  
19-1-64. 0900 Patrol departed for Kairimai. One prisoner to Baimuru with Village Constable. Electoral Education with flip chart and mock election till 1330. Film shown in evening 2000-2200.
- Monday.  
20-1-64. 0730 Canoe and Patrol gear direct to Mepaio. Self via Kaiaravi. Many absentees. Flip chart and mock elections used for electoral instruction. Thence to Mepaio Village arriving 1100. Electoral education commenced 1400 after considerable delay in assembling the village people. Courts heard in afternoon. Strip film shown in evening 1930-2200. Some pertinent questions asked.
- Tuesday.  
21-1-64. 0830 departed for Old Iare, arriving 0930-village once again in shocking state. Village officials prosecuted for not complying with instructions. People assembled from both sides of river for Electoral education. Very poor response. To Ravikivau NO.2 in afternoon to investigate case of assault. Returned to Old Iare 1800. Film shown in evening 1930-2100.
- Wednesday.  
22-1-64. 0600 to Baimuru to loan canoe to Hydrographers and re-arrange patrol gear. Arrangements made to return Kikori school pupils. Slept.
- Thursday.  
23-1-64. Full day on Courts of Native Matters, which had accumulated on station. Projector battery re-charged. Slept.
- Friday.  
24-1-64. Patrol departed to Kaimare ~~after~~ 1300 after bringing Medical assistance to local resident who collapsed this morning. Discussions with Presiding Officer and officials of Marik Static Booth. Night in village.



DIARY.

Patrol No. 3-63/64 BAIMURU.

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Saturday.  
25-1-64.

Electoral Education at Kaimare Village, using flip charts and mock election. Completed 1600. Strip film shown in evening, attended by Mariki Presiding Officer. 1930-2130.

Sunday.  
26-1-64.

Patrol departed Kaimare for Barea Village. Self made radio contact with Returning Officer at 1000, thence to Barea. Electoral discussions in afternoon, followed by film in evening.

Monday.  
27-1-64.

Australia Day Holiday. Patrol departed to Kinipo. Electoral Education conducted. Self with fever in afternoon. Film shown in evening before heavy storm.

Tuesday.  
28-1-64.

Departed for Ikiku. Self in bed with Temperature 105. Film shown in evening by Interpreter.

Wednesday.  
29-1-64.

Self to Kapuna Hospital for treatment-suspected Dengue Fever.

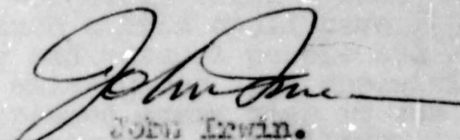
Friday.  
31-1-64.

Departed Kapuna to organise visit to remaining villages by Patrol and Interpreter. Returned to Baimuru to bed after advising D.O., A.D.O. and Returning Officer of position.

Monday.  
3-2-64.

Remaining patrol personnel returned to station, having advised villages of election dates, and showing flip charts and film.

Patrol Completed.

  
John Irwin.  
Patrol Officer.

Introduction.

Due to the fact that previous Electoral Education patrols had met with only partial success, this present patrol was undertaken with the sole object of increasing the knowledge and improving the attitude of the area, towards the House of Assembly elections.

To this end, courts, village inspections and other normal patrol routines were cut to a minimum.

Transport.

Because the Administration vessel "Ruby" was out of commission the patrol relied on one canoe, (10hp Archimedes) and one dinghy, (40hp Evinrude) for transportation. This arrangement proved highly effective, and the whole of the Delta area was effectively covered within the space of one month.

Teaching Aids.

The patrol had the use of illustrated flip charts, Flannel graphs and a strip film and projector. Tape-recorders and loud hailer were not available, and no report can be made of their effectiveness.

The flannel graph proved unreliable as it was seriously affected by wind.

During the day, the illustrated flip ~~and~~ chart was used with considerable success, although the pictures were too small when talking to large groups of people.

Following upon these talks, simulated elections were held, and instruction given on the marking of the ballot paper. Both blackboard and specimen ballot papers were used in this phase.

In the evenings, strip film was shown from the projector. The novelty effect of films in the village is very great, though the standard of the strip film, I feel leaves much to be desired. Surely such a film could have been produced locally, using colour and natural people and environment, rather than black and white ghost like apparitions?

However a full audience appeared every time it was shown and laughs were plentiful. For example one village when asked what three figures standing in the polling booth, marking their ballot papers, were doing, replied: "They are sleeping." It would appear that the people of this village sleep standing up.

Posters depicting a ballot box and the appropriate date of the forthcoming election, were painted and placed in each village.

Appreciation and Attitude.

The patrol found, that little had been retained of previous electoral talks. This problem of retention seems to be the main obstacle confronting electoral education. It appears obvious that in this area, which has had no Local Government experience, that the main reason for this, was that patrols tried to teach too much. A more simplified programme omitting much of the background and concentrating mainly on the mechanics of voting, would have been more easily absorbed by the majority of people. In this regard the teaching aids were also complex and inclined to be abstract in many instances.

Very few questions were asked at any of the villages, and it was difficult to encourage participation by women, who preferred to sit in the background and say nothing. The fact that questions were few, was not an indication that they understood this new concept, but rather that it was completely beyond their grasp.

In some areas the elections were associated with local government councils, although this was more common during the first patrol of the area.

No candidates were proposed from the Baimuru area, until it was too late, and there was general concern as to whether a candidate from another area would look after the people from Baimuru.

It was pointed out that the final answer to this lay with the voters, and that if an elected member failed in his obligations, it was unlikely that he would be re-elected.

The village of Mapaiso, once again displayed an indifferent attitude, bordering on apathy. It took two hours to assemble this large village for electoral talks, which were then constantly interrupted by talking and general restlessness.

This village at present seems to be caught up in a cold war between the two mission factions represented. Petty complaints were made by the S.D.A. against the L.M.S. and vice versa. Most of this trouble centres around the LMS aidpost, which the S.D.A. people say will not treat people of their faith. This charge was investigated and appears to be groundless.

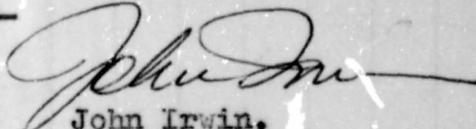
In all other villages the education programme was well received, but it's effectiveness will only be gauged by the success of the polling.

Conclusion.

This report has of necessity been of no great length. The educational programme differed little from village to village, the only incidents worthy of comment being those preceding.

It is unfortunate that towards the end of the patrol I contracted a fever which required me to seek medical treatment. I was therefore unable to visit three villages to conduct electoral education.

However these villages were visited by the poll clerk and interpreter, and as they have had the experience of two patrols on this subject, I feel sure that they were able to impart the essentials at the very least.

  
John Irwin.  
Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Gulf Report No. 4-63/64 Baimuru

Patrol Conducted by John Irwin. Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Purari/Delta Area

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 1 Clerical Asst. 2 Interpreters. 2 Police.

1 Boat's Crew.

Duration—From 13/2/1964 to 14/3/1964

Number of Days 31

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by District Services 1/1/19

Medical 1/18

Map Reference .....

Objects of Patrol Polling House of Assembly Elections.

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

1/19

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 .....

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference

If calling ask for

Mr.

67-2-6 (PR 4)

Department of Native Affairs,  
Gulf District Headquarters,  
KEREMA.

2nd July, 1964

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT No. 4-63/64 - BAIMURU

Your 67-2-18 of 18th May, 1964 refers.

O.I.C. Baimuru advises :

"ample opportunity was given for nominations to be received. I can only construe the fact that none were forthcoming, was a result of lack of understanding.

A further Educational Patrol was undertaken in the area, and following this a number of nominations were proposed.

However by this time the period for nominations to be received, had expired."

For your information.



(B. BUNTING),  
a/District Officer.

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67-2-18

18th May, 1964.

District Officer,  
Gulf District,  
KUREMA.

PATROL REPORT NO. 4-63/64 - BAIMURU

Receipt of the abovementioned report is acknowledged with thanks.

The officer concerned in the patrol carried out his work with fortitude, displaying common sense.

Were the people given ample opportunity to nominate candidates?

The people's reaction to Mr. Tetley's action in seeking votes is amusing and certainly indicates that they have minds of their own.

I am sure the use of aircraft created a lasting impression on the people.

Please congratulate Mr. Irwin on his constructive comment concerning equipment.

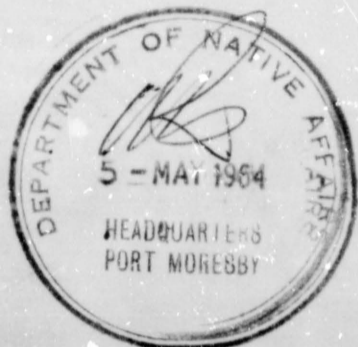
*J. K. McCarthy*  
(S. MURPHY),  
District Officer.  
**J. K. McCarthy,  
DIRECTOR.**

C. S. A. E. C. Kiroki  
C. I. C. Baimuru



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 67.2.6(PR.4)

Department of Native Affairs,  
Gulf District Headquarters,  
KEREMA.

30th April, 1964

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU.

BAIMURU PATROL REPORT No. 4/63-64

Attached please find report of an election patrol carried out in the Purari/Delta area by Messrs. Irwin and O'Brien.

The comments on the elections in the introductory portion of the report are similar to others received. They will be collated in the District comments and need not therefore be commented on here.

The patrol was well carried out in the face of difficult conditions.

(B. BUNTING),  
a/District Officer.

Encl.

c.c. A.D.O. Kikori  
O.I.C. Baimuru

67-2-3

Sub-District Office,  
KIKORI,  
Gulf District.

11th April, 1964.

The District Officer,  
Gulf District,  
KEPENA.

Patrol Report Baimuru 4/63-64.

The above report submitted by Mr. Irwin, Patrol Officer is attached for your information please.

- 2. The main object of the patrol was to conduct polling for the 1964 House of Assembly elections.
- 3. Mr. Irwin has detailed various difficulties encountered with the conduct of the poll and with equipment issued to the mobile polling teams. This should prove valuable information for future elections.
- 4. Although some of the people appeared to have little idea of what was involved in the election they have gained valuable experience for future polls. The introduction of Local Government should give them further political knowledge.
- 5. The polling appears to have been well conducted and I consider that we should be satisfied with the results and experience gained from this, the first general election in the Territory.
- 6. Claims for camping allowance in respect of Messrs. Irwin, O'Brien and Administration Servants HAIVA-U, MAMA and KAIPU-KARARA are attached for certification please.

(W.J.G. Lambden.)  
Assistant District Officer.

Original and one copy forwarded by O.I.C. Baimuru to Returning Officer.



Introduction.

This Patrol was concerned solely with the conduct of the House of Assembly elections, normal routine administration being, in the main, neglected.

The patrol was known as the Purari/Delta Mobile Polling Booth, and covered approximately 1000 miles by outboard dinghy and canoe.

The subsequent comments ~~xxx~~ refer only to the area covered and the conditions encountered, by this Mobile Booth, as only brief knowledge is held of other areas in the electorate.

Organisation.

Organisation in this difficult area, proved adequate, although the brunt of the work fell to P.N.A. Officers, who were also expected to carry out their normal duties as well.

Printing of the Electoral Roll was held up in Moresby with the result that no previous checking was available during Education patrols. Had this been possible the number of Sectional votes would have decreased sharply.

Training aids for use by Educational patrols were also in the main too late for full effective use.

With regard to the Educational programme, I will re-iterate some of the comments included in report of Patrol No 3. 63/64.

The patrols tried to cover too much with the result that often even the essentials were lost in confusion. This was particularly noticeable in this area which has had no local government experience. If future patrols of this nature concentrate more on the mechanics of voting, I feel that the Educational Programme will be more effective.

During Educational patrols, it was very difficult to create interest among the women, and very few questions were asked in any of the villages. However, rather unexpectedly more women voted at this mobile booth than did men.

It was disappointing that no candidates were proposed from the Baimuru area, although candidates were nominated from all other areas in the Electorate. This situation also concerned a number of potential candidates, who tried to nominate after the closing date. In view of questions put to the patrol about ability and loyalty of candidates from other areas, it is felt that Baimuru will be well represented in 1967.

Initial electoral patrols found that a general idea existed which linked the election with the formation of Local Government Councils.

In one village we were asked, rather hopefully, whether this election would mean that all European planters and businessmen would return to Australia.

Another village was quite convinced that the whole matter was a joke, and failed to raise any enthusiasm at all. This village however, voted well during the polls.

It was difficult to convey the idea of a House of Assembly, and explain its powers and duties. To the average native, the highest authority he recognised, was the Officer in charge of Baimuru.

Conduct of Polling.

This area was covered by two static polling booths, and one mobile polling booth. The static booths between them accounted for about one third of the votes cast.

During the first, and most difficult week of the polling, the mobile booth consisted of two 14 foot aluminium dinghies powered by 40 hp outboard motors, and one 40 foot canoe powered by a 12 hp motor.

This period covered the patrol of the lower and upper Purari River, a distance of approximately 160 miles.

Polling in this area proved to be economically unsound, due to lack of population, heavy incidence of migrations and absentees, and only a brief Educational program.

The Purari was in full flood, and the slow canoe was unable to reach the point of commencement, on schedule.

Conduct of Polling. Contd.

The canoe was left at Koni Village with the supplies of fuel etc., and the trip to Ururu, the point of commencement was made by the two dinghies. Against the heavy current of about ten knots the hulls were barely planing and arrived late in the afternoon, before the start of polling.

At this stage, pictures of the candidates had not been received, and the polling was made that more difficult. The voters in all the Purari Villages were illiterate, and the names had to be called over many times. Even so only the last name called could be remembered, and consequently the voting gave no indication of the electors preference.

Much of this could have been avoided if adequate educational programmes had been carried out in the area, but due to lack of time, and the more pressing problem of the delta area this was not possible.

The patrol was well received in the Purari area, and although the people knew very little about voting, they were keenly interested, particularly the women, who still completely cover themselves in bark cloaks.

On the trip down the Purari the patrol ran into a violent storm which several times caused a halt due to nil visibility. During this time it was found that the ballot boxes half-filled with water, which had penetrated through the tiny holes in the lid. Approximately 70 ballot papers were affected, and these were dried over a fire.

The first polling in the Delta area was carried out at the large village of Ara'ava, adjacent to Kapuna Hospital. At this time the second dinghy returned to Kikori, after having given valuable assistance.

Photos of the candidates were now in our possession, having been air-dropped by the Returning Officer, and an immediate improvement in polling was observed. With regard to the photographs my only objection was that they did not include photos of the Special Electorate candidates. This led to confusion on the part of electors, who thought that they had only to vote for the candidates with photographs.

Electoral Education in the Delta area had been fairly intensive and as a result the inhabitants had a good idea of the purpose of the patrol, even though they had forgotten much of the detailed instruction.

Pre-electoral campaigning had been carried out in the area by four of the candidates from the Open Electorate, and this gave the voters a good knowledge of those people who were standing.

Canvassing during the actual polling period was done by only one candidate, Mr. Keith Tetley, who followed the mobile booth around with his boat. During this period of polling, the Elections took on some of the glamour of early American elections. Tetley's canvassing party established themselves just outside the statutory limit and handed out tobacco, newspaper and photographs to the candidates before they entered the polling booth.

At times this was quite humorous when an elector would come to vote, clutching Tetley's tobacco and picture, and then blithely vote for his opposition.

Without doubt Tetley's actions strongly influenced voters in his favour, but at all times such actions were confined within the limits laid down by the Ordinance. It would have been indeed interesting to see other candidates following his example.

Although voters in this area had been instructed in the mechanics of marking the ballot paper, there were very few who wished to do so, and of these even fewer who marked them correctly. This was particularly disappointing with regard to Mission Teachers who should have been able to master this for an easy job. Consequently nearly all voters required assistance and their papers were marked by the Presiding Officer.

Voting differed little from village to village in the Delta area, and I would venture to say that every person who was eligible, and who was in the village, voted. The overall percentage however was seriously affected by absentees, most of whom were in Port Moresby. These totalled more than a thousand voters, and it is hoped that they were accounted for by Moresby polling booths.

It was encouraging to see, that some voters who were absent in the gardens, travelled long distances to catch up with the mobile booth at another location, and cast their votes.

#### Incidents.

The patrol encountered no serious incidents with regard to the conduct of the process. Both electors and candidates conducted themselves in an orderly manner.

As is natural with anything new, everyone wanted to be in the act and see what was going on in the polling booth, but the resultant crowds were easily controlled and dispersed by a minimum of Police. Only two members of the R.P.&N.G. Constabulary were used by the patrol.

The patrol had two airdrops of equipment and one visit by the Returning Officer in a helicopter, much to the delight of the assembled electors. Administration prestige in the area was greatly strengthened, by the apparent ease in which such outside assistance could be summoned.

Numerous small incidents, which were funny at the time, helped relieve the tedious routine of voting, which very early in the piece lost its ~~interest~~ appeal.

For example, on two occasions, voters had to be prevented from placing the candidate's photograph in the ballot box. On other occasions having received the blank ballot paper, the elector wanted to take it to his house. Most of the houses in the villages are now adorned with numerous photos of various candidates.

#### Equipment:

The equipment supplied for the election was in most cases inadequate, but some allowance can be made for this in view of the infancy of the electoral system, and the widely varying conditions, in which the equipment was required to operate. Equipment which was of the most use arrived some time after it could have been used most effectively, in particular I refer here to the aluminium hulls and engines. Some equipment, particularly patrol equipment such as boxes, lamps, files, etc did not arrive at all.

#### Aluminium Dinghy.

Excellent for the purpose of covering the area quickly, but unable to carry adequate supplies for most of the area. Tempests would have been a better proposition than Tradewinds.

Also the type of dinghy supplied would not plane unless the weight carried was drastically reduced. There are dinghies on the market, (Quintrex) which give a much better performance, with heavier loads and which are cheaper.

#### Mobile Polling Booths.

These were too heavy and cumbersome to carry in the dinghy and due to their sharp points, could have inflicted serious damage. Our boat was carried in the canoe, but even when erected was not often used, due to lack of room.

#### Cardboard Polling Booths.

Not used for the same reason as above, and also because few people marked their own paper.

#### Ballot Boxes.

Not water-proof. Unable to seal properly, and ballot papers would fall out if tipped upside down. Incidentally these boxes will hold approximately 2000 votes not 800.

Equipment. Contd.

Stationery.

Supplies of stationery were good with the exception of Sectional Voters envelopes, which were quickly exhausted. One of the causes of this was the manner in which the Common Roll was compiled. If the roll contained only the names of people present at the actual census, no allowance was made for shifting populations or absentees, and therefore these voters' names could not be located in the Electoral Roll. If the roll was compiled from the Census Registers including absentees, this position was alleviated to some degree.

Ballot Papers which had been electronically counted, did not tally. At this booth an issue of 4000 papers, proved to be 115 short, when counted by hand.

Some difficulty was experienced in placing some of the Electorates, both Open and Special, from outside this particular area, when dealing with Absentee Votes. This could be improved by providing a map, which named the Special Electorates, and showed also what Open Electorates were enclosed therein.

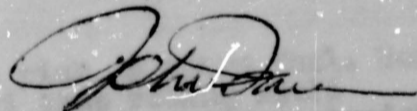
Conclusion and Summary.

In spite of the obstacles which were common in the Gulf Electorate, such as heavy rains, breakdown of engines, lack of transport etc., the conduct of the polls in the area was carried out successfully and to schedule. In fact it would have been possible to finish polling earlier than was estimated. However this bears relation to the number of people who did not vote, and this could not be accurately foreseen.

As far as the results of the poll are concerned, these can hardly be expected to reveal the true attitude or preference of a people who are totally ignorant of the democratic system of elections. The area covered is not represented by local government, and as such is still under direct rule. The concept of choosing their own representatives, and indeed of the representative system of government are completely foreign.

However a start must be made somewhere, and if the results of this first House of Assembly election are looked upon in this light, it is impossible to say that the electors have not responded with enthusiasm.

The road has now been prepared for truly responsible government in the years to come.



John Irwin.  
Presiding Officer.  
Purari/Delta Mobile Polling  
Booth.

Patrol No. 4-63/64 Baimuru. (4)

PLAN.

Thursday.  
15-2-64.

Departed Baimuru in two dinghies, after a three day delay caused by broken underwater gear. Arrived without incident at Pawaia No 1 1445. Dinghies pushing strong current. Canoe with heavy gear which was sent on Monday also at village. Short electoral course held and patrol then moved to Pawaia No. 2, arriving 1630. Village deserted. Camp made in heavy rain. Slept badly sunburnt.

Friday.  
14-2-64.

River level had risen approx. 6 feet over night and row running at about 8 knots. Canoe and Archimedes unable to maintain schedule against strong current. Polling Equipment and rations transferred to dingies which departed for Ururu at 0845. Canoe with fuel dispatched to wait at Kene village. Current very strong, hulls barely planing, arrived Ururu 1445. Camp and polling booth set up. Electoral material checked and prepared for tomorrow poll.

Saturday.  
15-2-64.

0600 polling commenced, continued until 1600. Departed Ururu 1700 for Kene, arriving 1830. Torrential rain slowed progress, and also penetrated ballot boxes, through lid. Camp made.

Sunday.  
16-2-64.

Sunday observed at Kene. Electoral education in afternoon.

Monday.  
17-2-64.

Polling carried out at Kene. All voters present had voted by 1230. To Uxi village, where polling completed thence to Pawai No. 2. All voters had moved to No. 1. Arrived No. 1 1630. Times much improved on downstream run. Camp made and electoral education course held. Polling booth set up. Slept.

Tuesday.  
18-2-64.

Poll conducted. Departed Pawai No. 1 late afternoon, arrived Ara'ava 1830 after uneventful trip. Camp made in rest house.

Wednesday.  
19-2-64.

Canoe dispatched to Akome to pick up spare fuel. Word sent to Kairimai and Kairavi that voting would commence on Thursday. Dinghy to Baimuru to replenish supply of sectional voters envelopes. Polling booth established. Slept.

Thursday.  
20-2-64.

Polling at Ara'ava until 1800. Campaigning in area by candidate Tetley. Slept.

Friday.  
21-2-64.

Polling completed by 1230. 1300 to Kapuna Hospital to record votes of in patients and hospital staff. Returned to Ara'ava 1600.

Saturday.  
22-2-64.

Nikori Patrol Officer departed. Patrol to Koravake where camp set up. Polling carried out at A.P.C. camp. Completed 1600 returned to Koravake.

Sunday.  
23-2-64.

Observed at Koravake.

- Monday.  
24-2-64. Full days polling at Koravake, completed 1730. Night spent in village.
- Tuesday.  
25-2-64. To Napaio, arriving 1300 after calling at Napuna to advise T.B. patients of poll days. Polling booth set up. People from the Old Iave village arriving in afternoon. Slept.
- Wednesday.  
26-2-64. Polling conducted. Intensive canvassing by Tetley. Slept Napaio.
- Thursday.  
27-2-64. Further days polling at Napaio.
- Friday.  
28-2-64. 0730 departed for Unoporavi. Polling conducted. Thence to Ravikivanu No.2 where polling completed. 1400 departed for Ivira Island, where people advised that polling would commence at Apiopi on the Saturday.
- Saturday.  
29-2-64. Poll conducted, until 1800. Good turn up of voters.
- Sunday.  
1-3-64. Observed at Apiopi. Radio contact made with Returning Officer.
- Monday.  
2-3-64. Polling continued at Apiopi. Remainder of day in hearing courts, as the patrol is ahead of schedule.
- Tuesday.  
3-3-64. Patrol departed for Maipenairu, arriving 1400. Gance took some big waves on this trip. Camp set up. People of Napaio advised that polling would commence Thursday. Remainder of day on Patrol Report.
- Wednesday.  
4-3-64. Polling booth established. Some complaints heard. Patrol resting.
- Thursday.  
5-3-64. Full days polling at Maipenairu. Successful air drop of Sectional Voters envelopes by Gessna. Polling for the day finished 1730.
- Friday.  
6-3-64. Polling continued at Maipenairu until 1030. Patrol departed for Akoma, arriving 1300. People from Ihinu advised that polling would commence Monday. Barea Village Constable arrived to report alleged murder. To Barga to carry out Police Investigation. Returned Akoma 1830.
- Saturday.  
7-3-64. Further Police Investigations and taking of statements in connection with above.
- Sunday.  
8-3-64. Observed-Heavy rain.
- Monday.  
9-3-64. Full day's polling at Akoma. Patrol visited by Returning Officer in Helicopter.
- Tuesday.  
10-3-64. Patrol moved to Kinipe. Polling booth established. People of Barea village advised that polling would start Thursday. Working on patrol report.

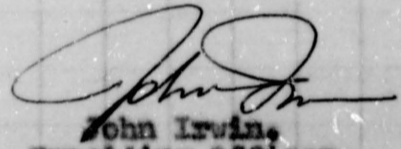
Wednesday.  
11-3-64. Patrol resting, self working on reports.

Thursday.  
12-3-64. Polling conducted at Kinipe. A number of Berea people also came to vote, but the majority have already voted. Finished for the day at 1730.

Friday.  
13-3-64. Completed polling at 1030. Patrol departed for Baisuru, arriving 1500.

Saturday.  
14-3-64. Polling on station, for the many voters who had not previously voted. Completed 1500.

END OF PATROL



John Irwin,  
Presiding Officer.  
Bursari/Delta Mobile Booth.

*Unseen*



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of..... GULF ..... Report No. <sup>BA1</sup> 5 of 63/64 .....

Patrol Conducted by..... J. B. IRWIN, P.O.I. .....

Area Patrolled..... ERA RIVER, PIE RIVER and KAIMARI CENSUS DIVISION. .....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... W. D. HAWLEY, W.P.O. .....

Natives..... 3 members R.P.N.G.C.  
4 BOAT'S CREW. .....

Duration—From..... 2./4./1964 ..... to..... 8./5./1964 .....

Number of Days..... 29 .....

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... /..... 2./1964 ..... - ERA CENSUS DIVISION.

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

Map Reference..... FOURMIL OF KIKORI. .....

Objects of Patrol..... PIE ERA TIMBER RIGHTS PURCHASE. .....

Director of 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 .....  
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27th July, 1964.

District Officer,  
Gulf District,  
KOROMA.

PATROL REPORT NO. 5-63/24 - BAIMURU.

Receipt of the above-mentioned report is acknowledged with thanks.

I think your idea of a Marketing Society might bear further investigation.

Please let me know the outcome of the discussions to be held at the Assistant District Officers' Conference during this month.

Mr. Hawley will have benefited from the part he took in compiling the genealogis.

The reservation of the trees from which canoes are made was warranted.

  
J. K. McCarthy,  
DIRECTOR.

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Department of Native Affairs,  
Gulf District Headquarters,  
KERRIMA.

22nd June, 1964

~~Assistant District Officer,~~  
~~KURRI.~~

PATROL REPORT BAIMURU No. 5/63-64

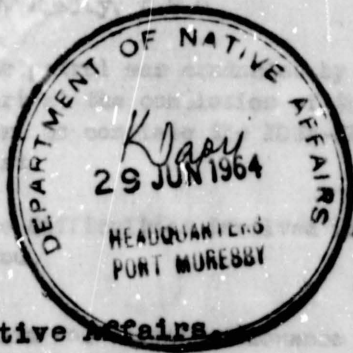
Thank you for the above report.

The diary sets out very well the difficulties being experienced by Mr. Irwin in finalising this purchase. By now Mr. Hawley should be fairly well familiar with the procedure and should be useful in the purchase of the lesser area being bought from KIKORI.

I agree with Mr. Hawley that we should attempt to do something useful with the money being paid for the timber. The problem is however to find a practical way of using the money which will benefit the people as a whole. Nobody has yet any suggestion that makes sense. My own thoughts on the matter have not crystallised as yet. I am inclined to think that we should be considering the possibilities of a Marketing Society which supplies shipping to enable the Delta people to ship sage and fresh foods for sale in Port Moresby. The difficulty would be storage space in Port Moresby. Please let me have your thoughts on this.

Mr. Hawley seems to be shaping well. Approved Camping Claims are returned herewith.

original and 2 copies of the above report



(B. BUNTING),  
District Officer.

Encl.

MINUTE/→ The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU.

Two copies of the above report are attached. The report shows clearly the difficulties which are being experienced in finalising this purchase. The economic development of this area will be discussed at the A.D.O.'s conference being held in early July and should we come to any firm recommendation it will be forwarded to you.

Mr. Hawley appears to have the heart of the matter in him and is doing well.

*B. Bunting*  
(B. BUNTING),  
District Officer.

Encl.

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BAIMURU PATROL REPORT NO. 5 OF 1963/64.

DIARY.

Wed. 5.3.64. Returned to Baimuru with P.O. Irwin - bringing the mail with us. IVIA LAIWA signed amended application. Mr. Wiseman, Assistant Registrar of Co-operatives of Board the Catalina. Departed for the Ruby in the

Thu. 5.4.64. Departed from the Government wharf at 1400, calling in at Gulf Tenders to take on board bedding, and a personal stores departing from here at 1800. Arrived KIKORI at 1500, anchoring here for the night. (9)

Fri. 5.4.64. Departed KIKORI at 0815, proceeding up the ERA River and calling in at SAIDAWAKWA and SAIDAWAKWA to call the villagers that on the way back we would discuss land ownership with them. Proceeded on upriver, anchoring at 1815 at the mouth of a creek which is said five or six miles from the Eastern boundary of the rights purchase area. River for the last few miles of course.

Sat. 5.4.64. Awakened at 0400 by the Sub-District Office, KIKORI, Gulf District. 20th May, 1964.

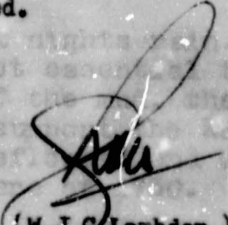
The District Officer,  
Gulf District,  
KEREMA.

Patrol Report - Baimuru 5/63-64.

Attached please find original and 2 copies of the above report submitted by Mr. Hawley, C.P.O.

2. The patrol was conducted by Mr. J. Irwin who will be submitting a separate report at the conclusion of the purchase. As Mr. Hawley has been brought to Kikori to complete the IOWA-ERA timber purchase I had him submit a separate report.
3. The difficulties involved in the PIE ERA timber purchase are well known to you.
4. Claim for camping allowance is attached.

cc. ~~PATROL OFFICER~~  
~~BAIMURU.~~

  
(W.J.G. Lambden.)  
Assistant District Officer.

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BAIMURU PATROL REPORT NO. 5 OF 1963/64.

DIARY.

- Wed. 1.4.64. Returned to Baimuru with P.O. Irwin bringing the mail with IVIA LAURA signed amended application. Mr. Atkinson, Assistant Registrar of Co-operatives on board the Catalina. Departed for the Ruby in the
- Thu. 2.4.64. Departed from the Government wharf at 1400, calling in at Gulf Traders to take on fuel, benzine, and a few personal stores departing from here at 1500. Arrived at AIMEI at 1830, anchoring here for the night.
- Fri. 3.4.64. Departed AIMEI at 0715, proceeding up the ERA River and calling in at NAHOROMERE and ERA MAIPUA to tell the villagers that on the way back we would discuss land ownership with them. Proceeded on upriver, anchoring at 1830 at the mouth of a creek which is some five or six miles from the Eastern boundary of the timber rights purchase area. River for the last few miles full of snags.
- Fri. 10.4.64.
- Sat. 4.4.64. Awakened at 0400 by a great deal of activity on board the Ruby - a;; due to the river dropping overnight and grounding the boat. The Ruby's engine started ~~xxxxxxx~~ and an attempt made to drive off the mud but to no avail. In the morning saw that the river had fallen three feet. @845 set out in the dinghy with P.O. Irwin and out-board operator to find the ~~NEW~~ N.E. boundary marker. The river being full of snags and shallow rapids which were formed mostly with large blocks of coal - some of which we took back to Baimuru and used with success in the stoves, At the third rapid which was impassable we stopped. Coming up had met three PAWAIANS who had reported that a creek called the SENE ran off the ERA, from this one could cross to another creek, the PO'O ( KAIRI-PURARI ), and travel down it to the PIE. The SENE creek being near the third rapid and this ~~is~~ presumably started the Eastern boundary. Returned to the Ruby.
- Sat. 11.4.64.
- Sun. 13.4.64.
- Mon. 13.4.64.
- Tue. 14.4.64. Small rains in the afternoon causing the river to rise six inches. Another two foot would refloat the Ruby, which was now shored up with logs.
- Sun. 5.4.64. River level dropped another foot or two during the night. Some scattered showers during the day but nothing that could amount to much. Towards the evening and throughout the night heavy rains occurred causing great discomfort on board the Ruby.
- Mon. 16.4.64.
- Fri. 17.4.64.
- Mon. 6.4.64. ERA River still rising from last night's rain. At 0930 all those on board that were not essential to run the Ruby helped to push the boat off the mud, the river at this stage being high enough to support the Ruby. By 1000 the Ruby was successfully refloated and we departed for NAHOROMERE arriving there at 1730.
- Tue. 7.4.64. Typed amended application for IVIA LAURA for an agricultural lease at Baimuru. Talks with villagers and some genealogies compiled.
- Mon. 20.4.64. Departed BAIMURU at 0745, arriving at NAHOROMERE at approx. 1100 to pick up some witnesses for a second Coroner's Inquest to be held at AIMEI. Arrived AIMEI at 2000. Slept on board.

- Tue. 2.4.64. At Kikori.
- Wed. 8.4.64. Returned to Baimuru with P.O. Irwin - bringing the mail with us. IVIA LAURA signed amended application. Mr. Wiseman, Assistant Registrar of Co-operatives on board the Catalina. Departed for the Ruby in the afternoon.
- Thu. 9.4.64. Further discussions with NAHOROMERE villagers - some pressure from some people who had no land rights but did not want the owners to sell. A list of six trees ( used mostly for canoes ) given to P.O. Irwin which the owners wanted excluded from the timber rights. In the evening Corporal Boru and Interpreter Kaipu went to ERA MAIPUA on some matters concerning the timber rights purchase.
- Fri. 10.4.64. To ERA MAIPUA by dinghy. Some more genealogies compiled here after which we returned to the Ruby which had gone down to AIMEI village. The rest of the day being spent compiling genealogies.
- Sat. 11.4.64. Departed AIMEI and proceeded through the short cut some four miles South - a narrow waterway which can only be negotiated at high tide but which saves twenty miles. Upon arrival at VEIAMU compiled genealogies. Village in a shocking state - instructions given by P.O. Irwin to pull down a couple of abandoned ramshackle huts and to cut the grass around the village. Assistant Registrar of Co-operatives seen at KARARUA village.
- Sun. 12.4.64. Observed.
- Mon. 13.4.64. Departed at 0800 and arrived at MARIKI at 1300, anchoring just off from the sawmill. Walked around to the KAIMARI villages - genealogies of APIRAVI village started by P.O. Irwin.
- Tue. 14.4.64. Genealogies of APIRAVI village - P.O. Irwin and myself both doing genealogies.
- Wed. 15.4.64. Genealogies of APIRAVI village finished off by me.
- Thu. 16.4.64. Genealogies of KOIRAVI village by P.O. Irwin.
- Fri. 17.4.64. Genealogies of KAURAVI village by P.O. Irwin.
- Sat. 18.4.64. Departed MARIKI at 0830 and arrived at BAREA at 1230. Went ashore with P.O. Irwin to do genealogies but found that villagers had very little knowledge of ancestry - an hour or two was given to them to talk things over amongst themselves and to refresh their memories.
- Sun. 19.4.64. Departed BAREA at 0730, arriving at BAIMURU at 1300. On board the Ruby were witnesses concerned in a Coroner's Inquest to be held in Kikori. Water tanks filled and Ruby made ready for departure the following day. Slept on board the Ruby.
- Mon. 20.4.64. Departed BAIMURU at 0745, arriving at NAHOROMERE at approx. 1100 to pick up some witnesses for a second Coroner's Inquest to be held at Kikori. Arrived KIKORI at 2030. Slept on board.

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- Tue. 21.4.64. At Kikori.
- Wed. 22.4.64. At Kikori.
- Thu. 23.4.64. At Kikori.
- Fri. 24.4.64. Departed Kikori 0945 and proceeded to BAIMURU. At 1600 came across Kikori dinghy with D.A.C. members Bruce Hides and Nanai in it drifting along behind URUMA Island. One of the Ruby's boats crew who had been in Baimuru was the driver but he was unfamiliar with outboards and was unable to start the engine, nor could I for that matter, and he was unwilling to take the Ruby's dinghy. This left me as the only person capable so I took both D.A.C. members back to KIKORI - arriving there at 1805.
- Sat. 25.4.64. Departed KIKORI 0900 in the BAIMURU dinghy and arrived back at BAIMURU at 1210.
- Sun. 26.4.64. Observed at BAIMURU.
- Mon. 27.4.64. At Baimuru.
- Tue. 28.4.64. At Baimuru.
- Wed. 29.4.64. At Baimuru.
- Thu. 30.4.64. At the office until 1000, then prepared for patrol departing BAIMURU at 1100. Some two dozen extra faces were on board the Ruby - a fact which I was to find out later. Anchored off a kombati to unload all my passengers - this spot is the last bit of river that has sufficient water in it at low tide. Slept the night here.
- Fri. 21.5.64. Departed anchorage at 0900 and proceeded further up the PIE River with the tide and anchored some four miles away from KAIRI - PURARI Creek but unable to get there as dinghy was in BAIMURU. Returned to the kombati anchorage, arriving at 1430. At 1600 P.O. Irwin arrived from BAIMURU to see how things were going - O.K. so far. P.O. Irwin returned to BAIMURU shortly after.
- Sat. 2.5.64. Had discussions with interested parties as to the whereabouts of KAIRI - PURARI Creek and received various answers. General consensus was that it was a day's paddle away, this was reluctantly reduced to three hours after I told them the creek was between eight or ten miles away.
- Sun. 3.5.64. Corporal Boru reported to me that he was very sick, his diagnosis being dysentery. Returned to BAIMURU in the Ruby, arriving there at 1130, the Corporal went to the Aid Post and the surplus passengers evicted. Departed BAIMURU 1400 - P.O. Irwin in charge. Arrived at the kombati anchorage and stayed there for the night.

Mon. 4.5.64.

Left anchorage at 0900 and proceeded upstream to within a mile of KAIRI - PURARI Creek but could go no further as the river was too shallow. Anchored here while P.O. Irwin and myself went in the dinghy up the creek, which was fairly narrow and grown over by mangrove further up. Returned to the Ruby which was now aground as the tide was out.

Tue. 5.5.64.

Set out in the morning when the tide was high so that we could negotiate further up KAIRI - PURARI Creek. Took with us one confident guide from IPIKO. Arrived at the branch in the creek where the boundary takes a bearing of 150 degrees. Proceeded to follow our guide for the next two hours finally returning after he had lost his way twice and P.O. was then unwilling to use him. The ground here being some of the vilest slushy muck imaginable and admirably equipped with hordes of leeches. Returned to the Ruby for a clean up.

Wed. 6.5.64.

Left the Ruby at 0815 in dinghy to take one of the villagers with us to the Aid Post. Rain all the way and arrived ~~at~~ at BAIMURU 0900 in a damp state. Looked in at the office and sorted out a few things for the mail. 1030 Catalina arrived and I went out to meet it - Mrs. Bufting on board with a few enquiries. Left BAIMURU at 1515 after reading all the incoming mail, arrived back at Ruby at 1620. The Ruby was drifting when I arrived back with the dinghy. The Ruby's engine difficult to start (it would be!) and finally by 1800 the Ruby was re-anchored safely.

Thu. 7.5.64.

Ruby returned to the mouth of KAIRI - PURARI Creek so that another attempt to negotiate the crossing could be made - this time with a compass. P.O. and myself and native cutters successfully crossed to the ERA River by 1215. Unfortunately where we emerged on the ERA was un-identifiable. The going today easier than on Tuesday but there were still plenty of leeches. Returned to the dinghy and arrived back at the Ruby at about 1330.

Departed for BAIMURU but river too shallow so that we had to wait for the incoming tide which arrived at 1650 in the shape of a miniature tidal bore of only six inches high. It was still quite impressive but could not compare with the bore on the TURUMA. Arrived back at BAIMURU 2030 - a very slow trip as we were pushing a boisterous tide. Slept on board the Ruby.

Fri. 8.5.64.

Set out at 0830 in the dinghy with F.O., Corporal Pojari and self to find out at what point we had crossed through to the ERA. At 1030 some 15 miles from ERA MAIPUA village the outboard broke down. The source of the trouble being the gear selector and the clip that holds it in place - both were broken. Thankfully Mr. Irwin was able to effect a rough and temporary repair so that by 1200 we returned at half throttle. At ERA MAIPUA we stopped and could not restart the engine. Slept the night here. The village constable and paddlers sent to BAIMURU with a message for the Ruby to come and pick us up the next day.

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CONCLUSIONS

Sat. 9.5.64. 0945 Ruby arrived - a very welcome sight. Arrived back at RAIMURU 1245. Received the news that I was recalled to KIKORI to do the IOWA - ERA timber rights purchase, to depart on the Catalina on the 13th.

Three quarters of the boundary from ERA MAIPUA to KAIRI - PURABI Creek is nipa palm and mangrove swamp. From ERA MAIPUA along the ERA River to the Eastern boundary there is better timber on the river bank. No doubt all the good timber is away from the river - some good canoe trees where END OF PATROL. at we were on our way from KAIRI - PURABI Creek to the ERA River.

All the owners seen so far expressed a willingness to sell. At NANOPMEEK some pressure was put on the land owners by others who had no land rights and did not wish them to sell - in the end they agreed to sell provided six species of trees, used mostly for at home, were excluded. The largest concentration of land owners were from the RAIMARI group, some 180-190 people from four villages. I would say that the final total of all groups would be between 200 and 250 land owners. There were the usual rumours and speculation on the purchase, some felt that they might be left out, and everyone wanted their money as soon as possible.

The IOWA - ERA timber rights purchase will assist the economic development of the area. It will ensure that continued or increased production at an existing sawmill can be maintained, or, possibly a new sawmill could be installed thereby increasing production for the area significantly.

The six thousand pounds purchase price should do something towards raising the standards of the indigenous people. At the moment I would say that the local trade stores should benefit the most from this payout unless the villagers buy the money and take it out of circulation where it will do no one any good. I think it would be advisable for someone, say a Co-operatives Officer, to give these people a talk on what their six thousand pounds can do - such as installing a good water supply in a village, or setting up a co-operative enterprise or a savings and loan society.

This will be the first big money these people will see and I think it should not go to waste. As the area is so poor and the only cash crop seems to be a few economic advancement with the aid of the purchase money should be started. These people have little in the way of cash crops and besides anything they grow is useless to most of the Territory and grows bigger and better elsewhere. The Law of Supply and Demand works very well for the IOWA, these people have very little to supply and what they do have is not much in demand.

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CONCLUSION.

The timber rights purchase areas is situated to the North of BAIMURU, the boundary to the North and the West being the ERA River, to the East the PIE River and KAIRI - PURARI Creek, and to the South by a tidal creek some two miles West of BAIMURU as well as the Northern boundary of the BAIMURU Townsite.

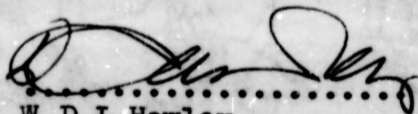
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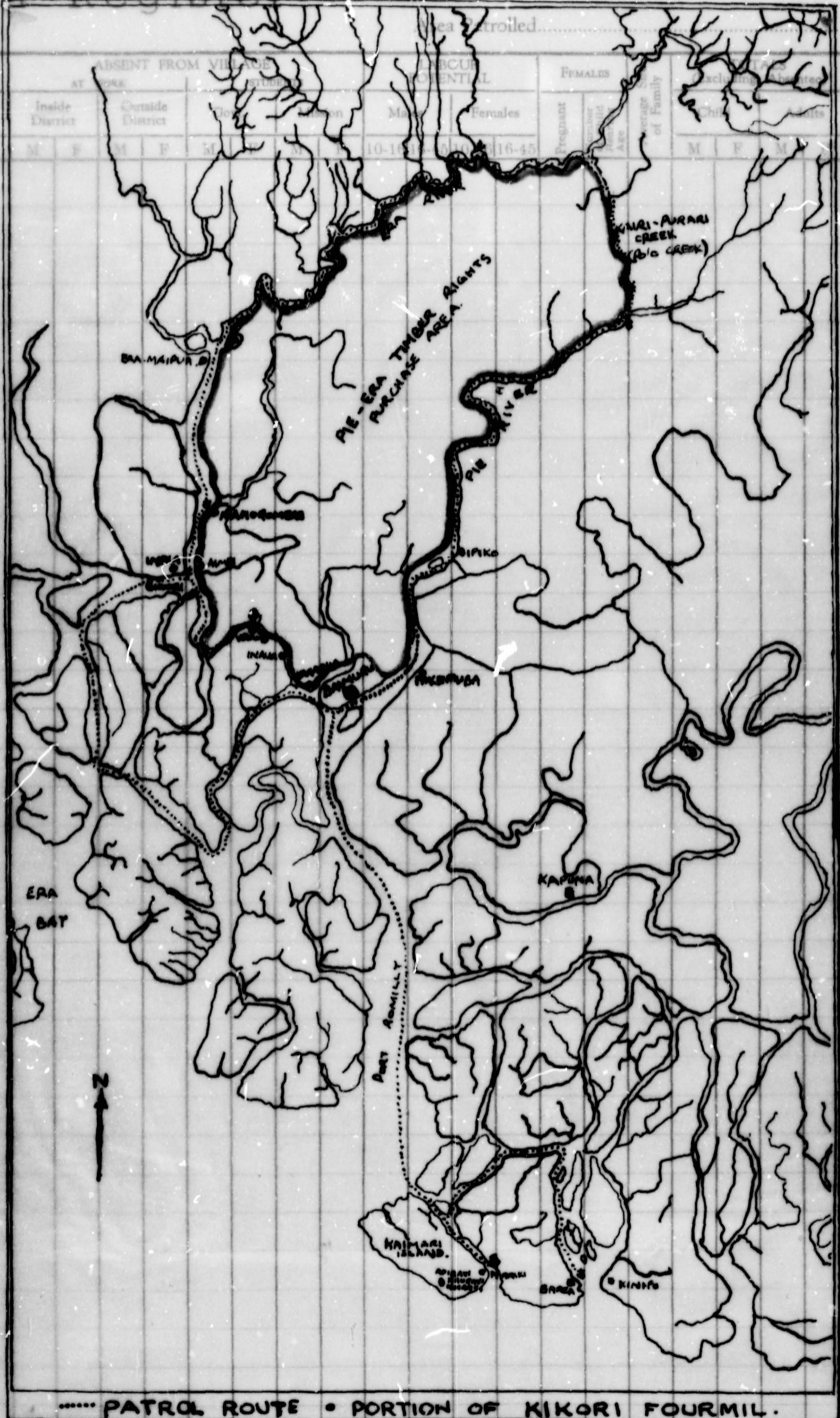
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The PIE - ERA timber rights purchase will assist the economic development of the area. It will ensure that continued or increased production at an existing sawmill can be maintained, or, possibly a new sawmill could be installed thereby increasing production for the area significantly.

The six thousand pounds purchase price should do something towards raising the standards of the indigenous people. At the moment I would say that the local trade stores should benefit the most from this payout unless the villagers bury the money and take it out of circulation where it will do no-one any good. I think it would be advisable for someone, say a Co-operatives Officer, to give these people a talk on what their six thousand pounds can do - such as installing a good water supply in a village, or setting up a co-operative enterprise or a savings and loan society.

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