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GULF DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1967-1968

BAIMURU

Report No.	Officer Conducting Patrol	Area Patrolled
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of GULF Report No. 1 67/68

Patrol Conducted by A.M. Didlick, Cadet Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled IARI & MAIPUA Census Divisions - Bainuru

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives Two members R.P.N.G.C. One Interpreter, One Outboard Operator.

Duration—From 3 / 7 / 1967 to 13 / 7 / 1967

Number of Days 13

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 23 / 8 / 1966

Medical Nil. / / 19

Map Reference Nil.

Objects of Patrol Revision of Census.

Director of District Administration,
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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4th March, 1968

The District Commissioner,
Gulf District,
KERUMA.

PATROL REPORT NO. 1 OF 1967/68

Receipt is acknowledged of the above mentioned report by Mr. A. M. Didlick of a patrol in the Iari and Maipua Census Divisions.

2. A thirteen day patrol on routine Administration should not as you say take 6½ months to prepare and submit, especially when it contains less than four pages of typing.

3. Your comments fully cover anything arising from the report.

(T. W. ELLIS)
Director.

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67-6-17/0640

KEREMA, Gulf District.

2nd February, 1968

Officer in Charge,
BAIMURU.

BAIMURU PATROL REPORT NO. 1/67-68

Thank you for the abovementioned report, which was received here on 26th January, 1968, approximately 6½ months overdue.

The report has been rendered useless by the time taken to process it. A report of four pages surely does not take 7 months to type.

No other comment is necessary.

Camping claim is returned herewith.

(John J. Murphy)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

cc: A.D.C. Kikori

cc: The Director,
Department of District Administration,
Konedobu.

PATROL DIARY.

3.7.67 Departed station 1330 Hrs. Patrol accompanied by 2 members R.P.N.G.C. 1 interpreter and an outboard operator. Arrived at the Mapaio group of villages about 1730 Hrs. Spoke to the Councillor of the Census to be done on the morrow. Retired 1930 Hrs.

4.7.67 Commenced Census of New Aikavaravi 0730 Hrs. completed 1410. Commenced Census Okaikenairu 1450 Hrs. completed by 1700. On completion of the days Census I spoke of the nearness of the Council Elections, and requested that thought be given to the coming General Election and a well considered choice offered.

5.7.67 Commenced Census Ravikaupara (new) 0730 Hrs. Completed by 1700 Hrs. The Census of New Ravikaupara commenced at 1130 Hrs. and was completed by 1410. Commenced New Onoporavi at 1500Hrs. and completed 1700 Hrs. The highlight of the day was a brawl between two women at Ravikivau, there was some difficulty in separating the two contestants.

6.7.67 Departed Mapaio 0900Hrs. hampered by heavy rain, reached Old Iari aprox. 1030 Hrs. Exceedingly heavy rain delayed Census, finally commenced Old Aikavaravi 1200 Hrs. this was completed by 1430 Hrs. after much difficulty and much revision. 1500 Hrs. commenced Kairiravi and completed it by 1600 Hrs. Commenced Old Onoporavi 1600 completed 1730, whereupon I repaired to the Rest House. Several minor complaints were heard and those that I was unable to to settle to everybody's satisfaction I referred to Baimuru. 2100 retired.

7.7.67 Commenced Census Old Ravikivau 0800 Hrs. completed 0930. 0930 commenced Old Ravikaupara which was completed by 1100. Departed Old Iari 1100 Hrs. reached Ravikivau No. 2 1400Hrs. Commenced Census 1500 and completed it at 1700. I then spoke at length on the appalling standard of the Rest House and Police Barracks and the purpose of the L.G.C. as the villagers had evidently been ignoring the suggestions of their Councillor. Housing was generally poor I therefore made several recommendations as I inspected the village. Overnight Ravikivau.

8.7.67 Torrential rain and unyielding skies held the patrol at Ravikivau No.2. I took advantage of this time to ammend the Common Roll. Overnight Ravikivau.

9.7.67 Departed Ravikivau 0800 Hrs. Arrived Maipenairu 1000Hrs. Commenced Census 1100 Hrs. and completed by 1400. As in all other villages the populace was informed of the fortheoming elections and the House of Assembly election.

10.7.67 Departed Maipenairu 0800 Hrs. arrived Apiope 0900. The Census of Aivei, Apiope and Kapai was completed by 1400. In the evening many complaints were heard and noted. Overnight Aivei.

11.7.67 Departed Aivei 0800 Hrs. walked along the beach to Ivira, leaving some personnel to pack gear and follow by canoe. Arrived Ivira 0900 Hrs. Initial census completed 1100Hrs. Departed for Evara, another unoesused village, however heavy rain and mountains of debris clogging up the waterway forced us into Ravikivau No. 2 where we arrived at 1300 Hrs. Afternoon spent in revising Common Roll. Overnight Ravikivau.

12.7.67 Departed Ravikivau aprox. 0800 Hrs. reached Evara 1200 to find village deserted completely, the logical answer was to proceed to the U.G.C. camp at Beara where labour was being recruited; arrived Baroi camp 1415 Hrs. where I found a number of men and women, about 25 in all - their names were recorded. Overnight Baroi.

13.7.67 Departed Baroi 0830 Hrs. Arrived Baimuru 1300. Patrol stood down.

Introduction.

The Iari and Maipua divisions are the most easterly Koriki speaking sections of the Baimuru administrative area. Iari being by far the largest Census Division in the coastal region.

The aim of the patrol was to revise the census books and thereby facilitate the compilation of the Common Roll for the 1968 General Election.

The area in question is well patrolled and the people sophisticated, I will therefore confine myself to those points I consider relevant.

Attendance.

When patrolling the delta, one is never able to gather a full audience unless there has been months of preparation, this being due to the fact that a large proportion of the population is always occupied with the seeking and processing of their staple food, sago. The sago makers frequently spend months in shanty camps far from their village when a good stand of sago palm is located.

In view of the above attendance was good, largely because warnings were issued for a considerable period prior to my departure.

Attitude to the Administration.

In the thoughts of the Koriki people, I believe, the government is viewed as rather more of a discomfort than anything else. D.D.A. officers demand a certain standard of housing and sanitation which may only be achieved through phyisical labour and consistency. Were it a woman's lot to build houses I have no doubt that standards would be maintained with no difficulty, but, as the construction of a dwelling requires a certain amount of masculine assistance progress collapses under a burden of indolence.

To put it more succinctly the Administration sometimes requires a little enthusiasm of its charges - zeal is a quality that is either foreign to, or has been alienated by the Koriki.

Local Government Councillors.

A rather interesting impression was received at Old Iari, the Local Govt. Councillor there, while certainly not saying as much, managed to convey that he was disenchanted

with the government and that his constituents would shortly be moving to Ivira (a coastal camp bordering on Ihu territory) the guiding light behind this move being Mr. J. Cribb, the local representative of the Papua Ekalesia and a councillor.

As I write the exodus has still not taken place nor shown any signs of commencing.

The Papua Ekalesia.

Whilst at Maipenairu I had the good fortune to meet the Samoan pastorfrom Urika. An extraordinarily enthusiastic young man, very taken with his task and well respected by his parishioners, who have accepted him as something of a confidant.

I am xxx sure that a mutually beneficial liaison could be formed between the govt. and this gentleman who proved to be both energetic and amenable to suggestion.

Housing and Rest Houses.

At Ravikivau No. 2 the Rest House was in an appalling condition and the Police Barracks barely recognizable as a dwelling. Suggestions were made concerning the renovation of both buildings. On my return the suggestions were being implemented.

Private houses in the same village were almost as bad, further suggestions were M made.

Ivira has no Rest House as the village is not on its feet as yet. The Local Govt. Counsillor, an intelligent but ineffectual youth says he will ensure that the village develops properly, with an acceptable standard of hosing, at present it is rather a mess.

Conclusion.

The aim of the patrol was achieved in the field, and the compilation of the Common Roll has since been effected.

(A.M. Didlick)
Cadet Patrol Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of GULF Report No. 5 of 67/68

Patrol Conducted by A.M. Didlick, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Koriki Census Division of Baimuru.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.

Natives 1 member R.P.N.G.C.
1 Interpreter, Crew of M.V. " Ruby "

Duration—From 20/11/1967 to 23/11/1967

Number of Days 3

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Sept./1967

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

Map Reference Nil.

Objects of Patrol Tax collection and Geberal Administration.

Director of District Administration,
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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4th March, 1968

The District Commissioner,
Gulf District,
KEREMA.

PATROL REPORT NO. 5 OF 1967/68

Receipt is acknowledged of Mr. Didlick's report of a three day visit to the Koriki Census Division.

2. Your comments on the report addressed to the Officer in Charge, Baimura fully cover any action required. No comments by this Headquarters appear necessary.

(T. W. ELLIS)
Director.

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67-6-21/0641

KEREMA, Gulf District.

2nd February, 1968

Officer in Charge,
BAIMURU.

BAIMURU PATROL REPORT No. 5/67-68

Thank you for the abovementioned report, which was received on 26th January, 1968.

The matter of prostitution and the problem of venereal disease has been taken up with the District Medical Officer.

Concerning tax defaulters, you are to take court action immediately against all persons who do not pay their tax.

Camping claim is returned herewith.

J. J. Murphy
(John J. Murphy)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

cc: A.D.C. Kikori

cc: The Director,
Department of District Administration,
Konedobu.

Patrol Diary.

20.11.67 Patrol departed Baimuru for Kapuna aprox. 1300 hrs. arriving 1530. Dropped off several patients for attention, thence to Korovake for tax collection and investigation of a minor dispute. Overnight Korovake.

21.11.67 Departed Korovake for Kapuna further to the above mentioned investigation. 1400 hrs. arrived Mariki. Walked along the beach to the village, unable to obtain an audience so departed without addressing anyone. 1530 hrs. departed for Kinipo where we arrived at 1800 hrs. Made preparations for the morrow. Overnight Kinipo.

22.11.67 After discussions and the hearing of many complaints the patrol moved on to Barea where interest in discussions was slightly greater. 1200 hrs. departed Barea for Beara and Korovake arriving aprox. 1600 hrs. One man taken to Baimuru for questioning in regard to an abduction, then the night at Beara.

3.11.67 Collected many of the Kikori women from camps around Beara and asked them to go home. Patrol returned to Baimuru arriving 1300 hrs.

Introduction.

The area patrolled was the Koriki Census Division, in which division there is at present a geophysical research company operating.

The company maintains a labour line of two to three hundred and has therefore put a considerable amount of money into the region. Many of the employees of this firm are single men from other districts - this makes for problems.

Prostitution.

The abovementioned odious trade, is rapidly becoming the major source of income of the village native. Although it is a traditional practice with the Goaribari people of Kikori; women are now being purveyed by the Korikis. While I do not for a moment delude myself that this illicit traffic in whores has not previously existed in our area, I do know that it has been on a relatively small basis. However, with the advent of these oil research camps " Irma la Douce " in a Mother Hubbard is becoming an ubiquitous identity.

I will say that the majority of natives plying this trade have travelled from Kikori's Gope and Urama regions, but the Koriki , not to be outdone on his home water has joined the fray.

The doctor at Beara informs me that he has treated aproximately ten cases of gonorrhoea and his counterpart at Iviri reports at least forty cases. Around Baimuru I would term this cause for alarm.

During the patrol I spent some time at Beara rounding up transient Kikori women who were dwelling in shanties around the camp; I suggested they return to their villages as they were living under very poor conditions, they saw the reason in this and did as they were bade.

The only solution I can offer to this problem would take the form of night raids on the camps, the apprehension of large numbers of prostitutes and a severe penalty for those convicted.

Tax Defaulters.

Nearly 20% of those eligible to pay L.G.C. taxes have avoided payment.

One need not look far for a motive of the defaulters as the Baimuru Council, being in its infancy, has yet to achieve anything of consequence.

In the villages entered during the course of this patrol payment was readily offered; non payment would therefore not appear to be attributable to lack of money.

Reception of the Patrol.

The reaction to my arrival in every village was one of quiet indifference, this may well have been my own fault, as I had not previously stated a specific reason for my visit, I think this is an error with the Korikis.

I should like to do a patrol of say two months throughout the Council area, the object being the physical improvement of villages. The schedule of this patrol would ideally be, circling the whole section commencing building on private houses, rest houses, bridges, wharves etc, staying in each village for a couple of days and then moving to the next, but rotating back through the villages already visited perhaps three times, to offer recommendations and comments on progress.

A patrol such as the one above would cost little and perhaps do much good.

Conclusion.

As the patrol covered only three days it achieved its object in the villages entered, by collecting taxes and holding discussions. Several complaints were referred to Baimuru.

A resumé of the function and aim of the Development Bank was given to those interested.

(A.M. Didlick)
Cadet Patrol Officer.

Director

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of GULF Report No. BAIMURU 6-1967/68

Patrol Conducted by N.C. Mc QUILTY. PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled UPPER PURARI C/D (PART)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 1 School teacher, 2 Operators, 1 Clerk, 2 Police, 1 Interpreter.

Duration—From 19/2/1968 to 1/3/1968

Number of Days 12.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services July/Oct./1968

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

Map Reference FOURMIL OF KARIMUI AND MAP ATTACHED.

Objects of Patrol i) HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS, ii) FAMILIARIZATION, AND iii) GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

Director of District Administration,
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 ....

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Ref: 67/2/12

Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, Papua.

April 30th, 1968.

District Commissioner,
Gulf District
KEREMA.

PATROL NO. BAIMURU 6-67/68

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of ~~Memorandum~~
* ~~of Patrol~~/Patrol Report covering patrol by N.C. McQUILTY P.O.
to UPPER PURARI Census Divisions.

T.W. Ellis
(T.W. ELLIS)
Director

* Delete as necessary.

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67-6-22/0934

KEREMA, Gulf District.

1st April, 1968

Officer in Charge,
BAIMURU.

BAIMURU PATROL REPORT NO. 6/67-68

Thank you for the above most informative patrol report, which was received here on 27th March. Please note that the District instructions demand that reports be completed within 7 days of the patrol standing down, and must be at District Headquarters within 14 days. On return from patrol, officers are to have one full day free of all duties, and then three days free of all office and station duties to complete the report and map.

Concerning the Upper Purari Division, you are to concentrate on developing the economic potential of this area. I realise you are short-staffed at the moment, but when Mr. Didlick returns from leave you should be able to concentrate more on this Division.

The people should be firmly encouraged to produce copra and to extend their groves of palms. In this regard, I want you to discuss the merits of copra production with the people and try to have individuals plant out several acres of huts.

You are also actively to encourage crocodile shooting. The Purari area has a first-class economic potential and there are large areas on the eastern bank of the river, near the Beban Rapids, suitable for re-settlement schemes. I will ask the District Agricultural Officer to have the report on Pawaia No.1 examined by an Agircultural officer.

Your remarks concerning village officials appear to be contradictory to your observation under the headings of Villages and Hygiene.

The Pepike people are nomadic and the only Administration contact has been by patrols seeking to arrest murderers. Frankly, I do not consider any of these people would have recorded a vote. They are virtually uncontacted. As a matter of fact, there are approximately 40 men from this area serving long sentences for murder. This would represent about 50% of the known Pepike males.

The lack of interest in the polls was most likely caused by the absence of campaigning by the candidates. Wherever can have visited an area in this district, polling attendances sho marked increase.

A well conducted patrol. Mr. McQuilty has proved to a most competent officer. Camping claim is returned her

J. J. Murphy A.D.C.
(John J. Murphy)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

The Director,
Dept. of District Administration, Konedobu.
cc: A.D.C. Kikori

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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In Reply Please Quote

No.

Department of District Administration,
Patrol Post,
BAIMURU.

5th March, 1968.

District Commissioner,
District Office,
KEREMA.

BAIMURU PATROL REPORT NO. 6 OF 1967/68.

Patrol conducted by	: N.C.McQuilty, Patrol Officer.
Area patrolled	: Upper Purari C/D (Part),
Patrol accompanied by	: Overseas Officers: Nil. Local Officers: J.Mama, Clerk, M.Lovati, School Teacher, 1 Interpreter, 1 Operator, 2 Police.
Duration	: From 19.2.68 to 1.3.68.
Patrol days	: 12 days.
Did Medical Assistant Accompany?	: No.
Last patrol to area	: D.D.A. - July/Oct. 1967.
Map reference	: Fourmil Karimui and map attached.
Objects of patrol	: i House of Assembly elections, ii Familiarization, and iii General Administration.

N.C.McQuilty

N.C.McQuilty.

Patrol Officer.

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Patrol Diary:

Monday 19th Feb.1968: Last minute patrol preparations. Polling Team No.2 (Mr.Didlick's) loaded onto canoes and departed Polling Team No.1 (Mr.McQuilty's) also loaded and departed at 0835 but returned 10 minutes later to reload canoe. Departed 0910. Motor over heated and stopped in Romilly Sound. Started motor and returned to station 1010. Removed thermostat from the motor and tested. Canoe again departed with patrol personel and gear. Self waited for din ghy from Beara.
Patrol slept MAPAIO and self slept Baimuru.

Tuesday 20th Feb.1968: 0730 Self departed station in dinghy to ARA'AVA. Talks with Mr.Didlick concerning elections and papers. Departed - took Coops Officer to KAIRIMAI - thence MAPAIO and met remainder of patrol. Din ghy and canoe departed and travelled up the Purari to PAWAIA No.1 arriving 1335. Camp set up in Rest House. Village inspected and the V.C. told of the patrol's program.
Patrol slept PAWAIA No.1.

Wednesday 21st Feb.1968: Canoe departed PAWAIA 0820 and self and dinghy departed 0845 - proceeded up Purari River to KONI Village. Dinghy arrived 1402 just as rain started and canoe arrived 1420 in rain. Camp set up. V.C. informed of the patrols purpose and program.
Several courts brought before the patrol.
Patrol slept KONI.

Thursday 22nd Feb.1968: Canoe and dinghy departed KONI after packing up and loading 0820. Dinghy escorting canoe through rapids etc on the Purari River to URARU both arriving 1105. Inspected mission airstrip. Informed village of program. Camp set up. Discussions with the V.C. about the elections and about the other villages, ie. Kairuku and Tatu, arriving for the elections.
Patrol slept URARU.

Friday 23rd Feb.1968 Polling Team set up booth in two tents flies. 0800 to 1800 Polling carried out without incident. Complaints etc. settled.
Patrol slept URARU.

Saturday 24th Feb. 1968: Polling booth open from 0800 to 1800 but alas! no business.
Several more complaints bought forward but will have to be heard at KONI as either complainant or defendent there.
1305 M.A.F. Cessna arrivedwith Mr.J.Cribb from L.M.S. Kapuna to visit his mission station. Poll Clerk sent out to Baimuru on plane due to sickness.
Patrol slept URARU

Sunday 25th Feb.1968: Patrol gear packed up and loaded on canoe and dinghy. Departed URARU 0900 and travelled down Purari River to KONI Village arriving 1030.
Canoe and dinghy unloaded and camp set up.
Patrol slept KONI Village.

Monday 26th Feb.1968: Polling Booth set up in village. 0800 - 1800 Polling carried out. Most of the votes cast in morning but a few trickled in in the afternoon.
Patrol slept KONI Village.

Tuesday 27th Feb.1968: 0800 - 1800 Polling Booth open but no voters came forward. 3 Local Court cases heard (Indecent assault, assault and adultery).
Patrol slept KONI Village.

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Wednesday 28th Feb.1968: Departed KONI 0800 and proceeded down Purari River to PAWAIA NO.1 arriving 1200 (River level low) 1400 - 1800 Voting carried out.
Patrol slept PAWAIA No.1

Thursday 29th Feb.1968: Polling Booth open from 0800 to 1800 but no business. One complaint heard and settled. Some fresh foods purchased. Village and housing inspected.
Patrol slept PAWAIA No.1.

Friday 1st March.1968: Patrol departed PAWAIA No.1 0730 in canoe and dinghy and travelled to station at Baimuru arriving 1215. Patrol gear and equipment unloaded.
Patrol slept Baimuru.

Patrol stood down.

Introduction:

1. The main object of this patrol was to carry out the House of Assembly elections in the Upper Purari Census Division. It also allowed the Officer-in-Charge Patrol to familiarize himself with the people and the area and also to carry out general administration.

2. The Upper Purari Census Division is bordered on the south by the swampy coastal planes and on the north by the Papua - New Guinea border. It is bordered on the east by the upper reaches of the Vailala River and on the west by a north - south line west of Lake Tebora.

3. The climate in the southern section of the census division is tropical but in the northern section, due to altitude and ranges, it is more temperate. Similarly the vegetation varies. In the southern section Nipa Palm predominates whilst in the northern section tropical rainforest covers most of the country.

Agriculture:

4. The staple food of the people from the area patrolled is sago. This is well suplemented with sweet potato, bananas, pineapples, pawpaws, taro, tapioca and coconuts.

5. Meat is provided ~~for~~ by native pigs, the large amount of game and birds available from the bush and fish from the rivers.

6. No copra is produced in this area although a smaoke type dryer was built at PAWAIA No1. several years ago. As these people now have sufficient mature palms to make such a venture worth while they were encouraged to do so.

7. A trial rubber plot was planted on the Purari River south of PAWAIA No1. several years ago by TOMI KABU but it has not been looked after and has become overgrown.

Commerce and Industry:

8. The only commerce and industry in the area patrolled is crocodile skins and celo blind looms.

9. The Purari River is one of the few rivers in the Territory that has not been shot out by European shooters and thus there are sufficient crocodiles for the people to shoot them profitably with shotguns or native weapons. A large number are not shot each year but this does form one

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of the major sources of income.

10. A group from PAWAIA No.1 has one of TOMI KABU's celo looms and is making celo blind for the Department of Public Works. This is purchased for one dollar a sheet. Production figures are not available.

11. There are no trade stores in the villages visited by this patrol.

Rest Houses:

12. The Rest Camps at PAWAIA No.1 and URARU are adequate, in fact they could accommodate an Army Company in luxery. The Village Constable at KONI was instructed to construct a new Rest House as the old one is due to fall into the Wabu Creek with the next gust of wind.

Travelling Times:

13. All travelling times are included in the Patrol Diary. These times were made by a Johnson 40 h.p. powered canoe with the height and current in the Purari River about average.

14. The stretch of the Purari River from about five miles south of KONI Village to URARU Village could become dangerous for canoes at very low water due to gravel bars, submerged logs, rapids and whirlpools.

Village Officials:

15. As a result of this patrol no recommendations will be made for appointment of new village officials or dismissals.

16. The standard of the Village Officials along the Purari River is very poor. The officials have a very indifferent attitude towards their work. Possibly the major reason for this is very poor communications with the Administration at Baimuru as these people only have paddle canoes.

Villages and Hygiene:

17. The standard and type of housing in this area is both adequate and well repaired - this, I believe, is due to the relevent sections of the Native Regulations having been enforced in the past.

18. An adequate number of pit latrines have been constructed, and are kept clean, in each village.

19. The surroundings of the three villages visited were found to be clean and any grass had been cut. Housing was also found to be clean, both inside and out.

Airstrips:

20. The London Missionary Society has a small Cessna airstrip at URARU Village. The airstrip is approximately 1400 feet long by 150 feet wide. This is not a D.C.A. approved 'strip and therefore can only be used by Cessnas flown by the Missionary Aviation Fellowshp. The 'strip has been well constructed and maintained, eg. two two stroke mowers for grass cutting. It is only a dry weather 'strip.

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Complaints and Courts:

21. Three Local Court cases were heard and as a result six persons were convicted. These were only minor matters and on a minor scale, ie. assault, indecent assault and adultery.

22. Several complaints were also brought before the patrol concerning sorcery and bride price and were settled to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

Medical and Health:

23. The only Aid Post in the area is at URARU and is staffed and run by the London Missionary Society. The Medical Orderly, a local man from the Koriki, only treats for minor sicknesses and first aid and the more serious cases are sent out to Kapuna L.M.S. Hospital either by plane or canoe.

24. The other villages in this Census Division, if they wish to receive treatment, go either to the Aid Post at URARU or to the hospital at Kapuna.

25. Due to a fairly well balanced diet and a cooler cleaner climate than the coastal people the people from the Purari River region are relatively healthy. No serious illnesses or injuries were seen or treated although malaria and sipoma (girili) are wide spread.

House of Assembly Elections:

26. Originally this patrol was to carry out the elections in the Pepike and the Upper Purari Census Divisions. Due to the late arrival of patrol equipment and rations and also ballot boxes and papers the Pepike section of the patrol was cancelled with the approval of the Chief Electoral Officer. This was unfortunate but as these people did not vote in 1964, no candidates campaingned in this area and as the people are in a 'back block' with very little outside contact or influence the majority of the votes would probably have been invalid.

27. Due to a mistake or omission the villages of KAIRUKU and URARU had been omitted from the Common Roll. A much better checking system will have to be instituted to make sure this does not happen again as this makes the work of the Polling Teams twice as hard and long.

28. The following is a break up of the people who voted from each village, the number enrolled and the percentage:

Village	No. Enrolled.	No. Voted.	Percentage.
Uraru	Not on Common Roll.		
Kairuku	" " " "		
Tatu	97	33	35%
Koni	98	28	28%
Pawaia No1	72	26	36%
Pawaia No2	84	9	11%
Weijana	61	Nil	Nil%
Uri	24	3	12%
Weme	43	1	2%
Other Villages	5	5	

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29. The average percentage for the seven villages included in the Common Roll is therefore 20%.

30. Not included in the above totals are 99 voters who voted under Section 130(1) and 2 Absent Voters. The large number of Section 130(1) voters was caused by the two villages of KAIRUKU and URARU being omitted from the Common Roll.

31. The reason for the poor percentage of voters and the uninterestedness of the people towards the elections is unknown to the writer. These people had known many weeks prior to the patrol arriving what time it would be there and all the villages where again told ~~xxx~~ when the patrol was going up the Purari River.

32. It is recommended that the next Polling Team to visit this area starts at the bottom of the Purari River and works its way up the river and into the Pepike Census Division. This allows for the late arrival of patrol equipment paper, etc but as it is, starting in the Pepike, the patrol has to leave 10 to 14 days prior to the commencement of the elections.

Conclusion:

33. The House of Assembly Election/s were carried out in the Upper Purari Census Division without any untoward incidents.

34. All other objects of the patrol were successfully accomplished and the Officer-in-Charge now has a working knowledge of the Purari people and area.

N.C. McQuilty

N.C.McQuilty.
Patrol Officer.

Appendix A:

BAIMURU PATROL REPORT NO. 6 OF 1967/68.

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The following is a copy of the Shotgun Register for the Upper Purari Census Division:

Sei SENANAI of Pawaia No1 Ciclope-Astra Serial No 61576
Certificate of Registration No. 22233 Renewal Date 30.6.68

Hapare OKEI of Pawaia No1 Ciclope-Astra Serial No 47375
Certificate of Registration No. 22201 Renewal Date 11.5.68

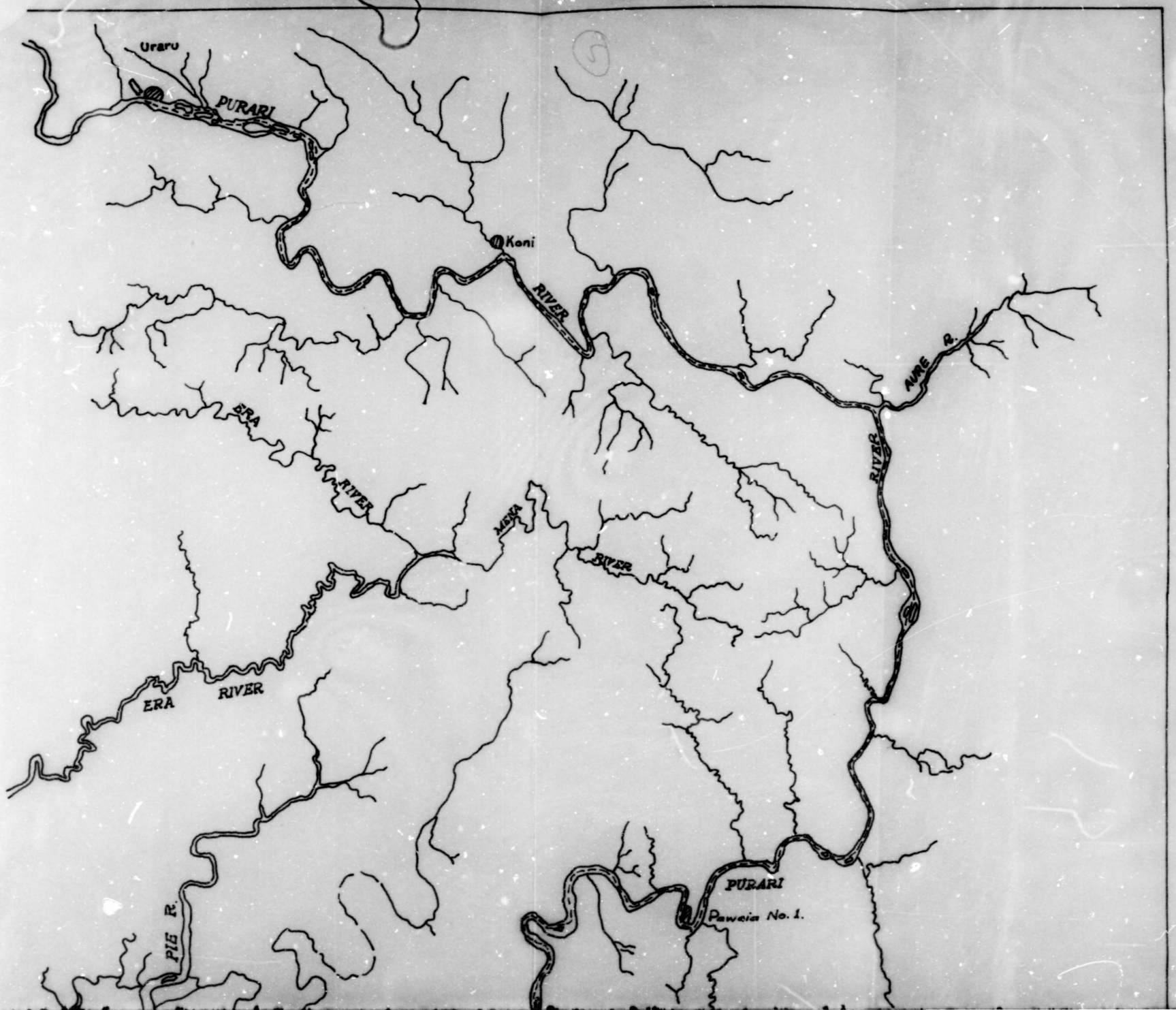
Mamahai HARE of Pawaia No2 Vanguard Serial No 22845
Certificate of Registration No. 22170 Renewal Date 23.10.68

Tuma HARE of KEKA Winchester Western Serial No. 48995
Certificate of Registration No. 22254 Renewal Date 30.6.68

Sapiso IARI of Keka Stevens Serial No. J23
Certificate of Registration No. 17863 Renewal Date 4.7.68

Emenda HUIMO of Keka Webly & Scott Serial No. 32782
Certificate of Registration No. 22509 Renewal Date 21.12.68

Sari SAI of Koni Ciclope-Astra Serial No 47422
Certificate of Registration No 10549 Renewal Date 1.5.68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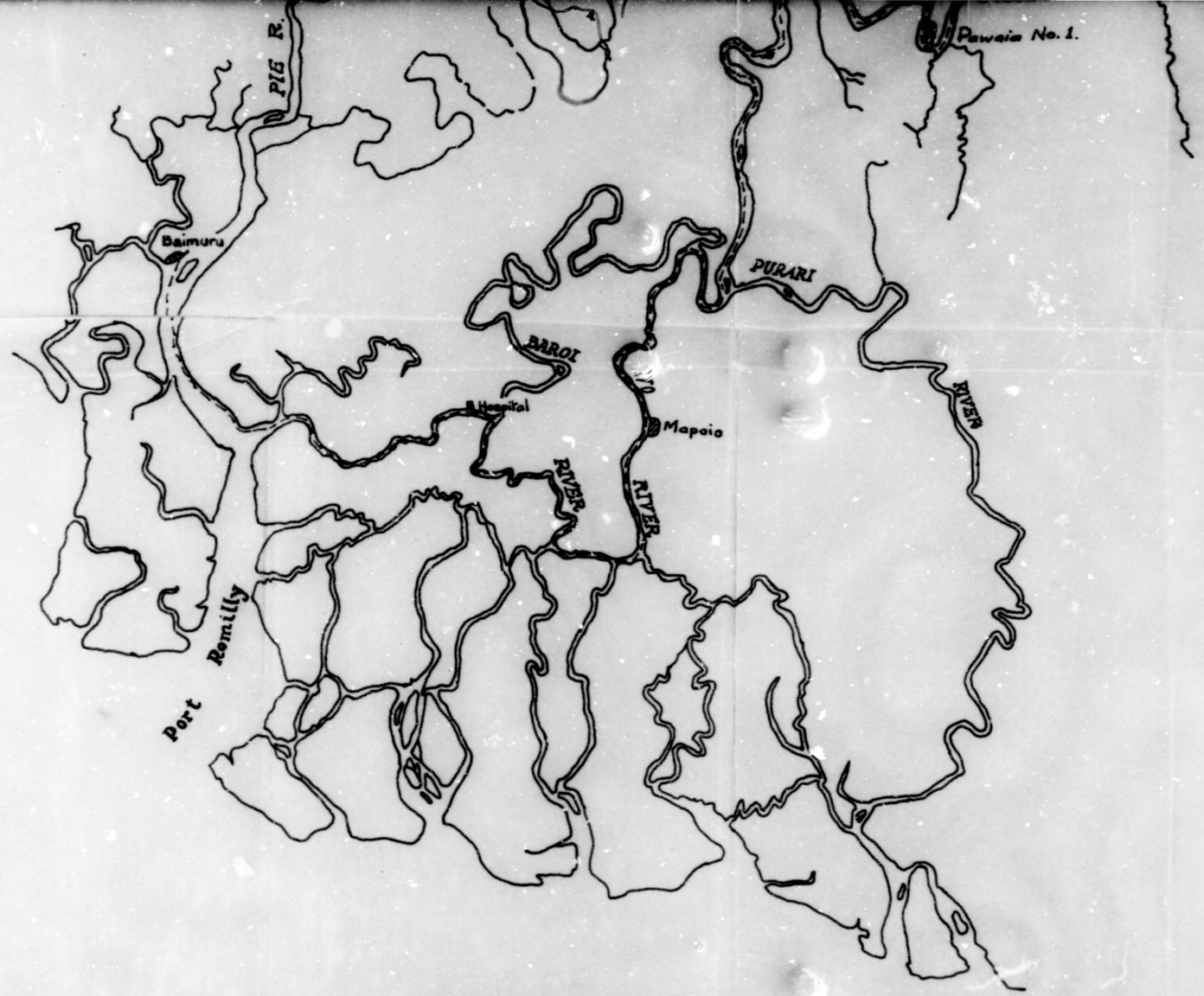

BAIMURU PATROL Nº. 6/1967-68

Scale: Fourmil.

Patrol Route: -----

Area: Upper Purari Census Division.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of GULF Report No. 7

Patrol Conducted by A.M. DRILICK CADET PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled BAIMURU L.G.C. AREA

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 1 member R.P.N.G.C. 1 Interpreter, Council Clerk, Headmaster Baimuru P.S. 1 Outboard operator

Duration—From 19/2/1968 to 5/3/1968

Number of Days 15

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 20/11/1967

Medical NIL/ /19

Map Reference NIL

Objects of Patrol To conductthe 1968 General Election.

Director of District Administration,
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 ....

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Ref: 67-2-14

Dept. of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, Papua.

April 29th, 1968.

District Commissioner,
Gulf District,
KEREMA.

PATROL NO. BAIMURU 7-67/68

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of [redacted]
[redacted] Patrol Report covering patrol by A.M. DIDLICK C.P.O.
to BAIMURU L.G. AREA. [redacted] Census Divisions.

T.W. Ellis
(T.W. ELLIS)
Director

* Delete as necessary.

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67-6-23/0931

KERema, Gulf District.

1st April, 1968

Officer in Charge,
BAIMURU.

BAIMURU PATROL REPORT NO. 7/67-68

Thank you for the above report, which was received here on 27th March, 1968. I refer you to paragraph (1) of my 67-6-22 of even date, concerning district instructions re the time lag permissible in submitting patrol reports.

The suggestions made for improving ballot boxes will be forwarded to the Chief Electoral Officer.

The United Church have a long record in this area of endeavouring to have villages moved to suit the Mission's convenience. Great care should be taken and pressure must not be extended against the people. The choice to move or remain must be made by them. People, not unnaturally, have deep sentimental attachments to their land, and to interfere is not good administration, unless their health is in danger.

The number of votes attracted by Tomi Kabu clearly indicates his declining popularity in this area. I believe his own people have begun to realise that in all his activities his prime aim is the advancement of himself. In short, he has used the people for his own ends. The development and advancement of his people has always been of secondary importance.

A well-conducted patrol. Mr. Didlick has a good style of writing and expresses himself clearly. However, I would like to see more detailed observations of village life, etc. and some suggestions for economic development.

Camping claim has been forwarded to Treasury with a request to post the cheque to Mr. Didlick's leave address. Other claims are returned herewith.

J. J. Murphy A.J.
(John J. Murphy)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

cc: The Director,
Department of District Administration,
Konedobu.

cc: A.D.C. Kikori

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Department of District
Administration,
Patrol Post,
BAIMURU.

22nd March, 1968.

District Commissioner,
District Office,
KEREMA.

BAIMURU PATROL REPORT NO 7 OF 1967/68
BAIMURU L.G.COUNCIL AREA

Please find attached two copies of a report written on the above patrol conducted by Mr.A.M.Didlick,C.P.O. Also attached are claims for camping allowance to be funded on the electoral vote.

Paras. 3 to 6:

The House of Assembly elections were carried out in this section of the Baimuru Administrative Area without any untoward incidents. It can also be seen from paras. 12 to 16 that a fair amount of interest was shown by these people; more so than in some other areas in the Gulf District. It is interesting to note the interest being shown by the women.

Para. 7:

This is a suggestion that the Administration could well aford to implement. Each House of Assembly elections at least one canoe turns over in the territory and the ballot papers are ruined. If a canoe, during Local Government Council elections turns over in can well mean that the elections will have to be carried out again.

A short but well written patrol report by Mr.A. Didlick.

N.C. McQuilty

N.C.McQuilty, P.O.

Officer-in-Charge.

PATROL DIARY.

17.2.68 Elections commenced on Baimuru station 0800 with school room being used as polling booth. Although everyone was aware that polling had commenced it seemed that the voters were those who just happened to be passing. Voting ceased 1800.

18.2.68 Observed morning. Afternoon made preparations for departure on the morrow and paid police.

19.2.68 Departed Baimuru 0700 arriving Korovake 0735. Polling commenced 0800 with voters coming from U.G.C. Beara. The women of the village wished to know if voting was compulsory and when informed that it was not they generally decided against such a rash move.
The response from the men was in sharp contrast to that at Baimuru. Polling closed 1800.

20.2.68 Departed Korovake 0700 arriving Korovake 0745, polling commenced 0800 with Rest House being used as booth. A fairly good roll up of voters, the women here still hesitant but somewhat better than Korovake. Polling closed 1800. Overnight Ara Ava.

21.2.68 Voting continued at Ara Ava, commencing at 0800. voters from Kapuna came down today. Polling closed 1800. Overnight Ara Ava.

22.2.68 Patrol moved on to Mapaio to set up booth for the morrows polling. Overnight Mapaio.

23.2.68 Voting commenced 0800. Voters from Old Iari arrived late in the afternoon. Polling closed 1800. A busy day today. Overnight Mapaio.

24.2.68 Polling opened 0800. Very few votes recorded today. Overnight Mapaio.

25.2.68 Patrol moved to Aivei arriving 1200. No polling Sunday.

26.2.68 Polling commenced at Aivei 0800. After polling I spoke with the people of Kapai about the proposed move of Old Iari to Kapai land. Although I had been assured by the L.M.S Kapuna that the Kapai people were wholly in favour of the Iari people combining with them, I found as I expected that this was not the case there. I will be a meeting held at Baimuru to discuss the matter.

27.2.68 Polling opened 0800 and continued until 1800, 3 votes cast today. Overnight Aivei.

28.2.68 Patrol departed Aivei 0645 arriving Maipenairu 0730, Polling commenced 0800 and closed at 1800. Voters came fom Urika Mission in the afternoon.

29.2.68 Patrol remained at Maipenairu but no voters today.

1.3.68 Patrol departed 0700 for Akoma, arriving 0745. Polling commenced o800. Voters arrived from Ikinu about 0930. Polling closed 1800.

2,3.68 Patrol remained at Akoma awaiting any furtther votes from Ikinu. Polling closed 1800.

3.3.68 Patrol departed Akoma 0700 reaching Kinipo 0900 after breaking a propellor. Overnight Kinipo.

4.3.68 Polling commenced Kinipo 0800 and continued until 1800.

5.3.68 Departed Kinipo 0700 arriving Mariki 0745. Polling opened 0800. Polling closed 1800.
Patrol returned to Baimuru arriving 1800.

Introduction.

1. Baimuru Patrol No. 7 was mounted with the aim of carrying out the 1968 General Election within the Local Govt. Council sphere of influence, this area comprises six Census Divisions.

2. Over the whole area 1317 votes were polled. Two fifths of these being cast by females.

Polling Places.

3. In several of the villages provisions had been made for polling, but in most cases these constructions were inadequate so flies or schoolrooms were used.

4. One Polling Place was altered as it was found to be a licenced premises; Beara was changed to Korovake village about three hundred yards downstream.

5. Wherever tent flies were used as polling booths I found that they did not offer sufficient protection from wind, rain and dogs, although fortunately the former two elements were not as prevalent as usual.

6. In none of the Polling Places did I encounter any difficulty in respect of transgressions of the Ordinance.

Ballot Boxes.

7. Although I am informed that the Ballot Boxes used were especially designed for the various hazards of travel met with throughout the territory, I believe that protection against moisture could be increased with the implimentation of a foam rubber seal between the top edges of the box and the lid.

Villages.

8. There has been a definite improvement in the appearance of Korovake village, previously a disgrace. A new and adequate Rest House has also been built.

9. Whilst at Kapai I discussed the proposed movement of Old Iari to Kapai, and, in spite of assurances by the L.M.S. and Old Iari villagers, I encountered the opposition I expected from Kapai land owners - a meeting will be held at Baimuru in an attempt to resolve this.

10. Should the move take place benefits to both villages would be manifold, eg. a school and aid post for Kapai, reasonable land and a healthier situation for Old Iari villagers.

Transport.

11. The patrol was conducted with one canoe and a 40 HP. outboard, the canoe being extremely heavily laden. After nearly capsizing outside Korovake it was decided to hire another canoe and 20 HP. motor. The overall cost was $70 and with the load thus divided no further problems were met.

Interest in the Election.

12. Interest ran far higher than I had anticipated, ostensibly this would be attributable to the presence of two Korikis among the candidates for the Open Electorate ie. TOMI KABU and IVIA LAURA.

13. Women were more in evidence than was expected, with the exception of Korovake and Ara Ava, where a marked disinclination to vote was observed.

14. The Regional Electorate, although thoroughly discoursed on, provoked much bewilderment and confusion. Several voters declined to choose a candidate from the foreigners.

15. Although Mr. Tetley of the Open Electorate campaigned widely, electors were not easily swayed from their original selection.

16. I would estimate that no more than 4% of electors wished to mark their own Ballot papers.

Trade Stores.

17. Trade stores are plentiful if badly stocked throughout the region patrolled. Cooperatives are fairly well organized but the desire to own a store is not easily supplanted. Visions of vast wealth accrued over a short period appeal to almost everybody with the money to buy a sack of rice and the energy to erect a store.

18. One young man at Maipenairu has made a mild success of the venture, but I would say disillusionment is a more common reward. But many failures must play an important part in the economic education of the villagers.

Complaints.

19 The only complaint which I did not refer to Baimuru concerned a discontented wife, as this was purely a matrimonial matter with no legal connotations I requested the Councillor to keep an unobtrusive watch on proceedings, as I consider him far older and wiser than myself inthe ways of the wedded.

Conclusion.

20. The patrol was completed in fifteen days and Polling Places were within easy reach of all electors wishing to exercise their right; aproximately 60% did so.

21. Ballot boxes and Electoral Returns have been forwarded to the Returning Officer at Ihu.

(A.M. Didlick)
Cadet Patrol Officer.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of GULF Report No. 8-1967/68 BAIMURU

Patrol Conducted by N.C. McQUILTY, PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled KORIKI, IARI, KAIMARI AND MAIPUA CENSUS DIVISIONS.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 1 POLICE, 1 INTERPRETER, CREW 'RUBY'.

Duration—From 8 / 5 / 1968 to 20 / 5 / 1968

Number of Days 12

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services FEB/MAR/1962

Medical — / / 19

Map Reference FOUREMILE KARIMUI AND MAP ATTACHED

Objects of Patrol I. REVISE CENSUS, II. COUNCIL BY-ELECTION-MAPAIO, III. FAMILIARISATION, AND IV. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

Director of District Administration,
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 ....

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Ref: 67-2-24

Department of District
Administration,

KONEDOBU. Papua.

8th October, 1968.

The District Commissioner,
Gulf District,
KEREMA.

PATROL NO. BAIMURU, NO. 8 OF 1967/68

Your reference 67-6-24/0657 dated 29th August, 1968.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of

* Special/Annual/Census - Area Study/Situation Report by

MR. N.C. MCQUILTY ...P.O.....to R.WILI LARI,.....

KAIMARI and MAIPUA ..... Census Divisions.

All officers should ensure they are familiar with and follow the requirements of Circular Instruction 67-1-0 dated 21st June, 1968.

(W.R. Dishon)
(~~T.W. ELLIS~~)
Director

cc. Mr. N.C. McQuilty P.O.,
Sub District Office,
BAIMURU
Gulf District.

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67-6-24/0657

KEREMA, Gulf District.

29th August, 1968

Officer in Charge,
BAIMURU.

BAIMURU PATROL REPORT NO. 8/67-68

This report is now three months late, and has lost a great deal of its value. In future you are to ensure that patrol reports reach this office not later than two weeks after the conclusion of the patrol.

During the current financial year, every assistance should be given to the Baimuru Council to ensure that they complete their works programme. I cannot offer you any help with staff, but I will try to keep you at Baimuru.

With regard to the fishing company, I have personal knowledge of one of the Directors, and I require you to keep me fully informed of all operations of this company.

You have not mentioned the selo industry in your report. In your area study of the census divisions, which is due to be carried out in March, I require a full report on the activities of Tomi Kabu and the selo industry.

You should assist the people involved in the land dispute to submit claims to the Land Titles Commission.

Vouchers for claims and two copies of the map are returned herewith.

(John J. Murphy)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

cc: The Director,
Department of District Administration,
Konedobu.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

File: 67-2-1

Department of District Administration,
Patrol Post,
BAIMURU.

22nd August, 1968.

District Commissioner,
District Office,
KEREMA.

Baimuru Patrol Report No. 8-1867/68
Baimuru Council Area.

Please find attached three copies of the above Patrol Report, patrol map and census statistics.

The late submission is due to end of financial year committments, sickness of the officer on patrol and therefore non-compilation of census statistics and council returns and projects.

Also attached please find claims for camping allowance and hire of private motor to be funded and returned to this office for payment.

A copy of the report has been forwarded to Sub-District Office, Kikori for their information.

For your information and onforwarding, please.

N.C.McQuilty, P.O.

Officer-in-Charge.

cc. Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KIKORI.

Total Population : 5256.

Map reference :Fourmil Karimui and map attached.

Village Population Register :Enclosed.

N.C.McQuilty
Patrol Officer.

cc. Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KIKORI.

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Department of District
Administration,
Patrol Post,
BAIMURU.

15th August, 1968.

District Commissioner,
District Office,
KEREMA.

Baimuru Patrol Report No. 8-1967/68
Baimuru Council Area.

Report Number	: Baimuru No. 8-1967/68.
Sub-District	: Kikori.
District	: Gulf.
Council Area	: Baimuru Local Government Council.
Patrol Conducted by	: N.C.McQuilty.
Designation	: Patrol Officer.
Area Patrolled	: Koriki, Iari, Kaimare and Maipua Census Divisions.
Patrol Accompanied by	: Overseas Officers; Nil Local Officers; 1 Police, Crew MV 'Ruby', 1 Interpreter.
Duration of Patrol	: From 8.5.68 to 20.5.68.
No. Patrol Days	: 12 days (Broken period).
Last Patrol to Area	: 15 days Feb/March 1968.
Objects of Patrol	: i. Revise Census, ii. Council By-election Mapaio, iii. Familiarisation, and iv. General Administration.
Total Population	: 5256.
Map reference	: Fourmil Karimui and map attached.
Village Population Register	: Enclosed.

N.C.McQuilty
Patrol Officer.

cc. Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KIKORI.

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Patrol Diary:

Folios 35 to 39 Field Officers' Journal refers.

Wednesday 8th May, 1968: Last minute patrol preparations.
MV Ruby loaded.
Departed Baimuru 1032 on Ruby - due to low tide proceeded via Port Romilly thence Barea, Kinipo and Purari River to Mapaio - arriving 1650.
Inspected the village and informed the people of the patrol's programme.
Slept Mapaio.

Thursday 9th May, 1968: 0800 - 1435: By-election for council carried out - only one candidate nominated. Census revised for the 5 groups in the village.
Slept Mapaio.

Friday 10th May, 1968: Settled disputes and collected information on Mapaio land dispute in the morning.
In afternoon departed for Baimuru in dinghy. Had talks with MR.M.Lay concerning villages to be censused from the station.
Slept Baimuru.

Saturday 11th May, 1968: Worked in office till 0930.
0952 - 1108: In dinghy to Mapaio - last minute talks with Councillors.
1150 - 1315: In MV Ruby to old Iari.
Informed Councillors of patrols' programme.
Census statistics compiled.
Slept Old Iari.

Sunday 12th May, 1968: Observed.
Slept Old Iari.

Monday 13th May, 1968: 0800 - 1140: Census revised for Aikavaravi No.1, Kairiravi, Onoporavi No.1, Ravikaupara No.1 and Ravikivau No.1. Talks with the people concerning shotguns, Demarcation Committee, etc. Complaints settled.
Departed 1436 in MV Ruby arriving Ravikivau No 2 1600.
Village inspected.
Slept Ravikivau No 2.

Tuesday 14th May, 1968: Census revised for Ravikivau No.2 - discussions, shotguns, complaints, etc.
Departed 1020 and arrived Ivira 1130. Census revised and talks with people concerning new village site.
Departed 1355 and arrived Apiope 1445.
Village inspected.
Census statistics compiled.
Slept Apiopi.

Wednesday 15th May, 1968: Census revised for Apiopi and Aivei. Discussions with people re. Demarcation Committee, complaints, council meeting, land disputes, etc.
1150-1300: Departed in Ruby and proceeded to Kapai.
Walked to village - village and housing inspected.
Census statistics compiled.
Slept Kapai.

Thursday 16th May, 1968: Census revised for Kapai. Discussions concerning migration of Old Iari to Kapai. One Local Court case heard and complaints settled.
Departed Kapai and proceeded to Maipenairu.
Census revised for Maipenairu after inspecting village and housing.
Slept Maipenairu.

Friday 17th May, 1968: Many complaints heard and settled - also one Local Court case.
Departed Maipenairu 1110 - (Continued)

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Friday 17th May, 1968: (Continued) for Akoma arriving 1207.
Census revised for Akoma, Apiravi No.2 and Navararavi No.1
1620-1640: To Ikinu for anchor overnight.
Slept Ikinu.

Saturday 18th May, 1968: Census revised at Ikinu and Karariravi. Talks concerning housing, council meeting, etc.
Several complaints settled.
1110-1130: To Akoma on Ruby.
Talks with people concerning complaints, housing, courts, etc.
1420-1530: To Kinipo in Ruby.
Advised the people of census next day.
Census statistics compiled.
Slept Kinipo.

Sunday 19th May, 1968: Census revised for Navararavi, Akiaravi, Karararavi and Mfaiaravi.
Spent the rest of the day talking to the village people heard one Local Court case, many complaints, etc. Also talked to members of the Women's Club.
Slept Kinipo.

Monday 20th May, 1968: 0715-1205: From Kinipo to Barea.
Census revised for Barea and village inspected. Several minor complaints and disputes settled.
1145-1205: To Mariki in Ruby.
Census revised. Millions of complaints bought before the patrol for settlement. Discussion with mission.
1820-2130: Departed Mariki and returned to Baimuru.
Slept Baimuru.

Patrol Stood down.

Situation Report.

(a) Political:

1. It could be considered that the Baimuru area is in a political backwater. They have not had a local person elected to the House of Assembly, although several have nominated, their Local Government Council, due to lack of supervisory staff, has only operated at about 30% efficiency since its proclamation, and these people have very little contact, politically, with the outside world.

2. Neither of the two members of the House of Assembly, elected in 1964, visited the Baimuru area and talked to the people and discussed political or other matters with them. As these people saw no direct or immediate good from the House of Assembly they have now lost most of their interest in it. This could be seen during the last House of Assembly elections by the small percentage that voted.

3. Baimuru Patrol Post, since the proclamation of the Baimuru Local Government Council, has been under-staffed and for one period of seven months had no field staff at all. This has caused the council to be way behind in its works programme and due to lack of staff training courses have not been held. Due to the council having done very little the people are losing interest and if the council does not do something material and complete its works programme this financial year then all interest will be lost and take years of hard work to get it back where it was.

4. The by-election for the Mapaio ward was carried out to replace a Councillor who had died. Only one candidate nominated. A group of people tried to nominate another candidate against his wishes. He claimed he did not know enough about the work of a Councillor to be nominated. The group wishing to nominate him persisted. He then suggested they hold an informal election to see how many

supporters he had and if sufficient would nominate. The Returning Officer then explained to the people that this would be defeating the purpose of the election. Secret ballot and the reasons for it were explained to the people. The people accepted this but it is doubtful if they fully understood as this method is completely different to their customary method of selection.

5. The only political education the absent local workers would get in the Territory's main centres would them seeing the advances and development in these centres and them wondering why nothing is happening in their home area.

(b)Economic.

6. The only cash crop of any significance in this area is copra. This is all produced by the individual owners in their own small bush materials smoke dryers.

7. The main problem facing the copra producers is transport and communications connected with this. The producers have to transport the copra to Urika Island, Kapuna Mission Station, Mariki or Baimuru station for 'K' boats to uplift. They then have to organise a boat to do the uplifting. The number of bags usually doesn't warrant a diversion by a 'K' boat or the boat goes to the wrong village. This will have to be organised with the owners of the boats to have set central pick-up points and an organised communications system to confirm the number of bags and advise the boat skippers.

8. The following is a report on a fishing industry, just starting business in the Baimuru area, forwarded to the District Commissioner:-

" Delta Fisheries Pty. Ltd.

The following information has been gained from the Manager, Mr.K.Grant, and other people from this area.

The company has not yet been formed but should be shortly. Capital is expected to be $100,000.

At the present time the company is operating off the MV Possum - Owner and skipper Mr.S.Baxter - and uses a 6" gill net in the Mariki - Baimuru area. A 600lbs. freezer is on the vessel and the fish is transported to Port Moresby by aircraft. Two shipments have already been sent.

They also have a contract to supply fish to the oil company, Esso, drilling on Ini Island.

Plans for the future include the setting up of shore stations at Akoma, Mariki, Baimuru and possibly Iviri. Each of these stations will be equiped with a freezer and nets.

The Akoma station will be manned by a Mr.Martin. The others will be manned by trained local natives. It is planned for them to catch, fillet and freeze the fish. It will then be transported to Baimuru and held in a large holding freezer ready for airfreight to Port Moresby.

The persons manning the shore stations will have the opportunity to purchase their equipment from the company at cost price - approximately $600.

The company also plans to purchase a Piper Aztec aircraft to fly fish into the Highlands and backload fresh vege

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"....vegetables. This will be flown by Mr.John Miller a commercial pilot and partner in the business.

The company has six licences for fishing vessels - one for the MV Possum and the others not yet allocated to boats.

The following are interim prices quoted for the fish: 20¢ per lb buying at Baimuru,
45¢ per lb landed at Port Moresby,
25¢ per lb selling Baimuru,
15¢ per lb buying in the village.
These prices have been set but can be varied after the company has been operating for some time to see if they are practicable.

If the Local Government Council can catch more fish than they can find a local market for it will possibly sell the excess to the company."

9. As can be seen from the above most of the money going into this area will go to the lucky few who are trained and man the shore stations. These people will possibly employ one or two persons to help them but overall this is not going to effect the local economy. The company or shore stations will also purchase fish from local people if they have freezer space.

10. The company is not expected to be in full operation for some months to come.

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11. The London Missionary Society (Papua Ekalesia? United Church?) has Primary'T' Schools at Urika, Mapaio, Mariki, Kinipo and Ara'ava. These schools only cater for Prep. and Standard one and two. Pupils who successfully complate these courses then go to the missions school at Aird Hills and then Koaru High School.

12. The Seventh Day Adventist Mission also has one of these small schools at Mapaio village.

13. The Department of Education only has one school in the area - a Primary 'T' School at Baimuru. It is an unofficial boarding school with over 100 pupils from Prep. to standard 6.

14. The people from this area generally respect law and order - the only infringements being of minor matters. Three Local Court cases were heard during the course of the patrol - 2 minor assaults and one adultery. Dozens of complaints and disputes are brought before the patrol at each village. The majority of these are concerning very minor and trivial matters and could be easily settled between the parties concerned.

15. There are at present Women's Clubs at Baimuru station, Kapuna, Mapaio, Maipenairu and Kinipo. All of them are either dormant or not operating due to ignorance or lack of supervision or training.

16. The two Trainee Welfare Officers from Kerema recently visited the Kinipo Club to help the people start the club and tell them about how to run it in the future. They will be visiting again shortly to try and get the other clubs operating and on a sound basis.

17. Health services are mainly supplied by the L.M.S. mission based at Kapuna. Here they have a hospital with a husband and wife doctor team and Gulf District girls

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....as sisters. It is also a training hospital.

18. Infant Welfare work is carried out extensively. Sisters and nurses visit the villages periodically to hold clinics. It is interesting to note that the majoriyt of women from the area patrolled have their babies at Kapuna hospital.

19. The mission also trains and maintains Aid Post Orderlies in most of the villages. Medicines are supplied by the Department of Public Health.

20. The Jehovahs Witness mission is trying to move into Kinipo Village. As this is still in the planning stage no comments can be made but it will be investigated fully and included in a future report.

(d)Miscellaneous:

21. The Koriki people (the people from the Koriki Census Division) are claiming ownership rights over all the lands used by the Mapaio village people (see area shaded on patrol map for approximate boundaries). It appears that prior to the Second World War all this land belonged to the Koriki people. Then starting from about 1942 until 1952 five groups from the Iari Census Division purchased the Mapaio land. The main vendor for the land by the Korikis was Bai'i a Village Constable from Ikinu and a very big, and influential man amongst the Korikis. The Korikis now claim that only Bai'i and a few other men received the payment for the land. They also claim that Bai'i did not have the power to dispose of it.

22. An application has not been submitted yet as it will take months, possibly years, before all the relevent information can bee taken down and sorted out. This work will be done by future patrols to the area and also fr[illegible] interviews with groups who visit the office.

23. The Old Iari migration to Kapai (as men[illegible] in Baimuru Patrol Report No. 7-1967/68 - paras. 9 and [illegible] discussed at both Old Iari and Kapai. At Old Iari some [illegible] fore and others against. Not all the village was to mig[illegible] - only Kairiravi and Onoporavi No.1.The other villagers were against this as they believed that not only would this split the village but also weaken their social and cultural customs. At Kapai it was found that only one man wanted the migration to take place while all the others were against it. The patrol informed the people of the pros. and cons. of the migration and left the two groups to make the decision. Since the completion of the patrol the two groups have migrated (this will undoubtably result in numerous land disputes in the years to come.

24. Mr.M.D.Day, P.O., revised the census for the Baimuru and Baroi Census Divisions and also Ara'ava, Kaiaravi, Kairimai and Ukunukua census units in the Koriki Census Division on day trips from Baimuru station. These figures have been submitted in one lot to keep them together.

25. These are the first lot of census statistics submitted since 1965 although the census has been revised in the Register in the intervening two years. This is why these figures do not balance with the 1965 figures (they do balance with the names in the Census Register).

26. It will be noted from the census statistics that on an overall figure the population is either slightly declining or static. This is not due to a high death rate but a low birth rate. In my opinion, one of the main causes of the low birth rate would be the high percentage of absentee male workers (39% of males 16 - 45) without their wives.

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27. No other comments are required on the census statistics as they are self explanatory.

Area Study.

28. An area study will not be compiled and forwarded with this report as the Director's 67-1-0 of the 21st June, 1968 was not received until the patrol had been stood down and all the information necessary is not available. It will be compiled by future patrols to these areas.

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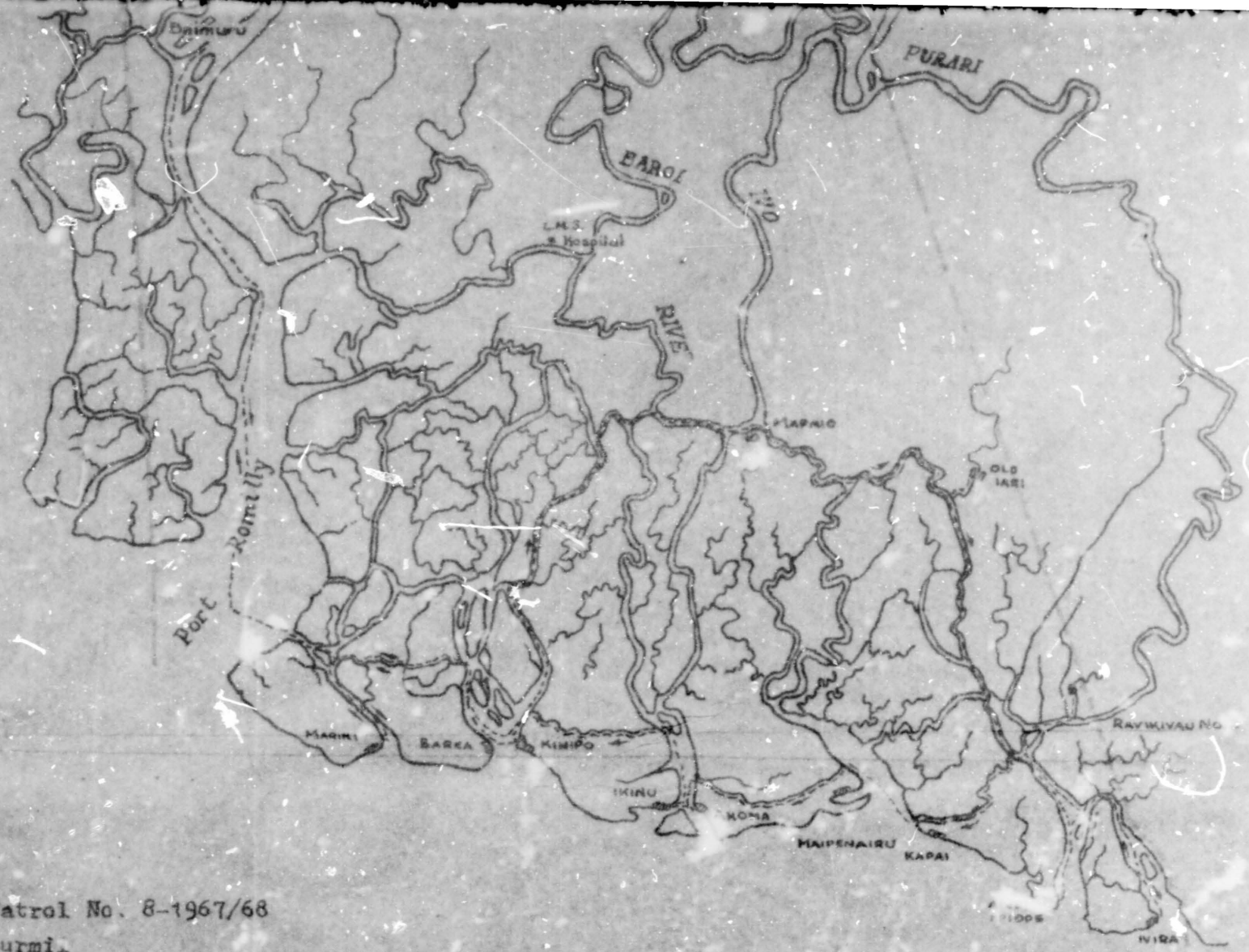

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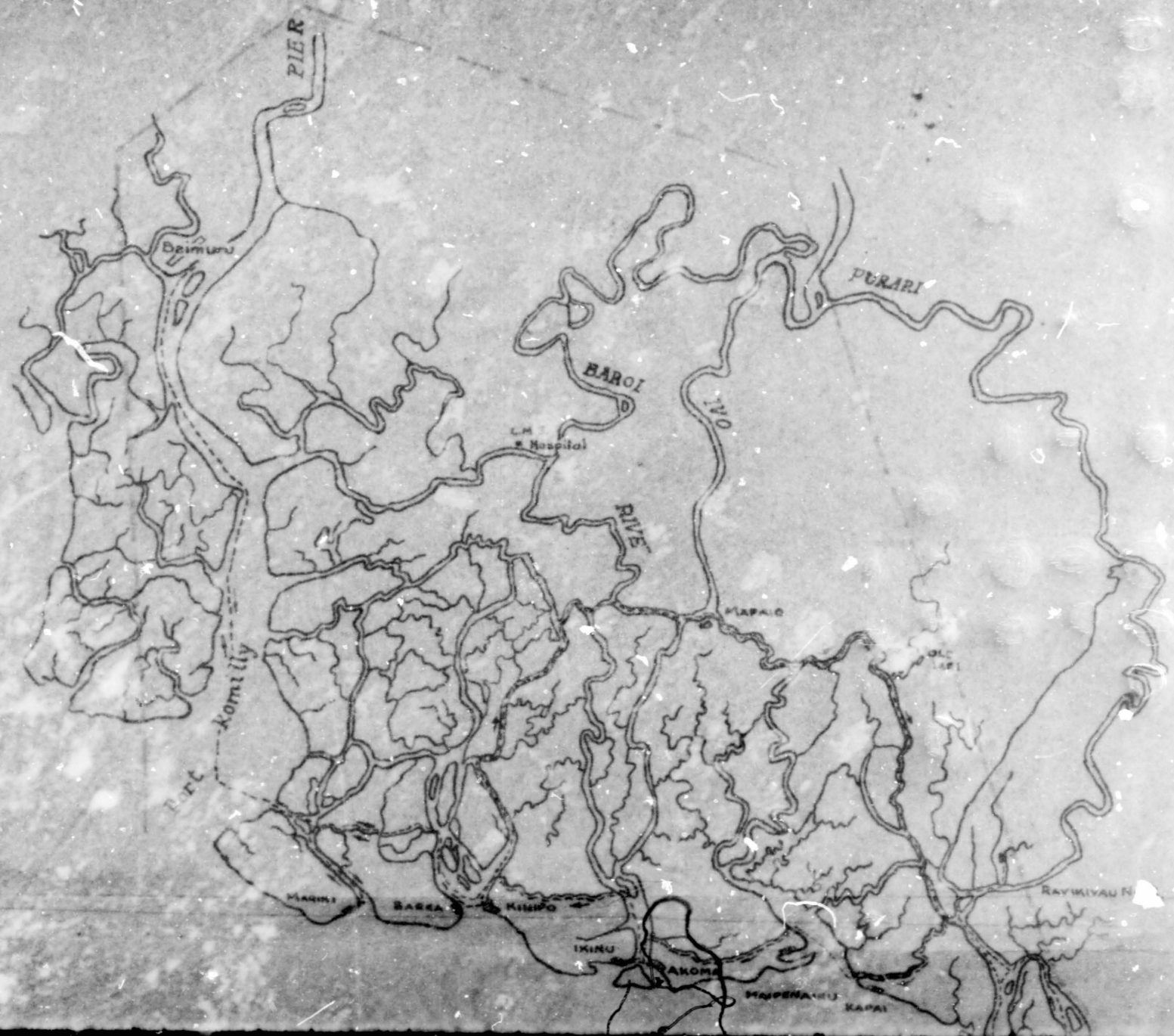
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