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BOUGAINVILLE DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1965/1966

WAKUNAI

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of BOUGAINVILLE Report No. 2 of 1965/66

Patrol Conducted by J. R. BULLOCK, CADET PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled ROKOKAS CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 2 MEMBERS OF THE R P & NG CONSTABULARY

Duration—From 14 / 10 / 1965 to 28 / 10 / 1965

Number of Days 5

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services AUGUST 1965

Medical NOVEMBER / 1964

Map Reference FOURMIL WAKUNAI

Objects of Patrol INFORM PEOPLE OF FORTHCOMING HEALTH SURVEY and
INVESTIGATION INTO NATIVE CUSTOMARY RIGHTS

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

4 / 2 / 1966

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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Department of District Administration
District Headquarters,
SUVA - NAKUNAI

23rd March, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Bougainville District,
SOERABO.

WAKUNAI PATROL REPORT NO. 2/1965-66

Thank you for your memorandum 67-1-5 of 23rd February, 1966, together with Mr. Bullock's patrol report.

- 2. Your comments and those of Messrs. Denehy and Robbins have been noted.
- 3. Mr. Bullock seems to have conducted quite ably the short patrol set him and has submitted a neatly typed, informative report.
- 4. The patrol was of short duration and apparently all the objects were achieved.

It would appear that the Wakunai area is one in which a Demarcation Committee could operate with benefit to the people. This will be discussed further with the Commissioner for Land Titles on his next visit from Suva.

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

S.d. Assistant District Commissioner, FIRM.
Assistant District Officer, SUVA.

A constant check on the situation and villages is made regarding ERJCS. The latest survey which is about 25 km north and any uncertainty is being cleared up by the D.C., F.R.D., Wakunai. So far this has been done and the survey always been made up.

We have still had to postpone the completion of the Health Survey team to go to the site. The completion of the site will commence next week (approx) and the team of their arrival early in the new year.

The delay in the survey is due to the



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Mr. _____

Department of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
SOHANO - BOUGAINVILLE.

February 23rd., 1966.



The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU - PAPUA.

WAKUNAI PATROL No. 2 of 1965/1966.

Attached hereto please find a report on the above patrol as submitted by Mr. J.R. Bullock, Cadet Patrol Officer. A copy of memorandum 67-4-1 of 11th. December 1965 from A.D.O. Wakunai, 67-4-1 of the 7th. January 1966 from A.D.C. Kieta and memo of 6th. January 1966 from the Assistant District Commissioner at KIETA are attached also.

The patrol was only short duration and the objects were achieved by Mr. Bullock.

Mr. Denehy has commented fully on the report and little further comment is necessary.

It would appear that the Wakunai area is one in which a Demarcation Committee could operate with benefit to the people. This will be discussed further with the Commissioner for Land Titles on his next visit from Rabaul.

P.J. Mollison

(P.J. MOLLISON)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

c.c. Assistant District Commissioner, KIETA.
Assistant District Officer, WAKUNAI.

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P/R

Sub-District Office,
KIETA.

6th January '66


The District Commissioner,
Bougainville District,
SOHANO.

WAKUNAI PATROL REPORT NO.2 of 1965-66

Enclosed please find a report of the above patrol compiled by Mr. J.R. Bullock, C.P.O.

Although of only five days duration and for a specific object, Mr. Bullock has submitted an interesting and informative report.

The A.D.O. Wakunai's covering comments 67-4-1 of 11.12.65 and my memo in reply 67-4-1 of even date are also attached.


(M.J. Denehy)
Assistant District Commissioner

67-4-1

Patrol Post,
WAKUNAI.

11th December, 1965.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KIETA.

PATROL REPORT No.2 of 1965-66.

Please find herewith Patrol Report No.2 of 65/66 together with claim for Camping Allowance.

With regard to the necessity for a Councillor for IBU village in addition to the President, I am in full agreement and steps should be taken to implement this as soon as possible. However, only this week I learned unofficially that the President, a school teacher at ASITAVE, is being transferred at the beginning of next year. Through matriline, this man, though born at IBU only has hereditary land in the Kerika and this has already been marked and planted. I assume that we will be seeing little of him and it will be necessary to elect a new President. This will probably mean (a) a by-election at IBU (b) election of a new President and (c) a possible by-election at the village of the newly elected President to allow a separate Councillor there.

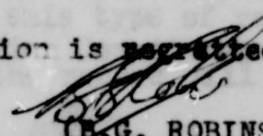
At this stage I still find the land situation at Wakunai confusing and would like to know more about the register held here known as the 'Red Book'. As far as I can see, this merely records unofficial agreements between landless people and land owners, with no legal binding whatsoever. While it will certainly help to straighten out 'who has done what' with the land at a later date, an overall re-settlement Scheme is the only way, as I see it, for steady and secure progress. The people who are given land under unofficial agreement, and, have this recorded in the register and then blithely planted up, are, I should imagine, in some danger from the actual landowner. These people often think twice once the land is planted, you'll agree. I intend to reopen the land re settlement schemes when time permits but would appreciate your comments and advice on the present situation with these land schemes which were started here.

The matter of staffing the Aid Post at Tutupaia has been discussed with the District Medical Officer. He states that while efforts will be made to have the post re-staffed as soon as possible, there is a shortage and this may take some time. I intend bringing this matter up again with him in the near future.

A constant check on both the station and villages is made regarding ERONE. The Malaria Control Orderly is always on the move and any unpunctuality is discussed with the O.I.C., P.H.D., Wakunai. So far this has been very little and time has always been made up.

We have still had no word as yet on the eta. of the Health Survey team to go to TUTUPAIA, but construction of the site will commence next week (approx. 16/12) in anticipation of their arrival early in the new year.

The delay in submission is regretted.


(G.G. ROBINS)

67-4-1

Sub-District Office,
KIETA.

7th January '66

The Assistant District Officer,
Patrol Post,
WA KUNAI.

WAKUNAI PATROL REPORT NO.2 of 1965-66

The above report is acknowledged, thank you.

Officials. I understand that Wakunai L.G.C. President Gabriel Arisiri himself requested a transfer from Asitavi Mission, and the Council area, as the result of a disagreement with his employer which, I am given to understand, was of a minor nature. This is regrettable, however it would appear that this young man lacks a sense of responsibility to his own electorate and to the Council as a whole.

As you suggest, if Arisiri leaves the Council area to reside elsewhere it will necessitate the election of a new President and a by-election in his Ward. I do not consider it necessary to have a second Councillor from the President's ward; even if he is working locally he can, if sufficiently interested, visit his home regularly. A Ward Officer or 'Committee' should be able to look after the village.

Agriculture. Mr. Bullock is not wholly correct in the method of using the "Red Book" referred to on page 2 of the report. This is the Economic Development Register and is used to record dispute free plantings. Entries must be made in the presence of the whole community (e.g. immediately after census revision). Under no circumstances should entries be made with only the agreeing parties present - i.e. in the office or in the rest house; by so doing the value of the whole Register can be negated by a third party disputing actual ownership of the subject land in any one entry. If any entry has been so made, it must be confirmed in the presence of the relevant community as soon as possible.

It is true that this record is not binding, but if used as laid down in my original instructions it would prove valuable evidence in a Court. Therefore its use will be continued, please. Most of the million plantings in the Kieta area are so recorded, and in fact is the only protection the cultivators have. If one accepts the basic tenet that there is no such thing as individual ownership of land in T.P.N.G. societies, then this type of register is essential until Demarkation Committees cover the area - even thereafter the record will still prove

valuable.

No land resettlement schemes have been commenced in the Wakunai area; however there is an acquisition pending of 680 acres near Pokoia. Please refer to your file 35-3-1; therein contained a request for a purchase investigation in accordance with Lands Circular 1/64 (copy attached). Please give this the highest priority. As you are probably aware, there was a move to acquire a large tract behind Koikoi, Tenakau and Arigua for resettlement purposes, but the owners (principally Tererori) were unwilling to sell. Please approach them when you consider the time opportune to see if their attitude has softened.

I do agree that re-settlement would be of considerable advantage to many people of your area & I am pleased that you intend to give emphasis to this aspect of the work.

(M.J. Denehy)
Assistant District Commissioner

C.C. De. Solano



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Our Reference 67-2-1

If calling ask for

Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Patrol Post,
WAKUNAI.

23rd October, 1965.

Mr. J.R. Bullock,
Cadet Patrol Officer,
WAKUNAI.

PATROL - INVESTIGATION OF PROVISIONAL ORDER
PORTION 241 IVUTURI.

Would you please proceed to IBU Village on Tuesday, 26th October and make an investigation into Native Customary Rights on the land known as IVUTURI.

While at the village please check on the following also:

- 1) Standard of housing and general village cleanliness including sanitary arrangements, roads etc.
- 2) The extent of native plantings and the activities of Agricultural field assistants in the area. Encourage further plantings.
- 3) Local feelings towards the Council and Administration. This need not be done by formal questioning but can be gauged by casual acquaintance and conversation as I would like you to spent at least three nights at the village.
- 4) Regarding ERONE distribution, take a copy of Drug Distribution Days for that village and check thoroughly, also find out the people's attitude towards this.
- 5) Finally look into any disputes and if necessary, bring cases into Wakunai for hearing.

Should you need more time, take till the end of the week but if you run into difficulties with the land investigation let me know by runner at once as this has to be cleared up as soon as possible.


D.G. ROBINS)
ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER.

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PREAMBLE.

STATION: WAKUNAI

SUB-DISTRICT: KIETA

DISTRICT: BOUGAINVILLE

PATROL NUMBER: 2 of 1965/66

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: J.R.BULLOCK, CADET PATROL OFFICER.

AREA PATROLLED: ROTOKAS CENSUS DIVISION.

PERSONAL ACCOMPANYING PATROL: CONST. AIRIP and CONST. POKIKUNA of the RP & N G CONSTABULARY.

DURATION OF PATROL: 14/10/65 to 15/10/65 and 26/10/65 to 28/10/65 5 days.

LAST PATROL TO THE AREA: D.D.A. AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 1965.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PATROL: INFORM PEOPLE OF FORTHCOMING HEALTH SURVEY and INVESTIGATION INTO NATIVE CUSTOMARY RIGHTS.

MAP REFERENCE: BOUGAINVILLE NORTH FOURMIL.

THURSDAY,
26/10/65.

Departed Ibu for Wakunai 7.10 am. Discussion with Councillor from 5-7 villages whom I met on way regarding the progress of the new Aid Post. Arrived 11.30am.

DIARY.

THURSDAY,
14/10/65.

Departed Wakunai 7.30am by Landrover to track to TUTUPAIA village. Began walk 8am arriving 12 noon. Camp set up and discussions with Councillor to 2pm. Inspection of village. 4pm village lined and given talk on the HEALTH SURVEY. Inspection of the proposed building site.

Slept Tutupaia.

FRIDAY,
15/10/65.

Departed Tutupaia 7.15am. Inspection of the BULISITORO Aid-Post. Arrived Wakunai 11.30am.

TUESDAY,
26/10/65.

Departed Wakunai 7.10am by Landrover to the track to IBU village. Met carriers and began walk 7.40am. Arrived Ibu 12 noon. Camp set up and discussions with Committee member. 2pm to 3.30pm inspection of village and informal discussions with the men of the village.

Slept Ibu.

WEDNESDAY,
27/10/65.

Inspection of plantings and discussions with people to 11am. Inspection of the land called IVUTURI from 2pm until 5 pm.

Slept Ibu.

THURSDAY,
28/10/65.

Departed Ibu for Wakunai 7.10 am. Discussions with Councillor from RURUVU village whom I met on way regarding the progress of the new Aid Post. Arrived 11.30am.

At Ibu the situation is similar, the village being an electorate in itself. However, the Councillor, Gabriel Arisiri, who is also the President of the L.C.C. is a teacher and so being visits his village only when necessary, living almost permanently at Asitavi Catholic Mission. For most of Ibu's people the position is the same as Gabriel's i.e. most have outside occupations. When I visited the village for the land investigation only about ten adult males were present and I got the feeling that because of the absence of a Councillor these people were apathetic towards the L.C.C. and its functions. Although I mentioned to them the idea of another Councillor who would live in the village, leaving Gabriel to the work of President, which was affirmatively received, I think it unwise because of the lack of permanent population.

INTRODUCTION.

The objectives of this short patrol were of a specific nature and conducted in the villages of TUTUPAIA and IBU both situated in the Rotokas Census Division of the Wakunai area.

At TUTUPAIA the aim was to inform the people of the forthcoming HEALTH EVALUATION SURVEY, get their feelings on the matter and select a site for the construction of the necessary buildings.

At IBU the object was to make an investigation into NATIVE CUSTOMARY RIGHTS on the land known as IVUTURI, a 25 acre block situated just south of the village.

The Health Survey at Tutupaia will take place early in 1966. It will consist of eight Medical Officers being stationed in the village for 6 days and examining approximately 87 of the people. A report on conditions of travel, native attitudes etc. has already been forwarded to the Survey Team at Konedobu.

Because of the short duration of the patrol, the headings in this report will not be covered at great length.

RECEPTION OF THE PATROL.

In both of these villages the feeling is very pro-Administration the Councillor of IBU being also the President of the Wakunai Local Government Council. The people of Tutupaia, however, were a bit suspicious at first at why their particular village had been chosen for the Health Survey; but after explanation became very enthusiastic about the idea.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

Tutupaia village is an electorate in itself and as such, has a Councillor and a Committee member permanently in the village. The Councillor is fair in his council work, but on most occasions does not have much to say. The Committee member however, is a young single man and although he sounds belligerent when firing his questions, as I have noticed on my two visits to the village, I am of the opinion that he is taking his position seriously and making a determined effort to help his people.

At Ibu the situation is similar, the village being an electorate in itself. However, the Councillor, Gabriel Arisiri, who is also the President of the L.G.C. is a teacher and so being visits his village only when necessary, living almost permanently at Asitavi Catholic Mission. For most of Ibu's people the position is the same as Gabriel's i.e. most have outside occupations. When I visited the village for the land investigation only about ten adult males were present and and I got the feeling that because of the absence of a Councillor these people were apathetic towards the L.G.C. and its functions. Although I mentioned to them the idea of another Councillor who would live in the village, leaving Gabriel to the work of President; which was affirmatively received, I think it unwise because of the lack of permanent population.

For the Health Survey approximately about 150 carriers will be needed. I have advised the team that it would be possible to accumulate the necessary number should their requirements be publicized throughout the Wakunai area.

AGRICULTURE.

Large areas of land in the immediate vicinity of both Tutupaia and Ibu villages are owned by only one or two residents of the respective villages. Because of inter-marriages between people of these villages and those from the KERIACA census division in the KUNUA area, a number of males are in both villages with no land to work with. A number of questions were asked of the writer by these landless people regarding their legal position should they be allowed plant and produce on another person's land. As there are frequent agreements of this sort made in the area, i.e. landless people being allowed to plant on other persons' property and receive all benefit from the produce, on the understanding that the land has not changed hands, and also to stop any arguments that may occur, what is known to the natives as the "Red" book is kept at this office. The book is a register of all land agreements of this nature that are made in the area. The people were advised that in order to make their agreements binding it is necessary to have same entered in the register and signed and witnessed by the Officer-in-Charge of Wakunai Patrol Post and the agreeing parties.

Both villages are fairly well planted with coconut and cocoa, the Tutupaia people being very industrious with clearing and planting. Ibu on the other hand has many areas unworked, again the result of absentee workers.

LAND.

On the investigation of Provisional Order Portion 241 IVUTURI it was found that there were no claimants to the land. The pro-forma on investigation into Natives Customary Rights has been forwarded to the Assistant District Commissioner, Kieta.

COMPLAINTS.

The people of Tutupaia are very upset over the recent reduction of the labour lines of Public Works Wakunai. Many had found this a quick source of income, but now because of lack of P.W.D. funds it seems that most in their village have been put off. The situation was explained but there were mumblings that some would have no money to pay their half-yearly tax of £1.

A few minor complaints over debts were settled also at Tutupaia.

CARRIERS.

Although the walks to both of the villages are fairly long, the six or seven carriers I needed were easily obtainable. Word was sent out a few days before and the required number of men came in and stayed over night ready for an early start in the morning.

In both cases some compensation was given for the walk in from the village.

For the Health survey apparently about 150 carriers will be needed. I have advised the team that it would be possible to accumulate the necessary number should their requirements be publicized throughout the Wakunai area.

HEALTH.

The general health in both villages appeared to be quite good. On a former visit to the area there was noticed a great number of young children suffering from whooping cough. On this visit however, it was found that most of the sufferers had been sent into the Wakunai Hospital for treatment, while a few others had been already cured of the complaint. The epidemic has now finished and most of the children have returned to their village.

The Medical Orderly for the Aid-post between Bulisito and Tutupaia, which services both these and KAKARAPAIA village has resigned. When I arrived at the Aid Post I was informed of this fact. On inspection of the post I found a man in one ward with a badly swollen leg who had apparently been there for 3 weeks with no treatment at all. There were no other patients in the wards. Word was sent to KAKARAPAIA for men to carry the man in to the Wakunai Hospital.

In the near future this Aid-Post is to be re-built as a Local Government Council Project. On my return to Wakunai the vacancy at the post was discussed with the A/District Medical Officer and Wakunai's Medical Assistant. It is understood that every effort is being made to re staff the post however at the moment there is a shortage of available A.P.O.s.

At Ibu it was found that the Malaria Control Orderly was overdue on his monthly visit to the village with a supply of ERONE tablets. This, however does not appear to be the regular thing and his visits have been punctual in the past. On questioning the people of Ibu it was found that they are quite willing to take these drugs and fully understand the reason for them. On my return I discussed the un-punctual visit with the Medical Assistant and the Malaria Control Orderly. I was informed that he had been ill for two days at one village and on other occasions had to go out of his way in order to supply small hamlets or individuals who were living out in their gardens. The time lost however was made up by the end of the month by cutting down on his walking times.

EDUCATION.

Although, there is a small mission school at BULISITORO village, to which some of the TUTUPAIA children are sent, there is still a large number of children in the village receiving no education at all. The fact was mentioned to the writer by Rev. Father Pelitiers of Asitavi mission. The Priest had just returned from the village and was disappointed by his vain attempts to install the necessity of schooling into the peoples minds. When discussing the matter with the people I was informed that the children had no wish to be any different from their parents. The parents have the same ideas. An effort was made to change this line of thinking by explaining the advantages of education, however I am sure that not much heed was taken.

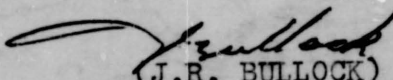
At Ibu the people have a much better attitude to schooling mainly because of the influences of Asitavi Mission and their teacher/councillor. They have expressed a wish for a small mission school to return to its original site near the village. Apparently some time ago there was a "misunderstanding" between the Kukurai and the school teacher, with the result that the school was moved to its present position near TOGARAU village.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Both tracks to Tutupaia and Ibu branch off from the main road to Asitavi. Although these are used frequently by people travelling to and from their villages, they are presently in a badly overgrown condition, these however, are not the usual tracks used by patrols.

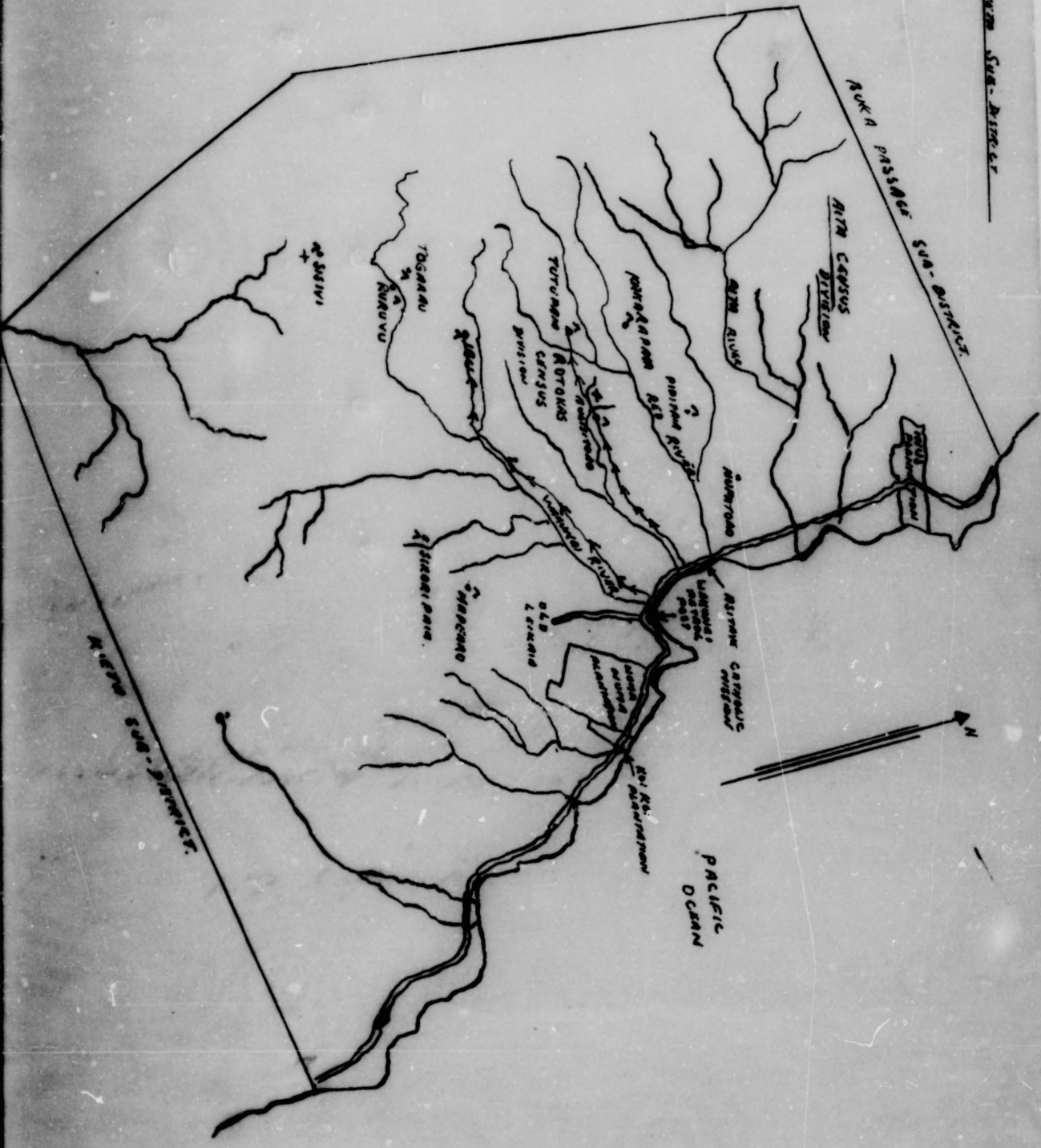
The two tracks could, with some work in the foreseeable future, be converted to vehicular roads, both to at least an hours walking time from the Asitavi road.

The Ibu or Togarau road as it is known follows the Wakunai river and with the exception of a few undulating hills in the first 2 miles it is almost completely level to within two hours walking time of Ibu village.


(J.R. BULLOCK)
CADET PATROL OFFICER

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FOURMILE WAKUMU AREA - KUREM SUB-DISTRICT

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of BOUGAINVILLE Report No. 4/1965-66

Patrol Conducted by J.R. BULLOCK CADET PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled ROTOKAS AND AITA CENSUS DIVISIONS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives CONST. AIRIP & CONST. AVEA of the R.P. & N.G.C.

Duration—From 13./12./1965 to 15./12./1965 & 17/1/66 to 21/1/66

Number of Days 8 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services D.A. AITA AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 1965. ROTOKAS OCTOBER 1965.

Medical/19.....

Map Reference Bougainville North Fourmil

Objects of Patrol Investigation into Native Customary Rights and the construction of buildings necessary for Health Survey

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

P.J. Mallin

District Commissioner

3/6 /1966

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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67-11-15



Department of District Administration,
Bougainville District,
SOLOMON ISLANDS.

3rd June, 1966.

1st July, 1966.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
HONOLULU, HAWAII.

District Commissioner,
Bougainville District,
SOLOMON ISLANDS.

WAKURAI PATROL REPORT NO. 4/1965-66:

Thank you for your memorandum 67-1-5 of 3rd June 1966, together with Mr. Bullock's Patrol Report.

2. Mr. Bullock seems to have done the specific tasks set him on this patrol and has submitted a brief but adequate report.

The Assistant District Commissioner have been advised of the submission of this report and the same has been brought to the notice of the District Commissioner at WAKURAI.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

Att.

Finally, I am pleased that the N.P. patrol was very successful in its operations. I think that you will agree that these operations of this nature will bring your district into a state of peace and tranquility.

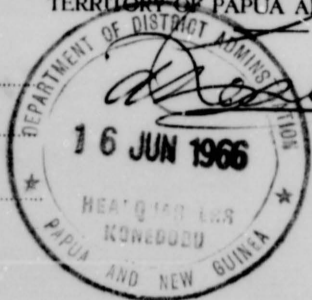
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District Commissioner

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



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Department of District Administration,
Bougainville District,
SCHEANO.

3rd. June, 1966.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONE DOBU. PAPUA.

WAKUNAI PATROL NO. 4 OF 1965/1966.

Attached hereto please find a Report on the above Patrol as submitted by Mr. J. R. BULLOCK, Cadet Patrol Officer, together with a copy of Memorandum of 19th. March, 1966, from the Assistant District Commissioner at KIETA to the Assistant District Officer at WAKUNAI and another to this Office. A copy of Memorandum 67/4/1 of 11th. March, 1966, from the Assistant District Officer at WAKUNAI is also attached.

The Patrols were both short and the Assistant District Officer and the Assistant District Commissioner have commented fully on the Report.

I must apologise for the delay in the submission of this Report. This has already been brought to the notice of the Assistant District Officer at WAKUNAI.

(P. J. MOLLISON).
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

Att.

Patrol Report

Sub-District Office,
KIETA.

19th March '66

The District Commissioner,
Bougainville District,
SOHANO.

WAKUNAI PATROL REPORT NO.4 of 1965/66

Enclosed herewith please find the above Patrol Report submitted by Mr. J.R. Bullock, C.P.O., together with covering comments by the A.D.O. Wakunai.

Officers at Wakunai are disappointed by the slow progress on the Wakunai/Imus road. The posting of a road overseer to Wakunai last year led one to expect significant advances in this sphere, however such has not been the case; most of his endeavours have been devoted to the road south towards Mabiri Point, notwithstanding the fact that the road north has priority. We are waiting, too, for the Wakunai low-level crossing to be improved by the construction authority.

Hence there is a genuine need for water transport at Wakunai and it is hoped that something can be done in the near future.

Mr. Bullock has presented a neatly prepared report.

Claim for camping out allowance is attached.

(H.J. Denehy)

Assistant District Commissioner

c.c. A.D.O. WAKUNAI

Finally, we have a genuine need for bus transportation to Kaituma. I understand that the bus claim usually made by the Government, though by road to Kaituma.

I think that you will agree that some elements of this nature could change your legitimate case for bus transport.

District Commissioner

Patrol Report

Sub-District Office,
KIETA.

19th March '66

The Assistant District Officer,
Patrol Post,
MAKUNAI.

PATROL REPORT NO.4 of 1965/66

The above report is acknowledged.

The patrol was completed on the 21st January and the report reached this office on the 17th March. The delay is inordinate; please ensure reports are forwarded promptly in future.

In the matter of SIBORO, please let me know the outcome. Perhaps you might arrange a radio conversation with A.D.O. Tiaputs if you have not already received the information.

I agree that you have a genuine need for water transport and will bring the matter before the District Commissioner.

Mr. Bullock has submitted an adequate report - its brevity is in keeping with the period covered and the specialist nature of the two journeys. He has handled both matters competently, however he should refrain from extravagant or loose statements. For example, I have reservations about accepting the statements:

- (i) 'the Makunai River low-level crossing is "impossible" for six months of each year.'
- (ii) 'The Aita River has always been impossible to cross' (by Landrover).

My past visits to Imas be confined to 'day visits' - in what manner has the situation become "quite desperate"? Even allowing for the ever changing nature of general administration I don't feel that the overall work-load in the Imas area has increased appreciably over the past year; if it has done so, it may be desirable to have Mr. Bullock man a base camp in that area for a given period in each month. Please give me your thoughts on this matter.

Finally, is there a genuine need for boat transportation to Mabiri. I understand that the M.O. Kieta usually travel by sea Kieta/Mabiri, thence by road to Makunai.

I think that you will agree that loose statements of this nature could damage your legitimate case for sea transport.

(M.J. Denny)
Assistant District Commissioner

c.c. District Commissioner

67-4-1

Patrol Post,
WAKUNAI.

11th March, 1966.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
KIETA.

Patrol Report No.4/1965-66.

Please find herewith three copies of the abovementioned report together with with Mr. Bullock's claim for camping allowance.

As each visit was of such a short duration it was expedient to combine the two in one report.

Mr. Bullock did a good job in explaining to the Tutupaia people the aims and intended work of the Health Survey team and subsequently in organizing the camp's construction to required standards. The Health Survey Team has since visited and left the area and judging by the comments of it's members, a complete success. The organization of so many carriers could have been a problem in an area such as this, but there were no hitches.

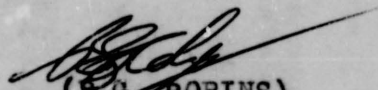
Mr. Bullock's visit to Inus also achieved its aims. The purpose here was concerned mainly with land, (a) Investigation into Native Customary Rights and (b) A cursory look at 2 land application investigations. These have since been completed in a subsequent patrol to the same area.

With regard to the case of SIBORO the A.D.O. at Tinputz informed me that he wished to conduct a hearing and would need a few of the Wakunai Councillors as witnesses. I decided to attend the court which was to be held at KOTOITA near Inus, however due to poor communication the A.D.O. Tinputz was unable to make the journey. A second rendez-vous was thwarted by my trip to Australia in January. I have still to learn the outcome of Mr. Simmin's investigations. However apart from wanting witnesses from Wakunai this concerns the Tinputz side as SIBORO left here some time ago.

I fully endorse Mr. Bullock's remarks regarding the urgent need for water transport here. Due to lack of funds all work has stopped on the Red River crossing - the Wakunai is still impassable from time to time and I cannot see the AITA made negotiable for at the very least six months. There has been a great deal of work to do in the Inus area alone i.e. numerous land matters, plantation disputes and complaints, Council project supervision and so on. Many of the Aita and coastal villages could be visited by quick day trips also with water transport. One reason for the delay in construction of water tanks is directly attributable to this. It is not desirable or feasible to rely on plantation transport the whole time unless all things are left to accumulate until a patrol is necessary, this is the only means of quick transport. I have already put these ideas forward by letter and estimate, but feel that this cannot be overstressed.

With regard to the Aid Post near BULISITORO, the presence of an aid post orderly, after some considerable absence, should put the place on it's feet again. A permanent ward for this aid post has been included on the 66/67 Draft estimates - when completed this will mean all five aid posts will have 8-bed permanent material wards.

This report indicates, I feel, a marked improvement in both perceptiveness and narrative style and Mr. Bullock has carried out his tasks well.

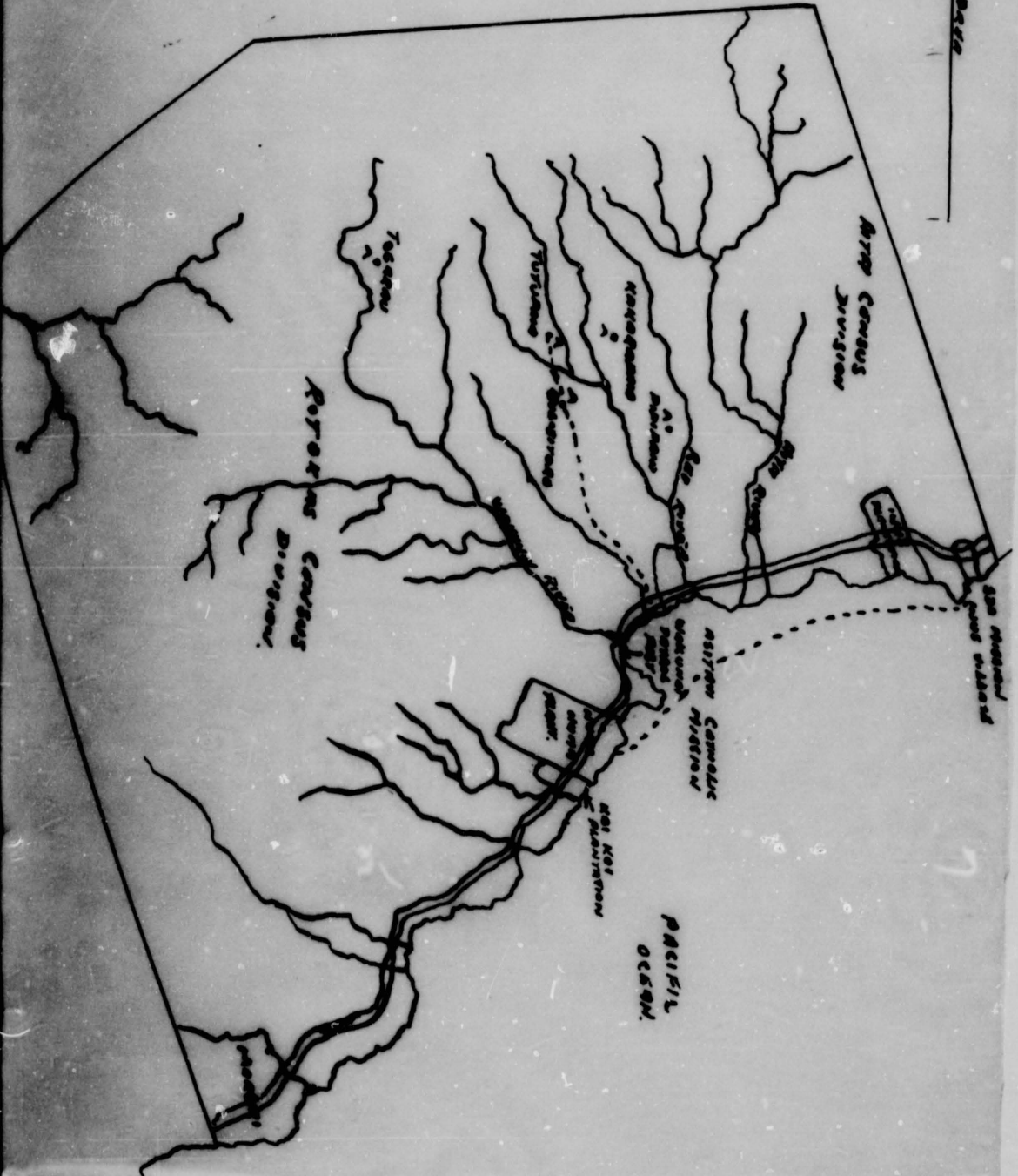


(B. G. ROBINS)

ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER.

FOURTH WAGYUN DISTRICT

- Camp -
- Village & Town
- Rail Road
- River
- Parcel Route



PREAMBLE.

STATION WAKUNAI

Sub-District NIETA

District BOUGAINVILLE

Patrol Number. 4 of 1965/66

Patrol Conducted by J.R. BULLOCK CADET PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled ROTOKAS AND AITA CENSUS DIVISIONS

Personal Accompanying Patrol: Const. AIRIP and Const. AVEA of the R.P. & N.G. CONSTABULARY.

Duration of Patrol: 13/12/65 to 15/12/65 and 17/1/66 to 21/1/66.
8 days.

Last Patrol to the Area: October 1965.

Objectives of the Patrol: Investigation into Native Customary Rights and the construction of buildings necessary for Health Survey.

Map Reference: Bougainville North Fourmil.

TUESDAY
18/1/66
7 a.m. began work on buildings. Levelling of site to 11 a.m. Lunch. 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. the frames of three houses completed.
Slept TUTUPAIA.

WEDNESDAY
19/1/66
7 a.m. began work. Frame of 4th house, 1 house and 2 urinals fully completed to 5 p.m.
Slept TUTUPAIA.

THURSDAY
20/1/66
7 a.m. began work. All houses, 1 lat and 2 benches completed to 5.30 p.m.
Slept TUTUPAIA.

FRIDAY
21/1/66
7 a.m. began work. Evening finished by 9 a.m. Began walk 9.15 discussions with Bulisiforo Councillor arrived station 2.30 p.m.

DAIRY.

MONDAY
13/12/65

7.30 a.m. by Landrover to Numa Plantation, 8 a.m. by speed boat to Inus. Discussions with Mr. P. Mason to 10 a.m. Discussions with village people and inspection of land thought to be Kastiorita. Discussions with Mrs. M. Watts regarding KASTIORITA. Talk to village people to 6.50 p.m.

Slept INUS.

TUESDAY
14/12/65

Walked boundaries of KASTIORITA to 10 a.m. By canoe to MARKIS Land Lease and inspected boundaries. Discussions with Messrs Channing-Pearce and Hartog of Inus Plantation.

Slept INUS.

WEDNESDAY
15/12/65

By speed-boat to Wakunai arriving 9.30 a.m.

MONDAY
17/1/66

7.45 Left station by Landrover to TUTUPAIA "road". Met carriers began walk 9 a.m. Discussions with Councillor at Bulisitoro and inspection of Aid Post. Arrived TUTUPAIA 1.30 p.m. Inspection of proposed building site and discussions with people.

Slept TUTUPAIA.

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FRIDAY
21/1/66

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Siboro's case was still unsettled with an air of secrecy however, but there was no evidence that he had resumed any activities in the Wakunai area. The writer heard on arrival back at Wakunai that the A.B.O. at Tinputz had sent out a summons for SIBORO to appear at court, the result of this is however not known.

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INTRODUCTION.

Two short patrols, both of specific nature have been combined to complete this report.

The patrols were conducted in only two villages one in the ROTOKAS and the other in the AITA census divisions of the Wakunai area.

In the AITA the village was Inus village and the prime object there was to make an investigation into Native Customary Rights on the Seventh Day Adventist Mission lease known as KASTIORITA.

The ROTOKAS village is known as TUTUPAIA and the object in this case was to construct the necessary buildings needed for the Health Evaluation Survey due to commence at the village on 10/2/66. Refer Wak. Report No.2/1965-66.

The headings in this reports will not be covered at great length as TUTUPAIA was covered in a recent report when a visit was made to the same in order to get the peoples attitudes to the Health Survey.

RECEPTION OF THE PATROLS.

In both villages the people were found to be very co-operative and helpful and both patrols were completed without incident.

At TUTUPAIA it was found that the whole village had got together and cleared the proposed site and work on construction of the buildings was able to commence almost immediately.

OUTLINE OF POLITICAL SITUATION.

At Inus the patrol heard reports that a man named SIBORO was again collecting his "tax" from the villages in TINPUTZ area. This man had collected a "tax" in the Wakunai area early in 1965 and during his travels it appeared that a cargo cult may have started.

Siboro was questioned in September last year by Mr. A.D.O. Fowke in front of the people from OSIWAPA and POKOIA villages. The A.D.O. was convinced that SIBORO was not guilty of spreading false reports and was not connected with any cult. The taxes collected were for the purpose of starting up small stores in different villages. By mutual agreement with the A.D.O. SIBORO has ceased his activities in the Wakunai area.

The Inus village is on the boundaries of the Wakuani and Tinputz areas and so anything that occurs in Tinputz is usually known by the Inus people.

Siboro's name was still mentioned with an air of secrecy however, but there was no evidence that he had resumed any activities in the Wakunai area.

The writer heard on arrival back at Wakunai Station that the A.D.O. at Tinputz had sent out a summons for SIBORO to appear at court, the result of this is however not known.

AGRICULTURE.

Inus is not a large village and is in close proximity to both the S.D.A. mission and Inus Plantation. With help from these, most of the people have gone ahead with their planting. They have no transport problems as the villages in the mountainous areas of Wakunai; and are able to send the copra direct to Rabaul, thus seeing an immediate result from their efforts.

TUTUPAIA agriculture was covered in my recent report and there has been no change since. There was being built near the village however a copra drier and this is possibly a sign that some of the trees are now producing.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

At Inus village one of the leading men has begun his own bakery and in the last few years has made enough out of selling bread to build himself a permanent style house. This is the only business conducted by the village other than copra plantings.

Some of the men at TUTUPAIA have been receiving fairly steady incomes from making artifacts such as bows, arrows and spears. This is the only village in the ROTOKAS that indulges in this industry, which is a shame, as the AITA people made almost £2,000 on artifacts in 1965. There is no lack of markets for these artifacts and the people have been encouraged to produce more of them.

LAND.

The investigation into Native Customary Rights on the land known as KASTIORITA now an S.D.A. mission lease revealed that there were no clamants to the land.

The writer looked over another piece of land after he was approached by the owner and the person wishing to purchase. As a chain and compass was not at hand a survey could not be made at the time. A patrol is soon to revisit Inus however as there are other land matters pending, the survey will be carried out then.

COMPLAINTS.

The patrol received only one complaint, and this came from the Councillor at TUTUPAIA. Apparently during the Christmas period there was a sing-sing at the village and when it was over two of the visitors destroyed some of the plantings of the councillor. It was later discovered that this was an old custom with the ROTOKAS people. If they are not satisfied with the food they received at the village where the sing-sing was held the visitors make their dissatisfaction known by destroying some of their hosts plantings. The vice-versa is done when a return party is given. No court action was taken; However both villages were strongly advised that there would be if future reports came to hand.

CARRIERS - CANOES.

As the road to Inus has been impassable for over a year now and Wakunai has no station boat, canoes had to be sent for from Inus village. The writer was transported by speed-boat from Numa Numa plantation, the trip only taking 30 minutes.

This is an inconvenience to the Numa people however who only do these charters as a favour to the Administration, but, is a ridiculous waste of money as the Administration is charged £8 for one of these trips.

The canoes carrying the cargo etc took four hours to reach Inus and walking time is over five hours.

Carriers from TUTUPAIA were easily obtainable. The rate paid is 2/- per hour however some compensation was given for the walk into the station.

HEALTH.

The aid post between Bulisitoro and Tutupaia was inspected and found to be in a very discreditable state. It was advised in my last report that the aid-post orderly stationed there had resigned and on my return to Wakunai I made enquiries into the possible refilling of the vacancy. Instructions were left with the three villages concerned Bulisitoro Tutupaia and Kekarapaia to have the aid-post cleaned by the following Monday. The new orderly was met on my return to Wakunai and he was due to leave for the aid-post that day.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

As mentioned under Canoes and Carriers the road to Inus has been impassable for over a year. This is caused by three different rivers which are deep and fast flowing and unable to be crossed by Landrovers.

The first river moving North from Wakunai station is the Wakunai River, this is crossed by a low-level cement bridge but in the event of rain the river rises rapidly and becomes impassible. For six months of each year this crossing is impossible.

The next river is the Red. This at one time had a bridge crossing. The river has now changed its course however and a crossing here is also impossible.

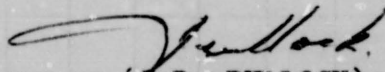
The **third** called the Aita River has always been impossible to cross.

There has been numerous occasions in the last six months where day visits to Inus have been most desirable to aid in the complete and proper administration of the Wakunai area. The situation is now quite desperate as these day trips cannot be made - it is necessary to allow matters to accumulate until there are enough to warrant a patrol

Also mentioned before was the fact that the only method of transport is charter boat from Numa plantation. These charters are an inconvenience to the owners however and to be quite frank would rather not do them.

Considering the cost of the charters and the fact that the rivers have been impassable since 1963, it looks like the position will be unchanged for at least another year, a station boat has been on the estimates for the last four years.

It is hoped that the boat will come to light in the very near future as the need for quick transport to both Igus and Mabiri has become most apparent during last 12 months.


(J.R. BULLOCK)
CADET PATROL OFFICER



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of BOUGAINVILLE Report No. 5 of 1965/66

Patrol Conducted by J.R. BULLOCK CADET PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled AITA CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives Const. MOMOEI of R.P. & N.G.C.

Duration—From 14/2/1966 to 25/2/1966

Number of Days 12 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 12/1965

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

Map Reference Bougainville North Fourmil

Objects of Patrol Two land surveys and Investigations and the Notification of three (3) Final Orders.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

18/8/1966

P. J. Mollin P.M.B.

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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67-11-19

19th October, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Benguinville District,
AGUARD.

WAKHAI PATROL REPORT NO. 5/1965-66:

Receipt of Mr. Bullock's patrol report covered by your memorandum 67-1-6 of 18th August, 1966 and Mr. Robins' memorandum 67-4-1 of 21st March, 1966, is acknowledged with thanks.

2. Mr. Bullock appears to have conducted this patrol well and has submitted a fairly lengthy report.

3. This report calls for little comment. Reports should be submitted as promptly as practicable as delays in submission detract from the value of the report.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

67-11-19



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

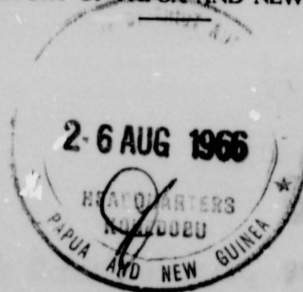
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Telegram..... 67/1/6.

Our Reference.....

If calling ask for

Mr.....



Department of District Administration.

Bougainville District,
SOHANO. Office.

18th. August, 1966.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

WAKUNAI PATROL NO. 5 OF 1965/1966.

Attached hereto please find a Report on the above Patrol as submitted by Mr. J. R. BULLOCK, Cadet Patrol Officer, together with Memorandum 67/4/1 of 21st. March, 1966 from the Assistant District Officer, WAKUNAI, and Memorandum of 9th. August, 1966 from the Deputy District Commissioner at KIETA.

The Assistant District Officer at WAKUNAI has commented fully on the Report and no further comment is necessary.

The Report seems to have been delayed at KIETA.

P. J. Mollison

(P. J. MOLLISON).
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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Patrol Post,
WAKUMAI.

P/R

21st March 1966.
Sub-District Office,
KILTA.

The Assistant District Commissioner, 9th August '66
KILTA.

The District Commissioner,
Mougainville District, REPORT No. 5/65-66 WAKUMAI.
READ.

Please find three copies of the above mentioned Patrol Report together with claim for camp allowances.

WAKUMAI PATROL REPORT NO. 5/65-66

This is Mr. Bullock's second patrol to this area in a short space of time and there is little need for any detailed comment.

Attached please find a report of a patrol to the Inus area submitted by Cadet Patrol Officer J.R. Bullock.

That at present, there is only one major problem outstanding. The visit was of a specialist nature and the tasks were satisfactorily completed.

It is pleasing to note that SIBWO of Yau has apparently finally settled his debts and returned to his village. The A.D.O. Wakumai's memo adequately covers the points raised.

Claim for camping out allowance is attached.

Transported to Inus and the council committee will start work there as soon as he is free; but it will be a long time to get all projects finished in time to submit a report. We are still awaiting a plumber from P.W.D.

The lack of young male adults in Inus will become a serious factor in the decline in population. But there is no remedy for this. It may indicate the pattern for every other villages as Educator. **Deputy District Commissioner**

The reason for Mr. Bullock's visit to Tinputa was to discuss the matter of 2 final orders with the A.D.O. Mr. Simms. This was due to the fact that there was confusion over the names and owners and the fact that both were in the Tinputa area. However, the A.D.O. was not on the Station and the trip was unsuccessful.

All aims of the Patrol were achieved and I feel there is no need for a more comprehensive report under the circumstances.

(S. J. ...)
ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER.

67-4-1

Patrol Post,
WAKUNAI.

21st March, 1966.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
KIETA.

PATROL REPORT No. 5/65-66 WAKUNAI.

Please find Three copies of the above mentioned Patrol Report together with claim for camping allowance.

This is Mr. Bullock's second Patrol to this area in a short space of time and there is little need for any detailed comment.

The land investigations have been completed which means that at present, there is only one matter pertaining to land outstanding and that is the KopinaKopaia land re-settlement.

It is pleasing to note that SIBORO of Yaun has apparently finally settled his debts and ostensibly put an end to his dubious activities.

The tank and catchment materials have finally been transported to Inus and the council carpenter will start work there as soon as he is free; but it will be a race against time to get all projects finished in time to submit a subsidy claim. We are still awaiting a plumber from P.W.D. Kieta.

The lack of young male adults at Inus will become a serious factor in the decline in population there. But there is no remedy for this. It may indicate a foreseeable pattern for many other villages as Education progresses.

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(E.G. ROBINS)
ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER.

PREAMBLE

STATION:

WAKUNAI

SUB-DISTRICT:

KIETA

DISTRICT:

BOUGAINVILLE

PATROL NUMBER:

5 of 1965/66

PATROL CONDUCTED BY:

J.R. BULLOCK CADET PATROL OFFICER.

AREA PATROLLED:

AITA CENSUS DIVISION

PERSONAL ACCOMPANYING PATROL:

11 Const MOMOEI of the R.P. & N.G.C.

DURATION OF PATROL:

14/2/66 to 25/2/66 12 days.

LAST PATROL TO THE AREA:

DECEMBER 1965

OBJECTIVE OF THE PATROL:

Two land surveys and Investigations and the Notification of three (3) Final Orders.

MAP REFERENCE:

BOUGAINVILLE NORTH FOURMIL.

SUNDAY

14/2/66

11 a.m. to DWGNA to complete the survey.

Slept INUS.

MONDAY

15/2/66

Discussions with Mr. Mason regarding plantation boundaries. Further work on DWGNA boundaries.

Slept INUS.

TUESDAY

16/2/66

Further discussion with people and assessment of investigations.

Slept INUS.

WEDNESDAY

17/2/66

Completed survey of KOKOBE.

Slept INUS.

THURSDAY

18/2/66

Discussions with people and the finishing of both investigations.

Slept INUS.

FRIDAY

19/2/66

Returned Wakunai.

DIARY

MONDAY
14/2/66

5.30 a.m. by L/rover to Numa. 6 a.m. by speed boat to Inus.. Discussions with Mr. P. Mason regarding final orders on 2 islands and the surveys to be carried out near Inus Plantation to 9.30 a.m. To Inus village. Discussions with people until 2 p.m. To Yaun Village in Tinputz Area to give notification of final orders and inform the owners of the land being sold that the survey was to be done.

TUESDAY
15/2/66

Slept INUS.
To the 1st land survey (KOKOBE) arriving 9.30 a.m. Survey of most of the land to 5 p.m. Returned to village further investigation to 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
16/2/66

Investigation and discussion with owners of 2nd land survey (OWOWA). Typing to 5 p.m.

Slept INUS.

THURSDAY
17/2/66

Further discussion with owners. To Tinputz in the hope of getting some information on the Final Orders which were actually in the Tinputz area.

Slept INUS.

FRIDAY
18/2/66

Further discussions to 11 a.m. 12 noon to OWOWA and carried out most of the survey.

Slept INUS.

SATURDAY
19/2/66

Unable to work as all people S.D.A'S. Typing and accessment of Investigations.

Slept INUS.

SUNDAY
20/2/66

11 a.m. to OWOWA to complete the survey.

Slept INUS.

MONDAY
21/2/66

Discussions with Mr. Mason regarding plantation boundaries. Further work on OWOWA boundaries.

Slept INUS.

TUESDAY
22/2/66

Further discussion with people and accessment of investigations.

Slept INUS.

WEDNESDAY
23/2/66

Completed survey of KOKOBE.

Slept INUS.

THURSDAY
24/2/66

Discussions with people and the finished of both investigations.

Slept. INUS.

FRIDAY
25/2/66

Returned Wakunai.

INTRODUCTION

Because of the impassability of the main road and the lack of sea transport at Wakunai (Ref. Wak. Report No. 4 of 1965/66) it was necessary to allow matters in the Inus Village area to accumulate until there was sufficient pending to warrant a patrol to the area.

The objective of this patrol were the investigations and surveys of two areas of land and the notification of three final orders in the area.

As most of the headings were covered in the recent above-mentioned report, this will only be a short report.

RECEPTION OF PATROL

To make thorough investigation into all 5 land matters it was necessary to have dealings with people from Yaun and Katoita villages in the Tinputz Patrol Post area.

As with the people from Inus and Tearaka villages of Wakunai, they were found to be very co-operative and helpful.

VILLAGES

Water supply at Inus village is a very acute need. The people made no objection to supplying the patrol with water however, it was discovered that a walk of some Two miles was necessary to the village's only water supply.

This fact has already been realized and 2x1000 gallon tanks, roofing iron, guttering and down-pipes have been bought for Inus village by the Wakunai L.G.C. The only problem is again, access to the village. Everything is ready at Wakunai, but because of lack of sea transport and/or roads it has become apparent that this project on the Council's 1965/66 estimates may not be completed within the financial year, thus causing the Council to forfeit the Public Health Department's subsidy for council sanitation projects.

Every possible effort is being made to obtain transport to deliver the materials to the village. It should be noted that the Wakunai Council is not in a financial position to hire such transport, except if absolutely necessary.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Inus is well off in the way of village officials. The Councillor for Inus Village has just been elected President of the Wakunai L.G.C. He is a young single man well worthy of the position. He has been Vice-President of the Council since it's beginning in June 1964.

The Committee member for Inus is also a good man and is competent to take over the President's position as councillor should he (the President) be absent.

OUTLINE OF POLITICAL SITUATION

As mentioned in my last report, a man named SIBORO who in September of 1965 was told to leave the Wakunai area because of his suspicious activities i.e. collecting his "tax" for proposed stores he intended to run and rumours of cargo cults that seemed to follow his travels, was summonsed to Tinputz because of his activities in that area.

The writer met Siboro when visiting Yaun village in regard to the land investigations. On questioning him and witnesses it was found that he has now agreed to cease his activities altogether and apparently every person who paid his "tax" has had his money refunded.

The cult rumours that appeared to follow Siboro are the only ones that have been heard of in the Wakunai Area for some time.

ANTHROPOLOGICAL.

When giving notification of one of the final orders, TAKAHERA Island, over which there was uncertainty as to original ownership the following story was heard.

The Island is situated about $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile off Yaun village in the Tinputz Area and was originally used to keep all the pigs of the Naukahe and Amara clans.

To these people at that time the pig was a symbol of evil. Every young child as soon as he was able to eat meat, was taken to the island until such time as he had eaten part of a pig.

The eating of the pig was a type of baptism and also a safe-guard against any evil spirits they might come across during the rest of their lives.

LABOUR

Inus village has only a small population of eighty-seven (87) people and is slowly becoming smaller. The main reason for this trend is due to education. Because of the good facilities for education at the Mission many young people are receiving good grades and are going on to further schooling and ultimately finding employment in other parts of the Territory. There is a very noticeable absence of young adults in the village.

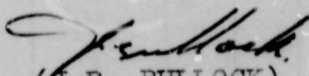
LAND

Five land matters were the main objects of this patrol. Two peices of land of approximately 44 acres each were surveyed and investigated for alienation. Both were recommended for alienation.

Three final orders were also notified to the people of the clans involved. There were no claimants to any of the three blocks of land.

HEALTH

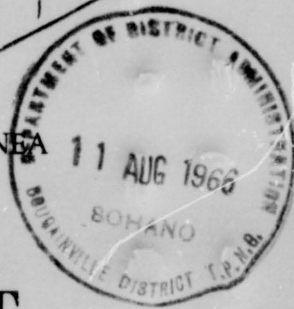
As Inus village is in close proximity to the S.D.A. Mission, the people are excellently looked after in health matters. The small mission hospital is run by Mrs. M. Watts who is a qualified nurse. The main function of the hospital is maternity, however any other matters are cared for and if possible cured with only limited means. All that cannot be handled are sent by first means to Kieta District Hospital.


(J.R. BULLOCK)
CADET PATROL OFFICER.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67/1/5



PATROL REPORT

District of BOUGAINVILLE Report No. 8/65-66

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

Area Patrolled AITA CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives CONST. AIRIP of the R.P. & N.G.C.

Duration—From 23./5./1966 to 28./5./1966

Number of Days 6

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services August/Sept. 65.

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

Map Reference Bougainville North Fournal

Objects of Patrol Routine Administration and Investigation
re Demarcation Committee.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

18/8/1966

P.J. Madala
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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67-11-20

13th October, 1966.

District Commissioner,
Bougainville District,
SOHANO

WAKUNAI PATROL REPORT NO. 8/1965-66:

Receipt of Mr. Bullock's patrol report covered by your memorandum 67-1-5 of 18th August, 1966 and Mr. Robins' memorandum 67-1-1 of 14th June, 1966, is acknowledged with thanks.

2. Mr. Bullock has apparently conducted a sound patrol and submitted a lengthy, neatly typed and informative report.

3. Please keep a good check on SIBORO of MUTAHAI village in the Tinputz area and inform me.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

67-11-20



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

RWE/LMW.

Telegrams.....
Our Reference.....
If calling ask for.....
Mr.....

67/1/5.



Department of District Administration,
Bougainville District,
SOHANO.

18th. August, 1966.

The Director,
Department of District Administration,
KONEDOB. PAPUA.

WAKUNAI PATROL REPORT NO. 8 OF 1965/1966.

Attached hereto please find a Report on the above Patrol as submitted by Mr. J. R. BULLOCK, Cadet Patrol Officer, together with Memorandum 67/4/1 of 14th. June, 1966 from the Assistant District Officer at WAKUNAI and Memorandum of 9th. August, 1966 from the Deputy District Commissioner at KIETA.

Report fully.

The above two Memoranda cover the

P. J. Mollison

(P. J. MOLLISON).
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

Att.

P/R

Sub-District Office,
KIETA.

9th August '66

The District Commissioner,
Bougainville District,
SORIANO.

WAKUNAI PATH/L REPORT NO.8 1965/66


Attached please find a report of a patrol to the Aita Division compiled by Mr. J.R. Bullock, C.P.O., together with Wakunai memo 67-4-1 of 14th June.

I agree that it is desirable to have a separate Councillor at Tabia.

The advice of the D.M.O. will be sought on the goitre prevalence.

Mr. Robins' has adequately covered the report in his remarks.

Claim for camping out allowance is attached.



(M.J. Denahy)

Deputy District Commissioner

Minute to A.D.O. WAKUNAI.

Please make the necessary submission and prepare a draft amendment to the constitution of the Wakunai L.G.C. to enable a separate Councillor to be elected for each of the villages of Kusi and Tabia. It will be necessary for the Council to agree (S.11). Local Government Circular No.3 lays down the procedure to be followed.

I have heard nothing more in the matter of Siboro. Please keep me informed.

(M.J. Denahy)

Deputy District Commissioner

(3) I agree with Mr. Bullock's report that the only other cash income of any consequence is from the manufacture of artifacts. This has an unlimited market and should be encouraged more than in the past but this is restricted by the fact that only a minority is skilled. Subsequent to his report it was ascertained from Peter Watts that there was an application to the S.O.A. for a licence producing coffee. It was felt that this was an excuse not to work rather than a legitimate means.

67-4-1

Patrol Post,
WAKUNAI.

14th June, 1966.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KIETA.

WAKUNAI PATROL REPORT No.8/65-66.

Please find attached, the above-mentioned Patrol Report submitted by Mr. J. Bullock, C.P.O. together with claim for Camping allowance.

This patrol was planned so as to complete coverage of the entire Wakunai area (Patrol No.7 did not take in the AITA). Word was received that on no account should the Patrol rate be over expended. However on request additional funds were made available; just enough to complete a six day patrol.

I have the following comments to make:-

(1) With regard to the Kusi-Tubia ill feeling, I intend to go into this fully when time allows i.e. sometime after the census. I do not imagine for one moment that the 'bickering' is all caused over a dispute as to who should cut the road. In the meantime I recommend that each of these villages should have its own Councillor; I consider this of paramount importance under the circumstances. By Wakunai standards each of the villages has sufficient population to warrant a Councillor. I feel that the fact that these two villages are only an hour's walking time apart is irrelevant, but this appears to be the reason for having had only one Councillor in the past.

(2) On the question of SIBORO, I intend to liaise with the A.D.O. Tinputz and investigate fully. The mere fact that this man has allegedly collected so much money ("for trade stores") indicates to me that a cult or at the very least an undesirable form of activity is going on. I take a very serious view of this and if SIBORO has been taking money under false pretences or spreading false reports I shall make sure he answers for it. This concept of spending vast amounts of money on completely useless or insecure ventures and at the same time complaining about lack of money to improve standards or raise Council tax, seems to be part of a pattern present in a number of areas of Bougainville and Buka. Unfortunately it seems that this trend cannot be changed with lasting effect but it will be discouraged. The question of SIBORO's using a Commonwealth flag will also be investigated. I have instructed Mr. Bullock to send you a copy of his memo to Tinputz and copies of any subsequent correspondence will be forwarded yours.

(3) I agree with Mr. Bullock's remarks regarding coffee (The only other cash income of any consequence is from the manufacture of artifacts. This has an unlimited market and should be encouraged more than in the past but this is restricted at present by the fact that only a minority is skilled). Subsequent to the Report it was ascertained from Pastor Watts that there was no objection to the S.D.A. people producing coffee. In any case I feel that this was an excuse not to work rather than a legitimate concern.

(4) Mr. Bullock's Appendix to Land completes the break up of villages into clans for the entire area with the exception of Teperoi, Okowopaia and Leikoia. However I have written to Mr. Kimmorley (copy to you) and have received a most informative letter in reply (copy to you) and this should now provide a very good basis for selecting a Demarcation Committee.

(5) I have no objection to TOKAI splitting up if the reason given (i.e. planting) is correct. For the present I feel the village should still continue as such with a Councillor and should meet at a central point for patrols, meetings etc. As time goes on it will be easier to see exactly where the splinter groups are and then perhaps they will be absorbed into the nearest existing villages. For instance one group has moved quite close to Teihup and could be included at a later date, in that village. I agree with the concept of people moving on to their own land. Centralized villages have their problems when it comes to land, you will agree.

(6) It would be appreciated if you could seek advice from the District Medical Officer regarding a possible plan of action for decreasing the goitre rate. Perhaps supplies of iodised salt might help.

Mr. Bullock has conducted a sound patrol and for the short time at his disposal, appears to have covered the required objects well. Written instructions were not made out due to lack of time, but verbal instructions were noted by Mr. Bullock prior to departure. The report has covered the subjects adequately although the syntax still needs some improvement in parts.

I am pleased with Mr. Bullock's ^{INCREASING} ability to communicate with village natives and assess situations.


(B.O. ROBINS)
ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER.

DIARY.

MONDAY
23/5/66

7.45 a.m. departed station by Landrover to POKOIA
arrived 8.30. Began walk 9.10 arrived TUBIA 1 p.m.
Set up camp. Discussions with Councillor 2.30 - 3.00
Discussions with people 4 p.m. - 5.45 p.m.

Slept TUBIA.

TUESDAY
24/5/66

8 a.m. departed TUBIA for KUSI arrived 9.30.
10.30 - 11.45 discussions with people of TUBIA and
KUSI. 2.30 inspection of coffee plantings. Discussions
with people 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. 7 p.m. settled some
disputes to 8.30 p.m.

Slept KUSI.

WEDNESDAY
25/5/66

8.10 a.m. departed KUSI for OSIWAIPA arrived 9.30.
Inspection of Aid-Post and village to 12 noon.
Discussions with people 2.30 p.m. - 6 p.m.
7.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. settled some disputes.

Slept OSIWAIPA.

THURSDAY
26/5/66

7.10 a.m. departed OSIWAIPA for KORIBORI arrived 12 noon.
Discussions with Councillor 2.00. Discussions with
people 3.30 - 5 p.m.

Slept KORIBORI.

FRIDAY
27/5/66

8 a.m. departed KORIBORI for TOKAI arriving 9.15.
Discussions with Councillor 10.30 - 11.30. Discussions
with people 2.30 - 4 p.m.

Slept TOKAI.

SATURDAY
28/5/66

8 a.m. departed TOKAI for AITA River arrived 9.45 a.m.
By Landrover to Wakunai arriving 11 a.m.

INTRODUCTION.

Due to a lack of sufficient funds this patrol to the AITA Census Division covered only six (6) days.

The objects of this patrol included routine administration, and investigations and notification re demarcation plus consolidation of Council awareness in the area.

RECEPTION OF PATROL.

In all villages visited the patrol was received by most of the people with a friendly attitude.

New rest houses had been built at two of the villages and firewood and water were in most cases there and waiting.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

While at TUBIA Village the writer was met with complaints from the people regarding their Councillor.

Tubia is part of the Kusi-Tubia electorate while the Councillor is actually from Kusi village. The two villages are only an hour's walk apart but it appears that the Councillor hardly ever visits Tubia to relate Council news and notices.

I have some sympathy for the Councillor in that during both my visits to Tubia village I have found the people utterly lazy.

I held a discussion with people from both villages together and found that there is definitely ill feeling between them. On one matter, the Kusi people were allotted years ago, to clear the bridal path between the two villages. When I arrived it could be seen that it had not been cleared for months. The reason for this is that one of the older natives in the village has told the people that it is not their responsibility to clear this track as some Tubia people own land adjoining to it. The Councillor has seconded this idea with the result that there has been an amount of bickering between the two.

This sort of thing could of course go on for years, so the people were told that it was their responsibility to clear those parts of the tracks which were allotted to them before no matter who owned the land adjoining.

This ~~discussion~~^{decision} was made in order to avoid as much as possible favouring one side. I am sure that these discussions did not achieve a truce but it is certain that at the next Council elections there will be a few contenders from Tubia standing against the present Councillor in that electorate.

The Councillor was taken aside by the writer and given a talk on his functions and responsibilities in his electorate.

OUTLINE OF POLITICAL SITUATION

It appears that both myself, Mr. A.D.O. Fowke and a few of the local European residents of Wakunai have been under a misapprehension as to the honesty of this man named SIBORO of MUTAHAI Village in the Tinputz area.

SIBORO has been mentioned in Patrol Reports Nos. 1, 4 and 5 of 1965/66 and in all three the writers were under the impression that he had ceased activities in the Wakunai area. His activities included collecting money from villages in order to set up small trade stores and it appeared at one time that cargo cult stories were following his travels.

I have found no evidence of these cult stories continuing but it was reported at OSIWAIPA Village that £100-17-0 had been collected from the village by this man late in 1965. This was after he had agreed with Mr. Fowke to cease his activities in this area.

The people state that they had a list of names and amounts of money given but that this is being held by SIBORO.

The goods this money was supposed to purchase have not been received and the people have had no reassurance that their money will be returned.

I do not have much sympathy for these people as they were warned strongly against dealing with SIBORO. During the contact I have had with them I have heard many complaints from them re money and their lack of it; but when it comes to something which goes against advice given to them there is no lack of finance whatsoever.

Further complaints were made about SIBORO regarding a Commonwealth Flag he has raised outside his house in MUTAHAI village in the Tinputz area. The flag is apparently giving SIBORO a further air of authority. I don't know whether he is intending to impersonate a Government official in order to carry on his activities but it is intended that an investigation into the above-mentioned matters be made as soon as possible.

As the A.D.O. Tinputz has also had his problems with this man and has had more contact with him a memorandum has already been sent requesting information as to the position of ~~this~~ SIBORO in the Tinputz area.

It is hoped that once and for all the activities of this man will be cleared up.

AGRICULTURE.

As most of the villages in the AITA census division (i.e. TUBIA, KUSI, OSIWAIPA and OWOWAIPA) are at an altitude where cocoa is unable to grow successfully, coffee appears to be the ideal cash crop.

(3)

The people of the AITA have little else besides this as a source of income and yet nothing much has been done in the way of extending their plantings.

Discussions were held with these villages and in the case of OSIWAIPA the discussion period went on for four (4) hours mainly on the subject of coffee production. The main questions asked were on the price they would receive for coffee as rumours have been heard that the market price for coffee was low. The people were advised to disregard this as the only price that would interest them at this stage was the price that D.A.S.F. would purchase it for i.e. 10 cents per lb for green beans.

Their attention was brought to a man named SIRONGA a former councillor of KUSI village who now has 450 trees under production and was paid the above-mentioned price when he sold 358 lbs to D.A.S.F. earlier this month. This was the first coffee seen at Wakunai for over six (6) months. This man now has 2,000 coffee trees planted and these will come into production within the next 2-3 years.

In order to further enthruse them with coffee production it was brought to the people's notice that a bridge has now been built across the Red River thus enabling transport to be sent to POKOIA village and so cutting an eight (8) hour walk by half.

Reasons given for the lack of plantings were firstly a half-hearted attempt to tell the writer that as most of the people in this area are S.D.A. it is against their religion to produce coffee. It is intended to approach Pastor Watts of the S.D.A. Mission and find out the mission's policy on this matter. Secondly many males ~~are~~ in these villages are from the Kunua Patrol Post area and have married into the village clans. In some cases these men have begun planting but have been hindered by 'talk' that has arisen ~~amongg~~ amongst members of the land-owning clans.

Discussions were held with these and the land owners, and a decision was reached allowing the men who have married into the clan to work on their wives' land, without any discontent appearing on the part of the other clan members.

The writer had a private conversation with a young adult male who asked many questions during the discussion period at Osiwaipa. It was found that after the discussion he had been almost condemned by some of his fellows for appearing so interested in what the writer had to say. It is hoped that this is an exceptional case and that this kind of talk does not arise in other villages; it can be seen however, by this, that there are many different forces working as a hindrance towards new plantings in these areas being got under way.

I believe that these talks did an amount of good in these villages and that the posting of a D.A.S.F. officer to Wakunai next month, plus the fact that the Local Government Council has already purchased two (2) coffee pulpers for the Aita area should see increasing results from these people well within the foreseeable future.

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LAND.

One of the main aims of this patrol was to advise the people of land Demarcation Committee and its aims.

The people were interested in the programme and realize that it is a systematic way of finalizing land ownership in the area.

In most villages however the writer found some who were dubious as to the job ever being completed.

COMPLAINTS.

The patrol was approached with a few minor complaints, which were with arbitration easily settled.

In one instance the people from SIRIBIA complained that they were being forced to pay £1 to send their small children to the Methodist Mission school. The reason for this is because there is no Methodist village school close by, and thus they have to be sent to the mission school where the fee is £1 per year.

Inquiries will be made as to the possibilities of a Methodist teacher being sent up to the village.

Again however I received the opinion that these people are just sitting up in the village complaining about money but are too lazy to do anything about making any.

REST HOUSES.

As mentioned before a new rest house had been built at both Kusi and Koribori villages. These two are of a much neater, practical and modern style, i.e. windows are in much more convenient position and both had a comfortable verandah. I believe a bit more thought had been put into the design of these houses than of most of the rest houses in the Wakunai area.

VILLAGES.

TOKAI Village which on the last census patrol in August 1965 had a population of 76 was found to be almost deserted. The village which is near the coast has broken up and separated into two small groups one under the Councillor and the other under the Committee member.

There is no dispute; the reason for the break-up is for the purpose of extending cash crop planting.

The people asked regarding the future of the village and the Councillorship. Nothing definite was decided and the writer intends to bring the matter up with the A.D.O. on his return.

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HEALTH.

Being my second visit to the Aita area it is very much evident that there has been no decrease in the frequency of goitre in the area.

I believe it would do alot of good if it was possible to have some definite medical assistance given to these people. The frequency in most villages is approximately every second person of the adult population.

At OSIWAIPA the ERONE drug distribution team was met by the patrol. The people were found to be quite willing to take the drugs.

Also at OSIWAIPA the site for a new ward dispenary was inspected. This is to be built by the Wakunai Local Government Council as a 1965/66 project. All the materials were at the village and the Council carpenter was due to commence work on Monday 27/5/66.

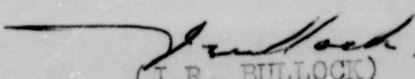
At KORIBORI the 2 x 1000 gallon tanks and catchment area, purchased and erected for them by the Local Government Council this year were inspected. The people find it a great boon as previously it was necessary for them to carry water almost a 1000 ft up a steep slope when hot weather dried up their only other source of water.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

As mentioned under Agriculture the Red River has now been bridged with the result that it has opened up a large area to vehicles which for some considerable time before ~~this~~ could only be covered by foot.

COUNCIL TAX.

The patrol was accompanied by a member of Wakunai Local Government Council tax tribunal and at each village any people that had not paid their Council tax for 1965/66 were approached. In most cases the tax was received and now there are only a few cases in the Wakunai area where Council tax is outstanding.


(J.R. BULLOCK)
CADET PATROL OFFICER

The villages at the far west of the AITA Census Division have basically the same clan groups. For the purpose of Demarcation two or more people could be chosen from the following villages as members of the Demarcation Committee.

VILLAGE	MAIN CLANS	SUBSIDIARY
Tsubia	Bikuroi Ibukei Utuko	Nil
Kusi	Kerabo or Manikurai Surekato Bikuroi	Kuruoi
Osiwaipa	Kerabo or Manikurai Suraketo Bikuroi	Sukopio
Siribia	Kerabo or Manikurai Suraketo Bikuroi	Nil
Owowaipa	Kerabo or Manikurai Suraketo Bikuroi	Nil

The other villages visited nearer the coast (Koribori and Tokai) have a totally different clan system i.e. Koribori the main clans are SIKARA (subsidiary - Utuko) KURUOI and KERAKERA.

For Demarcation however it is suggested that Koribori, Tokai and Pokoia be a group from which members of the Committee can be selected.