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PATROL REPORTS BOUGAINVILLE DISTRICT 1966-67

BOKU

| <u>Patrol No.</u> | <u>Officer<br/>Conducting Patrol</u> | <u>Area Patrolled</u>        |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1-66-67           | R.J. Staples                         | Banoni & Nagovisi Census D.  |
| 2-66-67           | R.J. Staples                         | Banoni/Nagovisi Council Area |
| 3-66-67           | John W. Gordon-Kirkby                | Banoni/Nagovisi Census D.    |

BUIN

|         |                     |  |
|---------|---------------------|--|
| 2-66-67 | John Edward Fowke   | Part Kono Census Division                      |
| 6-66-67 | H.L. Balfour-Ogilvy | Kono, Paubakei & part Luga-<br>kei Census Div. |

KONGA

|         |             |                       |
|---------|-------------|-----------------------|
| 1-66-67 | R.E. Dargie | Siwai Census Division |
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of **BOUGAINVILLE** Report No. **KONGA I of 66/67**

Patrol Conducted by **R.E. DARGIE P.O.**

Area Patrolled **SIWAI CENSUS DIVISION**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **NO.**

Natives **ONE MEMBER R.P.&N.G.C.**

Duration—From **2 5 67** to **22 5 67**

Number of Days **16**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany **NO.**

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services **May** /1965

Medical ..... /19..... **Continuous by land rover from Konga Rural Health Centre**

Map Reference **BOUGAINVILLE SOUTH FOURMIL**

Objects of Patrol **REVISION OF COMMON ROLL AND SURVEY OF ATTITUDES TOWARDS THE SIWAI LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL.**

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ /19

District Commissioner

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

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

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

llage Popu

| 9-13 |   | Over 13 |   | Females<br>in Child<br>Birth |
|------|---|---------|---|------------------------------|
| M    | F | M       | F |                              |

KAB/LNW :

District Headquarters,  
Bougainville District,  
SOHANO.

14th. June, 1967.

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

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*J. E. Wakeford*  
(J. E. WAKEFORD)  
A/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

Att.

DIRECTOR

67-11-17

12th July, 1967.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
SOBANO.

KONGA PATROL NO. 1 OF 1967

Your memorandum of the 14th June, refers.

2. Comments by yourself and by the Assistant District Commissioner, Buin, on Mr. Dargie's report are noted.
3. Councillors themselves should be encouraged to accept responsibility in explaining how Council funds are expended and a series of taxpayers' meetings, if not already held, could well be organised by the Council for this purpose.
4. Emphasis needs to be placed on the limitations imposed by the relatively small budget available but any reasonable proposals put forward by the people should be listed, so that some attempt can be made to include such projects in a planned Council programme.
5. It seems a pity that the Missions are not taking an interest in Infant Welfare work. Normally they are keen to take on. Perhaps the Missions could be approached about this. This would then allow the Council landrover to be used for other projects.

(J. K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR

67 11. 17



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

KAB/LMW :  
Telegrams  
Our Reference  
If calling ask for  
Mr.



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Att.

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BUIN. Bougainville District.

2nd June, 1967.

The District Commissioner,  
SOHARD.

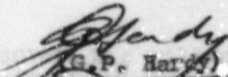
KONGA PATROL REPORT NO. 1 OF 1966/67.

SIWAI CENSUS DIVISION.

Attached please find the abovementioned report submitted by Mr. R.E. Dargie, Patrol Officer, Konga Base Camp.

The main purpose of this Patrol was to obtain necessary information for the revision of the Common Roll for the 1968 Elections before Mr. Dargie departed for Port Moresby to attend No. 5 Training Course at the Administrative College. Of necessity, and at my request, the report had to be submitted in a hurry just before Mr. Dargie departed, otherwise it would have been out of date by the time he returned. In spite of this, however, Mr. Dargie has adequately covered the general information required.

Referring to the Political Situation, the alleged cargo cult activities are being carefully watched to ensure they do not go beyond the normal "Company" stage. This matter will be taken up with the Assistant Registrar of Co-operatives, Rabaul, with the view of having the "Company" organised in the proper manner. Most of the people concerned are those who are dissatisfied with the Siwai Rural Progress Society and are probably of the opinion that more can be gained from the new "Company". There has been no reason given for the participation by the Arawa people in the Kieta Sub-District. Whilst dissuasive measures usually result in a more determined effort on the part of those concerned, especially with these particular Siwai Groups, they can only be warned that any business activities should be properly organised. Should any harmful activities arise from this recent move, necessary action will be taken and you will be advised accordingly.

  
G.P. Harney  
Assistant District Commissioner.

PATROL DIARY

Tuesday 2nd May.

Departed Konga for LAKU aid post. Covered the villages of LAKU, HINO, and KUHINO. Thence to KATAKU to visit Catholic Mission school. Returned to LAKU and thence to Konga.

Wednesday 3rd May.

Departed Konga, to HANONG village. Covered the villages of HANONG, MOROKAIMORO, MORONEI, NARONAI, and MAISUA. Returned to Konga.

Thursday 4th May.

To MOKOLINO village, to cover the villages of ROKUSE and MOKOLINO I and 2. Returned to Konga.

Friday 5th May.

To IEGU village. Villages of IEGU, KINIRUI, TURUNGUM, and MATARAS were covered. Returned to Konga.

Saturday 6th May.

To PANAKEI village. Villages of KAPANA, PANAKEI, and SILAPUHO were covered. Inspection of incompleting Council well project.

Monday 8th May.

In morning to MUNU village, covered the villages of SIKURAI and MUNU. Preliminary investigation into land dispute between villages of MUNU and KINIRUI. In afternoon to RABARU, covered the villages of KUPINGKU, MATUKORI, and RABARU.

Tuesday 9th May.

In morning to PURIKORI village. Covered the villages of KAKAKATOKORI, MAINOITA, and PURIKORI. In afternoon to OSOKORI, to cover the villages of TONU, NUKUI, USOKORI, and OSOKORI, thence to USOKORI to inspect incompleting Council water tank project. Returned to Konga.

Wednesday 10th May.

To HUKUHOA village to cover the villages of TOIRA, TONUI, and HUKUHOA. Thence in afternoon to KOTU, to cover the villages of TOHU, RUNAI, AITARA, and KOTU. Returned to Konga.

Thursday 11th May.

To Council Chambers at AMIO. Villagers of SEROI, KAPARO, TOITOI, and AMIO were covered at AMIO.

Friday 12th May.

To UNUNAI village. Villages of MAMAGOTA, UNUNAI, and HARIKAGU were covered. Afternoon in Council Office.

Saturday 13th May.

To HIRE village. Villages of HIRE and KOROPG covered. Returned to Konga.

Monday 15th May.

To KOKUI village. Villages of KOKUI and KUTING were covered, thence to KUNU village.

patrol diary cont.

Monday 15th May.

Villages of KUNU and MUSIMINOI covered at KUNU. In afternoon to RUISEI village. Returned to Konga.

Tuesday 16th May.

To TOKONUTU village, KIMAKU, HAISI, HIRUHIRU, and TOKONUTU were covered. Afternoon spent in Council Office.

Wednesday 17th May.

Spent day in Council Office with Finance Officer.

Thursday 18th May.

To SININAI. Covered the villages of HORINO, KUMUKI, and SININAI. Returned to Konga.

Saturday 20th May.

To HARI village. Covered the villages of LAKEMBA, MOIBINEI, and SULUHINO. Returned to Konga.

Monday 22nd May.

To MISIMINOI village. Villages of IRU, MIHERU, and MISIMINOI covered. In afternoon discussions with people at SININAI. Returned to Konga.

END PATROL

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All village sites are quite satisfactory in regard to health...

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### INTRODUCTION

The patrol was carried out to bring up to date the Common Roll for the House of Assembly Elections in 1968. This was done by means of the Tax / Census Register. Due to lack of time, the sixty six villages were covered in sixteen days. On an average, a little over four villages were covered each day.

The SIWAI Census Division is situated West of Buin, being bounded by the MOBIAI River on the East, and the SIROKORO River near Boku Patrol Post on the West. The country is mainly undulating, and the majority of villages situated below 200 feet above sea level. The main exception is IRU, which is inaccessible by road at the moment, however it would not be impossible to build a road at least part of the way to this village.

During the patrol a survey of attitudes was made in relation to the Siwai Local Government Council. It was pleasing to observe that people did have opinions regarding the functions of the Council, either constructive criticism, or appraisal. It is imperative that people should take an interest in the Local Government of their area.

### RECEPTION OF PATROL

Due to the short notice given to the people concerned, the patrol was received well in all villages. All people were ready when the patrol arrived in each village.

### VILLAGES

#### HOUSING

Throughout the Siwai there is an adequate supply of sago palm, the leaves of which are used in roofing and wall materials in houses. Because of the climate in the Siwai, bamboo does not grow in large quantities, and thus sago palm leaves are the main material used in the construction of walls. There can not be seen any disadvantage in the use of sago palm leaves as a material for wall rather than bamboo, except that bamboo walls would be stronger and more durable. As there is a good supply of building materials, it was found that the majority of houses were well kept.

#### VILLAGE SITES

All village sites are quite satisfactory in regard to health reasons.

#### WATER SUPPLY

Throughout the Siwai there are numerous small streams which adequately supply villages with good water. MAMAGOTA, a village on the coast receives fresh water from tank water, however the people of AITARA on the coast prefer to obtain water from a well they have dug in the ground at the village. The AITARA people state that they prefer to collect their water in this manner, rather than a water tank.

#### CLEANLINESS AND HYGIENE

Villages are well kept, being clean as possible. The majority of villages have bare earth between the houses which is swept frequently.

POLITICAL SITUATION

The Siwai Census Division consists of sixty six villages, sixty four of these villages are members of the Siwai Local Government Council, and the remaining two villages members of the Banoni / Nagovisi Council. People within the Siwai Council have expressed the opinion that the Council has achieved little since its inception in 1960. During the past seven years the Councils average recurrent revenue has been in the vicinity of \$4,000, however during the past three years much of this revenue has gone into repaying loans on an "88" type Land Rover, and an aluminum Council Chambers. These two loans will be repaid at the 30th June this year, except for an amount of \$161, which is to be repaid on the Council Chambers loan during 1967/68. It is unfortunate to relate that there are certain people who do not appreciate the services of the Council's Land Rover which carries out infant welfare clinics in the villages each day. This Land Rover is the most ambitious project the Council has undertaken to date, and it is not encouraging to note that certain members of the community do not appreciate the infant welfare services carried out by this vehicle. This dissatisfaction can only be attributed to the fact that people are tending to look to the Council for material wealth, and not community services. I am glad to say that this attitude does not predominate.

It was reported by the Council President, Tom, that cargo cult activities may be currently active in the village of KOTU. The activities are suspected to involve worship of ancestors in cemeteries so that cargo may appear. It seems that the whole village may be involved, and thus it has not been possible at this stage to obtain definite proof of such activities. A man named Paul Tupana is suspected of having some connection with these activities. Paul Tupana has established a "company" called Paul & Co., Kotu, which is believed to have financial assets to the extent of \$1,200. This money has been collected from people in seven villages surrounding Kotu, plus village people in the ARAWA area of the Kieta Sub-District. It does not seem natural that Kieta people should put money into the Siwai. I have personally examined Paul Tupana's register of shareholders, I found that some men have invested as much as \$20 in Paul's company. It appears that Paul aims to establish a chain of trade stores throughout the Siwai, and purchase a tractor. In consideration of the sums of money that people have put into Paul Tupana's company, their desire for material goods is strong.

In other villages of the Siwai the people expressed the opinion that the Council should purchase a tractor so that wet and dry bean cacao could be carried to the Siwai Rural Progress Society. Although the Society owns a tractor for this purpose, the need will evolve in the not too distant future where there will be needed more than tractor to carry produce to a marketing point.

In general it can be said that the peoples attitude towards the Administration and missions is good. Currently dissatisfactions have been directed towards the Council President, who is claimed to have mis-spent Council monies. One school of thought is that the Council "should" save up for bigger things. This attitude exists mainly in the villages West of the Hongorai River, however these people can not complain that they have been forgotten by the Council. An aid post has recently been completed by the Council at SININAI, which cost a little over \$700 to build.

### AGRICULTURE

The main cash crop in the Siwai is cacao. Although an accurate figure can not be obtained at this time, D.A.S.F. estimates a little more than 500,000 cacao trees are in the area. Cacao blocks are being well maintained, and new plantings are being carried out. Coconuts do not grow well in the area, except on the coast, but a small amount of copra is produced. Coconut plantings are, in the main irregular, there being few blocks of coconuts.

Currently there is a trend towards extensive development between the Buin - Boku road, and the coast. This strip varies between 2 and 4 miles wide, and about 10 miles long. To date this land has only been used to a small extent, mainly for gardens. Thus a large amount of clearing of virgin bush must take place before plantings can take place. This area of land is a great asset to the Siwai, and could prove to be a major factor in the development of the Siwai. At least ten villages have shown interest in development of this area. The villages being Tokonutu, Kimaku, Runai, Tohu, Hari, Ruisei, Musiminoi, Soroi, Kaparo, and Tonui.

### MEDICAL AND HEALTH

During the patrol I discovered that at least twenty children under seven years had died of either dysentery or dehydration as a result of diarrhoea during the past two years. It appears that the people do not know the difference between dysentery and diarrhoea; I understand that the people forbid water to any child who is suffering from such an attack, and thus a death as a result of dehydration. In this light it may be necessary for a Medical Officer to explain or educate these people further towards prevention of further child deaths as a result of possible unsanitary eating habits.

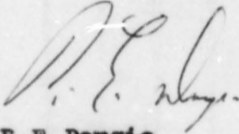
A Rural Health Centre is situated at Konga. It is currently staffed by one Medical Assistant, two infant welfare nurses, and an A.P.O. It is from this centre that the Council Land Rover works on infant welfare clinics. The Land Rover is used entirely for health work. Other medical facilities in the Siwai are the mission hospitals at Catholic Mission MONOITU, and Methodist Mission TONU. Medical services carried out by both these missions are adequate. For any serious or difficult case the patient is sent to the hospital at Buin.

### ROADS AND BRIDGES

An adequate road network covers the Siwai. Almost all villages can be reached by Land Rover or tractor. The terrain is flat and therefore little difficulty in maintaining feeder roads is experienced. There are numerous small streams to be crossed, but most these have been bridged with logs and hewn planks. Currently the main road through the Siwai is in good condition, but with the wet season coming on in the next month, maintenance may be required on these roads due to wash-outs into the road surface. Some maintenance is carried out by village people on the main road, but their main efforts are concentrated on feeder roads to villages.

AIRFIELDS

An airfield is situated at Tonu Methodist Mission, about seven miles from Konga. However the strip is small and adequate only for a light single engined aircraft. Currently the strip is being used only by a Cessna owned by the Mission Aviation Fellowship.



R.E. Dargie  
Patrol Officer