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#### BOUGAINVILLE DISTRICT

#### BUIN, BOKU,, MOROTANA, SIWAI

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PATROL REPORT

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| Report Number  | BUIN PATROL No 11 70-71                           |
| Subdistrict  | -   |
| District   | 2   |
| Type of Patrol   | ANDING PATROL - HIRSTRIP CONST. PROTECT           |
| Patrol Conducted by  | MR. PAUL VAIN STAVEREN A. P.O.                    |
| Area Patrolled   | ORIA VILLANS                                      |
| (Council and/or  | PART KOND C.D.                                    |
| Census Division/s.)  | BUIN L.G. C. AREA                                 |
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| Date   | 9. Duration.                                      |
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Division of District Administration,

KONEDOBU.....PAPUA.

5th February, 1971.

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The District Commissioner, Bougainville District, KIETA.

## BUIN PATROL NO.1 -1970/71

Your reference 67-1-2 of 29th December, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr. P. Van Staveren, Assistant Patrol Officer of GRIA Airstrip construction.

I agree with your assessment of the informative value of Mr. Van Staveren's report which demonstrates that he has a grasp of the problems of his area and he is developing the right approach towards assisting with their solution.

It is pleasing to note that good progress is being made with construction of this strip on what amounts to a self help basis. More publicity should be given to efforts of this nature in an area such as Bougainville where the popular press seems to concentrate mainly on matters detrimental to the Administration's image.

> (T.W. ELLIS) Secretary

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> Department of the Administrator, District Headquarters, Bougainville District, KIETA.

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29th December, 1970.

The Departmental Head, Division of District Administration, Department of the Administrator, KONEDOBU.

> Buin Patrol No. 1 1970/71 Oria Airstrip.

Herewith original and one copy of this patrol report submitted by Mr P.Van Staveren, Assistant Patrol Officer.

Despite numerous typing errors, the report is quite informative and gives a good picture of the affairs in the area. Mr Van Staveren has taken some trouble to prepare comparative cocoa figures (see Page 8).

If temperate vegetable growing can be organised satisfactorily in the area, the Orimai-Botulai and Kekemona-Kokosina people will certainly have an economic use for the strip. Their re-awakened interest in working on the strip after the possibility of growing such vegetables was mentioned indicated that they realise this.

The apparent disunity and parochialism of the people in Kieta and Buin areas will case many problems for the future and does tend to negate many of the Administration attempts to improve their standard of living.

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Atts:

# TERRITORY OF PAPUA & NEW GUINEA.

In Reply Please Quote No. 67-2-1

Department of District Administration, Sub-District Office, <u>B U I N</u>, Bougainville District,

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10th December, 1970.

The District Commissioner, District Headquarters, K I E T A.

### BUIN PATROL REPORT NO. I OF 1970/71.

Attached in triplicate, original and two copies, please find the abovementioned report submitted by Mr. Van Staveren, Assistant Patrol Officer. The report covers the period from 21/9/70 - 6/11/70, representing the time spent by Mr. Van Staveren as supervising officer of Oria Airstrip, a Buin Local Government Council Rural Development Project.

2. Supervision of the project has been by standing patrol in the area since the project started in April last year. Progress has been slow mainly because the three religious groups in the area, Seventh Day Adventist, Marist and Methodist, have been unable to co-operate with each other.

3. Mr. Var Stavern returned to Buin on 9th November to take part in election of councillors for Buin Local Government Gouncil, and at the same time the people stopped work on the strip. They plan to go back to work after New Year, and if a reasonable effort is made, the strip, which is now about three quarters complete, could be ready for use by March or thereabouts.

4. Once the strip becomes operational, Department of Trade & Industry will come into the picture and organise the airfreighting of Oria cocoa to Kieta.

5. Mr. Van Staveren has also reported on the political, economic and social situation in the area. Mr. Van Staveren's claim for camping allowance attached for signature, please.

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Assistant District Commissioner

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21 - 9 - 70. Monday- Departed Buin 1000hrs. for Oria. Arrived Tabago 11.00 hrs. , waited for Carriers and departed 12.00hrs, arriving Oria village at 15.90 hrs. Net Mr. P. Laming, Patrol Officer, and examined Strip. Only 8 Men turned up for work and all carried my cargo. 22 - 9 - 70 Tuesday - No work, rained all day. 23 - 9 - 70 Wednesday Only 15 men turned up for work so E walked to Orimai village meeting villagers on the way and at the village. 12 altogether. 24 - 9 - 70 Thursday -Today 27 men worked on airstrip. 25 - 9 - 70 Friday - " " 11 26 \_ 9 - 70 Saturday-Observed Oria. 27 - 9 - 70 Sunday - Worked with Grader on airstrip. 28 - 9 - 70 Monday - 40 men working. From Oria-Pagui council ward. 29 - 9 - 70 Tuesday - Work Continues with 39 men working. 11 41 11 30 - 9 - 70 Wednesday- " 11 1 - 10,- 70 Thursday - " 11 40 g 11 11 Meeting with the three councillors concerned with the airstrip to find a way to re-organise the present working schedule- One council ward each week. People will now work one week in two by combining the two "lazier" wards in one week, starting next week. 2 - 10 - 70 Friday - 40 men worked all day. Departed Oria for Tabago Mission 15.00hrs. arrived Resthouse 17.15hrs. Slept night Tabago. 3 - 10 - 70 Saturday- Discussions with Rev.F.Fingleton and Mr. D. McNamara, C. R. A. Liason Officer. concerning future of Oria area. Mr. McNamara approached about visiting Oria to encourage the people to work on the Airstrip and to discuss the future of Market Gardening there. with a view to selling foods to C.R.AC Kieta. 4 - 10 - 70 - 70 -Further Discussions at Tabago. Mr. McNamara Sunday to come to Oria on Wednesday. Departed Tabago at 15.30 and arrived Oria 18.30 ...

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|  | 51 men turned up for work today. Afternoon<br>two Committee men sent out to tell the people<br>that Mr. McNamara was coming.   |
|  | 71 men came along today, showing the number<br>who can come if they want to. Previously<br>the total number of men working in these<br>two wards would not have exceeded 30. |
| 7 - 10 - 70 Wednesday                                    | -70 men again today. Mr. D.McNamara arrived<br>11.00hrs. Meetings with people after work and<br>evening in the Rest-House.   |
| 8 - 10 - 70 Madmanday.                                   | -66 men worked today. Some had come to hear  |
|  | whet Mr. McHamara had to sayand left.  |
| 9 - 10 - 70 Friday -                                     | 64 men worked today. 06.00 Mr. McNamara left   |
|  | Oria. I departed Oria at 13-00 hrs for Buin.   |
| 10 - 10 - 70 Saturday.                                   |  |
| 11 - 10 - 70 Sunday .                                    |  |
| 12 - 10 - 70 Monday -                                    | Spent Day in Buin. Ordered Fibro-Cement for  |
|  | Strip - Markers and sent Armco piping and  |
|  | cement to Oria.  |
| 13 - 10 - 70 Tuesday -                                   | . Walked back to Oria through heavy rain   |
|  | which also prevented work on the Airstrip.   |
|  | - 36 men worked today.   |
|  | - 37 men worked today.   |
| 16 - 10 - 70 Friday                                      |  |
| 17 - 10 - 70 Saturday                                    |  |
|  | Cleared bush with some men from Oria-Pagui.  |
|  | 40 men worked today.   |
| 20 - 10 (. 70 Tuesday-                                   |  |
| 21 - 10 - 70 Wednesday                                   |  |
| 22 - 107 - 70 Thursday-                                  | 33 working . Started mm work on putting<br>a pipe in the drain to allow planes   |
| 22 10 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20             | to come into the parking area.<br>Finished piping . 33 men working. Departed   |
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|  | Oria at 11,30hrs and arrived Tabago 14.30.   |
|  | Arrived Buin at 1600hrs.   |
| 24 - 10 - 70 Saturday                                    | - Observed Buin.   |
| 25 - 10 - 70 Sunday -                                    |  |
| 20 - 10 - 70 Monday -                                    | Departed CHIX Buin for Oria at 11.30 and   |
| 27 - 40 - 70 - 7   | arrived 14.30.   |
|  | 34 men worked on strip.  |
| 28 - 10 - 70 Wednesday                                   |  |
| 29 - 10 - 70 Thursday                                    |  |
| 30 - 10 - 70 Friday                                      |  |
| 31 - 10 - 70 Saturday                                    | - Walked to Pagui village .  |
| 1 - 11 - 70 Sunday                                       | - Cut grass with slasher on airstrip.  |
| 2 - 11 - 70 Monday                                       | - Only 13 men today so afternoon sent all  |
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3 - 11 - 70 Tuesday - 15 men turned up. It seems that the Methodists form Orimai-Silekumu have gone to Kieta for a religious function. The Catholics say that they will not do al, the work and so refused to come.

4 - 11 - 70 Wednesday - 14 men working on strip. 5 - 11 - 70 Thursday - """"

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- Departed for Buin 0700hrs and arrived 14.00 after waiting for carriers at Tabago.

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PROGRESS REPORT ON ORIA AIRSTRIP CONSTRUCTION PROJECT. KONO CENEUS DIVISION -MUTH.

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Workon the Oria Airstrip has been going on for some time now. The bush was cleared off the entire area 2,000' X 200' and than earworks began. The idea was to form up a camber of 1' in 100' sloping from the centre line to both sides. This has almost been achieved as only one area in the top wastern corner of the strip remains. This area is aproximately 200' X 100' sloping from all on the eastern fine to 2' on the edge. Once this has been completed and it is expected to be in early Jamury, 1971. The next major work is the gmoothening of the centre line. Than only minor works such as clearing bush on the approach, setting out of the Markers and the parking area remain. The airstrip should be completed late February or early March 1971. V.

The work has come to a standstill at the moment as no officer of this department will be available for the month of November and the people wish to rest over the Christmas period so as to attend religious services etc.

Work will resume early in January, 1971 and the project should be completed in two months.

VARIOUS MORNS IN PROGRESS, COMPLETED PLANNED.

#### Earthworks:

The major work undertaken during the 6 weeks of Patrol was the removal a sections of earth to produce an effective cambel of of . in 100' over the full lenght of the airstrip. Refer to appendix (1) where the sections of ground have been increased ont. The method previously employed was for the Tractor to plough up the section the ground was then removed by wheelbarrow. However the tractor was U.S. for almost the entire 5 weeks and during this time the ground was broken up with picks and carried off again by wheelbarrow, Due to the number of men who turned up for work during the period a great deal was accomplished. There remains a formidable area of ground to be removed on the top of the strip where it still has to be cut down 2' at the edge. This work should be completed in the first 2 weeks of January when work will resume.

Once this area has been cleared there will be no part of the airstrip surface where water will lie stagnant.

#### Approach to Strip.

The Oria airstrip will have only one approach as there are high ridges to the northwest of the strip. The one southeaster a approach is over a valley and the only work involved is the clearing of a large area of Trees on the opposite side of the river valley. Very little work was done on the clearing of this trenchus as all efforts were consentrated on the actual strip surface. When work resumes again this work will be done fairly quickly.

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Some work was done on the drainage of the strip during this patrol. A drain was built on the North Eastern side of the strip for approx. 1,000 feet and it was run off into the bush so that it would not erode away the actual end of the strip which is a steep clift The drain is not completed as it has to be deepened widened slightly. When finished the drains will be 21' X 21' X2000' down both sides of the airstrip.

The entrance to the parking area has been completed. As the drain was not yet complete a trench was dugtand a 2' X22' armco pipe inserted with concrete walls at both ends and than covered over. Some earth was heaped around it to prevent the trench filling with water.

#### Centre Line:

The controline of the airstrip is fairly level however there are a lot of stump -holes to be filled. An area of 2000' X50' will be prepared as the actual handing surface of the airstrip. The torsoil is very loamy black and slipery and the subsoil approx 1' below is very good hard ground, a mixture of clay and sand.

Next January when work resumes again the centre -line 111 be moved and closely examined in sections of 100' at a time Where it is rough or needs filling it will be cleared to a depht of 3 -4" to remove the gracs roots and slippery leasy surface. The area will then be filled with the sub-soil. This fill will be compacted by the Tractor and than graded. By repeating this process a smooth landing strip will eventuate.

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ioncinu o nelo The people of the area provied volunteer labour on the airstrip. The villages are dified into three wards. (1) ORIA -PAGUI - UHUMANOGU, (2) ORIMAT -BOFULAI and (3) KENENOMA -KONOSIMA -SULENNU, Previous to the period covered by this report work on the airstrip was divided according to one week for each ward as each village forked one week in three. This system was proved unsatisfactory as the people from NO.1 ward worked fairly well having 25-30 men each week but wards 2 and 3 provided only 20 men and under 10 men respectively for this weeks of work.

During the third week this system was changed and NO.1
 ward worked the first week and wards 2 -3 combined on second week.
 This meant working one week in two.

The reasons for the lack of enthysiasur for work in wards 2and 3 are many and varied. The people of the small village of BOTHLAI nearby always came however the other villages were very lax.

One of the main reasons for this was the fact that the airstrip was origionally planned as an outlet for <u>Gocca</u> grown in the area. The people who had cocca, mainly ward 1, worked very hard but the villages's who lived in the mountains in wards 2 and 3 could grow very little cocca and some were too high up to grow any and so they could not see any value in the airstrip for themselves.

Previous to this patrol the patrolling officer consulted with Mr. T. Adams the Arral Development Officer in Muin. It was found that Potatoes were growing in the area of Kehemona and Lokosina. As a result of this discussion Mr. Adams provided some vegetable soeds and applied for some good types of potatoes seeds. The Patrolling Officer taked with the people about the growing of vegetables and particularly potatoes and perhaps celling them to C.R.A. in Mieta. Than on the 4-10-70 at Takego the patrolling officer met the C.R.A Linson Officer Mr.D.McNANARA who was interested in the idea, and was asked to core to Oris to talk with the people of the mountains who would be working that week.

The effect of this idea on the people was dramatic. the Honday, before the people had heard that Mr. McMAMARA was the Honday, before the people had heard that Mr. McMAMARA was the Honday, before the people had heard that Mr. McMAMARA was been turned up for work where previously the combined been turned up for work where previously the combined total of labourers from these two wards (2 and 3) would not have totaled 30.men. That afternoon two Committee men were sent out to tell the people that Mr. McNamara was coming and on the Tuesday 71 men came to work.

Mr. McNamara came up on Mednesday and that afternoon after worp was finished he held a meeting with the people who were interested in the idea but wanted to see the cccoa going successfully first.

The number of men working on the strip held fairly steady to the 30 -40 mark from than onwards, except for the last week where all of Orimai and Sulekunu had to attend religious ceremony in Kieta. They are all Methodists and the other villages are Catholics. The Catholics did not come in great numbers as they said if the Methodist were not going to work then they could not work either. To add to this the councillors for wards 2 and 3 were both sick and could not encourage the people to work.

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The people of Oria -Pagui are Seventh Day Adventist and are the progressive element in the area. It was their idea for the airstrip and they are doing most of the work on it. They have most of the Cacao in the area and so will reap the greatest benefit from the airstrip. They also are very close to the airstrip whereas the other villages are 3 or more hours walking away. Distance is also another deterrent to the people from wards 2 and 3. The people of ward 1 (Oria - Pagui) also improved in this contribution to work as their numbers were raised from about 25 men to almost 40 or sometimes more.

An example of difference in the attitudes of the two groups ward 1 and wards 2 and 3 is shown by the fact that when the 7 days wanted to attend a religious ceremony during their week for work they changed weeks with the others so that the work would not stop or slow down. On the other hand the Methodist from Orimai and Sulekunu just disappeared and went to Kieta not offering to compensate by working another week. The difference can be summed up by two prases ward 1 - " I have work this week on the airstrip so I cannot do any other work)"

Ward 2 and 3- " If I have nothing else to do I might work on the airstrip;"

This is a general summary as there are some men from wards 2 and 3 who work hard and always come, and there are some men in Ward 1 who have to be practically **d**ragged to work.

the roult is hoped that at least 40 men will turn up each week

in the new year. If so the project will be complete in two months.

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### SITUATION REPORT

ORIA AREA: KONC CENSUS DIVISION

BUIN Sub-DISTRICT: BOUGAINVILLE DISTRICT.

### POLITICAL SITUATION & IDEAS.

The thoughts and ideas expressed in this section will mainly be those of the people of Oria and Pagui villages as this was a standing patrol at Oria village. Groups of people from the other villages were after interviewed however the bulk of the information obtained was from the two villages of Oria - Pagui. There is a difference between the outlooks of the Seventh Day Adventists of Oria-Pagui and the Catholics and Methodists of the other villages. The Seventh Day Adventist are both the progressives in their attitudes to development and the consevatives in their attitudes to early self-Government, Independence etc.

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#### Local Government Councils.

The people of the area have no knowledge of the internal workings of a council and the Councillors would not have much more. They know that the council's beneficial as though it thay have obtaineed on Aid-Post at Oria and the airstrip itself.

They also see other works of the council in the Buin Area and all the people of the area regard it as a good thing. The people of Oria-Pagui have used the council more and so appreciate it more than the other villages. These villages have so far received little benefit from the council as they are isolated from the rest of Buin.

The Oria-Pagui people have a lot of respect for their councillors and regards him as their elected leader whom they must obey and respect. This could also be due to the strong character of their present Councillor, Koribai of Oria. The other villages do not regard their councillors as so important. They do not obey their councillors and are **obten** deaf to their pleadings and commands to work on the airstrip. Councillors Makau and Matsiu are no where near as influenced as Councillor Koribai. They do have some influence however and this was demonstrated when the Catholics refused to work when the Methodists went to Kieta during the last week of this patrol. I feel the Councillors absence, though unavoidable, contributed greatly to this situation.

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The House of Assembly is to those people a very real though distant governing body. They say it is the future government of the Territory but consider it ineffectual at the moment. It is still learning how to govern and they regard the Australian Administration as the true law maker in T.P.N.G. It is not really much thought about by these people as they have never been visited by a Member of the House. They hope that with the airstrip they could be visited by their members. Due to their isolation they do not have many ideas about the House of Assembly.

#### Independence for Papua and New Guinea.

These people do not want the Territory to gain Self Government or Independence for many years to come. They are afraid of it as they realise that they are behind in development and the more developed areas will run the independant country. There is a difference again here between the people of Oria -Pagui and the other villages. The Oria Pagui people are really afraid of early Independence whereas the others are not very worried about it.

The Oria-Pagui people will accept anything as gospel if it comes from the Australian Administration. They voiced no objections against any policies or actions of the Administration, completely contrary to the general **im**age of Bougainvill<sup>ines</sup>. They are inclined to follow with blind faith. However the other villages have not been so ready to accept the Administration without question. These people agree with the Oria-Pagui people in that they do not want early Self-Government or Independence.

# Secession for Bougainville.

The people of this area are generally against secession for Bougainville. They regard Bougainville as too small to stand on its own two feet. Thay regard the Kieta people, well known advocates of secession, as completely mad. They realise that the **Go**pper-Mine has a definate life and is not a good economic basis for an independ**ant**e country.

# CONOMIC SITUATION AND PROSPECTS.

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These figures show the status of the people as far as Cocoa is concerned. It is interesting to note that the first Cocoa Trees in the Buin Sub-District were planted at Oria village by Kinke of Oria. The area is isolated from good shipping routes and so ever though they had Cocoa before anybody else, the people are still behind the rest of the Buin Sub-District. The Buin Producers Marketing Society plans to organise the flying of Cocoa from Oria to Fieta where it will be picked up by a Society agent and stored for sale. The people of Oria Pagui want to form a new society and have as yet no idea of shipping procedure.

The Oria -Pagui people want to try to organise their own society. They have not been dealing with the Buin Society before as they sold dry bean to Mr. P.Baylis a European Plantation owner in Buin.

They are not being "pig -headed" but feel that they are separate from the Buin area and should have their own Society. They want the other villages in the area to join with them, however they have been dealing succesfully with the Buin Society for a member of years and regard the venture as too risky especially when a society already exists. The people of the other villages have no objection to the Oria -Pagui Society and have expressed willingness to join it if it works well, in other words when all the hard work is finished and the risks taken.

The Oria - Pagui people have said that they will try to collect money to see if thay can raise sufficient share Capital. If they have not much money they will give up and join with the Bain Producers Society.

A quote on air-freight has been recived by the Society from MAFAIR, a local Bougainville Company which flies within Bougainville District. The price will vary depending up on conditions for take-off and load the plane will carry, however it will be around 2¢ per pound and not more than 3¢.

A large storage shed will be built next to the Airstrip to hold dry -bean Cocca and to store all incoming goods. On the return iourney from Kieta to Oria it is planned that the planes will carry Trace Store goods which will be sold from a Molesale Store at Oria,

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to Trade Store owners in the area. This will be a great help to cut down on air-freight charges for the Cocoa.

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The people of Oria -Pagui who own Trade Stores also prefer not to deal with the Buin Society which wholesales to Trade Store offer Owners. They prefer to order their Trade Store goods from Rabaul. This arrangement will end with the opening of the strip as Mr. P. Baylis used to carry their goods from the Beach at Kangu, Buin to Turitai the place where he picked up their Cocoa. Once he stops buying their Cocoa he will also stop carrying Trade Store Goods to Turitai. This will force these people to deal through the Society in Buin through the wholesale store at Oria.

#### Other Economic Aspects.

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One idea brought up durin g this patrol, origionaly as an incentive to work, looks as if it could become an important money earner for the people. This is Market Garderning. The people of this area have plenty of good arable land. On the higher redges the people can grow Potatoes and other good vegetables and fruits there in the area. This will not come about spontaneously however it could slowly develop into a good money earner. They certainly have a ready market for this crops in C.R.A. in Kieta. The only problem is the difficulty of organising the Transport of them to Kieta and thence to Panguna.

The people see that it will be slow and have said that they will wait until Cocca is successfully flowing out to Kieta and then something could be arranged for the transport of goods to Hieta. Mr. D.McNamara , the C.R.A. Liason Officer, has talked to the people at Oria and pointed out some good crops to grow such as Pineapples, Tomatoes and Potatoes which if picked at the right time will travel well and arrive in good condition at Panguna.

The Agricultural Officer at Buin Mr. J.dams is looking into the possibilities of the are and which crops will grow well there. This is still just an idea which will have to have a lot of planning and work put into it before this people can reapthe benefits.

### SOCIAL

THE SPLIT BETWEEN THE PEOPLE -ITS SOCIAL ASPECTS.

The split between the Oria -Pagui people and the rest of area is a direct result of Religious differences and the diffirent of life brought about by their religious. The Oria-Pagui people are all Seventh Day Adventists and all other villages are Catholics or Nethodists. The Seventh Day Adventist have the usual differences such as not eating pig meat and not working on Saturday. There are other deeper basic reasons than these. The Catholic/ Methodist group are content to live their normal village lives with a few modern implements and conveniences. They are content to develop slowly and more or less let things happen around them. The Seventh Day Adventist however are a very different bettle of Fish.

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They crave development and want to live the same lives as Europeans. They have stockpidge by Sawn fimber which will be used to construct Permanent Haterial Houses for themselves. One house is at present under construction in Oria village. It is styled after Government houses for expatriates in Buin Town. These people have host (deliberately) their ancient customs fuch as the Bride-Price. The action s and thoughts expressed by Europeans in the area are copied very carefully by these people. For example that people asked me why I smaked when smoking brings lung cancer. I replied that I did not take the smoke into my lungs. Next Saturday during their church service the person conducting the service said that the Europeans were smart as they never draw the evil smoke into their lungs and so did not get cancer. But he warned, we natives do not know how to do this so we should not smoke, we will get cancer.

In their services they preach moderation on the basis that all Europeans use things in moderation. Items such as sugar and salt were branded as poisonous if the people use too much.

This division amongst the people is based not on Religious Prejudice as on different ways of life brought about by Religious Doctrines.

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The Government has an agricultural officer and a Medical Orderly in the area. The Buin Local Government Council built Permanent Materials Aid-Post at Oria and it is staffed by Public Mealth Department. At present there is only one Medical Orderly at Oria to service the whole area.

The Agricultural Assistant is from the Siwai Census Division in the Buin Sub-Districi He is a good worker but lacks the knowledge which will be necessary to help the people once the airstrip in finished. His work at present is mainly marking out new plantings of Cocoa and the

pruning of trees. D.A.S.F. plans to put a more highly qualified officer into the area once the airtsrip is completed.

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There are no womens clubs or other social services in the area. The women of Oria - Pagui however after attend a womens club which has started at Irunicku Seventh Day Adventist Hission Station. The wife of one of the local teachers cond. I classes in sewing and handcrafts such as weaving.

Once the area has the services of an airstrip and its isolation is ended, the economy of the area will rise rapidly and more social services will be required to develop the area.

There are no Government schools in the area. All education is in the hands of the mission. The Seventh Day Adventist have a small school at Oria. The Catholic Mission has a small station at Kulula near Oria which goes as high as Standard 6. The United Church has a school at Sulekunu which goes to Standard 5.

The Oria Airstrip will be the key to opening up the area, briging Economic, Social and Political development to an isolated people.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

| Report Number                 | BUIN PATROL REPORT No. 2 of 1970/71 |
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| Subdistrict                   | B.U. J.U.                           |
| District                      | BOUGAINVILLS                        |
| Type of Patrol                | BUIN L. G. COUNCILARSA              |
| Patrol Conducted by           | YAUNGGAO U-YASSI, PATROL OFFICER    |
| Area Patrolled                | PART OF LIGHTER SUBJECT OF          |
| (Council and/or               | AND THE MOLE OF KONO GENSUS         |
| Census Division/s.)           | )                                   |
| Personnel Accompanying Pat    | rol COUNCIL CLERE                   |
| Duration of Patrol-from.      | 5/11/20 To2Z, 11/20                 |
| No. of Days                   | DAVS (12)                           |
| Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area    |                                     |
| Date                          | Duration                            |
| Objects of Patrol (Briefly)   | B.H. I.M. L. G. COUNCIL BLOCTICH    |
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| Total Population of Area Patr | colled 4, 508                       |

Director of District Administration, KONEDOBU.

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Division of Mastrict Administration,

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The District Commissioner, Pougainville District, KIETA.

### DUIN PATROL NO. 2 OF 1970-71

Your reference 67-1-2 of 24th December, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Y.U-YASSI, Patrol Officer of Part Lugakel and Kono Census Divisions.

Conduct of the election in the above Divisions by Mr. U-Yassi appears to have been conscientiously carried out.

Council's Constitution and introduce single Councilior Wards to replace the present system.

Apart from this aspect, a satisfactory situation exists in the area patrolled.

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cc. Mr. Y. U-Yassi, Patrol Officer, Sub District Office, <u>BUIN</u>, Bougainville District.



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# TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams Telephone 67–1–2 Our Reference 67–1–2 If calling ask for NJG/Vh Mr

> Department of the Administrator, District Headquarters, Bougainville District, KIETA.

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24th December, 1970.

The Departmental Head, Division of District Administration, Department of the Administrator, KONEDOBU.

> Buin Patrol No.2 1970-71 Part Lugakei C/D and all Kono C/D.

Herewith original and one copy of a report submitted by Mr Yaunggao U-Yassi, Patrol Officer.

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I will comment on the problems associated with double seat wards when the Returning Officer's Report, mentioned in the Assistant District Commissioner's covering memorandum, is received.

Mr U-Yassi has apparently carried out a successful patrol, and from his report it is obvious that he was concerned that the patrol be conducted in the proper manner. His comments on Page 3 Double Seat section and Election Patrol Diary Page 11, entry for 27th November, 1970 indicate this.

Atts:

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Department of the administrator, Sub-Dillrict Office, <u>BUIL</u> Bougainville District, 17th December, 1970.

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The District Commissioner, District Headquarters, KIETA.

## BUIN PATROL REPORT NO. 2 01 1970/71.

Attached in triplicate, original and two copies, please find the abovementioned patrol report submitted by Mr. U-Yassi, Patrol Officer.

2. The object of this patrol was to conduct Buin Local Government Council elections in the Kono Census Division and part of Lugakei Census Division. The patrol was accompanied by Mr. Tudungan, the council clerk. Mr. U-Yassi acted as Presiding Officer, and Mr. Tudungan as Poll Clerk. A similar patrol conducted elections in the other half of the council area.

3. Both Mr. U-Yassi and Mr. Tudungan carried out their duties competently and Mr. U-Yassi's report is clear and informative. The problems mentioned by Mr. U-Yassi in connection with double seats in certain wards is being examined by the Returning Officer and will be the subject of a separate report.

4. Mr. U-Yassi's claim for camping allowance attached for signature, please.

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

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The 1970 Buin Local Government dound il Election was conducted by two polling teams. Team A conducted m polls in wards 1-7 and 12-21. Team B held elections in wards 3-11 and 22-31. This was the \$4th Council Election since the inception of Buin Local Government Council in 1963.

#### II. PERSONEL

Polling team was only a small one. The team was comprised of two Local Officers: one a Presiding Officer and the other & Poll Clerk. We were able to conduct Polls without much trouble.

#### III.MAMMER OF ELECTIONS

A. LOCATION OF WARDS

My team held elections in KOHO C/D and part LUGA-KEI C/Division. Wards Nc.8 to 11 are in LUGAKEI C/Division and wards 22 to 31 are all in LOHO Division. As a whole there are 14 wards. Each of the wards consists of several villages with the exception of PARINO which is divided into several hangets under one name.

B. DURANION

The Polling in these wards started on the 16th of November, and lasted for 9 days excluding Saturday and Sunday. Bolling was supposed to chose on the 26th but due to unavoidable transport problem no poll was held on that date and instead it was held on the following day, the 27th of Hovember, 1970.

Most of the polling plac as were accessible by motor traffic with the exception of wards No.27, 28, 29 and 30. The above 4 wards are in some of the rugged terrains in the territory. The only access to these wards were by foot. The average of 3 hours was spent travelling between each Polling Booths.

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Inspite the experiences gained from the previous elections hold in the cree, most of the voters needed assistance from the poll Cher'. Prior to convencing of voting people were told of the voters' right to select one of their friends if they wish for marking their votes. But by and large most voters sought assistance from the poll Cherk and they were content to let the Poll Cherk and they assist them in marking their votes. On the other hand roughly about 5% of people were able to mark their votes.

# D. THE ATTIFUDES OF PEOPLE

At every polling Booth, it was explained to the people the importance of the Council work and also the importance of electing the best men as a Councillor. This aroused the interests of the people present which motivated them to vote. They showed a genuine interest in voting and after marking their votes many waited until all the votes were counted and the results of the election was announced. Upon the announcement of the name of the successful Candidate people applauded. After the results were announced spent some the to explain to the people how important it is to co-operate with their elected Councillors. It was also explained to the time it was only through cooperation, obedience and royalty they could progress.

# IV. EMILINA TREASE IN ELECTIONS

#### A. CANDIDATES

No voman contested the election and there were no indication of a woman interested in becoming a Councillor. It will take many years before any voman could contest the election because status of the woman in this area is man low in the society.

#### B. ATTITUDES

Many woman from the villages where the polling Booth was near by turned up to vote except for those villages some distance away from the polling booth. in end part of not many would berned ap for ...

#### V. SUCCESS OF ELECTION

A. RESULTS

For detailed information on election results I refer you to Forms 10 and 11, the Voting Suppary and the Voting Statistics.

In general the election and well, however, there were three other incidents which are worth recording: (4) it Sulehams in when 29 the two villages HELEOUC and L. HENEY, had enough people who turned up for polling. How wer, the SULEXUMU any of then failed to turn up even though i they were use at ser to the polling Booth than the HELEOUC and HEAUKAUSINAS. The reason for this absentism is without. It was also interesting to note that HELEOUC net encoured i Sentitute was from Suleham and he won the seat. This means that more people from the other two villages KEKEMONO and KAUKAUSINA WOTED FOR HIM EVEN THOUGH people from his own village did not turn up.

#### B. DOUBLE SEAT

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The cystem of double Councillors to a ward is highly unsatisfactory. It has presented a number of problems: (1) Firstly it did presented a problem to us, because neither the Poll Clerk nor myself were familiar with the system. There were 4 villages in the ward. It was ward 8(Kukumaru/Laitaro/Tpilai and Siul). There were 3 Candidates: SINORI from Siul, TOME from Ipilai and LUGAMET from LAITANO. LUGAMET claimed that he was the only one respresented Laitaro/Kukumaru so we did not hold election for him. We only collected votes from Siul and TOME won the sent so LEGALET and TOME were lockned Councillors for blat were.

The same thing happened to ward max No.26, Kogwikiru/Parero/Legeroi/Croroi and Crusei. There were 3 Candidates: Joseph Posena and ANDREW KOMORO both from Mogoroi and PAUL NAISI was from Parero. ------

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te did again the above two wards on the 27th of November. Me had the same nominees as Candidates and TUNE and WOLFEI were elocted for the ward K. Jumarn/ Laitaro/Inilai and Siul. Also Megoroi/Ororoi/Oro oi Parero and Nogwikirm, the same previous Candidates ANDRAW KOMMON, JOSEFT POSEMA and PATH WAIST contested and this time PATH MAIST was defeated by FOSEMA with a xmx1 small mercin.

Horeover, uch more roblem lies within the distances between villages. Some of the villages are of fair distance x away from the others. For instance, Lukauko and Kaitu are about ± 8 to 10 miles away from Pauroko and Bogisaro. In this case the sensible thing would be to elect a Councillor from either Takauko or Kaitu to represent them and the second Councillor to represent knewcuntukkeexay Pauroko and Bogisage.

However, when we collected the votes together the two of the candidates from the same villages won the seats. This happened in ward 20 (Bosisego/Pauroko/Estanko and Haltu during the previous election. The two Candidates from Bosisego and Pauroko both won the two seats so there was a quarell over that. During this election the **xx** same thing happened in two of the 3 double seat words. At Bogisage, the two successful condidates were this time from the villages at the foot of the mountain; Exhauto and Eaths. Also at Mogoroi the successful candidates were from Mogoroi. Farero/Mogwikirm and Orumoi are quite a fair distance from Mogoroi and the logical thing would be to have one Councillor elected from either Parero or Mogwikirm and the other one from Hogoroi and Oromoi.

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At Mogoroi there was an uproar c oncerning the election bec ause the two successful ones were both from Mogoroi. People from Parero/Logwikiru pressed on us to hold the election again. In this situation what could have we done? The election was conducted legally through the correct proceedure. So it cannot be changed.

We explained to them that the same problem occurred in the other similar situations, but there was no alternate simple means by which we could rectify the situation.

C. RECOMMENDATIONS

In the light of the above situation, it is recommended that the double seat to a ward system be abolished and make all the wards which presently have double seats be made single seat wards.

#### D. SET UP OF WARDS

Apparently the other problem, whic & needs some reorganization is the same ward; Bogisago/Pauroko/Lukauko and Kaitu. If it is possible, the composition of the ward should be altered to suit the proximity. Kaitu is much more nearer to Tabago than Bogisago so Kaitu be joined to Tabago ward.

#### E. CANDIDATES POPULARITY

It is not known for sure just how the candidates campaign for election in the villages. But it seems that usually it originates from the villagers. It might happen that a group of people during the course of evening chat decide upon a person whose personality they would tolerate. After this they pass the word around that the nominee is a suitable person for them. More or less people through the influence of their friends decide whom to elect before the commencement of the election. It does not occur that a candidate campaigns for himself. A candidate on his own part does very little to promote himself.

# VI. GENERAL CONDENTS

A. There is no special Electoral Roll available but the Tax Register is quite satisfactory for the purpose. We had PO trouble in locating names of people eligible for voting.

B. VOTING SYSTEM

Prior to commencement of polling, we took time to explain the preferencial system of voting. In many instances thro ugh the interpreters. As a result nearly all voters indicared their first, second and third preferences as the case be.

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As a matter of fact 9 out of 10 elections excluding the firm four unopposed wards won by an obsolute majority on the first count. J'rd No. 10 was the only one where we found the successful candidate with obsolute majority of votes on the fourth Count.

#### VII. INFURMAL VOTES

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At nearly all the polling Booths, there were no informal votes. The only informal votes i.e at least in the words where I conducted election there were no informal votes, except for words 10 and 11.

#### VIII. CONCLUSION

With the exception of the problems encountered with the system of Double seat, the election was a success and was completed fairly well.

The recepti on in the villages was good, especially in the those villages where we sumped out. They received the election team exceptionally well. These villages are in Mards No. 27,20,29 and 30. Namely, Lukauko, Bogisago, Orumai and Oria.

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| odnesday<br>8/11/70      | II            | 1006-1130 Election at Tabago. 1130-<br>1400 Election at Mogoroi; ward 26.<br>1400 walked onto Lykanko for 2 hrs<br>and camped. Elect Lukanko. |
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1330 returned to Buin station and proceeded to Laitaro ward No.8 for the election. C<sub>o</sub>mpleted the election 1700brs. Slept Lair.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

| Report Number                                     |                           |
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| Subdistrict Buin                                  |                           |
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| Director of District Administration,<br>KONEDOBU. |                           |
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9th July, 1971

The District Commissioner, Bougainville District, KIETA.

# BUIN FATROL NO. 3 of 1970/71.

Your reference 67-1-2 of 18th May, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report by Mr I. Van Staveren to the Oria area, Buin Council Census Division.

The completion of the Oria airstrip concludes two years of har grinding work. I agree that the opening should be sell advertised and given the widest possible publicity over Radic Bougainville.

what is being done, or proposed, soout an airstrip at Torokina.

The Assistant District Commissioner is to be commended for his planning, and implementation, of an excellent communications system throughout the Buin Sub-District.

> (T. ELLIS) Secretary.

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No.

Department of the Administrator. District Headquarters, Bougainville District, KIETA.

18th May, 1971.

The Secretary, Department of the Administrator, KONEDOBU.

#### BUIN PATROL NO. 3 OF 1970/71.

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Report of the above specified patrol conducted by Mr P. Van Staveren, Assistant Patrol Officer, is forwarded herewith. Also attached is a copy of the Assistant District Commissioner Buin's covering memorandum 67-2-1 of 11th May, 1971. This adequately comments on the situation to date in respect of the Oria airstrip.

2. Although lucid the report is superficial and I would have expected more from the reporting Officer who has now departed on leave. The section on political education is quite inadequate for an Officer who spent 76 days in intimate contact with the people.

3. Forwarded, please.

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c.c. Assistant District Commissioner, Sub-District Office, BUIN. In Reply Flease Suote No. 67-2-1

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Department of the Administrator, onb-District office, <u>AULIN</u>, Dougninville District,

11th May, 1971.

The District Commissioner, District Headquarters, <u>KINTA</u>.

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BULL PARAOL / PORE 10. 3 02 1970/71.

Attached please find original and two copies of the abovementioned Patrol Report, submitted by Mr. P. van Staveren, Assistant Patrol Officer. As you know, there has been a standing patrol at Oria since world, 1969, the function of which has been to supervise construction of an airstrip there. This strip will solve the communications problems of 1500 people who have hitherto been handleapped in their efforts to raise the status of the local economy.

2. The strip, 2000 feet long by 200 wide, is now complete, together with all ancillary works, drainage, parking area, markers, winnook, approach clear noes and grassing. The successful completion of the strip is a tribute to those D. 4.4. officers concerned with the project; Assrs. Ogilvy, Tabua, Priestly, d-fassi, Laming and van Staveren, and the people of the Gris area, who have worked on a volunteer basis for the past two years.

3. The people of this part of Duin Sub-District now have an excellent opportunity to improve to improve their standard of living through the production of cocoa and vegetables, particularly potatoes, for the Lieba market, given assistance by departments of Agriculture, Stock & Fisheries, and Dusiness Development.

4. The Department of Civil Avlation has advised that an officer of that department will inspect the strip on the 14th of this month, with a view to the granting of licence for commercial operations. Fond airstrip, which has recently been extensively upgraded by the Sivai Local Government Council, will also be inspected for commercial operations. Should ap roval follow for the use of these strips by commercial aircraft, there will be four commercial strips in Juin sub-District, Gria, Buin, Tonu, and Boku, three of which have been built in the last three years. A fifth commercial strip at Forokina would give this sub-District an excellent network of strips which could be serviced by Bougalnville Air Bervices, who, as you know, have applied to D.C.A. for a licence to import a twinengined Islander for use on Bougainville.

5. In due course a traditional celebration will be held at Oria to mark the opening of the strip and it can be anticipated that there will be strong expressions of pro-Administration sentiment at this time. It is requested that Department of Information and Extension Services be approached with a view to giving this event the widest possible publicity.

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5/1/71 Departed Buin for 2nd Patrol to Oria accompanied by my wife and one mont h old daughter. Ar rived and of trafficable road at Tabago Roman Catholic Mission Station at 10.00 hrs. and departed immediately for Oria arriving at 16.00 hrs.

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- 6/1/71 Talked with people of Oria and other villages and arranged schedule of work with C. KORIBAI( ORIA) and C. MATSIU( BOTULAI).
   to Third Councilla, KARAS (SILEMONU) was not sighted. Work on Nonday next (11/1/71) set for the people of the wards of C.MATSIU and C.K.RAS.
- 11/1/71 Waited for men to arrive for work but nobedy turned up. Informed
   C.L.TEIU, w ho sent out a man to each of the five villages
   concerned, to get then to work.
- 12/1/71 Waited to no avail until 10.00hrs. and then set out for ORIMAX and SILENUNU villages. Talkedd and argued with villagers, however people insisted that the lethodist Missica strip at ORIMAI would be adequate for their needs as h.A.F. was now carrying out cocca. Returned to Oria 17.15 hrs.
- 13/1/71 Four men from BOIVLAI came t o work. On 13/1/71 a letter to was/sent down to the A.D.C. Buin about the situation at 15/1/71 Crimai & Silekung.
- 17/1/71 Mower started cutting long grass on airstrip. The blades Sunday. were sent to Buin to be sharpened and returned immediately.
- 18/1/71 Hobody from the Orimai area turned up. C.KORIBAI(ORIA) to start work tomorrow.

19/1/71 Twenty six to thirty men each day working on top section to removing large area of ground. Windsock also erected. 22/1/71.

25/1/71 Monday. Walked again to Oriamai / Silekunu as I heard that M.A.F. had told the people that they wouldnot and could not use the Oriamai strip for commercial purposes. Whilst at Orimai strip M.A.F. cessna arrived and again told the people that they should work on the Orie airstrip.

26/1/71 Worked on top section of airstrip. All markers carried up.
 to 26th. and 27th. over 30 men all week.

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|               | 1/2/71 Forty to forty five men all week finished earth works   |    |
|               | 1/2/71 Forty to forty five men all week finished earth works<br>to<br>4/2/71 on top section and started on drains.   |    |
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|               | 5/2/71 Returned to Buin and stocked up on supplies.  |    |
| es to         | 5/2/71 Returned to Buin and stocked up on supplies.  |    |
| 6.4/73        | 8/2/71   |    |
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| e an          | 9/2/71 Returned to Oria. Arrived 17.00hrs.   |    |
|               | 10/2/71 Forty to fifty non all work Drains complete d  |    |
|               | to toy ou they men all week. Drains complete a   |    |
|               | down one side of the strip.<br>12/2/71   |    |
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|               | 15/2/71 Started putting in large fill on lover end of  |    |
|               | to the airstrip.Approach end. (20_ 30) men.  |    |
|               | 19/2/71  |    |
|               | 22/2/71 Only fifteen men today and all turned up 10.00   |    |
| 13/1.71       | or later. Worked on bottom section.  |    |
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| 50<br>15/1/11 |  |    |
|               | or driver to work as a means of getting more men   |    |
| 124.94        | to work. Neeting was held a t one o'clock in<br>order to stimulate the people.   |    |
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|               | and the second se  |    |
| 19/1/21       | 24/2/71 Forty men worked today, yesterday's method proved  |    |
|               | successful. Pinished fill on lower section and   |    |
|               | began drain on opposite side of strip.   |    |
| 11/14         |  |    |
|               | 25/2/71 Twenty eight men worked on the strip as most of  |    |
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| Anto          | Drainworks completed.  |    |
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|               | 26/2/71 Twenty six men sent to start work on clearing  |    |
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|               | of the airstrip.   | ad |
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| 1/3/71        | Twenty men all week spreading fill (subsoil) in  |
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| to            | depressions on centre line. Ten men cleared circle   |
| 4/3/71        | around windsock.   |
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| 5/3/71        | Went down to Buin.   |
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|               |  |
| 9/3/71        | Returned to Oria. Heavy rain over the weekend  |
|               | and today, bence prevented work.   |
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| 10/3/71       | Chapter to tranty fire you unded on womining jobs  |
| to            | Twenty to twenty five men worked on various jobs.  |
| 12/3/ 71      | eg. clearing parking bay, the approach end, and clearing drains of vegetation.                                 |
| 14/3/ /1      | chearing arams or vegetation.  |
|               |  |
| 15/3/71       | Twenty women planted out grass on bare section of  |
|               | airstrip. Thirteen Crimai /Botulai men worked on   |
| 12 100        | fills on centre line. Twenty two Oria/ Pagui men   |
|               | cleared timber on approach end.  |
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| 16/2/71       | Fifty men all wsek. Half clearing approach and half  |
| to            | on centre line, cutting and filling shall depressions.   |
| 19/3/71       |  |
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| 21/3/71       | Rolled centre lineto compact the fills . Roller  |
| -             | constructed from a solid trunk weighing half a ton   |
|               | approximately.   |
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| 22/ 3/71      | Twenty five men turned up and completed the centre   |
| ~~ >//1       | line.  |
|               | alle.  |
| 23/3/71       | Walked to Buin and reported to assistant District  |
| 29/3/71       | Commisioner on progress of work.   |
| 49/3/17       |  |
| 29/3/71       | Returned to Oria in two hours from Tabage. Heavy   |
|               | mins washed out one fill which had not consolidated  |
|               | properly yet.  |
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| 30/3/71<br>to | Damage to fill repaired and some more timber cleared   |
| 1/4/71        | from approach.   |
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A.D.C. Ir. Lang arrived on airstrip. Upon inspection he was # satisfied with the work.

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Walked back to Oria and set out markers. Entire airstrip was checked to see if fillings were hard. Everything was set and then returned t o Buin.

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Heard that D.C.A. Airport Inspector was coming and so went to C in . However had to walk back as they were only inspecting existing a irstrips in Bougainville. Still awaiting inspection of Oria airstrip by D.C.A.

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# INTRODUCTION.

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This Patrol report covers the period of the completion of Oria Airstrip Buin Bub \_ District. The w-ork completed during the perio-d, January 5th. to april the 4th. is as follows, earthworks completed, drianage, parking bay levelled, windsock erected, centre line smoothened, approach cleared and markers painted a nd set out.

At the time of writing of this report the airstrip has not yet been opened by the Department of Civil Aviation Officials. They are expected at any time and should be open before the end of this month, May 1971.

The people of the area responded well during this period to calls for increased effort on their part.

# ALL OUT EFFORT CALLED FOR.

Shortly before the first Fatrol by this Officer to Oria, the Assistant Secretary for the Department of the Administrator Fr. Dyer and the then District Commissioner Fr. Ashton visited Buin Sub-District Office and discussed among other things, the Oria Airstrip Project. They were shocked to hear that only 7 or 3 men worked some weeks(i.e. 20-25,15-20, 6-10 respectively from each of the Council wards in order of proximity to Oris airstrip site.)

Mr. Dyer said that if the numbers did not improve to at least 30-40, the project should be abandoned or at least given only periodic supervision. The project was moving at a snailspace. The earthworks were only half completed in a period of six months.

This Officer spent six weeks at Oria between 23rd. September and the 5th. of Hovember. (Refer previous report for details of methods used to stimulate the people to work.) During this period, without the aid of the tractor which was unservicable, the earthworks were almost completed and the numbers were over 35 and sometimes as high as 70.

At the beginning of this patrol only the people from Oria, Pagui and Botulai were enthusiastic to complete the airstrip. The bugbear of all Officersat Oriawere the Methodist Mission airstrip at Orimai -Silekunu. It is a very small strip

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of cleared land built on the steep spur of a ridge.

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The aircraft of Missionary Aviation Fellowship used the **i** irstrip only for carrying teachers in and out of the area for the Methodist Mission school. The problem for of getting workers from this area has always been a great one for all the Officers. The the problem was made almost unsurmountable when an M.A.F. aircraft carried some bags of cocca out of this airstrip. The people simply said that they did not need another strip. They did not realise that the Gessna aircraft only carried out 100lbs. at a time whereas a load up to 800lbs. would be possible from Oria airstrip, therefore the airfreight cost would be one-eighth. (M.A.F. has quoteden an air freight charge of approximately 2c per lb. to Mieta airstrip without back loading.)

The Assistant District Commissioner, Mr. Lang, at Buin was informed and he immediately contacted the pilot of M.A.F. and told him that the airstrip could not be used for Commercial purposes, as the use of this airstrip could be hazardous. The pilot of M.A.F. then informed the pe ople of Orimai/ Silekunu that he would not carry cut any more cocoa. This Officer walked to the area and back twice to hammer home this message and the people then started to come to work on Oria Airstrip.

The number of people working on the airstrip during this time was generally around 30/40 with some days over 50.

The work schedule was again changed so that the people worked every **AXXXXXXXX** week instead of working one in two or three weeks. This achieved greater numbers but made it it very hard on the people and the Officer trying to keep their enthusiasm from waningin this last critical stage. The people were told that the Patrolling Officer was to begin leave mid-May 1971 and if t he project was not completed by that stage there would be no replacment and only minimal supervision would be given due to shortage of staff.

The people responded and many village houses and gardens were in poor condition, even the house of Gouncillor Moribai was left half finished without any walls until the Airstrip was completed.

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The Earthworks were completed, forming a camber of 1,5 falling away to both sides from the centre line over the entire 2,000 feet. Large areas were dropped 1 or 2 f est and on the top end of the strip an area of 30,000 square feet was dropped an average dept h of 1 ½ feet. At one stage 40 men shifted3,500 cubic feet of hard Sand/Slay Subsoil off the strip in 1 ½ Days. The Tractor/Trailer was not used very often for carrying earth at the trailer was rusty and liably to collapse at any moment also it had to be loaded and un loaded by han d. The Seven pneumatic tyred wheelbarrows were used very successfully with 2 or3 men to each one. The drivers would run with a load, empty it and run back and and c hange with another man, this kept the wheelbarrows moving very quickly.

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#### DISPLACED THRESHOLD AREA

A large fill was put in on the first 200' of the airstrip. the change in gradient was slightly greater than allowed and so the area was raised giving a change in gradient of 1% over 200'. Now this fill is harder than the origional topsoil andgrass is growing over it rapidly. The dip in the last 200' feet is not notic able any more and there is no danger of it washing away as it has already had very heavy storm rain which has had no effect.

#### DRAINAGE

Get appendix 2 for illustration of airstrip showing the actial view of the Airstrip. All water moves off the strip quickly due to the Camber and the t wo large drains down either side .

Down the bottom end of the strip there are **EXTEN** small drains to carry away water off the very end of the strip. One of these drains goes across the front of the Displaced threshold to prevent water from eroding the c liff edge away as it had threatened to do once the vegetation had been cleared off.

All sub-soil , dug out of the drains was used as fill in depressions and stump holes along the centre line.

#### CENTRE LINE

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The centre line was fairly smooth and the work involved t he filling of large shallow depression and a lot of small ('umpholes. The tops of all small mounds were cut off and used as fillin the depressions together with sub-soil from the drains.

The centre line is smooth now and a good cover of coock grass is forming. Before the grass was mostly a tough clumpy types however by cutting the grass down very low, this type has mostly died out

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The Windsock was erected on a 20' by 2" water pipe set in stone . It was positioned on the edge of the cliff at the approach end of the strip where it will show the winds effecting landing.

A 50' circle of white-painted stones surrounds the black ground which the people which will keep bare of vegetation.

#### PARKING BAY

The parking bay, at the top end of the strip, is 160' by 100'. The area was cleared and levelled.

The Parking Bay is entered near the 1800' marker. An Armoo pipe 29' by 2' has been set in the 4' deep drain, wit h concrete head walls. Yellow markers have been set out in the parking Bay.

#### APPROACH

A large area of Forest has been cleared on t he ridge on the opposite side of the v alley from the approach end of the strip. Also a lot of very tall t rees which stood out above the rest have been cut down.

The approach is 2.5% with splay angles of 30° and 20° respectivelyf or the left and right hand sides. The work took two weeks and the trees felled were immense? and the work was dangerous, during the time of Mr. P. Laming one man was killed when a tree fell on him. Buring the time of this patrol a few chose incidents were reported. Once a gigantic Ficus tree started to topple the way the men expected it to when a wind gust caught the giant and threw it in the opposite direction, almost KMM killing the 20 men who cut it down.

#### MARKERS

The markers are made of Fibro-Cement supplied by the Buin Local Ge Government Council. They were made up in Buin by the Patrolling Officer before the start of this Patrol. The Fibro Sheets were cut int o pieces (Triagular) with a 2' base and a MAX perpendicular height of 2'. These were then drilled with holes, painted and sent out by Tractor to Tabago Mission . The people from Oria came down and carried them up in Bundles of te 10. They were then assembled at Oria and when the strip was finished set out. Four triangular pieces made up one Marker.

Yellow Markers were placed in the Parking Bay, white ones every 200: down the strip and green/white ones marking the displaced threshold of 200.

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#### THE WORK OF THE COUNCILLORS

Following the General Elections for the Buin Local Government Councilin November 1970, two of the former Councillors, Koribai of Oria and Matsiu of Botulai were returned. These tow men have been behind this project since it began . They work very hard, always coming to work themselves and never ceasing in their efforts to encourage their constituents to work on the airstrip.

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The newly elected Councillor from Silekumu was a different story. Upon arrival at Oria on the 5th of January a meeting was called and only the two old councillors appeared. Councillor Karas did not show up then or the next week which was supposed to be his week for work. Even when I walked to Orimai& Silekumu he still did not appear.

I then wrote a letter to the President of the Buin Local Government Council, Mr A. Noga. During the following General Meeting Mr. Noga spoke very forcefully to C. Karas about the responsabilities of a Councillor to Council Projects such as the Oria Airstrip. The other two Councillors, Moribai and Matsiu then backed up the Presidents ideas and accussed C. Maras of being lazy, useless etc...

After that Councillor Karas worked very well, coming to work almost every week and bringing as many of his people as he could. The numbers of people who came were not very great due to the obstinate nature of the people of Silekunu and Orimai village's.

# BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORIA AIRSTRIP PROJECT

The people of Oria and Pagui villagers initially started to clear an area of land close to the present site. They intended that a small airstrip should be constructed for their Seventh Day Adventist Missionaries to come and go. The idea was brought up in the Buin Local Government Council Neeting and The Assistant District Commissioner was approached.

In April 1969 Mr. C. Tabua P.O. conducted feasibility surveys on the site's proposed. Mr. M. Lang ,Assistant District Commissioner, selected the present site. He arrived with a Pacific Islands Regiment Patrol and the Soldiers worked with people from all the villages for one week clearing timber on the site.

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Mr. H. Balfor-Ogilvy A.D. O. then took charge of the project. He stayed for one month(June 1969), and organised the removal of all the trees from the site. The people were left with only Constrble Maio R.P.N.G.C. to clear all debris off and all small bushes and wild babanas etc ....

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Mr S. Priestley A.P.O. walked up 12 to Oria and stayed from January until March 1970. He dug out all the stumpsof the underbrush and supervised the carrying of the equipment which consisted of a Massey Ferguson 4000 Tractor, small trailer, 4 wheeled drag grader, two disc plough, single blade slasher and numerous hand tools.

In March Mr. P. Lawing P.O. took over and completed 50% of the Earth works and departed in September 1970.

The present Officer Mr. P. van Staveren A.P.O. then took over and finished the airstrip. Works accomplished were the other 50% of the Earth works, Drainage, Preparation of the centre line and clearing of the approach and some finishing touches such as Markers, Parking Bay, Windsock and planting out of cooch grass over bare areas .

The Airstrip is now completed and awaiting the **AFIF** arrival of Dept. of Civil Avaition Officials.

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# SITUATION REPORT

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A full Situation Report accompanied my previous Report, Buin Patrol Report No. 1 of 70/71, on the area. In it full and detailed figures and projected estimates of Cocca production, numbers of trees etc... were given therefore this Situation Report will be only a follow up report on Economic activities and further Political ideas.

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#### ECONOMIC STIUATION

Wr. M. Cananagh , Dept. of Trade and Industry, Kieta, said that the best thing for the area would be a new Society set up for Oria Area only. This Society would have affiliations with the Kieta Societies rather that the Buin Societies as their help will be required to transport Cocca from Aropa(Kieta) Airstrip to the wharves in Kieta. One difficulty which at this stage seems great is the fact that  $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Cocca growers in the area are already members of the Buin Producers Marketting Society and following a recent Share Capital Drive by Buin Society, which collected a further  $M_{2}200.00$ , their ties have been strengthened.

Because of this Officers of the Dept. of Trade and Industry must continue to assist the Bin Society Members through the Buin Society. This would involve setting up a seperate set of books for the area as the prices paid for wet and dry bean will be higher than what is paid in Buin as Transporting costs will be quicker and cheaper.

The other 50% of Growers( the S.D.A.s of Oria and Pagui) want to set up their own society. They have collected \$4,000.00 share Capital so far and are still collecting. Since the amount quoted by Officers of the Dept. of Trade and Industry was \$5,000.00 before they would assist of apply for registration is scenes that this new Society could be feasibly. The S.D.A.s have their own Native Materials Cocoa Driers , a Storage Shed near the Kieta Airstrip under construction and their future secretary, Mr Loel Naisi, at present undertaking a course in Business Management at Papua and New Guinea University in Port Moresby.

The old Social split between S.D.A.s and others will keep the Gatholics and Methodists away from this Society for some time. However the S.D.A.s have said that the others can become members of their Society if they wish.

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Plans for the Marketting or Potatoes and other Temperate Crops have not been finalised as yet. There will not be any Potatoes for s sale for some time as only one bag was brought into the area by D.A.S.F..

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If the Potatoes are sold to C.R.A. at Panguna then their trucks will be available to carry the Potatoes from Kieta Airstrip to Panguna.

The Dept. of Agriculture , Stock and Fisheries have a young local Officer, a Graduate of Popendetta Agriculture College, stationed at Oria to assist with the growing of both Cocoa and Temperate Crops.

#### POLITICAL SITUATION

The people of the area are conservative in their out look except for the young men who travel outside the area.

The majority of the people are may Co-operative with the Administration and it's Officers. They like the Australian Government to stay as long as possible and are afraid that the people of the ferritory will revert to their old blood-thirsty ways when Independence comes.

They are interested in Politics a nd like to discuss controversial issues with the Patrolling Officer at night. These were mainly the people of Oria & Pagui villages as they live close to the airstrip.

Mr. G. Dent A.D.O., the Political Education officer for Bougainville District, has a Radio Programme over Radio Bougainville every Tuesday night at 6.00 p.m. . The people of this area hold this programme in high regardand listen toit almost all the time. The subjects talked about in all the programmes are then talked about by the people and discussed with the Patrolling Officer. A few of the people have written in to Mr. Dent and more will write in the near future.

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217 .5 Hours 9Hours 7Hours 6.00 - 12.00 8.00 - 12.00 6.00 - 12.00 1.00 - 3.00 1.00 - 4.00 12.00 - 2.30 8.5Hours Driver in Buin Town 11 11 11 u 11 11 Satunday 6.00 - 12.00 7.00 - 12.00 8.00 - 11.00 9.00 - 12.00 6Hours Heavy Rain 5Hours 4Hours 1.00 - 2.00 Heavy rain in Morning and afternoon. 8.00 - 12.00 1.00 - 3.00 Heavy Rain Tractor U.S. Returned to Buin, airstrip complete - 4 - 71 - 4 <del>0</del> 71 - 4 - 71 1 6Hours 2 3

Working Hours of Administration Tractor at Oria (Continued)

After this time Tractor used only for cutting

grass and involved possibly  $1\frac{1}{2}$  Days or 11 Hours per week.

TOTAL

263 Hours

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Paul van Staveren Assistant Patrol Officer