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PATROL REPORT No. 4-65/66.

— By —

IAN M. BATES.

KOKODA.

NORTHERN DISTRICT.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of.....**NORTHERN**..... Report No. **4 of 1965/66 KOKODA**.....

Patrol Conducted by.....**IAN M. BATES CADET PATROL OFFICER**.....

Area Patrolled.....**Part HUIJARA Census Division From KOKODA to ILIMO**.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....**NI**.....

Natives.....**1 RPNCG**.....

Duration—From.....**14 / 4 / 1966**.....to.....**18 / 4 / 1966**.....

Number of Days.....**5**.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....**NO**.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../.....**8 / 19 65**.....

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

Map Reference.....**Milinch KOKODA Fourmil BUNA**.....

Objects of Patrol.....**To carry out a land investigation at ILIMO**.....

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

*8-11-1966*

*[Signature]*  
District Commissioner

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

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

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

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67-5-15.

23rd November, 1966.

District Commissioner,  
Northern District,  
POPONDETTA.

PATROL REPORTS 1965-66:

Receipt is acknowledged of the following patrol reports from stations in your District:

Patrol Report No. 4-65/66 by I.M. Bates of Kokoda, dated 17/5/66 for a patrol undertaken from 14/4/66 to 18/4/66.

Patrol Report No. 6-65/66 by J. Daras-Wells of Ioma, dated 20/5/66 for a patrol undertaken from 1/5/66 to 7/5/66 with a covering memorandum from the A.D.C. Popondetta dated 30/5/66.

Patrol Report No. 6-65/66 by C. Viner-Smith of Afore undated for a patrol undertaken from 28/4/66 to 5/5/66 with a covering memorandum from the A.D.C. Popondetta dated 30/5/66.

Patrol Report No. 11-65/66 by M.J. Cunningham of Popondetta dated 17/5/66 for a patrol undertaken from 28/4/66 to 29/4/66 and 4/5/66 to 8/5/66 with a covering memorandum from the A.D.C. Popondetta dated 30/5/66.

Patrol Report No. 12-65/66 by G.R. Medaris of Popondetta dated 24/5/66 for a patrol undertaken from 9/5/66 to 13/5/66.

It should be noted that all reports were signed by you for onward forwarding to this office on 8th November 1966 and received at this office on 11th November. All reports relate to patrols undertaken last financial year.

No comments are now pertinent on these reports, due to lateness of submission. All Patrol Reports should be forwarded with a minimum delay in the future.

(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR.

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Sub District Office

KOKODA ND

17/5/66

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub District Office,  
KOKODA ND



PATROL REPORT No 4 of 1965/66 - KOKODA

Northern District

Patrol conducted by Ian M. BATES Cadet Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Kokoda to Ylino (Hujara Census Division)

Patrolled accompanied by

Europeans Nil

Natives 1 RPNGC

Duration - from 14/4/66 to 18/4/66

No of days. Five.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany. No

Last Patrol to area. D.D.A. Aug. 1965

Map reference. Milinch Kokoda, Fourmil Buna.

object of Patrol. To carry out a land investigation into a portion of land required by D.A.S.F. for an Agricultural extension centre.

*(Signature)*  
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(IAN M. BATES C.P.O.)



PATROL DIARY

14/4/66 Dep. KOKODA 1030 by Landrover. Dep OIVI RIDGE (closed by landslides) by foot 1145 and arr ILIMO 1445. Contacted landowners concerned. Settled in at Council rest house.

Slept ILIMO

15/4/66 Began survey 0900. Chain and compass work completed 1415.

Slept ILIMO

16/4/66 Discussions on land ownership from IE 0800 to 1215.

Pm visited Admin. teacher at ILIMO. Ilimo River flooded.

Slept ILIMO

17/4/66 Sunday. a.m. mapped survey. P.m. observed.

Slept ILIMO

18/4/66 Dep ILIMO 0815 for OIVI RIDGE. Awaited transport. Arr. KOKODA 1620.

Slept KOKODA

END OF PATROL

11/5/66 Travelled to and from ILIMO by Landrover (landslides now cleared) taking 1½ hrs each way. Sub divided original survey into clan land.

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with verbal instructions given on 12/4/66 I mounted the Patrol to carry out a land investigation into a parcel of land situated at ILIMO in preparation for the purchase of the land and the establishment of an Agricultural Extension Centre.

It is considered that there is no need to go into great detail in this report as the results of the investigation are covered in the completed Investigation Report.

LAND

The land tenure system ext in the area surrounding this survey is very similar to that of the main body of Orokaiva people around POPONDETTA. Details of this system are available in numerous Investigation Reports from that area.

The system of land inheritance in the ILIMO area is Patrilineal. A female, marrying out of her clan, loses all rights to her father's land. If she marries back into her own clan (for instance if her first husband dies) she may regain her clan rights, but this marriage is not sanctioned and rarely occurs.

Within the boundaries of an area of clan land each man has his "own" land set aside. Basically it is a communal system of land ownership but this right is not often enforced



and individuals usually keep to land set aside for their own use.

For the purposes of sale it is necessary to include include all eligible clan members in purchase documents, although some may never set foot on the land being purchased. Elders recognize the fact though that the land is traditionally communal.

In some cases, male adoptions into the clan receive full rights to the adopting father's land. This appears to occur only in the case of a clan member marrying a woman from another clan and adopting her son by a previous marriage. In this case the adopted male has full rights to his foster father's land, and retains full rights to his true father's land.

PATROL NOTES

Initially , the vendors wished to sell the land as a group (viz. The HANJIRI, PAPAKI (1) & PAPAKI (2) Village group) but soon after my return to KOKOFA word was sent to me that they had re-considered this and wished to sell as clans. This necessitated my return to ILIMO to sub-divide the survey into clan land.

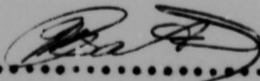
OIVI RIDGE, approximately 10 miles from KOKODA was closed to vehicles from the end of January until 9/5/66 due to several landslides. These have now been cleared and it is possible to travel right to the KUMUSI River by Landrover.

Ample feed was offered to the Patrol , but there was no intention of this being a gift, as is customary in some areas. ILIMO people know POPONDETTA market prices for feed and expect the same, preferring money as payment.

CONCLUSION

This was a short but interesting Patrol. As in other areas I have Patrolled I found that these people ,although dull and uninteresting at first glance, can be found intelligent and interesting if time is taken to sit down with them and to discuss topics of interest with them.

The object of the Patrol<sup>X</sup> was achieved.

  
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(IAN M. BATES C.P.O.)