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TROL REPORTS - 1971

NORTHERN DISTRICT

PATROL REPORTS

1971-72

KOKODA.

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled.</u>
1-71-72	M.A.PRYKE	Wawonga Census Division
2-71-72	M.J.DILENA	Wawonga Census Division
3-71-72	R.KAVANA	Part Kokoda and part Hujara C/D.
4-71-72	G.F.MORITZ	Kekoda and Hujara Census Division
5-71-72	G.F.MORITZ	Wawonga Census Division
6-71-72	A.E.SIBBING	Kekoda Census Division
7-71-72	ERIC MCCORM	Wawonga Census Division (Part) Hujara Census Division
8-71-72	_____	Not used
9-71-72	J.L.BANBURY	Kanga-Kura-Simba
10-71-72	RAGA KAVANA	Hujara and Kekoda Census Division
11-71-72	R.KAVANA	Biage and Chirima
12-71-72	J.L.BANBURY	Wawonga Census Division
13-71-72	H.F.SABBEN	Biage and Chirima
14-71-72	A.PINGO	Wawonga and Hujara
15-71-72	_____	Not used
16-71-72	H.F.SABBEN	Portion upper Chirima C.D. All of Lower Chirima Census Division
17-71-72	J.L.BANBURY	Portion of the upper Chirima and all the lower Chirima Census Division



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN Report No. 2 of 71/72

Patrol Conducted by M.J. DILENA

Area Patrolled WAWOUGA CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans nil

Natives nil

Duration—From 23 / 7 / 19 71 to 27 / 7 / 19 71

Number of Days 5

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 6 / 7 / 19 71

Medical 5 / 5 / 19 71

Map Reference FORMIL : BUNA Milinch : KOKODA

Objects of Patrol Local Government

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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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P.O. Box 2396,  
KON DOBU

67-5-9

17th December, 1971.

The District Commissioner,  
Northern District,  
POPONDETTA

KOKODA PATROL NO. 2 - 1971/72

Your reference 67-1-1 of 29th October, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Report by Mr. M.J. Dilena, Assistant Patrol Officer, of WAWONGA Census Division.

Mr Dilena's sketchy, unsatisfactory reporting and numerous typing errors reflect an unfavourable impression on his presentation of the report on a short patrol of this nature.

The report would also have lost some of its relevant value of importance if properly reported on due to its late submission.

*S. J. Pearsall*  
(S.J. PEARSALL)  
Secretary

67-1-1

67-5-9  
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Division of District Administration  
Department of the Administrator,  
POPONDETTA. Northern District.

29th October, 1971.

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU.

KOKODA PATROL REPORT NO. 2 OF 1971/1972

Attached please find original and duplicate of the above report submitted by Mr. Dilena, Assistant Patrol Officer. Also attached are comments by the District Local Government Officer.

I concur with the opinion that the report is sketchy and really unsatisfactory.. Also, although it was completed in July, it was not submitted to the District Local Government Officer before mid-October. In addition the report was not submitted in the first instance to the Assistant District Commissioner, Kokoda for his comments and information although one copy is minuted to him.

COMMENTS:

The diary is inadequate. No information as to how the officer reached Emo is included.

Accepted (Village Directory) spellings of village names are not always used.

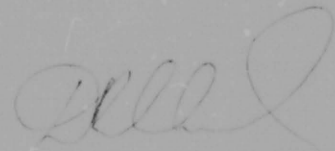
It would appear that the reporting officer had very little pre-knowledge of the Wawonga despite the fact that it has been visited quite regularly by patrols and area study is available of the Division.

The report does not really say anything except "access and communications are the key".

Remarks re Kivio and christianity are not as reported. If the officer had visited Kivio, he would have discovered that one of the two main hamlets which make up Kivio is Seventh Day Adventist.

Finally Mr. Dilena has obviously not read instructions relating to the presentation of reports.

As Mr. Dilena is now on leave and the fact that his wife was recently involved in a traffic accident this report is not being returned to him for re-writing.

  
(D.R. MARSH)  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

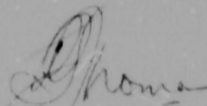
18th October, 1971.

The District Commissioner,  
POPONDETTAPATROL REPORT KOKODA NO. 2 OF 1971-72

A report submitted by Mr. M. Dilena, Assistant Patrol Officer, covering a short patrol to the Wawonga Census Division is attached hereto.

Mr. Dilena took advantage of an administration aircraft charter to fly into Emo. He visited villages in the headwaters of the Lumusi River and then walked down the valley to the Kokoda- opondetta road.

The report is sketchy and somewhat lacking in substance. Mr. Dilena has apparently been able to access the situation, but he has not really elaborated on the frustrations, problems and aspirations of the people. If the report had have been written at a time when Mr. Dilena did not have the personal problems that he has had over the past few weeks, I am sure the result would have been far more informative. Mr. Dilena has not offered any reason for the delay in submission of the report.



P. J. Thomas  
District Local Government Officer

c.c. Assistant District Commissioner,  
KOKODA

c.c. Council Adviser,  
Ilimo Council,  
KOKODA



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AIMS OF PATROL

1. To hold meetings throughout the Wawonga census division with the aim of determining the general knowledge, aims, problems and complaints of the people in the regard to Local Government, and in particular to their council  
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the Iline-Local Government Council.
2. To orientate myself with the Wawonga area.
3. To hold film slide shows, with the accent on local government.

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PATROL DIARY

23-7-71 Inspected villages, assisting to assemble lawnmower, discussion with people, preparing slide equipment.

Evening meeting with Emo people on Local Government.

Slept at Emo.

24-7-71 Walked to Awoma, discussion with people, inspected village and school. Evening meeting and discussion on Local Government.

Slept at Awoma.

25-7-71 Walked to Emo, discussion with Evangelist, walked to Namanaija.

Evening meeting and discussion on Local Government.

Slept at Namanaija.

26-7-71 Walked to Sirorata, met incoming tax team, discussion with villagers. Attended tax collection. Late evening discussion

on Local Government.

Slept at Sirorata.

27-7-71 Walked to Asis, discussion with Councillor Emanuel and village

Toyota to Kokoda.

End of Patrol.

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SITUATION REPORT

+1 Political

A. Local Government

The Wawonga Census Division is all within the Ilimo Local Government Area. It is composed of:

Ward 19 - Awoma, Tetebedi, Wjilo, Kovic.

The councillor is Mr. Esegi Mobe.

Ward 18 - Namanaija, Managube, Ejaro. Emo.

The councillor is Mr. Virgil Womeme.

Ward 16 - Sirorata.

(portion only) The councillor is Mr. Emmanuel Gomeme.

Although the Ilimo L.G.C. has been functioning for 13 years (cont. 1958) the Wawonga was only incorporated into the council in 1968.

N.B. Ward 19 is predominately S.D.A. with the exception of Kovic village which is non-christian.

Wards 16 and 18 are predominately Anglican. However there is a very small S.D.A. group near Asisi.

Overnight meetings during the patrol were held at Wa Awoma, Emo, Namanaija and Sirorata villages. It was observed in all villages that

1/ The villagers were confused and uninformed as to the function and purpose of the council. The councillors, and committees main functions were misunderstood, both being confused with the village constable role.

The councillors themselves, possibly with exception of Emmanuel (an Orokaiva) also seemed to be confused as to their functions. Many people did not know what the purpose of council meetings was and why they were held. Most had little or no idea of where their tax money went.

In all the meetings time was taken to explain as simply as possible

- a/ What a council was ie its function and purpose.
- b/ The roles of Councillors and committeemen.
- c/ Why taxes were collected, and where they were to be spent (ie all in the Ilimo Council Area, none to central government, Australia etc).

- 2/ Most villagers favoured the Council because they hoped that it would provide a vehicular road, outlet for their coffee.
- 3/ It was generally considered unfair that the Wawonga people should be required to pay, the same amount of tax, as the Orakaiva peoples who lived in a more accessible part of the council area. It being stated repeatedly that the Orakaiva had plenty of cash crops near to the main road whilst the Wawonga only had coffee and great problems in getting it to market.

#### SPECIFIC PROBLEMS.

##### Awoma

- expressed concern over the tax rate because,
- a/ They were a long distance from any markets, making it very difficult to carry any of their coffee out.
- b/ The Telebedi airstrip is small, quite high, this limiting the load potential of the aeroplane. Therefore air charter rates were extremely high.
- c/ Because the people are S.D.A. they could not supplement their income by the sale of pigs.

It would appear that these are reasonable grievances. The people are industrious and hard working. I.E. Recently in order to start a cattle project these people walked 2 cows from Ilimo to Awoma, over very mountainous terrain, recutting track where necessary - a remarkable feat.

##### Emo

- Asked whether it would be possible to extend the Wawonga airstrip. This is thought possible but would solve the problem since the Cessna 206, or Porter can take off with maximum loads at present, and no bigger planes can be anticipated landing here because it is a one way strip.

##### Mamanaija

- Expresses disappointment, and even anger when told that a vehicular outlet road was impossible. However expressed a willingness to assist in any bridle path development. These people are however becoming rather sceptical of the council, and desire action.

##### Sirorata

- ~~was~~ happy that the R.O.F. road from the Kamusi to Asisi would be built this year and asked if there were any

possibility of it being continued on to Sirorata. They expressed a willingness to assist with village labour. It was discovered that wire cable had been supplied by the council for the Sirorata foot bridge several years ago. However no advise or assistance had been given by the council, and so there is still only a cane bridge. Steps are being taken by the council to finish the job.

#### PROJECTS

1/ Roads - It is quite apparent after walking the route, that the construction of a vehicular road from Sirorata into the Wawonga is out of the question. The terrain is extremely mountainous, and even if the project was possible, which I doubt; costs would be astronomical. In discussions with the A.D.C. Kokoda, D.A.S.F. and myself, it is our concensus of opinion that the only practical solution appears to be the building of ~~a-bridle-path-from-Sirorata~~

- 1/ a vehicular road to Sirorata-
- 2/ the development of a bridle path from Sirorata-Namanaija- Emo- Awoma, for the use of mules or pack horses.

N.B. Although there are two airstrips in the Wawonga, both appear to have limitations.

- 1/ Wawonga Airstrip - lies in a steep sided curved valley, and although it could be lengthened to some extent, could not be upgraded sufficiently to allow bigger aircraft.
- 2/ Telebedi Airstrip - is very high- limiting the loading of aircraft, and is buffered continuously by strong cross winds.

#### 1.3. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Due to the brevity of the patrol little discussion on central government accrued. However my impression was that the people had only a very vague understanding of central government. Generally the villagers knew there member of the House, but of his function and purpose little appeared to be known. It would appear that because of the peoples isolation central government affects their lives little, if at all, and so correspondingly their interest is minimal. There is however some interest in furthering their knowledge

of the outside world, as can be gauged by their disappointment when the film slide shows had to be cancelled due to break down of the generator.

## 2. ECONOMICS

The cash income of the Wawonga is derived from 3 sources +

- a) coffee- the only cash crop.
- b) cash sent by wage earning relatives in the towns.
- c) occasional sale of pigs.

During my patrol many questions were asked about coffee prices, economy etc. There had been recent drops in the coffee prices. A very simple ~~explanation~~ explanation of fluctuation of world coffee prices was given. Naturally the villagers were more than a little concerned. Many times at various villages I was asked "Why is it that the price of coffee has dropped, but the council taxes have risen?" Coffee at the moment is

1. Purchased by IJI Cooperative, and Mr. Curtis, Nopondetta, and flown out by charter. Charter costs lower the price per pound received.

or

2. Carried out by hand requiring 2-3 days walking over extremely difficult terrain.

It is hoped that in the foreseeable future bridle paths will be constructed, which would boost the economy. The construction of these ~~patrol~~ bridle paths would result in much good will to the council and central government (if they were involved with D.F.)

Trade Store. - With the assistance of the A.D.C. Kokoda a fairly large trade store is being set up at Emo. Goods are to be flown in on coffee charter aircraft, thus defraying partial costs of the charter.

## 3. SOCIAL

Again, because of the brevity and nature of the patrol, there was little chance to study social problems, etc. However it was noted that

- a) an education problem does exist at Emo and surrounding area's. Although there is a S.D.A. Primary school at Awoma it is not used at all by any of the Anglican area's (ie Emo), even though the S.D.A. school is quite willing to accept Anglican pupils.

The reasons appear to be -

- 1/ The Anglican Evangelist at Emo is under the impression that there is some possibility that a school will be opened at Emo. This appears extremely unlikely because of teacher shortage and population.

JEALOUSY

2) Religious / appears to be involved.

The Awoma people (S.D.A.) rarely, if ever, use the aid post at Emo labouring under the delusion that it is an Anglican unit, or solely for Anglican usage.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

It is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain carriers, throughout the Wawonga, at normal rates, and as can be noted from this patrol, usually higher payments are required in order to obtain them.

This I consider understandable because of the very mountainous terrain.

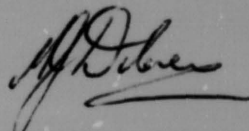
#### CONCLUSION

A brief patrol was carried out into the Wawonga Census Division, and it was noted that,

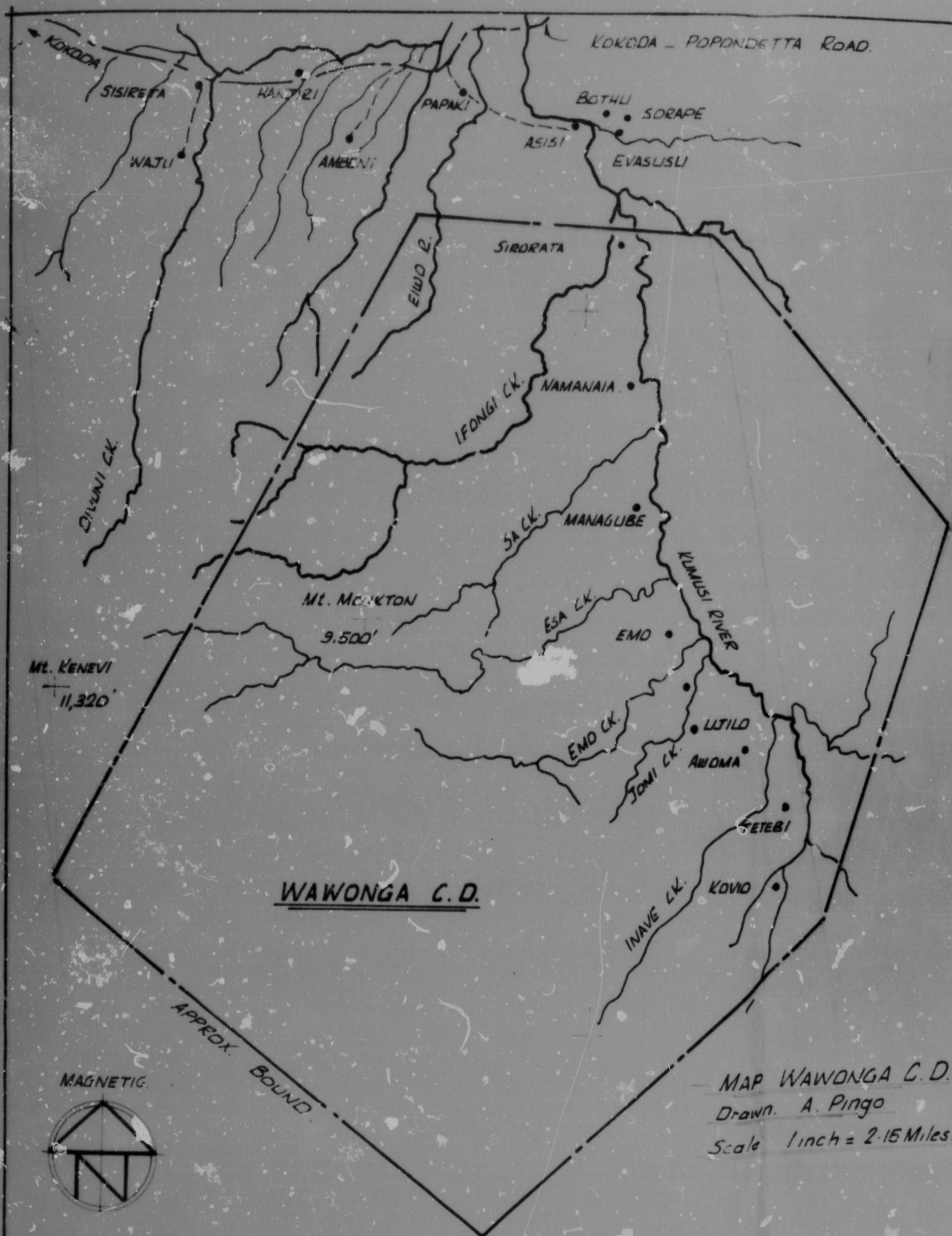
1. There was little knowledge and understanding of local government in the area.
2. The Wawonga people consider that little has been done by the council in the area.
3. Disappointment was shown generally when the people were told that there was no likelihood of obtaining a vehicular road in the area. However interest was shown in the possibility of constructing a bridle path and using pack animals.
4. Because a fault in the generator no slide shows were held.

However meetings were held at Awoma, Emo, Namanaija, and Siorata, and valuable knowledge was obtained by the adviser in understanding the problems of the Wawonga people, and the terrain of the area.

I am strongly in favour of instituting further and continual local government patrols into this area, in order to increase these peoples understanding of the council.



M.J. Dilena.



WAWONGA C. D.

MAP WAWONGA C. D.  
 Drawn. A. Pingo  
 Scale 1 inch = 2.15 Miles.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Northern Report No. Kokoda No. 3 of 1971/72

Patrol Conducted by R. Lavana, Trainee Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Part of Kokoda and part Hujara Census Divisions

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives Nil

Duration—From 16/8/1971 to 19/8/1971

Number of Days 4

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services October/1970

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

Map Reference Attached sketch map

Objects of Patrol Upgrading Keparu Sengi Road.

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

20/9/1971

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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GG/IN

P.O. Box 3396,  
KOKODA.

67-5-5

20th December, 1971.

The District Commissioner,  
Northern District,  
POFONDITTA

KOKODA PATROL NO. 3-1971/72

Your reference 67-1-1 of 22nd September, 1971.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of the abovementioned Report by Mr. R. Havana, Trainee Patrol Officer, of parts of the KOKODA and Hujara Census Divisions.

*E. J. Pearsall*  
(E. J. PEARSALL)  
Secretary

67-5.5

PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

67-1-1



Division of District Administration,  
Department of the Administrator,  
POPONDETTA. Northern District.

22nd September, 1971.

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU.

*not attached Reports*

KOKODA PATROL REPORT NO. 3 OF 1971/1972.

Attached are two copies of the above report of a patrol carried out solo by Mr. Kavana, Trainee Patrol Officer. The patrol was of a special nature to assist certain villagers in a self-help project.

2. Mr. Kavana has submitted quite an informative report which gives a lucid picture of the area visited. Attached comments of the Assistant District Commissioner, Kokoda, adequately cover the situation.

(D.R. Marsh)  
District Commissioner.

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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To... Secretary Dept of Administration  
From...  
Subject... Patrol Report No 3 to Koda

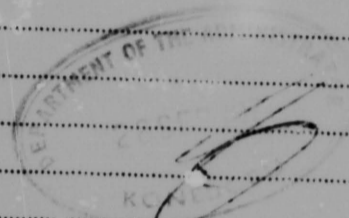
DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

23 SEP 1971  
Date

POPONDETTA NORTHERN DISTRICT

Attached please find two copies of the above Patrol Report submitted from your letter of 22/9/71

D. P. Maudslayi  
(District Commissioner)





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams  
Telephone  
Our Reference 67-2-2  
If call, ask for  
Mr. MAP/MAP

In Reply  
Please Quote

No.

Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District Administration,  
Sub District Office,  
KOKODA.

14th August, 1971.

Mr. T.P.O. Kavara,  
Sub District Office,  
KOKODA.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS, KOKODA PATROL No. 3 of 1971/72.

You are to depart Kokoda Station on 16/8/71 for Sengi Road to assist the people with advice on upgrading of the Kepara Sengi road. Tractors will be made available if needed.

The details of work required have been mentioned to you verbally.

You can make your own arrangements for sleeping. Either take out a tent or sleep in one of the houses in the village.

You will return on 20/8/71 and you will submit a Patrol Report. This will consist of:

1. Patrol Diary
2. Situation Report, including a report on the progress of the road, and
3. Patrol Map.

For presentation of the above you should refer to the relevant sections of Departmental Standing Instructions.

The presentation of the Situation Report will be a good exercise in reporting. While you are working with the people, try to gauge their attitudes. You should be able to do this to some extent especially in relation to economic development and self help, as this is the project you will be engaged upon.

*D. Pryke*  
(M.A. Pryke)  
Assistant District Commissioner

67-2-2

Sub District Office,  
KOKODA,  
Northern District.

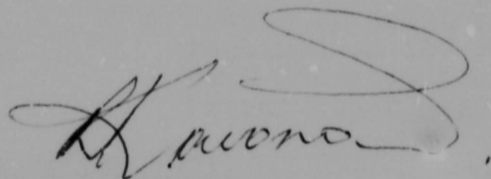
14th September, 1971.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub District Office,  
KOKODA.

KOKODA PATROL No.3 of 1971/72.

Report Number	; Kokoda No.3 of 1971/72.
Sub District	; Kokoda.
District	; Northern.
Council/Non Council Area	; Council Area, Ilimo L.G.C.
Patrol Conducted By	; R.Kavana, T.P.O.
Area Patrolled	; Part Kokoda and Hujara G.Division
Personal Accompanying Patrol	; Nil.
Duration of Patrol	; From 16/8/71 to 19/8/71. 4 Days.
Objects of Patrol	; Upgrading Kepara Sengi Road.
Map Reference	; <del>As per Attached.</del> <i>Fernhill GUNA</i>

*Attended KOKODA*



(R.Kavana.)  
Trainee Patrol Officer.

PATROL DIARY.

Kokoda No.3 of 1971/72

Monday, 16th September, 1971.

0745 Office Duties at Kokoda.  
0850 Departed Kokoda for Kepara by Toyota.  
0930 Arrived at Kepara dropped my gear  
and drove straight to Sengi Road.  
1000 Call the Roll.  
1210 Departed Kepara for Kokoda by ~~Tractor~~  
Tractor to inform the A.D.C. about tractor  
1405 Departed Kokoda for Kepara by Toyota.  
1615 Finish Work.  
Evening talks with interested people.  
Patrol slept overnight at Kepara.

Tuesday, 17th September, 1971.

0750 Roll Call and work commenced.  
1200 Lunch.  
1300 Roll Call and continue with bush cutting  
1625 Finish Work.  
Evening talks with interested people.  
Patrol slept overnight at Kepara.

Wednesday, 18th September, 1971.

0745 Roll Call and work commenced.  
1200 Lunch.  
1300 Roll Call and divide the people into  
two groups. Some to do bush cutting and  
others to load gravel.  
1630 Finish Work, and departed Kepara for  
Kokoda by tractor to see A.D.C. about tool  
required on the road.  
2030 Departed Kokoda for Kepara by Toyota.  
Patrol slept overnight at Kepara.

Thursday, 19th September, 1971.

0730 Roll Call and work commenced.  
1200 Lunch.  
1300 Council Tax.  
1410 Roll Call and commenced work.  
1515 Meeting organised by A.D.C.  
1610 Finish Work and informed the Sengi  
people that they'll be working again in  
two weeks time.  
1630 Departed Kepara by tractor for Kokoda  
Patrol stood down.

END OF PATROL.

INTRODUCTION.

The main purpose of the patrol was to supervise and assist the villagers to upgrade the road from KEPARA MISSION STATION to SENGI. Unfortunately the actual work put forward was not completed as far as SENGI village but the work will still be carried out in future until it is completely finished and is good for four wheel drive trucks and tractors.

This was my second patrol in this SUB DISTRICT but the first to go on my own. To submit my first report to start with, I have observed only little during this four days patrol and I have included it in my SITUATION REPORT below.

SITUATION REPORT.

POLITICAL.

The area patrolled is part KOKODA and part ~~XXXX~~ HAJARA CENSUS DIVISIONS AND IS in ILIMO LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL area. Council Lucien Arao of Kepara village who represents the people of four villages in Ilimo Local Government Council is very helpful man. It appears to me that the Councillor did have great influence over his people. This is probably because of his good leadership and the people began to see the ~~by~~ benefits of him and tend to take great interest and respect of ~~the~~ him.

Councillor Lucien Arao is an intelligent man with standard four Mission Education with some reasonable thoughts in ways of running the AUMEMBO PASTORAL SINICALE which comprises cattle project and Trade Store.

With help from Councillor Lucien Arao who spent his time making arrangements and organising meetings, the work started off ~~alright~~ alright with no trouble and everyone working on the road before I got there, and this is something that the Council must be aware of.

Although no troubles arose during the ~~cause~~ cause of my patrol. The only ~~an~~ incident occurred when the Council Clerk got there to collect Council Tax. This happened when the Council Clerk ~~approached~~ approached the people in a way that few ~~people~~ people reckon he should not do, and some began to take action as a result one man was charged in Court using obscene language.

It appears to me that the people I have been in contact with had very good understanding of the activities happening in the Ilimo Local Government Council. They also knew how the Council operates and the functions of the Council. This mainly comes from the effort of the Councillor Lucien Arao.



ECONOMIC.

The economy of the area patrolled is fairly progressive and the people are very keen growing cocoa and like to grow it as it is the only ~~crop~~ crop they earn their money.. Generally speaking the people always are worried about the cocoa prices and tend to listen to the radio to find out themselves about the ~~cocoa~~ cocoa prices ~~and~~ in the World Market and are very concerned about it.

There were a few complaints against the Council regarding Council Tax. People from Kepara, Kamondo and Sengi said that they have been paying the tax for so many years and ~~the~~ yet the Council has not helped them ~~tax money~~ and they wonder where the Council is using their money. They reckon that the money they are paying the tax should be spent on the things they want like improving the Mission School at Kepara, road and on otherx things or projects they might come across in future.

They also complained that they were not pleased with the Council Tax rate which they believed has been put up every year. They said that \$8.00 is still too much and some people just could not afford to pay this much. They argued that cocoa is their only source of income. They are very worried for the price of cocoa is unstable and sometimes just drops suddenly.

They fear that if ~~it~~ there is a drop in price, that with the high tax rate and school fees some of them would find they would be unable to pay their commitments.

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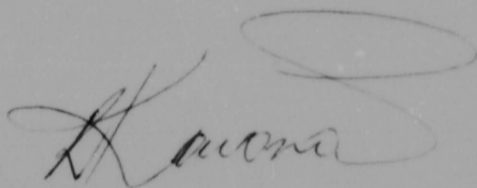
REPORT ON ROAD.

The Sengi people who are so worried about this road and have requested it for quite a while were happy to have this road ~~been~~ upgraded. On the other hand Kepara and Kamondo people who worked on the road because part of the land is owned by these two villages were not happy to work and complained that it would be better for only Sengi people to work on upgrading the Kepara Sengi road.

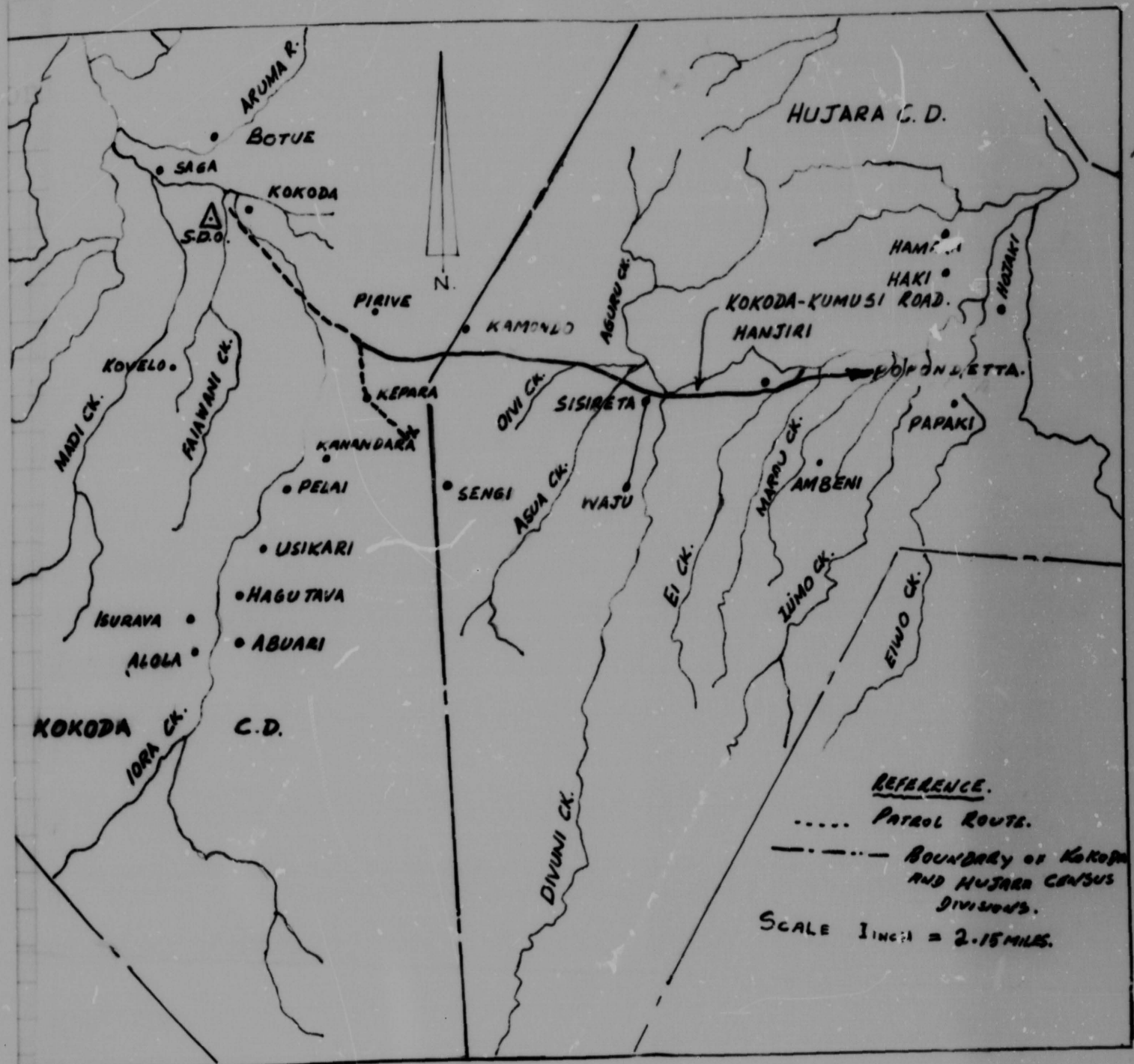
The people argued that the purpose of upgrading this road is for Sengi peoples benefit therefore only the Sengi people should work on it but not the other two villages. The Sengi people ~~were~~ were against this idea and said, they would not work on other people's land because if they do and spoil their cocoa trees, gardens or other plants grown and later asked Sengi people for payments of damages done. They feared that they just could not do it and don't like this to happen, which would only mean that this will bring hatred and often spoil their village to village relationship.

The distance of Kepara Sengi road I guess is approximately 2 1/2 miles. The actual distance of the work I have done was only a mile from Kepara. This work involves cutting the bushes at a distance of 60 feet from each side of the road. This took two days, collecting stones and loading gravel to fill up the potholes and levelling the road which also took two days.

The work done by the people during my four days patrol was terrific and the people put up a good performance and co-operated with me during the period I contacted them.



(R. Kavana)  
Trainee Patrol Officer.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

1971

KOKODA DISTRICT

# PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN Report No. KOKODA 4 of 1971/72.  
 Patrol Conducted by G.F. Moritz.  
 Area Patrolled KOKODA and HUIJARA G.D.'s.  
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.  
 Natives 2 members R.P.&N.G.C. (only one at a time)  
 Duration—From 30/8/1971 to 10/9/1971.  
 Number of Days 10.  
 Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO.  
 Last Patrol to Area by—District Services ...../...../19.....  
 Medical ...../...../19.....  
 Map Reference Fourmil : GUNA, Milinch : KOKODA.  
 Objects of Patrol Upgrading of Kepara-Sengi road.

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ..... \$.....  
 Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund ..... \$.....  
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18th January, 1972

The District Commissioner  
Northern District  
Popondetta.

KOKODA PATROL NO. 4 of 1971/72

Your reference 67-1-1 of 11th January, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report  
by MR. G. MORITZ A.P.O. of the KOKODA and HUIJARA Census  
Divisions.

Mr. Moritz appears to have done a good job. He should  
however have provided more details of the physical aspects  
of the road in his report.

(S.J. PEARSON)  
a/Secretary



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The Secretary,  
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KOKODA PATROL NO. 4 OF 1971/1972

Attached in duplicate is the report of the above patrol submitted by Mr. A.P.O. Moritz together with covering comments by the A.D.C., Kokoda.

No further remarks appear necessary as the A.D.C. has adequately covered the report. Mr. Moritz could do well to use a dictionary.

M.J. Denehy  
a/District Commissioner

cc. Assistant District Commissioner,  
KOKODA.

(i) Conclusion.

(ii) Recommendation:

The recommendation is accepted and could be carried out as a self help project in a similar manner to the project which was the task of this patrol.

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MAP/MAP

Division of District Administration,  
Sub District Office,  
KOKODA.

30th. November. 1971.

District Commissioner,  
Northern District,  
POPONDETA.

COMMENTS - PATROL REPORT KOKODA No. 4/71-72.

Forwarded herewith in triplicate, please find:

- (i) Patrol Instructions
- (ii) Cover sheet
- (iii) Patrol Diary
- (iv) Situation Report
- (v) Patrol Maps
- (vi) Camping Allowance Claim.

My comments follow:

(a) Political.

(i) Local Government:

There have been complaints against the attitude of the present Council Clerk from time to time, and he has been spoken to by myself on more than one occasion for his reluctance to go out of his way to establish good relations with the public. On this occasion, however, it was not clear who was at fault. The Clerk will be transferring from the Council within a month.

(ii) House of Assembly:

The Political Education course referred to was not held at Sengi village, but about an hour's walk away. This would be one of the reasons for non attendance.

(b) Economic:

(c) Social:

(i) Education:

I concur with Mr. Moritz's remarks on attendance. The people are making it difficult for their own children by not insisting on attendance. I believe one teacher has already been transferred from the school because of lack of attendance.

(iii) Services:

The comment in the Report is not very useful. The purpose of a Sitrep is to comment on people's attitudes etc. Outlining of existing or proposed projects, services etc. should only be given as background information necessary to understand people's attitudes.

(d) Conclusion.

(ii) Recommendation:

The recommendation is accepted and could be carried out as a self help project in a similar manner to the project which was the task of this patrol.

Another possible method of carrying out this project and of further upgrading the road is through the re-allocation of \$3,500 which was allocated by you on Works Order 5323, Serial No. 15/69-70 (Ref. my 1-1-3 of 7/10/71).

(v) Education:

The Head Teacher at Kokoda informs me that the people are aware of the situation, and the meeting suggested would therefore be of no value. I accept this.

This was Mr. Moritz's first patrol. He displayed diligence and initiative. The actual job done was first class.

There is much scope for future projects of this kind in this Sub District. The main need at the moment is for wire rope suspension foot bridges to replace cane bridges which are dangerous.

The Patrol Report was submitted to me on the 17/9/71. The late forwarding is regretted. It was due to pressure of work, particularly Court work, and my wife's recent delivery.

*A. Pryke*

(M.A. Pryke)

Assistant District Commissioner





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Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District Administration,  
Sub District Office,  
KOKODA.

27th August, 1971.

Mr. G.F. Moritz A.P.O.,  
Sub District Office,  
KOKODA.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS KOKODA PATROL No. 4 of 1971/72.

You are to depart on patrol on 30/8/71 to Sengi to assist the people with further upgrading of the Kepara - Sengi Road. You are to remain in the field until the job is finished, but returning to the Station each Friday afternoon, and going back to the job on the Monday morning.

Details of the work have already been discussed with you. I will visit you in the field regularly and discuss further.

On completion of the patrol you are to submit a Patrol Report to me within 14 days of the completion of the patrol. The Report will comprise:

1. Patrol Diary
2. Situation Report (This will include a report on the physical progress of the road)
3. Patrol map.

The Situation Report should mainly be concerned with the people's attitudes to economic development and self-help projects. Refer to the relevant section of Departmental Standing Instructions for presentation of the Report.

(M. A. Pryke)  
Assistant District Commissioner

Report No. : KOKODA 4 of 71/72.

Sub District : KOKODA.

District : Northern.

Council Area : ILIMO L.G.C.

Patrol Conducted By : G.F.Moritz.

Designation : A.P.O.

Area Patrolled : KOKODA and Hujara C.D.'s.

Personnel Accompanying Patrol : 2 members R.P. & N.G.C.  
(only one at a time) <sup>TRANSPORT</sup>  
2 tractor drivers; 1 **D.B.A.**  
\* 1 ILIMO Council.

Duration of Patrol : 30/8/71 to 3/9/71.  
6/9/71 to 10/9/71.

Number of Days : 10 days; of which 8 days  
slept out.

Date and Duration of last  
D.B.A. Patrol to the Area : 16/8/71 to 20/8/71.

Objects of Patrol : Upgrading KEPARA SENGI road,  
from river up.

Map Reference : Fourmill BUNA, Milinch  
KOKODA.

PATROL DIARY

- 30/8/71. 1000 depart KOKODA  
1100 arrive SENGI by Toyota  
1100 talk on roads  
1215 set up camp  
1320 started work on road  
1630 finished work for day

When I arrived nobody was working on the road, they had been instructed earlier to start that morning. They had Tuesday in which to have cocoa ready for sale, but apparently forgot to get it ready the week before. I arrange for some to get all of cocoa, the rest working on the road. Which was also satisfactory to them.

Patrol slept at camp.

- 31/8/71. 0745 talk on roads and cocoa sale  
0815 organised people working on roads  
1200 stopped for lunch  
1300 resumed work on roads  
1515 stopped work due to heavy rain for day

Though work finished early, road showed real signs of progress. Work force was split up into various groups cutting grass and trees back, laying gravel wheel tracks and digging drains.

Patrol slept at camp.

- 1/9/71. 0730 people started arriving  
0820 started work on roads  
1230 stopped for lunch  
1300 resumed work, one trailer broke down  
1630 finished work for day

Even though one trailer broke down, work went smoothly. Trees now cleared 1/3 of a mile from river towards camp and Sengi. All grass up to camp; 3/4 of a mile from river. Drains and gravel laid just over 1/4 of a mile from river.

Patrol slept at camp.

- 2/9/71. 0615 people started arriving  
0800 started work on road  
1200 stopped for lunch  
1245 resumed work on road  
1615 finished work for day

The work pattern followed the same as before, using two tractors again.

Patrol slept at camp.

- 3/9/71. 0700 people started arriving  
0745 started work on road  
1200 stopped for lunch  
1245 resumed work on road  
1615 finished work for that week  
1615 talk on progress of road, and work next week.  
1625 left for KOKODA by Toyota.  
1710 arrived KOKODA.

In afternoon, used blade on tractor for first time to help dig trenches.

At this stage all trees had been cleared up to camp, and clearing of trees had started on the other side. All grass had been cut to the village; 1 and 3/4 of a mile from river to SENGI. Gravel and drains had been laid and dug almost up to the camp. Some gravelling and drains started on other side of camp; towards SENGI.

Patrol slept at KOKODA.

6/9/71. 1000 depart KOKODA  
 1045 arrived camp (SENGI) by Toyota  
 1050 checked on work progress  
 1200 stopped for lunch  
 1230 resumed work on road  
 1315 left road work to go with ADC KOKODA to inspect  
 KEPARA KANANDARA and PBLAI roads for future up grading.  
 1615 arrived back at camp  
 1630 finished work for day  
 Patrol slept at camp.

7/9/71. 0700 people started arriving  
 0800 started work on road  
 1200 stopped for lunch  
 1300 resumed work on road  
 1620 finished work for day  
 Work went slow in afternoon as heavy rain fell during  
 lunch, and we had occasional light showers in the  
 afternoon.  
 Clearing of trees on SENGI side of camp was just over  
 half complete. All drains were now complete up to  
 camp, and work on SENGI side of camp well under way.  
 Patrol slept at camp.

8/9/71. 0730 people started arriving  
 0800 started work on road  
 1200 stopped for lunch  
 1245 resumed work on road  
 1630 finished work for day  
 The laying of gravel was complete up to camp, and was  
 almost complete on the SENGI side now. Only a few odd  
 trees to be cut down on either side of camp, that were  
 still casting a shadow on the road early in the morning.  
 Patrol slept at camp.

9/9/71. 0645 left camp  
 0700 arrived SENGI by tractor  
 0710 gave talk on roads  
 0745 started work on road  
 1200 stopped for lunch  
 1245 resumed work on road  
 1615 finished work for day  
 1630 left camp  
 1645 arrived SENGI by foot  
 1700 general talk to village people  
 1800 ADC KOKODA arrived  
 1830 left SENGI with ADC KOKODA  
 1840 arrived camp by Toyota

All work on road was now complete with the exception  
 of a few drains to be extended, and a final layer of  
 gravel in places

Patrol slept at camp.

10/9/71. 0730 people started arriving  
 0800 started work on road  
 1200 stopped for lunch  
 1300 packed up camp  
 1345 sent tractors back to KOKODA  
 1610 left for KOKODA  
 1700 arrived KOKODA by Toyota.

The up grading of this section of road was now complete.  
 The road now with good drainage, gravel wheel tracks  
 and trees cleared right back, should allow vehicle  
 use all year round. Not only for 4 wheel drive and  
 tractors, but for large vehicles and trucks.

PATROL STOOD DOWN.

SITUATION REPORT

(a) POLITICAL

(i) Local Government:

The people accepted Local Government as an institution that provided services such as Aid Posts, better drinking facilities, e.g. wells, schools and improvement of roads. It did not see the Council as a body which **was** concerned with economic development.

When it was explained to them that the Council was concerned with economic development and that the Council would in some cases sponsor or even manage projects for the people, they showed a greater interest in the Council.

I only came across one complaint the people had concerning the Ilimo Council; namely the manner in which the Council Clerk behaved when he came to collect taxes. The situation evolved when a man **was** unable to pay the full amount of tax due. I feel that in the initial stages where ~~is~~ Local Government Councils are trying hard to get full co-operation with the people, that they should go out of their way a little to try and improve relationships with the people.

(ii) House of Assembly:

I found that the little knowledge these people had on political matters, was restricted to Local Government within their own area. This is a little bit surprising as a Political Education Patrol was carried out in the area a year ago. The people indicated that they were satisfied with the present Government, and they feel their participation at these Political Educational meetings would not affect the present situation. So did not attend.

This attitude is an unhealthy one if **they** are to help participate in the development of their own country. When it was explained to them the rate of progress the country was developing at, and that Self Government was not far away, they began to show an immediate interest. They were worried about an early Self Government. I explained to them, for this reason alone they should take a greater interest in the development of their own country.

(iii) National Day:

When they were informed that the following Monday; 13/9/71, was National Day and the significance of the day, little appreciation of this occasion was shown. However when told that the Australian flag would now be replaced for their own, they were upset. They explained that while the Australian Government was looking after them, they felt it was wrong to fly ~~there~~ their own flag.

It is my opinion that the reason for preferring the Australian flag is that they see this change, as a step closer to Self Government.

(b) ECONOMIC.

(i) Village Cash Crop Extention:

The main cash crop is cocoa. This is planted extensively throughout the area. The people are regularly increasing the number of cocoa trees; while there a reasonable amount of this replanting went on after they had finished work on the road for the day. The condition of the trees was quite good.

The **R.D.O.** of KOKODA informed me that: one, not all the trees are healthy, two, the people were not harvesting all the cocoa, and three, a much higher yield would be obtain<sup>d</sup> by spraying the infected trees.

It would seem that the people are replanting to replace trees that would soon be past their full production cycle, to make up production harvest of those they do not pick, and that they are expecting a better price for their at a later stage.

cocoa

(ii) Other:

Cattle is another economic activity that these people are enthusiastically carrying out. The people seem pleased with the idea of breeding and fattening of cattle; they work long and hard hours getting themselves established.

These cattle projects will supplement cocoa which at the moment is not yielding a high return.

(c) SOCIAL.

(i) Education:

The children here are limited to a standard 4 school. This is because there is not a large enough intake every year. There are enough young people who are eligible to go each year, but it appears that their parents do not encourage them enough for them to attend. This problem is not just restricted to Sengi but the surrounding villages as well, as all the villages in the immediate vicinity attend the one school at Kepara. This means that if a child wishes to complete form 6, he has to make his own arrangements at KOKODA to do so. This higher education will then permit the student to attend Vocational School, where valuable training such as farm management is taught. At present only one boy from Sengi has managed to do this, and is at present at a Vocational School doing farm management.

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(iii) Services:

The Ijimo Council has undertaken a project to improve the water supply used by the people for drinking purposes .

(d) CONCLUSION

(i) Road:

This Patrol was virtually a continuation of one started by Trainee Patrol Officer, R. Lava, and had as it's sole purpose the upgrading of the Kepara-Sengi Road.

At the completion of R. Nava's Patrol the first half of the road had been completed; with trees cleared back from the road for twenty yards on either side, some drains had been dug and gravelling started.

Before either Patrol set out, the road was a continuous path of large muddy holes passable in rainy weather only to tractors, which on several occasions throughout this period would become stuck.

The road is now an all weather road passable to all vehicle use except when the river is in flood. The road has good drainage on either side, trees cut back all the way, and there are wide gravel tracks along the flat areas to ensure good traction in heavy rainy periods.

(ii) Recommendation For Further Upgrading:

Bridging only is required. Two bridges about forty feet long over the Kalle Creek.

I believe these could be constructed quite cheaply from locally obtainable materials, and/or from an existing wooden bridge at Divune River along the Kokoda Popondetta road. This bridge is now not in use and the beams of this bridge would prove invaluable as they are still quite strong, and would last longer than most native materials. If we could use this bridge we would require help to dismantle it, and then transferring it to the proposed site. The bridge could be built using village labour and with D.B.A. and Council supervision and assistance.

(iii) Awareness:

The people are basically unaware of the political situation out of their immediate area other than Local Government. I feel that there is a strong need for a constant Political Education Team to Patrol these areas, to rectify these basic needs, of the people. This would then enable them, with a better knowledge of Government affairs, to have a more active interest in all Government matters.

(iv) Attitudes Towards Self Help Projects:

The people worked willingly and enthusiastically. They expressed their satisfaction with the work, the way they were working as a unit, and the assistance given by D.B.A. and the Council. The final result was also a source of satisfaction to them as well as a labour saving amenity.

One can conclude from the manner in which these people worked and the satisfaction they showed at its successful completion:

- 1) the people have the energy and determination to develop economically.
- 2) self help projects will work in this area when the people can see the end result as advantageous to them.

(v) Education:

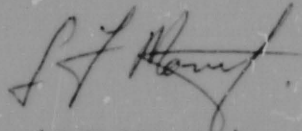
I feel that it would be in the interest of the people in this area if they could be called to a meeting, held by the Council and Headmaster of the Kokoda, to point out to them, that if they do not encourage or encourage their children to school, then:

- 1) the children will not receive higher education of standard 6 that they require, through the Vocational School.

- 2) that if school attendance drops

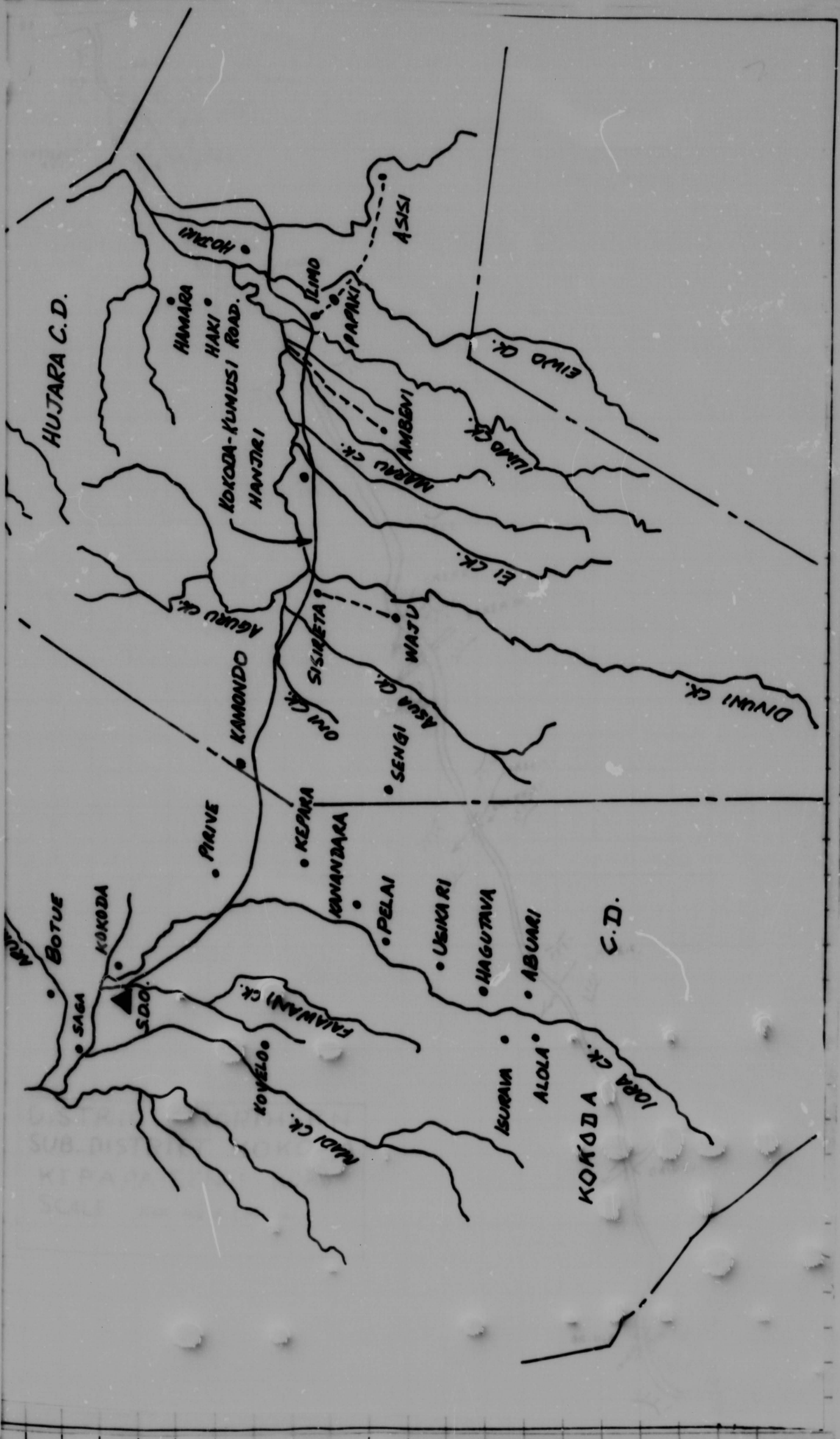
Moreover, that not only will the annual intake be restricted to every two years, but the school could lose a teacher as it already has.

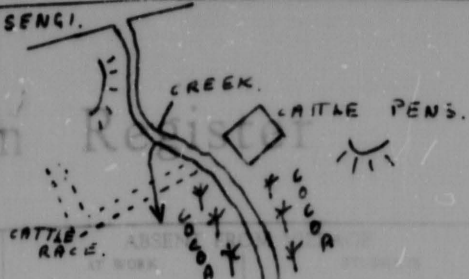
Once a teacher is transferred from a school it is extremely hard to get a replacement teacher when he may be later needed.



(G.F. Moritz)  
Assistant Patrol Officer.

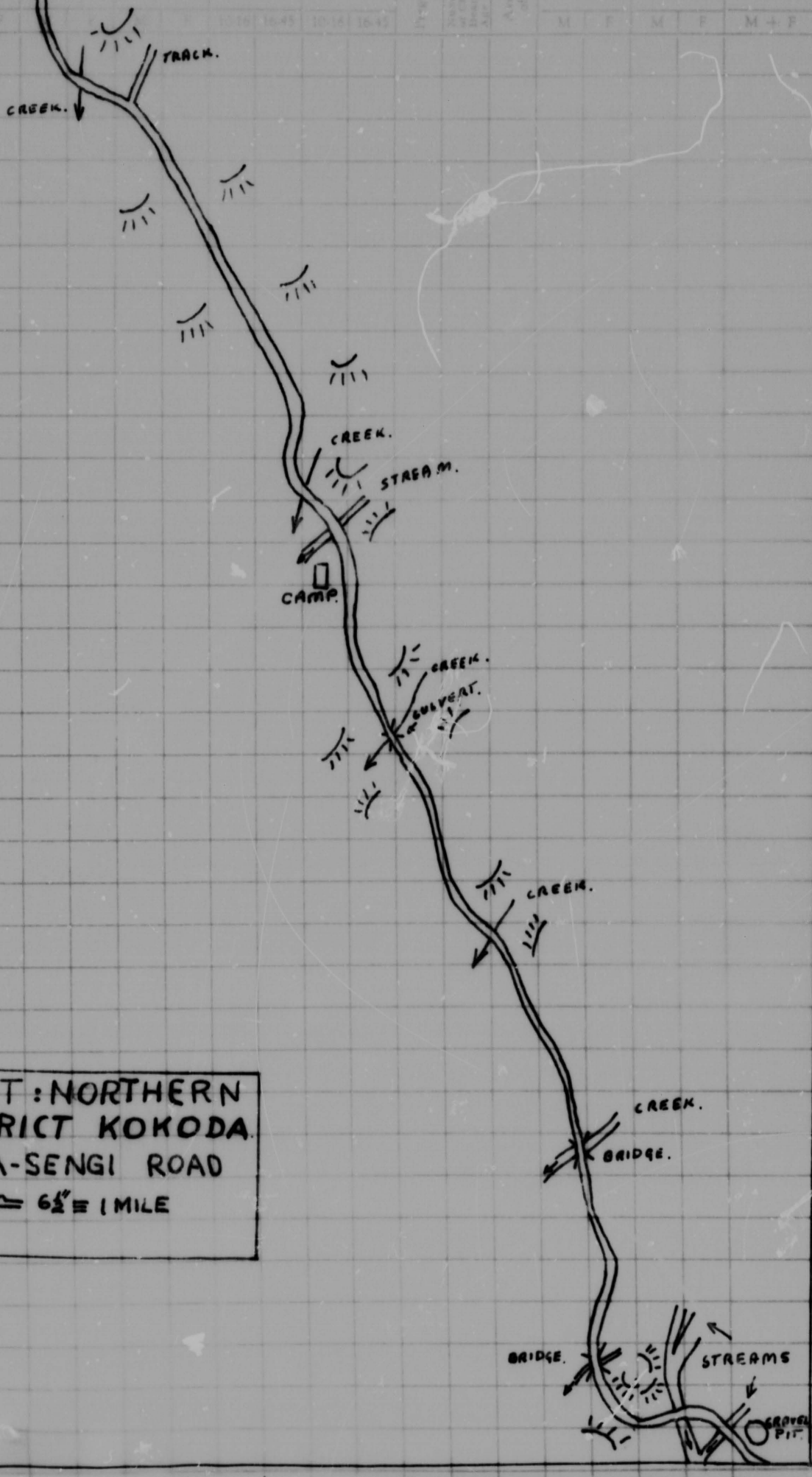






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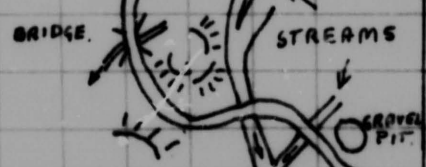
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10-16	16-45		10-16	16-45							



D. O. APATUAH

BOLNE

DISTRICT: NORTHERN  
 SUB-DISTRICT KOKODA  
 KEPARA-SENGI ROAD  
 SCALE = 6" = 1 MILE





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

1971

FORONDETA DISTRICT

# PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN Report No. KOKODA 5 of 1971/72.

Patrol Conducted by G.F. Moritz.

Area Patrolled Wawonga Census Division.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.

Natives Nil.

Duration—From 25/9/1971 to 29/9/1971.

Number of Days 5.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 23/7/1971.

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

Map Reference Fournil Port Moresby.

Objects of Patrol Assistance to Wawonga people in setting up a trade store.

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation .... \$.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund .... \$.....

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

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P.O. Box 2396 - Konodobu

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18th January, 1972

The District Commissioner  
Northern District  
Pononetta.

KOKODA PATROL NO. 5 of 1971/72

Your reference 67-1-1 of 11th January, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special Report  
by MR. G. MORITZ A.P.O. of the WAWONGA Census Division.

(S.J. PEARSALL)  
s/Secretary



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Department of the Administrator,  
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KOKODA PATROL NO. 5 OF 1971/72

Attached in duplicate is the report of the above patrol  
submitted by Mr. A.P.O. Moritz.

The patrol was mounted mainly to assist the people of Enao  
in setting up a trade store. This object was achieved and the comments,  
attached, of the A.D.C., Kokoda, adequately cover the report.

M.J. Denehy  
a/District Commissioner

cc. Assistant District Commissioner,  
KOKODA.

(M.A. Fryke)  
Assistant District Commissioner.

Encl.

67-1-1

MAP/MAP

Division of District Administration,  
Sub District Office,  
KORODA.

30th. November, 1971.

District Commissioner,  
Northern District,  
POPONDETTA.

COMMENTS - PATROL REPORT KOKODA No. 5/71-72.

Forwarded herewith in triplicate, please find the above Patrol Report, consisting of:

- (i) Cover sheet
- (ii) Patrol Diary
- (iii) Situation Report
- (iv) Patrol Map
- (v) Camping Allowance Claim - G. F. Moritz.

As a Report on a Special Patrol, the Report did not take the form specified. The information on the Trade Store should have been contained in a report and kept separate from the Sitrep.

The only information reported on which is relevant to a Sitrep is that on education, and therefore this is the only information that should have appeared in the Sitrep.

The patrol was apparently well conducted, and achieved it's aims - the setting up of a Trade Store, owned by 15 Emo villagers, and known as EMO WAWONGA TRADING GROUP.

The reason for rendering the assistance was that this appears to be a worthwhile venture, which, if successful will benefit the people in several ways (refer section (b) (i) of the Sitrep).

Since the writing of the Report, the store has continued to function, chartering a Cessna 206 from Popondetta, and backloading coffee (until this ran out). The initial response resulted in very high takings, but this has not continued due to the coffee harvesting having finished.

It appears that the store will pay for itself in the coffee 'off' season, and will make a considerable profit when the coffee is marketed.

Education: (Refer (c) (i) of the Sitrep).

There is a set procedure to be followed when attempting to have a school established, and this should be initiated by a Councillor at a Council Meeting. The people had been informed of this by me on a previous patrol.

*A. Pryke*  
(M.A. Pryke)

Assistant District Commissioner.

Encl.

Report No. : KOKODA 5 of 71/72.  
Sub District : KOKODA.  
District : Northern.  
Council Area : ILIMO L.G.C.  
Patrol Conducted By : G.F.Moritz.  
Designation : A.P.O.  
Personnel Accompanying  
Patrol : Nil.  
Duration of Patrol : 25/9/71 to 29/9/71.  
Number of Days : 5.  
Date and Duration of last  
D.D.A. Patrol to the Area : 23/7/71 to 27/7/71.  
Objects of Patrol : Assistance to Wawonga people  
in setting up a trade store.  
Map Reference : Fourmill PORT MORESBY.  
Village Population Register : Not enclosed.

KOKODA PATROL No. 5 of 1971/72.

PATROL DIARY

25/9/71. 0730 depart KOKODA by Toyota  
0900 arrive POPONDETTA Air-strip  
0920 depart POPONDETTA by plane  
0937 arrive Emo River  
0945 started work in store  
1900 finished work for day  
SLEPT at Emo River.

26/9/71. SUNDAY

0900 started work in store  
1000 plane arrived with more stores items  
1800 finished work for day  
SLEPT at Emo River.

27/9/71. 0730 started work in store  
1300 supervised work of store keeper  
1800 finished work for day  
1900 to 2100 talks with various people  
SLEPT at Emo River.

28/9/71. 0730 talk to village people  
0745 depart Emo River on foot  
0750 arrive Emo 2.  
0800 arrive Emo 3.  
0845 arrive Managube  
1100 arrive Namanaia (WORA)  
1145 depart Namanaia  
1715 arrive Sirorata

From Namanaia to Sirorata heavy rain fell making  
the trip between these places extremely difficult.

SLEPT at Sirorata.

29/9/71. 0730 depart Sirorata  
0845 arrive Assisi  
0915 arrive Biwo by Toyota  
0930 left Biwo  
1030 arrived KOKODA by Toyota

PATROL STOOD DOWN.



INTRODUCTION:

This was a special<sup>d</sup> purpose Patrol. Namely, to assist the Wawonga people set up a trade store.

I found myself working long and hard hours so that the store could run smoothly and efficiently without much paper work being required. This enabled the store keeper who had little knowledge or experience of running a trade store, to do so in a satisfactory manner.

I would have liked to have stayed in the area longer, but as the store keeper had a meeting at Kokoda on Tuesday, I was forced to leave the area early.

SITUATION REPORT

(b) ECONOMIC

(i) Trade Store:

Details of the store are as follows: the number of share holders, fifteen, capital outlay was five hundred and eighty eight dollars, and purpose of project:

- (a) supply a service to the area, e.g. trade store
- (b) investigate possibility of flying out local produce (cabbages and English Potatoes)
- (c) business investment for share holders
- (d) utilise forward leg of coffee charter aircraft.

Assesment of Potential:

The store commenced trading on 26/9/71. Takings to 4/10/71 were \$372-60. This amount could have been much higher but for shortage of goods.

Aircraft are the main drawback. Enquiries are at the present being made to ascertain whether aircraft other than Pilatus Porter can take a payload into Emo Airstrip. Pilatus Porters are not often available in the District.

There are possibilities that the Emo Airstrip (1430' by 100') may be able to be lengthened, increasing the payloads of smaller aircrafts which at the moment are uneconomical.

(c) SOCIAL

(i) Education:

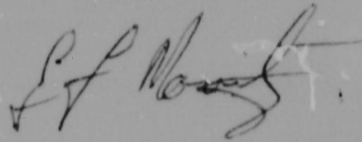
At the present there is not a school operating in the area. There use to be one at Emo River run by the Anglican Mission there, but this is now closed. The people showed their concern about the lack of schooling and felt a teacher should be provided. I told them I would investigate the matter for them.

CONCLUSION.

(i) Store:

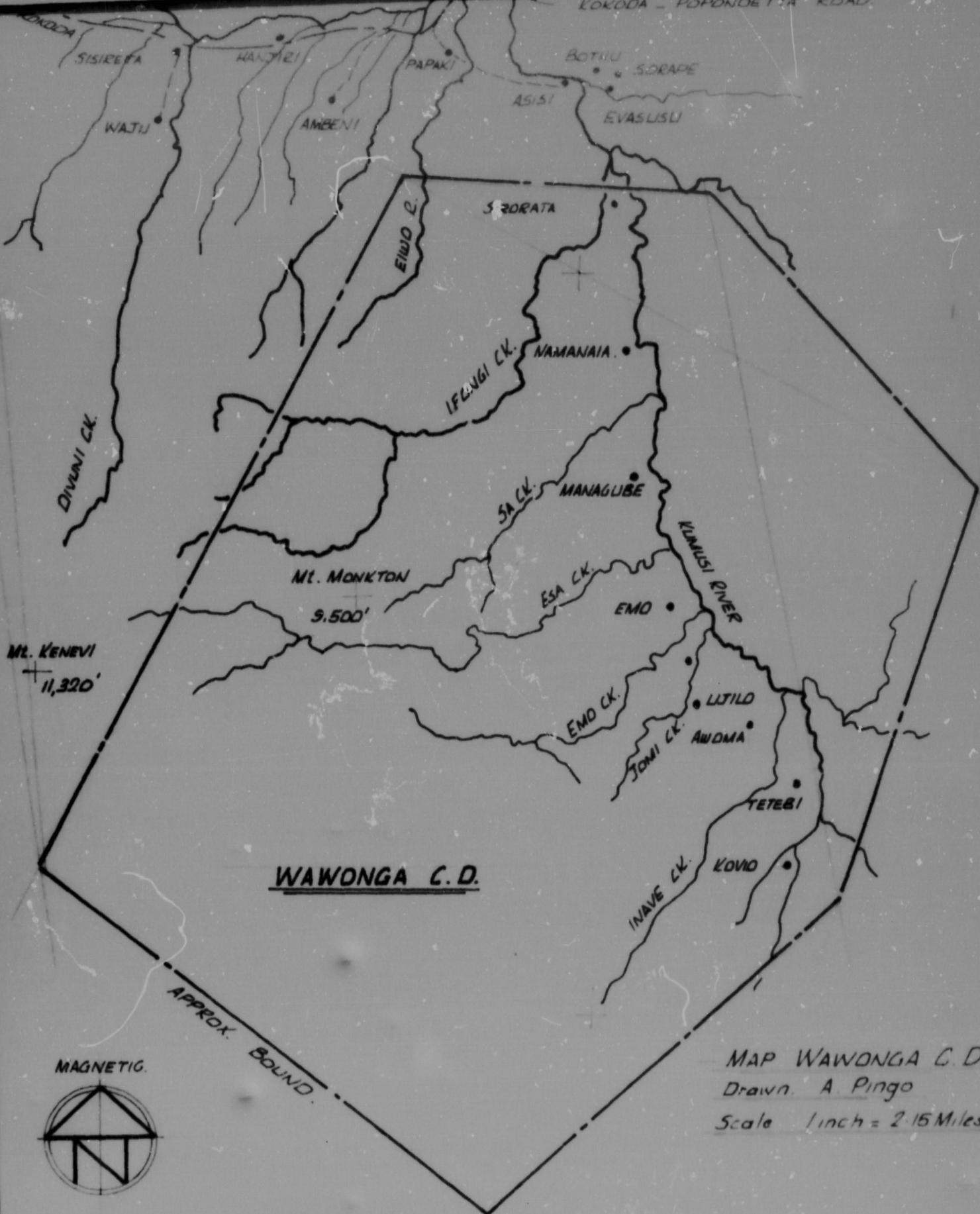
The potential of the store is extremely good. This is reflected by, one, a high return in the first week of operation, two, that people are coming to the store from as far away as three hours walk away to buy goods, three, that a higher turn over could have occurred except that most items were out of stock within the first few days of trading.

Whether or not it is practical to fly out local produce such as cabbages and English potatoes to places as Popondetta and Port Moresby is not known as yet. It is hoped that in the future if a longer airstrip is operational, and that smaller planes can carry full loads in and out, that local produce will be an economic venture in flying it out.



(G.F. Moritz)  
Assistant Patrol Officer.

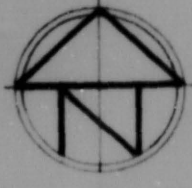
LOKODA - POPONDETTA ROAD



WAWONGA C.D.

APPROX. BOUND.

MAGNETIC.



MAP WAWONGA C.D.  
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 Scale 1 inch = 2.15 Miles.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

DEPARTMENT  
OF THE DISTRICT  
ADMINISTRATOR

PORONDETTA  
NORTHERN DISTRICT

# PATROL REPORT

District of Northern Report No. 5 - 74/72

Patrol Conducted by A.E. Sibbing A.P.O.

Area Patrolled Kokoda Census Division Wards 1 - 6 (inc.)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans No

Natives E. Kenas (Polling Clk); M. Saseru (interpreter)

Duration From 15/11/1971 to 24/11/1971 (broken period)

Number of Days 9 - (3 days camped out)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 5/2/1971

Medical -/-/19-

Map Reference Attached

Objects of Patrol Council elections

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ / 19

District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation .... \$.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund .... \$.....

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

CA/JK

P.O. Box 2396 - Konedobu

67-5-14

18th January, 1972

The District Commissioner  
Northern District  
Pononetta.

KOKODA PATROL NO. 6 of 1971/72

Your reference 67-1-1 of 11th January, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report  
by MR. A. SIBBING A.P.O. of the Kokoda Census Division.

(S.J. PEARSALL)  
a/Secretary



DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

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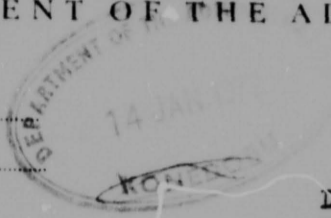
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11th January, 1972.

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU.

KOKODA PATROLS NOS. 6, 7 & 8 of 1971/72

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Each patrol conducted the poll in a third of the Council area. The only advantage this piecemeal approach would have would be that the election would have been completed in a much shorter time than the statutory 21 days. However, in previous Ilimo elections officers have had no trouble in completing the poll, with the team, well within the time allowed.

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M.J. Denehy  
a/District Commissioner

cc. Assistant District Commissioner,  
KOKODA.

Assistant District Commissioner

57-1-1

Division of District Administration,  
Sub-District Office,  
GONDAR.

15th December, 1971.

District Commissioner,  
Northern District,  
GONDAR.

COMPLETE KOKODA PATROL No. 6/71-72.

Attached hereto in triplicate, please find Kokoda Patrol report No. 6/71-72, by A. S. Sibbing, Assistant Patrol Officer.

It consists of:

- (i) Patrol Jacket
- (ii) Patrol Diary
- (iii) Situation Report
- (iv) Patrol Map
- (v) Camping Allowance Claim.

There is no cover sheet.

As no information of the Situation Report type was collected, a Situation Report should not have been submitted. The brief information which constitutes the Report is not of the type required.

Submission of the Diary, map, cover sheet, with reference made to the Election Report, would have sufficed. The matter mentioned under "Law and Order" could have been made the subject of a letter to myself, with a copy included in the report. This is all set out clearly at p. 11 para. 5 of the Departmental Standing Instructions.

Conduct of the Patrol:

It is noted that Mr. Sibbing was absent from polling at SAVALA village on 20/11/71.

Prior to absentsing himself, Mr. Sibbing informed me he would be absent. I told him he would have to get permission from the A.A.C.O. Apparently permission was not given prior to the elections.

Mr. Sibbing would have insisted that Mr. Kenas return the tax monies to the Transfers of Mandara (see para. 4. of the Report). The tax referred to has since been taken up on Illo Council Receipt Nos. 244716, 244717, 244718.

(S. S. Jones)

Assistant District Commissioner

Diary Kokoda Patrol No.5-71/72

- 15.11.71 a.m. Patrol preparations.  
p.m. To Kokoda to commence patrol.  
Slept at Kokoda Station.
- 16.11.71 a.m. Information, books and details re patrol  
at Kokoda Station.  
p.m. To Komo bridge by vehicle and from there  
2 hours walk to Kanga.  
Camped overnight in Kanga.
- 17.11.71 a.m. Walked to Karukaru in 7 hours.  
p.m. Arrived and camped overnight.
- 18.11.71 a.m. Elections at Karukaru, where Asimba and  
Korogo assembled. Ward 1 completed.  
Returned to Kanga.  
p.m. Arrived and camped overnight in Kanga.
- 19.11.71 a.m. Election at Kanga.  
Return to Komo bridge. Vehicle to Kokoda Station.  
p.m. Return to Popondetta.
- 20.11.71 Saturday observed.  
p.m. Mr. Kenas conducted Savaia election.
- 21.11.71 Sunday observed.
- 22.11.71 a.m. Left Popondetta by vehicle for Kovelu, where  
elections were held. Ward 2 completed.  
p.m. Elections at Kokoda Station and Plantation.  
Ward 4 completed.  
Slept at Kokoda Station.
- 23.11.71 a.m. Elections at Saga for Saga, Kokoda villages  
and Botuwe blocks.  
p.m. Election at Pirive. Ward 5 completed.  
Election at Mamba. Ward 3 completed.  
Slept at Kokoda Station.
- 24.11.71 a.m. Unopposed election for Ward 6 at Kepara.  
Ward 6 completed.  
Return to Popondetta. Patrol completed.  
p.m. Report to Local Government Office, store gear etc.



Sub District Office,  
KOKODA,  
Northern District,  
26 th November 1971.

Patrol no. 5 - 1971/72

Situation Report

Introduction

The object of this patrol was to carry out Council elections for the first 6 wards of the Ilimo council area.

A Popondetta High School student was engaged to act as interpreter.

The little spare time during this patrol was spent socially with the people, rather than subject the people to the usual Government talks.

After reading recent report no. 10 - 1970/71, which describes the area extensively and in view of recent ideas about report writing, this report only covers the Council elections and anything, which may be of new value reporting.

A. Political

1. Council elections

The village interest in the elections was impressive, indicated by the 72.5 % of voters of the total number of voters available. In contrast this figure was only 6.7 % for Kokoda Station, Kokoda Plantation and the Mamba Estates.

2. New Local Government Councillors

Ward 1:

Iworo Iso from Asimba - Married (2 wives) with 2 sons. Age 29 years. Education none. Convictions in jail twice for Tax default and adultery. Occupation cattle farmer.

Ward 2:

Morris Benson from Savaia - Married with no children. Age 23 years. Form 3 education. No convictions. Occupation clerical assistant DASF.

Ward 3:

Frank Embara from Mamba - Married with 4 sons and 1 daughter. 22 yrs Standard 3 education. No convictions. Occupation driver.

Ward 4:

Walter Gill Kekedo from Kokoda Station. Married with 4 sons and 7 daughters. Age 55 years. Standard 5 education. No convictions. Occupation Clerical Assistant DDA. He has been Councillor in '67/'69.

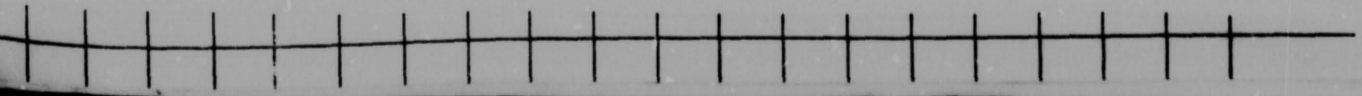
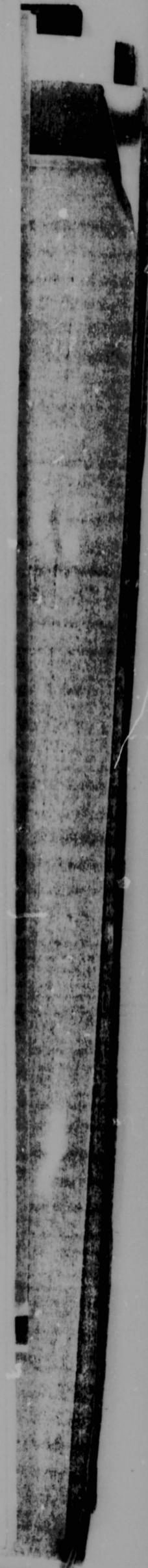
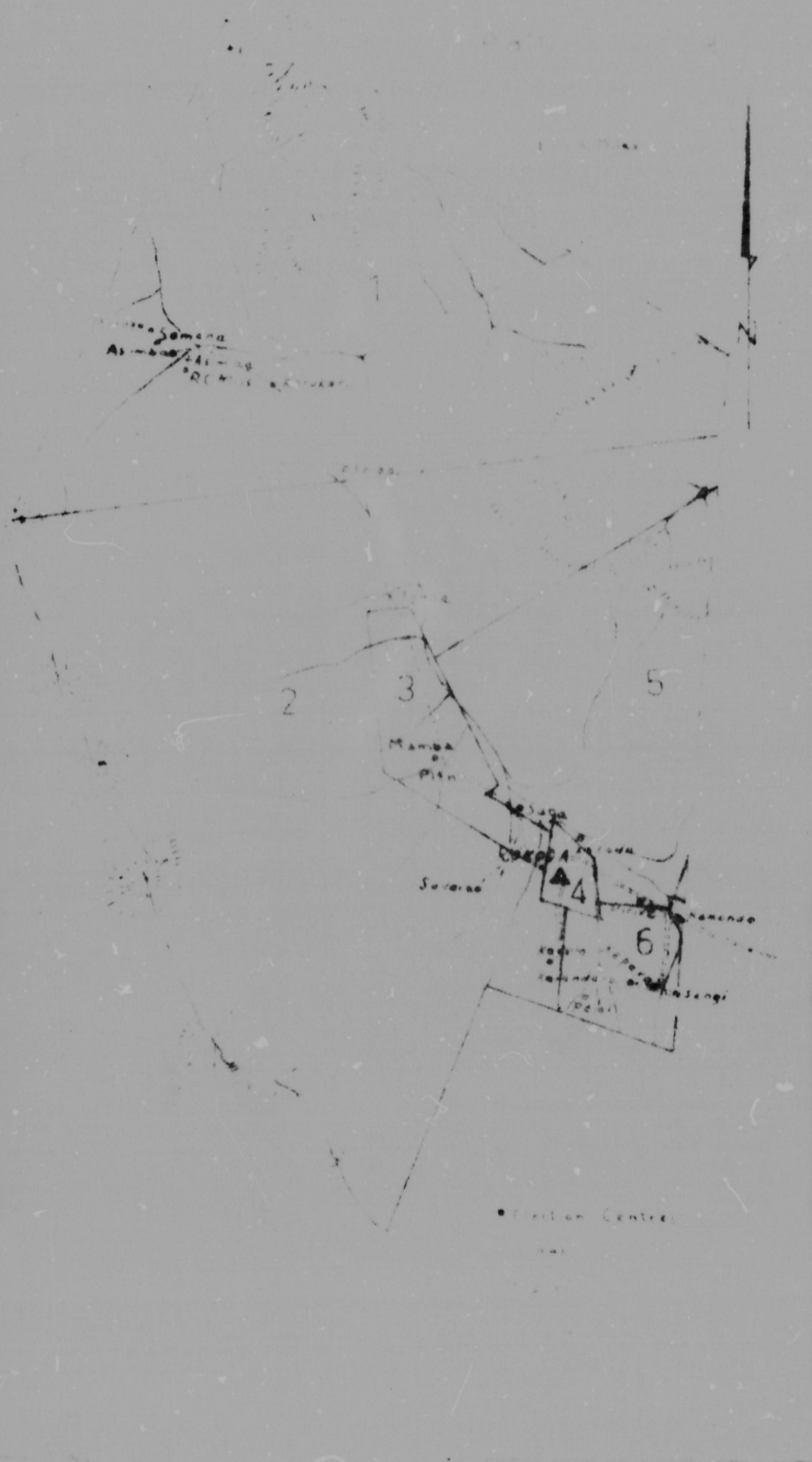
Ward 5:

Simon Peter Awoda from Saga Mission - Married with no children. Age 51 years. He is the Mission priest. Also Councillor '69/'71.

Ward 6:

Lucian Arac from Kepara. Married with 2 sons and 3 daughters. Age 28 years. Standard 4 education. No convictions. Occupation cattle farmer. Also Councillor '69/'71.

ILIMO COUNTY DIVISION





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN Report No. KOKODA PATROL No. 7 1971/72

Patrol Conducted by ERIC MCCRUM P.O.

Area Patrolled WAWONGA CENSUS DIV. HUIJARA CENSUS DIV. (PART.)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives MR RONALD KIVINI

Duration—From 18/11/1971 to 24/11/1971

Number of Days SEVEN (7)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / / 19

Medical / / 19

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol TO CONDUCT ILIMO COUNCIL ELECTIONS FOR WARDS 16, 18 & 19

Director of District Administration, PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ / 19

District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation ... \$

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund ... \$

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

67-5-15 (23)

OA:PT

P.O. Box 2396,  
KONEDOBU

67-5-15

25th January, 1972

The District Commissioner,  
Northern District,  
POPONDETTA.

KORODA PATROL NO. 7 OF 1971/72

Your reference is 67-1-1 of 11.1.72.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report  
by Mr. E. McCrum, P.O. of the Wawonga and Hujara Census  
Divisions.

Four copies of the report were received here. Two are  
returned herewith.

(S.J. PEARSALL)  
Acting Secretary.



DEPARTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

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Division of District Administration,  
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11th January, 1972.

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KOKODU.

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M.J. Denehy  
a/District Commissioner

cc. Assistant District Commissioner,  
KOKODA.

67-1-1

MAP/MAP

Division of District Administration,  
Sub District Office,  
KOKODA.

11th. December, 1971.

District Commissioner,  
Northern District,  
POPONDENTA.

COMMENTS KOKODA PATROL No. 7/71-72.

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- (iii) Situation Report
- (iv) Patrol Map
- (iv) Camping Allowance Claim - E. McCrum.

No cover sheet (Refere p.12 II 1. of the Departmental Standing Instructions) was included with the Report.

My comments follow:

1. Local Government:

This paragraph is too vague to be of any value. What projects are referred to?

The second sentence is nonsensical. I assume that "in return for" should read "with regard to". Even so, this is unsatisfactory without further explanation.

2. Councillors:

The Emo people are not satisfied with their Councillor, and have been quite vocal with their complaints in the past. However, they are out voted by NAMANAIYA which has a larger number of voters.

3. House of Assembly Members:

It would be interesting to hear what promises were made and not fulfilled.

4. Political Education:

I would say that lecturing is direct education.

5. Unity:

Mr. McCrum has expressed one of the basic barriers to unity. The theme is enlarged upon in paragraph 2 in the form of a monologue from the writer, and as such is not relevant to a Situation Report.

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There is a lot of ill feeling at the moment in the villages that use the Ketebedi strip, as they feel that this is either a Government or Anglican plot against them, and they also are angry at the time they have wasted building the strip.

At the time of writing I have an appointment with Councillor Inegi of Awoma for a further discussion about the future of the Ketebedi airstrip.

#### Extension Work:

This paragraph is highly confusing. Mr. [Name] starts by saying the people intend reducing production. He follows this up by saying that plantings are being increased. He then says that future parcels can see whether plantings have been increased, and then repeats that plantings are being increased.

#### SOCIAL.

##### Education:

The District Education Office (Anglican Agency) requested the Council's approval (letter 6/6/71). The permission was given (Ullimo Council's 4-1-4 of 5/10/71).

##### Health:

##### Teeth:

Re: Tooth decay in non betel chewing area - this is also prevalent in the village, as U.S.A., and therefore non betel chewing population.

This could add fuel to the theory that betel chewing prevents dental caries.

It may be of interest to Dental Section, U.S.A., that in this U.S. District there appears to be a correlation between abstinence from betel chewing and dental caries.

##### Charity:

I have persuaded the [Name] Trading Group to stock only the variety of salt that contains iodine.

##### Missions:

The people of one of the hamlets making up KOWIO village, are Anglican.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rivers:

"All the rivers from OMAHA Bridge to Kuasi River Bridge were marked and recorded."

Has Mr. McCrum been engaged in some form of hydrographic activity? unlikely: it is probable that he means the rivers were marked on a map, and the names were recorded.

It does not appear to me to be significant that different language groups should pronounce names differently.

Wora (Mamanala) and Sirorata are not adjoining. There is a five hour walk between them.

Village names:

Village Directory spellings and names are not adhered to.

If Mr. McCrum desired to use village names which are in common use, he could have shown the commonly used name in brackets after the official name.

Conclusion.

The report suffers from typographical errors, repetition, and long and clumsy sentence construction.

Eg. "However, some dissatisfaction in return for their tax is felt."

"The lack of filtering back to the villages of Papua New Guinea policy and general discussion from the House of Assembly via its members, is strongly advised."

Even the Jacket has the name of the Council spelt incorrectly.

I received the impression from the Report that the patrol itself was carried out ably. Mr. McCrum obviously spent a lot of time and energy on discussions, and was successful in making the people think about the problems. The actual amount of information gathered in six days in the field, and with a very busy itinerary, indicates long hours worked.

*A. Pryke*

(M. H. Pryke)

Assistant District Commissioner



KOKODA PATROL NO. OF 1971/72

DIARY TEAM 3

Thursday Nov. 18th, 1971

Left Popondetta airstrip, by plane for Emo Airstrip 11.20. Arrived Emo Airstrip 11.35. Left most of patrol gear at Emo. Walked to Awoma 12.15. Arrived 1345. Set up camp at Awoma Rest House. Left for Tetebedi 1415. Arrived 1450. Discussed voting procedures for Friday 19th November. Returned to Awoma 1545. Inspected School (S.D.A) 48 children in Standards 1 and 2. Discussions with S.D.A Pastor Paul on area. Slept Awoma.

Friday Nov. 19th, 1971

Left Awoma 0645 walked to Kovio. Arrived 0815. Called for Nominations for Ward 19. 3 Candidates. Began voting 0830 finished 0945. Walked Duau. Began voting 1000. Finished 1020. Walked Tetebedi, arrived 1040. Voting finished 1150. Walked to Awoma arrived 1225. Lunch. Voting began 1345. Mumi people assembled at Awoma. Voting finished 1545. Counting finished 1620. Councillor Isegi elected. Slept Awoma.

Saturday Nov. 20th, 1971

Left Awoma 0545. Arrived Ijaro 0615. Walked to Emo and returned 0810. Breakfast Ijaro. Nominations for Ward 18 called for at 0900. Three candidates. Voting began 0915. Finished 1020. Walked to Rumara arrived 1145. Voting began 1200 finished 1330. Left Rumara for Managube 1350. Arrived Managube 1505. Voting finished 1540. Walked to Wara. Arrived 1740. Heavy rain. Set up camp at Wara. Slept Wara.

Sunday Nov. 21st, 1971

Rested at Wara.

Monday Nov. 22nd, 1971

Voting began at Wara 0700. Voting finished 0825. Left Wara 0845 for Sirorata. Arrived at Kumusi River 1230. Arrived at Sirorata 1310. Set up camp. Visited Hopeta village 1400. Returned 1600. Slept Sirorata.

Tuesday Nov. 23rd, 1971

Called for nominations for Ward 16 0700. Six candidates. Voting began Hopeta village 0720 finished 0930. Left Sirorata 1000. Walked to Asisi. Arrived 1115. Lunch. Sorape, Evasusu and Bothu assembled at Asisi. Voting began 1225 finished 1430. Councillor Immanuel elected. Visited Bothu in the afternoon. Slept Asisi.

Wednesday Nov. 24th, 1971

Left Asisi 0550. Walked to Evasusu. Arrived 0640. Breakfast. Walked to Manasire Pig Project, thence to Bothu, thence Sorape. Returned to Asisi 0830. Left Asisi for Eivo 0850, thence to Kumusi Bridge, arrived 1030. By vehicle to Popondetta. Arrived 1645. End of Patrol.

SITUATION REPORT

WARONGA CENSUS DIVISION  
HUNJARA CENSUS DIVISION (PART)

INTRODUCTION

Ilimo Local Government Council used Three teams to hold General Elections for the whole of its area. This report is that of team 3, which conducted Elections in Wards 16, 18 and 19 of the Warwonga Census Division. The team comprised Mr. Eric McCrum, Patrol Officer, and Mr. Ronald Kivini of Wora village (Wawonga Census Division). As team 3 spent 6 days in the area, full appreciation of the situation could not be experienced, nor fully discussion upon required topics be conducted. However, the report hereunder, can be accessed from the aspect that a Form 4 High School student, one who comes from the area, and is extremely familiar with the locale, the language and the pattern of thinking, has assisted the writer to compile the following data. However, ideas and impressions expressed in this writing are those of the writer.

POLITICAL

Lengthy discussions were held in four villages, viz: Awoma, Wora, Sirorata and Asisi. From these meetings the general impressions of the following Political topics were obtained.

1. Local Government: General acceptance of the Local Government is the impression received from all villages. However, some dissatisfaction in return for their tax is felt. Once Council projects are operative in their area villagers are proud of the fact of projects occurring on or near their land.
2. Councillors: As expressed by the voting, most villagers are satisfied with the work and service afforded by the Councillors as all were re-elected. The general discussions (at the four formerly mentioned villages) showed that Council problems were being presented honestly to the villagers by the Councillors.
3. House of Assembly Members: General disappointment with the House of Assembly representatives. The lack of filtering back to the villages of Papua New Guinea policy and general discussion from the House of Assembly via its members, is strongly advised. Villagers have said they would chase any sitting member from their area, should they come to canvas the area. Villagers are very disillusioned at the promises made and not fulfilled by the Members of the House of Assembly. The traditional way of group discussion and community participation, is still wanted by the villagers, but House of Assembly members are not supplying this basic requirement. Surreptitious dealings and unfulfilled promises are not likely to be made at village group meetings which are to be repeated regularly. Lack of involvement with political decisions made by House of Assembly members, is not appreciated nor trusted by villagers. So much can be done without their knowledge or approval that decisions made in the House of Assembly breed doubt and mistrust of the sitting members by the villagers.
4. Political Education: No direct education has been conducted in this Census Division, although Patrols visiting the area have passed on Political Education information by way of talks.
5. Papua New Guinea Unity: Great concern was expressed at all villages where lengthy discussions were held on the problem of unity. No one could establish any basis upon which unity could be established. People lived in a closely knit village bounded by their land boundaries. Their tribal group and their land is all they are prepared to defend, and the idea of the whole of Papua New Guinea belonging to them is both erroneous, and a concept based upon idealistic ideas.

The only possession they have is their land, and that which is upon it. Custom, life and duty all reinforce this truth, so how can their land belong to others, or, conversely, others' land belong to them? They identify themselves as their village group or tribal groups, bound by language, land and marriage. The extended ideas of land ownership is foreign to them, unless threats, from either internal or external sources, threaten to undermine the general pattern of land ownership. They will then act as a unit, not because their land is being threatened but because the whole pattern of land ownership is threatened thereby involving all the island's inhabitants. However, once the threat is removed or diminished, the unity concept will immediately revert to individual land ownership, with the concept of the country as a whole, not only forgotten, but not even remembered as a possibility.

The older people regard themselves as Papuans and the 'others' from the 'otherside' as New Guineans. Woe betide the people who try to call Papua New Guinea, New Guinea Papua, or just New Guinea. Papua should be mentioned first as it always has been. A trivial point but never the less strongly felt by the villagers. Should a New Guinean be elected President or Prime Minister, it will not be long before his head will roll. Also should a Papuan be elected the same fate awaits him. They all expressed tribulations at their inability to see an avenue of unity and they have no solution to the problem.

#### ECONOMIC

Cash Crops: The Southern Wawonga from Wara to Kovio have extensive coffee arabica gardens. Some of the slopes where the gardens are located are extremely steep and much trouble would be experienced in clearing, clearing and picking. On the average, the crops areas visited were pruned correctly, with about 50% cleared. Only two arabica gardens were seen where the cherries were not picked. People were in the process of picking cherries, and clearing beneath the trees. No pruning was witnessed. About nine gardens seen had allowed the shoot growth above the pruned branches to grow to nearly 3 ft., however most gardens had removed all pruning shoots. Two coffee machines were seen, neither being worked at the time. The steep terrain in which the gardens are located and tortuous routes of the intervillage tracks, create an extremely difficult carrying problem. The only way of removing the cash crops produce from the area are to the two limited airstrips at Tetebedi and Emo, and to the buying centre at near Asisi.

From Sirorata north coffee robusta and cocoa gardens are numerous with cocoa replacing coffee. Most of the cocoa gardens visited were well kept and generally well sited. Some on hill-slopes of excessive slope, had extensive shrubbery cluttering the ground under the trees. Many trees near Asisi had die-back and looked poorly, but were subjected to the mass of grass and shrubbery beneath.

Sorafe, Bothu and Evasusu have large Land Tenure Conversion blocks; Sorafe 20, Bothu 20 and Evasusu 28. Each block is of 20 acres area. The blocks began about 1969 under the people's own volition and the Evasusu blocks have been extending since. From naught to 4 acres of cocoa have been planted on each of the blocks.

Markets: With the removal of the Pilatus Porter aircraft from Popondetta, little cash crop produce can be lifted out of the area. The small Cessna has a limited load, which makes it uneconomical to Charter. The crop production will reduce significantly because of this factor, as the people are reluctant to carry heavy cash crop produce through such hilly country to alternative market points. It is essential for development in this particular region that service similar to that of the Pilatus Porter be maintained. If this service fails to be supplied, the productivity of this high potential area, will drop. At present Iji Co-operative buy most of the produce from the area.

Road access to Asisi and Sairope is available at present, with a proposed road to the three villages of Sorape, Evasusu and Bothu planned in the near future. This will assist those villages already with services. However the villages in the Wawonga will once again be neglected and production will drop still further.

Extension Work: Talk and discussion in the villages indicated that the people intend reducing the production in their fields due to limited markets and drop in world coffee prices. There is evidence that several villages, Awoma, Muni, Wora and Rumara are still planting new coffee crops. The situation was explained to them that reduction of cash crops reduces the economy of the area, and less money will be available for developing the area. What effect these discussions had will be measured by future patrols, who can see whether additional crops have been planted, and whether production is increasing significantly. New plantings are being carried out throughout the Wawonga.

Cattle: It was a great surprise to see three heifers and one bull at Tetebedi hillslopes. After having walked from Emo airstrip through Jiara, Muni, Awoma and Tetebedi, it appeared almost impossible for cattle to have walked there. Later having walked from Rumara, through Managube, Wora, Sirorata to Asisi, it appeared more impossible. However, these cattle were walked from Asisi to Tetebedi. Special tracks were cut most of the way especially to handle the cattle. Side rails were constructed on steep slopes, new paths were cut and special bridging prepared. These cattle were tamed in holding paddocks before the walk but they must have been rope handled over some of the slopes, for in places humans are forced to use hands to assist climbing and descending.

At Asisi, two established cattle projects are under way, each of about 50 acres in area. The fencing is in good condition, and grass is growing well. Cattle appeared in good condition. Kokoda stock are in these projects, and the people have put in shares to buy the cattle. However cocoa and coffee in this area appears to be neglected in some areas. Additional areas are being grassed, right to the bank of the Kumusi River.

School Garden: At Awoma, the S.D.A. Mission School has an area of approximately 1 1/2 acres under cultivation. Orderly rows of taro, sugar cane, and pineapples cover half of the area, and sweet potato the remainder. School children work for a short period each day on the weeding and the gardens are a credit to the Mission teachers. This method of having the school self-sufficient food wise is a principle that could well be adopted by all P.N.G. schools. Some evidence of garden orderliness was seen in some gardens, where instead of the unplanned spacing and arrangement, regular rows could be seen, and semibalance of planning was evident.

## SOCIAL

Education: The S.D.A. Mission has two teacher school at Awoma, Standard 1 and 2 with 48 children. Children from Koriro, Duau, Tetebedi, Awoma, Muni, and Ijaro attend. There is another Anglican Mission school at Emo of one class only Standard 1, but apparently unofficially open. The other school that serves the area is at Ewo and children from as far away as Sirorata attend. Children leave Sirorata at 0600 hours to walk to Ewo. Their time of return was not found. Ewo has six standards and children from Evasusu, Bothu, Sorope and Asisi attend.

There is a definite need for a school within the Emo area to cope with the children from Rumara Managube and Wora. District Education Board have approached the Ilimo Council in regards to this matter, but their recommendations were not accepted by the Council.

As with many areas of the Northern District, this area in particular, the Wawonga is without service. All villages near Emo, Managube and Wora are requesting a school in their area. They were requested to discuss the matter with all villages concerned, and agree upon site location, with walking times and village sizes to be the determining factors. This information was to be passed on to the Councillor to report at the meeting of the Ilimo Council.

Children at Awowa School are a very happy group, their school is kept tidy and their gardens are a pleasure to visit. Both the teachers, Timothy and Kuru, are extremely friendly and helpful.

## HEALTH

Thyroid Problems: As was found in the Managlase area, many people in these villages have enlarged thyroid glands. Only two males were seen with enlarged thyroid glands but 17 females were noted. Only two of the females with swollen thyroids were childless, the remainder had one or more children. The worst affected villages were Wora, Ijaro and Awoma. Iodised salt was explained to them, and some improvement may appear in the future.

Teeth: This is the only area so far visited in the Northern District where tooth decay was obvious. Awoma, Ijaro and Rumara were the worst affected villages. Whole sections of teeth had decayed away and in many mouths, 3 or 4 teeth were decayed. As these villages are mostly under S.D.A. Mission influence, where betel nut chewing is not encouraged, I cannot pinpoint any reason for the area's weak teeth. No special foods are eaten, although the absence of meat may be a contributing factor.

Anthropology: Pygmy Size people: I was amazed at the number of people all through the Wawonga, from Wora south to Kovio, who were of almost pygmy size. Both males and females were small, with a predominance of pygmy sized females. In the villages, the contrast of the short and normal size was most noticeable. A race of short people appear to be growing in the Managube and Wora villages alongside the normal sized race. It may be a factor, that shorter people are more suited to steep hilly conditions, as is shown in highland tribes.

Colour: The whole of the Wawonga villages, with perhaps the exception of Sirorata, have numerous individuals and families in the village that have yellowish pigmented skin. This factor is probably identical to the situation in the Managalase, and adjoining Census division, which also has yellow pigmented skinned people in its area. Babies up to one month old are almost orange in colour. Hair of these yellow pigmented skinned people is more ginger than the normal, resembling the bleached hair done as beautifying aids.

Sorcery: A case was heard and discussed at Wora relating to a forbidden area in the hills. Years ago, the inhabitants found that eating the meat of the cuscus (Warura) and tree Kangaroo (Ruwoni) from this area brought about irregular pregnancies and other ailments. This area was put out of bounds by the people, and no hunting was allowed in that area. One man, whose wife was pregnant hunted in the area with a friend, and shared the meat caught with their wives. The pregnant wife had a long term pregnancy and the husband was accusing the owner of the land with sorcery, or allied powers. Because these people hunted in an area, held as a forbidden area no blame could be applied to the land owner just because he owns the land. This sort of abstract applied sorcery, was a most unusual trend of thinking, however the accusations were later withdrawn. This area is still forbidden to all hunting.

Missions: The S.D.A. Mission at Awoma appears to have the villages from Kovic to Ijaro in their influence. The apparent happiness of the people of this area, is a pleasing state, considering the services that this area does not receive. Several villagers from Wora are living apart at another village site closer to Sirorata, and these are S.D.A. adherents. One family at Sirorata is S.D.A. and has built his house downstream from Sirorata village. A very large S.D.A. church has been recently opened at Tetebedi.

Efficient gardening methods appears to be one trait in which these people have success. Church services were held at Awomo on Thursday and Friday and these lasted 80 minutes. Pastor Paul who visited this area in 1958 was on his second visit, and this probably contributed to the fact of high attendance at the services.

A new church (Anglican) is being built at Emo airstrip, and the framework has been erected. People from Wora (5 hours walk away) would travel to Emo church for services. Now a church has been built at Wora. Sirorata has a resident evangelist who holds regular services. These are not well attended.

#### Miscellaneous

Rivers: During the trip all the rivers from the Owalama Range to Kumusi River Bridge were marked and recorded. It is significant that the three language groups, although physically close to one another, often pronounce the river names quite differently. (EG. The Kumusi is called NYAHA by the Wora people and INAFA by the Sirorata people. Wora and Sirorata are adjoining villages. See Patrol map for details.

Village Names: Kovic village has two satellites, Kovic 2 and Duau. Duau is the largest of the three and most Kovic people are moving to Duau. Ujoro village has been abandoned and a new village Muni has been built higher up the slopes. Emo village is mostly deserted, and resettlement has been at the adjoining village called Rumara. Namania has been abandoned for 8 years and the new village is Wora, sited on the next northerly ridge. Sirorata has a twin village Hopeta located north of Sirorata, and on the Kumusi banks. Evasusu has shifted to a new site 300 metres north west of the old village site.

Of interest, is the garden area of Warabira which was a food-supply-drop-area during the war. Numerous helmets, boynets and food cartons are still in the area. Carved in stone near Warabira are some of the names of the soldiers present during the war. People left Warabira soon after the war and settled at Namania. Thence to Wora. A spring opened by blasting during the war, and which supplies fresh water, is considered by the Wora people to be a secret place, to be used only in emergencies. This spring is located west of Warabira, is overgrown with secondary regrowth.

Legends From Wora, two legends were obtained from the people. One related to the first person (a child INA-E) who died and who left

his various marks in and about the Kumusi river. The second referred to the story of the starting of the Kumusi River and ended at a large stone, shaped like a pig, in the Chirima Valley.

From Sirorata, a legend relating to a hill, Birura on the opposite (eastern) banks of the Kumusi to their village. This legend related to a group of people, the Songe, who, legend has it, had no mouths. The story relates how their mouths were opened and includes several physical features in the near vicinity.

#### CONCLUSION

The patrol was thoroughly enjoyed by the writer, who is indebted to Mr. Ronald Kivini for the information he supplied and the constant barrage of questions he was asked and to which he supplied the answers. Mr. Kivini showed himself to be extremely helpful and thoughtful during the Patrol.

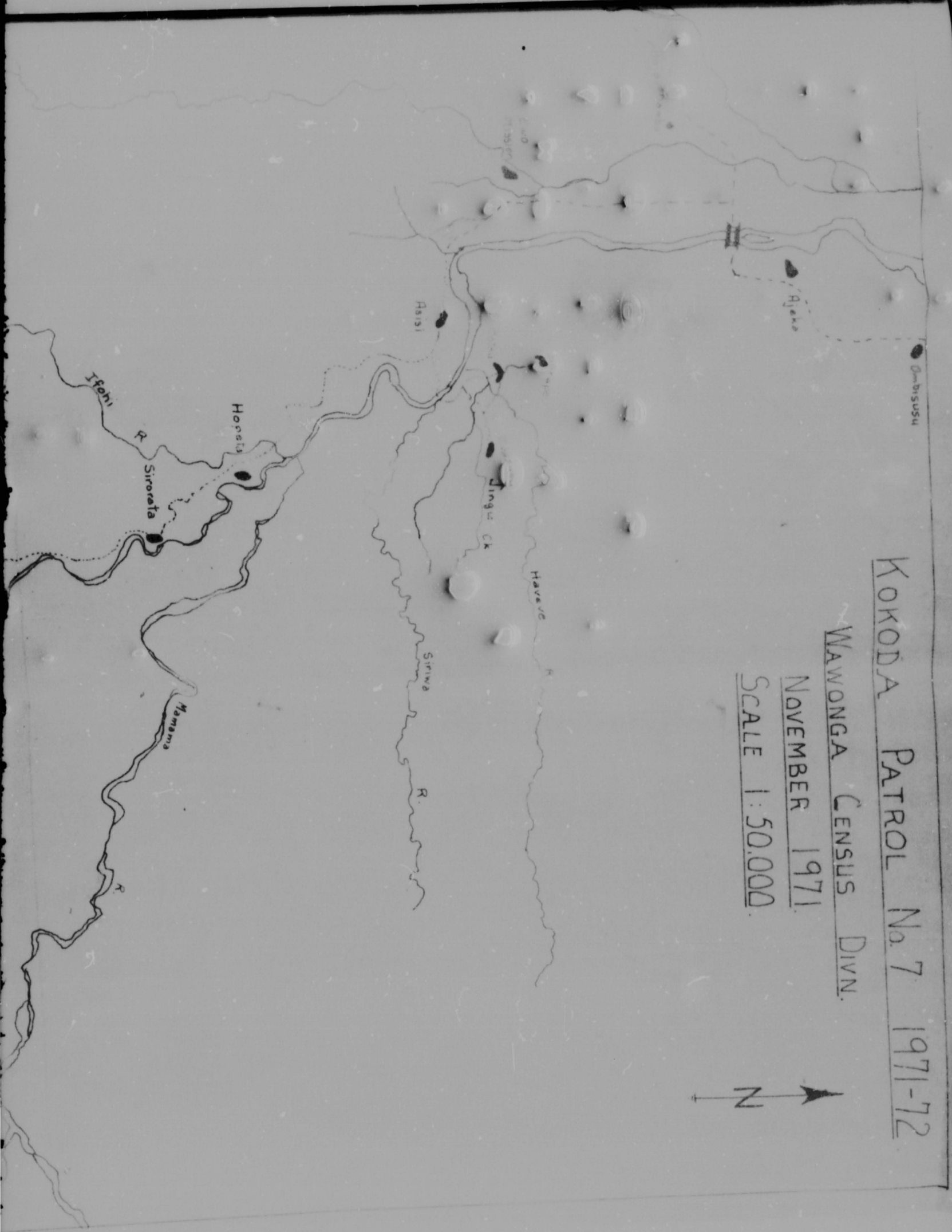
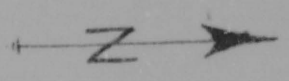
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KOKODA PATROL No. 7 1971-72

WAWONGA CENSUS DIVN.

NOVEMBER 1971

SCALE 1:50,000











TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....NORTHERN.....Report No.....KOKODA NO. 3 of 1971/72.  
 Patrol Conducted by.....G.F. Moritz A.P.O.....  
 Area Patrolled.....KOKODA, HUIJARA C.B.....  
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....Nil.....  
 Natives.....Joseph Binjikan, Council Clerk.  
 Duration—From.....16 / 11 / 19 71 to.....19 / 11 / 19 71.....HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: Kingsley and Paminus.  
 22/11/ 71 to 26/11/ 71.....NINE.  
 Number of Days.....  
 Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....NO.  
 Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../...../19.....  
 Medical ...../...../19.....  
 Map Reference.....FOURMIL - BUNA MILINCH - KOKODA.....  
 Objects of Patrol.....To conduct Council Elections in Wards 7, 8, 9, 10, 11,  
 12, 13, 14, 15, and 17.....

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ / 19 ..... District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation .... \$.....  
 Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund .... \$.....  
 Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund ....  
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P.O. Box 2396,  
KOKODU.

67-5-16

18th January, 1972

The District Commissioner  
Northern District  
Popondetta.

KOKODA PATROL NO. 8 of 1971/72

Your reference 67-1-1 of 11th January, 1972

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report  
by Mr. S. MORITZ A.P.O. of the HUFARA and KOKODA Census  
Divisions.

(S.J. PEARBALL)  
a/Secretary

67-1-1

Division of District Administration,  
Popondetta, Northern District.  
11th January, 1972.


The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOGU.

KOKODA PATROLS NOS. 6, 7 & 8 of 1971/72

I attach in duplicate copies of reports of the above 3 patrols submitted by Messrs. A.P.C. Sibbing, P.C. McCrum and A.P.C. Moritz. I submit them to you together as they cover the 1971 general election period for the Ilimo Local Government Council.

Each patrol conducted the poll in a third of the Council area. The only advantage this piece meal approach would have would be that the election would have been completed in a much shorter time than the statutory 21 days. However, in previous Ilimo elections officers have had no trouble in completing the poll, with the team, well within the time allowed.

Comments from the A.D.C. Kokoda are attached to each report. No further comment is offered.

  
M.J. Denehy  
a/District Commissioner

cc. Assistant District Commissioner,  
KOKODA.

MAF/MAF

67-1-1

Division of District Administration,  
Sub District Office,  
KOKODA.

15th. December, 1971.

District Commissioner,  
Northern District,  
POPOINDITA.

COMMENTS KOKODA PATROL No. 8/71-72.

Attached hereto in triplicate, please find Kokoda Patrol Report No. 8/71-72, by G.P. Moritz, Assistant Patrol Officer.

The Report consists of:

- (i) Patrol Jacket
- (ii) Cover sheet
- (iii) Situation Report
- (iv) Patrol map
- (v) Camping Allowance Claims.

Cover:

The count of patrol days, nine, is correct, as Saturday 20/11/71 was not officially a patrol day. The polling at Sawaia should have been supervised by Mr. Sibbing, A.S.O., but as he was absent, and as no vehicle had been arranged, Mr. Moritz drove the team and observed at the polling. He has been instructed to include this day with his tally of field days.

SITUATION REPORT.

General:

The "Political" section of the Sitrep is good. The "Economic" section, however, contains facts only, and does not relate to attitudes etc. The information should therefore not appear in a Situation Report. Such information need only be reported in Area Studies.

Education:

- (iii) The school was built solely by village people, of bush materials.

The matter of the land at Samara School was the subject of a memo from me to the District Commissioner, my 35-2-9 of 24/11/71.

Complaints:

- (ii) The Priest at Biwo is not required, under Council rule, to compensate the owner of the pig. However, I do not intend to take action unless approached by one of the parties concerned.

Conduct of Patrol:

The conduct of the Patrol indicated that in five months Mr. Lortz has become a competent patrolling officer. The standard of his reporting is improving steadily.

(A. Pryke)

Assistant District Commissioner.

REPORT NO: KOKODA 8 OF 71/72  
SUB DISTRICT: KOKODA  
DISTRICT: NORTHERN  
COUNCIL AREA: ILLIMO LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL  
PATROL CONDUCTED BY: G. F. MORITZ  
DESIGNATION: ASSISTANT PATROL OFFICER  
AREA PATROLLED: KOKODA, HAJARA. C.D.  
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL: COUNCIL CLERK, JOSEPH BINJIKUN  
TWO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: KINGSLEY  
AND PAMINUS  
DURATION: 16/11/71 to 19/11/71  
22/11/71 to 26/11/71  
NUMBER OF DAYS: 9  
DATE AND DURATION OF LAST D.D.A. PATROL TO THE AREA: BIAGE; 16/2/71 to 18/2/71  
HAJARA C.D; 5/8/70 to 16/11/70  
OBJECTS OF PATROL: TO CONDUCT COUNCIL ELECTIONS FOR  
WARDS 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14,  
15 AND 17.  
TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA PATROLLED: 3,801  
MAP REFERENCE: FOURMIL - BUNA  
MILINCH - KOKODA  
VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER: NOT ENCLOSED

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KOKODA PATROL NO. 8 OF 1971/72  
PATROL DIARY

16th November, 1971

- 0730: Depart Kokoda by Toyota
- 0740: Arrive Kovello pick up carriers
- 0800: Arrive Kovello ll depart on foot
- 1115: Arrive Isurava
- 1400: Call for nominations
- 1450: Polling started for all villages in Ward 7
- 1600: Polling finished
- 1615: Announced successful candidate - Kiloki Korti of Isurava
- 1630: Conference with Councillor until 1900  
Patrol slept Isurava.

17th November, 1971

- 0730: Talk to village people
- 0800: Depart for Alola
- 0915: Arrive at Alola
- 0930: Depart for Abuari
- 1035: Arrive at Abuari
- 1100: Sent Joseph ahead to obtain nominations for all of Ward 8
- 1400: Joseph arrived back
- 1430: Final call for nominations and start of polling
- 1600: Polling finished for that village
- 1645: Talk to people on duties of Councillors  
Patrol slept Abuari

18th November, 1971

- 0815: Depart Abuari
- 0930: Arrive Hagutawa
- 0945: Polling started for that village
- 1020: Polling finished
- 1035: Depart for Kaile
- 1100: Arrive at Kaile
- 1110: Polling started for last village in Ward 8
- 1200: Polling finished
- 1210: Announced successful candidate; Lavivie Sigale of Hagutawa
- 1215: Depart
- 1315: Arrive Kanandara
- 1345: Depart by Toyota for Kokoda
- 1430: Arrive Kokoda
- 1445: Report to A.D.C.
- 1500: Sent word to Sisireta that election to be held there on the following day.  
Patrol slept Kokoda.

19th November, 1971

- 0730: Sent driver to pick up remainder of election team ll.
- 0800: Call to District Local Government Officer
- 0830: Depart Kokoda by Toyota
- 0900: Arrive Sisireta and call for nominations
- 0915: Polling started
- 1215: Polling finished
- 1300: Announced successful candidate - Aubrey Saekari of Waju, Ward 9.
- 1315: Depart Sisireta for Kokoda
- 1345: Arrive Kokoda  
Patrol slept Kokoda.

SAUTEKARI ←

20th November, 1971

- 0800: Depart Kokoda by Toyota
- 0815: Arrive Savaia with Election team 1.
- 0830: Observed manner in which election conducted by Council Clerk and High School Student
- 0930: Election finished
- 1100: Return Kokoda Station  
Patrol Slept Kokoda

22nd November, 1971

- 0900: Depart Kokoda by Toyota
- 0930: Arrive Hanjiri
- 1000: Call for nominations
- 1040: Polling started
- 1230: Polling finished
- 1245: Announced successful candidate -  
Rodney Suma of Hanjiri, Ward 10
- 1300: Depart by Toyota for Popondetta on  
Local Government matters
- 1620: Arrive back in Kokoda  
Patrol slept Kokoda

23rd November, 1971

- 0800: Depart Kokoda by Toyota
- 0850: Arrive Papaki
- 0910: Arrive Eiwo for nominations
- 0940: Depart Eiwo, back to Papaki
- 0950: Arrive Papaki
- 1010: Close nominations for ward 12
- 1025: Polling started
- 1215: Polling finished for Papaki, Ilimo village
- 1220: Depart for Ilimo Pts and Eiwo mission for  
remainder of votes of those in ward 12
- 1300: Left remainder of election team 11 at Eiwo  
to obtain votes and departed by foot to  
Asyisi to see how team 111 was making out
- 1320: Arrive Asyisi and talked to leader of Team  
111 and present Councillor
- 1400: Arrive back at Eiwo
- 1430: Arrive back at Papaki and counted votes  
announced successful candidate, Titus Keke  
of Ilimo
- 1540: Arrived back at Kokoda  
Patrol slept Kokoda

24th November, 1971

- 0800: Depart Kokoda by Toyota
- 0845: Arrive Hojaki
- 0915: Arrive Hamara school on foot from Hojaki
- 0930: Call for nominations
- 1015: Nominations closed, and polling commenced
- 1130: Polling finished and announced successful  
candidate - Dickson Hango of Hamara, Ward 11
- 1230: Depart by foot to road junction then by  
Toyota to Sairope to talk to people  
concerning elections on the following day
- 1600: Arrive back at Kokoda  
Patrol slept Kokoda.

25th November, 1971

- 0800: Depart Kokoda by Toyota
- 0845: Arrive Ajeka
- 0900: Call for nominations
- 0940: Polling started
- 1110: Polling finished and announced successful  
candidate, Homoa Jorerari of Ajeka, Ward 13

25/11/71 ... cont.

1130: Depart by Toyota  
1145: Arrive Sairope  
1155: Call for nominations of all those in Ward 14  
1215: Nominations closed  
1225: Polling started  
1345: Polling finished  
1410: Announced successful candidate -  
Jacob Sahambo of Sairope  
1430: Depart by Toyota for Kokoda  
1545: Arrive back at Kokoda  
Patrol slept Kokoda

26th November, 1971

0645: Depart Kokoda by Toyota  
0800: Arrive Maujeta  
0830: Call for nominations  
0855: Polling started  
1000: Polling finished  
1015: Announced successful candidate -  
Frank Sirimba of Maujeta, Ward 15  
1030: Depart Maujeta on foot  
1300: Arrive Asafa, call for nominations  
1400: Nominations close with only one  
candidate nominated, Redman Musana of  
Asafa, Ward 17  
1635: Arrive back at Maujeta and depart by Toyota  
1730: Arrive back at Kokoda.

PATROL STOOD DOWN

KOKODA PATROL NO. 8 OF 1971/72  
SITUATION REPORT

KOKODA CENSUS DIVISION (PART)  
HUJARA CENSUS DIVISION

INTRODUCTION

This patrol was one of three used to conduct the elections for the Ilimo Local Government Council for Councillors. This is the report of Election team II comprised of, Mr. G. F. Moritz, Assistant Patrol Officer and the reporting officer for the elections, Mr. Joseph Binjinkun, a clerk employed by the District Local Government Office and two High School students, Kingsley and Parminus.

As team II slept out only two nights out of nine Patrol days and in that time covered ten wards comprising of 24 villages. The Patrol did not spend the time it would have liked to in lengthy discussions with all the people.

A. POLITICAL

(1) Local Government:

In all areas the people understood what Local Government is, its functions within the area and its purpose. In general the people accepted all their Councillors in the wards - all were reelected. The people are showing greater interest in the Council since they have become aware of Councils' functions in the area. Their interest is shown by an average 90% vote, by those available to vote.

(2) Local Government Councillors:

The people took notice of all Councillors; they were all ready to vote when ever the Patrol entered a village - pre-organised by Councillors.

Only at Abuari did the people have a complaint about the Councillor for their ward 8 living in Hae awa. Apparently this man has never taken any of the Abuari's peoples' complaints to a Council meeting and has never informed them on Council matters. This Councillor was ~~re-elected~~ and assured me he would in future visit Abuari before and after all Council meetings.

(3) House of Assembly:

The Biage villagers are generally naive of all developments within the House of Assembly. Their Councillor for Ward 7 knew only a few basic facts concerning the House of Assembly. The people including the Councillor showed great interest on talks given by me in connection with the House of Assembly, and the coming elections.

It is evident that more Political Education teams are required to Patrol these areas to enable the people to understand and not fear future self Government. This fear is partly caused by lack of knowledge. The people of the Hujara Census Division on the other hand are much more aware of the workings of the House of Assembly. They regularly listen to the news and asked questions relating to political issues.

(4) Political Education:

A Political Education course was conducted over a year ago by C. J. Tabua; Kokoda Patrol No. 5 of 70/71. The people of the Hujara Census Division remember this Patrol and some of the talks given.

Political Education cont.

It is evident that regular Patrols such as this one should be carried out to keep the people informed until they reach a stage where Political talks being broadcast can mean more to them than at present.

(5) Preferential Voting:

In all villages the system of preferential voting was explained. The people understood what was required of them. They explained or marked their ballot papers in the order they required. Only in a few cases did people give a first preference only.

B. ECONOMIC

(1) Biage:

The people in Wards 7 and 8 all live in mountainous country. Walking is hard and attending gardens on these steep slopes is no easy task. The people are hard workers who rarely complain about the poor return for their hard work. The main cash crop is coffee followed by the English potato. The people carry loads of 50-60 lbs. at a time for 5 hours to Kokoda to sell. The women carry as much as the men. Other cash crops of less importance include shallots, round cabbages, tomatoes, beans, oranges, cucumbas, corn and water melon which are sold at Kokoda.

(2) Hujara Census Division:

In ward 9 Sisireta and Waju, the main cash crop is cocoa with a little robusta coffee. Cattle projects are also underway, carried out between families.

In ward 10, Hanjari, the main cash crop is cocoa and coffee. The people have their own cocoa Fermentery which was only opened this year.

In ward 11, Hamara, Hoki Hojaki, the main cash crop is cocoa followed by rubber. Pig farming is carried out by a few.

In ward 12, Papaki, Eiwo and Ilimo, the main cash projects are cattle projects, with some robusta coffee of lesser importance.

In Ward 13, Ombisusu and Ajeka, rubber is an extremely important cash crop project. All old cocoa trees here are replanted with high yielding rubber trees.

In Ward 14, Sairope, the main cash crop is cocoa and only a few rubber projects exist.

In Ward 15, Maujeta, the main cash crop is cocoa and rubber.

In Ward 17, Asafa, the main cash crop is cocoa.

n.b. In most cases all coffee and cocoa is purchased by IJI Co-operative Society based at Kokoda. They send their tractor and trailer to the villages where possible and buy on the spot. Most of the cocoa purchased is in the 'wet' state.

All rubber is purchased by D.A.S.F. Kokoda. The rubber is bought in loose sheets and then baled at Kokoda.

Kokoda is fortunate in that there is plenty of suitable land for cash crops and cattle projects. With coffee, cocoa and rubber it is not worth a great deal with all the work involved to start on fresh ground.

But with cattle on the other hand, the return is quite high, and a return is quicker in that cattle projects begin to return a dividend within the first couple of years. The amount of cattle projects that have started and are planned is quite staggering. I feel that these projects will help open up the Kokoda Sub-district quite noticeably within the next five years. There are 15 cattle projects less than 2 years old and by the end of 1972 there will be over 35 cattle projects. Some are first waiting for cattle.

C. SOCIAL

(1) Education:

(i) The children in Wards 7 and 8 do not at present attend school. The people are Seventh Day Adventists and the mission plans to build a school above Abuari and Hagutawa next year. This school would then cater for Pelei, Kaile, Hagutawa, Abuari and Aloia children. Some children will be walking 2 1/2 hours to school. This is not uncommon in the Kokoda Sub-district.

(ii) In all the other wards Government schools and Mission schools exist. Most children have a 2 hour walk to school and back again at night.

(iii) The people at Homara have built a Government school at the village level. This was because it was too dangerous for the young children to cross the river made up of the Divuni and Iumo creeks. The people wanted to know when the Government is going to buy this land. The matter has been referred to the A.D.C. Kokoda.

(2) Complaints:

(i) A complaint of stealing had been heard at Homara. This has now been attended to by the A.D.C. at Kokoda.

(ii) An enquiry was made by a teacher at Eiwo. A pig had damaged a school garden, the work of school children over the year, and two other gardens. The Priest killed the pig while it was in the garden. The owner of the pig claimed from the teachers and minister at Eiwo for a large amount which was paid. He then turned around and paid the owner of the gardens a trivial amount for the damage caused by the pig. The teacher wants to know if he can claim for more compensation and the value of a 6 month old pig. The matter has been referred to the A.D.C. Kokoda.


(3) Missions:

The Biage people are strict S.D.A's and had by far the cleanest villages, and their general cleanliness was extremely good. The lives of these people are greatly influenced by the missions. Of the 3% absentees in this area, all had been instructed to attend the opening of a church at Awona, plus a local girl from Aiwoi who was being married at Awona. All S.D.A's have only one wife; this cannot be said for the other villages in the Hujara Census Division.

The Anglican Mission at Eiwo provides a school for Assisi and Papaki children. The school started a garden this year to show the children various crops and how to care for them. Unfortunately this was destroyed before the crops fully matured.

D. CONCLUSION

The objects of the Patrol were carried out quite successfully. and though the Patrol moved quickly from village to village it was thoroughly enjoyed.

  
(G. F. Moritz)  
Assistant Patrol Officer



APPROX BOUND

KOROGO

ASIMBA

ASISA R.

KARUKABER

ORDO CK.

KASU CK.

VAILA R.

IASO CK.

KANGA R.

KANGA

MAMBARE R.

MESHANJU R.

ENORA CK.

YODDA CK.

EBEI CK.

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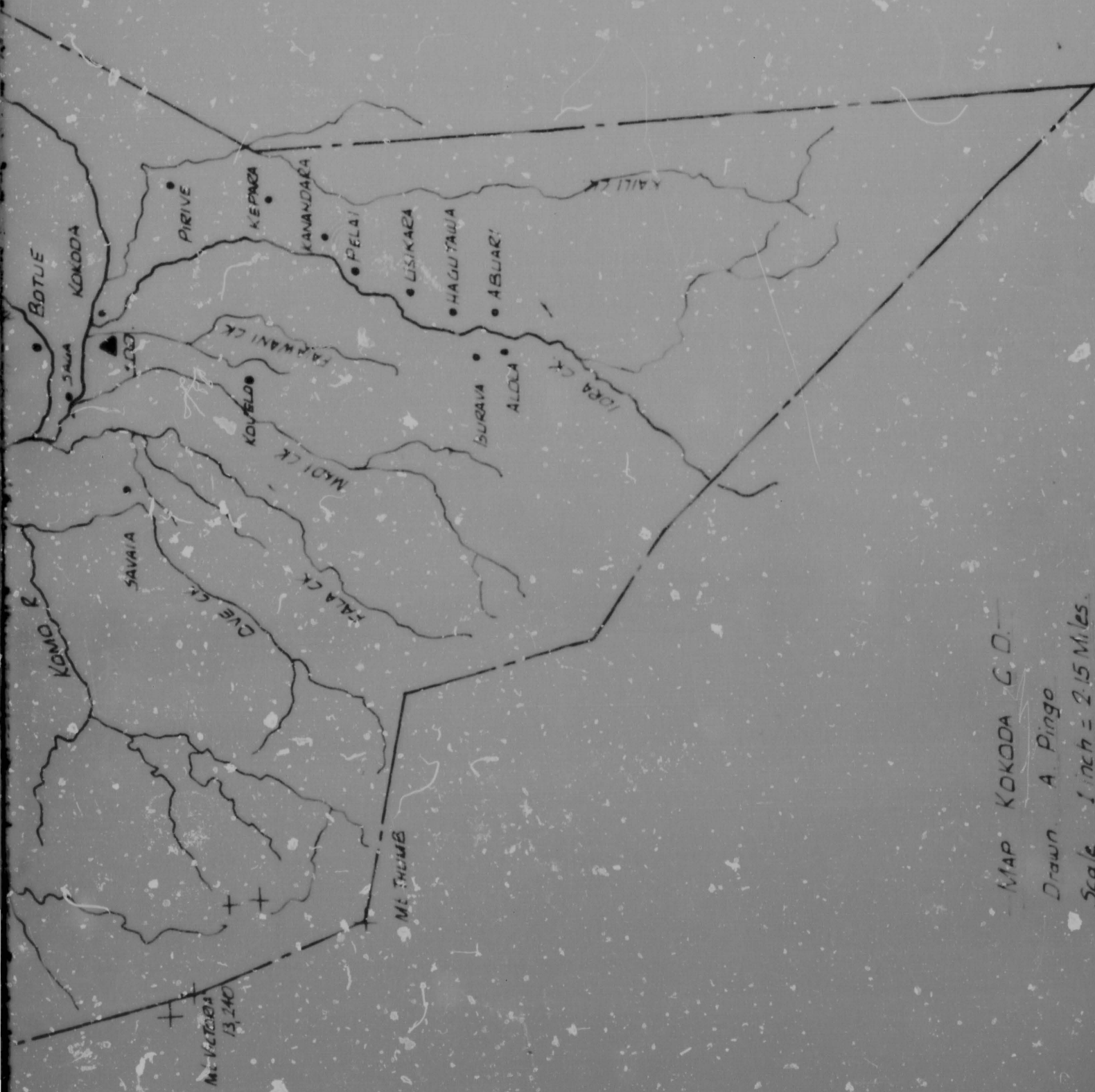
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of the Northern Districts Report No. 9-1971/72

Patrol Conducted by Banbury John L. A.P.O.

Area Patrolled Kanga- Kura Kura- Asimba

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Mr. R. Weber, D.A.S.F. Kokoda  
Senior Const. Jaima, Police, Kokoda

Natives Charles, D.A.S.F., Labourer  
Joseph, D.A.S.F. Labourer

Duration—From 24/1/1972 to 28/1/1972

Number of Days Four and one half days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 15/11/1971

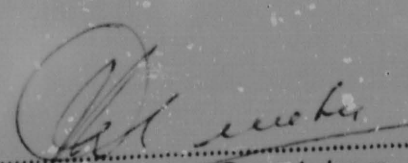
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Map Reference Buna Fournil

Objects of Patrol To examine the area for future Council projects, and to familiarise  
myself with the area and its people.

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

  
District Commissioner

15/2/1972

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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P.O. Box 2396,  
KONEDOBU.

67-5-21

21st February, 1972.

The District Commissioner,  
Northern District,  
POPONDETTA.

KOKODA PATROL NO. 9 OF 1971-72.

Your reference 67-1-1 of 15/2/72.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of the report of above patrol by Mr. J. Banbury, A.P.O., of the Kokoda Census Division.

I like Mr Banbury's constructive approach. More care must, however, be taken to abide by current instructions regarding format of reports and quality of maps.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Secretary.

P/A



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of the Administrator.

Division of District Administration,  
Fopondetta, Northern District.  
15th February, 1972.

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU.

KOKODA PATROL REPORT NO. 9 OF 1971/72

1. I attach in duplicate relevant sections of the above report. It does not conform to standards laid down in your 67-1-0 of 25th November 1971 but Mr. Banbury is an Assistant Patrol Officer recently (November 1971) posted to this District. I also attach a copy of a covering memorandum from the Assistant District Commissioner, Kokoda which covers most aspects of the report satisfactorily.

2. Apart from minor inconsistencies - KURAKURA should have been rendered KARUKARU (see Village Directory 1968 edition) - Mr. Banbury has presented a useful report. It is hoped that Mr. Banbury can spend a lot of time in the field helping to improve the Council's image in the relatively more isolated sections of the Sub-District.

3. Other points for comment are:-

Tapping standards at Kanga are not out of the ordinary as employment either at Mamba or Kokoda plantations as tappers has been the lot at one time or another, of practically every male in the village;

I wonder if the Sairope man who complained at the Taxpayers meeting has children attending school or has ever been treated by the Council Aid Post orderly at Sairope?

If cattle become established in the "further" villages they could be "walked" to market at Mamba;

There is provision for Tax Review Committees to remit all or part of the tax to those who are under a disability. The suggestion of having separate tax rates is not a new one.

The problem of communication with Karakara and Asimba will always be with us as a motor road to these places cannot be justified and would be too difficult for Rural Development funds.

Mamba hospital is primarily an Aid Post run by Mamba Estates for their employees as they have to under the Employment Ordinance.

4. Forwarded for your information and advice please.

A.J. Denchy  
a/District Commissioner

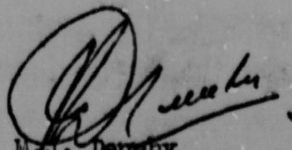
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c.c. Assistant District Commissioner,  
KOKODA.

Minute to Assistant District Commissioner, Kokoda.

Please ensure that patrolling officers adhere to recognised spellings of census entities as they appear in the latest Village Directory. Also advise Mr. Banbury that F.O.Js accompanying patrol reports must only refer to the report - viz Page one of the Secretary's 67-1-0 of 25th November 1971.

Mr. Banbury's claim for COA is returned for completion - no signature of Claimant.



M.J. Denshy  
a/District Commissioner

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23/2/87. Jason S. Williams  
Chief Clerk 23/2/87]

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KOKODA.  
Northern District.  
8th February 1972

The District Commissioner,  
POCONDETTA.  
Northern District.

PATROL 9-1971/72 - PORTION SHILINA TRIBES DIVISION.

Attached please find the above Patrol Report together with  
Camping contingencie claim.

Mr J. BARNBY took the opportunity of accompanying an Agriculture  
Patrol to gain field experience and to follow up rumours of adverse attitudes  
towards Local Government in the area concerned.

Mr WARRIN's report indicates his ability to assess quickly,  
accurately and sympathetically the people's position, attitudes and requirements.  
The general tone of attitude is common throughout the Territory for "backwater"  
groups and it is to be hoped that the Council can regain it's influence with the  
1972/73 project distribution.

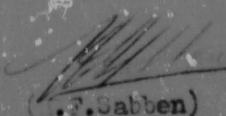
Page 1/ FINANCE. The problem of a Development Bank loan for  
cattle for these people will be investigated. The current two fold aim is for  
either a council guaranteed loan by the Development Bank, or, alternatively, a  
direct loan from the council, (Policy on both proposals is to be ascertained). No  
promises have been made to the people.

Page 3/ GENERAL. The lack of information from the council to  
its constituents is a common failing. It is hoped that Local Government patrols  
and possibly a council newsletter will assist in rectifying this situation.

Page 3/ EDUCATION. The Council could have assisted with this  
problem of semi boarding pupils however Mr D. JENNINGS, Headmaster of the KOKODA  
P.T.S. informs me that no KANGA students have enrolled this year and that there  
is no room for further enrollment during 1972.

The layout of the report varies slightly from the normal however  
considering the somewhat special nature of the patrol and the clarity of this  
submission, the report is forwarded as received.

For your information.

  
(J. Sabben)  
Asst. District Commissioner.

DIARY.

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- 24.1.72 Left Kokoda at 0950 by Administration vehicle. Arrived at Komo River at 1000 hours. Walked from Komo River to Kanga arriving there at 1230 hours. Slept at Kanga.
- 25.1.72. Left Kanga at 0745 hours. Arrived in Kura Kura 1500 hours. Slept at Kura Kura.
- 26.1.72. Left Kura Kura at 0900 hours. Arrived at Asimba 1030 hours. Left Asimba at 1430 hours. Arrived at Kura Kura 1540 hours. Slept at Kura Kura.
- 27.1.72. Left Kura Kura at 0845 hours. Arrived Kanga at 1440 hours. Slept at Kanga.
- 28.1.72. Left Kanga at 0845 hours. Arrived at Komo River at 1120 hours. Taken by Administration vehicle to Kokoda, arriving there at 1140 hours.

Purpose of the Patrol.

(a) To familiarise myself with the Kura Kura-Asimba area and the people within it.

(b) To explain the functions of the Elimo Local Government Council and to ascertain the people's views of its performance.

In my short time with the Council as its Administrative Adviser, I have been made aware of certain elements of dissatisfaction present, amongst the people, in regard to its performance. Many people have complained, both at the recent Taxpayers Meetings and in general, that the more remote villages have received little or nothing for the taxes they've been paying year after year.

These grievances have manifested to the stage where relations between the Council and its Taxpayers could become strained enough to impair its future functions. The situation has not deteriorated to serious proportions as yet, but the signs are there. For example, the Council is \$2,500 short of its estimated tax revenue for the 1971/72 financial year. Another instance is shown by the words of a man at the meeting at Sairope, "I have been paying tax for fourteen years, over \$100, and I have seen nothing for this. Next year I will not pay tax to the Council. Instead I will send all the tax money from my village to the District Commissioner, Mr. Marsh, and ask him to do something for us."

In the light of these and similar complaints, I decided to undertake a limited patrol to one of these areas and ascertain for myself if they were justified. If they proved so I intended to find out what steps the Council could take to improve the situation, and consequently its image.

Kanga.

This village is only two hours walk from Mamba Plantation and cannot be considered isolated. The people here are very industrious, having large gardens and well tended rubber stands. They are now in the process of preparing 25 acres of land for a proposed cattle project.

The climate here was not unduly hostile towards the Council. This is basically for two reasons: (1) the Council proposes to put a road through to Kanga in the near future, as soon as P.W.D. erects a bridge over the Komo River. (2) the Kanga people are financially comfortable and find the tax rate does not seriously overburden them. They have all paid their taxes this year.

The people at Kanga had few complaints and fully agreed to provide the "self help" labour needed to build the road to their village.

Kura Kura.

The atmosphere here was in complete contrast to that of Kanga. Many of the people had not paid their tax. There were two reasons given for this. First they didn't have the money. Second, they stated that even if they had the necessary finance, they wouldn't pay it as the Council had neglected them completely.

The Kura Kura people have no cash crops. They are ten hours walk from Kokoda, over rugged terrain, so even should they have goods to

sell, it would be virtually impossible for them to market them in sizeable quantities. However they have not been indolent in their attempts to find some means of becoming financial. Approximately ten acres have been cleared for cattle. Problems have arisen here because they are not eligible for a Rural Development Bank loan and, therefore, are unable to stock their property. Apparently a loan can only be given if the grazing area is within three hours walk of a road. This is necessary, as it allows a veterinarian reasonable access should he be needed.

At present the only stock they possess are a few cross breeds supplied to them by the Catholic Fathers at Iongai Mission.

When I asked them what they thought the Council could do for them their answers implied that, whatever they requested, would be ignored. I stressed that I could make no promises, but would present their case at the next Council meeting and see what could be done.

#### Asimba.

Here I found the villagers to be in a fairly reasonable position. The Catholic Fathers from Iongai Mission have established a church and a school there. There is also an aid post and a well established cattle project of 26 head.

The Asimba men complained that the tax rate was too high and they, like the Kura Kura people, had received little from the Council. I told them I would present their complaints and suggestions to the full Council at the next meeting on the 8th and 9th of February.

This concluded my investigations and the discussions, which I held with the people of these villages helped to make the situation a little clearer. I feel the end results of these talks were twofold;

(a) many of the people are willing to support the Council for another year and will then decide if they will continue to give their support,

(b) a hard core minority mostly older men, believe the present situation will continue. As one man put it, "We are only thought of as 'bush kanakas' and are not important to the Councillors, so why should we pay taxes for nothing."

Therefore it is up to the Council to effect a reconciliation with these people as soon as possible. Some of the following steps may assist to do this:

1. Lower the tax rate for all villages which are more than four hours walk from a road.
2. To give priority to these villages in the coming financial year.
3. To provide them with materials, which can be transported over difficult terrain by carriers.



4. To provide them with other aid such as the assistance of Council carpenters in building projects etc.

5. To conduct an extensive education programme and to keep them abreast of Council affairs.

In this way, hopefully, the Council will be able to establish and maintain confidence in the eyes of its constituents. The Council must continue to keep good faith with its people, so that they are constantly made to feel an important and integral part of it.

#### General.

In all the villages I found them to be woefully uninformed about the Council and its functions. Unfortunately, in the limited time available, I was unable to give anything more than a cursory outline in explanation. I hope to be able to attend more fully to this later in the year.

#### Agriculture.

Accompanying the patrol was Mr. Ross Weber, D.A.S.F. Kokoda. His knowledgeable assistance and advice was much appreciated by the people in all three villages.

##### (a) Kanga.

These people have extremely large gardens, which typifies the industriousness they show in all activities. Mr. Weber was very impressed with their stands of rubber and complimented them on their standard of tapping.

As mentioned earlier in the report a cattle project is in the offing and a Rural Development Bank loan is "only a formality", according to Mr. Weber.

##### (b) Kura Kura.

No cash crops but will be experimenting with the planting of chillies. There prospects should improve once the road is constructed through to Kanga. However, without a loan, there cattle project will be struggling.

##### (c) Asimba.

Due to the assistance given by the Iongai Mission, a growing cattle herd is developing and now numbers 26 head. These are cross breeds and Mr. Weber impressed upon them the need to add a stud bull within the next two or three years.

#### Education.

##### (a) Kanga.

The children attended Kokoda School in the past, walking down on Mondays and returning on Fridays. However, this proved unsatisfactory as many of them were running home midweek complaining of a lack of food. As yet I have been unable to ascertain whether this is true or not.

The Kanga people promised that, once the road is built, they will send their children back to school.

Kura Kura.

Some of the children go to the Mission School at Asimba, but there is not enough dormitory space for all those of school age. I said I would approach the Council about supplying building materials to increase the size of the dormitory.

Asimba.

Here there is a well run Mission School from which some of the Asimba boys have progressed to secondary schools in the Central District.

Health.(a) Kanga.

There is no aid post at Kanga, nor is there one in the near vicinity. The hospital at Mamba is two hours walk, and although handy in the case of an emergency it cannot provide the regular service that an aid post can. To cover this contingency I propose to ask the Council if they could send one of their orderlies to Kanga once every two months.

All the people, particularly the children, appear to be in good health. There is an ample supply of food and the village area is kept very clean.

(b) Kura Kura.

These people are cared for by the aid post orderly from Asimba. However, many of the children appeared to be underfed, or their diet contains too much carbohydrates and not enough protein.

(c) Asimba.

There is an aid post here and most of the people appeared in a healthy state. However, three men had chronic coughs and I asked the orderly to take them to the Popondetta Hospital for chest X-rays as soon as possible.

Law.

Only one incident came to our attention. A young man from Kura Kura, named Assi, complained that his wife Muri had left him five months previously and had returned to her village, Asimba. He believed she was living with another boy from the same village.

Muri, her brother and the boy in question came to Kura Kura, where Senior Constable Jaima and I questioned the parties involved. When it became obvious that no immediate solution could be resolved, we sent the Asimba people home and had Assi accompany us back to Kokoda. The A.D.C. Mr. Sabben then made further enquiries and all the people involved will come to Kokoda to arrange a settlement.

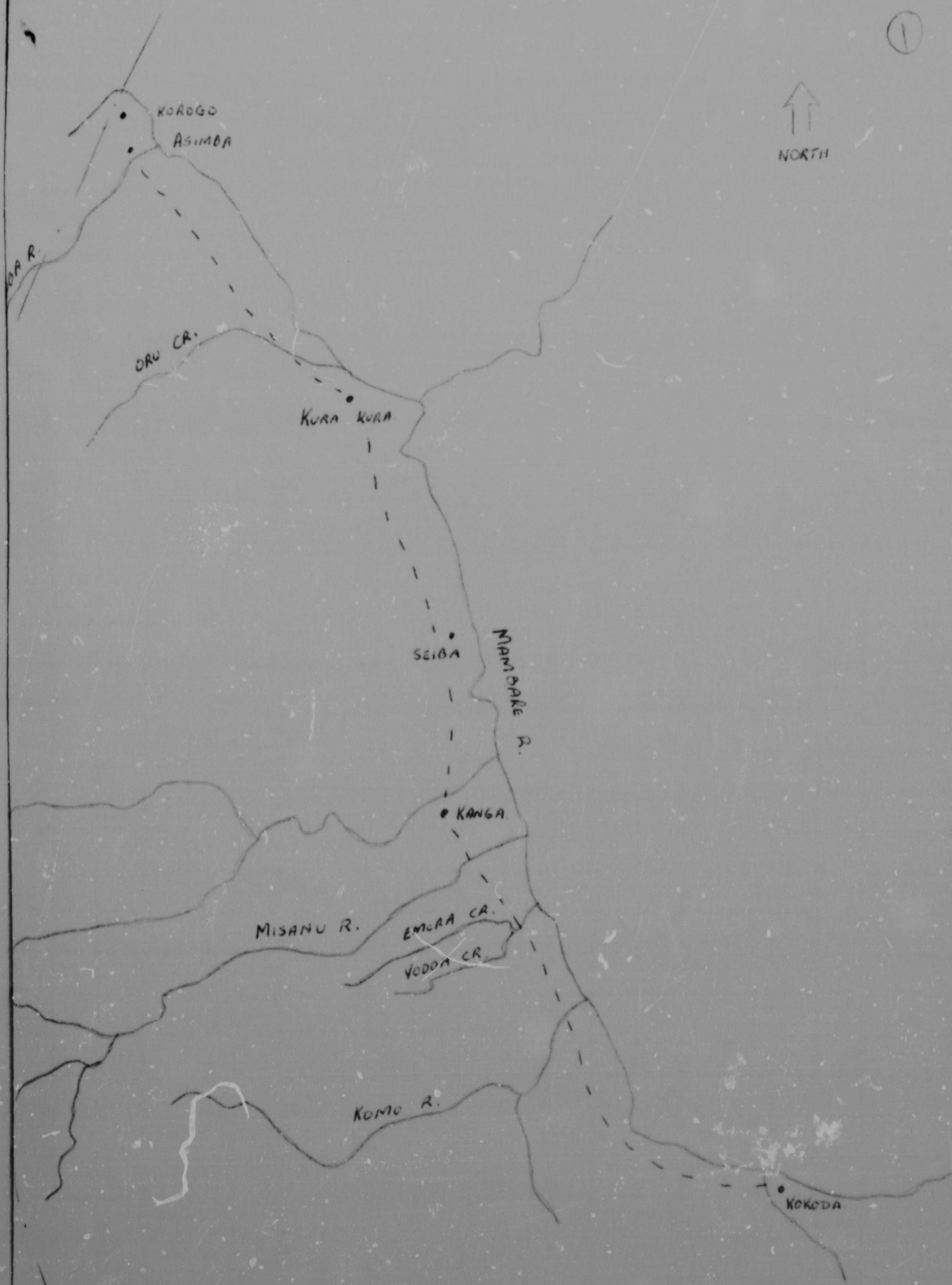
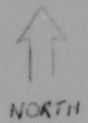
Senior Constable Jaima.

At all times this police officer was most helpful and attentive to his duties. His organisation of carriers saved me time and allowed Mr. Weber and myself to leave earlier on the day's walk, than would otherwise have been possible. He spoke with the people at each village at great length and listened to their problems. His lively personality helped to make the patrol a pleasant one.

Conclusion.

Our reception in each village was most cordial and friendly. The people were appreciative of the advice offered, particularly that given by Mr. Weber.

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SCALE 1" = 2.15 MILES

--- ROUTE TAKEN BY PATROL



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN Report No. 10 of 1971/72

Patrol Conducted by RAGA KAVANA (T.P.O.)

Area Patrolled HUJARA & KOKODA CENSUS DIVISIONS.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives NIL

Duration—From        /        / 19        to        /        / 19       

Number of Days 9

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NIL

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services        /        / 19       

Medical        /        / 19       

Map Referen       FOURIL BUNA AND MILINGH KOKODA.

Objects of Patrol FEEDER ROADS SURVEY.

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation .... \$.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund .... \$.....

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

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M. D. Kokoda,  
Northern District,  
15th May 1972


The District Commissioner,  
Northern District,  
PORT BLAIR.

ENTRANCE REPORT 10 - 1971/72 - FIFTH ROAD SURVEY.

From the Report by, Division of District Administration,  
67-1-0 of the 24th February 1972, it appears that a copy of this type of  
report is not required at District Office level, however, as it is a training  
report and will be the basis for P.D.F. Submission in the future, it is felt  
that you should have a copy for your records.

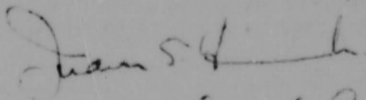
Mr Evans's report in short and to the point, it will be  
valuable in assessing requirements for I.D.S. programmes over the next few  
years. The maps, though not enclosed, (there are only one copy of each so  
far), are of particularly good quality. Copies of same will be forwarded  
to the final D.D.S. Submission in due time to you.

For your information.

  
(M. D. Kokoda)  
Asst. District Commissioner.

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23/2/87



Chief Clerk 23/2/87.

AGA KAVAI

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

Folio No. ....

Station..... KOKODA.

OFFICER'S JOURNAL

Dist. Form - AG 256/500 (1-55) - 11.68.

Para No.

3/72 249 0800 hours depart Kokoda by Toyota to Survey KIRI BOMIE and SAVI BOMIE and finished at about 1600 hours.

3/72 250 0800 hours depart Kokoda by Toyota to Survey Pirite and Kokoda Roads and finished at about 1230 hours.

3/72 251 0300 hours depart Kokoda by Toyota to Survey Highway Kapara Kamandara and Tolai and finished at about 1615 hours.

3/72 252 0300 hours depart Kokoda by Toyota to Survey Ombisasu and Cairns and finished at about 1600 hours.

3/72 256 1115 hours depart Kokoda by Toyota to finish surveying Salroa Road and finished at about 1600 hours.

3/72 267 0745 hours depart Kokoda by Toyota to survey Kovele R Road and finished at about 1300 hours.

3/72 268 0700 hours depart Kokoda by Toyota to survey Kapara Sengi Road and finished at about 1400 hours.

3/72 283 1600 hours depart Kokoda by Toyota to survey Ambeni Road and finished at about 1330 hours.

3/72 284 0800 hours depart Kokoda by Toyota to survey Waju and Haki Roads and finished at about 1245 hours.

PATROL SETTLE DOWN.

(R. Kavana)

Trainee Patrol Officer

To be recorded in D.C. and A.D.C. to forward to D.C.

DUP.: Other officers to A.D.C.

TRIP.: Officers file.

Total Field Days recorded this Folio =

Patrol 9.

PATROL NO. 10 of 1971/72.

STATION..KOKODA..... OFFICER COMPILING..RAGA.KAVANA....  
 DISTRICT..NORTHERN..... SUB-DISTRICT.....KOKODA.....  
 CENSUS DIVISION.HUJARA.&.KOKODA... L.G. COUNCIL.....ILIMO.....

(For recording of routine information not of a situation report nature, actionable at Sub-District or District level, and of value to succeeding officers.  
 No copy is required at Headquarters).

Subject...FEEDER ROADS SURVEY.

(For further pages, use foolscap blanks).

Introduction:

The main purpose of this Patrol is to Survey all feeder roads in the Sub District and to make comments on them and also on all stream crossings and to submit a report for Rural Development Funds. What I observed during the course of my Patrol is included in my Report below.

Karara-Senzi Road:

The road approximately 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> miles long with only a little gravel ~~put~~ was put on only in some areas but not the entire road. The condition of the road is good only in dry weather, drains are in poor condition and new ones to dig, a few bridges made with bush materials are also in poor conditions. The road is not maintained as the grass grew between one and two feet tall.

Kaere Creek 1.

The creek about <sup>twelve</sup> ~~ten~~ feet wide. The average depth is about one and the half feet, when flooded it rises to ~~at~~ about four feet with about one foot embankment.

Kaere Creek 2.

The creek about ten wide. The average depth is ~~about~~ only two feet, when flooded it rises to at about four feet with six inches embankment.

Kaere Creek 3.

The creek about twenty feet wide. The average depth is only five inches, when flooded it rises to at about ~~ix~~ three feet. There is a good deposit of gravel to be used when working on this road. I guess the amount ~~of~~ gravel at the creek could be enough to use to put on the entire road.

Raise Stream:

The stream four feet wide and the average depth is about three inches. When flooded the water rises to at about three feet with six inches embankment.

Agoro Stream:

The stream ten feet wide and the average depth is about ten inches. The stream when flooded the water rises to at about four feet.



Highway-Kepara-Kanandara-Pelai Road:

The road approximately five miles long with no gravel. The condition of the road is good only in dry weather, drains are in poor condition and require new ones to dig, a few bridges made with bush materials are very poor and starting to rot. The road is not maintained as the grass on and along it grew to about two feet tall, and the road itself require maintaining and upgrading.

Iera Creek:

Iera creek about twelve feet wide. The average depth is about ten inches, when flooded it rises to about two feet with three inches embankment.

Maise Stream:

The stream about nine feet wide. The average depth is about ten inches, when flooded it rises to about three feet with three inches embankment.

Lavara Creek:

Lavara creek about ten feet wide. The average depth is about ten inches, and when flooded rises to about two feet with two inches embankment.

ghway Kovele Road:

Kovele road approximately six miles long with no gravel. The condition of the road is poor, poor drainage, a few potholes and also a few potholes made with bush materials are in very poor condition and are starting to rot. The road is not well looked after as the grass on and along the road grew to at about three feet tall. The regrowth of the bushes is a problem all along the road itself.

Aisi Creek:

The creek only six feet wide. The average depth is about nine inches. The creek when flooded rises to about three feet.

Bili Creek:

Bili creek twelve feet wide. The average depth is about nine inches. The creek when flooded rises to about three feet.

Io Creek:

Io creek fourteen feet wide and the average depth is about one foot. The creek when its flooded rises to about three feet.

Faiwani Creek:

The creek approximately twenty-five feet wide and the average depth is about two feet. The creek when its flooded rises to about four feet with only about seven inches embankment.

There is a good deposit of gravel to be used when improving the road. The amount of gravel at the creek I believed is not enough to cover the entire road, but just enough to fill the potholes.

Savaia Road:

The road approximately two miles long and the condition of it is good ~~only~~ only as far as Fala creek, then no gravel after passing the creek. The road is good in both dry and wet condition to drive on except at stream crossings, drains are poor and require new ones to dig along the road. Only about a hundred yards from the village a drain cut through the centre of the road and makes it difficult to drive on it.

Fala Creek:

The creek approximately thirty feet wide. The average depth is about one and the half feet. The creek when flooded rises to about five feet with about ten inches embankment.

Faramax Creek:

Farama creek about nine feet wide and the average depth is about one foot. The creek when flooded rises to about two feet with two inches embankment.

Toboro Creek:

The creek only six feet wide and the average depth is a' ut six inches. The creek when flooded rises to about two feet with thr inches embankment.

N.B: There are about four creeks not listed above have bridge of bush materials are starting to get rot.

Botue Road:

The road didn't actually go to Botue village. Truck road goes as far as Mambare river only about one and the half mile long. The condition of the road ~~is~~ is good only when it is dry. No gravel was put on the road, drains are in poor condition and require new drains all along the road.

Mamba River:

Mamabare river about forty feet wide. The average depth is not known as the writer got there when the river was flooded but I guess is about four feet. The river when flooded rises I ~~guess~~ I guess is about seven or eight feet., with two feet embankment.

The ~~river~~ <sup>river</sup> at present is only crossed by a Footbridge and takes only ~~xxx~~ three people to cross at a time, and if only a new bridge be built I gather there will be a good through ~~xxxxx~~ excess road leading to Botue village.

Ombisusu Road:

The road about four miles long. The condition of the road is poor, no gravel, drains in poor condition, road wet and slippery and branches hanging above. Road is not used very often only on special reasons. The road is not looked after as the grass all along the road grew to about five feet tall.

Amberi Road:

The road about three miles long with no gravel, poor drainage bushes not cut and cleared, and branches hanging above. Like the other roads it is only used ~~for~~ in dry weather and is not too good in ~~the~~ wet weather, and is also not maintained.

Sairope Road:

Sairope road is the best among all the other roads. It has gravel put on it but in some areas the condition is poor. Drains are in poor condition and new ones to go to improve the road. The upgrading on this road was previously done by Public Works and no further comments is required at this stage.

Waju Road:

Waju road about two miles long is good only in dry weather. Drains are in poor conditions. About 200 yards from the main road the road is well gravelled and the rest is without gravel.

Iagu Creek:

The creek eight feet wide and the average depth is about eight inches. The creek when flooded rises to about ~~half~~ one and the half foot with about ten inches embankment.

Iagu Creek 2:

The second creek about eleven feet wide. The average depth is about six inches. The creek when flooded rises to about one foot.

Haki Road:

The road approximately four miles long with no gravel, poor drainage and the condition of the road itself is poor. The road is only used by tractors and four wheel drive vehicles.

Pija Creek:

The creek about twenty-four feet wide and the average depth is about ten inches. The creek when flooded rises to about three and the half feet.

Divuni Creek:

Divuni creek approximately fifty feet wide and the depth is about two feet. The creek when flooded rises to about three feet. If only a bridge be built across Divuni creek, I gather there will be a chance of having a good excess road through Haki village.

Pirive Road:

The road about one and the half mile long with little bit of gravel was put on it; Drains are in poor condition and required to be cleaned and new ones to dig. Gravel on the road is often washed away when the area received heavy rain.

Umatu Creek:

The creek about nine feet wide and the average depth is about one foot. The creek when flooded rises to about two feet with about four inches embankment.

Umatu Creek 2:

Umatu creek no. 2 about nine feet wide and the average depth is about one foot. The creek when flooded rises to about two feet with about six inches embankment.

Kokoda Road:

Kokoda road about half a mile long and is the shortest road in the area. The condition of the road is good mostly has kunai grass grown all along it. Drains are in poor condition and required to be cleaned and new drains to dig.

*T. D. O.*  
T. D. O.

## SITUATION REPORT No. 1

Station..... **Kokoda** ..... Officer Compiling..... **R. Kavana.**  
 District..... **Northern** ..... Subdistrict..... **Kokoda**  
 Census Division..... **Rujara & Kokoda C.D.** ..... L.G. Council..... **Iline**

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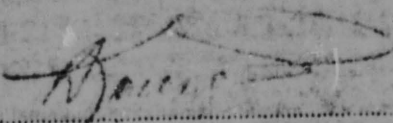
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Subject:..... **Feeder Road Survey.**

**1. Attitudes Towards the Patrol.**

Nearly in all villages visited the people wondered when they saw the Patrol coming into the village with chains and compass. The people told the Patrol that this sort of work was done in the area for the past few years and yet nothing is done on their road. Only in some villages the people complain that this was probably the fourth or fifth time to Survey their roads and wanted to know why I'm doing it again, because they have seen the Survey Teams going in and out of these roads.

The people were told the purpose I'm Surveying these roads is because the District Commissioner had asked for it and to know the road situation at Kokoda so that how much is required for Kokoda Sib District when the Funds are made available for future Rural Projects. They were told that this does not mean that money will come in a month or two or next that all the roads surveyed will be upgraded but only a few will be, that is only if the Funds are available for the Project and will take long for what is planned.

Sgd:..... 

Date:..... **17/1/72**

JAN:MS

P.O. Box 2396,  
KORORUA.

67-5-27

3rd May, 1972.

The District Commissioner,  
Northern District,  
PORANGETTA.

KOKODA PATROL NO. 11-1971/72.

Reference your 67-1-1 of the 21st April.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of notification of the  
above Patrol of the Biaco and Chirima Census Divisions, submitted  
by Mr. H.F. Sabben, District Officer.

(T.W. FULLIS)  
Secretary.



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PATROL REPORT

REPORT NUMBER: 11-71/72      OBJECT OF PATROL: H.A. ELECTIONS  
 DISTRICT: HONTE BENY      STATION: KOKODA  
 PATROL CONDUCTED BY: H.F. SABBEN      SUB-DISTRICT: KOKODA  
 AREA PATROLLED: BIAGE & CIRINA      DESIGNATION: R.KAVANA (T.P.O.) WRITER  
 DURATION OF PATROL: FOURTEEN      PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: A.D.C.  
 LAST D.D.A. PATROL: 27/1/72      NUMBER OF DAYS: 5  
 LAST O.L.G. PATROL: "      TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA:  
 MAP REFERENCE: BUNA HILLTOP, KOKODA MOUNCIL      COUNCIL AREA: ILEBO  
 HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTORATE: SOHE

The District Commissioner,  
District,

In respect of this patrol, I attach  
 FIELD OFFICERS JOURNAL, FOLIOS TO PARA 214 - 237 (incl)  
 PATROL INSTRUCTIONS,      NIL      ( )  
 THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS,      ATTACHED      ( )  
 UPDATING OF AREA STUDY,      N/A      ( )  
 SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1 - ,      NIL      ( )  
 PATROL MAP,      NIL      ( )

DATE: 20/ 3 /19 72.

.....  
 Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU. Papua

In respect of this patrol, I attach  
 AREA STUDY      ( )  
 UPDATING OF AREA STUDY      ( )  
 SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1 -      ( )  
 .....      ( )  
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 DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS ASSESMENT OF  
 PATROL & REPORT      .....

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DATE: 20/4/1972

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 District Commissioner.



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Division of District Administration,  
POPONDETTA. Northern District.

21st April, 1972.

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONBOBU.

KOKODA PATROL REPORTS NO. 11, 13 & 14

OF 1971/1972

Attached please find all you require of the above reports. The patrols covered House of Assembly elections.

(D.R. Marsh)  
District Commissioner.

T.P.O

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FLORIDA.  
Northern District.  
20th March 1972

The District Commissioner,  
Northern District,  
POPOHONNETTA.

PATROL REPORT 11 - 1971/72

Attached please find two copies of the above numbered  
Patrol Report.

Nothing occurred or was found to warrant a Situation  
Report.

Mr R. KAVANA's report indicates that he has good  
observation ability and a good knowledge of what is required of him in  
the way of reports on field activity. The grammar and spelling require  
a bit more concentration.

For your information.

*[Signature]*  
(H. F. Sabben)  
Asst. District Commissioner.

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Folio No 21, 22, 23, 24.

Raga Kavana (T.P.O.)

Station Kokoda.

FIELD OFFICER'S JOURNAL

Govt. Print. - A 6826/509 pads - 11.65.

Date	Para No.	Description
2.72	214	0800 hours Felling conducted at Kokoda Station and finished at 1800 hours.
2.72	215	Sunday observed at Station.
2.72	216	0800 hours Felling conducted at Kawondo village and finished at 1800 hours.
2.72	217	0800 hours Felling conducted at Pirive and Sengi villages and finished at 1800 hours.
2.72	219	Felling at Kepara postponds.
2.72	220	0800 hours Felling conducted at Kepara, Kanandara and Kalle finished at 1800 hours.
2.72	223	Felling at Nagutawa, Abuari, Aloia and Isurava finished at about 1800 hours.
2.72	227	Felling at Eku Kovele village and finished at about 1700 hours.
2.72	228	Sunday observed at Station.
2.72	229	NO Felling conducted as Mr. Sabben went to Popendetta for official reasons.
2.72	232	Felling at Kanga village.
2.72	233	No Felling conducted a long walk from Kanga to Karu-Karu Patrol rested.
2.72	234	Felling at Acimba and Karu-Karu.
2.72	236	NO Felling whole day walk from Karu-Karu to Komo River.
2.72	237	Felling conducted at Mahaka Estate and Finished at 1800 hours.

PATROL SETTLE DOWN

*R. Kavana*  
(R. KAVANA)

T.P.O

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PATROL REPORT NO. 11-71/72.

STATION.. **KOKODA**..... OFFICER COMPILING. **RAGA KAVANA**.....  
 DISTRICT. **NORTHERN**..... SUB-DISTRICT... **KOKODA**.....  
 CENSUS DIVISION... **BLAGE & GIRIMA.** L.G. COUNCIL... **ILIMO**.....

(For recording of routine information not of a situation report nature, actionable at Sub-District or District level, and of value to succeeding officers.

No copy is required at Headquarters).

(For further pages, use foolscap blanks).

Subject..... **THIRD HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTION.....**

#### Introduction.

The main purpose of this Patrol is to conduct a Third House of Assembly Election for Sohe Ma Open and Northern Regional. This is the report of Mobile Team No. 1 comprised of A.D.C. Mr. Sabben a Presiding Officer, T.P.O. Mr. Kavana Assistant Presiding Officer and also the reporting Officer for the Patrol, a cook and a scrutineer.

As team one was delayed two days for some official purposes the Patrol did not spend much time it would have in lengthy discussion with all the people.

#### House of Assembly.

The villages of the area patrolled knew nothing of all development within the House. They only have a few basic facts regarding the House of Assembly but have very low understanding of the activities happening in the House itself. They have no knowledge on how the House operates, its functions, structure and the mechanic of the House. The people showed great interest on talks given by A.D.C. Mr. Sabben in connection with the House and how important it would be for the Members whom they had voted for during his term in the House as Parliamentarian.

#### Self Government.

The people heard and discussed it themselves what Self-Government is. To them Self-Government meant that all Europeans will return to their countries taking everything such as trucks, aeroplane, gun and so on, and only the New Papuans New Guineans would remain in the Territory with full control. They feared and believed it is true and would happen.

Election.

Before the Team X moved out, there were campaigns conducted by the Candidates. The Candidates visited various villages in Sohe Open preparing the people for the coming House of Assembly Election.

The notices were put up showing when the Election will be and where. Also messages were sent to all villages, informing the people to prepare to vote when the patrol arrived in the village. The people I understood were well informed, however had forgot or could not bother to vote.

Female Interest.

Nearly in all villages patrolled men showed great interest and listen very carefully to what has been said to them. Women in particular were not so interested in voting. They sit in small groups and tell stories rather than to listen to what has been said. When coming to the Polling Booth to tick off their names from the book they began to giggle and start scratching their heads without knowing what to do. These I gather is mainly caused by lack of knowledge and understanding.

Preferential Voting.

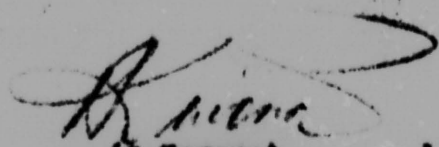
In all villages the system of preferential voting was explained to them and the people understood what is required of them. Nearly in all cases the people were happy to have their ballot papers marked for them. For those who can read and write prefer to mark their own but not all. When coming to the Polling Booth they marked theirs or pointed their ballot papers in the order they want. Only in a few cases the people gave first preference only.

Political Education.

It is obvious that more Political Education patrols are required to visit these areas to enable the people to understand fully and not to fear future Self-Government. These fears are caused mainly by lack of understanding of the terminologies used by Political Education Officers, where it could be explained in more details at village levels.

Conclusion.

The objects of the Patrol were carried out quite sufficiently and was thoroughly enjoyed.

  
(R. Kavana)

Training Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of... Northern District ..... Report No. .... 12-74/72 .....

Patrol Conducted by... J.L. Banbury A.P.O. .....

Area Patrolled... Wawonga Census Division. .....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans... A. Pingo P.O. .....

Natives... Dickson Hango- Tribunal  
Simon- Tribunal .....

Duration—From... 24 / 2 / 1972 to... 2 / 3 / 1972 .....

Number of Days... 7 .....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... No .....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services... 18 / 11 / 1972 .....

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

Map Reference... Milinch Kokode Fourmil Buna. .....

Objects of Patrol... House of Assembly elections. .....

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

*2013/1972*

*[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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P.O. Box 2396,  
KONEDOBU.

67-5-26

24th March, 1972.

The District Commissioner,  
Northern District,  
POPONIDETTA.

KOKODA PATROL NO. 12/71-72.

Your reference 67-1-1 of 20/3/72.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of the Situation Report arising out of the above Patrol of the Wawonga Census Division, as submitted by Mr. J. Banbury, Assistant Patrol Officer,

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Secretary.





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POPONDETTA, Northern District.

20th March, 1972.

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU.

KOKODA PATROL NO. 12 - 1971/1972

Attached please find in duplicate a report on the elections carried out in the Wawonga Census Division of the Kokoda Sub-District of this District.

2. It is in the nature of a training exercise and the format does not conform to instructions. The reporting officer and the Assistant District Commissioner will be advised to re-read current instructions concerning patrol reporting.

3. No comments are considered necessary.

(M.J. Denehy)  
District Commissioner.

Name BANBURY JOHN L

Station KOKODA

## FIELD OFFICER'S JOURNAL

Date Para No.

Govt. Print.—B4096/1,000 pads.—4.71.

Date	Para No.	
19.2.72	153	AM Elections at Sisigeta - only 25 voted the remainder having gone to the market in Papandetta. Tribunal - Dickson Hango and Cornelius
20.2.72	154	SUNDAY.
21.2.72	155	AM Elections at Hanjiri - over 200 voted. Tribunal - Dickson, Cornelius, Rodney
22.2.72	156	AM Elections at Himo - about 120 votes cast. Tribunal - Dickson, Aubrey, Rodney
23.2.72	157	AM Elections at Hojaki - about 100 people voted. Tribunal - Dickson, Simon, Aubrey
24.2.72	158	AM Left Kokoda by Admin vehicle at 7.30 AM. Stopped at Emu Mission & opened poll. Drove and then walked to Asisi. Opened poll there at 10.45 AM. About 100 people voted. Slept at Asisi. - Tribunal - Dickson, Simon, Emanuel.
25.2.72	159	Left Asisi at 7.30 AM. Arrived Sirokata 9.10 AM. Voting commenced at midday - about 70 people voted. Tribunal - Dickson, Simon, Gilbert. Slept Sirokata.
26.2.72	160	SATURDAY - Rested at Sirokata.
27.2.72	161	SUNDAY - intended moving onto Namandara but no campers available till tomorrow. Slept at Sirokata.
28.2.72	162	AM Left Sirokata at 7.00 AM - Arrived Namandara at 12.00 midday. Voting commenced at 2.00 pm - only 50 people voted. Tribunal - Dickson, Simon. Slept Namandara.
29.2.72	163	AM Left Namandara 7.15 AM - Arrived Managibe 9.00 AM. Opened polling there - 20 people voted. Moved on to Emu arriving at 11.45 AM. Poor voting response. Tribunal - Dickson, Simon. Slept Emu.
72	164	Left Emu 7.30 AM - Arrived Awana 10.00 AM. Poor voting response. Tribunal - Dickson, Simon. Slept Emu.

Total Field Days recorded this Folio = 11

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DIARY.

- 19.2.72. Elections at Sisereta.  
20.2.72. Sunday.  
21.2.72. Elections at Hanjiri.  
22.2.72. Elections at Ilimo.  
23.2.72. Elections at Hojaki.  
All the above were day trips to and from Kokoda.  
24.2.72. Left Kokoda at 0730 hours by Administration vehicle. Conducted elections at Eiwo Mission. Walked to Asisi arriving 1030 hours. Elections held at Asisi. Slept Asisi.  
25.2.72. Left Asisi 1730 hours. Arrived Sirorata 0910 hours. Conducted election Sirorata. Slept Sirorata.  
26.2.72. Saturday. Slept Sirorata.  
27.2.72. Sunday. Slept Sirorata.  
28.2.72. Left Sirorata 0700 hours. Arrived Namanaia 1200 hours. Conducted election at Namanaia. Slept Namanaia.  
29.2.72. Left Namanaia 0715 hours. Arrived Emo 1115 hours. Conducted election at Emo. Slept Emo.  
1.3.72. Left Emo 0730 hours. Arrived Awoma 1000 hours. Conducted election Awoma. Returned to Emo. Slept Emo.  
2.3.72. Left Emo by plane at 0820 hours. Arrived Popondetta 0840 hours. End of patrol.

### Introduction.

Instructions were given by Mr. R. Webster, Returning Officer, that Mr. A. Pingo, as Presiding Officer, and myself, as Assistant Presiding Officer, were to conduct the House of Assembly elections in the Sohe electorate as Mobile Unit No. 2.

The area to be covered comprised a number of villages along the Kokoda-Popondetta road, they being Sisereta, Hanjiri, Ilimo and Hojaki. On the 24th February we were to proceed to villages in the Wawonga Census Division, concluding at Awoma on the 1st March.

We left Kokoda by Administration vehicle and made an unscheduled stop at Eiwo Mission to allow the people there a chance to vote. Many villagers from Papaki, who were unable to attend other polling centres, also voted here. The patrol then walked on to Asisi, where, after voting was conducted, we spent the night. We then moved on to Sirorata on the Friday and remained there for the weekend.

On the Monday we moved up to Nhanania and from there to Emo. Wednesday we went to Awoma and returned to Emo on the same day. The following day we were flown to Popondetta. On Friday, 2nd March, we conducted voting at the Jegerata Friary.

### Election Report.

#### 1. Type and duration of pre-election campaign.

The people in the Ilimo area had Council elections in November, 1971 and, therefore, were well schooled in the manner of voting. However, there were still a great number of people who were a little confused by preferential voting. The fact that they had to vote for both a Regional candidate and an Open candidate also caused some confusion.

Specimen ballot papers, with the candidates' photos, were put in public places and were also given to Councillors to show to the members of their wards.

The candidates for both the Sohe Open and the Northern Districts Regional, as far as could be observed, did little campaigning in this area. Two of the open candidates attended some of the villages about four weeks prior to the elections. However, overall, the campaigning did not appear to be vigorous or thorough.

#### 2. Manner.

The Presiding Officer took great pains, before each poll was opened, to explain the voting procedures thoroughly. He invited members of the public to witness the opening of the ballot boxes and then explained that no one could tamper with the boxes because of the applied seal.

The need to initial the ballot papers, by the Presiding Officer, to make them valid was also explained. In other words, every effort was made to show the people present, that the election was being conducted in a fair and impartial manner.

Respected members of the community were used as members of the Election Tribunal. These people assisted by (a) verifying that Section 130(1) voters had actually lived in the area for the required period of time, (b) by marking the ballot papers for those people who were unable to do it themselves, (c) by seeing that all people retired from the polling area as soon as they had voted and placed their papers in the ballot boxes, and (d) by acting as interpreters.

No candidates or scrutineers were in evidence at any of the polling places. This could be explained by the lack of transport available to them.

### 3. Feminine Interest.

In those areas where there is close proximity to the road the women averaged out equal to the men. In the more remote areas their degree of interest was extremely poor.

### 4. Incidents.

At Namanaia one of the ballot boxes was inadvertently locked with the keys inside. This necessitated the lock being broken, but the seals always remained in tact.

### 5. Absenteeism.

On the first day of voting at Sisereta only 30 odd people voted as the remainder had gone to the Popondetta market. The excuse presented was that the people were not aware that voting was to be conducted there on that day. This is hard to believe as the elections were well publicised. However, many of those, who had been absent on the Saturday, voted at Hanjiri on the following Monday.

In the other villages where polling was conducted there was little evidence of absenteeism, but in the more isolated areas they did not seem interested in casting a vote. They appeared to find the lack of compulsion to vote a good excuse to ignore it.

### 6. Summary.

From observations prior to the elections I gathered a feeling that many people in this area do not want self-government. My conclusions, for the poor response in outlying areas, is that they feel they can delay self-government simply by not voting. In some of these villages, for example Awoma, only 10 percent voted although the village was crowded with the inhabitants plus people from nearby villages.

Along the road voting was as high as 90 percent in some villages, for example Hanjiri, and seldom went below 50 percent.

Overall the response was quite disappointing.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

DEPARTMENT  
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12 MAR 1972  
POPOWIDETA  
NORTHERN DISTRICT

# PATROL REPORT

District of HOPI WERI Report No 12-71/72

Patrol Conducted by H. P. SAMPSON A.D.C.

Area Patrolled BIAGE & GUTIERA CENSUS DIVISIONS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives B. KAVANA T.P.C.

Duration—From 19/2/1972 to 4/3/1972

Number of Days 15

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 27/1/1972

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

Map Reference BIAGE & GUTIERA CENSUS DIVISIONS

Objects of Patrol THIRD HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS - COPEL DISTRICT

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

21/4/1972

District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation .... \$.....

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JAW/AH

P.O. Box 2396, KOLKATA.

67-5-28

19th May, 1972.

The District Commissioner,  
Northern District,  
DOLGOBENTLA.

WOMEN'S POLITICAL EDUCATION - 1971/72.

Reference your 67-1-1 of 21st April, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of notification of the above patrol of the Biage and Chirina (census Divisions) as submitted by Mr. H.F. Sabben, Assistant District Commissioner.

The remarks in my 67-5-31 of even date apply here also.

From the content of the report there appears to be ample scope for some intensive political education; and no doubt the Assistant District Commissioner Makhoda will ensure that this be carried out by all future patrols visiting the two areas.

I do not fully understand Mr. Sabben's conclusions. Voting is not compulsory, a mere preference will not invalidate a ballot paper; donkey votes and informal votes are experienced throughout the world where democratic elections, whether compulsory or non-compulsory polling is the vogue.

Mr. Sabben should make use of a dictionary - ten obvious spelling errors in 2 double spaced pages of foolscap should not be made by an officer of his status.

(T.S. Mills)  
Secretary.



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PATROL REPORT

REPORT NUMBER: 13-71/72      OBJECT OF PATROL: N.A. ELECTION  
 DISTRICT: NORTHEAST      STATION: KOKODA  
 PATROL CONDUCTED BY: H.F.SABDEN      SUB-DISTRICT: KOKODA  
 AREA PATROLLED: BIAGE & CHINBA      DESIGNATION: ASST. DIST. COMMISSIONER  
 DURATION OF PATROL: 15 DAYS      PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: R.KAVANA TPO  
 LAST D.D.A. PATROL: 27-1-72      NUMBER OF DAYS: 5  
 LAST O.L.G. PATROL: 27-1-72      TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA:  
 MAP REFERENCE: BUNA FOMRIL & KOKODA ILLICH COUNCIL AREA: ILLICH  
 HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTORATE:  
 SOME.

The District Commissioner,  
District,

POPONDITIA.

In respect of this patrol, I attach  
 FIELD OFFICERS JOURNAL, FOLIOS TO (4)  
 PATROL INSTRUCTIONS, NIL ( )  
 THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS, NIL ( )  
 UPDATING OF AREA STUDY, N/A ( )  
 SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1 - , NIL ( )  
 PATROL MAP, NIL ( )

DATE: 20/ 3 /1972.

.....  
 Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,  
 Department of the Administrator,  
 Division of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU. Papua

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 District Commissioner.

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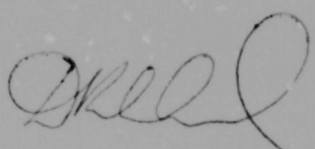
Division of District Administration,  
POPONDETTA. Northern District.

21st April, 1972.

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU.

KOKODA PATROL REPORTS NO. 11, 13 & 14  
OF 1971/1972

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(D.R. Marsh)  
District Commissioner.

PATROL REPORT NO. 13 (1)

Station.....KOKODA                      Officer Compiling.....N.F.SAMUEL  
 District.....NORTHERN                      Sub District.....KOKODA.  
 Census Division,BIAGE & SHIRWA              L.G.Council.....ILLO  
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 Subject.....HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

Introduction;

Mobile team (1) for the SOHE electorate enjoyed a hard though slow patrol with no untoward incidents to report occurring during the course of the patrol.

Both Mr R. KAVANA and myself were perturbed by the lack of understanding of the electoral procedure and process and the lack of interest/understanding of the seriousness of the event and it's aftermath.

From the administrative side of elections the following are my observations and consequent recommendations.

General Interest;

Not as high as I have experienced in the past however this could be the location as against the actual election.

There is a bit of evidence to suggest that past House of Assembly comment and discussion on self government and independence and the thought that one or both is likely during the next House, has led to an avoidance of the Polls in an attempt to avoid this issue.

Feminine Interest;

As expected this was very low. It was found that women did not turn up to hear whatever explanations were given before polling began, and in cases where they could be encouraged to appear, invariably gathered on the outskirts of the group, turned their backs and chattered amongst themselves.

Sex tally sheets will show that where there wasn't any feeling of obligation to appear, (as is evident in village groups), the male/female ratio of voters will be some 4-5:1.

Roll Books;

For some reason or another this years roll books, or this areas roll books, were the worst I have experienced in four house of Assembly elections. Omissions were rife, (this is incomprehensible considering census books were the basis of them), spelling was very poor and the arrangement of names difficult to follow. I will concede that this area with it's high percentage of Christian names and it's difficult pronunciation of certain consonants, produced part of the fault and that this type of fault does not exist in other areas.

For example; JOHN AMBO/MICHAEL FIEDWA

In the roll book either Christian or surname may be first, (any of the four available), any number and in any order the other names follow. The village name "AMBO" could, through pronunciation, be; Hambo, Tambo, Pambo, Yambo or Iambo to number but a few, all of which makes it extremely difficult, frustrating and time consuming.

As a recommendation I would suggest that villages may be roll called and that at the outset the Presiding Officer explain that those who do not wish to vote may leave and not answer their names. The same results are achieved as now with voluntary presentation but time is saved and polling speeded up. The individual recognizes his/her name, the Poll Clerk doesn't have to spend minutes of questioning to sort out the name possibilities.

Tribunals;

As a system this did not work, invariably the committee selected by a village were literate and were selected later to fill in ballot papers such that in the end normal villagers answered questions on residency etc and the committee men took the awaiting voters. No reasonable amount of explanation changed the development of this process.

I think the number of "informal" votes will support an argument against just anybody filling in ballot papers. I strongly suspect inadvertent leading questioning by the ballot paper scribes in obtaining votes, admittedly this should "average out" over the electorate.

Under recommendations here I would suggest an elective tribunal to witness the Presiding Officer filling in the "whisper vote". Most are not too politically worrisome, see as much as they do as "scribes", change village to village and, by having a competent writer, leading questions and informal papers are virtually eliminated.

Photo Ballot Papers;

This is difficult to assess, particularly as I can only judge from those papers I personally filled in for electors. Most mentioned a name and pointed to it's photo, many mentioned a name and pointed to a different photo, (confusion) and a few voted purely by pointing however most of these I suspect of being "donkey" votes as they invariably ran up or down the list of candidates. Generally speaking voters knew their first and/or second choices, the balance of the preferences being "donkey" selections. The photos appeared to oblige preferences more than the old name system did however this in turn has led to many more unthinking choices which do not really represent the voters desires and also gives the top and bottom candidates a distinct advantage over middle list candidates as they were first or last of the "donkey" votes.

Recommendations - why bother with the photos, is the expense worth the results? Whilst more ballot papers show preferences there are far more "donkey" type votes. An alternative might be a block of photos to fit in each polling booth much like the "how to vote" forms, the voter may then refer to these if he wishes and at worst the donkey preferences would be more fairly mixed.

Conclusion;

Unpopular as it may be with the authorities I cannot help feeling that the Administration has bent over backwards so far to avoid charges of discrimination, unfairness interference etc etc that we are now having an adverse effect on the voters, their wishes and, in the case of village natives, by forcing too much or presuming their ability to be too much. Informal votes and donkey votes should be avoided before cognizance is taken of other factors.

(W. S. Satten) A.D.C.

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P.O. Box 2096,  
KOKODA.

67-5-39

19th May, 1972.

The District Commissioner,  
Northern District,  
POPONDETTA.

KOKODA PATROL NO. 14-1971/72.

Reference your 67-1-1 of the 21st April.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Reports 1 to 2 arising out of the above patrol of the Kawonga and Hujara Census Divisions, together with the appropriate assessments, as submitted by Mr. A. Pingo, Patrol Officer.

Only your assessment of the two sitreps was forwarded, nothing from the Assistant District Commissioner, Kokoda.

What action has been taken on the health situation mentioned in sitrep No.1?

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Secretary.

67-1-1

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PATROL REPORT

REPORT NUMBER: 14-71/72      OBJECT OF PATROL: ELECTION  
DISTRICT: Northern      STATION: Kokoda  
PATROL CONDUCTED BY: A.Pingo      SUB-DISTRICT Kokoda  
AREA PATROLLED: Wawonga and Hujara      DESIGNATION: Patrol Officer  
DURATION OF PATROL: 7 days      PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: J.Banbury  
LAST D.D.A. PATROL:      NUMBER OF DAYS:  
LAST O.L.G. PATROL:      TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA:  
MAP REFERENCE:      COUNCIL AREA: Ilime L.G.C.  
Milineh Kokoda Fourmil Buna      HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTORATE:  
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The District Commissioner,  
District,

FOR COMMENT

In respect of this patrol, I attach  
FIELD OFFICERS JOURNAL, FOLIOS TO      ,      ( )  
PATROL INSTRUCTIONS,      ( )  
THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS,      Attached      ( )  
UPDATING OF AREA STUDY,      N/A      ( )  
SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1 - 2 ,      Attached      ( )  
PATROL MAP,      Nil      ( )

DATE: 23 / 3 / 1972.

*[Signature]*  
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Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU. Papua

In respect of this patrol, I attach  
AREA STUDY      ( )  
UPDATING OF AREA STUDY      ( )  
SITUATION REPORTS NO'S. 1 ONLY      (✓)  
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DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS ASSESMENT OF  
PATROL & REPORT .....

ABOVE AVERAGE  
AVERAGE ✓  
BELOW AVERAGE

DATE: 20 / 4 / 1972.

*[Signature]*  
.....  
District Commissioner.

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67-1-1

Division of District Administration,  
POPONDETTA. Northern District.

21st April, 1972.

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU.

KOKODA PATROL REPORTS NO. 11, 13 & 14  
OF 1971/1972

Attached please find all you require of the above reports. The patrols covered House of Assembly elections.

(D.R. Marsh)  
District Commissioner.

A. Pingo  
Patrol Officer

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PATROL REPORT NO. 14 1

STATION...**KOKODA**..... OFFICER COMPILING...**A. PINGO P.O.**  
DISTRICT...**NORWELAN**..... SUB-DISTRICT...**KOKODA**.....  
CENSUS DIVISION...**WAWONGA**..... L.G. COUNCIL...**ILIMO**.....

(For recording of routine information not of a situation report nature, actionable at Sub-District or District level, and of value to succeeding officers. No copy is required at Headquarters).

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HEALTH

During the recent Elections, a Patrol led by myself passed through the Wawonga Census Division.

It was noticeable that many people had light complexions and appeared generally anaemic. This would I believe be due to an iron deficiency and is no doubt aggravated by Malaria.

The Council Adviser Mr. Banbury who accompanied me, is aware of the situation and will take steps to ensure the Aid Post receives a supply of iron tablets.

GOITRE

Some Goitres were seen in the villages of Mananaia and Managube. They were in their early stages and if iodine treatment is administered quickly they should subside. Iodine tablets should be issued to the Aid Post at Eue. Use of Iodised salt in this area should also help to alleviate the problem.

Furthermore, I consider that a proper medical patrol should be sent through this area. I believe there has not been a medical patrol through there for some years.

*A. Pingo*  
A. Pingo  
Patrol Officer



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SITUATION REPORT NO. 14-2

STATION ... **KOKODA** ..... OFFICER COMPILING ... **A. PINGO P.O.** .....  
DISTRICT ... **NORTHERN** ..... SUB-DISTRICT ..... **KOKODA** .....  
CENSUS DIVISION ... **WAWONGA** ..... L.G. COUNCIL ... **ILIMO** .....

(For the reporting of information specifically of Headquarters value and requiring Headquarters knowledge or actions. Information is required on matters of political significance, importing trends in the economic and social structure, cult and unrest situations, law and order problems, and miscellaneous matters that Headquarters needs to know. One report will be compiled for each specific topic. Each to be submitted to Headquarters in duplicate).

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SUBJECT : CULTIST ACTIVITIES

**COMPLAINTS**

Complaints were made to the Patrol about a man called Spencer who lives at Sasembata. This man travelled through the Wawonga in September 1968 collecting money, for what he termed, a savings society. The A.D.C. Kokoda was handed the lists of names given to the Patrolling Officer. It is reasonable to suggest that Spencer obtained this money by nefarious means, but as to the statute of limitations this has expired and I do not know what action could be taken now.

Another complaint was made about a Sirerata woman called Ida Mero. This woman is credited with being a sorceress and being able to fly by herself. According to some Asisi men, she too has been collecting money and promising to make it grow by supernatural means.

Sirerata people were non committal and would not discuss this woman, apart from saying that she was insane.

Councillor Emmanuel of Asisi claims to have more information about her and he is ready to impart it to A.D.C. Kokoda.

*A. Pingo*  
(A. Pingo)  
Patrol Officer

SGD : .....  
DATE : 16/3/72 .....

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DISTRICT OFFICE

ASSESSMENT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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15/3/72

cultist activities

- ① Spence of Sasembata - This is being further investigated  
e Mrs Asandella & Kokoda are to report further
- ② Ida Mary of Sivorata - as above

ACTION TAKEN: The situation is being watched

SGD *[Signature]*

DATE 20.4.72

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PROJECT OFFICER.....

DATE.....

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P.O. Box 2396,  
KONEDOBELI.

67-5-34

16th June, 1972.

The District Commissioner,  
Northern District,  
POPODELIA.

KOKODA PATROL NO. 16 OF 1971/72.

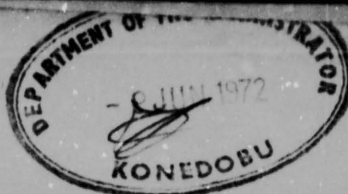
Reference your minute of 7th June, 1972.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report No. 1 arising out of the above patrol of the Upper Chimra and Lower Chimra Census Divisions, together with the appropriate assessments, as submitted by Mr. H.F. Sabben, District Officer.

A good report somewhat marred by typing errors.

I only require two copies of Situation Reports and the appropriate assessments. Therefore I am returning, for your records, all other sections of the Patrol Report, not required by this Headquarters.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
SECRETARY.



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PATROL REPORT

REPORT NUMBER: No. 16 - 1971/72  
 OBJECT OF PATROL: To ascertain the feeling of the Upper Chirima people re joining the Northern District.

DISTRICT: **NORTHERN**  
 STATION: **POPONDETTA**

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: **H.F. SABDEN**  
 SUB-DISTRICT: **KOKODA**

AREA PATROLLED: **UPPER CHIRIMA & LOWER CHIRIMA C.D.**  
 DESIGNATION: **DISTRICT OFFICER**

DURATION OF PATROL: **10/4/72 to 26/4/72**  
 PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING: **MR. J. BANBURY. A.P.O.**

LAST D.D.A. PATROL: **(UNKNOWN-WOITAPE PATROL)**  
 NO. OF DAYS: **17 DAYS**

LAST O.L.G. PATROL: **N/A**  
 TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA: **2,300**

MAP REFERENCE: **BUNA FOURMIL.**  
 COUNCIL AREA:  
 HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTORATE:

The District Commissioner,  
Northern District,

In respect of this patrol, I attach

FIELD OFFICERS JOURNAL, FOLIOS 7 TO 9,	(x)
PATROL INSTRUCTIONS,	( )
THE REPORT AND MY COMMENTS	( )
UPDATING OF AREA STUDY	( )
SITUATION REPORTS NO.S. 1 -	(x)
PATROL MAP,	(x)

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DATE: 21/5/1972

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*H.F. SABDEN*  
 Assistant District Commissioner

The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU. Papua.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

AREA STUDY	( )
UPDATING OF AREA STUDY	( )
SITUATION REPORTS NO.S. 1 -	( )

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DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS ASSESSMENT OF  
 PATROL & REPORT ..... ABOVE AVERAGE ✓  
 AVERAGE  
 BELOW AVERAGE

DATE: 7/8/1972

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*[Signature]*  
 District Commissioner.

**SITUATION REPORT: ASSESSMENT BY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.**

I concur with the general recommendations herein; upper Chirima should, at this stage of development, remain in the Gailala Sub-District.



(D.R. Marsh)  
**District Commissioner**

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SITUATION REPORT NO.1 OF REPORT 16-1971/72 - KOKODA.

STATION.....KOKODA	OFFICER COMPILING....H.F.SABBEH
DISTRICT.....NORTHERN	SUB DISTRICT.....KOKODA.
CENSUS DIV...CHIRIMA	L.G.COUNCIL.....NIL

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1. The purpose of this Patrol was to investigate the future Administrative responsibility for the Upper Chirima area, to invite the villages interested to join the ILLMO Local Government Council and to ascertain the thoughts of the people re their future development.
2. The Patrol was unable to visit all villages to talk and discuss the above with the individual census units due to their being at a singsing at IONGAI. The people informed the Patrol that they had delayed their festivities with the motive of having a combined discussion - this is what in fact occurred.
3. To deal with the people's wishes first; There is a belief, (true or false) that the District Commissioner, Central District, is prepared to establish an economic venture, (Co-operative?) in the area, based on cattle and coordinated by the Catholic Mission in the area, as an alternative to Local Government. From their discussions the people obviously approved and want this to occur. It was put to the group of spokesmen that the cooperative as an alternative to Local Government was doubtful and that if they had to join a council, which would they choose between the ILLMO Council, (KOKODA) and the WOITAPE Council and WOITAPE. After some hesitancy re committing themselves to Local Government they all opted for WOITAPE. A lot of discussion took place re what advantages they could obtain from Local Government and that fact that Local Government tended to centralize its expenditure was not lost to them.
4. Subsequently two groups, BURU, (A hamlet of PIRIEI) and TURA, (WAIYE) stated that they wished to move into the MAMBARE valley near the mouth of the BURI river, these people were told that they would then automatically become Kokoda people and be incorporated into the ILLMO Council - they accepted that as it was what they expected.
5. From observations and talks a number of salient factors were apparent, these are as follows and have influenced the Patrol's recommendations for the area.
  - a/ The group is of one language (VISINGA).
  - b/ Economically it is tied to the Catholic Mission and will develop as a unit with Mission assistance.
  - c/ Religiously they are a unit and should not suffer the competition for souls as seen in other places throughout the country.
  - c/ Socially and politically they are isolated - 14 hours walk to WOITAPE and 18 hours walk to KOKODA.
  - e/ There is no advantage, administratively, to splitting them into two Sub Districts.

In short, there is not one argument in favour of dividing the CHIRIMA at all into any form of Social, Political, Economic or Administrative sub units. THEY, JUST REMAIN AS A UNIT.

6. General argument for the Upper Chirima to remain under WOITAPE administration include the fact that a bridle path, (suitable to motor cycles) connect all villages, the Mission and WOITAPE.
7. The nearly completed 1,300ft airstrip at IONGAI WILL be serviced by aircraft operating from Port Moresby and Yule Island.

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8. The Mission establishment is part of a network extending through WOITAPE to YULE Island.
  9. Cattle are being sold in Port Moresby and being moved, relatively easily, along the bridle path. The price in Moresby being reportedly considerable higher than that offered in KOKODA. (35c to 26c per dressed pound).
  10. Socially the people have far more new and traditional contacts in the WOITAPE valley than in this the MAIBARE, (KOKODA) valley.
  11. The PIRIEI hill from the BURI river up to PIRIEI village is some 3,000 ft and is an ideal/natural out off point between KOKODA and the Upper Chirima.
  12. General arguments for the Upper Chirima to Join the KOKODA Sub District include; Two villages of CHIRIMA people are already in the valley and are part of the KOKODA responsibility. Two other groups hope to migrate into the KOKODA area in the near future.
  13. A bridle path PIRIEI/ASIMBA is likely to be started soon and it is hoped to connect it with the KANGA road within 5 years - far sooner than the WOITAPE - BEREINA linkup. This means easier access to a port.
  14. Far better opportunities of resettlement within the KOKODA Sub District than in the TAPINI Sub District if this is to be the ultimate solution for the 2,300 odd Chirima people.
  15. The recommendations of this patrol as regards the strict interpretation of it's instructions are;
    - a/ That WOITAPE continue to Administer the whole of the Upper Chirima Census Division.
    - b/ That the Upper Chirima not be split into any form of smaller groups.
    - c/ That the BURI river be the Administrative dividing line, any migrations to it or North and East of it into the valley be automatically taken over by KOKODA. (ASIMBA is 3 - 4 hours walk from the BURI river).
  16. Recommendations by this patrol for the future administration of this group are as follows in order of preference;
    - a/ That a Base Camp be established near IONGAI for part time manning by a D.D.A. officer - possibly 4 - 6 weeks per half year.
    - b/ That a Local Government Council not be foisted on the people. A cooperative based on cattle under Mission supervision with Administration assistance is the simplest, easiest and most effective form of development for the area. (when considered the economic for a Council to include this area make it a virtual liability).
    - c/ If Local Government is inevitable, that a special low level council be established, (Similar to border councils of HONDA, PIGHEI etc in the West Sepik), to be supervised and have it's clerical work done by a D.D.A. officer operating as in a. above visiting 1 - 2 weeks bi monthly. This situation for 3 to 4 years with amalgamation to KOKODA or WOITAPE by option at the expiration of that period. Establishment to be conditional on this later choice. (Development in 4 years may change attitudes).

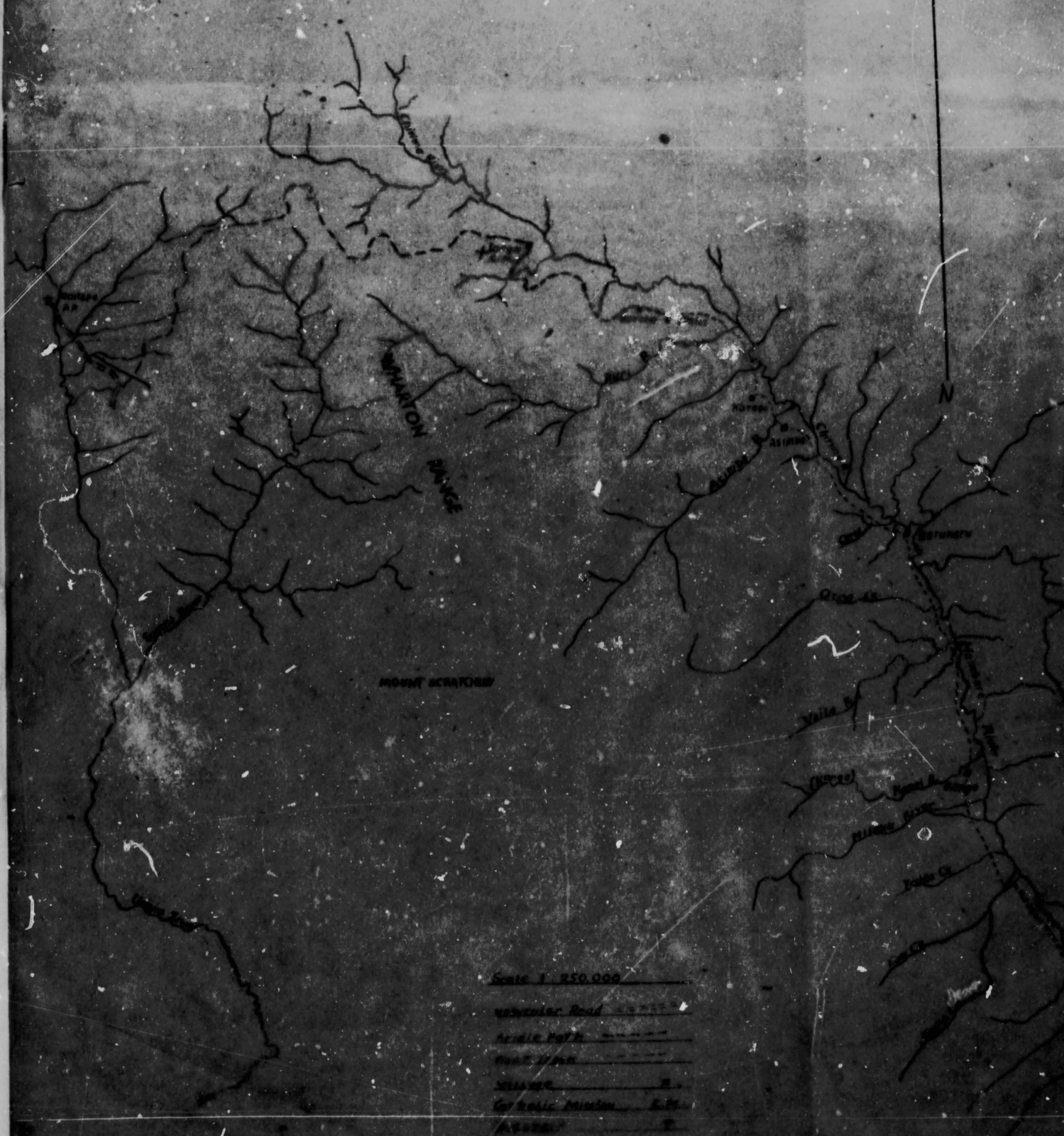
- d/ That the cattle economy be recognized and accepted by the Administration as one of a very few forms of development open and that Agriculture experts and possibly cooperative personnel, visit and assist as much as possible after the opening of the mission airfield. The feeling of abandonment by the Administration, (D.D.A. excepted) to the Mission is quite strong at present.
- e/ That, long term, the idea of a link between Kokoda, Chirima, Woiwape, Bereina and Port Moresby be considered. That a bridle path covering the former three be undertaken whilst awaiting a final decision of the Port Moresby/Lae route and/or, the Tapini to Moresby link. The widening of the Chirima/Woiwape section to vehicular traffic would not be difficult - compared to some highlands vehicular roads. The suggestions in this paragraph could well be considered with para c/ as a council has a better opportunity in obtaining R.D.F. funds and other such development grants.

  
(H.F. Sabben)

Asst. District Commissioner.



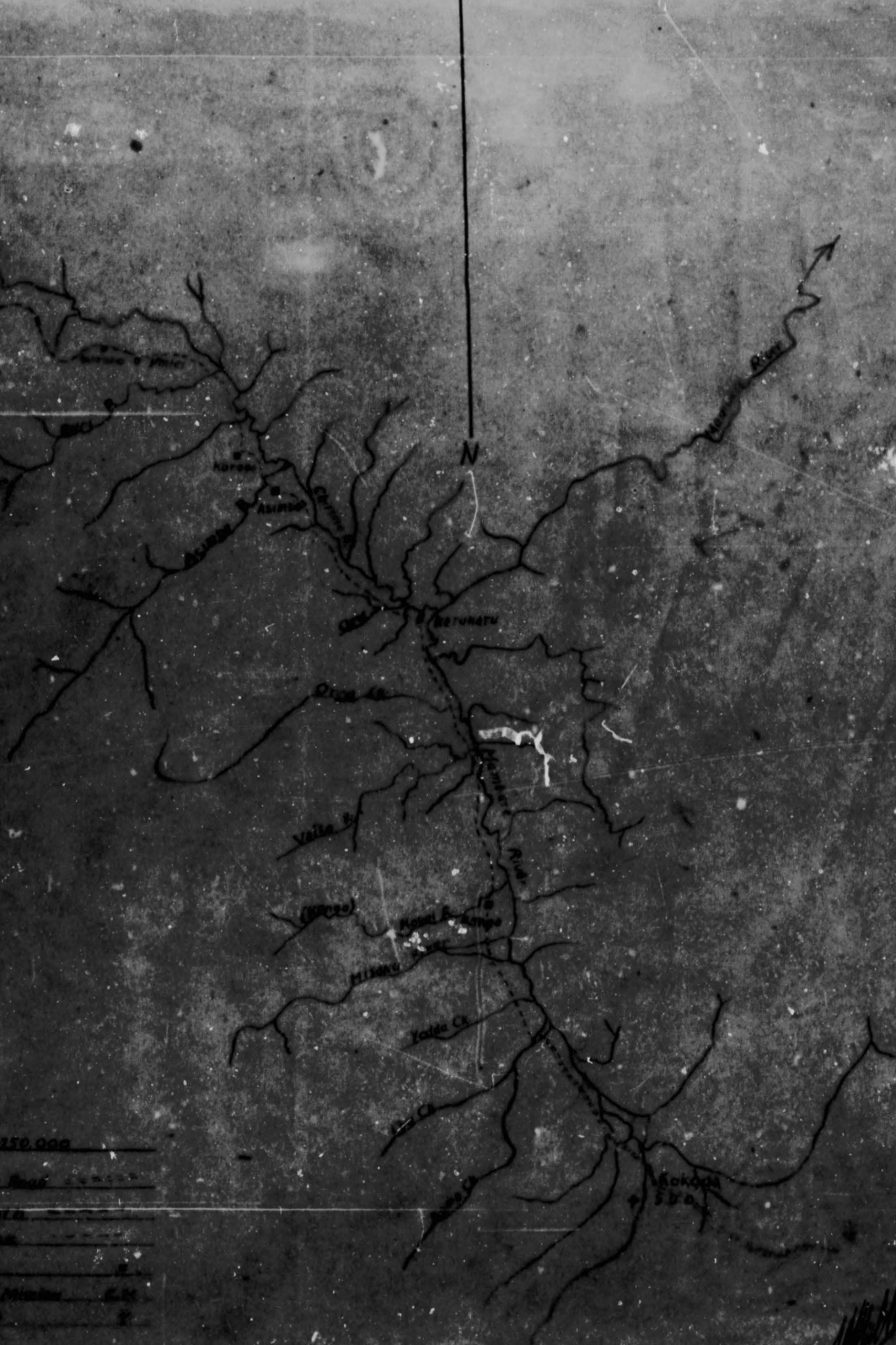
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