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3-66-67	John W. Gordon-Kirkby	Banoni/Nagovisi Census D.

BUIN

2-66-67	John Edward Fowke	Part Kono Census Division
6-66-67	H.L. Balfour-Ogilvy	Kono, Paubakei & part Lugakei Census Div.

KONGA

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of BOUGAINVILLE Report No. BUIN PATROL No. 2 1966/67

Patrol Conducted by John Edward FOWKE Assistant District Officer

Area Patrolled Part KONO Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 4

Duration—From 16/1/1967 to 20/1/1967 and 23/1/67 to 27/1/67

Number of Days 10

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services /6/1966

Medical / /19 Unknown

Map Reference Fourmil Bougainville

Objects of Patrol Examination of Road system. General familiarization.

Local Government Council extension.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

2/3/1967

J. E.
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

67-11-14

2nd August, 1967.

District Commissioner,
Bougainville District,
SOHANO.

BUIN PATROL NO. 2 OF 1966/67:

Your 67-1-2 of the 1st March, 1967, refers.

2. From your comments on Mr. Fowke's report, I gather that construction of the road in question is underway. This appears to be the real solution to the problem as it seems that the refusal to pay Council tax was an expression of frustration aimed at the Administration rather than the Council. Nevertheless, this indicates the need for the Council to establish better communication with the people.

3. The organisation by the Council of a series of taxpayers' meetings should be encouraged so that the Councillors are obliged to accept some responsibility to their electors in explaining the activities of the Council and the manner in which tax revenues have been, or are to be, expended. This should not be beyond the capabilities of the Council executive, provided they are given some coaching in the financial aspects.

(J. K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

67. 11. 14 (14)

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Mr.....

DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION
- 7 MAR 1967
HEADQUARTERS
KONEDOBU
PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Department of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
Bougainville District,
SOHANO.

1st. March, 1967.

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

BUIN PATROL NO. 2 OF 1966/1967.

Attached hereto please find a copy of a Report on the above Patrol as submitted by Mr. J. E. FOWKE, Assistant District Officer, together with a copy of covering Memorandum 67/2/1 of 7th. February, 1967 from the Assistant District Commissioner at BUIN.

The problem of insufficient or non-existent roads in Bougainville to enable the people to take their produce to market is one which is growing in intensity. In many cases this problem can be met with self-help and a little organisation on the part of the Village people themselves. In this particular instance a road will be built, and already work has commenced on one portion.

The peoples' refusal to pay Council Tax was obviously their method to bring their grievances to the fore.

Mr. FOWKE's Report is very well presented and it is obvious that he has carried out a thorough job.

J. E. Wakeford

(J. E. WAKEFORD).
A.DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

Att.

67-2-1.

Sub-District Office,
BUIN. BOUGAINVILLE DISTRICT.

7th February, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
BOHANG.

BUIN PATROL REPORT NO. 2 OF 1966/67.

KONO DIVISION.

Attached please find the abovementioned report submitted by Mr. J.W. Fowke, Assistant District Officer, Buin.

On this occasion a Patrol Report has been submitted to cover consolidated information, including a sketch map, on specific aspects of the Kono Division.

The attitudes of the comparatively isolated people of the upper Kono Division are typical of those in other isolated areas. The combination of difficult terrain and small population usually creates the feeling of neglect and subsequent antagonism because they have not received the amenities of larger productive areas which have warranted roads in the past. A road route has in fact been surveyed through this area, or part thereof, but it will be some considerable time before the road can be constructed. With the latter in mind it was considered necessary that Mr. Fowke should visit the area to access the situation with the view to stimulate interest to improve communications on the basis of self-help and assistance by the Administration. To this end I feel that the Patrol has been successful. Work has already commenced on one of the roads to link Kaitu and Bogisago and overall there has been a change in attitude for the better by the people concerned. Some of the people who had refused to pay their Council Tax prior to the Patrol have since paid and it is anticipated that the majority, if not all concerned, will pay their Tax by the time limit set by the Council.

The people of the upper Kono Division are less fortunate than those in the central and lower Kono area because of the lack of communications. In spite of this they have, however, shown keen interest towards economic progress, but unfortunately cocoa plantings have superseded adequate road communications. The Agricultural Officer will be requested to visit the area to ascertain what improvements can be made regarding marketing facilities. Meanwhile, efforts will be made to improve road communications where possible with the limited resources available.

Other matters have been adequately covered by the Report. The main problem to be overcome in the upper Kono area is the lack of adequate road communications and marketing facilities. When this is achieved balanced economic, social and political progress should continue without frustration.

Mr. Fowke carried out a successful Patrol and has shown a keen personal interest to improve the lot of these people. He is to be commended on this work. His report is interesting and adequately covers the general situation in the upper Kono Division.

A claim for camping allowance is attached for your approval, please.

(G.P. Hardy)
Assistant District Commissioner.

Station. BUIN

Sub-District. BUIN

District. BOUGAINVILLE.

Patrol No. 2 of 1966-67

Patrol Conducted by John Edward Fowke. Assistant District Officer.

Area Patrolled Part KONO Census Division.

Personnel Accompanying the patrol. Native Medical Orderly MUMATAU of Oria

Constable 5th Year WATNAWI

Council Clerk ANDRED KAMORO

Tax Review Committee Members.

Councillors Kepa and NAUBILLY

An average of 18 Carriers.

Duration of Patrol 16th January to 20th January 1967.
23rd January to 27th January 1967.

10 full days.

Last Patrol to the Area. D.D.A. Patrol June-July 1966.

D.A.S.F. Patrol April-May 1966

P.H.D. Patrol Unknown.

Malaria Control October 1966.

Objects of the Patrol. General familiarisation of the area.
Inspection of Village sites with view to possible construction of roads to same. Instruct people in their obligations under the Buin Local Government Council Tax Rules.
Commencement of work on construction of road from Kaitu Village to Bogisago Village.

Map Reference. Fourmil Bougainville.

INTRODUCTION. Most villages within the Buin area can be reached easily by vehicle and a maximum of two hours walk with the exception of the area patrolled and portion of the Lugauli and Makis Census Divisions. For some time the people of the area patrolled have been requesting the Administration to construct a road to the area. It was the patrols objective to assess the amount of work that could be done by a self help project.

During October 1966 when a patrol was mounted by the Council Clerk of Buin Local Government Council to this area all residents of the eight villages visited refused to pay Council Tax until the Administration or the Council constructed a road through the area. The patrol was requested by the Council to point out to the people their obligations under the Council Tax Rule so that if the defaulters did not pay tax before the 28th of February 1967, the date before which tax must be paid, they could not plead ignorance of the Law when prosecuted.

Between the villages of Kaitu and Bogisage a reasonable vehicular track has been constructed by hand labour. Before a vehicle can actually make the journey a portion of the road would have to be re-routed. The patrol completed this task and arranged with the local people for work to continue after the patrols' departure. An additional 15 miles of road will become trafficable to four wheel drive vehicles once the re-routed section is complete.

Although one of the more isolated portions of the Buin area the people are in my opinion more progressive and industrious than those in the immediate Buin Town region. The economy of the people could be classed as basicly agricultural with wage labour providing money for immediate requirements. Cocoa is the main perennial crop although coconuts in commercial numbers are still being planted. Consistent with the remainder of the Buin Sub-District these palms do not bear well and are not an aconomic proposition.

The villages visited are located 7 to 20 miles East of Buin Town in the foothills of the Crown Prince Range and the Luluai River headwaters. As a result the topography of the area is very undulating with numerous small creeks cutting deep vallies between ridges. Rainfall in the area would be in excess of 100 inches per year. Soil types would appear to be very good as indicated by the excellent quality of the cocoa planted in the area. Vegetation is heavy rain forrest and portion of the timber purchased by the Administration and leased to Bougainville Development Corporation at Tonolei Harbour is located on land owned by the groups patrolled.

Being a patrol of a specail nature not all headings as set out in Departmental Standing Instructions Volume 1 will be covered by this report. Those aspects of Administration coming within the immediate scope of the Objectives of the Patrol will be dealt with in detail.

DIARY. As set out in my Field Officers Journal Folios 42,43 and 44.

16-1-67. Departed Buin per Land Rover 0800 arriving Tabago Catholic Mission 1000. Departed for UBUBAKOGU Village 1030 arriving 1300. Tax collection discussed and patrol moved on to Oria Village at 1500 arriving 1630. Camp set up and discussions again held to 1830.

Slept ORIA.

17-1-67 0600 Clerk assembled people for taxation. Departed Oria 0850 for Sulukunu Village arriving 1150. Assembled people instructed in obligations to pay tax. Departed 1350 for Kekemona Village arriving 1550. Camp set up to 1700. Assembled people talked with re taxation to 1830.

Slept KEKEMONA

18-1-67 0600 Clerk attampted to collect tax until 0830. Patrol departed 0850 for Koukousina arriving 0950. Discussions held with assembled people and all agreed to pay tax. Clerk collected same and patrol moved on at 1150 for Orimai arriving 1350. Camp set up to 1500. Discussions held with assembled people re taxation to 1630.

Slept ORIMAI

19-1-67 Departed Orimai 0730 for Bogisago arriving 1100. Villages of Botulai and Paguin inspected en route. Camp set up to 1330. Village inspected in afternoon and Local Court hearing conducted re dependancy under Workers Compensation Ordinance to 1615. Villagers assembled 1900 for discussions on proposed road and general matters to 2030.

Slept Bogisago.

20-1-67 0700 departed Bogisago for Kaitu inspecting Lukauko village en route arriving 1100. Proposed relocation of road inspected and discussed with Councillors to 1330. Departed for Tabago and Buin by Land Rover arriving 1530. Reported in to A.D.C. 1615.

Slept BUIN.

21-1-67 & 22-1-67 At Buin reforming patrol in preparation for continuation of patrol.

23-1-67 Departed Buin per Land Rover arriving Tabago 1230. Lunch at Catholic Mission. Departed 1330 for Kaitu arriving 1400. Camp set up and work done by labourers in morning inspected to 1605.

Slept KAITU

24-1-67 0700 assembled workers shown task to be performed and work commenced. During day half a mile of road was marked out with Abney Level to gradient of 1 in 6.31. Work hampered in afterncon by heavy rain. Days work completed by 1700.

Slept KAITU.

25-1-67 0700 Labourers commenced work. Additional half mile of road marked out with Abney Level. Work progressing slowly as only 30 men working a considerable excavation. Walked to Lukauko Village in afternoon for programming of further work. Labourers finished work at 1700.

Slept KAITU.

26-1-67 0700 labourers commenced work. General supervision of works to noon. Afternoon spent writing Patrol Report to 1500. Work inspected to 1700 when labourers finished for the day.

Slept KAITU

27-1-67 0700 labourers commenced work. Insturctions given to Councillors re remaining work and method of payment of contract price. 1330 to Tabago Mission for discussions with local Missionary re road work project to 1400.

Departed by Land Rover for Buin arriving 1530.
Reported in to A.D.C. Patrol disbanded to 1630.

END OF PATROL.

NATIVE ATTITUDES.

1. In September 1966 the Administrational Buin was requested through the Buin Local Government Council to reassure the people of Oria, Pagui, Sulukinu, Kekemona, Koukousina, Orimai, Botulai and Ububakogu Villages that the proposed road from Tabago to Toimanapu Plantation was still under consideration by Administration. This assurance was given the three responsible Councillors by the Assistant District Commissioner at Buin.

2. During October 1966 a Council Tax Patrol visited all villages within its area but was told by the last mentioned villages that they would not pay Council tax until a road had been built into the area. With this turn of events it was thought advisable that a patrol should visit the villages concerned and explain to all the people the Administrations plans for opening up their area and their obligations under the Buin Council Tax Rules to pay tax. This was done by the patrol.

3. At the request of the Buin Council the Council Clerk accompanied the patrol with the object of collecting the outstanding taxes. No attempt was made by the writer to participate in the actual collection. The majority of people from Botulai, Ububakogu and Koukousina Villages paid their tax the remainder requesting time to earn the necessary money. As I write this report a man from Pagui Village has arrived bringing with him the outstanding taxes for Oria and Pagui Villages.

4. Although the people of Orimai, Sulukunu and Kekemona state that they will not pay I feel sure that the money will be forthcoming before the due date 28th February 1967.

5. Some confusion exists in the minds of the people between the roles of the Central Government and Local Government bodies. This is reflected in the attitude towards Council tax adopted by the villagers. They flet by refusing to pay Council tax the Administration would be financially embarrassed and to overcome the shortage of revenue would build the roads requested. After explaining the differences between Council and Administration revenue and the effect their refusal to pay Council tax would have on the Administration the people have obviously reconsidered their approach to the road problem.

6. No dificulty has been previously experienced in collecting taxes from these villages. It is thought that the coming into production of large quantities of cocoa in the area with no means of road transportation in the forseeable future has precipitated the attempt to force the Administrations hand.

7. The patrol was well received at all centres and no dificulty was experienced in obtaining carriers. Villages inspected were found to be adequate with the exception of Botulai. It would seem that the houses were hastily constructed some five years ago and no repaits effected since. Plans are under consideration by the inhabitants to resite the village approximately one mile from where it now stands. All rest houses were habitable but require minor repairs. Patrol tracks are well maintained however, that between Orimai and Bogisago has not been cut for some four months.

8. A complaint was voiced at Koukousina that the Administration was not taking sufficient interest in the welfare of the people in so much as a "Kiap" had not visited the village for twelve months prior to the visit by this patrol. An Agricultural Officer has not been seen for over three years. Although the village is only accessable by foot after a hard walk of one and a half hours from Sulukunu I feel the people have a legitimate complaint. Generally speaking this feeling of neglect is common to all the villages visited.

AGRICULTURE.

1. No great need has existed in the past for a vehicular road into this area however with the coming into maturity over the last ten months of large quantities of cocoa the people find it impossible to transport their produce to market by foot. As aresult pods are rotting on the trees and processed beans perishing for lack of adequate transportation. This situation exists particularly in the villages of Oria, Pagui and Orimai from where it is some five hours walk to the nearest roadhead at Tabago Mission.

2. Not all people in these villages have mature cocoa but the amount being produced is in excess of the peoples ability to move the product to market. It is not an economical proposition for the grower to pay labourers for transportation the value of the crop being less than portage fees. Thus a stalemate is reached with allied frustrations and loss of production.

3. The people largely blame the Department of Agriculture stating that in 1957 a publication was made by the said Department at Buin that if the people planted perennial and other cash crops The Administration would guarantee them a road. Crops have been planted with the Administration failing to fulfill its portion of the contract. A copy of the publication could not be produced but the problem is real with the people feeling they have been let down. It is not possible for a road to be constructed by hand into the area.

4. No exact figures are available of the number of cocoa trees in the ground. Possibly the Department of Agriculture could be requested to do a count should the Administration seriouslyconsider the problem in hand and investigate the economics of providing a marketing link for the area. Extensive plantings of mature and immature trees were sighted by the patrol but a census was not attempted due to the lack of time.

5. Possibly due to the altitude and heavy soils of the area no perennial crops are growing on land owned by the people of Kekemona and Koukousina. The economy of here is basicly wage labour with some vegetables being marketed at Kieta, the last named centre being closer than Buin. Re-settlement was discussed with a flat refusal to move given the patrol. In my opinion this is the only answer to the villagers problem. To construct a road to the area either from Buin or Kieta would be an engineering masterpiece and definately not an economical proposition.

6. Sulukunu and Botulai people have no mature perennial crops and very few immature plantings. Should the road from Tabago to Toimanapu be constructed it is thought that cocoa planting will receive a new lease of life. Until this is done the people are prepared to ride the "band wagon" of legitimate complaint voiced by the Oria, Orimai and Pagui people.

7. Generally speaking the people visited by the patrol are more progressive than their counterparts in the immediate Buin Town area.

This is reflected by the latter, with adequate marketing facilities and no transportation problems, failing collectively to heed directions by the Agricultural Department over many years while one publication in 1957 caused an agricultural revolution in an isolated area with unfortunately adverse results. The complaint has been heard and it is now up to the Administration to rectify the position.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL.

1. During discussions held in each village it was stated by the people that in the first instance they did not wish to join the Buin Council but after being promised material benefits they capitulated and agreed to become part of the Council. Since its formation in 1963 the Council has set aside each year the same amount of some $1,000 for the construction of an Aid Post at Oria for use by the eight villages visited during the patrol. To date the Aid Post is still not complete.

2. This unfortunate position has arisen because of the lack of skilled labour for construction, over-estimation of revenue and the inability of the Council to get materials to the job site. All building supplies have to be carried for five hours from Tabago to Oria over a very steep track. Although the people say they are happy with the Council for providing them with an Aid Post I feel this is not entirely true. They would be much more pleased if the money could be re-appropriated for road construction.

3. Taxation rates in the area are $4. for all males over the age of seventeen years and 20c. for females over the same age. Dissatisfaction was expressed with this rate, the people feeling that a lesser amount could be charged them. The powers of the Tax Review Committee were explained but it was obvious from collections witnessed that the members of this Committee accompanying the patrol had no sympathy for the hardship of some people. In my opinion Kekemona and Koukousina should not be obliged to pay more than $2. for males with females exempt.

4. After explaining to the people the effect their refusal to pay Council Tax would have on the Administration in regard to the establishment of a road into the area the spokesmen for Oria, Pagui, Orimai, Botulai and Sulukunu villages altered their approach and informed the patrol that they had no money with which to pay the taxes. It is my considered opinion that the people from the last mentioned villages are well able to pay the rates as set down by Law.

5. The refusal to pay tax is seen as an attempt to jolt the Administration into action in implementing immediately, plans in hand to open up the area by road. This was not realized till the patrol actually spoke to the people concerned and some had paid tax after being assured that the Tabago-Toimanapu road would become a reality. Those that have not paid to date are possibly intending to keep the matter of roads fresh in the mind of the Administration and will comply with the Law at the last moment.

6. In my opinion the people have availed themselves of the only legitimate means of demonstration available to them to bring their problem forcably to the notice of the Administration. It is to be hoped that now the situation has apparently settled down the Administration will not lose sight of the immediate needs of the area and lapse into an attitude of righteous inactivity.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

1. During late 1965 and early 1966 a survey was done by a firm of private Surveyors under contract to the Administration, of a possible road from Tabago Catholic Mission to Toimanapu Plantation. An acceptable route was located and the project set down for consideration on the Needs List for 1966/67. It is not known what consideration has been given the road by the Administrators Council nor when work is likely to commence.

2. After leaving Tabago the proposed road passes through Ububakogu village and comes within two miles of Oria before veering off in a South Easterly direction to Toimanapu. The portion of this road which is of most interest to the people of the area is that from Oria to Tabago which joins the existing road to Buin and markets. Should no additional roads be constructed carrying time for produce to a roadhead would be halved for the people of Sulukunu, Orimai and Botulai. Pagui village is less than two miles from Oria.

3. Between Oria and Orimai little difficulty and expence would be incurred in opening up the existing patrol track to vehicular standard. A self help project would not be difficult to initiate in respect of this feeder road once the Administration has made its intentions clear by commencing work on the Tabago-Oria section. Such a network as proposed above would solve the immediate problems of the area.

4. From Irianoku Seventh Day Adventist Mission to Turitai Village, a road of excellent quality exists, constructed by the Japanese during the War. This road has fallen into disrepar and would not require much work to render it serviceable again. Sevenal small culverts and two 20 foot bridges need replacing.
With the re-opening of this road the distance from Tabago to Oria would be shortened by six miles also giving immediate access by vehicle to Turitai village.

5. The last week of the patrol was spent at Kaitu village with the intention of laying out a section of one miles of road to link Kaitu to Bogisago over an excellent patrol track which could now be used by a vehicle. During 1955 work was commenced to construct a road between the two last mentioned villages however, the small section between Kaitu village and the Maliai Creek proved too difficult for the people. It was possible for the patrol with the use of an Abney Level to mark out an acceptable route to a gradient of 9 degrees or 1 in 6.31. Work will have to be done by hand and take some three months. A contract of $600 has been let as an incentive to finish the work quickly. Once the section is complete it will be possible to drive to Bogisago Aid Post a distance of 8 miles from Kaitu.

6. Botulai, Kekemona and Koukousina people requested a road to their villages in conjunction with the refusal to pay Council Tax. In my opinion after visiting the places named it would not be possible to construct a road to them. Botulai is approximately 1½ hours walk from Orimai and would benefit greatly from any road to Orimai.

Kekemona and Koukousina are situated on precipetous ridges at an elevation of approximately 3,500 feet. A road even if one could be constructed would be of no economic value to the people as coffee, cocoa and conconuts will not grow due to very poor soil types in the area.

CONCLUSION.

1. Having discussed the construction of the Tabago to Toiminapu road with the Assistant Director of the Department of District Administration I feel that some further trouble in collecting Council Tax in future years will be experienced.

2. Mr. Hutchison informed me that it would not be wise to anticipate the completion of the last mentioned road for at least another four years. Should such a period elapse with the coming into production of more cocoa each year, the people will feel even more justified in their loss of faith in the Administration.

3. A possible solution to the problem would be the diverting of P.W.D. machinery from the Buin airstrip on its completion to commence preliminary construction as far as Oria. Survey of the route has been done and with an existing road from Buin to Turital as mentioned in ROADS AND BRIDGES 4 above only 12 miles, over the Duro Range, remains to be opened up to reach Oria.

4. Construction would not necessarily have to be conventional vehicle standard but a primary bench usable in fair weather conditions.

With the two bulldozers, front end loader, scraper and five five-ton trucks which are now at the disposal of the Public Works Department at Buin, work would take approximately five months. Should the Administration let a contract to a private firm for the complete construction of the road to Toiminapu consideration would be given in costing to the work done by P.W.D. resulting in less expense to the Administration.

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J.E. Fowke.
Assistant District Officer.

APPENDIX A: POPULATION STATISTICS.

BOGISAGO	177
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ORIMAI	237
PAGUI	152
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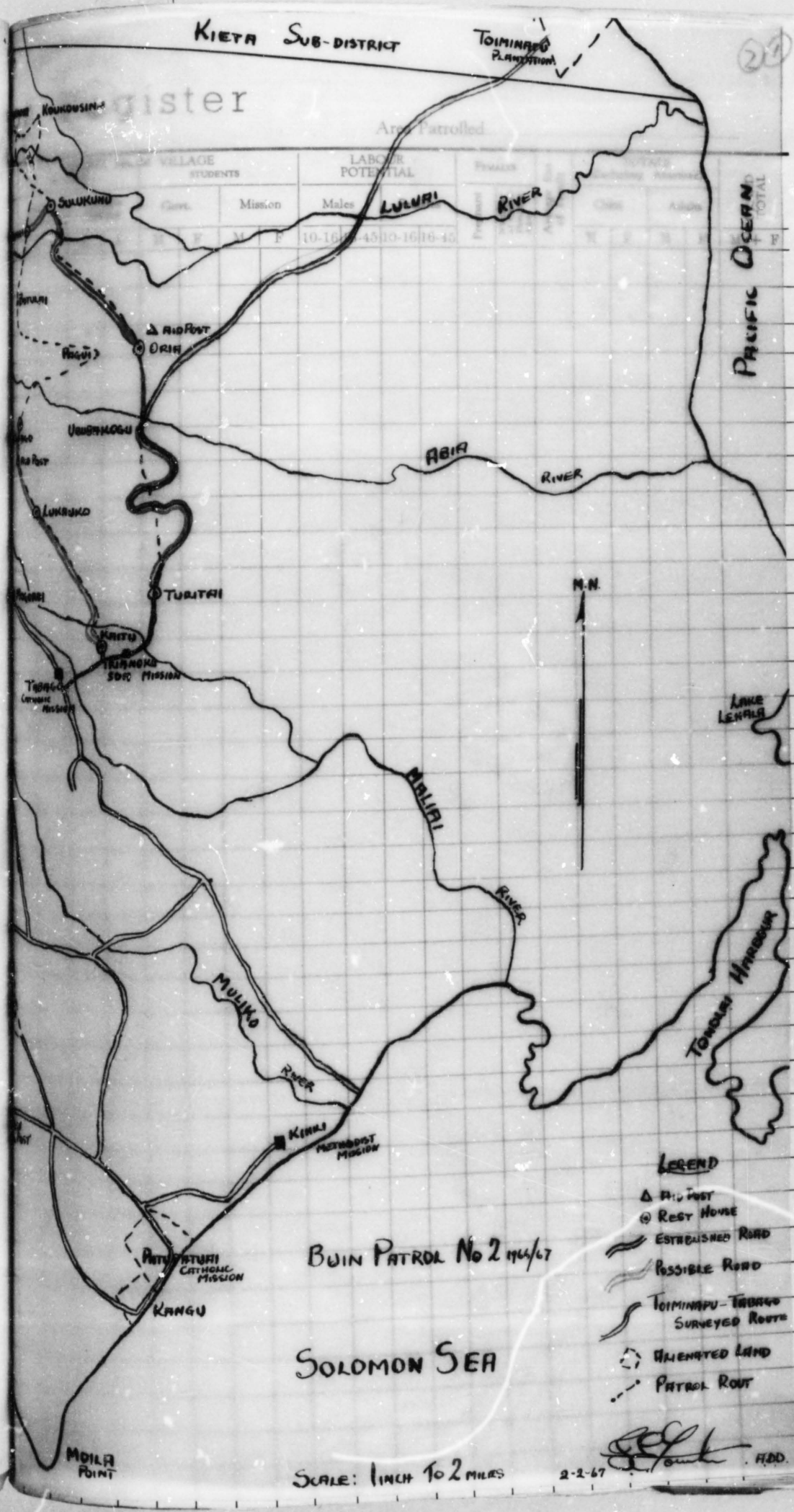
UBUBAKOGU	45

Statistics as set out above were compiled during a Department of District Administration census conducted during 1965.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TURITAI
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TRINITY SDAC MISSION
TABAGO CATHOLIC MISSION
M.N.
LAKE LENALA
MALLAI RIVER
MULIKO RIVER
TONOLAI HARBOUR
KINAI METHODIST MISSION
PATUTATURI CATHOLIC MISSION
KANGU
SOLOMON SEA
MOILA POINT
LEGEND
AID POST
REST HOUSE
ESTABLISHED ROAD
POSSIBLE ROAD
TOIMINAPU-TABAGO SURVEYED ROUTE
ALIENATED LAND
PATROL ROUT
BUIN PATROL No 2 1966/67
SCALE: 1 INCH TO 2 MILES
2-2-67
A.D.D.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of BOUGAINVILLE Report No. 6 of 66/67

Patrol Conducted by H. L. BALFOUR-OGILVY CADET PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled KONO, PAUBAKEI and PART-LUGAKEI CENSUS DIVISIONS.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans I

Natives I MEMBER R.P.&N.G.C.

Duration—From 30/5/1967 to 28/6/1967

Number of Days 22

Did Medical Assistant Accompany NIL

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 8/12/1966

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

Map Reference EXTRACT FROM BOUGAINVILLE SOUTH FOURMIL SERIES

Objects of Patrol REVISION OF THE COMMON ROLL, SEARCH FOR MISSING SURVEYOR; GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

14/8/1967

a/ District Commissioner

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

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

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

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Department of District Administration,
District Headquarters,
Bougainville District,
SOHANO.

18th. August, 1967.

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KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

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A/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

Att.

67-11-24

9th October, 1967.

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Bougainville District,
SOHANO.

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Your 67-1-2(11) of the 18th August, 1967, refers. The above patrol report and covering comments by the Assistant District Commissioner at Buin are acknowledged with thanks.

Mr. Balfour-Ogilvy has submitted an interesting and well compiled report. It is pleasing to note that the people are extending their cash crops. It is to be hoped that road construction will now push ahead to provide easy access to shipping or selling points.

Mr. Balfour-Ogilvy's comments under the heading "War Relics" was the subject of an Administration Press Statement No. 499, a copy of which is attached.

Att.

(T. W. Ellis)
DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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BUIN PATROL REPORT NO. 6 OF 1966/67.
KONO, PAUBAKE & PART-LUGAKEI CENSUS DIVISIONS.

Attached please find the abovementioned report submitted by Mr. H.L. Balfour-Ogilvy, Cadet Patrol Officer, Buin.

The main object of the Patrol was to carry out a revision of the Common Roll for the House of Assembly Elections in 1968. During the course of this Patrol it was necessary for Mr. Balfour-Ogilvy to join the search for a missing surveyor last in the Deuro Range West of Tonalei Harbour. Although of necessity the areas had to be covered in a hurry, it was certainly well covered and the objects of the Patrol were satisfactorily achieved. Up to date Census statistics are being compiled from the revision of the Common Roll.

Politico - Economic Situation.

The overall situation under this heading appears to be quite satisfactory considering the difficulties of communication, especially in the Kono and Lugakei areas. A good coverage of information and the appraisal of the situation has been submitted by Mr. Balfour-Ogilvy.

It is interesting to note the peoples' attitude towards Mr. Paul Lapun, M.H.A. The fact that the Member has not visited his constituency as often as he should has been brought up through the Council on several occasions. It has been pointed out to the people that the demand on the Members time, especially at Port Moresby because of his appointment as Secretary of Forests, and the large area of his constituency, precludes him from making regular visits to all areas. The people, however do not readily accept this explanation, the reason being that they are aware that he does, on occasions, manage to visit his home area, and as their elected Member he should visit them more often. As pointed out in the report, if there was another person of his standing in the area, the voting at the next General Elections could prove to be interesting.

Whilst I consider more effort could have been made by the people in some areas general development has been retarded by the lack of adequate communications. Where possible short feeder roads are being constructed under the supervision of our Officers when funds are available. Rapid extension of feeder roads cannot be expected until P.W.D. are able to assist with their machinery. No rapid progress, especially in the upper Kono and Lugakei areas, can be anticipated until road communications are improved. At the present rate of priorities little improvement can be expected until the road from Tonolei Harbour to Toimenepu via Tabago eventuates. Meanwhile it can be expected that a degree of frustration will exist in the sectors which are not satisfactorily linked to a main road. A safety valve to this situation is

that a lot of the younger men are seeking employment with the Bougainville Development Corporation at Tonalei Harbour, C.R.A., Kieta, and elsewhere. This is the present trend, but I feel this will alter when the people can be assured of a satisfactory outlet for their produce. It is noticeable that producers near Tuburuai Plantation on the feeder road to Moisuru Village are taking advantage of being able to sell their cocoa wet-bean to the Manager for cash in the hand rather depend on other avenues.

Follow up Patrols will continue to gather information with the view of making a submission to the Co-ordinating Committee who may be able to assist with some of the existing problems in these comparatively isolated areas. More patrols by the Departments of Agriculture and Health are necessary to ensure that the people in the more isolated areas do not feel neglected. The recent opening of the ~~Mosiuru~~ Oila Aid Post which was attended by representatives from the Departments of District Administration and Health, the Catholic Mission at Tabago and various Councillors, gave the people a lift and made them realise that the frustration of isolation can be overcome if the necessary effort can be made by all concerned.

Full reports covering the search for the missing surveyor, Mr. R. Dickson, employee of the Consultant Engineers, Laurie & Montgomery, have been submitted. Other matters are adequately covered by the report.

Mr. Balfour-Ogilvy has submitted a well prepared and informative report. He is to be commended on his efforts and interest in his field work.

Forwarded for your information, please.

(G.P. Hardy)
Assistant District Commissioner.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

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Sub-District Office,
BUIN,
Bougainville.

17th July, 1967.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
BUIN,
Bougainville.

BUIN PATROL REPORT No.6 of 66/67.

KONO CENSUS DIVISION
PAUBAKEI CENSUS DIVISION
PART-LUGAKEI CENSUS DIVISION.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY:-	H.L.Balfour-Ogilvy, C.P.O.
DURATION OF PATROL:-	30/5/67 to 4/6/67. 7/6/67 to 13/6/67 16/6/67 to 28/6/67
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING:-	C.P.O.LAMING for 4 days. Constable MULEU, R.P.& N.G.C. Constable KARAIRA, R.P.& N.G.C.
Last D.D.A. Patrol:-	December, 1966(Kono). January 1966(Paubakei & Lugakei)
Objects of Patrol:-	1.Compilation and revision of Common Roll for 1968 Elections. 2.Carry out search for Missing Surveyor Ron Dixon. 3.General Administration.
MAP REFERENCE:-	Extract from Bougainville South Fourmil Map.

INTRODUCTION.

The primary purpose of this patrol was to revise the Common Roll for the 1968 General Elections. Owing to the search for the missing surveyor the Patrol was conducted in broken periods, as the first four days were spent with A.D.O. Mr. J.E. FOWKES in the upper KONO, my initial unaccompanied Patrol began on Friday 2nd June.

Economically the Upper KONO is developing rapidly, and with the the opening of the road through to BOGISAGO in the near future, the area will be provided with a route for the easy transport of cocoa from the many fermentery's which exist. At present there is much local interest being shown in this road, which runs from the TABAGO Rest House to, at present, KAITU village.

Politically the Councillors of each village seem to be influential with the people who elected them, but only near TABAGO does any overall influence extend. Vice-President MOIKUI of KOMAI village has held the most influential position for the last few years, and his trip to AUSTRALIA has increased his standing as he never fails to voice comments of Australia when there is a gathering of locals and a D.D.A. official. Fortunately he was impressed.

The KONO area geographiclly is very undulating, but flattens out towards the BUIN plain. Most striking was the deep ravines which were encountered on the patrol, some no more than 15 feet wide at the top but dropping away for hundreds of feet. Heavy continuous rain was encountered in the first days of the patrol, and this made the walking through the heavy rain forests at times unpleasant. The walk through to Tonolei was made in a light drizzle, but endured.

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DIARY.

As set out in my Field Officers Journal, Folio's 61 to 68

30.5.67 Departed BUIN per Landrover with ADO FOWKE 0800 arriving Tabago Catholic Mission 0930. Proceeded by landrover to TURITAI thence by foot to UBUBAKOGU and ORIA. Revised Common Roll. Proceeded by foot to KURURULA Mission school and back to Rest House ORIA.

Slept ORIA.

31.5.67 Departed ORIA for SULUKUNA and ORIMAI. Revised Common Roll.

Slept ORIMAI.

1.6.67 Departed ORIMAI for BOTOLAI and BOGISAGO. Revised Common Roll BOTOLAI en route. Set up camp Rest House BOGISAGO.

Slept BOGISAGO.

2.6.67 Departed BOGISAGO for KAITU and TABAGO Catholic MissionRevised Common Roll for KAITU en route, inspected road work. Departed TABAGO 1100 for Surveyors Camp No.4 en route TONOLEI HARBOUR to search for missing surveyor. After hard walking arrived there camp 2000. Slept SURVEYOR'S Camp.

3.6.67 Departed surveyors Camp with one surveyor and ten natives 0500. Followed Dixon's trail for 6 hours along the top of ridge in the direction TONOLEI HARBOUR. Lost trail due to heavy rain and now no further trace. Proceeded TONOLEI HARBOUR, arriving 1800. After Conversation with ADC Mr HARDY, proceeded BUIN by speedboat.

Slept BUIN.

4.6.67 Departed BUIN by Bell Helicopter for air search TONOLEI HARBOUR and vicinity. Searched for nearly two hours. Landed TONOLEI then proceeded back to BUIN. Helicopter then picked up ADO MR FOWKES, who flew to TONOLEI to take over search as self suffering from a sprained and infected foot. Searched in afternoon area near foot of Duero Ranges by speedboat, arrived back at BUIN 1700.

BREAK IN PATROL.

7.6.67 Departed BUIN for KOGU rest house. Sent four policemen and natives (12) into area of search. Organised 40 locals to accompany myself and police party tomorrow.

8.6.67 Departed KOGU with 30 locals for search area, (west of DUERO Ranges) slept in bush huts near SAMIEI river.

9.6.67

Parties out searching and proceeding up western side of Duero range in direction of TONOLEI. No trace of DIXON but evidence of other search parties in area. Arrived TONOLEI 1600.

Slept TONOLEI.

10.6.67 After contacting ADC Mr. HARDY and ADO Mr. FOWKE staff and police party, well provisioned proceeded again to the area. Set up camp on western side of ranges, and search parties sent out. Parties contacted other searchers.

Slept Bush camp 2.

11.6.67 Out searching all day today, slept Bush Camp 3. Shots heard at 1400 today, Sunday.

12.6.67 Proceeded indirection of TONOLEI, learnt from message that DIXON had been found.

Slept in Bush Camp No, 4.

13.6.67 Proceeded TONOLEI 0500, thence by speed boat to BUIN.

BREAK IN PATROL.

16.6.67 Departed BUIN 0800 with CPO LAMING, by Landrover. Arrived MOGOROI rest house 1030. Set up camp. Revised Common Roll for MOGOROI, TABAGO, KAMORO and TUBARO Villages.

Slept MOGOROI.

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.6.67 Departed MOGOROI R/H for PARERO, KOGWIKIRU and ORUMOI Villages. Revised Common Roll and proceeded back to MOGOROI. Shifted camp in afternoon to TABAGO Rest House. Visited TABAGO Catholic Mission in evening for dinner with Father PINGLETON.
Slept TABAGO.

.6.67 Sunday observed TABAGO.
Slept TABAGO.

.6.67 Departed TABAGO rest house after revising Common Roll for LUILAU, TUROTAI and KOMAI. Proceeded to Rest house KOGU and with CPO LAMING revised Census for MUGUAI, KOGU, TUGURUAI, IAMARU, LAKOE, KIKIBAITSIAGO TANDAREKI and MAIKA.
Slept KOGU.

.6.67 Departed KOGU for BUIN 0530, reported in to ADC Mr. Hardy. Proceeded by motorbike to PARIRO and Iula No.I. Returned BUIN late afternoon.
Slept BUIN.

.6.67 Dparted BUIN 0800 by motor bike for KUGUGAI, then walked through to KUMIROGU. Revised census for Common roll in both villages. Arrived BUIN 1600.
Slept BUIN.

.6.67 Departed BUIN by motorbike for MALABITA, UGUIMO, LANUAI and MITUAI. Revised census for all four villages and proceeded to BUIN via old Back road.
Slept BUIN

.6.67 Departed BUIN by motorbike for LUAGUO. Revised census and walked through to KUKUMAI and OKIORAGU Villages. Revised census, village inspected and proceeded back to BUIN.
Slept BUIN.

.6.67 Departed BUIN 0800 for MARAMOKU and MORO Villages, revised census and proceeded back to BUIN.
Slept BUIN.

.6.67 Sunday observed BUIN.
Slept BUIN.

.6.67 Departed BUIN by motorbike for KUGIOGU. Revised census thence proceeded to MAKARO and back to BUIN.
Slept BUIN.

.6.67 Departed BUIN 0600 for KANGU. Left KANGU by speedboat with CpKEPA of LANUAI for ORAVA Village. Called in at TONOLEI on way and dropped off some freezer and mails, thence onto ORAVA. Inspected both coastal villages, I.&2., revised census thence proceeded back to TONOLEI.
Slept TONOLEI HARBOUR.

.6.67 Proceeded direct to BUIN with passengers ex TONOLEI, then to MOISORU village by boat and revised census. Dropped Cr. KEPA at LANUAI Village and proceeded to BUIN PORT. Boat out on trailer and proceededto BUIN. Reported to ADC Mr. HARDY.

END OF PATROL.

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS.

GEOGRAPHICAL DESCRIPTION.

As this patrol covered almost all the South-Eastern portion of Bougainville, a fairly diversified area was covered. The upper KOKO consists of deep ravines, some up to 1200 feet deep, and the patrol route passed down and into one of them in particular.

The area between TABAGO and TONOLEI, although uninhabited is covered by heavy rain forests that thin out to great open areas of swamp on one side of the BUKKO Range, and to great reedy areas which lie to the perimeter of Lake Lahala.

Except for the Top of the LOGAKEI, the BUIN area lies on a coastal plain.

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HOUSING AND SANITATION.

Generally housing in all the villages visited was with few exceptions, of satisfactory condition.The few exceptions were people who had left there families in the village and gone off to work.Consequentlly no one had bothered to look after there village houses.It was suggested that these people be notified of the condition of their houses,and return to the village to amend this.

All villages were well located,and in the main well laid out.All had an easy access to a good supply of clean water, and it was interesting to note that in some villages in the PAUBAKEI and LUGAKEI and lower KONO census divisions,the idea of communal I,000 gallon water tanks were either already installed or being installed,with assistance from the council.

POLITICAL SITUATION.

As this was a Common Roll patrol,comments were made in most villages as to the forthcoming General Elections,and it is interesting to note that while Paul Lapun appears to be the only candidate at present,some people did express their dissatisfaction at his infrequent visits,or at some villages,no visits at all.I feel that if someone else from the area who was reasonably well known and a progressive and energetic type,could provide a good and close competition for the present M.H.A.

One councillor in particular,whose village is on the present Buin-Boku road made the comment that Mr.Lapun often drives past his village in a Government vehicle running to and from Port Moresby,Lae and many other places,but not once has he stopped to talk to the people of this village.This attitude does not lead to enthusiatic voters by any means.

The councillor from SULUKUNU and KAUKASINA again raised the comment of how the villages were sadly depleted by the migration 2 or 3 years ago of families and young men to the villages in the KIETA Sub-District where apparently a Cargo Cult still persists to exist.A.D.O. Mr POWKE pointed out to him that nothing had come out of the ground in the way of Cargo,and while the Cultist's inactivity was unrewarded,the people who stayed and worked their garden's and cocoa in the villages were now being rewarded with the fruits of their labours,and with the possible advent of a road from TOIMAMAPU to TABAGO,would be even more so.

Generally there was a marked trend in absenteeism of young men.Most had gone to find work in TONOLEI Harbour,and with C.R.A. in KIETA.Other than some who had been in RABAUL or elsewhere in the Territory,there was no increase in people leaving BOUGAINVILLE for work,but more and more finding work on the island itself.

Despite earlier objections most of the people in this area have come to accept the Timber Company as a good industry for the people,and it has attracted quite a few labourers, if only for a few months at a time,but every little helps where money is concerned.Rev.Fr.FINGLETON of TABAGO Catholic Mission also made the comment to myself that with people working at Tonolei,the amount of cocoa now being produced and sold through the Society and TOBURUAI Plantation,that the people of the TABAGO area had never had so much money before,and also money through the Timber Leases at TONOLEI. Unfortunately the more money these people get, the more they want for less work, as was shown by carriers wanting overtime on the search.

There appears to be two or three outspoken, anti-Administration,anti-mission people in the centre of the KONO. One in particular,KAIBE of MUGUAI who,by having two wives has set himself up against the Mission,and by taking every opportunity he can annoys not only Government officials, but also his own people at times by the negative attitude he has adopted.Also one MORKE of KOGU appears to be a 'Rabble-Rouser' when he thinks he has been done an injustice; he demanded that the Government,and the company,pay for the time that he spent on the search,fortunately the majority of searchers were quite happy to accept the normal rate of pay.

It is interesting to note that with Mr.BAYLESS taking up his position on TOBURUAI Plantation,the people appear more inclined to sell wet-bean cocoa to him for fermenting rather than fermenting it themselves and selling it to the Society at BUIN.I would say he is a definite encouragement to the people of the lower KONO to grow cocoa,with a market so handy.

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POLITICAL SITUATION(cont).

On the whole I would say that while this area was very pro-Mission, and generally, although not always, pro-Administration the attitude of the individual appears to depend on what contact, direct or indirect, he has had with Administration officers. Thus I feel it is essential that officers in this area should be allowed a respectable period of time to initially make and maintain not only contact with the people, but gain their interest in projects vital to the economic progress in the area. Much more patrolling should be done by not only D.D.A. officers, but also by Agricultural and Public Health officers. In this manner the people would know that the Administration was taking more of an interest than to what they think at present. The upper Kono is most definitely one of the more progressive areas in the Sub-District, and as has been shown by the people of ORIA and their new Aid Post, the enthusiasm is there, it only needs a little more guidance, encouragement and financial support from the Government.

The attitude towards Europeans in the area patrolled seems to be becoming a more positive and assistance seeking one, they seem to be realising that ~~xxxx~~ a little initiative on their part is rewarded with helpful interest on the part of officers and others who are in the area from time to time. As mentioned in the preceding paragraph, Mr. BAYLESS, a European plantation owner now living in the area on an old Chinese plantation has become quickly accepted as a cocoa and copra buyer for the area. Whether this attitude is because of immediate payment for their produce rather than having to sell it to the society or not, it certainly appears to be a boon to the area.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC POTENTIAL.

Overall the food situation in the area is satisfactory, kaukau(sweet potato) being the ~~xxxx~~ staple food crop. Cocoa planting is increasing rapidly throughout the area, although people still plant coconuts to the extent that it may be a few years before everyone realises that cocoa, as a cash crop, is by far and away the more profitable. An increase in cocoa production throughout the area has been noticed quite pointedly, by the lack of adequate storage facilities at BUIN Port. Also through the lack of shipping space on the Bougainville Coastal ships. It is unfortunate that BUIN, being, so to speak, the end of the line, ships going back to RABAUL often leave without any backloading, as they have to much produce to pick up elsewhere on Bougainville. Consequentially by the time cocoa does leave the Port, it is not the quality it could have been had it been shipped immediately it was brought to the beach. This is not very encouraging to those concerned with the marketing of produce, as it means that not only do they have to wait a considerable time for payment, but also the quality quite often is not as high, and therefore not as well paid, as it could have been with adequate storage and shipping facilities.

Although other crops such as coffee, rice and rubber are being planted in the area, it will not be for a few years that anything others than copra and cocoa will be the main cash crops. In the lower LUGAKEI and PAUBAKEI divisions, there has been considerable rubber being planted. It is anticipated that when the rubber trees become productive, rubber will be one of the main cash crops. It is not antidpated that cocoa and rice will ever be planted in any commercial quantity.

There appears to be quite a large amount of vegetables and fruit being grown in the immediate BUIN area. A Saturday morning market brings ample fresh fruits and vegetables to those people who live in Buin Town. Throughout the patrol there was no difficulty in obtaining pineapples etc., and the availability of same indicated that many were growing them specifically for marketing.

As all cash crops in the area are perennial, there is a steady flow of money into the area, and it is interesting to note that this is used more often than not for further plantings. In most villages cash cropping is sometimes communal and sometimes two brothers or one person employing others to work on his land.

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AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC POTENTIAL. (Cont).

Although timber leases at TONOLEI HARBOUR and copper being found at PANGUNA by C.R.A. indicate the ECONOMIC Potential of the island as a whole fairly well, I feel that the economic potential of the area patrolled lies wholly and solely in the agricultural advancement and improved road system of the villages and their people. With increased plantings of cocoa in areas with little access at present except by foot, it is imperative that if these people are to remain at all interested in planting they must have an access road to the coast. Thus the possible advent of a road from TABAGO to TOIMANAPU is vital to the economy. It is not encouraging for people to have to carry bags of cocoa beans for three or four hours, or, more, just because insufficient equipment and funds for roadbuilding are limited in availability.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

There are quite a number of licenced village trade stores throughout the area, but whether or not they are profitable to any great extent would be difficult to ascertain. A few village bakeries were inspected en route, although in some places the owners stated that while they could readily sell the bread once they had baked it, the difficulty was in obtaining the flour. On the coast there are a few people who are actively engaged in fishing, but not enough to warrant this particular industry being really commercialised.

Basketware still remains the main industry in the BUIN area. During the last Financial year a Total of $9,000.00 worth (app. of baskets were purchased alone by the BUIN Society from people of the area patrolled. This is a considerable sum of money which has gone to the people, and it is encouraging to see that what money they have earned has encouraged the people to earn more through this industry. The popularity outside of they Territory of BUIN BASKETS indicates that this is an industry which which will remain profitable for as long as they keep making the baskets etc.

REST HOUSES.

All the resthouses slept in on the patrol were in reasonably good condition, although one or two had had instant repairs made on the patrols arrival.

CARRIERS.

No difficulty was experienced in obtaining carriers, and the standard 20c rate still seems reasonable. It appeared that where carriers were hired they always gave themselves enough time to return the same day.

HEALTH.

Health throughout the area seemed outwardly reasonable, although it was noted that quite a number of young babies and children had died because of severe attacks of Dysentry preceded by Diarrhoea. The general health of the patrol was good and there were no serious sickness's or diseases prevalent in te area at the time, other than the ever present Malaria.

The people at ORIA are all looking forward to the opening of the new Aid Post, which is a credit to then all and to the BUIN Local Government Council. Another Aid Post at BOGISAGO is due to be completed within the next month, and the event is becoming a good opportunity to show the people in the villages what the Council can do for them, if they pay their taxes.

EDUCATION.

There are five mission schools in the area of the KONO census division, one Methodist school at SULUKUNU and Catholic Schools at KURULA, BOGISAGO, MUGUAI and at TABAGO C.M. Unfortunately I was unable to obtain exact numbers of students, but there would be approximately 450 children being educated by the missions in this area. Only at TABAGO Mission is there a Standard five and six, so this limits the number who can proceed to Higher Education.

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ROADS AND BRIDGES.

There is a reasonable vehicular road linking TABAGO to BUIN, with one ford over the MULIKO river whichis at present washing away badly through lack of maintenance. The road extends from TABAGO up as far as MOGOROI Village, and another road as far as TURITAI with a branch as far as KAITU. This latter is the one which will eventually be opened all the way to BOGISAGO, and will provide the area with an access road to BUIN. In the other direction a road could be opened as far as KOGWIKIRU and ORIMAI, with the assistance of a Bulldozer it could be finished in a week as there are only two valleys where the existing track passes through. This road would then open an area where a lot of planting has been going on, and where, in the near future a road will be invaluable.

COMMENTS.

WAR RELICS.

During the patrol four Japanese rifles and one Japanese Light Machine Gun were handed by a local native of the MAIKA area, also one Japanese Samuruai sword complete with scabbard. All will be forwarded to the Territory War Museum. Two English AA guns were inspected on TUBURUAI Plantation, but nothing was seen on a reported Jap. small arms dump. A 2" Japanese Mortar was also handed in to the patrol, anda dump of ten Japanese outboard motors was inspected. Being mainly of stainless steel they were in good condition, and I think the Museum may be interested in these. While at Tonolei numerous AA guns were seen on the hill sides surrounding the harbour.

CONCLUSIONS.

This being my first patrol, I found the people in the area on the whole agreeable and ready to discuss their problems. Also they showed a willingness to take part in projects provided the Administration showed an active interest in the area. No major disagreeances were encountered, and all in all it was a interesting, and with the search, somewhat exciting patrol.

Forwarded for your information, Sir.

H.B. Ogilvy

(H.B. Ogilvy)
Cadet Patrol Officer.