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PATROL REPORTS GULF DISTRICT 1961/62.

BAIMURU AND KAINTIBA SUB DISTRICTS

<u>REPORT NO.</u>	<u>PATROL CONDUCTED BY</u>	<u>AREA PATROLLED</u>
BAIMURU 1 61/62	J.P. Fowke P.O.	Maipua Jari and part of Koriki C.D.
BAIMURU 2 61/62	J.P. Fowke P.O.	Part of Koriki, Barei, Baimuru, Kainare C.D.
BAIMURU 3 61/62	J.P. Fowke P.O.	Purari River.
BAIMURU 4 61/62	S.P. Kahler P.O.	Purari River.
KAINTIBA 1 61/62	T.A. Steen P.O.	Kaintiba - Inland Kerema KUKUKUKU Area.
KAINTIBA 2 61/62	T.A. Steen P.O.	Inland Gulf Kukukuku area.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of GULF Report No. BAINURU 1-6/2

Patrol Conducted by J. P. FONKE P.O.

Area Patrolled A MAIPUA, IARI and part of KOKI Divisions

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans M. J. MOORE CPO.

Natives 3 PNGC 1 INTERPRETER

Duration—From 23/8/1961 to 7/9/1961

Number of Days sixteen days

Did Medical Assistant accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services DECEMBER 1960

Medical UNKNOWN

Map Reference LANDS DEPT 4 mile series

Objects of Patrol See introduction

Director of Native Affairs,
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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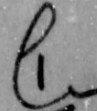
10th July, 1962.

District Officer,
Gulf District,
KERENA.

PATROL REPORT NO. 1/61-62 - BAINRUH

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report
is acknowledged with thanks.

2. The contents of the report are adequately
covered in your covering comment and no further comment
is required from this office.


(W.R. Dishon)
A/DIRECTOR

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ATC:LM



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District Headquarters,
Gulf District,
KEREMA.

25th January, 1962.

The Assistant District Officer,
Gulf District,
KIKORI.

PATROL REPORT - BAIMURU PR.1/61-62

The above report is to hand, some four and half months after completion. I note that Mr. Fowke has appended no explanation for his late submission as is required. Would you please have him do so.

Natives Affairs

It is pleasing to note the general improvement through the area covered, which will no doubt be maintained with continuing regular visits.

The land matters referred to under this section should be investigated as soon as possible. In respect to MAPAI-0 village the O.I.C. should take early steps to avoid future litigation by recording the boundaries of purchased land in both the Village Book and on office files whilst BAIA is still alive.

Would you request O.I.C. Baimuru to forward all the information he has in respect to UMIKA Island. I agree that it is neither proper, nor wise policy to allow squatters on Administration land. Please investigate the possibility of having the area broken up so that family groups may apply for leasehold title of separate blocks. Should the land be suitable, this could well push development in copra in this section of the District. I believe that this aspect of development, e.i. copra production, should be encouraged by every means possible, and the formation of the Kaimari Society could be a governing factor.

General

Items concerning other Departments have been passed to them for their information.

Please have Mr. Fowke submit his claim for camping allowance.

For your necessary action please.

Minute to:
The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

For your information please.

(Arthur T. Carey)
a District Officer.

Arthur T. Carey
Arthur T. Carey
a District Officer.

GEB/LFH.

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Sub-District Office,
Kikori,
GULF DISTRICT.

9th January, 1962.

The District Officer,
Gulf District,
KIRIMA.

BABURU-PATROL No.1 OF 1961-62.

I am forward patrol report number 1 of 1961-62, conducted by Mr. J.P. FOWKE, Patrol Officer, Officer in Charge of BABURU Patrol.

This report goes forward in duplicate, with one map (as received). Census figures in duplicate also attached.

This report was not received at Kikori until 8th January 1962, although completed on 7th September 1961. Thus it is of little value after four months.

The report is unsigned and no claim for camping allowance has been received by me.

As communications between Kikori and Baburu are uncertain, to return the report to Mr. FOWKE would only further delay its submission, and I am forwarding it direct to you on tomorrow's aircraft.


(G.H. BROWN)
s/Assistant District Officer.

s.o. Officer in Charge,
BABURU.

I have received no report from Mr. T. Moore C.P.O. who accompanied the patrol.

I consider that all Cadet Patrol Officers accompanying patrols should submit reports. This forms an essential part of their training. Please instruct all accompanying CPO's to submit reports in future.


(G.H. BROWN)
s/Assistant District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE
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KIKORI

*In Reply
Please Quote*

No. 67-1-1

Patrol Post
Gulf District,
BAIMURU.

SRD. January 1962.

The Assistant District Officer
Sub District Office,
KIKORI.

Patrol Reports Baimuru 1 and 2 - 61/2.

These reports are forwarded herewith.
Their late submission is regretted.


(J.P. POWER)
OFFICER IN CHARGE.

PATROL REPORT - BAIMURU.

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No. 1 61/2.

Conducted by J.P.FOWKE P/O.

Area Patrolled. MAIPUA, IARI and part of KORIKI
Census Divisions.

August 27th. Observed.

August 28th. Patrol at MAIPUA. Part of the village was visited and several houses inspected. The houses were in various stages of village improvement.

August 29th. Patrol at IARI. The houses were inspected and the village improvement work was observed.

August 30th. Patrol at KORIKI. The houses were inspected and the village improvement work was observed.

September 1st. Patrol at MAIPUA. The houses were inspected and the village improvement work was observed.

September 2nd. Patrol at IARI. The houses were inspected and the village improvement work was observed.

September 3rd. Patrol at KORIKI. The houses were inspected and the village improvement work was observed.

September 4th. Patrol at MAIPUA. The houses were inspected and the village improvement work was observed.

September 5th. Patrol at IARI. The houses were inspected and the village improvement work was observed.

September 6th. Patrol at KORIKI. The houses were inspected and the village improvement work was observed.

September 7th. Patrol at MAIPUA. The houses were inspected and the village improvement work was observed.

September 8th. Patrol at IARI. The houses were inspected and the village improvement work was observed.

September 9th. Patrol at KORIKI. The houses were inspected and the village improvement work was observed.

September 10th. Patrol at MAIPUA. The houses were inspected and the village improvement work was observed.

September 11th. Patrol at IARI. The houses were inspected and the village improvement work was observed.

September 12th. Patrol at KORIKI. The houses were inspected and the village improvement work was observed.

September 13th. Patrol at MAIPUA. The houses were inspected and the village improvement work was observed.

September 14th. Patrol at IARI. The houses were inspected and the village improvement work was observed.

September 15th. Patrol at KORIKI. The houses were inspected and the village improvement work was observed.

September 16th. Patrol at MAIPUA. The houses were inspected and the village improvement work was observed.

September 17th. Patrol at IARI. The houses were inspected and the village improvement work was observed.

September 18th. Patrol at KORIKI. The houses were inspected and the village improvement work was observed.

September 19th. Patrol at MAIPUA. The houses were inspected and the village improvement work was observed.

September 20th. Patrol at IARI. The houses were inspected and the village improvement work was observed.

September 21st. Patrol at KORIKI. The houses were inspected and the village improvement work was observed.

September 22nd. Patrol at MAIPUA. The houses were inspected and the village improvement work was observed.

September 23rd. Patrol at IARI. The houses were inspected and the village improvement work was observed.

September 24th. Patrol at KORIKI. The houses were inspected and the village improvement work was observed.

September 25th. Patrol at MAIPUA. The houses were inspected and the village improvement work was observed.

September 26th. Patrol at IARI. The houses were inspected and the village improvement work was observed.

September 27th. Patrol at KORIKI. The houses were inspected and the village improvement work was observed.

September 28th. Patrol at MAIPUA. The houses were inspected and the village improvement work was observed.

September 29th. Patrol at IARI. The houses were inspected and the village improvement work was observed.

September 30th. Patrol at KORIKI. The houses were inspected and the village improvement work was observed.

Patrol Report No. 1 1961-62.

DIARY.

- August 23rd. Patrol left Baimuru at 8.30 am. Arrived at Apiope Village 1500. Made camp and inspected village.
- August 24th. Proceeded on foot to KAPAI Village, Two hours walk away. Spent day revising ~~revision~~ census and attending to general matters.
- August 25th. Census revision at APISE.
- August 26th. Patrol travelled to RAVIKIVAU No.2. Census and general matters attended to.
- August 27th. Observed.
- August 28th. Moved to Old Iari group of villages. Villages inspected and general matters attended to. Discussions with various groups re village improvements.
- August 29th. Census revised. On completion patrol moved to MAPAIO village.
- August 30th. Census and general matters attended to in Ravikaupara, Ravikivau, and Onoporavi. These are three of the five groups which make up MAPAIO. Later, informal discussions held on various matters.
- August 31st. Census revision.
- September 1st. Revision finished and minor matters including several petty disputes attended to. Patrol left during afternoon.
- Sept. 2nd. Patrol at MAIPENAIRU. Census and general, later informal discussions on copra production and attendance in village school.
- Sept. 3rd. Observed.
- Sept. 4th. Patrol at AKOMA. Day spent in revision of census and attention to minor disputes, enquiries etc. Village inspected.
- Sept. 5th. Patrol at IKINU. Census and general administrative matters attended to.
- Sept. 6th. Patrol to KINIPO. Census revision and general inspection of village and surrounds. Several minor disputes settled and informal discussions on topics ranging from Agriculture to a simplified explanation of democracy and the making of laws.
- Sept. 7th. Patrol returned to Baimuru Station.

END OF PATROL.

INTRODUCTION.

The objects of the patrol were to revise the Tax/census Registers, to inspect improvements to the villages and housing resulting from orders issued by the previous patrol, and to carry out general administrative duties. 2

The patrol relied on an outboard engine and canoe for transport. Surprisingly enough, little trouble was experienced with the engine.

The area covered included the Maipua, Iari, and parts of the Koriki census divisions.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The native situation in the area is good. There is no evidence of disturbing trends of thought, nor, of course is there any trace left of the semi-cultism which prevailed during the regime of the notorious TOMMY-KABU. The area is in fact remarkable only for the general feeling of apathy towards life which these people share with most of the other Delta peoples.

One cannot help feeling, though, that the enthusiasm for a "new way of life", for want of a better description which these people demonstrated during TOMMY's abortive regime, must, in some measure, still lie dormant. Although there is no overt evidence of these feelings on the part of the people, I am sure they are there. I feel that if these people are not given a chance to air their aspirations in some way or another, there is a good chance that at some future date they may channel their desires into cultism of some sort. Since the completion of this Patrol, the new Kaimare Native Society has been formed, and I feel that in this type of enterprise is the best vehicle for the dissipation or consummation of the peoples desire to better themselves. Even if such a venture fails, the participants realise that the failure is due solely to faults of their own and not to outside agencies.

Since the first proposals were made regarding the formation of the Kaimare Society, another tribal group, the Waroi, have asked to be allowed to form a Society, and they are at present building up share capital to an amount suitable for flotation of such a venture. The Assistant Registrar (Papuan Region) hopes to be able to form this Society on his planned visit early next year. It is reasonable to expect another group to make a similar request in the near future, thus enabling the eventual formation of an Association.

During the patrol the usual large number of petty disputes were aired. These people have a penchant for petty litigation, and the involved and long-standing nature of many of these can prove very frustrating to anyone attempting to sort them out. This characteristic, one might almost call it a "bush-lawyer" complex, is what defeats many proposals for economic or social betterment made by the people at village level.

The patrol was accorded a better reception than previously, that is to say all Village Officials were in attendance on the patrols arrival, rest houses were in readiness for occupation with supplies of water, firewood etc., and presents of food including fowls, crabs, fruit and fresh eggs were found awaiting us in the rest houses.

The MAIPUA division, the first visited, is composed of two villages containing three clans or "ravi", as they are known. The villages are situated on the narrow sandy strip which separates sea and swamp, and as a result are better drained and appear cleaner than the inland villages. 2

The MAIPUAS themselves are not a large group, but have always struck me as being more vital in their approach to things than many of their neighbours. A few of them are related by marriage with the AREHAVA on the other side of the estuary, however on investigation I found that although many AREHAVA natives had, over the years, married MAIPUA women, and laid claim to garden and coconut land, no MAIPUA man had to living memory ever succeeded in marrying into the AREHAVA.

The IARI division, the next visited, is composed of the village of RAVIKIVAU No. 2., a small group who claim no allegiance to the rest of the IARI, and the village groups of ~~XXXX~~ OLD IARI and MAPAIO. The first named is the traditional home of the IARI, and was once a village of over two thousand people, with nine of the impressive "RAVI" long-houses, the front peaks of which often reached sixty feet or more. Little, in fact none, of this former glory remains, however, and the villages have earned a reputation for filth and decay surpassing any other group in the Delta. This state of affairs has not been allowed to continue, and the villages now present quite a neat and pleasing aspect, bearing in mind the filth and squalor encountered previously.

MAPAIO village came into being shortly after the last war, under the aegis of TOMMY-KAPU. It is situated on the bank of the IVO river some fifteen miles from the coast, on land bought by the IARI people from V.C. BAIA EVOI, a hereditary leader of the KORIKI tribe. The transaction was of course by native custom, but seems to have had the approval of the Administration at the time. There is some correspondence relating to this on old files held at Baimuru.

It is not unlikely that this land will become the subject of a dispute when BAIA, who is an old man, dies.

From MAPAIO the patrol moved to MAIPENAIRU, which, together with AKOMA, is situated on URIKA island all of which is Crown land. ~~THESE VILLAGES ARE SITUATED ON CROWN LAND AND ARE THE PROPERTY OF THE GOVERNMENT. INFORMATION RELATING TO THIS MATTER IS CONTAINED IN THE ADO BEARA'S LETTER 34-1-2 OF THE 19TH NOVEMBER 1958, ADDRESSED TO THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER KIKORI. THIS WAS WRITTEN IN TERMS OF CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM 212 OF THE 24TH OCTOBER 1958. THE POSITION AS REGARDS THESE VILLAGES NEEDS CLARIFYING. THERE IS ALREADY A TENDENCY AMONG THE PEOPLE TO REFER DEFENSIVELY TO THE LAND AS THEIRS WHEN IT IS REFERRED TO BY OTHER NATIVES. LITTLE IS SAID ABOUT IT TO GOVERNMENT OFFICERS, BUT IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE PEOPLE DO NOT FEEL HAPPY ABOUT THE PRESENT SITUATION. AS THE LAND HAS BEEN OCCUPIED FOR SO LONG, AND IF NOT WITH ADMIN. APPROVAL, CERTAINLY WITHOUT INTERVENTION IN THE FIRST PLACE, I FEEL THE ONLY COURSE IS TO ALLOW THE PEOPLE TO LEASE THE LAND OFFICIALLY. THIS MIGHT BE ON A VILLAGE BASIS OR PERHAPS THE LAND COULD BE SPLIT UP AND LEASED INDIVIDUALLY AFTER THE STYLE OF A RESETTLEMENT SCHEME. ~~WHATEVER ACTION IS TAKEN THE SITUATION WILL HAVE TO BE HANDLED WITH TACT.~~~~ No matter what action is taken the situation will have to be handled with tact.

The small coconut plantation on the Eastern end of the Island, planted pre-war under the N.R.O., has now been completely washed away.

The London Missionary Society have a lease (DA 964) in the centre of the island, between the two villages. There is a coconut plantation of sorts on the lease, and TOMMY KABU has been employed there for the last two years as boss-boy of a very small labour line, making copra for the Mission.

From AKOMA the patrol proceeded to IKINU and KIKNIPO villages and thence back to BAIMURU. 2

NATIVE AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK.

During the past few months a number of groups have erected new hot air dryers, and say they intend to produce copra. Aside from this there is nothing of note to report. These people are poor agriculturalists, as their staple food is sago, and there has never been a shortage of this. They supplement their main diet of sago, crabs, and fish with a few bananas, taro, sweet potato and manioc. These vegetables grow well in the inland areas despite the haphazard manner in which they are planted.

Pigs are mainly kept in special small "pig villages", usually some distance away from the main village.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

General health is good. This is due largely to the efforts of Drs. Calvert of Kapuna Hospital. The area is relatively well served with aid posts, both Admin. and Mission.

The patrol attended to the usual number of minor illnesses, cuts and contusions, etc..

A pleasing change in the attitude of the people is evident in the increasing number of women who go to hospital to have their babies.

EDUCATION.

Most villages have an elementary school of low standard run by a native Pastor of the L.M.S..

At Mapai there is an unusually well run S.D.A. school, and there are Administration assisted Mission schools run by Samoans at Mapai and Urika.

The Primary "T" school at Beara, under Mr. Briggs, E.O., has an enrollment of 86.

MISSIONS.

Mission activity, apart from the medical work carried out from Kapuna Hospital is in the hands of two Samoan and numerous native Pastors. There is very little European supervision due to shortage of Mission staff.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

There are no outstandingly good men in the area visited. All are of average ability and carry out their duties accordingly.

HOUSING.

It was pleasing to note the improvement in the general standard of village housing made over the last few months. Only two of the villages seen had completed all the tasks allotted by the previous patrol, but a great improvement in general cleanliness and in the previously extremely poor housing had been effected. The need to maintain a house in good condition rather than allowing it to deteriorate to the stage when it was no longer habitable was stressed.

Many of the new houses are very well

constructed, and proved that the average villager of this area is quite a first-class carpenter. The European method of construction, using nails and a fitted frame is most commonly used. The use of the woven material "cello" is universal now, and this, when finished with split Gora palm cover strips, presents a very neat appearance.

CONCLUSION.

There has been some improvement in the area in the last year or so, especially in the matter of cleanliness and provision of satisfactory housing. Aside from this, little has happened, apart from the awakened interest in copra production shown in a few villages. Even this very slight improvement in the area has only been won temporarily, unless continuity of policy can be maintained. This applies to the Delta as a whole. It is certainly not a rewarding area to work in.

POLICE.

7912. Const. 1/c EMBOGA. Reliable, conscientious
a good patrol man.
1825. Const. KAIO'O As for above.
6652. Const. KOMBUTA. Performs duties well
but not trustworthy.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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PATROL REPORT

District of Suey Report No. Bainuru 2/61-62
 Patrol Conducted by J P Bowler PO
 Area Patrolled East of Koro, Baiui, Bainuru, Kaimanu, Kaimanu
 Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil
 Natives 2 RPs, 16 1 Sub-tribe
 Duration—From 11/11/1961 to 12/11/1961
 Number of Days Twelve
 Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.
 Last Patrol to Area by—District Services December 1960
 Medical U. M. K. P. W. M. 19
 Map Reference Candis Dept 4 of Koro Series
 Objects of Patrol See Induction

Director of Native Affairs,
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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10th July, 1962.

District Officer,
Gulf District,
KEREMA.

PATROL REPORT NO. 2/61-62 - HAIMURU

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report
is acknowledged with thanks.

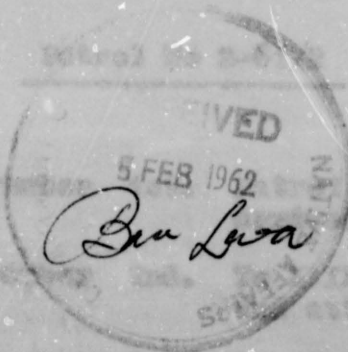
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covered in your covering comment and no further comment
is required from this office.


(W.R. Dishon)
A/Director

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District Headquarters,
Gulf District,
KEREMA.

26th January, 1962.

The Assistant District Officer,
Gulf District,
KEREMA KIKORI.

BAIMURU PATROL REPORT No. 2/61-62

Receipt of Baimuru Patrol Report submitted by Mr. Fowke is acknowledged.

The area generally appears to be settled, and the movement of the two villages of RAVIFAKA and KAMAUA on to areas more conducive to development from the social and economic viewpoint - may indicate that interest in self improvement is reviving. Though not mentioned in the report, I expect these villages have moved onto their own, and not someone else's land.

The Kaimari Society will function only if the people understand that it is their personal labour and production which is the basic factor. Formation of a Society is only the first minor phase; the continuing interest in development is the crucial thing.

I am passing on the remarks under "Agriculture" to the District Agricultural Officer. He may be able to advise as to whether anything can be done with the poor shade. It may well be that the areas under cultivation are unsuitable for coffee plantings.

Please draw to Mr. Fowke's attention the necessity for signing documents. The report is not signed.

Please also have him submit a claim for camping allowance.

Minute to:
The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

Atc
(Arthur T. Carey)
a/District Officer.

For your information please. The report shows a stable situation, though some signs of movement from personal apathy are apparent. Extracts from the report have been forwarded to the various interested departments.

Arthur T. Carey
(Arthur T. Carey)
a/District Officer.

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Patrol No 2-61/2

DIARY.

- November 1st. Patrol left Baimuru for KAIARAVI. Arrived 1400. Census and inspection.
- November 2nd. To KAIRIMAL. Day spent revising census and attending to routine matters.
- November 3rd. To ARA'AVA. Village inspected and census conducted. Informal talks with villagers during afternoon.
- November 4th. To KORAVAKE. Census during morning. Village inspected during afternoon and several petty disputes settled.
- November 5th. At HEARA as guest of Mr Briggs.
- November 6th. Returned to BAIMURU.
- November 7th. Patrol to IPIKO, KENKI and PAKHUBA. Census and inspection of each village. Little administrative work due to close proximity of BAIMURU P.P.
- November 8th. Patrol to KANAUA, RAVIPAKA, and UNAO. Census conducted and discussions held regarding layout of these new villages.
- November 9th. Patrol to MARIKI group of villages. Census conducted during afternoon.
- November 10th. General discussions with villagers. Village inspected and plans for formation of the proposed Kaimuru Native Society discussed.
- November 11th. Patrol to BANEA. Most of these people had already been seen at MARIKI. Census held and village inspected. This is another new village.
- November 12th. Patrol returned to BAIMURU.

END OF PATROL.

INTRODUCTION.

The objects of the patrol were to carry out routine administration and to revise the Tax/census Registers. Transport was by canoe and launch.

The area covered includes part of the Korlri and all of the Barai, Dalmaru and Kalmaro Census Divisions.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The native situation in the area is good. The usual number of petty disputes were encountered, but nothing of a serious nature was brought to my attention.

At the time of the patrol the people of the Kalmaro area were awaiting the visit of the Assistant Registrar of Cooperatives. Subsequently to the patrol Mr. Graham arrived, and accompanied by me, visited the area. During this visit the Kalmaro Native Society Ltd. was formed.

The villages of Koravako, Gwari, Akiaravi and Bvapa are at present working to gather together enough share capital to start another Society.

The people of the Purari Delta have made several abortive attempts at commercial enterprise in the past, and it is a good step forward for the area now that the Co-operative Section has been able to expand its activities to include this part of the District.

During the last year the people of Navipaka and many of the inhabitants of Kamuru, both situated on nonswampy stretches of mud near the coast, have moved inland to two new villages on the Kuyipi River.

This means that most of the Dalmaru tribe is now living on good elevated ground, in much more healthy surroundings than before. I hope that the remainder of the Kamuru people will also move to the Kuyipi area. The two villages now under construction, Unao and Navipaka, are but a few minutes by canoe from Dalmaru, and the people are able to take advantage of the medical and educational services provided there by the Administration.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK.

Little of interest has happened since the last patrol. The half-dozen or so coffee plots started about a year ago have not even reached the planting stage yet. Owing to various factors, principally lack of weeding, the shade trees planted under DASP supervision have not grown properly. Instruction has been provided, and many of the people concerned have spent some time at the Kurua Agricultural Station being shown how to care for coffee and other crops, however, this has been to no avail, or so it seems.

A few small hot air copra dryer has been under construction at Unao for some months, but has not yet been completed. Another large one was built recently at Ara'ava, but is not yet in use.

Few of these people have any idea of or desire for work of an organised nature.

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MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

Health work is carried out from Kapuna L.M.S. Hospital. Dr. Calvert patrols all villages fairly regularly. There are Administrative Aid Posts at Bainura and Mariki, and an L.M.S. one at Koravake.

EDUCATION.

There are very elementary mission schools in most of the villages. These are run by L.M.S. pastors. Attendance is sporadic to say the least. In one or two cases the teachers seem as casual as their pupils in turning up for school.

The Primary "T" school at Beaba has an attendance of 80. A new school has recently been established at Bainura and this is to be placed in the hands of a "Crash" course graduate.

MISSIONS.

Mission activity is confined in the main to village church services conducted by native pastors. There is no European Missionary in the area, although Dr. Calvert of course takes part in church activities.

VILLAGE HOUSING AND NEATNESS.

Housing and general cleanliness has been greatly improved in the last year or so. Some of the villages notably Ara'ava and Koravake are a credit to the people and present a very neat and orderly appearance.

Most of the Bainura people are engaged in the construction of the new villages of Unao and Ravipaka.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

None of those encountered are outstanding by any means, but all are doing as good a job as can be expected.

CONCLUSION.

No changes have been evident in the area since the last patrol apart from a certain amount of improvement in village housing etc.. It may be that the introduction of Cooperatives will stir a few ripples in the mill-pond of inactivity.

POLICE.

7912 Const. 1/e KEMBOGO . Efficient and reliable.

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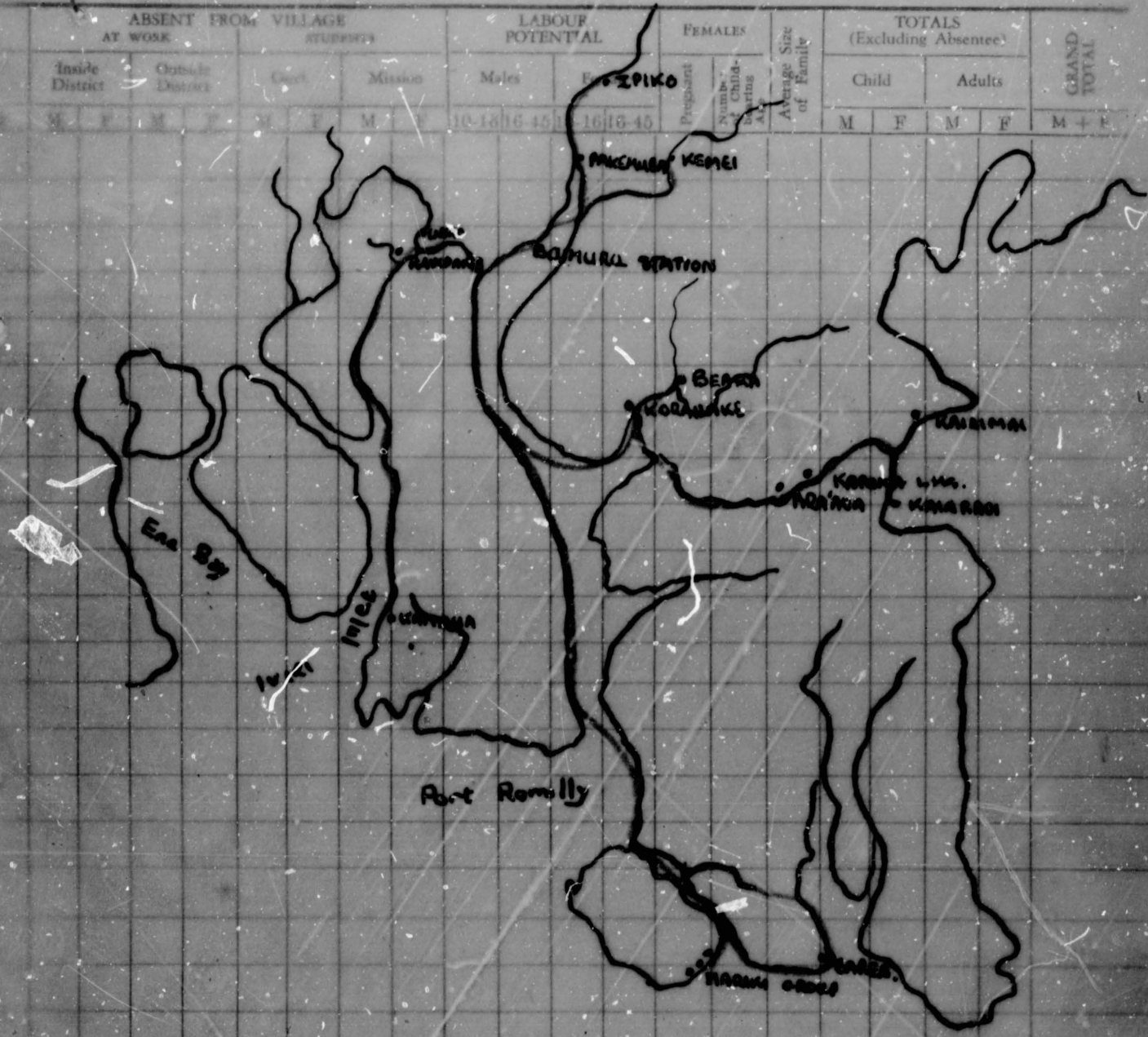
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Patrol No 2. 6 1/2 BAYMUMU

Conducted by J. P. Foulke.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of GULF Report No. Baimuru 3-61/62

Patrol Conducted by J. P. FOWKE P.O.

Area Patrolled Purani River

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 5 RPNGC, 1 NMO, 1 Servant

Duration—From 5 / 1 / 1962 to 26 / 1 / 1962

Number of Days Twenty

Did Medical Assistant Accompany No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / / 1957

Medical Nil / / 19

Map Reference APC PM 1950/83 DELTA REGION

Objects of Patrol Census and Routine administration

Director of Native Affairs,

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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67-2-14

10th July, 1962.

District Officer,
Gulf District,
KEREMA.

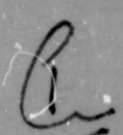
PATROL REPORT NO. 3/61-62 - BAIMBU

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks. It is most gratifying that the encouragement given to the inland people to visit Baimbu resulted in such numbers accompanying the patrol back to the coast.

2. I agree that it is desirable for the patrols to visit the people in their villages.

3. I am pleased that you are in touch with the District Officer, Goroka in respect of groups which might be more conveniently covered from the Marimui Patrol Post.

4. Let me have more detail on the Upper Perari people as it becomes available, particularly the Krei people.


(W.R. Dishon)
A/DIRECTOR

67.2.14



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



In Reply
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No. 67-2-6

ATC:LM

District Headquarters,
Gulf District,
KEREMA.

10th March, 1962.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT - BAIMURU No.3/61-62.

I enclose copy of a report of Patrol conducted by Mr. Fowke P.O., to the upper Purari area.

The area, being extremely remote from the coastal stations, has lacked organized patrolling in the past and considering the lapse of time since the last visit, the situation is extremely good.

It was unfortunate that the present patrol spent such a comparatively short time in the area. This was caused by the necessity for Mr. Fowke to return to familiarize Mr. Kahler, with the Baimuru area, and finalize matters before proceeding on recreation leave.

Native Affairs The settled nature of the peoples visited, and the consolidation of the WEIJANA population on the river, indicates a peaceful state exists in the area. It would further appear that consolidation of the remaining smaller groups is being sought by the main Pauaia villages.

Administratively this should allow for easier and better contact, and as affiliations appear close, no problems should be encountered.

The possibility of presently supplying anything in the manner of services (e.g. Health) is remote - access being an unavoidable difficulty.

The encouragement given to the inland people to visit Baimuru resulting in such numbers accompanying the patrol back to the coast is noted. However such visits must be sporadic when one considers the travelling time (at least a week each way) involved in the trip.

At present our aim should, and will be for more regular contact by patrol from Baimuru - if possible at least twice annually.

In respect to the groups mentioned on p.2 (Native Affairs) para 2, they may well be more conveniently covered from Karimui Patrol Post. I have already had correspondence with District Officer Goroka in respect to Village Constables from ANABAI and PORANI in the Masi area (Upper Purari) whose areas are quite close to the Karimui Post. These could be from the groups referred to by Mr. Fowke.

There are certainly no objections from this side as it makes for far better administration coverage than can be provided from here.

It is hoped later patrols may again contact the groups reported between the Purari and Kikori Rivers.

Information in respect of the departments of Health, Education, and Agriculture has been extracted and passed to them.

Recommendations in respect of Village Constables goes forward under separate memorandum.

(Arthur T. Carey)
a/District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

*In Reply
Please Quote*

No. 67 - 1

Patrol Post,
Gulf District,
BAIMURU.

28th February, 1962.

The District Officer,
Gulf District,
KEREMA.

PATROL REPORT NO. BAIMURU. 3 - 61/62.

This report is submitted herewith for your comment and on - forwarding. I am forwarding it direct as there is now no Assistant District Officer at Kikori, but have sent a copy to Kikori for their records.


(J. P. Fowke.)
Officer in Charge.

DIARY.

- 6th. January. Patrol travelled to ERA MATPWA village.
7th. January. Observed.
8th. January. To upper ERA river by launch and outboard. River flooding and first set of rapids impassable. Decided to return to Belmuru and obtain large outboard with view to re-routing patrol up PURARI.
- 9th. January. 0930. arrived Belmuru,ammunition obtained 50 h.p. outboard and proceeded down PIE river to the BAROE, thence the PURARI arriving at OROI village at 1630.
- 10th. January. Carried on to KONTI village pushing heavy flood current. Arrived 1600.
- 11th. January. Departed for UASIAI at 0710. and arrived at 0930. Canoe returned Belmuru. Most of day spent in sorting patrol gear into convenient canoe loads. Police allowed afternoon off.
- 12th. January. Left UASIAI. Very slow going. Canoes pulled along by grasping rocks and branches in many places. Estimated surface velocity of river at seven knots. Camp made at sage place during late afternoon. Travelling time eight hours.
- 13th. January. 0630. Left camp. Arrived mouth of MU'A creek at 11.30 Made camp.
- 14th. January. Observed.
- 15th. January. To KARIKU. Six and a half hours walk. Census conducted during afternoon.
- 16th. January. To TATU. Five hours walk over rough limestone and rocky creek beds. Census during afternoon.
- 17th. January. Prepared to leave for GURIMARU, but second canoe across river overturned, with loss of gear including medical supplies. Only two very small canoes now available so instructed villagers, carriers and police remaining on TATU side of the river to cut a large canoe and proceeded to GURIMARU with two police and six carriers. Arrived 1600, time five hours
- 18th. January. Census and inspection. Left to return to TATU at 1200. Arrived 1700. Key canoe pulled up under Resthouse. To be used for ferrying patrols, and to be replaced when unsafe.
- 19th. January. 0730 Left for KAIRIKU. Arrived 1230.
- 20th. January. Left for MU'A mouth at 0730, arrived 1130. Thence upstream by canoe. Reached UARU at 1400. Census during afternoon.
- 21st. January. Left UARU 0730, arrived UASIAI 1055. Police dismissed.

- 22nd. January. 0800 Left UMASIAI for KONI. Arrive d1000. Encountered C.D.W. Hydrographic party comprising Messrs. Morrissey and Shanicleus at WABO recorder site. Census conducted during afternoon.
- 23rd. January. Proceeded to URI, two and a half hours downstream. Census carried out.
- 24th. January. 0700 left for VOIMATU. Arrived 1100. Census during afternoon.
- 25th. January. 0730 left for OROI, arriving at 1230 to find launch "RUBY" awaiting as per instructions. Census conducted.
- 26th. January. Returned to BAINUNU, calling at KAPUNA and HEARA on the way. A thirteen hour trip including stopstalling approximately three hours.

END OF PATROL.

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INTRODUCTION.

The area covered was that inhabited by the PAUAIA people, in other words the middle and upper PURARI. This is an infrequently visited area, although it has seen periods of intensive activity on the part of the Oil Companies. The first person to contact these people was the explorer Bevan. He was followed by Sir William McGregor who travelled upstream for an estimated one hundred miles in 1893. Before the war the area was visited by patrols from Kikori, but the only record I have actually seen is that of a patrol in 1938, led by Mr. J.R. Foldi, which covered the whole of the Upper Purari area.

Since the war there have been census and administrative patrols to the area in 1948, 1954 and 1957. In 1958 a patrol visited the two lowest villages which were not visited by the 1957 patrol.

The Purari is very fast flowing, and is an arduous and often dangerous stream to navigate. Launches with powerful enough engines can reach WA'APO creek, but a pilot who knows the river is necessary, as there is a rock bar at Bevan Rapids. The best means of travel on this and most of the other big rivers in this District is in a large single canoe powered by a 40 H.P. outboard motor as used by the Oil Companies.

The patrol was originally routed through the Upper ERA area, to UMASIAI on the Purari, to avoid the long trip with the small outboard engine available to the patrol. This was prevented by flooding in the ERA and MEKA rivers, and the patrol returned to BAINURU and continued up the PURARI.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

During the whole of the patrol only one complaint was made. This concerned threats of sorcery against OROI villagers by a man from KAUDA village on the lower Purari. This matter was dealt with in the Court for Native Matters at Bainuru.

The lack of complaints of the minor sort usually encountered by patrols does not necessarily indicate that there is no petty strife of any sort in the area, however the people seemed to be quite happy, and there was little or no evidence of friction between groups or individuals. In fact these people exhibit a rather remarkable solidarity, possibly because they are numerically few, and disputes over food, pigs etc. do not occur with the same frequency as they do in the more populous coastal region.

During the patrol I endeavoured to collect as much information as possible about the uncensused population between the Purari and the T.N.G. border, and between the Purari and the Kikori hinterland.

Although there are no census or other records pertaining to the Purari area at Bainuru, I believe that this is known officially as the TUROHA census division. This is somewhat of a misnomer, as TUROHA is actually the clan name of the people of KONI and UMASIAI villages. Although the people of the area all speak the same language with no apparent difference between villages, they are split up into seven groups. These are as follows.

OROI and WOIMATU villages	"PAUAIA"
URI	"URI"
KONI and UMASIAI	"TUROHA"
KAIRIKU	"SOAIROA"
TATU	"SIRAHA"
GURIMATU URARU	"HIAPU" "TOAIRA"

The people of this area are always referred to by other natives as by Europeans as "PAUATA" or "PAUAIAMS". The people themselves say that this is the best collective name for themselves, and use it when conversing in Motu.

On the accompanying map I have shown the approximate positions of the uncensused groups on whom I was able to get reliable information. As the group lies it is only 15 miles from GURIMATU to the T.N.G. border. Many of the Gurimatu and Tatu people are related to and intermarry with a group known as the "POROI". This group are on the NW side of the border. Gurimatu and Tatu have always lived in fear of a group known as the "URUA", who inhabit an area north of the UNU and the NEMI rivers. These flow into the PLO some distance above Gurimatu. However, the people say that the URUA together with the POROI have recently been brought under control by the "ontop Government", presumably the newly established patrol post on the Karimui Plateau. This seems to indicate that the bulk of these groups are situated on the T.N.G. side. There are no more Pauata people between the Gurimatu and the territory of the Urua and the Poroi. A perusal of the report of the patrol to this area carried out in 1955 by Mr. A. W. Bottrill, AD and the report on the patrol led by Mr. Jefferies ADO in 1960, together with any information available from the Karimui Patrol Post would shed more light on whether or not there are any Umuor Poroi villages within the Guld District. Even if there are it seems certain that they have already been brought under control, and are more easily reached from Karimui than from Bairuru or Kikori.

As for the Pauatan people, whose territory lies within this District, there are only four groups who have had little or no contact with the Government. These are the WEI'JANA, the HA'U, the DIARI and the WEME.

The Welbjana were only visited once by a patrol before their recent move to the mouth of Wa'apo creek where an initial census was conducted by this patrol. From what I was told I think that the patrol concerned must have been that conducted by Mr. Foldi in 1938. This group has up till only a few months ago lived a nomadic existence on the upper PLO river. However, a large section of the group moved down to Wa'apo creek recently at the invitation of the people of Koni village, and are building a permanent village there.

Allegedly only twelve men, some with families, some single, remain in the upper PLO area. The VC of Koni, Boral, and Pural, the new appointee for Wel'jana say that they are going to visit these and task them to move down and join the main group.

These people were congratulated on their initiative in making this move, and it is to be hoped that it will become accustomed to their new and more settled way of life.

The second group, the HA'U, live near the headwaters of the PLO. I am uncertain as to whether this group has been contacted by an administrative patrol, but I know that APQ survey parties have been through the area, accompanied by a Patrol Officer.

These people are related to the Ur1, who know the way to Ha'u, and frequently visit there. The Ur1 people say that Ha'u is a semi-permanent village of fair size, and that there are quite a lot of people there. I would be most surprised, however, to find more than 150 people there. According to the Ur1, the trip takes six or seven days each way, so any patrol visiting the village would have to allow at least a fortnight to complete the trip. I was unable to find out much about the DIARI, and suspect that they are either closely connected with the Ha'u, or that DIARI is just another name for the Ha'u.

The WEME live at the head of the TSUBU river and were last visited in 1960 by a patrol investigating the spread of "Kuru" disease. The trip takes three days from WOIMATU on the Purari. The return trip took this particular patrol only two days, as it is mostly downhill going on the way back.

The village is close to the T.N.G. border and the people from here to whom I have talked say that they "walk about" in the N3 side, and are familiar with such places as Okapa, Henganofi, and Goroka.

The only other Pausan village is KEKA, which is situated on the Vailala River, and is administered from Ihu. These people are related closely to the Woimatu and Oro, and there is constant movement between these villages on the Purari and Keka on the Vailala. The trip takes two days.

East of the TSUBU is a scattered population of Kukukuku type people. A patrol conducted by Mr. V.B. Counsel, P/O, explored part of this area in, I think, 1952.

West of the Purari are several small groups of primitive, semi-nomadic people who speak a language known as BARA. This language is spoken throughout the area between the upper Purari and the Kikori river, and extends as far as KALAM village on the Kikori, and to TLIGI, in the Southern Highlands. Some of these groups have been contacted, others, in the north, have not. The most recent patrol to the area was that of Mr. ADO Jefferies in 1959, followed up, but over a different route in 1960. Both these patrols started from Kikori. Two groups who live on the fringe of the Pausan area have intermarried and formed strong ties with the Pausan. These are the NEIRA who census as part of Gurumata village, and the WAI, who are incorporated in the URARU census. Other groups are the TEKER, who live around the lake of the same name, the HAROWAN, the SO'OE, the WHIMAHARI, and the FEDEGI. The approximate positions of these groups are shown on the accompanying map.

During the patrol the people were assured that in the event of their wanting to visit Baimuru for any reason they would be assured of accommodation (a new transients house has just been completed) and food for the return trip if necessary. In the past only the younger men, wiser in the ways of the outside world through their experience with APC, have made the journey. As a result, the patrol was accompanied by quite a number of people, many seeking treatment for bad sores and ulcers, on its return. In all 27 patients many of them women and children, were admitted at Kepura Hospital. This is the first time that these people have brought their women down to the coast, and, indeed the first time that any number have been persuaded to come to hospital. It is hoped that the word will be spread by those returning, and that more people will be willing to undertake the journey, which is admittedly a long and arduous one when necessary.

Some of the people whose villages lie inland do not know how to make canoes, and so are very handicapped when it comes to travelling. These villages (KAIIRIKU and WEI'JANA) were issued with canoe adzes, and the people of URARU and KEMI respectively have undertaken to instruct them in the secrets of the craft. Most of the men already know how to paddle and steer a canoe.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK.

These people are traditionally nomadic sago-eaters. Their gardens, though probably bigger than those of the ~~neighboring~~ proper villages were made, are not large, and methods of agriculture are very primitive. In the limestone country there is little ~~good~~ suitable for gardening. However, the lower villages seem to produce sweet potatoes and bananas of very good quality and in fair quantity. Most villages have small patches of pineapples and ~~orange~~ pawpaws etc in or near the village compound.

The people are keen to plant anything new, and a small supply of peanuts, seed rice, corn, oranges and limes and melonseed were sent back to the area with those returning from Balmuru.

A few domesticated pigs were seen and the village ~~canine~~ population shows marked APG influence, many animals exhibiting cattle-dog ancestry being seen. The lower Purai area and the Upper ~~Bar~~ literally abounds with wild pig.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

Health in general seemed good for such an isolated area. Unfortunately the whole of the patrols medical kit was lost in a river-crossing accident when a canoe overturned. Most of those treated, and those brought back for treatment were cases of septic sores and TUs. Skin complaints are commonplace.

About four years ago an epidemic swept the area, causing many deaths and the abandonment of all the villages, which have only been re-established since last August when I was able to make a quick trip to the area with a GSW Hydrographic party and advise the villagers of my intention to visit the area. In all villages this sickness was described as follows:-

Tightness and constriction of the throat and chest pain in swallowing, pains in the arms and the sides of the body. These symptoms were noted by Dr Gajasec in 1958, when passing down the Purai from the Ozapa and upper TSUBU area, on an investigation into "Kuru" disease. By this time the epidemic had finished, and accurate diagnosis impossible. The people were told to contact the Administration immediately upon the recurrence of this or any serious sickness.

EDUCATION.

Eight boys were brought back and enrolled at BEARA school at the request of their fathers. These are the first children from this area to attend school.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Orders given by previous patrol in regard to the clearing and maintenance of paths were reiterated. Walking is quite rough, and the three villages of Kairiku, Tatu and Garimatu are all about 5 hours apart.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

The Village Policemen are all doing a very good job considering the lack of regular patrolling and the consequent lack of encouragement and advice.

During the patrol a ~~Commander~~ was elected and appointed in each village. All V.O.s accompanied the patrol back to Balmuru, where they were paid and re-issued, as most of the uniforms were very old and ragged. Recommendations for the appointment of three new V.O.s are enclosed with this report.


MISSIONS.

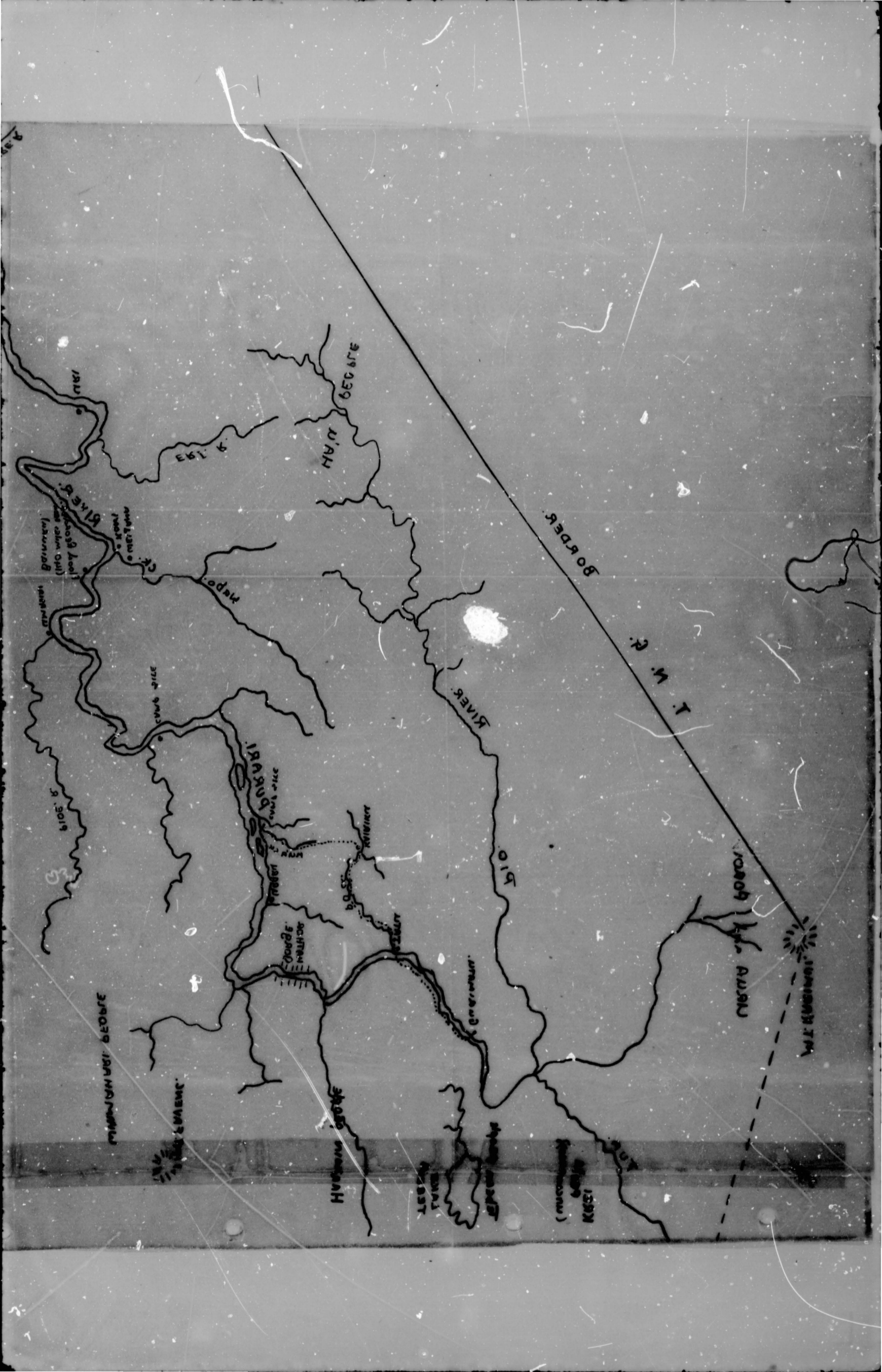
Mission activity in the area is practically nil, there having been only one native teacher in the area, sent by the I.M.S., and he only sporadically in residence at Orai, the lowest village, for the last two years or so. Many of the people of the upper villages are keen for a mission to open up in the area, and in particular mentioned the Seventh Day Adventist mission.

CONCLUSION.

This area needs at least one patrol a year. The people have felt themselves to be more or less forgotten by the government, particularly since the waning of the establishment of control and of patrolling in the Karfil area has spread down.

Aside from normal administrative work, the patrol endeavoured to build up morale in the area, particularly amongst the Village Constables. It is felt that these efforts were in some measure successful, particularly in view of the large number of people who accompanied the patrol back to Baimara, and their obvious enjoyment of the trip, and the opportunity to spend money earned by carrying for the patrol, and the fact that they were made to feel welcome at "their" station.


(J. P. POWER)
Patrol Officer G.S.1.



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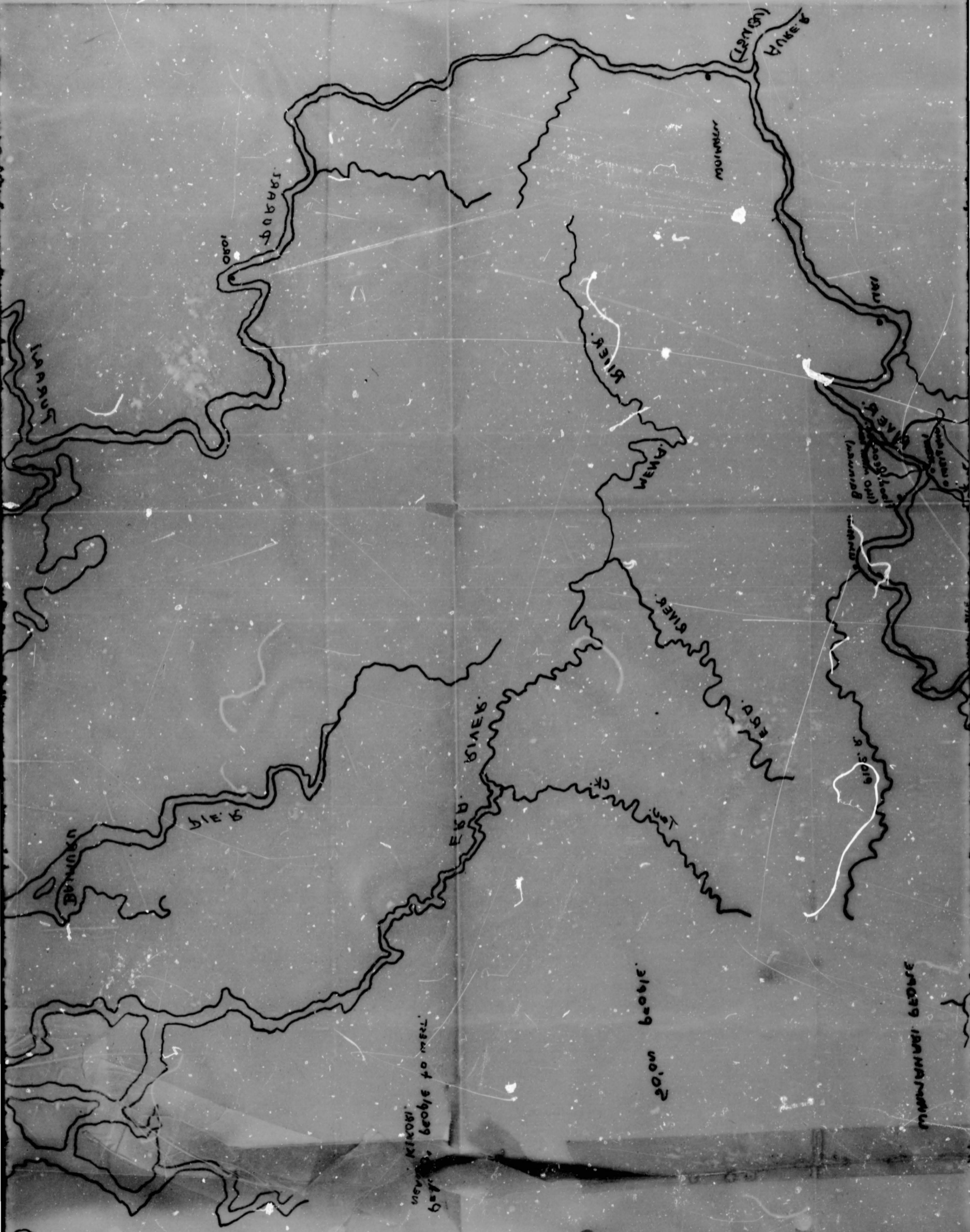
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

POST OFFICE

MAY 1962

KIRIWINI

PATROL REPORT

Special Report.

District of GULF Report No. Bei 4 1061-62.

Patrol Conducted by S. P. Kahler, P.O.

Area Patrolled Purari River.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.

Natives 3 R.P. & N.G.C., 1 Boats crew.

Duration—From 19/5/1962 to 23/5/1962 and 25/5/62 to 2/6/62.

Number of Days 14 days.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 26/1/1962.

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

Map Reference Sketch Map Attached.

Objects of Patrol Investigate a report that fighting had occurred in which a woman was injured.

Director of Native Affairs,
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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SUB-DISTRICT OFFICE TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA
 11 JUN 1962
 KIKORI **PATROL REPORT**

Special Report.

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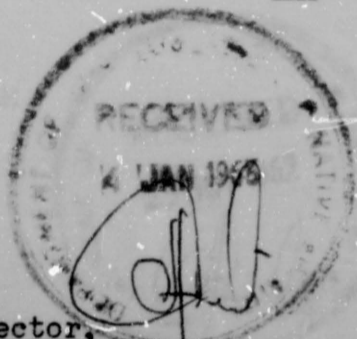
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



67-2-22

In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-2-5

District Headquarters,
Gulf District,
KEREMA.

21st December, 1962.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT No. 4/61-62 - BAIMURU

Your 67-2-22 of 3rd October refers. I have contacted Goroka and requested their assistance due to lack of staff at Baimuru. I understand a patrol was proceeding from Karimui towards this general area.

Arthur T. Carey
(Arthur T. Carey)
a/District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67/2/22 ✓

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In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-2-5

District Headquarters,
Gulf District,
KEREMA.

16th October, 1962.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT NUMBER 4

Your 67-2-22 of 3rd October refers.

2. The District Officer, Goroka has informed me that a Karimui patrol will be visiting the Tebera area shortly in connection with the reported killing. His request for the patrol from this end to liaise on the spot, was unable to be complied with due to our present staff position.
3. I have requested further information from the Aswistant District Officer, Kikori.

Arthur T. Carey
(Arthur T. Carey)
a/District Officer.

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67-2-5

District Headquarters,
Gulf District,
KEREMA.

21st December, 1962.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
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REPUBLIC OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-2-22

3rd October, 1962.



The District Officer,
Gulf District,
KERIMA.

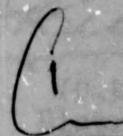
District Headquarters,
Gulf District,
KERIMA.
13th July, 1962.

PATROL REPORT NO. 4 - 1961/62 - BAINUBU

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

Have you taken action in checking if the Eastern Highlands District is handling the report of the killing in the Lake Tebera area.

Was the woman at KAIRIKU shot deliberately or was it accidental?


(W.R. DIXON)
Acting Director.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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In Reply
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No. 67-2-6
PR.4/61-62.

District Headquarters,
Gulf District,
KEREMA.

18th July, 1962.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT 4/61-62 - BAIMURU

The above report is forwarded in duplicate,
please.

It calls for no special comment. The matter of
the allegation against V.C. Doipa is receiving attention.

(G.R.G.WEARNE)
District Officer.

BWPB:OK.

67-2-3.

Sub-District Office,
Kikori,
Gulf District.

16th. June 1962.

The District Officer,
Gulf District,
KEREMA

PATROL NO.4-61/62 BAIMURU.

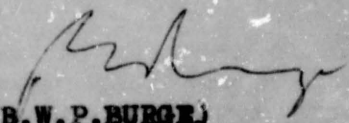
Attached please find report of the above patrol.

Mr. Kahler has apparently conducted a useful patrol.

It was unfortunate that so much time was wasted due to engine trouble but this only serves to further emphasize the unreliability of outboard motors as a means of transport in this Sub-District.

The report of the killing in the Lake Tebera area has been noted and it would be appreciated if you could ascertain whether the matter is in fact being handled by GOROKA.

For your information please.


(B.W.P. BURGE)
Assistant District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-1.

Patrol Post,
BAIMURU,
Gulf District.

8th June, 1962.

The Assistant District Officer,
Sub-District Office,
KIKORI, Gulf District.

Special Report No. 4 1961-62.

Patrol Conducted by - S.P. Kahler. P.O.

Area Patrolled - Part of Purari River.

Duration of Patrol - 19/5/62 - 23/5/62 and 25/5/62 - 2/6/62.

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DIARY.

MAY, 1962.

Saturday, 19th.

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Proceeded up Baroi. R. to Kapuna and Mapaio Village, thence
up Purari to camp site below OROI Village. R.O.N.

Sunday, 20th.

Departed camp at 8am, proceeded to WOIMATU Village.
Arrived 4pm. R.O.N.

Monday, 21st.

Left WOIMATU Village 8am proceeded up Purari for
approximately 2 hours. Motor overheating, stopped and then unable
to start motor. Returned to WOIMATU. R.O.N.

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DIARY (Contd.)

MAY, 1962.

Friday, 25th.

New head gasket fitted Baimuru. Departed Baimuru 8am, arriving camp site 4pm. R.O.N.

Saturday, 26th.

Departed camp 8am and arrived URI Village at 9.15pm. R.O.N.

Sunday, 27th.

Departed URI approximately 10am, arrived KONI at 11.30am. Stayed remainder of day.

Monday, 28th.

Departed KONI at 8am and proceeded to C.D.W. camp approximately half an hour up river. Moved on to UMASIAI Village. Remained at UMASIAI waiting for water level to drop.

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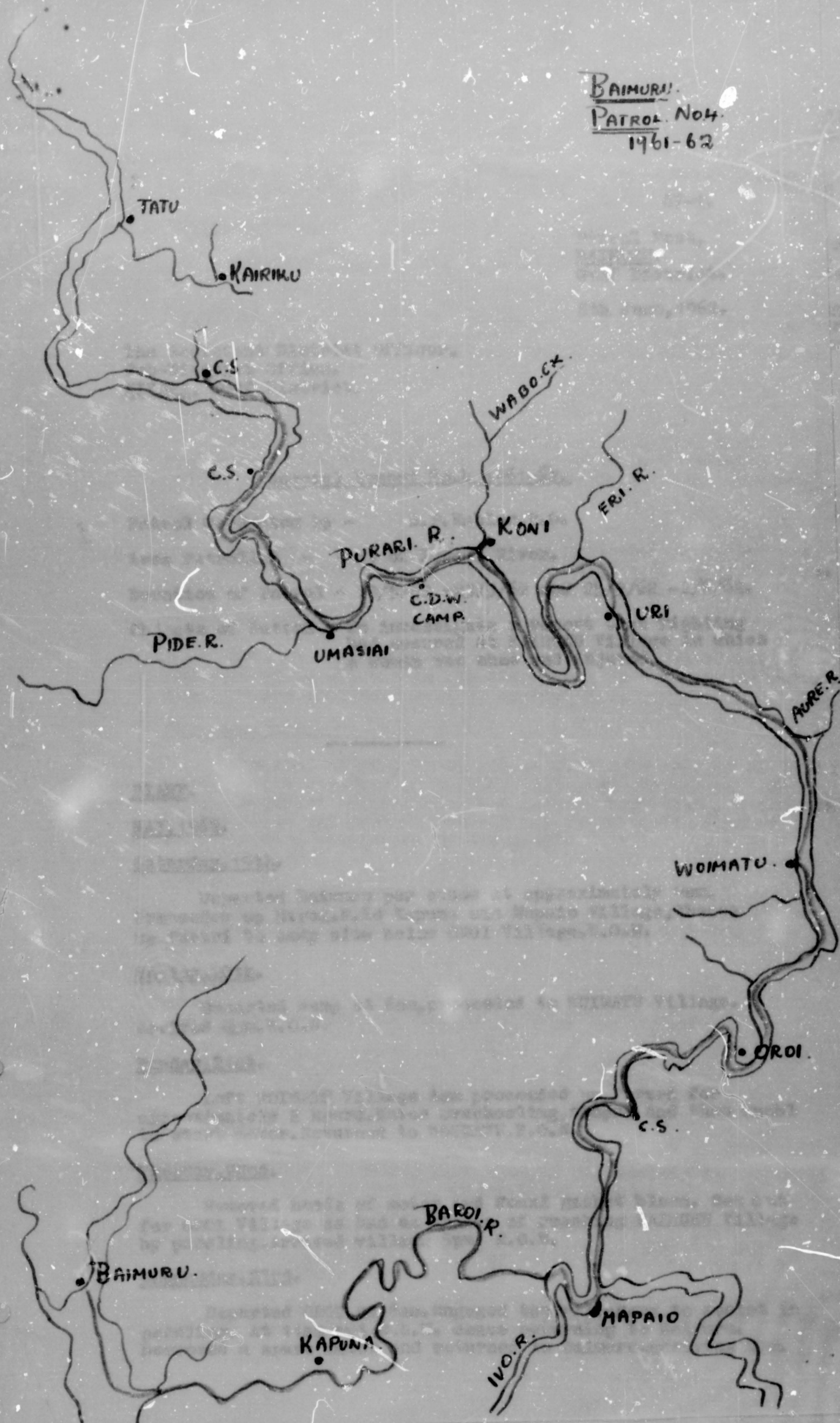
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BAIMURU.
PATROL NO. 4.
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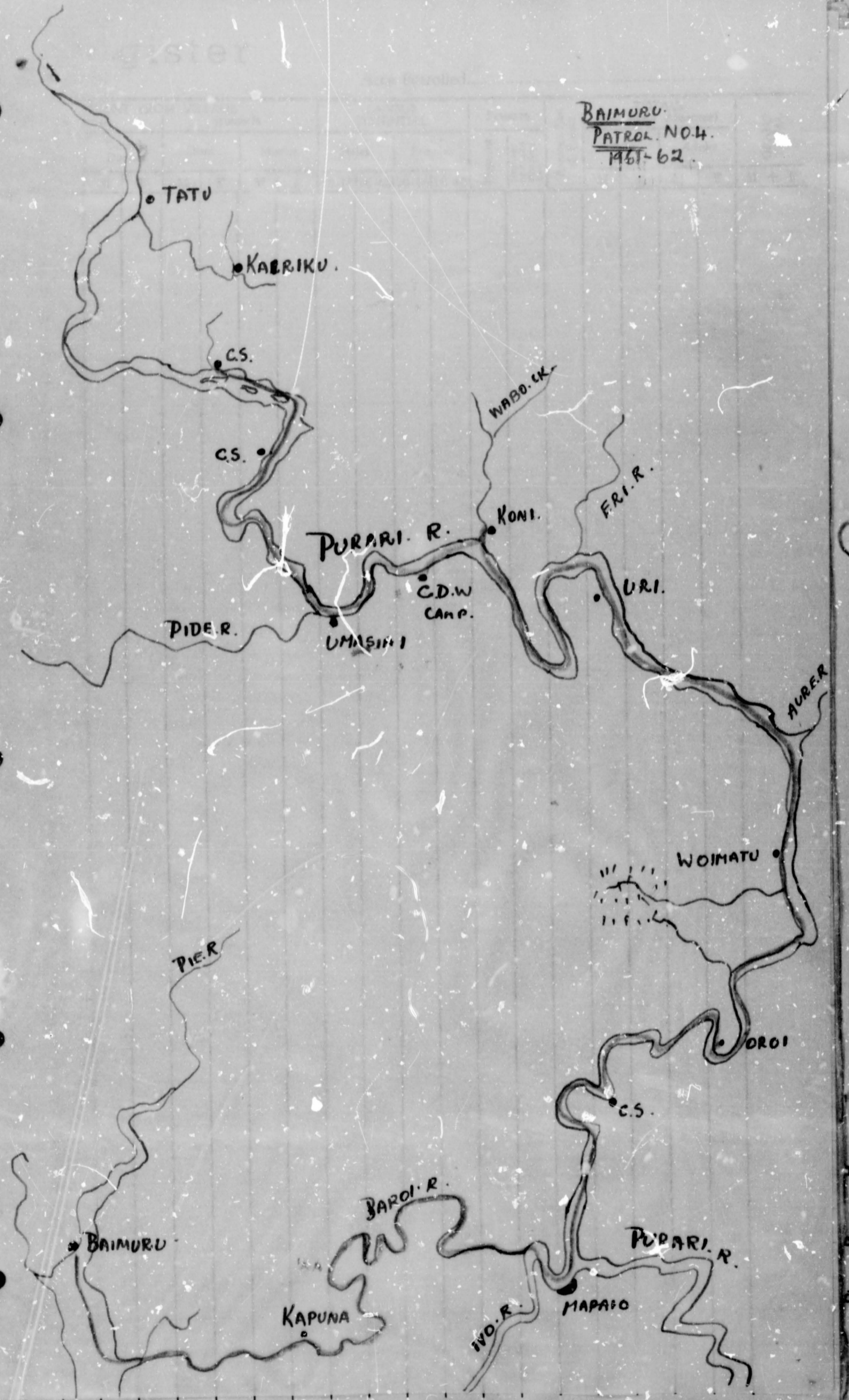
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

SUBMITTED BY G.A.HERIOT.

District of..... GULF Report No..... KAI. 1/61-2......

Patrol Conducted by..... MR. T.A. STEEN, Patrol Officer......

Area Patrolled..... KAINTIBA - INLAND KEREMA KUKUKUKU AREA.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... G.A.HERIOT, Patrol Officer......

Natives..... 14 members R.P. & N.G. Constabulary, Interpreters, Medical Orderlies and Labour/Carriers.

Duration—From..... 1...../.....2...../1962 to.....25...../.....6...../1962.....

Number of Days..... 146.....

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

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... 2...../.....5...../1962.....

Medical Not known....../...../19.....

Map Reference..... ARMY STRAT SERIES, 4 MILES TO 1 INCH, WAU SHEET......

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Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

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6th December, 1962.

The District Officer,
Culif District,
KEREMA.

PATROL REPORT NO. 1/1961-62 - Kaintiba

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks. It is very disappointing that such an important patrol report received during last August has only now been located.

The Report is a first class record of day-to-day tasks which have to be fulfilled during the setting up of a new Patrol Post. I had the good fortune to be able to visit Kaintiba shortly after the air-strip had been opened and was very favourably impressed with the work done by the Officers. The co-ordination in supply is most creditable and all officers involved are to be congratulated on the efforts put forward by these participating.

I am pleased to note on Page 5 in the Diary, Monday 9th April, 1962, that an offender was brought in and sentenced to imprisonment. This is indicative of a high degree of control.

Again I am sure good relations were established through the successful operation on the little girl mentioned in the Diary on Monday 25th January, 1962.

The contact maintained through the visits of the people to Kaintiba to sell fresh food has no doubt been invaluable.

Village Councillors should be elected rather than appointed. Even prior to the appointment of officials it is a good idea to give the responsibility of looking after tools to headmen.

Ensure that Missions do not squat on native-owned land. It was obvious during my visit to the Post that the people were extremely reluctant to make land available to a Mission society.

The attendance of the people at the Aid Post is certainly encouraging.

An informative report of tedious work faithfully performed.

(W.R. DISBOW)
Acting Director.

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Missions have been showing an increasing interest in the area since air communications have been established. To date no applications for land have been received at this office, though I believe such applications to be imminent. I believe that Missions in the area could do much to break down the typical kukukuku reserve and would no doubt fill an important link in the educational field.

Camping Allowance. Claim for camping allowance submitted by Mr. Heriot for the period covered by the report is forwarded for your certification please.

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For your information please.

A. T. Carey
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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District Headquarters,
KEREMA, GULF DISTRICT.

23rd October, 1962.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

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KAINTIBA PATROL REPORT No.1 of 1961/62.

INTRODUCTION.

This is a continuation to patrol report KER 14 of 1961/62. That report covered a period when base camp construction began at Kaintiba, together with the airfield investigation. During that time from mid October to the end of January, the base camp was completed and a 400 foot section of the airstrip was finished. Problems of labour, supply, weather and others became apparent and caused many setbacks.

The greatest problem was that of supply, for it, in turn, directly affected the number of labourers which could be employed, and to complete this task it was necessary to maintain a reasonably large and regular work force. Two highly successful airdrops by DC3 overcame this problem as well as giving prestige and morale to everyone at Kaintiba. These airdrops occurred during the period of this report.

The airstrip was prepared to a standard which was approved for an inspection landing, which took place on Friday, 18th. May, 1962. In its unfinished state, the airstrip was opened to category "D" flights. The Department of Works has inspected rock outcrops on the airstrip site and has advised that these will be removed with the use of explosives. The Department of Civil Aviation has surveyed the airstrip for the purpose of a design, which is at present being drawn up. A lot more work will be necessary, as soon as the design comes out, to complete the strip, and it is hoped that it can be brought up to a standard which will be approved for category "C" (Otter) flights.

Good relations have been maintained with the local peoples with influence showing marked effect. People come in freely to sell fresh food, to work or merely to pay a visit. Word was sent out several days before the first plane came in and an estimated 300 men, women and children waited all day from early morning to see the plane land at 1715.

This report covers a period of five months, most of the time being occupied in airstrip supervision and construction. For this reason, and thus to avoid a monotonous repetition of similar diary entries, where necessary, days will be combined into periods giving general development for each period as well as brief mentions of matters of interest and importance.

DIARY.

Thursday 1/2/1962 to Sunday 4/2/1962.

Work on airfield construction continuing satisfactorily. Part of this time spent writing patrol report KER 14 of 61/62. Approximately 700 lbs. fresh food (sweet potato, cooking bananas, cabbage and sugar cane) purchased on Friday. This is of great assistance as a supplement to hard rations which are transported to Menyama from Lae by aircraft and then have to be carried overland for three days to here. This means of supply is very costly in this particular case.

All but six workers wished to finish on Saturday. These were all paid off. Apparently a distorted rumour had penetrated from the coast about an oncoming period of darkness. This was in fact an eclipse of the sun which was to take place next Monday. All attempts to explain the harmlessness of this oncoming event failed. These people (locals as well as workers from the neighbouring Menyama and Aseki areas) took the matter calmly, but they wished to return to their villages. A total labour force of nine worked on Saturday.

Monday 5/2/62 to Sunday 11/2/62.

The eclipse of the sun was observed on Monday morning. Its effect was lessened by the presence of fairly heavy cloud

which partly obscured the sun most of the time. A short period of considerable darkness did occur at 0850. After the eclipse, 12 locals came to the base camp and asked to be "signed on" as workers.

Airfield construction continued this week with the work force slowly building up in numbers. A small line of carriers together with two police and an interpreter was sent to Menyamya with mail on Wednesday with instructions to try and recruit carriers to carry stores from Menyamya to Kaintiba. Also, these may seek employment here. Carrier line arrived from Menyamya on Saturday with constable Tore. Some of these carriers requested employment.

Monday 12/2/62 to Sunday 18/2/62.

This week the work force was increased considerably from carrier lines arriving from Menyamya with stores etc., and wishing to be employed. Also up to 30 local people would seek daily employment.

Towards the top end of the airstrip site is a hill where "cut" of up to 12 feet is required. On the opposite side of the strip to, this hill is a creek running almost parallel to the strip. Much of this creek requires "fill" of anything up to 16 feet in depth. This 300 feet section of strip will require a tremendous amount of steady and continuous work to complete it.

1245 on Monday, a carrier line arrived from Kerema with constables Bunoda (ex leave) and Gelem, carrying mail, cash and police personal effects. On Tuesday, const. Yan arrived from Menyamya with stores. On Wednesday, Kerema carriers departed and another line of carriers arrived from Menyamya with an interpreter Patipanga.

Received word from the District Officer at Kerema that approval has been given for Kaintiba to be supplied by airdrop from Lae. The District Office at Lae, through Mr. Hicks CPO, advised on Thursday that an airdrop was planned for within the next two weeks. This is what we have been waiting for.

Small amounts of fresh food purchased.

Monday 19/2/62 to Sunday 25/2/62.

An average work strength of over 90 for this week. Everything is progressing well. Spent the time supervising work and putting in surface level construction marks. It is hoped to have the airstrip ready for inspection by the end of April.

Radio contact with Mr. Hicks CPO in Lae on Tuesday who advised that the airdrop would take place tomorrow pending favourable weather, and that the plane would be here at about 1000. A long conversation with police at night to straighten out any problems they had, but nothing much was brought up.

On Wednesday morning all worked on airstrip until 1000. The Douglas DC3 was first sighted at 1052. It made 13 drop runs, dropping 105 triple bagged packages, and departed 1148. The items dropped consisted mainly of rice and meat (50 x 112 lb. bags of rice and 10 cases of tinned meat). The rest of the day was spent sorting out and storing away these rations. The overall recovery rate was 96 percent which was very high considering the conditions under which this drop was made. Much credit should go to those responsible for the packing of the stores and to the TAA pilot for his careful positioning of the stores during the actual drop. All labour continued working on the airstrip in the afternoon. Result of airdrop reported to the District Officer at Kerema.

Work on airstrip continued until noon on Saturday.

Weekly issues of tobacco, matches, razor blades, soap and newspaper given out in the afternoon. Sunday observed except for the purchase of a small amount of fresh food.

Monday 26/2/62 to Sunday 4/3/62.

Spent part of the time during this week writing my Geography 2 assignment (ASOPA Correspondence course), in between supervising construction of the airstrip. The average daily work force for this week dropped to about 50, with a decline in the numbers of both "permanent" and "casual" workers.

On Thursday at 1830, constable Bumbu arrived from Menyamya with supply carriers. Most of these wished to remain at Kaintiba and work on the airfield. The remainder returned to Menyamya with constable Felix on Friday. That night police and carriers arrived from Kerema with supplies and mail.

Weekly issues given out to police and labourers on Saturday afternoon and mail was prepared for Kerema mail runner's departure on Monday morning. 14 people arrived from the Aseki area looking for work.

Monday 5/3/62 to Sunday 11/3/62.

On Monday a line commenced work on the bottom end of the airstrip, on a section of about 400 feet in length. Mr. Steen P.O. supervised this whilst the writer remained supervising the top section. The work force varied from between about 80 and 110 this week and with such large numbers, the job started to speed up considerably. With the increase in strength, an additional labour quarters was built to accommodate them. New pit latrines were also built for labourers.

Kaintiba has been without a battery charger for some time and has relied on the portable A510 Transceiver for all radio communications. On Monday night at 1830 a line of carriers arrived from Menyamya with a new battery charger and for the next three days this was in continuous use charging batteries for the Grammond transceiver.

On Thursday, a line of men from the Aseki area numbering 33 arrived and requested employment. These additional "signed" workers, together with 26 casual daily workers, brought the total number of workers to 112. A small amount of fresh food was bought during the week and weekly issues were given out on Saturday afternoon.

Monday 12/3/62 to Sunday 18/3/62.

The work force was extremely high this week, rising to a total of 152 (96 permanent and 56 casuals). Most of these labourers worked on both sections of the airstrip, whilst a few commenced the construction of another native material European residence.

On the top section, most of the hill, which was mentioned earlier, has been cut away, at least to the width of the strip. As much "fill" is still required for the creek on the opposite side of the strip, the hill is being further cut into to find this ground. The whole section is starting to take shape now.

A complaint was made that children being looked after by members of the police detachment at Kaintiba have been stealing food from nearby village gardens. This matter was investigated. Carriers arrived from Menyamya with constable Felix, interpreter Auwatogo and Aid Post Orderly Semabikam on Sunday.

Monday 19/3/62 to Sunday 25/3/62.

The total labour strength varied from between 146 and 78 this week, with numbers of local "casual" workers varying from 52 to 5. Actually the labour situation is excellent now and is presenting no problems. The recent airdrop has overcome problems of supply and the airstrip construction is developing rapidly with the increased labour force. Kerema advised on Monday that extra VSC funds were in the mail for Kaintiba and these will be extremely handy, especially as another airdrop is planned to take place soon.

Menyamya carriers departed on Monday morning with constable Yan and a/Interpreter Patipanga. Wednesday, an investigation of an assault on a woman who had been struck on the head with a tomahawk and who had come into the aid-post for medical attention. Police runners arrived late on Thursday afternoon with mail, etc., from Kerema.

Oil change and general overhaul of battery charger on Friday morning. Saturday, constable Evovo departed for Kerema with carriers and a sick labourer who was to be carried to the Tauri river to a village below Hells Gate and then taken to Kukipi by canoe. This labourer is from the Kwambega area (on the opposite side of the Tauri river) and proved to be of great assistance in making contact with the people during a patrol into that area which the writer accompanied early last year. He had previously spent a term in prison at Kerema for murder and during that time he had learnt to speak Police Motu. He was the first person from the other side of the Tauri river to remain and work here and he was very popular with the people of this area. He had been sick for about 10 days and had not responded to medical treatment at all. - (This man was diagnosed by the Doctor at Kerema to be suffering from a chronic heart complaint and it was stated that it was remarkable that he ever reached Kerema alive. He was continually being drained of fluid from all parts of his body and although he improved considerably, he had little chance of survival and later died in hospital).

A death by suicide was reported and investigated on Sunday. This took place about one mile from here.

Monday 26/3/62 to Sunday 1/4/62.

Labour strength averaged about 80 for the week, but numbers of local daily workers showed a marked decrease. This week the final construction pegs were put into the top hill section of the airstrip. An extension of approximately 250 feet is possible past the top end of this near finished hill section, and this will require only the removal of tree stumps and top-soil and the levelling by eye of the surface. A lot more work is required to fill to the top of the level marks on the creek side of the previously mentioned hill section.

On Monday Mr. Hicks again called from the District Office at Lae advising of the next airdrop to take place next week and on Thursday advice came through that it would be the following Thursday.

On Monday a rumour was heard that natives from the area between here and Kaingo were preparing to make an attack on the base camp. These people were sent for and a few that came in were spoken to and given a firearms demonstration. Necessary precautions were taken at night with the posting of police guards.

Carriers arrived from Menyamya on Tuesday with constables Yan and Nandokot (ex hospitalisation Lae) and three Menyamya police. Word had been received at Menyamya of a disturbance in the Hamdei area, and the ADO at Menyamya saw fit to send the extra police.

Thursday, the Menyamya carriers departed with Menyamya police escorts and constable Bunoda from this detachment. Issues given out on Saturday afternoon.

Monday 2/4/62 to Sunday 8/4/62.

The average daily labour force for this week was again above 100, and work on the airfield progressed well. At the top end of the strip, work continued on the hill section whilst Mr. Steen continued with construction and supervision of the section at the bottom end of the airstrip.

The second airdrop to Kaintiba took place on Monday and this again showed a remarkable 96 percent recovery. This was fortunate though, as 9 bags were accidentally dropped into the valley about 1½ miles from here and from a great height. These bags were brought in by local people who had seen them fall into the thick bush, and practically everything was in good order (mainly rice and meat). The airdrop took almost half an hour from 0900, in which the Douglas DC3 made 5 drop runs. The stores mainly consisted of rice, meat and sugar and also badly needed items of trade such as tomahawks, large bush knives and giri-giri shell. The Agriculture Department at Kerema organised for English seed potatoes to be dropped for planting, but these were badly damaged and most rotted.

On Wednesday, a carrier line arrived from Menyanya and these carriers departed with constables Japi and Kekera on Saturday. Weekly issues given out on Saturday afternoon to police and labourers.

Monday 9/4/62 to Sunday 15/4/62.

The average labour force remained at about 100 this week. Stump and top-soil removal and levelling began on the section at the top end of the airfield. This began on Wednesday and should not take very long to complete. In fact, a few more weeks is all that will be required to have the airstrip ready for the inspection landing, that is if the labour strength is maintained.

A police party failed to apprehend the male adult Aiworo of Haragini village who had struck the woman who had laid a complaint about three weeks ago when she came in for medical treatment. A number of people from Haragini village were brought to the base camp on Tuesday, and they admitted that Aiworo had struck the complainant on the head with his tomahawk during a heated argument. These people were told that Aiworo would eventually be caught and that it would be better for them to bring him in now and avoid any further trouble. Aiworo was brought in on Thursday and he was sentenced to one month's imprisonment in the Court of Native Matters (Case No. KAI 7/61-62).

On Monday, the battery charger was given an oil change. A large number of people came to the camp and these were given a talk on assisting the Administration and other matters. Constable Evovo arrived at 1400 with mail from Kerema.

A report had come in that the cane suspension bridge over the Tauri river, between Mambanya and Kwambega villages, was badly damaged. Two constables, Yan and Gelem, together with 4 labourers (2 as interpreters) were sent to recruit people from Mambanya and Kwambega to repair the bridge. This party left on Thursday morning and the police were given trade items to pay labourers and rations for one week.

Constable Bunoda together with a/Interpreter Patipanga and 8 carriers departed for Kerema at 0830 on Friday. Weekly issues were given out on Saturday afternoon. Small amounts of fresh food were purchased during the week.

Monday 16/4/62 to Sunday 22/4/62.

This week saw a concentrated effort on the hill section filling in part of the creek which runs along the side of the airstrip. The progress appears to be slow as "fill" is required up to a depth of 16 feet, but this is the last major job to be completed before the airstrip is opened for inspection.

With an average work force of over 100 again, and due to the fact that Mr. Steen had some of the police and labourers on patrol over Easter, it was decided to work during this period, except for Good Friday, and to give police, etc., the equivalent number of days holiday at a later date. Many of the "signed" labourers work for only a week or two, so to give them almost a weeks spell would not be practical. Those labourers who have worked for a long time will be given time off later also.

On Monday, constable Kekera arrived from Menyamya at 1800 with a line of 13 carriers all requesting work. Constable 1/C Lausewa and constable Nandokot departed for Menyamya on Tuesday with a small line of 5 carriers, the latter policeman to return to Lae for further medical treatment for his cirrosis of the liver complaint. Light rain interrupted work on the airstrip a little on Wednesday. The a/District Officer at Kerema advised by radio on Thursday that constable Bunoda had been troubled by natives on the road below Nangonai, on his way through to Kerema. Mr Steen at once prepared to proceed to the area and investigate.

Mr. Steen departed at 0930 on Good Friday together with 4 police, N.M.O., and 20 carriers. The line sent to repair the Tauri river bridge returned at 1800. They had been unsuccessful at repairing it as in its present state it was impossible to cross to the other side of the river and it was necessary to have another party on the other side to tie the cane. The flooded state of the river also prevented a safe crossing and the police had been instructed to exercise care and not to take any risks. As it is intended to put in two other bridges over the Tauri river at different points, it might be worth considering the construction of something of a more permanent design, perhaps by using wire instead of cane on the sections subject to the greatest strain.

A little trouble experienced with constable Yan on Saturday afternoon. This matter will be left until Mr. Steen returns from his investigation and an orderly room charge will be laid against the above constable. Weekly issues given out on Saturday afternoon. Sunday observed.

Monday 23/4/62 to Sunday 29/4/62.

Labour strength again remained high at over 100 for the week except on Saturday when about 50 wished to be paid off. All of these labourers continued to fill in creek towards the top end of the airstrip.

Mr. Steen returned at 1515 on Tuesday from Nangonai.

One of the Yaba survivors contacted on Friday afternoon. He was questioned as to the whereabouts of the Supreme Court witnesses. The four that will have to go to Kerema are Watama, Pungawagabu and Wawendo who can be found locally, and Hapigauwa who is living near Nangonai. There will be no trouble involved in locating these witnesses, in fact they have been continually coming to the camp and at times enquiring about when they are to go to Kerema for the Court. It is obvious that they, received the VIP treatment when they went to Kerema for the lower court hearing of the "Yaba massacre".

The airstrip is almost ready for inspection. The new "fill" has consolidated beautifully, but the strip will remain closed for another two weeks to allow further consolidation, and to give time for the cleaning of the surface pebbles, etc., the removal of construction pegs and the clearing of approaches. The clearing of the strips surface will be done almost last. It is not a big job, and the rubbish and pebbles help to preserve ~~the~~ the surface by arresting water erosion which is severe due to the heavy rainfall and the steep slope of the airfield.

Monday 30/4/62 to Sunday 6/5/62.

This week the labour strength has reduced considerably. On Tuesday a line of 20 carriers went to Menyamya escorted by constable Bumbu to collect stores and 14 other labourers were paid off. Also there were very few local day workers. A few small jobs were done at both ends of the airstrip consisting mainly of levelling the ground.

Spent Monday and Tuesday supervising labour and also planted some vegetable seeds. At 1745 constable Bunoda arrived with carriers from Kerema carrying mail and a few stores. Office returns on Wednesday as well as the supervision of labour.

On Thursday, commenced the chain and compass survey of the proposed Kaintiba station boundaries. This was continued for the whole of the week, calculations and plotting being done daily for each section surveyed. In general, the survey follows the traverse cut by Mr. Hicks CPO during December last year.

At about 1500 on Friday, the Menyamya carriers returned with mail and personal stores. Weekly issues were given out to police and labourers on Saturday afternoon. A small line of casuals working on the airstrip on Sunday.

Monday 7/5/62 to Tuesday 8/5/62.

Completed survey of station land and spent Monday afternoon drawing plan. By careful plotting, the misclose in the survey was found to be approximately one percent which is acceptable in such surveys. The necessary adjustments to the diagram were made. Including traverses, the land is enclosed by 32 sides, consisting of 6 main cut lines and 26 traverse lines following creeks or ridges. The area of the land is approximately 93 acres and in general its boundaries follow well defined natural features. Airfield extension and clearances have been considered and adequate provision made in this respect. An ideal station building site is situated in the south-east corner of the land.

Tuesday spent measuring the airstrip and positioning it on the station plan and adding other relevant features.

Wednesday 9/5/62 to Sunday 13/5/62.

During this period all levelling jobs were completed and labour cut timber and cleared the area past the top end of the airstrip. It is only a matter of clearing the pebbles, etc., from the strip's surface now and removing the construction pegs. On Thursday, the top of a large stone near the centre of the airstrip which was protruding above the surface by about six inches was broken off by the use of fire and crowbars. The stone was "cooked" all night and broke easily in the morning.

Carriers arrived back from Menyamya on Thursday. A conversation with the a/District Officer at Kerema by radio on Friday concerning the Tauri river bridge. Nothing is definite yet, but the District Commissioner has been approached and he is in favour of having something permanent put in. He has suggested $\frac{1}{2}$ inch wire cable.

A police party of six rationed to leave early on Saturday morning to attempt to locate a suspected murderer. 32 casual workers worked on Saturday afternoon and approximately the same number volunteered for work on Sunday. Weekly issues given out to police and labourers on Saturday afternoon.

Monday 14/5/62.

All labour clearing surface of airstrip and adding finishing touches. Also the removal of construction pegs.

Conversation with the a/District Officer advising that the airstrip will be open for inspection as from tomorrow,

pending favourable weather. There has been no rain in the last five days and with windless and almost cloudless mornings, the conditions for a landing have been perfect. Mr. Carey queried the slope of the strip. The hill section, towards the top end of the strip, is about 300 feet long and has an even gradient of 19 percent. This means that on this section, for every 100 feet in length, the strip rises 19 feet. In 1350 feet the strip rises almost 200 feet. This matter was cleared up. Mr. Carey also queried the condition of the "fill" at the point of "touch-down". It was pointed out that this ground had consolidated well and was very solid.

Tuesday 15/5/62.

Labour working at the bottom end of the airfield but on a section outside the dimensions of the strip indicated for the initial inspection.

Mr. R.I. Skinner, Executive Officer, Policy and Planning Division of the Department of the Administrator, phoned to check a few points about the slope, condition and so on, of the airstrip. Mr. Skinner also gave instructions for the marking of rock outcrops on the airstrip and for the lighting of fires to indicate the direction of the wind.

Wednesday 16/5/62.

Approximately 45 permanent and 50 casual workers continuing with yesterday's work. In the morning, 32 labourers taken off the strip to cut timber in readiness for building an additional roof over the residence/office/store. The original one, due to insufficient slope, was beginning to leak badly.

1000 Mr. Skinner again phoned to advise that the inspection would take place on Friday next, and the plane would arrive at about 1030. A DCA airport engineer, Mr. George Antcliffe, will carry out the inspection and he will be flown in by STOL airways cessna piloted by Ron Firns.

Weather conditions remained good, but the afternoons are tending to cloud over.

Thursday 17/5/62.

A final clean-up of the airstrip today. Also the framework of the office roof almost completed.

Cut two 4 gallon drums to be used to build wind direction fires in. These were filled with dry grass and put under shelter for the night.

Word was sent out to the local peoples inviting them to come to the base camp tomorrow and see the first plane land. Very few of these people have ever seen a stationary plane before, and their conception of such a thing is fascinating. Many men, women and children carrying personal possessions, food, small pigs, dogs, etc., arrived late in the afternoon prepared to sleep in houses near the station.

Friday 18/5/62.

Marked the ends of the airstrip with sisalcraft and the rock outcrops with white calico. The labourers were given no regular work today.

By about 0930 approximately 300 local people had assembled, by far the most people ever seen at Kaintiba at the one time. These people were almost as excited as the station personnel at the thought of the plane coming today.

Word came through in the morning that the plane will be delayed due to mechanical difficulties at Port Moresby. ETAs were obtained at hourly intervals during the afternoon until advice came through that the plane would be departing Moresby at 1500. An ETA at about 1645 advised that the plane had missed us and had landed at Menyama to re-fuel. Then at 1715 the plane was sighted and after circling once it landed. Light rain had just started to fall. A trial takeoff and landing was performed and Mr. Steen and myself were then taken up for a short ride.

Messrs. Antcliffe and Firns remained the night.

Saturday 19/5/62.

Mr. Antcliffe inspected the airstrip. He indicated a necessary improvement of placing "fill" to form a more even curve at the point of change in gradient between the sections of 11 and 19 percent slope. Plane departed 0900.

Labour cutting bush to the side of the airstrip and a line roofing office. 12 casual workers continued on roof in the afternoon. Constable Bumbu arrived from Menyama with a small line early in the afternoon. Weekly issues also given out in the afternoon.

Sunday 20/5/62

Observed. Constable Tore arrived from Kerema soon after noon with a small carrier line carrying mail.

Monday 21/5/62 to Sunday 27/5/62.

An average labour force of about 50 this week, comprising about 30 permanent and 20 casual workers. All of these continued cutting bamboo leaves for residence/office roof on Monday and half the line completed the job on Tuesday.

On Monday, together with three police, pegged out the curve at the join of the 11 and 19 percent slopes with pegs at a distance of 10 feet apart both along and across the strip. The length of the curve was made about 110 feet, with the maximum depth of "fill" required being only 10 inches. The half of the labour not working on the office roof on Tuesday, began placing "fill" to the top of the pegs in this curve. All labour continued with this job on Wednesday and completed it on Thursday.

The grass mentioned in my previous report, KER 14 of 1961/62 under the heading of 'Airstrips', is growing well. The grass is found growing on ridge tops surrounding Kaintiba. It is necessary to go ahead with close planting of this grass now, to protect the surface of the strip from water erosion. Grass planting by all labourers on Friday and Saturday morning. Weekly issues given out on Saturday afternoon.

On Sunday afternoon a small girl was brought to the aid-post with a broken off spear inside her. She had fallen into a pig trap (pit) which had a spear stuck upright in the ground at its bottom. This spear entered her anus and the point ended up just under the skin next to her spine and half way up her back before the shaft broke away. The father of the child had cut to the point of the spear with a razor blade, but when unable to remove it, had had the presence of mind to bring the child to the aid-post. Medical Orderly Laufa did an excellent job in removing the spear, working confidentially under very hygienic conditions. A very capable Medical Orderly.

The District Office at Lae enquired on Monday if Kaintiba will require another airdrop this financial year. It is difficult to say at this stage for as yet the strip has not been approved for commercial flights. Also no regular supply service has been arranged. Another consideration is funds. Present VSC

funds would hardly be sufficient to fill a DC3 for an airdrop. The matter was put into the hands of the a/District Officer at Kerema.

Monday 28/5/62 to Sunday 3/6/62.

An average labour force of about 40 spent till Wednesday planting grass. This is a coarse couch type grass which grows slowly in the unfertile soil of the airstrip which has had its top-soil removed. Clusters of grass were planted at intervals of about two feet.

At 1045 on Wednesday a Works Department representative, Mr. Ken Jarvis, came in by STOL airways cessna to inspect the rock outcrops on the airstrip. He advised that an operator with a compressor and explosives would be able to complete the job in about four days. He also advised that this could be done quite soon. It will be required to bring in four cessna loads of equipment. The new "fill" at the curve put in last week has not consolidated properly as yet, so this will be done manually. The airstrip was closed for one week to allow time for this to be done.

Blocks with handles were made to pound the unconsolidated earth and this was very successful. This work continued from Thursday until ~~YMF~~ the end of the week. The District Office at Lae had arranged for our stores, which had been left over from the second airdrop, to be brought in by cessna, but with the strip closed, this movement was postponed for one week.

On Monday constable Nabo and a/Interpreter Patipanga escorted a line of carriers to Menyama carrying a total of 100 copra bags done up in bundles and addressed to the District Officer, Lae, to be used in the event of another airdrop to here. On Tuesday a small line of labourers were paid off and these carried the remaining 40 bags. On Saturday constable Evovo arrived from Menyama with stores and mail.

Eight of the owners of the Kaintiba land came in on Thursday and asked when they were to get payment for their land. These men were told to come in again on Friday together with all of the other owners to walk around the proposed boundaries. In the meantime the names of those that did come in were taken and matters concerning the purchase of land, food trees, gardens and improvements were discussed. The land owners were not seen again this week.

Mr. Steen erected the wind sock near the bottom end and to the right of the airstrip on Friday. Weekly issues to labour and police on Saturday afternoon.

Monday 4/6/62 to Sunday 10/6/62.

An average labour force of a little over 40 this week. Most of the time spent improving the track from Kaintiba to Menyama. This involves the cutting of timber followed by the digging of a level pathway with spades, and the erecting of timber bridges at the crossing points of the numerous small creeks.

AVIAT advised on Tuesday that, as from now, the Kaintiba airstrip is officially open to category "D" aircraft. The strip remains open subject to a daily pre-operational strip report which is to be sent by radiogram addressed 'Collect, Weather, Aviat, Moresby' until a DCA aeradio crystal is obtained for us.

Seed potatoes and other seeds supplied by DASF being planted. A TAA cessna arrived from Lae on Thursday morning carrying stores (rice and meat) left over from the second airdrop. On Saturday morning a line replacing ground where rain has caused the washing of small watercourses across parts of the strip.

Monday, the Queen's birthday holiday, was observed with a small line of casuals working on the airstrip. A line of 15 carriers departed for Menyama on Monday, escorted by constable Japi. Constables Kekera and Yan arrived from Kerema at 1430 on Friday and a line arrived with constable Nabo from Menyama on Saturday at 1500. Weekly issues were given out on Saturday afternoon.

Monday 11/6/62 to Sunday 17/6/62.

An average of 35 workers for the week, mainly continuing with the Kaintiba-Menyama walking track.

Mr. Ashton, a District Commissioner Morobe District, phoned on Monday to say that he will be coming in on Wednesday's flight from Lae, which will be carrying stores. Weather conditions on Wednesday deteriorated and the pilot was unable to locate the airstrip. Mr. Antcliffe, the DCA airport engineer, phoned on Thursday to say that he will be coming into Kaintiba on Monday and with him will come a surveyor who will remain for about a week and survey the airfield for the purpose of drawing up a design.

Constable Bunoda escorted 10 carriers to Menyama on Monday. Spent Friday working on final correspondence course assignment - Anthropology 3. A group of about 12 men arrived on Saturday afternoon from the Tauri river area below Hauwabanga, requesting work. Constable Japi arrived with carriers from Menyama on Sunday, accompanied by constable 1/C Gaiko who is required as a Crown witness in the Supreme Court at Kerema, when the case of the "Yaba massacre" is heard.

Monday 18/6/62.

Crowley airways cessna came in at 1300 with cargo from Lae. Mr. Ashton accompanied the flight and made an informal inspection of the base camp and departed after about an hour.

At about 1430, STOL cessna arrived with Mr. Antcliffe and Mr. Leke who will remain and survey the airstrip. Mr. Antcliffe brought with him a DCA aeradio crystal and tested it successfully. From now on, this will be used daily instead of having to send a radiogram through RTC.

Constable Tore accompanied 23 carriers to Menyama.

Tuesday 19/6/62.

Packing rations, etc., for journey to Kerema. A party sent out to locate witnesses, but returned only with Watama and Pungawagabu. The other two, Wawendo and Hapigauwa, were at Nangonai and the police sent on word for these to be ready to go to Kerema in two or three days time.

Purchased approximately 1500 lbs. of fresh foodstuffs during the day.

Mr. Leke surveying airstrip and being assisted by several police and labourers.

Wednesday 20/6/62.

Packing stores and personal requirements for an early departure in the morning. Constable Kekera sent on in advance with two carriers carrying rice. An ex Kukukuku policeman, Mokekauwu, who was used as an interpreter in the lower court hearing of the "Yaba massacre" at Kerema, and who is required at the Supreme Court, complained during the afternoon that he had developed a sick sickness and that he would be unable to walk to Kerema tomorrow. Prepared a stretcher and eventually found a line of 12 extra carriers to carry him. This extra line was issued with rations and plastic bags so that they could be independent of the main party.

Constable Konari and a/Interpreter Patipanga are to accompany this line.

The main party consists of constables Evovo and Kanai (both required for the Coronial inquiry into the death of Patrol Officer Anderson), constable 1/C Gaiko and 5 other male witnesses (required for the Supreme Court), constable Nabo, 10 carriers, personal servant and myself.

Trouble experienced by Mr. Steen with constable Kanai during the day. This policeman, although a good bushman and worker, is becoming an intolerable burden.

Thursday 21/6/62.

Stretcher case sent off at 0715. Constable Kanai decided in the morning that he was not going to Kerema, but he was reminded that he is required for the Coronial inquiry and he proceeded to prepare himself.

Departed Kaintiba 0745, arriving at the pass above the two large peaked mountains, visible from Kaintiba, at 1100 and arrived at the Werr river camp below Nangonai at 1515. This is the site of the first camp made by Mr. Carey ADO on his way to Kerema from Kaintiba after investigating the Yaba incident. Picked up witness Wawendo here.

There is evidence of a concerted effort at improving the walking track between Kaintiba and the Werr river camp site. From where the station labourers finished working the ~~the~~ track at the Kaintiba end, the local people have continued it for quite a distance. In the vicinity of the peaked mountains, on either side, the clearing has only been done in small sections, but near the Werr camp is a lengthy section of well cleared track.

15 men and 4 women came in with fresh food to trade. They reported that there is no trouble in the area. Constable Konari ~~did~~ not reach the Werr river to camp. Stretcher bearing is extremely difficult in this terrain, and Mokekauwu spent most of the day walking slowly.

Friday 22/6/62.

Departed from the Werr camp at 0700 and climbed to Nangonai arriving 0815. Witness Hapigauwa was not waiting and so there was a delay whilst several locals went to find him. Constable Konari and party caught up at about 1200 and Mokekauwu reported that he felt much better now and that he would be able to walk. Eight of the carriers were sent back to Kaintiba with a note for Mr. Steen. Hapigauwa came in and after giving a present of tobacco to the old Nangonai councillor, departed at 1245 and arrived at Tuwin at 1645.

Small sections of cleared road were seen both near Nangonai and Tuwin. Purchased a small amount of fresh food at Tuwin and gave a present of tobacco to the councillor. Spent the night in partly completed square type houses built recently by the people of Tuwin.

Saturday 23/6/62.

Departed from Tuwin at 0650 and arrived at Kotai village, on the Tauri river and at the junction of the Kapau river, at 1730. As instructed, constable Kekera was waiting at this village. A present of money was given to the councillor and his son for their assistance to police parties, over the past six months, in crossing the river.

Sunday 24/6/62.

The entire party is together now. Departed Kotai at

0730 travelling downstream by canoe for one hour and then walking over comparatively level country to reach Didigaina at 1515. This village has a Kukukuku population of 53. It has only recently shifted from where the Koaru people are now growing coffee and it is a very clean and tidy village situated on the Maiporo creek. Gave a present of money to the LMS mission pastor who has been of great assistance to police parties moving through the area. A small rest house was built by the people to give these parties somewhere to sleep. Listened to a marriage complaint at night.

Monday 25/6/62.


Departed from Didigaina at 0730, arriving at the Koaru coffee area at 1040 and Koaru village at 1310. Spoke with Mr. and Mrs. Yates, LMS missionaries at Koaru, and then proceeded to Karama village, arriving 1605. Here met Mr. A.B. Wales of the Agriculture Department at Kerema.

Tuesday 26/6/62.

Departed from Karama village at 0730 and arrived at Kerema at 1300. Reported to the District Officer and the ADO of the Kerema Sub-District.

Attended to carriers, witnesses and police.

-- End of Diary --


(G.A. Heriot)
Patrol Officer

NATIVE AFFAIRS

(a) NATIVE SITUATION

During most of the period of this report, there has been pressure on the recruiting of local labour for construction of the airstrip here at Kaintiba. Overall, the assistance given by the local peoples was invaluable although at many times their strength in numbers was not great.

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Contact has been maintained by the visits of the people to Kaintiba to sell fresh food, to work or to come in for discussions. Carrier lines with police escorts have been continually moving between here and Menyanya and between here and Kerema. On occasions, these parties have brought in people from distant village areas, but this is practically the only contact these distant villages have had. There is now a need for patrols to enter these distant areas to commence a general consolidation of influence throughout the entire area which comes under the jurisdiction of Kaintiba. This work will be extremely interesting.

There is need for a patrol through the area between Kaintiba and the Werr river headwaters. Nothing serious has occurred to warrant a hurried movement into the area, but from a series of complaints and rumours, it appears that this particular area, in parts, is a little unsettled.

Murders and bad assault cases are reported from time to time and every attempt is being made to see that justice is done and at the same time taking into consideration the ignorance to the law these people have shown in the past due to limited contact. Most of the propaganda talks given to the people have been based on the part the Government is playing in the maintaining of law and order and how this will be carried out in this area. The advantages of a system of law have been explained and the people, in general, appear very enthusiastic.

There have been several small incidents which suggest a slight resistance to the work of administering this area. It is felt sure that this will be overcome when consolidation work begins with regular patrolling. This, it is hoped, will begin soon, now that the emphasis has been taken off the construction of the airstrip.

An attempt has been made at improving the main walking tracks in the vicinity of the station, and the people have been encouraged to extend these tracks through their own areas. So far, from what has been seen, the people have gone ahead considerably with this work and appear keen to do it properly. A number of requests have already been received from different areas to borrow spades for this purpose.

In general, all matters being considered, the native situation is quite satisfactory and it will improve rapidly with the advent of regular patrolling.

(b) GENERAL

Little work has been necessary on the base camp during these five months. Pit latrines have, from time to time, been re-built and repairs made on different buildings. The only new buildings have been an extra labour quarters and another European native material quarters.

The airfield was approved for category "D" aircraft during the period of this report and Kaintiba is now supplied by regular weekly cessna flights which are sufficient for the supplying of Administration personnel and general station requirements. Arrangements will be necessary to have additional means of supply when work commences on improving and extending the airfield. These

arrangements will have to originate with the Department of Works. It might be some considerable time before the airstrip can be approved for category "C" aircraft, and until such time, it is felt that Kaintiba can only remain in its base camp stage. Conditions are gradually being improved and the base camp is quite comfortable.

Some of the members of the police detachment have requested and have been allowed to construct for themselves, in their spare time, their own houses apart from the two barracks built for the purpose of their accommodation. Although the writer was not enthusiastic about the matter at the time, it has since shown to have given the individuals a feeling of pride, as they have, without exception, kept these houses in a high standard of cleanliness.

(c) POPULATION

As stated earlier, there is a great need for patrolling to commence soon. At this stage it is thought that it will be at least a year before an initial census can be carried out. In certain areas the census could be properly done now, but it is felt that influence must be consolidated before this task is carried out in the areas which have had the least amount of contact.

The appointment of village councillors as spokesmen for particular groups has begun and if suitable, these may be appointed as village constables. Once the areas are opened up in this way, and the peoples' confidence is obtained, then they could be censused. Firstly, it might prove advantageous to group the people into different divisions having a central administering point for each marked with a rest house.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

These people remain as primitive subsistence agriculturalists. They have an abundance of land, but their soil is extremely poor, or at least the soil in the vicinity of Kaintiba is. Methods of cultivation are not practiced. Food plants are merely thrust into a hole in the ground made with a stick and the surrounding soil is not broken. Perhaps cultivation has been found impossible due to the steep sloping country and an annual rainfall estimated to be about 200 inches.

Perhaps better yielding varieties of foodstuffs could be introduced, but it is felt that there is little scope for improvement for these people agriculturally. Domestic pigs are not plentiful and those that have been seen were very small.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

It is hoped that improved walking tracks will be built throughout the entire area administered by Kaintiba. This will entail the clearing of bush on either side of the existing tracks to an average width of about 15 feet, and then with the use of spades, digging a narrow walking track with steps on the steeper slopes and bridges over the numerous creeks. Spades could be left under the care of village officials, when they are appointed, for maintaining these roads.

At present, such improved tracks have been started from Kaintiba by station labour. One follows the track to the Werr river headwaters (route followed when walking to Menyanya) for about 1 1/2 miles, another in the opposite direction to the lower Werr valley (leading to Kerema, via Koaru village on the coast) for about 1 1/2 miles and the other up the mountain to the west of Kaintiba for about 1/4 of a mile to IKOHEA village area.

A situation that will need watching

agree. Don't do it too early.

again don't do it too early and recommend with full supporting data - don't appoint

Even before officials appointed, headmen can guard the tools.

Need a map to follow this

The people have already commenced to extend the latter two walking tracks and five spades were recently loaned to the people of IKOHEA for such work. Almost everyone visiting Kaintiba walks along these improved tracks and in this way they will see the advantages of such improvements. Also, together with the rest houses, they will symbolise a link between all areas and their administering centre at Kaintiba as well as assisting greatly in patrol work.

The cane suspension bridge across the Tauri river between Mambanya and Kwambega is badly damaged, and it will be a fairly big job to repair it. As discussed in the diary of this report, it is hoped to be able to obtain wire cable to use on the sections of this bridge which are subject to the greatest strain.

It is hoped to cut a shorter overland route to Kerema by crossing the Tauri river between the junctions of the Yaba and Werr rivers with the Tauri, and joining the existing Kerema/Kwambega/Kaintiba track at perhaps Paina or Ivana. It is believed that there exists a cane suspension bridge at this point on the Tauri river, built by village people living in that vicinity. If possible, it might be of great advantage to use wire cables to strengthen this bridge. Also a crossing point of the Tauri river is necessary between the villages of Hauwabanga and Pau (on the west side). The presence of permanent bridges at these points would greatly assist the movement of patrols and would enable patrols to return to Kaintiba by a different route without difficulty and loss of time.

MISSIONS

Up to date, correspondence has been received from the New Tribes Mission of Bulolo, the New Guinea Lutheran Mission of Lae and Aseki and the Australian Lutheran Mission at Menyama. These missions have recently been sending native mission workers to Kaintiba to contact the local people and to enquire about mission sites, etc. Other missions that have indicated their interest in the area, in different ways, are the London Missionary Society at Koaru, the Roman Catholic Mission at Lae (it is thought that this mission now regards the area as being too far from their zone) and perhaps the Seventh Day Adventist Mission also of Lae.

The New Guinea Lutheran Mission appears to have done a good job at Aseki in helping in the development of that area. This is evident in the fine type of native which comes to Kaintiba from Aseki to seek employment. The mission has already sent in native workers and these, after seeking our advice and after gaining permission from the landowners, have constructed a temporary building for accommodation purposes. Several of their European missionaries will be visiting this station towards the end of August. This mission has its own light aircraft service.

PURCHASE OF NATIVE FOODSTUFFS

A considerable amount of fresh food is being brought to Kaintiba to trade. It is apparent that the people have been growing extra foodstuffs for this purpose. The average amount brought in would supplement the issue of rice for about the equivalent of two days in each week. Matches, beads and girg-giri shells are the most common trade items used, but the people are beginning to develop an interest in cash payments.

AIRSTRIPS

A considerable amount of work is required to complete the airstrip for the purpose of trying to bring it up to category "C"

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in this area

Need to watch
this squabbling
on native land

standard. From the comments voiced by the various pilots who have seen this airstrip, the general opinion is that an Otter aircraft could quite easily land and take off from it now, but the specifications of length and width are not sufficient for it to be approved for category "C" operations by the Department of Civil Aviation.

An engineering survey of the airfield has been done and further work on this project will begin as soon as a design has been drawn up and funds are made available. After all of the rock outcrops have been exposed, the Department of Works intends to have these removed by the use of explosives.

Grass has been planted over the surface of the airstrip and although it is growing well, it has not grown quickly enough to prevent severe surface erosion. The grass is now holding the surface quite well and in 3 to 4 months time there should be little worry of erosion.

LABOUR

The number of workers employed on both base camp and airfield works appears, from time to time, in the diary section of this patrol report. In general, the numbers were sufficient, mainly because there was a shortage of spades and shovels for the airfield work. Prior to, and during the period of this report, at least three requisitions for spades were non-stocked. Actually this shortage of tools began apparent only when the labour force exceeded about 100. Copra bags used in the airdrop were extremely helpful for making stretchers to carry the ground.

At this stage, the labour force, due to lack of funds and the discontinuation of the airfield construction, has been reduced considerably. As soon as work again begins, an endeavour will be made to recruit labour from the adjacent Menyamya and Aseki areas as well as from local sources.

CONCLUSION

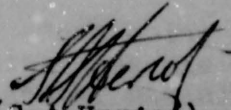
Even though occasional murders are taking place in this area, the people, after less than twelve months of continuous contact, have reacted amazingly to the Administration's influence, and a bright future is predicted in this respect. Day by day the number of attendances to the aid-post is increasing, and the people are benefiting greatly from the care which they are receiving.

They have assisted greatly in their own development, which is essential and which is to be encouraged at this stage. They are now building improved tracks which will be of benefit to both the Administration and the people themselves. During airfield and base camp construction, the local people were invaluable in their assistance by supplying labour and at times fresh food.

The owners of the Kaintiba land are willing to sell to the Administration. The area of the land is approximately 93 acres, which provides for the airstrip as well as for an excellent station building site at its south-east end. An investigation report has already been submitted on this land and it was found that this land could quite easily be disposed of by the native people. These same people have indicated that they are willing to sell a small area, adjoining the southern border of the station area, to the New Guinea Lutheran Mission, but this has yet to be applied for.

There still remains a lot of work to be done here at Kaintiba and in the area administered by the Kaintiba Patrol Post. The station work will continue steadily in conjunction with regular

patrolling throughout the area. The extension of the airfield and the eventual building of a permanent station are the two major tasks ahead of us, whilst in the field, patrols to open up the area with roads and to build rest houses, census patrols and then routine administration patrols will be necessary. Then it might not be long before a Local Government survey is carried out.


(G.A. Heriot)
Patrol Officer

ATTACHED APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 Report on members R.P. & N.G. Constabulary accompanying patrol.
- Appendix 2 Medical and Health.

Report on members R.P. & N.G. Constabulary
Accompanying Patrol

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>RANK AND NAME</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
8027	Constable 1/C LAUSEWA	A smart NCO, but lacking in intelligence and leadership. <i>Smart, but not very?</i>
8011	Constable KEKERA	More concerned about being transferred from Kaintiba than his work. Has little intelligence, but his ability to speak the local language is to advantage here.
8644	Constable Bunoda	This constable is smart in appearance and efficient in his work. He is intelligent and has the making of a good NCO.
9309	Constable KANAI	A good bushman who is hard working, but through lack of stability, he has become an intolerable burden. He is completely lacking in discretion, and his attitude towards his job requires a rapid change.
9941	Constable NANDOKOT	An average policeman.
10066	Constable BUMBU	A hard working policeman who tries hard, but the results of his efforts are, at times, unpredictable.
10214	Constable EVOVO	A reliable constable who is smart and has an average intelligence.
10532	Constable NABO	An average policeman, but his best has not yet been seen.
10544	Constable JAPI	A good policeman who is capable of using his intelligence.
10577	T/Constable Konari	A consistent worker, smart, with average capabilities.
10709	T/Constable YAN	Needs guidance, but is quite a fair worker although little of his best has been given to date.
10734	T/Constable FELIX	A very smart and intelligent policeman, but is a little unpredictable. Has a pleasant nature.
10753	T/Constable GELEM	A continuous worker whose standard of work is deteriorating rapidly. He is becoming very unpopular.
10776	T/Constable TORE	Young and keen, but not over endowed with intelligence. Too often acts too quickly without discretion. Otherwise quite good.

2 goodies & 4 averages, remaining 8 apparently poor to horrible. Surely he can't really be so unfortunate as to have a detachment as bad as that.

[Signature]
(G.A. Heriot)
Patrol Officer

c.c. The Commissioner of Police,
R.P. & N.G.C. Headquarters,
KONEDOBU.

Medical and Health

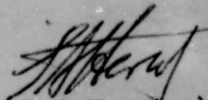
Medical Orderly Laufa Morasi from Kerema was stationed at Kaintiba during the period of the above report (February to June 1962). His monthly Aid Post reports were sent to Menyama as required and supplies were requisitioned through the Public Health Department at Menyama. Now, with a regular weekly plane service, Port Moresby/Terapo/Kaintiba, it is being organised for the requisitioning of supplies to be done through the PHD at Kerema to prevent difficulties in organisation arising out of having to have these stores carried overland from Menyama.

Treatments of the major complaints were as follows (figures taken from the monthly Aid Post reports submitted by MO Laufa).

<u>Month</u>	<u>Yaws</u>	<u>Tropical Ulcers</u>	<u>Scabies</u>
February	7	65	1
March	3	94	3
April	1	80	2
May	8	51	1
June	7	44	22

Cuts were shown as another common treatment, and there were some cases of malaria and a little diarrhoea. Practically all of the listed treatments were given to local village people and not foreign station and airfield labourers. An excellent means of contact was experienced in this respect and the Medical Orderly gave the people every encouragement to come in for treatment. He proved himself very popular with the people, by his willingness to help them.

It has been noted that the Officer-in-Charge has, on many occasions by memo to PHD Kerema, praised the work of MO Laufa. He is a conscientious worker who works under very hygienic conditions, he is capable of doing the work of a person more highly qualified, and what is more, he is a perfect gentleman. It is certainly hoped that approval was given to his receiving camping allowance for the period of his absence from Kerema.


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Patrol Officer

c.c. The District Medical Officer,
Public Health Department,
KEREMA.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

SUBMITTED BY G.A.HERIOT

District of GULF Report No.
Patrol Conducted by MR.T.A.STEEN, PATROL OFFICER.
Area Patrolled KAINTIBA - INLAND KEREMA KUKUKUKU AREA.
Patrol Accompanied by Europeans G.A.HERIOT, PATROL OFFICER.
Natives 14 MEMBERS R.P.& N.G.G.
INTERPRETERS, MEDICAL ORDERLIES,
LABOUR/CARRIERS.
Duration from 1/2/1962 to 26/6/1962.
Number of Days 146.
Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO.
Last Patrol to Area by -- District Services 2/5/62.
Medical NOT KNOWN.
Map Reference ARMY STRAT SERIES, 4 MILES TO 1 INCH, WAU SHEET.
Objects of Patrol CONTINUE THE INVESTIGATION OF AN AIRSTRIP SITE
AT KAINTIBA.
ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION AND THE EXTENSION AND
CONSOLIDATION OF ADMINISTRATION INFLUENCE AND
CONTROL.

KAINTIBA PATROL REPORT No.1 of 1961/62.

INTRODUCTION.

This is a continuation to patrol report KER 14 of 1961/62. That report covered a period when base camp construction began at Kaintiba, together with the airfield investigation. During that time from mid October to the end of January, the base camp was completed and a 400 foot section of the airstrip was finished. Problems of labour, supply, weather and others became apparent and caused many setbacks.

The greatest problem was that of supply, for it, in turn, directly affected the number of labourers which could be employed, and to complete this task it was necessary to maintain a reasonably large and regular work force. Two highly successful airdrops by DC3 overcame this problem as well as giving prestige and morale to everyone at Kaintiba. These airdrops occurred during the period of this report.

The airstrip was prepared to a standard which was approved for an inspection landing, which took place on Friday, 18th. May, 1962. In its unfinished state, the airstrip was opened to category "D" flights. The Department of Works has inspected rock outcrops on the airstrip site and has advised that these will be removed with the use of explosives. The Department of Civil Aviation has surveyed the airstrip for the purpose of a design, which is at present being drawn up. A lot more work will be necessary, as soon as the design comes out, to complete the strip, and it is hoped that it can be brought up to a standard which will be approved for category "C" (Otter) flights.

Good relations have been maintained with the local peoples with influence showing marked effect. People come in freely to sell fresh food, to work or merely to pay a visit. Word was sent out several days before the first plane came in and an estimated 300 men, women and children waited all day from early morning to see the plane land at 1715.

This report covers a period of five months, most of the time being occupied in airstrip supervision and construction. For this reason, and thus to avoid a monotonous repetition of similar diary entries, where necessary, days will be combined into periods giving general development for each period as well as brief mentions of matters of interest and importance.

DIARY.

Thursday 1/2/1962 to Sunday 4/2/1962.

Work on airfield construction continuing satisfactorily. Part of this time spent writing patrol report KER 14 of 61/62. Approximately 700 lbs. fresh food (sweet potato, cooking bananas, cabbage and sugar cane) purchased on Friday. This is of great assistance as a supplement to hard rations which are transported to Menyama from Lae by aircraft and then have to be carried overland for three days to here. This means of supply is very costly in this particular case.

All but six workers wished to finish on Saturday. These were all paid off. Apparently a distorted rumour had penetrated from the coast about an oncoming period of darkness. This was in fact an eclipse of the sun which was to take place next Monday. All attempts to explain the harmlessness of this oncoming event failed. These people (locals as well as workers from the neighbouring Menyama and Aseki areas) took the matter calmly, but they wished to return to their villages. A total labour force of nine worked on Saturday.

Monday 5/2/62 to Sunday 11/2/62.

The eclipse of the sun was observed on Monday morning. Its effect was lessened by the presence of fairly heavy cloud

which partly obscured the sun most of the time. A short period of considerable darkness did occur at 0850. After the eclipse, 12 locals came to the base camp and asked to be "signed on" as workers.

Airfield construction continued this week with the work force slowly building up in numbers. A small line of carriers together with two police and an interpreter was sent to Menyamyu with mail on Wednesday with instructions to try and recruit carriers to carry stores from Menyamyu to Kaintiba. Also, these may seek employment here. Carrier line arrived from Menyamyu on Saturday with constable Tore. Some of these carriers requested employment.

Monday 12/2/62 to Sunday 18/2/62.

This week the work force was increased considerably from carrier lines arriving from Menyamyu with stores etc., and wishing to be employed. Also up to 30 local people would seek daily employment.

Towards the top end of the airstrip site is a hill where "cut" of up to 12 feet is required. On the opposite side of the strip to, this hill is a creek running almost parallel to the strip. Much of this creek requires "fill" of anything up to 16 feet in depth. This 300 foot section of strip will require a tremendous amount of steady and continuous work to complete it.

1245 on Monday, a carrier line arrived from Kerema with constables Buneda (ex leave) and Gelem, carrying mail, cash and police personal effects. On Tuesday, const. Yan arrived from Menyamyu with stores. On Wednesday, Kerema carriers departed and another line of carriers arrived from Menyamyu with a/interpreter Patipanga.

Received word from the District Officer at Kerema that approval has been given for Kaintiba to be supplied by airdrop from Lae. The District Office at Lae, through Mr. Hicks CPO, advised on Thursday that an airdrop was planned for within the next two weeks. This is what we have been waiting for.

Small amounts of fresh food purchased.

Monday 19/2/62 to Sunday 25/2/62.

An average work strength of over 90 for this week. Everything is progressing well. Spent the time supervising work and putting in surface level construction marks. It is hoped to have the airstrip ready for inspection by the end of April.

Radio contact with Mr. Hicks CPO in Lae on Tuesday who advised that the airdrop would take place tomorrow pending favourable weather, and that the plane would be here at about 1000. A long conversation with police at night to straighten out any problems they had, but nothing much was brought up.

On Wednesday morning all worked on airstrip until 1000. The Douglas DC3 was first sighted at 1052. It made 13 drop runs, dropping 105 triple bagged packages, and departed 1148. The items dropped consisted mainly of rice and meat (50 X 112 lb. bags of rice and 10 cases of tinned meat). The rest of the day was spent sorting out and storing away these rations. The overall recovery rate was 96 percent which was very high considering the conditions under which this drop was made. Much credit should go to these responsible for the packing of the stores and to the TAA pilot for his careful positioning of the stores during the actual drop. All labour continued working on the airstrip in the afternoon. Result of airdrop reported to the District Officer at Kerema.

Work on airstrip continued until noon on Saturday.

Weekly issues of tobacco, matches, razor blades, soap and newspaper given out in the afternoon. Sunday observed except for the purchase of a small amount of fresh food.

Monday 26/2/62 to Sunday 4/3/62.

Spent part of the time during this week writing my Geography 2 assignment (ASOPA Correspondence course), in between supervising construction of the airstrip. The average daily work force for this week dropped to about 50, with a decline in the numbers of both "permanent" and "casual" workers.

On Thursday at 1830, constable Bumbu arrived from Menyama with supply carriers. Most of these wished to remain at Kaintiba and work on the airfield. The remainder returned to Menyama with constable Felix on Friday. That night police and carriers arrived from Kerema with supplies and mail.

Weekly issues given out to police and labourers on Saturday afternoon and mail was prepared for Kerema mail runner's departure on Monday morning. 14 people arrived from the Aseki area looking for work.

Monday 5/3/62 to Sunday 11/3/62.

On Monday a line commenced work on the bottom end of the airstrip, on a section of about 400 feet in length. Mr. Steen P.O. supervised this whilst the writer remained supervising the top section. The work force varied from between about 80 and 110 this week and with such large numbers, the job started to speed up considerably. With the increase in strength, an additional labour quarters was built to accommodate them. New pit latrines were also built for labourers.

Kaintiba has been without a battery charger for some time and has relied on the portable A510 Transceiver for all radio communications. On Monday night at 1830 a line of carriers arrived from Menyama with a new battery charger and for the next three days this was in continuous use charging batteries for the Crammond transceiver.

On Thursday, a line of men from the Aseki area numbering 33 arrived and requested employment. These additional "signed" workers, together with 26 casual daily workers, brought the total number of workers to 112. A small amount of fresh food was bought during the week and weekly issues were given out on Saturday afternoon.

Monday 12/3/62 to Sunday 18/3/62.

The work force was extremely high this week, rising to a total of 152 (96 permanent and 56 casuals). Most of these labourers worked on both sections of the airstrip, whilst a few commenced the construction of another native material European residence.

On the top section, most of the hill, which was mentioned earlier, has been cut away, at least to the width of the strip. As much "fill" is still required for the creek on the opposite side of the strip, the hill is being further cut into to find this ground. The whole section is starting to take shape now.

A complaint was made that children being looked after by members of the police detachment at Kaintiba have been stealing food from nearby village gardens. This matter was investigated. Carriers arrived from Menyama with constable Felix, interpreter Auwatogo and Aid Post Orderly Semabikam on Sunday.

Monday 19/3/62 to Sunday 25/3/62.

The total labour strength varied from between 146 and 78 this week, with numbers of local "casual" workers varying from 52 to 5. Actually the labour situation is excellent now and is presenting no problems. The recent airdrop has overcome problems of supply and the airstrip construction is developing rapidly with the increased labour force. Kerema advised on Monday that extra VSC funds were in the mail for Kaintiba and these will be extremely handy, especially as another airdrop is planned to take place soon.

Menyama carriers departed on Monday morning with constable Yan and a/Interpreter Patipanga. Wednesday, an investigation of an assault on a woman who had been struck on the head with a tomahawk and who had come into the aid-post for medical attention. Police runners arrived late on Thursday afternoon with mail, etc., from Kerema.

Oil change and general overhaul of battery charger on Friday morning. Saturday, constable Evco departed for Kerema with carriers and a sick labourer who was to be carried to the Tauri river to a village below Hells Gate and then taken to Kukipi by canoe. This labourer is from the Kwambega area (on the opposite side of the Tauri river) and proved to be of great assistance in making contact with the people during a patrol into that area which the writer accompanied early last year. He had previously spent a term in prison at Kerema for murder and during that time he had learnt to speak Police Motu. He was the first person from the other side of the Tauri river to remain and work here and he was very popular with the people of this area. He had been sick for about 10 days and had not responded to medical treatment at all. - (This man was diagnosed by the Doctor at Kerema to be suffering from a chronic heart complaint and it was stated that it was remarkable that he ever reached Kerema alive. He was continually being drained of fluid from all parts of his body and although he improved considerably, he had little chance of survival and later died in hospital).

A death by suicide was reported and investigated on Sunday. This took place about one mile from here.

Monday 26/3/62 to Sunday 1/4/62.

Labour strength averaged about 80 for the week, but numbers of local daily workers showed a marked decrease. This week the final construction pegs were put into the top hill section of the airstrip. An extension of approximately 250 feet is possible past the top end of this near finished hill section, and this will require only the removal of tree stumps and top-soil and the levelling by eye of the surface. A lot more work is required to fill to the top of the level marks on the creek side of the previously mentioned hill section.

On Monday Mr. Hicks again called from the District Office at Lae advising of the next airdrop to take place next week and on Thursday advice came through that it would be the following Thursday.

On Monday a rumour was heard that natives from the area between here and Kaingo were preparing to make an attack on the base camp. These people were sent for and a few that came in were spoken to and given a firearms demonstration. Necessary precautions were taken at night with the posting of police guards.

Carriers arrived from Menyama on Tuesday with constables Yan and Nandekot (ex hospitalisation Lae) and three Menyama police. Word had been received at Menyama of a disturbance in the Hamdei area, and the ADO at Menyama saw fit to send the extra police.

Thursday, the Menyama carriers departed with Menyama police escorts and constable Bunoda from this detachment. Issues given out on Saturday afternoon.

Monday 2/4/62 to Sunday 8/4/62.

The average daily labour force for this week was again above 100, and work on the airfield progressed well. At the top end of the strip, work continued on the hill section whilst Mr. Steen continued with construction and supervision of the section at the bottom end of the airstrip.

The second airdrop to Kaintiba took place on Monday and this again showed a remarkable 96 percent recovery. This was fortunate though, as 9 bags were accidentally dropped into the valley about 1½ miles from here and from a great height. These bags were brought in by local people who had seen them fall into the thick bush, and practically everything was in good order (mainly rice and meat). The airdrop took almost half an hour from 0900, in which the Douglas DC3 made 5 drop runs. The stores mainly consisted of rice, meat and sugar and also badly needed items of trade such as tomahawks, large bush knives and giri-giri shell. The Agriculture Department at Kerema organised for English seed potatoes to be dropped for planting, but these were badly damaged and most rotted.

On Wednesday, a carrier line arrived from Menyama and these carriers departed with constables Japi and Kekera on Saturday. Weekly issues given out on Saturday afternoon to police and labourers.

Monday 9/4/62 to Sunday 15/4/62.

The average labour force remained at about 100 this week. Stump and top-soil removal and levelling began on the section at the top end of the airfield. This began on Wednesday and should not take very long to complete. In fact, a few more weeks is all that will be required to have the airstrip ready for the inspection landing, that is if the labour strength is maintained.

A police party failed to apprehend the male adult Aiworo of Haragini village who had struck the woman who had laid a complaint about three weeks ago when she came in for medical treatment. A number of people from Haragini village were brought to the base camp on Tuesday, and they admitted that Aiworo had struck the complainant on the head with his tomahawk during a heated argument. These people were told that Aiworo would eventually be caught and that it would be better for them to bring him in now and avoid any further trouble. Aiworo was brought in on Thursday and he was sentenced to one month's imprisonment in the Court of Native Matters (Case No. KAI 7/61-62).

On Monday, the battery charger was given an oil change. A large number of people came to the camp and these were given a talk on assisting the Administration and other matters. Constable Evovo arrived at 1400 with mail from Kerema.

A report had come in that the cane suspension bridge over the Tauri river, between Mambanya and Kwambega villages, was badly damaged. Two constables, Yan and Gelem, together with 4 labourers (2 as interpreters) were sent to recruit people from Mambanya and Kwambega to repair the bridge. This party left on Thursday morning and the police were given trade items to pay labourers and rations for one week.

Constable Banoda together with a/Interpreter Patipanga and 8 carriers departed for Kerema at 0830 on Friday. Weekly issues were given out on Saturday afternoon. Small amounts of fresh food were purchased during the week.

Monday 16/4/62 to Sunday 22/4/62.

This week saw a concentrated effort on the hill section filling in part of the creek which runs along the side of the airstrip. The progress appears to be slow as "fill" is required up to a depth of 16 feet, but this is the last major job to be completed before the airstrip is opened for inspection.

With an average work force of over 100 again, and due to the fact that Mr. Steen had some of the police and labourers on patrol over Easter, it was decided to work during this period, except for Good Friday, and to give police, etc., the equivalent number of days holiday at a later date. Many of the "signed" labourers work for only a week or two, so to give them almost a weeks spell would not be practical. Those labourers who have worked for a long time will be given time off later also.

On Monday, constable Kekera arrived from Menyama at 1800 with a line of 13 carriers all requesting work. Constable 1/C Lausewa and constable Handoket departed for Menyama on Tuesday with a small line of 5 carriers, the latter policeman to return to Lae for further medical treatment for his cirrosis of the liver complaint. Light rain interrupted work on the airstrip a little on Wednesday. The a/District Officer at Kerema advised by radio on Thursday that constable Bunoda had been troubled by natives on the road below Nangonai, on his way through to Kerema. Mr Steen at once prepared to proceed to the area and investigate.

Mr. Steen departed at 0930 on Good Friday together with 4 police, N.M.O., and 20 carriers. The line sent to repair the Tauri river bridge returned at 1800. They had been unsuccessful at repairing it as in its present state it was impossible to cross to the other side of the river and it was necessary to have another party on the other side to tie the cane. The flooded state of the river also prevented a safe crossing and the police had been instructed to exercise care and not to take any risks. As it is intended to put in two other bridges over the Tauri river at different points, it might be worth considering the construction of something of a more permanent design, perhaps by using wire instead of cane on the sections subject to the greatest strain.

A little trouble experienced with constable Yan on Saturday afternoon. This matter will be left until Mr. Steen returns from his investigation and an orderly room charge will be laid against the above constable. Weekly issues given out on Saturday afternoon. Sunday observed.

Monday 23/4/62 to Sunday 29/4/62.

Labour strength again remained high at over 100 for the week except on Saturday when about 50 wished to be paid off. All of these labourers continued to fill in creek towards the top end of the airstrip.

Mr. Steen returned at 1515 on Tuesday from Nangonai.

One of the Yaba survivors contacted on Friday afternoon. He was questioned as to the whereabouts of the Supreme Court witnesses. The four that will have to go to Kerema are Watama, Pungawagabu and Wawendo who can be found locally, and Hapigauwa who is living near Nangonai. There will be no trouble involved in locating these witnesses, in fact they have been continually coming to the camp and at times enquiring about when they are to go to Kerema for the Court. It is obvious that they received the VIP treatment when they went to Kerema for the lower court hearing of the "Yaba massacre".

The airstrip is almost ready for inspection. The new "fill" has consolidated beautifully, but the strip will remain closed for another two weeks to allow further consolidation, and to give time for the cleaning of the surface pebbles, etc., the removal of construction pegs and the clearing of approaches. The clearing of the strips surface will be done almost last. It is not a big job, and the rubbish and pebbles help to preserve the surface by arresting water erosion which is severe due to the heavy rainfall and the steep slope of the airfield.

Monday 30/4/62 to Sunday 6/5/62.

This week the labour strength has reduced considerably. On Tuesday a line of 20 carriers went to Menyama escorted by constable Bumbu to collect stores and 14 other labourers were paid off. Also there were very few local day workers. A few small jobs were done at both ends of the airstrip consisting mainly of levelling the ground.

Spent Monday and Tuesday supervising labour and also planted some vegetable seeds. At 1745 constable Bunoda arrived with carriers from Kerema carrying mail and a few stores. Office returns on Wednesday as well as the supervision of labour.

On Thursday, commenced the chain and compass survey of the proposed Kaintiba station boundaries. This was continued for the whole of the week, calculations and plotting being done daily for each section surveyed. In general, the survey follows the traverse cut by Mr. Hicks CPO during December last year.

At about 1500 on Friday, the Menyama carriers returned with mail and personal stores. Weekly issues were given out to police and labourers on Saturday afternoon. A small line of casuals working on the airstrip on Sunday.

Monday 7/5/62 to Tuesday 8/5/62.

Completed survey of station land and spent Monday afternoon drawing plan. By careful plotting, the misclose in the survey was found to be approximately one percent which is acceptable in such surveys. The necessary adjustments to the diagram were made. Including traverses, the land is enclosed by 32 sides, consisting of 6 main out lines and 26 traverse lines following creeks or ridges. The area of the land is approximately 93 acres and in general its boundaries follow well defined natural features. Airfield extension and clearances have been considered and adequate provision made in this respect. An ideal station building site is situated in the south-east corner of the land.

Tuesday spent measuring the airstrip and positioning it on the station plan and adding other relevant features.

Wednesday 9/5/62 to Sunday 13/5/62.

During this period all levelling jobs were completed and labour cut timber and cleared the area past the top end of the airstrip. It is only a matter of clearing the pebbles, etc., from the strip's surface now and removing the construction pegs. On Thursday, the top of a large stone near the centre of the airstrip which was protruding above the surface by about six inches was broken off by the use of fire and crowbars. The stone was "cooked" all night and broke easily in the morning.

Carriers arrived back from Menyama on Thursday. A conversation with the a/District Officer at Kerema by radio on Friday concerning the Tauri river bridge. Nothing is definite yet, but the District Commissioner has been approached and he is in favour of having something permanent put in. He has suggested $\frac{1}{2}$ inch wire cable.

A police party of six rationed to leave early on Saturday morning to attempt to locate a suspected murderer. 32 casual workers worked on Saturday afternoon and approximately the same number volunteered for work on Sunday. Weekly issues given out to police and labourers on Saturday afternoon.

Monday 14/5/62.

All labour clearing surface of airstrip and adding finishing touches. Also the removal of construction pegs.

Conversation with the a/District Officer advising that the airstrip will be open for inspection as from tomorrow,

pending favourable weather. There has been no rain in the last five days and with windless and almost cloudless mornings, the conditions for a landing have been perfect. Mr. Carey queried the slope of the strip. The hill section, towards the top end of the strip, is about 300 feet long and has an even gradient of 19 percent. This means that on this section, for every 100 feet in length, the strip rises 19 feet. In 1350 feet the strip rises almost 200 feet. This matter was cleared up. Mr. Carey also queried the condition of the "fill" at the point of "touch-down". It was pointed out that this ground had consolidated well and was very solid.

Tuesday 15/5/62.

Labour working at the bottom end of the airfield but on a section outside the dimensions of the strip indicated for the initial inspection.

Mr. R.I. Skinner, Executive Officer, Policy and Planning Division of the Department of the Administrator, phoned to check a few points about the slope, condition and so on, of the airstrip. Mr. Skinner also gave instructions for the marking of rock outcrops on the airstrip and for the lighting of fires to indicate the direction of the wind.

Wednesday 16/5/62.

Approximately 45 permanent and 50 casual workers continuing with yesterday's work. In the morning, 32 labourers taken off the strip to cut timber in readiness for building an additional roof over the residence/office/store. The original one, due to insufficient slope, was beginning to leak badly.

1000 Mr. Skinner again phoned to advise that the inspection would take place on Friday next, and the plane would arrive at about 1030. A DCA airport engineer, Mr. George Antcliffe, will carry out the inspection and he will be flown in by STOL airways sesna piloted by Ron Pirns.

Weather conditions remained good, but the afternoons are tending to cloud over.

Thursday 17/5/62.

A final clean-up of the airstrip today. Also the framework of the office roof almost completed.

Out two 4 gallon drums to be used to build wind direction fires in. These were filled with dry grass and put under shelter for the night.

Word was sent out to the local peoples inviting them to come to the base camp tomorrow and see the first plane land. Very few of these people have ever seen a stationary plane before, and their conception of such a thing is fascinating. Many men, women and children carrying personal possessions, food, small pigs, dogs, etc., arrived late in the afternoon prepared to sleep in houses near the station.

Friday 18/5/62.

Marked the ends of the airstrip with sisalcraft and the rock outcrops with white calico. The labourers were given no regular work today.

By about 0930 approximately 300 local people had assembled, by far the most people ever seen at Kaintiba at the one time. These people were almost as excited as the station personnel at the thought of the plane coming today.

Word came through in the morning that the plane will be delayed due to mechanical difficulties at Port Moresby. ETAs were obtained at hourly intervals during the afternoon until advice came through that the plane would be departing Moresby at 1500. An ETA at about 1645 advised that the plane had missed us and had landed at Menyamya to re-fuel. Then at 1715 the plane was sighted and after circling once it landed. Light rain had just started to fall. A trial takeoff and landing was performed and Mr. Steen and myself were then taken up for a short ride.

Messrs. Antcliffe and Firms remained the night.

Saturday 19/5/62.

Mr. Antcliffe inspected the airstrip. He indicated a necessary improvement of placing "fill" to form a more even curve at the point of change in gradient between the sections of 11 and 19 percent slope. Plane departed 0900.

Labour cutting bush to the side of the airstrip and a line roofing office. 12 casual workers continued on roof in the afternoon. Constable Bumbu arrived from Menyamya with a small line early in the afternoon. Weekly issues also given out in the afternoon.

Sunday 20/5/62.

Observed. Constable Tore arrived from Kerema soon after noon with a small carrier line carrying mail.

Monday 21/5/62 to Sunday 27/5/62.

An average labour force of about 50 this week, comprising about 30 permanent and 20 casual workers. All of these continued cutting bamboo leaves for residence/office roof on Monday and half the line completed the job on Tuesday.

On Monday, together with three police, pegged out the curve at the join of the 11 and 19 percent slopes with pegs at a distance of 10 feet apart both along and across the strip. The length of the curve was made about 110 feet, with the maximum depth of "fill" required being only 10 inches. The half of the labour not working on the office roof on Tuesday, began placing "fill" to the top of the pegs in this curve. All labour continued with this job on Wednesday and completed it on Thursday.

The grass mentioned in my previous report, KER 14 of 1961/62 under the heading of 'Airstrips', is growing well. The grass is found growing on ridge tops surrounding Kaintiba. It is necessary to go ahead with close planting of this grass now, to protect the surface of the strip from water erosion. Grass planting by all labourers on Friday and Saturday morning. Weekly issues given out on Saturday afternoon.

On Sunday afternoon a small girl was brought to the aid-post with a broken off spear inside her. She had fallen into a pig trap (pit) which had a spear stuck upright in the ground at its bottom. This spear entered her anus and the point ended up just under the skin next to her spine and half way up her back before the shaft broke away. The father of the child had cut to the point of the spear with a razor blade, but when unable to remove it, had had the presence of mind to bring the child to the aid-post. Medical Orderly Laufa did an excellent job in removing the spear, working confidentially under very hygienic conditions. A very capable Medical Orderly.

The District Office at Lae enquired on Monday if Kaintiba will require another airdrop this financial year. It is difficult to say at this stage for as yet the strip has not been approved for commercial flights. Also no regular supply service has been arranged. Another consideration is funds. Present VSC

funds would hardly be sufficient to fill a DC3 for an airdrop. The matter was put into the hands of the a/District Officer at Kerema.

Monday 28/5/62 to Sunday 3/6/62.

An average labour force of about 40 spent till Wednesday planting grass. This is a coarse couch type grass which grows slowly in the unfertile soil of the airstrip which has had its top-soil removed. Clusters of grass were planted at intervals of about two feet.

At 1045 on Wednesday a Works Department representative, Mr. Ken Jarvis, came in by STOL airways cessna to inspect the rock outcrops on the airstrip. He advised that an operator with a compressor and explosives would be able to complete the job in about four days. He also advised that this could be done quite soon. It will be required to bring in four cessna loads of equipment. The new "fill" at the curve put in last week has not consolidated properly as yet, so this will be done manually. The airstrip was closed for one week to allow time for this to be done.

Blocks with handles were made to pound the unconsolidated earth and this was very successful. This work continued from Thursday until XME the end of the week. The District Office at Lae had arranged for our stores, which had been left over from the second airdrop, to be brought in by cessna, but with the strip closed, this movement was postponed for one week.

On Monday constable Nabo and a/Interpreter Patipanga escorted a line of carriers to Menyamya carrying a total of 100 sopra bags done up in bundles and addressed to the District Officer, Lae, to be used in the event of another airdrop to here. On Tuesday a small line of labourers were paid off and these carried the remaining 40 bags. On Saturday constable Erove arrived from Menyamya with stores and mail.

Eight of the owners of the Kaintiba land came in on Thursday and asked when they were to get payment for their land. These men were told to come in again on Friday together with all of the other owners to walk around the proposed boundaries. In the meantime the names of those that did come in were taken and matters concerning the purchase of land, food trees, gardens and improvements were discussed. The land owners were not seen again this week.

Mr. Steen erected the wind sock near the bottom end and to the right of the airstrip on Friday. Weekly issues to labour and police on Saturday afternoon.

Monday 4/6/62 to Sunday 10/6/62.

An average labour force of a little over 40 this week. Most of the time spent improving the track from Kaintiba to Menyamya. This involves the cutting of timber followed by the digging of a level pathway with spades, and the erecting of timber bridges at the crossing points of the numerous small creeks.

AVIAT advised on Tuesday that, as from now, the Kaintiba airstrip is officially open to category "D" aircraft. The strip remains open subject to a daily pre-operational strip report which is to be sent by radiogram addressed 'Collect, Weather, Aviat, Moresby' until a DCA aeradio crystal is obtained for us.

Seed potatoes and other seeds supplied by DASF being planted. A TAA cessna arrived from Lae on Thursday morning carrying stores (rice and meat) left over from the second airdrop. On Saturday morning a line replacing ground where rain has caused the washing of small watercourses across parts of the strip.

Monday, the Queen's birthday holiday, was observed with a small line of casuals working on the airstrip. A line of 15 carriers departed for Menyama on Monday, escorted by constable Japi. Constables Kekera and Yan arrived from Kerema at 1430 on Friday and a line arrived with constable Nabo from Menyama on Saturday at 1500. Weekly issues were given out on Saturday afternoon.

Monday 11/6/62 to Sunday 17/6/62.

An average of 35 workers for the week, mainly continuing with the Kaintiba-Menyama walking track.

Mr. Ashton, a District Commissioner Morobe District, phoned on Monday to say that he will be coming in on Wednesday's flight from Lae, which will be carrying stores. Weather conditions on Wednesday deteriorated and the pilot was unable to locate the airstrip. Mr. Antcliffe, the DCA airport engineer, phoned on Thursday to say that he will be coming into Kaintiba on Monday and with him will come a surveyor who will remain for about a week and survey the airfield for the purpose of drawing up a design.

Constable Bunoda escorted 10 carriers to Menyama on Monday. Spent Friday working on final correspondence course assignment - Anthropology 3. A group of about 12 men arrived on Saturday afternoon from the Tauri river area below Hauwabanga, requesting work. Constable Japi arrived with carriers from Menyama on Sunday, accompanied by constable 1/C Gaiko who is required as a Crown witness in the Supreme Court at Kerema, when the case of the "Yaba massacre" is heard.

Monday 18/6/62.

Crowley airways cessna came in at 1300 with cargo from Lae. Mr. Ashton accompanied the flight and made an informal inspection of the base camp and departed after about an hour.

At about 1430, STOL cessna arrived with Mr. Antcliffe and Mr. Leke who will remain and survey the airstrip. Mr. Antcliffe brought with him a DCA aeradio crystal and tested it successfully. From now on, this will be used daily instead of having to send a radiogram through RTC.

Constable Tore accompanied 23 carriers to Menyama.

Tuesday 19/6/62.

Packing rations, etc., for journey to Kerema. A party sent out to locate witnesses, but returned only with Watama and Pungawagabu. The other two, Wawendo and Hapigauwa, were at Nangonai and the police sent on word for these to be ready to go to Kerema in two or three days time.

Purchased approximately 1500 lbs. of fresh foodstuffs during the day.

Mr. Leke surveying airstrip and being assisted by several police and labourers.

Wednesday 20/6/62.

Packing stores and personal requirements for an early departure in the morning. Constable Kekera sent on in advance with two carriers carrying rice. An ex Kukukuku policeman, Mokekauwa, who was used as an interpreter in the lower court hearing of the "Yaba massacre" at Kerema, and who is required at the Supreme Court, complained during the afternoon that he had developed a sick illness and that he would be unable to walk to Kerema tomorrow. Prepared a stretcher and eventually found a line of 12 extra carriers to carry him. This extra line was issued with rations and plastic flies so that they could be independent of the main party.

Constable Konari and a/Interpreter Patipanga are to accompany this line.

The main party consists of constables Evovo and Kanai (both required for the Coronial inquiry into the death of Patrol Officer Anderson), constable 1/C Gaiko and 5 other male witnesses (required for the Supreme Court), constable Nabo, 10 carriers, personal servant and myself.

Trouble experienced by Mr. Steen with constable Kanai during the day. This policeman, although a good bushman and worker, is becoming an intolerable burden.

Thursday 21/6/62.

Stretcher case sent off at 0715. Constable Kanai decided in the morning that he was not going to Kerema, but he was reminded that he is required for the Coronial inquiry and he proceeded to prepare himself.

Departed Kaintiba 0745, arriving at the pass above the two large peaked mountains, visible from Kaintiba, at 1100 and arrived at the Werr river camp below Nangenai at 1515. This is the site of the first camp made by Mr. Carey ADO on his way to Kerema from Kaintiba after investigating the Yaba incident. Picked up witness Wawendo here.

There is evidence of a concerted effort at improving the walking track between Kaintiba and the Werr river camp site. From where the station labourers finished working the ~~the~~ track at the Kaintiba end, the local people have continued it for quite a distance. In the vicinity of the peaked mountains, on either side, the clearing has only been done in small sections, but near the Werr camp is a lengthy section of well cleared track.

15 men and 4 women came in with fresh food to trade. They reported that there is no trouble in the area. Constable Konari ~~did~~ did not reach the Werr river to camp. Stretcher bearing is extremely difficult in this terrain, and Mekekauwu spent most of the day walking slowly.

Friday 22/6/62.

Departed from the Werr camp at 0700 and climbed to Nangenai arriving 0815. Witness Hapigauwa was not waiting and so there was a delay whilst several locals went to find him. Constable Konari and party caught up at about 1200 and Mekekauwu reported that he felt much better now and that he would be able to walk. Eight of the carriers were sent back to Kaintiba with a note for Mr. Steen. Hapigauwa came in and after giving a present of tobacco to the old Nangenai councillor, departed at 1245 and arrived at Tuwin at 1645.

Small sections of cleared road were seen both near Nangenai and Tuwin. Purchased a small amount of fresh food at Tuwin and gave a present of tobacco to the councillor. Spent the night in partly completed square type houses built recently by the people of Tuwin.

Saturday 23/6/62.

Departed from Tuwin at 0650 and arrived at Kotai village, on the Tauri river and at the junction of the Kapau river, at 1730. As instructed, constable Kekera was waiting at this village. A present of money was given to the councillor and his son for their assistance to police parties, over the past six months, in crossing the river.

Sunday 24/6/62.

The entire party is together now. Departed Kotai at

0730, travelling downstream by canoe for one hour and then walking over comparatively level country to reach Didigaina at 1545. This village has a Kukukuku population of 53. It has only recently shifted from where the Koaru people are now growing coffee and it is a very clean and tidy village situated on the Maiporo creek. Gave a present of money to the LMS mission pastor who has been of great assistance to police parties moving through the area. A small rest house was built by the people to give these parties somewhere to sleep. Listened to a marriage complaint at night.

Monday 25/6/62.


Departed from Didigaina at 0730, arriving at the Koaru coffee area at 1040 and Koaru village at 1310. Spoke with Mr. and Mrs. Yates, LMS missionaries at Koaru, and then proceeded to Karama village, arriving 1605. Here met Mr. A.B. Wales of the Agriculture Department at Kerema.

Tuesday 26/6/62.

Departed from Karama village at 0730 and arrived at Kerema at 1300. Reported to the District Officer and the ADC of the Kerema Sub-District.

Attended to carriers, witnesses and police.

-- End of Diary --


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NATIVE AFFAIRS

(a) NATIVE SITUATION

During most of the period of this report, there has been pressure on the recruiting of local labour for construction of the airstrip here at Kaintiba. Overall, the assistance given by the local peoples was invaluable although at many times their strength in numbers was not great.

Contact has been maintained by the visits of the people to Kaintiba to sell fresh food, to work or to come in for discussions. Carrier lines with police escorts have been continually moving between here and Menyemya and between here and Kerema. On occasions, these parties have brought in people from distant village areas, but this is practically the only contact these distant villages have had. There is now a need for patrols to enter these distant areas to commence a general consolidation of influence throughout the entire area which comes under the jurisdiction of Kaintiba. This work will be extremely interesting.

There is need for a patrol through the area between Kaintiba and the Werr river headwaters. Nothing serious has occurred to warrant a hurried movement into the area, but from a series of complaints and rumours, it appears that this particular area, in parts, is a little unsettled.

Murders and bad assault cases are reported from time to time and every attempt is being made to see that justice is done and at the same time taking into consideration the ignorance to the law these people have shown in the past due to limited contact. Most of the propaganda talks given to the people have been based on the part the Government is playing in the maintaining of law and order and how this will be carried out in this area. The advantages of a system of law have been explained and the people, in general, appear very enthusiastic.

There have been several small incidents which suggest a slight resistance to the work of administering this area. It is felt sure that this will be overcome when consolidation work begins with regular patrolling. This, it is hoped, will begin soon, now that the emphasis has been taken off the construction of the airstrip.

An attempt has been made at improving the main walking tracks in the vicinity of the station, and the people have been encouraged to extend these tracks through their own areas. So far, from what has been seen, the people have gone ahead considerably with this work and appear keen to do it properly. A number of requests have already been received from different areas to borrow spades for this purpose.

In general, all matters being considered, the native situation is quite satisfactory and it will improve rapidly with the advent of regular patrolling.

(b) GENERAL

Little work has been necessary on the base camp during these five months. Pit latrines have, from time to time, been re-built and repairs made on different buildings. The only new buildings have been an extra labour quarters and another European native material quarters.

The airfield was approved for category "D" aircraft during the period of this report and Kaintiba is now supplied by regular weekly cessna flights which are sufficient for the supplying of Administration personnel and general station requirements. Arrangements will be necessary to have additional means of supply when work commences on improving and extending the airfield. These

arrangements will have to originate with the Department of Works. It might be some considerable time before the airstrip can be approved for category "C" aircraft, and until such time, it is felt that Kaintiba can only remain in its base camp stage. Conditions are gradually being improved and the base camp is quite comfortable.

Some of the members of the police detachment have requested and have been allowed to construct for themselves, in their spare time, their own houses apart from the two barracks built for the purpose of their accommodation. Although the writer was not enthusiastic about the matter at the time, it has since shown to have given the individuals a feeling of pride, as they have, without exception, kept these houses in a high standard of cleanliness.

(c) POPULATION

As stated earlier, there is a great need for patrolling to commence soon. At this stage it is thought that it will be at least a year before an initial census can be carried out. In certain areas the census could be properly done now, but it is felt that influence must be consolidated before this task is carried out in the areas which have had the least amount of contact.

The appointment of village councillors as spokesmen for particular groups has begun and if suitable, these may be appointed as village constables. Once the areas are opened up in this way, and the peoples' confidence is obtained, then they could be censused. Firstly, it might prove advantageous to group the people into different divisions having a central administering point for each marked with a rest house.

NATIVE AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

These people remain as primitive subsistence agriculturalists. They have an abundance of land, but their soil is extremely poor, or at least the soil in the vicinity of Kaintiba is. Methods of cultivation are not practiced. Food plants are merely thrust into a hole in the ground made with a stick and the surrounding soil is not broken. Perhaps cultivation has been found impossible due to the steep sloping country and an annual rainfall estimated to be about 200 inches.

Perhaps better yielding varieties of foodstuffs could be introduced, but it is felt that there is little scope for improvement for these people agriculturally. Domestic pigs are not plentiful and those that have been seen were very small.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

It is hoped that improved walking tracks will be built throughout the entire area administered by Kaintiba. This will entail the clearing of bush on either side of the existing tracks to an average width of about 15 feet, and then with the use of spades, digging a narrow walking track with steps on the steeper slopes and bridges over the numerous creeks. Spades could be left under the care of village officials, when they are appointed, for maintaining these roads.

At present, such improved tracks have been started from Kaintiba by station labour. One follows the track to the Werr river headwaters (route followed when walking to Menyanya) for about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles, another in the opposite direction to the lower Werr valley (leading to Kerema, via Koaru village on the coast) for about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles and the other up the mountain to the west of Kaintiba for about $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile to IKOHEA village area.

The people have already commenced to extend the latter two walking tracks and five spades were recently loaned to the people of IKOHEA for such work. Almost everyone visiting Kaintiba walks along these improved tracks and in this way they will see the advantages of such improvements. Also, together with the rest houses, they will symbolise a link between all areas and their administering centre at Kaintiba as well as assisting greatly in patrol work.

The cane suspension bridge across the Tauri river between Mambanya and Kwambega is badly damaged, and it will be a fairly big job to repair it. As discussed in the diary of this report, it is hoped to be able to obtain wire cable to use on the sections of this bridge which are subject to the greatest strain.

It is hoped to cut a shorter overland route to Kerema by crossing the Tauri river between the junctions of the Yaba and Werr rivers with the Tauri, and joining the existing Kerema/Kwambega/Kaintiba track at perhaps Paina or Ivana. It is believed that there exists a cane suspension bridge at this point on the Tauri river, built by village people living in that vicinity. If possible, it might be of great advantage to use wire cables to strengthen this bridge. Also a crossing point of the Tauri river is necessary between the villages of Hauwabanga and Pau (on the west side). The presence of permanent bridges at these points would greatly assist the movement of patrols and would enable patrols to return to Kaintiba by a different route without difficulty and loss of time.

MISSIONS

Up to date, correspondence has been received from the New Tribes Mission of Bulolo, the New Guinea Lutheran Mission of Lae and Aseki and the Australian Lutheran Mission at Menyama. These missions have recently been sending native mission workers to Kaintiba to contact the local people and to enquire about mission sites, etc. Other missions that have indicated their interest in the area, in different ways, are the London Missionary Society at Kouru, the Roman Catholic Mission at Lae (it is thought that this mission now regards the area as being too far¹⁷²¹⁹ their zone) and perhaps the Seventh Day Adventist Mission also of Lae.

The New Guinea Lutheran Mission appears to have done a good job at Aseki in helping in the development of that area. This is evident in the fine type of native which comes to Kaintiba from Aseki to seek employment. The mission has already sent in native workers and these, after seeking our advice and after gaining permission from the landowners, have constructed a temporary building for accommodation purposes. Several of their European missionaries will be visiting this station towards the end of August. This mission has its own light aircraft service.

PURCHASE OF NATIVE FOODSTUFFS

A considerable amount of fresh food is being brought to Kaintiba to trade. It is apparent that the people have been growing extra foodstuffs for this purpose. The average amount brought in would supplement the issue of rice for about the equivalent of two days in each week. Matches, beads and girg-giri shells are the most common trade items used, but the people are beginning to develop an interest in cash payments.

AIRSTRIPS

A considerable amount of work is required to complete the airstrip for the purpose of trying to bring it up to category "C"

standard. From the comments voiced by the various pilots who have seen this airstrip, the general opinion is that V1 Otter aircraft could quite easily land and take off from it now, but the specifications of length and width are not sufficient for it to be approved for category "C" operations by the Department of Civil Aviation.

An engineering survey of the airfield has been done and further work on this project will begin as soon as a design has been drawn up and funds are made available. After all of the rock outcrops have been exposed, the Department of Works intends to have these removed by the use of explosives.

Grass has been planted over the surface of the airstrip and although it is growing well, it has not grown quickly enough to prevent severe surface erosion. The grass is now holding the surface quite well and in 3 to 4 months time there should be little worry of erosion.

LABOUR

The number of workers employed on both base camp and airfield works appears, from time to time, in the diary section of this patrol report. In general, the numbers were sufficient, mainly because there was a shortage of spades and shovels for the airfield work. Prior to, and during the period of this report, at least three requisitions for spades were non-stocked. Actually this shortage of tools began apparent only when the labour force exceeded about 100. Copra bags used in the airdrop were extremely helpful for making stretchers to carry the ground.

At this stage, the labour force, due to lack of funds and the discontinuation of the airfield construction, has been reduced considerably. As soon as work again begins, an endeavour will be made to recruit labour from the adjacent Menyama and Aseki areas as well as from local sources.

CONCLUSION

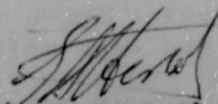
Even though occasional murders are taking place in this area, the people, after less than twelve months of continuous contact, have reacted amazingly to the Administration's influence, and a bright future is predicted in this respect. Day by day the number of attendances to the aid-post is increasing, and the people are benefiting greatly from the care which they are receiving.

They have assisted greatly in their own development, which is essential and which is to be encouraged at this stage. They are now building improved tracks which will be of benefit to both the Administration and the people themselves. During airfield and base camp construction, the local people were invaluable in their assistance by supplying labour and at times fresh food.

The owners of the Kaintiba land are willing to sell to the Administration. The area of the land is approximately 93 acres, which provides for the airstrip as well as for an excellent station building site at its south-east end. An investigation report has already been submitted on this land and it was found that this land could quite easily be disposed of by the native people. These same people have indicated that they are willing to sell a small area, adjoining the southern border of the station area, to the New Guinea Lutheran Mission, but this has yet to be applied for.

There still remains a lot of work to be done here at Kaintiba and in the area administered by the Kaintiba Patrol Post. The station work will continue steadily in conjunction with regular

patrolling throughout the area. The extension of the airfield and the eventual building of a permanent station are the two major tasks ahead of us, whilst in the field, patrols to open up the area with roads and to build rest houses, census patrols and then routine administration patrols will be necessary. Then it might not be long before a Local Government survey is carried out.



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ATTACHED APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 Report on members R.P. & N.G. Constabulary
 accompanying patrol.
- Appendix 2 Medical and Health.

Report on members R.P. & N.G. Constabulary
Accompanying Patrol

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>RANK AND NAME</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
8027	Constable 1/C LAUSEWA	A smart NCO, but lacking in intelligence and leadership.
8011	Constable KEKERA	More concerned about being transferred from Kaintiba than his work. Has little intelligence, but his ability to speak the local language is to advantage here.
8644	Constable Bunoda	This constable is smart in appearance and efficient in his work. He is intelligent and has the making of a good NCO.
9309	Constable KANAI	A good bushman who is hard working, but through lack of stability, he has become an intolerable burden. He is completely lacking in discretion, and his attitude towards his job requires a rapid change.
9941	Constable NANDOKOT	An average policeman.
10066	Constable BUMBU	A hard working policeman who tries hard, but the results of his efforts are, at times, unpredictable.
10214	Constable EVOVO	A reliable constable who is smart and has an average intelligence.
10532	Constable NABO	An average policeman, but his best has not yet been seen.
10544	Constable JAPI	A good policeman who is capable of using his intelligence.
10577	T/Constable Konari	A consistent worker, smart, with average capabilities.
10709	T/Constable YAN	Needs guidance, but is quite a fair worker although little of his best has been given to date.
10734	T/Constable FELIX	A very smart and intelligent policeman, but is a little unpredictable. Has a pleasant nature.
10753	T/Constable GELEM	A continuous worker whose standard of work is deteriorating rapidly. He is becoming very unpopular.
10776	T/Constable TORE	Young and keen, but not over endowed with intelligence. Too often acts too quickly without discretion. Otherwise quite good.


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Medical and Health

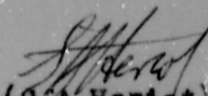
Medical Orderly Laufa Kerasi from Kerema was stationed at Kaintiba during the period of the above report (February to June 1962). His monthly Aid Post reports were sent to Menyama as required and supplies were requisitioned through the Public Health Department at Menyama. Now, with a regular weekly plane service, Port Moresby/Terapo/Kaintiba, it is being organised for the requisitioning of supplies to be done through the PHD at Kerema to prevent difficulties in organisation arising out of having to have these stores carried overland from Menyama.

Treatments of the major complaints were as follows (figures taken from the monthly Aid Post reports submitted by MO Laufa).

<u>Month</u>	<u>Yaws</u>	<u>Tropical Ulcers</u>	<u>Scabies</u>
February	7	65	1
March	5	94	3
April	1	80	2
May	8	51	1
June	7	44	22

Cuts were shown as another common treatment, and there were some cases of malaria and a little diarrhoea. Practically all of the listed treatments were given to local village people and not foreign station and airfield labourers. An excellent means of contact was experienced in this respect and the Medical Orderly gave the people every encouragement to come in for treatment. He proved himself very popular with the people, by his willingness to help them.

It has been noted that the Officer-in-Charge has, on many occasions by memo to PHD Kerema, praised the work of MO Laufa. He is a conscientious worker who works under very hygienic conditions, he is capable of doing the work of a person more highly qualified, and what is more, he is a perfect gentleman. It is certainly hoped that approval was given to his receiving camping allowance for the period of his absence from Kerema.


(G.A. Heriot)
Patrol Officer

c.c. The District Medical Officer,
Public Health Department,
KEREMA.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of GULF Report No. KAIN 2/61-2

Patrol Conducted by T.A. STEEN, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled INLAND GULF KUKUKUKU AREA

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans MR. G.A. HERIOT, Patrol Officer

Natives Police, Interpreters, Med. Orderlies, Labour/Carriers

Duration—From 3/5/1962 to 1/7/1962

Number of Days 60

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 2b/5/1962

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2. Routine administration and extension and
consolidation of Administration influence and control.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Natives **Police, Interpreters, Med. Orderlies, Labour/Carriers**

Duration—From **3 5 62** to **1 7 62**

Number of Days **60**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **No**

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services **20 5 62**

Medical **No record**

Map Reference **Army Journal Strat. Series - New Sheet**

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Director of Native Affairs

PORT MORESBY.

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67-2-23/68-1-8

6th February, 1963.

District Officer,
Gulf District,
KORORUA.

RE 10753 - CONSTABLE GELEM

Your 67-2-7/62-6-7 of 29th January, 1963 refers.

2. Thank you for the information contained in the memorandum. Acting being taken is satisfactory.

The lack of married accommodation is a reasonable and soundly based, the advantages of an experienced Constable in charge of the detachment has been noted.

In respect Const. GELEM, acting as a constable, Mr. Stagg is the Constable for the Gulf District for the present. Constable GELEM is to be transferred to the Orderly Room proceedings and other duties by order of the Commissioner of Police.

(Signature)
(W. R. Dishon)
DIRECTOR

Married accommodation for police is being investigated and it is hoped that a nucleus of married police will be sent to Kororua. The first married Constable is presently en route from Kaituma.

I have every faith in Mr. Stagg as a police officer, and in his capability of maintaining an effective and efficient detachment at Kororua.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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67-2-23 ✓

In Reply
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No. 67-2-7.
68-6-7.

District Headquarters,
Gulf District,
KEREMA.

29th January, 1963.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

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RE 10753 CONSTABLE GELEM

Your memo 67-2-23 of 7th November 1962 para 5 refers.

On my inspections of the station, police discipline has been strictly maintained. Police daily parades and roll calls are held and periods of drill are undertaken at regular intervals. At least half the detachment were, at their posting, trainees with an average of less than 2 years service and considering this factor, plus conditions encountered, I feel that the detachment has put up a reasonably good performance. The lack of married accommodation precluded, in these early stages, the advantages of an experienced N.C.O. and the present Constable 1/C in charge of the detachment has lacked experience.

In respect Const. GELEM, action was taken by the O.I.C., Mr. Steen, in the Court for Native Matters and he was fined £2 for the assault. Constable KANAI was fined one months pay in Orderly Room proceedings and subsequently transferred to Moresby by order of the Commissioner of Police.

Married accommodation for police is being constructed and it is hoped that a nucleus of married police can be posted to Kaintiba. The first married Constable is presently awaiting movement there from Kukipi.

I have every faith in Mr. Steen as a field officer, and in his capabilities of maintaining an effective and efficient detachment at Kaintiba.

[Signature]
(Arthur T. Carey)
a/District Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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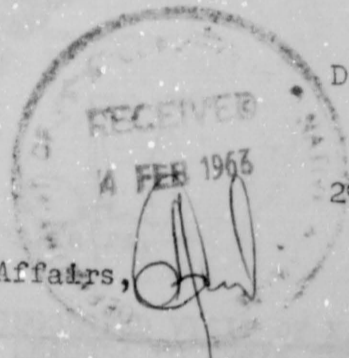
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District Headquarters,
Gulf District,
KEREMA.

29th January, 1963.



The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

PROPOSED CENSUS DIVISIONS - KAINTIBA AREA

Your 67-2-23 of 7th November 1962 and my 67-2-7 of 6th December refer.

I forward herewith Kaintiba memo 67-2-1/14-1-1 of 28th December which gives tentative census divisions. These appear to be presently based on geographic features which may well co-incide with group areas, and at this stage appear to give a satisfactory breakup and coverage of the area.

I agree with Mr. Steen that these should be regarded only as tentative areas pending better patrol coverage.

For your information and comments please.

Arthur T. Carey
(Arthur T. Carey)
a District Officer.



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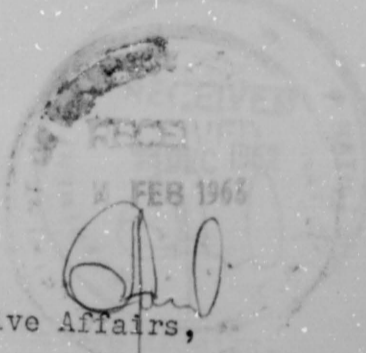
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Gulf District,
KEREMA.

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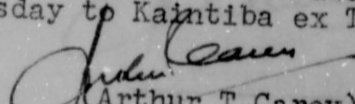
SUGGESTED VISIT OF KAINTIBA
LEADERS TO URBAN CENTRES

8. I refer to your 67-2-23 of 7th November 1962 - para

The idea has considerable merit and I agree that visits to Moresby by selected natives could well prove of value in showing the Kukukuku people the range of the Administration. Several visits have been made to Kerema and Menyamyama by numerous of the population in connection with courtcases and the transportation of equipment, but a wider view of urban development would create something of an impact.

I am requesting Mr. Steen to submit the names of three natives in the first instance, who, with an interpreter, could travel per Cessna or a back charter from Kaintiba.

Arrangements as to suitable dates of movement would best originate from you to avoid confusion. You are aware that charter services operate each Thursday to Kaintiba ex Terapo.


(Arthur T. Carey)
a District Officer.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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No. 67-2-7

District Headquarters,
Gulf District,
KEREMA.

6th December, 1962.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONIGDOBU.

KAIWITIBA PATROL REPORT 2/62

Your 67-2-23 of 7th November refers.

I have requested the Officer-in-Charge Kaintiba to give me the details in respect of Const. Gelem, and also for his recommendations for smaller subdivisions of the area currently under administration from Kaintiba.

A patrol programme has commenced, and following a coverage of the area, firm recommendations can be made.

I will advise you on receipt of advice from Kaintiba.

(Arthur T. Carey)
District Officer.

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provided they don't
kicker about it for years.
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-2-23 ✓



In Reply
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No. 67-2-7
35-2-21

District Headquarters,
Gulf District,
KEREMA.

6th December, 1962.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONIEBORU.

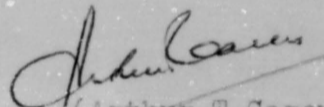
KAINTIBA PATROL REPORT 2/62
KAINTIBA STATION LAND

Your 67-2-23 of 7th November 1962 para 6 refers.

The investigation report in respect of the land required for Kaintiba station, an area of approximately 93 acres, was forwarded you under cover of my memorandum 35-2-21 of 20th November 1962.

Receipt of the actual report was delayed pending the contact with the two owners mentioned by Mr. Steen in his covering memorandum.

For your information please.


(Arthur T. Carey)
a/District Officer.

It will perhaps also be useful to consider arranging visits to a larger centre, perhaps Port Moresby, of selected officials or potential officials. This will help them appreciate that the Administration is more than two officers established in their area and will also probably build up their prestige and thus make them more effective agents for our work. I would like your comments thereon.

It may be further useful to set aside a small part of the station area in suitable location for leasing as an out-of-town business lease. Should somebody wish to establish a trade store in the area this should materially assist in development of an appreciation of currency.

Both Messrs Steen and Heriot have done good work in the beginning of administration among these people. Kindly send them a copy of this memorandum.

Kindly make the various submissions sought on separate subject files.

WRD
(W.R. Dishen)
a/DIRECTOR

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67-2-23

7th November, 1962.

The District Officer,
Gulf District,
KEREMA.

PATROL REPORT KAINTIBA - 2/1961-62

Thank you for the Memorandum of Patrol and diary covering the above patrol, and your covering memorandum 67-2-7 dated 23rd October, 1962.

Some comments follow.

The period covered terminates on 1st July, 1962 but the papers were not received here until 31st October, 1962. I am sure you appreciate these long delays are undesirable.

The Memorandum of Patrol does not show the number of the patrol and is unsigned by yourself. Correspondence arising out of the patrol should have been listed on the Memorandum of Patrol; kindly ask the patrolling officer to submit a supplementary list.

I agree completely with the patrolling officer that useful results follow the maximum employment on the Station of local people.

Please inform me the results of the investigation ^{of} the alleged assault by Constable Gelem. This and the entry of 20th June, 1962 suggest discipline in the Police Detachment requires improvement. I would like your comments on this matter please. If the detachment is not having a daily roll call, a short daily period of drill, and weekly inspections, you may consider directing the commencement of these aspects of Police administration forthwith.

Concerning the entry on 31st May, 1962 I note you elsewhere state the investigation for the alienation of the station area has already been prepared and submitted.

Possibly, it is now time to prepare and submit recommendations for the breakup of the KABEROPE and KOVIMONI Census Divisions administered from Kaintiba into smaller Census Divisions that could be patrolled from Kaintiba. It is desirable that this re-delineation provides for patrols no later than approximately 25 days. This re-delineation, with a patrol programme, should materially assist in the more detailed administration of this area.

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No. PR 2/61-2
67-2-7

District Headquarters,
KEREMA. GULF DISTRICT.

23rd October, 1962.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

KAINTIBA PATROL REPORT - 2/61-2

I forward herewith memorandum of patrol together with diary submitted by Mr. T. Steen. This should be read in conjunction with Patrol Report 1 submitted by Mr. Heriot for the period concerned, and my covering comments on that report equally apply.

Both Mr. Steen and Mr. Heriot have done a good job under considerable difficulties, which are readily apparent on a visit to Kaintiba.

Claim for camping allowance is forwarded for your consideration please. As stated in my Patrol Report 1/61-2 of even date I consider that patrol allowance should be applicable in respect of both officers until 5th June, 1962, when regular plane services commenced.

For your information please.

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A.T. CARBY,
a/DISTRICT OFFICER.

C.c. - Officer-in-Charge, Kaintiba.

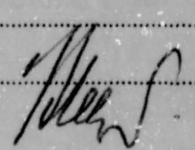
MEMORANDUM OF PATROL

Patrol No..... Subdistrict KEREMA District GULF
Officer Conducting Patrol T.A. STEEN, Patrol Officer
Census Division Patrolled KABEROPE & KOVIMONI (INLAND GULF KUKUKUKU AREA)
Objects of Patrol..... 1. CONTINUE ESTABLISHMENT KAINTIBA (TAURI) BASE CAMP/
PATROL POST & CONSTRUCTION KAINTIBA AIRSTRIP
..... 2. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION AND EXTENSION AND
CONSOLIDATION ADMINISTRATION INFLUENCE AND CONTROL
.....
Date Patrol Commenced 3/5/62 Date Completed 1/7/62
Duration—days 60

SUMMARY OF CORRESPONDENCE ARISING FROM PATROL

* As per relevant files opened and held Kaintiba (Tauri) Base Camp

(As numerous items of correspondence originated during this period at base camp not listed here but as per relevant files held Kaintiba base camp - most of these however concerning routine matters such as supply, cash re-imburements, etc.)


(T.A. Steen) Patrolling Officer's Signature

I certify that all necessary local administrative action has been or is being taken on matters arising out of this patrol and that the correspondence above indicated by a "tick" has been forwarded to the Headquarters, Department of Native Affairs, Port Moresby.

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District Officer.

PATROL DIARY

3/5/62 Thurs. Construction of a light aircraft landing field at this base camp of Kaintiba being continued.

The completion of this airstrip to a sufficient standard to allow an inspection aircraft to land now estimated to be in two weeks time if the gradient, measurements and other conditions as set out in my previous patrol report (Kerema 16/61-62). Mr. Carey, a/District Officer, informed by my memo 4-1-1 of today's date.

27 permanent labourer/carriers from Aseki and Menyamya areas working on airstrip. No local people offered for work today. (From the point of view of supply, these local workers, employed on a daily casual basis and returning each night or every few days to their homes to obtain their own food supplies, since not being dependent on government rations, are preferred to the "migrant" labourers from the Aseki and Menyamya areas in the neighbouring Morobe District who are paid a lower rate than the casual rate paid to locals but are provided with full rations. However these local workers are rather inconsistent in their attendance with as many as 66 offering for work on one day while none at all may present themselves the next day. The construction of the airfield could not be efficiently carried out if the local labour force were relied upon. Fortunately with the extra supplies obtained by airdrop, able to employ most of the Menyamya and Aseki men who arrive here looking for work.)

Radio conversation 4-15 pm with Menyamya re supplies from that point - asked to call back tomorrow after arrival of aircraft.

4/5/62 Frid. 25 Aseki and Menyamya labourers working on airstrip with no locals offering for work again today. Completion of rubble underground drain 62' x 4' x 4' filled with stones carried from nearby creeks or dug up from airfield to drain off spring towards centre of airfield. Radio conversation with District Office, Kerema, and reported on airstrip progress.

Constable JAPI arrived with carrier line from Menyamya with 14 carrier loads of supplies previously flown to Menyamya in T.A.A. Otter air charters from Lae Government Stores. Radio conversation 4-15 pm with Menyamya concerning further stores.

5/5/62 Sat. Permanent labourers now supplemented by carriers from Menyamya working on airfield under supervision of Mr. Heriot and self with police and interpreters. Weekly issues of tobacco, matches, soap, etc.

6/5/62 Sun. Observed.

7/5/62 Mon. , Today 13 local men volunteered for paid work on airstrip and altogether 63 labourer/carriers working on airfield. Constable KONARI to Menyamya with two local carriers carrying mail. Radio conversation with Menyamya 4-15 pm.

8/5/62 Tues. Supervision of 63 labourer/carriers on airfield to put "finishing touches" to strip to enable first landing to be made. Radio conversation with Lae Government Stores to check on remainder of stores ordered through Lae. As anticipated insufficient to justify airdrop.

9/5/62 Wed. Work on airfield with 50 regular and 19 casual workers.

10/5/62 Thurs. Airfield construction proceeding with 50 regular and 20 local casual workers. Airfield workers alternating as supply carriers previously sent to Menyamya returned with Constable LAUSEWA at 5-30 pm.

11/5/62 Frid. Mr. Heriot and self supervising in two sections work on airfield with a labour force now supplemented by the extra carrier/labourers returned from Menyanya and today making a total work force of 105 males. Radio conversation with District Office at Kerema and spoke to Mr. Carey to confirm estimate by my previous memo that airfield would be ready for inspection by aircraft next Wednesday or earlier.

12/5/62 Sat. A total of 114 workers on airstrip work in morning and 32 of these working on voluntary overtime in afternoon in view of closeness of first plane flight in. Daily and weekly issues.

13/5/62 Sun. Some labourers who volunteered to work on the Sunday for extra pay and to take advantage of the good weather while it held working on the airfield with Mr. Heriot to prepare for opening of strip in forthcoming week. Carriers arrived from Menyanya.

14/5/62 Mon. A total of exactly 100 men working on the airfield. District Officer advised by radiogram that, if measurements and conditions as quoted in my previous patrol report and above memo acceptable, as from tomorrow the airstrip ready for the initial flight for inspection purposes.

15/5/62 Tues. A very good number of 66 local men in for work on airstrip today — probably the record for the number of locals working on strip. These locals employed on casual basis working with 25 "contract" or permanent carrier/labourers on airstrip. Radio/telephone call from Mr. R. I. Skinner, Executive Officer, Policy and Planning Division of the Department of the Administrator, following his being advised by the District Commissioner, Mr. Murphy, of the airstrip progress. Informed by Mr. Skinner that he would advise further after this conversation if the Department of Civil Aviation (D.C.A.) able to inspect by flying in. If flight possible then fires to be lit at each end and a radio report on strip and weather conditions to be given on the morning of the flight. If the strip closed then white crosses to be marked on airfield.

16/5/62 Wed. A total of 78 airfield workers working under usual supervision on airfield. Mr. Skinner advised by radio a D.C.A. airports engineer, Mr. G. Antcliffe, would be flying in next Friday (18/5/62) by Stol Air Services Cessna aircraft.

17/5/62 Thurs. 50 "foreign" (from Menyanya and Aseki areas) permanent workers and 53 local casual workers preparing airstrip for tomorrow's initial and inspection flight.

18/5/62 Frid. Following word having been sent out in the week a large number of men, women and children in to the camp to watch today's initial landing of aircraft on Kaintiba airstrip. Weather and pre-operational strip report given through Mrs. Born, Port Moresby R.T.C. operator.

Landing of first aircraft on Kaintiba airstrip in late afternoon carrying Mr. G. Antcliffe of D.C.A. and piloted by Mr. Firms of Stol Air Services. Both inspected the airstrip and made further test landings. Messrs. Antcliffe and Firms remained overnight.

19/5/62 Sat. , Cessna aircraft departed in morning with Messrs. Antcliffe and Firms for return to Port Moresby after further airstrip inspection by Mr. Antcliffe.

Carrier line arrived from Menyanya with stores escorted by Constable BUMBU.

20/5/62 Sun. Observed.

Carrier line with police escort arrived from Kerema with mail and cash from Kerema.

21/5/62 Mon. Line of 25 labourers to Menyamya to carry down supplies for this camp with Constable EVOVO and Interpreter DENAI. The 30 permanent labourer/carriers left after this line departed for Menyamya put on station work such as the repairing of roof of patrol officer residence. Adjustment of levels on airfield as marked by D.C.A.

22/5/62 Tues. 30 permanent and 26 casual workers working on station building repairs and re-levelling of small section of airfield under usual supervision.

23/5/62 Wed. A total of 55 labourer/carriers working on airfield and station. New pit latrine for police barracks constructed and re-roofing of house completed. Radio conversation with Mr. Wright at Kerema re cash re-imburement. Office duties.

24/5/62 Thurs. 31 permanent and 28 casual workers working on airstrip. Grassplanting commenced in top section of airstrip to check erosion starting to develop. Radio conversation with Menyamya concerning supplies.

25/5/62 Frid. Total of 29 workers planting grass in marked rows on airstrip.

26/5/62 Sat. Half-days work on airstrip, self and Mr. Heriot working on a section each as previously. Radio conversation with the District Office concerning the delivery of supplies by airdrop or plane service. Line of carriers with supplies arrived from Menyamya escorted by Constable KONARI. Further line escorted by Constable GELEM arrived later same day.

27/5/62 Sun. Observed.

28/5/62 Mon. Work on airfield. Mr. Antcliffe of D.C.A. advised by radio that Kaintiba airfield now officially opened for category "D" aircraft such as Cessnas and Piper Cubs. Mr. Carey advised by radio to Kerema District Office.

Constable NABO to Menyamya with acting Interpreter PATIPANGA and 18 carriers carrying hessian bags recovered from previous airdrops and now being sent by government return air charter from Menyamya to Lae for re-use in the event of any subsequent air drops. Ten of these carriers to return with stores accumulated at Menyamya from previous shipments of Kaintiba stores from the Government Stores at Lae to Menyamya, by the regular weekly air charter, most of these supplies being those not suited to airdrop such as kerosene. Seeds of corn, silver beet and Chinese cabbage sent in by the Agriculture Department planted in station gardens. Radio conversation at 4-15 pm concerning priorities of supplies to come forward.

29/5/62 Tues. Permanent and casual labourer/carriers working on the grassing of the airstrip and the digging of drains to divert water from the station and airfield. Line of labourers and carriers paid off at their own request after several months work to Menyamya with further airdrop bags. Alleged assault on two local natives by Constable GELEM being investigated by Mr. Heriot.

30/5/62 Wed. Labourers and carriers working as yesterday. Police drilling in morning. Visit by Mr. K. Jarvis of the Public Works Department by Stol Cessna to investigate the demolition by explosives and/or pneumatic drill of the rock outcrops and boulders at present preventing further development of the airstrip here. As a result of visit recommended that that one small section of airfield be consolidated further.

31/5/62 Thurs. Advised D.C.A. by radio that airstrip closed for one week to next Wednesday while further consolidation of small portion of airfield surface carried out. Labour/carrier line compacting surface with heavy ramming blocks cut from trees. Erection of wind sock sent in yesterday by D.C.A. Visit by alleged owners of Kaintiba land and discussions with them. However not all present and they undertook to bring in the remainder of the claimants tomorrow to discuss the possible government purchase of this land.

1/6/62 Frid. Total of 41 labourers ^{on} working airfield consolidation effected by pounding with tree trunks.

2/6/62 Sat. Half day's work on consolidation of airstrip by 35 labourer/carriers. Line of carriers with mail and stores arrived with Constable EVOVO.

3/6/62 Sun. Observed.

4/6/62 Mon. - Queen's Birthday Line of 15 carriers to Menyamya escorted by Constable YAPI for return with supplies. Large number of labourers paid off at own request. All police and station personnel in the camp given day off in observance of Queen's Birthday. Local casual labour unable comprehend "holiday" still offered for work and employed as on other days. Police parade at flag-raising and short speech. Investigation by Mr. Heriot allegation that airfield labourers damaging and stealing from local gardens. Garden owners compensated.

5/6/62 Tues. Total of 43 labourers on airfield and station work. After clearing level pegs from airstrip and inspection of Mr. Heriot and self D.C.A. advised that airstrip again open to aircraft. Commenced planting of potatoes received overland from Menyamya after being sent in by the Agriculture Department. Radio conversation with District Office.

6/6/62 Wed. 24 permanent and casual labourers (17) preparing station gardens for planting of potatoes and vegetable seeds. Lae advised by radio that stores ex-Lae to be flown in tomorrow by T.A.A. Cessna.

7/6/62 Thurs. Total of 46 workers, most of them commencing the cutting and grading of a better track to Menyamya for some distance from station similar to the walking track cut partially along the Kerema-Kaintiba route. Others on station gardens. One T.A.A. Cessna flight in from Lae carrying supplies.

8/6/62 Frid. 18 local casual workers working with 25 permanent Aseki and Menyamya carrier/labourers mostly working with police on improvement of Kaintiba-Kerema track. Small line with Police working on repair and maintenance of station buildings. Native foods purchased. More local people - men, women and children - in to station.

9/6/62 Sat. Work on minor airfield and station maintenance and Menyamya track by today's total of 28 labour. Weekly and daily issues. Carrier line from Menyamya with Constable NABO.

10/6/62 Sun. Observed.

11/6/62 Mon. Self and Mr. Heriot on usual supervision of 32 work workers on airfield, station buildings and Menyamya track. Small carrier line of 10 to Menyamya for supplies with Constable BUNODA.

12/6/62 Tues. Total of 35 workers working as yesterday under supervision of the writer with Mr. Heriot and police and interpreters.

13/6/62 Wed. 27 labourer/carriers working as yesterday. Crowley Airways Cessna with a/District Commissioner, Lae, aboard attempted to fly into station here from Lae but unable find airstrip due cloud. Possibly this aircraft that one we sighted almost overhead flying east to west at 9-35 am. Conversation with Mr. Sullivan at Native Affairs Headquarters re stores required from Port Moresby as instructed by the District Officer's radiogram 624 of yesterday's date. Advised by Mr. Wearne, District Officer, that plane service of Stol Air Services Cessna coming from Port Moresby through the new airstrip at Terapo near the government station at Kukipi on the Gulf District coast to commence soon.

14/6/62 Thurs. 17 "contract" or permanent workers and 27 local casual workers again working on gardens, station buildings and Menyamya track with the writer and Mr. Heriot with police and interpreters. Advised by radio conversation from Port Moresby that two D.C.A. officers flying in next Monday. Radio conversation with Menyamya concerning supplies. (No further stores ordered through Menyamya since last month in order to ensure adequate forward loading for any aircraft flights in to Kaintiba now that the airstrip open to air traffic. However still a backlog of stores some of which ordered 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ months previously and still accumulated at Menyamya owing to difficulty of now and in the past finding sufficient carriers to carry these stores overland.)

15/6/62 Frid. Now a total of 42 workers after additional ones taken on following advise that D.C.A. officers coming in next week to work on the airstrip. Labour employed as for rest of week.

16/6/62 Sat. Labourer/carriers working in the morning on airfield, station buildings, gardens and the Menyamya track. Those labourers and police working on the Menyamya track and who had camped out during this work on the job returned at midday. Daily issues of rations and weekly issues of tobacco, matches, soap, kerosene, etc. made by Mr. Heriot.

17/6/62 Sun. Observed. Constable JAPI arrived with line of carriers from Menyamya. Constable l/c GAIKO of the Menyamya Police Detachment en route to Kerema as witness in Supreme Court hearing of Yaba massacre trial arrived with this line. GAIKO to proceed to Kerema with other witnesses accompanying Mr. Heriot to Kerema for the Supreme Court sittings due there soon.

18/6/62 Mon. Labour with police and interpreters on station gardens and construction of station buildings. Line to Menyamya with Constable TORE for stores. Mr. Ashton, District Officer, Lae, flew in and out with Cessna piloted by Crowley with supplies from Lae. Self to Menyamya following breakdown of radio communications with Menyamya to straighten out stores and cash position,, returning on the return aircraft to Kaintiba after approximately one hour at Menyamya. Messrs. G. Antcliffe and G. Lecke of D.C.A. flew in by Stol Cessna aircraft piloted by Mr. Firms. This aircraft returned to Port Moresby with Mr. Antcliffe after inspection while Mr. Lecke remained to carry out survey of airstrip to enable D.C.A. to draw up a final design for the completion of the airstrip.

19/6/62 Tues. Mr. Lecke working with some of the police and labourers on the survey of the airstrip. Balance of the 45 workers working on the track to Kerema and station gardens. Commencement of giving pre-operational strip and weather reports by radio using the new D.C.A. Aeradio crystal received yesterday by hand of Mr. Antcliffe.

20/6/62 Wed. A total of 45 workers working as yesterday. Mr. Lecke continuing survey. Airstrip closed for above survey to be carried out as from today until further notice. Disciplinary trouble with Constable KANAI who after refusing repeated orders suspended (later confirmed by A.D.O.).

21/6/62 Thurs. Airstrip closed and Mr. Lecke proceeding with survey of airstrip levels for D.C.A. Total of 30 labourer/carriers assisting with police with survey and working on station gardens and Kaintiba to Kerema track. Mr. Heriot departed early morning with police and carriers and witnesses for Supreme Court sittings and coronial enquiry (presumed drowning of Mr. F.D. Anderson) at Kerema.

22/6/62 Frid. Mr. Lecke completed D.C.A. survey and airstrip opened. Total of 30 labourers on station work. Stol Air Services Cessna heard overhead in late afternoon but unable land due weather conditions.

23/6/62 Sat. Stol Cessna arrived by way of Menyama and with supplies from Menyama and Mr. Lecke departed by this aircraft for return to Port Moresby. Surplus carriers sent back by Mr. Heriot after "stretcher case" interpreter witness decided to walk rather than be carried to Kerema. 25 carriers arrived with stores escorted by Constable BUNODA.

24/6/62 Sun. Observed.

25/6/62 Mon. The 20 workers left after remainder paid off at their own request working on station and airfield. Constable BUMBU to Menyama with 16 carriers for supplies. Flight into Kaintiba by Mr. Crowley with 600 lbs. of stores from Lae.

26/6/62 Tues. Police and labourers working on Kaintiba-Kerema track with small line of youths working on gardens. Locals from two native groups in for visit - one party with native foods for sale. Discussion with some of the Kaintiba landowners as to the possibility of the Administration buying the land on which the camp and airfield is situated. These people still very vague and non-committal but believe making some headway towards acquiring this Kaintiba land if required.

27/6/62 Wed. 20 labourers working on station gardens and Kaintiba-Kerema track. Line of carriers arrived from Kerema with police personal effects, mail and cash.

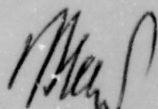
28/6/62 Thurs. Same number of carriers/labourers working as yesterday. Carriers recently returned from Kerema after morning spell put to cleaning up camp. Radio conversation with Mr. Carey, Assistant District Officer at Kerema, re complaint (disciplinary) against Constable KANAI. Most of morning spent with Kaintiba landowners. Now feel making some real progress. Walked around the proposed station boundaries with most of these landowners accompanied by Constable l/c LAUSEWA and Interpreter DENAI. Nineteen claimants as Kaintiba landowners listed (c.f. file 34-1-1 minutes). The twelve of these present today agreeable to any land purchase. (At date of writing all but two of the total of nineteen owners have been interviewed and are agreeable to the purchase. The remaining two are at present absent from the immediate Kaintiba area.)

29/6/62 Frid. 28 workers on station work such as digging rubbish pits and station gardens and on the Kaintiba-Kerema track.

30/6/62 Sat. Labourers working as yesterday for the morning. Weekly issues of tobacco, etc. Line of carriers with supplies and mail approximately 1-30 pm from Menyama escorted by Constable TORE.

1/7/62 Sun. Observed.

- End of Patrol Diary -


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