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PATROL REPORTS CENTRAL DISTRICT 1963/64

PORT MORESBY, SOGERI & GUARI

<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
P.M.		
2-63/64	J. Duffield	Mountain Koiari Census Division
7-63/64	J. Duffield	Vanapa Census Division
<u>SOGERI</u>		
1-63/64	H.W. Morris	Vanapa River Census Division
3-63/64	H.W. Morris	Sogeri Valley Census Division
<u>GUARI</u>		
1-63/64	D.C. Fisher	Karuama Census Division
3-63/64	D.C. Fisher	Parts Upper and Lower Kunimaipa Census Divisions
4-63/64	D.C. Fisher	Karuama and part Mekeo Cens Divs

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of WEST CENTRAL Report No. GUARI 1/63-64

Patrol Conducted by D. E. Fisher, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled KARUAMA Census Division, Gollala Sub-District.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil.

Natives Five.

Duration—From 7 / 10 / 1963 to 23 / 10 / 1963

Number of Days Seventeen.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 4 / 1963

Medical 8 / 1963

Map Reference Adamson's Map of Gollala.

Objects of Patrol Electoral Education, Routine.

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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Sub-District Office,
TAPINI,
Central District.

19th March, 1964.

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RJT/RKG.

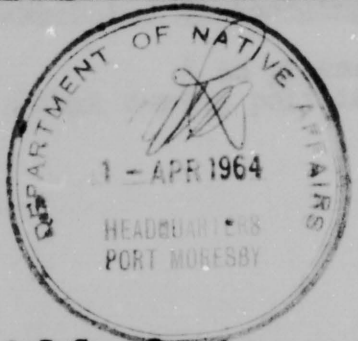
The District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT No. 1-63/64 - GUARI.

Reference your memorandum 67-10-1 of the 16th March, 1964.

The following information has been taken from Guari Court Register, folio 3071.

Case No.	Date.	Accused.	Charge.	Decision.
411	21.10.63	VINCENT-KOMURA AMEVA-KATEMWA URUVIA-KOITOI OMAI-KOMURA TAGURI- " LAIAM-MURIA	Contra. Reg. 83(1).N.R.O.	All found guilty. VINCENT & URUVIA fined £1 each. (2nd (offence) Remainder each fined 10/-.



For your information, please.

R.K. Greaney
.....
(R.K. Greaney)
Assistant District Officer.

c.c. P.O.I.C. Guari.
67-10-1
The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
Konedobu.

Your 67-1-13 of 11.3.64 paragraph 4 refers.

24.3.64.

F.G. Driver
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(F.G. DRIVER)
DISTRICT OFFICER.

GUARI.

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67-1-13

11th March, 1964.

District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

PATROL REPORT NO. 1-63/64 - GUARI

Receipt of the abovementioned report is acknowledged with thanks.

I agree it is necessary to have a market readily available prior to the development of cash crops.

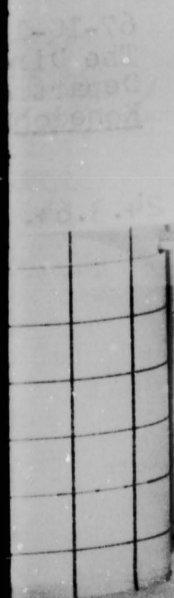
I think all people would give a much heartier welcome to a patrol not coming into the area to collect taxes.

What punishment was inflicted on the man convicted on gambling.

I am pleased use was made of Michael Maitai during political education.

J. K. McCarthy,
DIRECTOR.

GUARI.



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Sub-District Office,
West Central Division,
Central District,

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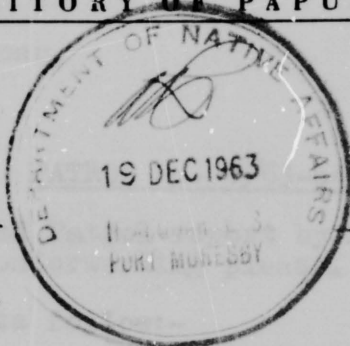
Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference 67-10-1

If calling ask for

Mr



District Office,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

16th December, 1963.

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEMOBU.

PATROL REPORT NO. 1/63-64 KUNUAMA - GOILILA.

The attached report by P.O. Fisher refers:

1. A good report and it would appear from Mr. Greaney's covering letter that he is attending to outstanding matters.
2. I have written to him about the dangers of Grouping Hamlets together and believe that he will be able to stop the situation getting out of hand. Some Grouping would certainly be beneficial.

D. R. Marsh

(D. R. MARSH)
DISTRICT OFFICER.

GUARI.

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Sub-District Office,
West Central Division,
Central District,
TANINI.

11th December 1963.

The District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

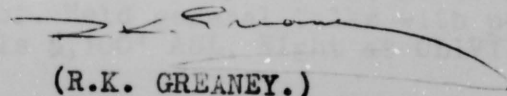
PATROL No. 1/63-64 - KURUAMA Cen. DIV.

Attached Patrol report by Mr. D.C. Fisher P.O. for your perusal and forwarding please.

Comments follow:-

- P.2. Diary. 12.10.63. How long has the priest been in "unofficial occupation"? Will ascertain from P.O. GUARI and R.C. Mission and request the legalisation of occupancy.
- P.3 para.5. Such informal talks are an essential facet of patrolling and of great benefit in achieving mutual understanding and co-operation. One of the basic duties of field staff is the assimilation and analysis of native thought patterns and trends - how better to achieve this than in such discussions!!
- P.3. para.7. Pleasing to note change in attitude.
- P.4. par.11. Providing this is a spontaneous desire by villagers concerned, this should be encouraged; any intimation of direct or implied coercion will not be tolerated.
- P.5. par.18. Can expect a few difficulties on this lowered rate of pay, but time will ease this. Lowering of current high casual wage rates for this and other obligations as road construction and maintenance is vital if progress is to be made at a reasonable rate. Such tasks are primarily to aid the people themselves along the road to development and accordingly should be paid for at a reduced rate. You should carefully explain ramifications to the people when lowering rates to avoid any misunderstandings.
- P.5. Par 19 Will approach the Ag.O. and see if he can be of any assistance. Perhaps pyrethrum could be tried at higher altitudes? I concur, however, with your remarks re marketing arrangements as an essential prerequisite to cash cropping; This does not imply that the Ag. O. could not plan the future agricultural development of the area.
- P.5. par 24 Why the lack of support?

General. A sound, well prepared and presented report by Mr. Fisher.


(R.K. GREANEY.)
Assistant District Officer.

c.c.
Officer-in-Charge,
GUARI.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-2-2

Patrol Post,
Gailala Sub-District,
Central District,
Guari.

29th. October, 1963.

The Assistant District Officer,
Gailala Sub-District,
Central District,
TAPINI.

GUARI PATROL REPORT 1/63-64
KARUAMA CENSUS DIVISION.

Introduction.

1. The prime object of this patrol, my second to the area, was to explain the new House of Assembly and the method of electing members. General administrative matters were also undertaken.
2. The Census Division covers what must be some of the roughest terrain in the Sub-District. The lower reaches of the Meipa valley and its tributaries are little better than deep chasms along which, and across which the patrol had to pass. At one point on the Meipa river it was necessary to pass through a rock strewn gorge with great overhanging cliffs of limestone two hundred feet high.
3. The inhabitants of the area, with the exception of one village group, all belong to the Kalili people whose language is believed to be the mother language from which the Gerebi and Kate dialects of the Kunimaipa valley originate.
4. The pace of the patrol throughout was leisurely and informal group discussions were encouraged. These are always most helpful in gauging group opinions and attitudes and on this occasion were particularly rewarding (see under Native Affairs). My last visit to the area six months previously was necessarily rather hurried and I was pleased to be able to spend longer in the area on this occasion.

Diary.

- 7.10.63 Departed Guari Patrol Post 0730, arrived at TONAMENA 1040. Listened to complaints and enquiries from village people and held general talks. Visited Kamulai Mission. Night at Tonamena.
- 8.10.63 Departed Tonamena 0830, arrived OLIVI 1230. On this section the track climbs over a 7,300 feet ASL. As usual this track wet and muddy due to the fact that this range is enveloped in cloud for about 90% of the daylight hours every day and never has a chance to dry out. Held general talks with people. OLIVI Rest House is 5,100' ASL. Night at OLIVI.

- 9.10.63 Conducted talks on the proposed House of Assembly, explaining its functions and explaining electoral procedure etc. etc. Departed Olivi 1100, arrived Dak'lawauro 1200. General talks with village people. Inspected Aid Post which is to be replaced. Rest House is at Uwe (4,150' ASL) Night at Uwe.
- 10.10.63 Conducted electoral education talks for the Dak'lawauro people. Departed Dak'lawauro 1130 arriving Kosgaren Rest House (2,500'ASL) at 1230. Listened to complaints and enquiries and talked with village people. Kosgaren serves the KARUAMA and Koru groups. Night at Kosgaren.
- 11.10.63 Conducted electoral education talks for the Karuama and Koru people. Departed Kosgaren 1100, arrived Kapateiya (4,300' ASL) at 1230. Listened to complaints and enquiries and talked with village people. Night at Kapateiya.
- 12.10.63 Conducted electoral education talks for the Kapateiya people. Discussed various land and road matters with Rev. Fr. A. Michenaud of the Catholic Mission. Visited Mission station which is on Native-owned land. Father Michenaud was requested to take steps to place his occupancy on a legal footing. Night at Kapateiya.
- 13.10.63 Sunday - observed - Kapateiya.
- 14.10.63 Departed Kapateiya 0800 on Naive track, leaving the bridle paths for the first time. Steep descent to the Meipa River where it was crossed by a rough bridge at 3,200' ASL then steep ascent to Lopizo village (4,400' ASL) arriving 0945. Here, one Rest House serves the Lopizo and Karusia people. General talks, discussions, minor arbitrations etc. Rain in afternoon. Night at Lopizo.
- 15 15.10.63 Conducted electoral education talks for the Lopizo and Karusia people. Departed Lopizo 1100 for Ki Rest House (2,200' ASL) arriving 1345. Track wet and slippery over terrain which is best described as 'tortuous'. Heavy rain also made travel difficult. Ki serves the villages of Iguai, Amenu and Zakaupa and is situated at the junction of the Ki and Meipa Rivers. Minor arbitration and general talks during the afternoon. Night at Ki.
- 16.10.63 Conducted electoral education talks for the Iguai, Amenu and Zakaupa people. Further informal discussions with the people. Night at Ki.
- 17.10.63 Departed Ki 0730 for Mosibi Rest House (1,650'ASL) arriving 1045. Track descends the Meipa River to its junction with the Tapala through impossibly steep and broken country. Mosibi serves the Poramalia and Kwapa people. General talks and discussions. Night at Mosibi.
- 18.10.63 Conducted electoral education talks for the Poramalia and Kwapa groups. Departed Mosibi 1100 arriving Inaworena (1,700' ASL) at 1140. Conducted electoral education talks for the Poramalia Inaworena people also talks re their

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proposed migration. Departed Inaworena 1400 arriving Mosibi 1445. Further natterings with the Poramaliao people. Night at Mosibi.

- 19.10.63 Rain in early morning. Departed Mosibi 1015 arrived Kosgaren 1200. General talks.
- 20.10.63 Sunday - observed - Kosgaren.
- 21.10.63 Court for Native Matters convened, six men fined for gambling. Visited site of proposed new village - an excellent site near the rest house. Departed Kosgaren 1200, arrived Olivi 1600.
- 22.10.63 Departed Olivi 0730, arrived Tonamena 1130. General talks and minor arbitrations.
- 23.10.63 Departed Tonamena 0830, arrived Guari 1200. General station duties.

.....End of Diary.

Native Affairs and Attitudes.

5. During this patrol I was able to observe attitudes much more closely than previously, not being pre-occupied with tax/census/common roll. Informal group discussions were encouraged at all places and I became aware of a marked improvement in attitude towards the Administration and towards progress generally. The Karuama people have, for a long time, been known as backward people with no desire to improve their lot. A swing away from this and towards village improvement and economic development was detected among quite a few of the younger men.

6. For years these people have wanted help without being prepared to help themselves and it is only now that they are beginning to realise that they must come up with a few ideas and plans of their own.

7. The whole atmosphere and the attitude towards the patrol was much more amiable and warm than I had previously experienced in the Karuama. No doubt this was largely due to the fact that no tax was being collected but also I feel, to a general swing in thinking. I found people willing to come forward and discuss plans to build better and more central villages and to talk of economic development, education, health and other topics. Two villages have decided to clear land for proposed village sites so that I may plan the village lay-out on my next visit. These villages will replace the scattered hamlets as exist at present.

8. Requests for assistance in cash cropping were received and also an Administration school in the area was asked for. These matters will be discussed under appropriate headings.

Law and Order.

9. Reported crime in the area is almost non-existent although unreported crime must surely occur. Only once during the patrol was a Court for Native Matters convened, in which six men were convicted of gambling.

10. True to form, many minor disputes were brought forward for arbitration. It would appear that many of these could be settled quite satisfactorily by the participants if only they were able to sit down and talk things over. Often it is merely a matter of confusion over the distribution of bride price or some other gift exchange in the past and an inherent suspicion prevents the disputing parties from being able to communicate satisfactorily between hamlets. Disputes within a hamlet were seldom brought to me. This should improve if the centralised villages become a reality.

Villages and Village Officials.

11. Mention has already been made in this report of a growing belief in the benefits of breaking with the old system of scattered hamlets and in building larger central villages. This idea is being encouraged and two sites for proposed villages were examined. Both these were found to be excellent sites and the villages involved, **Koru** and **Poramalia**, have agreed to clear their respective areas so that I can plan their village lay-outs during the next patrol. Such moves can only be beneficial although I expect that it will be difficult to persuade many of the older people to join in. Even if all people do move it will be a constant battle to prevent break-away groups from reverting to the old system but I am sure that these difficulties can be overcome.

12. The people of Kwapa village have professed agreement with my suggestion that they combine with Poramalia in the village scheme. Kwapa, at the last sentence, numbered only eighteen and I understand that since then, the number has ~~de~~ decreased even more by migrations out and two deaths. The Poramalia people raised no objections.

13. The success or failure of such schemes will depend to a very large degree on the respective Village Officials. I am pleased to say that there has been a marked improvement in standard over the past two years. During this time deaths, resignations and dismissals, have resulted in quite a number of young and energetic men being appointed to official positions and it is the young men who are beginning to think progressively.

Roads and Bridges.

14. The majority of the area patrolled is served by graded bridle paths, which were for the most part in fair condition only. Instructions were given for the necessary repairs to be undertaken.

15. A forty-five feet long timber bridge suited to pack transport spanning the Meipa River at its junction with the Tapala was found to be in an extremely unsafe condition. The local people have been instructed to haul new bearers to the site after which a representative of the Catholic Mission will assist them in its reconstruction.

16. The first stage of the proposed new bridle path mentioned in the report of the last patrol to the area has now been pegged. The distance involved is approximately seven miles, from Kapateiya village to Lopizo village. Work on cutting the track will commence when tools for the project arrive.

17. Native tracks in the Meipa valley were in a very ~~poor~~ poor state but it would appear to be impossible to improve them to any large degree. The terrain is fantastically rough and broken and all care is needed to maintain foot and hand holds.

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Carriers.

18. New rates of pay were introduced on this patrol. No adverse effects resulting from the new rates were noticed and no complaints of underpayment were received. Towards the end of the patrol some difficulties were experienced but it is thought that these were due to the fact that I was doubling back through the area and that the people, never really keen to carry, considered that they had no further interest in this patrol.

Economic Development and Agriculture.

19. So far, economic development and the desire therefor, have been almost completely absent. On this patrol however, I became aware of the birth of a desire for such development. On a few occasions I was asked to request an Agriculture Officer to visit the area so that he could assist them in the planting of cash crops. On this subject I warned the people not to set their hopes too high and explained to them the difficulties that lie ahead - chiefly the problem of marketing their produce. We have no desire to see a repetition of the Upper Kunimaipa situation.

20. My own opinion is that economic cropping should not be encouraged in this area until a satisfactory way is found to put their produce on the market. I am currently aiming at the improvement of living conditions within their traditional means, in which field there is plenty of scope. However, perhaps an agricultural survey could be made by a qualified officer so that a realistic plan for future economic development can be formulated. This will be further dealt with on a subject file.

Education.

21. This remains at the low standard usually found in village exempt schools. The Catholic Mission maintains a few of these throughout the area but attendance would appear to be very irregular. Mission plans are to build a large school at the junction of the Karuama and Tapala Rivers to be staffed by a qualified Native teacher but such plans appear to be rather long range.

22. Requests were made for an Administration school but such an establishment would be almost impossible to maintain satisfactorily, even if staff, funds and a real need existed.

Health.

23. By far the most obvious thing medically, is the wide incidence of skin disease in the Tapala valley. By contrast, the Meipa valley showed only isolated cases.

24. Villagers in areas around the lower reaches of the Tapala, particularly the village of Inaworena, would appear to suffer quite badly from malaria and it is here that skin disease is particularly bad. A Medical Aid Post used to be maintained here but due to lack of village support it was moved to a more appreciative area in the Lower Kunimaipa.

25. If the scheme for resettling the people of the valley into central villages is successful, more concerted efforts against disease can be made. It is obvious that a patrolling Medical Orderly will not visit every scattered hamlet and so the majority of the people go without medical attention.

Electoral Education.

26. At all centres lectures were given on the future House of Assembly explaining its functions, method of electing its members and also the way in which the people themselves would contribute to such elections. I was assisted throughout by H.M.O. Michael Maitai who earlier attended an electoral course at Kerema.

27. The people had only a vague idea beforehand of what I was to talk about, but they thought I was coming to establish a Native Local Government Council. This to them means little more than a tax rate of two or three pounds in which case, the metaphorical tar and feathers were being prepared. However their minds were soon put at rest on this.

28. It was impossible to accurately gauge the degree to which they understood all that was said; however the major functions of the House and the necessity for a thoughtful vote were particularly emphasised. Michael Maitai is continuing to move around the area explaining things to them.

Conclusion.

29. A particularly enlightening patrol, during which, at long last, it was possible to see the stirrings of a desire for social and economic development among people who must surely be amongst the most backward in the Sub-District.

D. Fisher
(D.C. Fisher)
Patrol Officer.

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Appendix 'A'

List of Associated Memoranda.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>File Reference</u>	<u>Subject.</u>	<u>Addressee</u>
25.10.63	14-1-1	Intended Migration - Inaworena.	Assistant District Officer, Tapini.
"	92-1-1	Village Officials - Karuama.	" " " "
"	51-1-1/25-1-1	Native Attitudes - Karuama.	" " " "
"	62-1-1	Notice of Death - Beniai Amaiva.	" " " "
"	35-3-1	Mission Land - Karuama.	" " " "
"	67-1-1	Rates of Pay for Carriers.	" " " "
"	35-3-18	Mission Application - Votkawa, nr. Karuama	" " " "
"	92-3-4	Appointment of V.C.'s (2)	" " " "
"		Police Forms RS1 (3)	Police Commissioner, Konedobu.

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Appendix 'B'

REPORT ON ACCOMPANYING POLICE.

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Reg. No. 9977 Constable ASNAI.

Acted as NCO on this patrol. A member who knows what is expected of him and acts accordingly. Reliable.

Reg. No. 10560 Constable ISOROEMBO.

A young member who, for the most part, performed well. Very cheerful. Lacks experience. Was guilty of one lapse when he sat idly by watching a gambling game. He is to face charges on this count.

Reg. No. 9390 Constable BAISOGA.

Very quiet and steady. Worked well but lacks drive. Like Isoroembo, he had one lapse (see above).

D. Fisher
(D.C. Fisher)
Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of CENTRAL Report No. 3/63-64 - GUARI

Patrol Conducted by D.C. Fisher, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Part of Upper and Lower Kunimaipa Census Divisions

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives Three

Duration—From 15/2/1964 to 28/2/1964

Number of Days 14

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 1/1964

Medical /1962

Map Reference Adamsons Map of Gailala

Objects of Patrol House of Assembly Elections

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

/ /19

District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £

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

Amount Returned to State

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They also have these ties to lesser degrees with people to the North of GUARI, but NOT with people to the South.

9. The GUARI people form portion of the Highlands dwellers of the Central District, and therefore their problems are those continually being raised to the O.I.C. GOILALA. As such the O.I.C. GOILALA would be more prone to assist in their development than say the O.I.C. BEREINA. If the area was to be administered by that officer, surely one could logically expect him to utilise more time, funds and energy on the development of the 17,000 people on or near the coast, than to an isolated mountainous pocket of 4,800 in the GUARI area.

10. Obviously then, my belief is that the status quo should be maintained and GUARI should remain as a patrol post administrative area within the GOILALA. I cannot see what would be gained by either of the projected moves.



[Signature]
.....
R. K. Greaney.
Assistant District Officer.

67-10-3
The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
Konedobu.

Your 67-1-36 of 22.6.64 refers.

Based on facts above, it would appear that GUARI would be better left in the Tapini Sub District. Unless, of course, some road building plan is envisaged which would connect this area to the coast West of Port Moresby.

[Signature]
(F.G. DRIVER)
DISTRICT OFFICER.
13.7.64.

c.c.
Patrol Officer, GUARI.

RKG/pjg.

67-3-3

Sub-District Office,
TAPINI,
Central District.

7th July, 1964.

District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

GUARI ADMINISTRATIVE AREA.

Your minute 67-10-1 of 29/6/64 on comments on Patrol Report No.3-63/64 - GUARI.

2. I have discussed this matter with Mr. Fisher and Mr. Baker. The following is offered for your consideration:-

3. I am not convinced that the GOILALA are any more truculent than other mountain people and in my short time here have found them reasonably good to work with. Perusing court records does not reveal a great variation in crime distribution between the Tapini and Guari areas in relation to population.

4. A great deal of work has been completed on the TAPINI-GUARI road link at this stage. The entire route has been surveyed and an estimate of costs computed prior to the completion of the middle section TORORO-BURUAI. If work can go ahead in the near future, then it will be possible for tractor/trailer units and land rovers to link TAPINI and GUARI and move in necessary stores and supplies to enable the activities of the administration to expand considerably. A road link GUARI to the coast near BENEINA, while not impossible would mean many years work.

5. It is possible that the airstrip at GUARI will open to Cessna operations within the year, and eventually possibly to Piaggio standard. Economically then, would it not be more suitable to visualise a weekly Pt.Moresby-Guari-Pt.Moresby Cessna service, with TAPINI an optional port dependant on loading, rather than Pt.Moresby-Bereina-Beroma-Guari-Pt.Moresby circuit, since there are/will be D.C.3 strips at all centres bar GUARI.

6. The KUNIMAIPA/KARUAMA people traditionally regard their principal seat of administration as TAPINI. In the recently completed House of Assembly elections, they bewailed the fact that they were severed from the GOILALA and the candidates they had at least heard of.

7. The creation of GUARI as a sub-district will require additional staff and I cannot quite see from where such staff would be forthcoming. Additionally, one must recall that the population numbers less than 5,000.

8. The people of the GUARI Administrative area have close affiliations with the LOLOIPA, AIWARA and PILITU people administered by TAPINI. The ties cover such matters as marriage links; reciprocal participation in ceremonies and feasts; the people of the KUNIMAIPA and portions of the AIWARA and LOLOIPA speak the same language; and many other social relations.

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22nd June, 1964.

District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

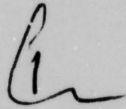
PATROL REPORT NO. 3-63/64 - GUARI.

Receipt of the abovementioned report is
acknowledged with thanks.

I am very gratified to note the high per-
centage of voting at the polls. I agree with Mr.
Fisher that the success of the poll lay with the
political education programme and the present pro-
gressive thinking of the people.

What do you think about making the
KUNIMAIPA a sub-district, thus disassociating it
from the truculent GOILALA.

A brief but informative report.


J. K. McCarthy,
DIRECTOR.

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RKG/pjg.

Sub-District Office,
TAPINI,
Central District.

18th May, 1964.

District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESBY.

GUARI PATROL REPORT 3/63-64.

Attached are two copies of the above. Claim for camping allowance is also attached.

The 80% poll is very pleasing to note, and in view of the dearth of campaign visits, does reflect very favourably on the pre-election campaign carried out by this officer.

I trust we can assist in some way to develop these people.



[Signature]
.....
R. K. Greaney.
Assistant District Officer.

67-10-3

→ The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
Konedobu.

c.c.

Forwarded, please. No comment.

Patrol Officer Fisher, GUARI.

[Signature]
(F.G. DRIVER)
DISTRICT OFFICER.
22.5.64.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-2-2

Patrol Post,
Goilala Sub-District,
Central District,
GUARI

13-5-64

The Assistant District Officer,
Goilala Sub-District,
Central District,
TAPINI

Patrol Report 3/63-64 - Guari.
Part of Upper and Lower Kunimaia.

Introduction.

1. This patrol was mounted for the purpose of conducting the 1964 House of Assembly elections for part of the Guari Administrative area. The remaining part of the area was covered by Mr. R.E. Weber, P.O. who came from Kerema for the occasion.

Diary.

- 15.2.64 Polling at Guari.
- 16.2.64 Sunday - Observed.
- 17.2.64 Departed Guari 1000 for Omu, arriving 1530.
Prepared for Polling.
- 18.2.64 Polling at Omu.
- 19.2.64 Polling at Omu.
- 20.2.64 Polling at Omu.
- 21.2.64 Departed Omu 0900 for Bizoa, arriving 1115.
Prepared for Polling.
- 22.2.64 Polling at Bizoa.
- 23.2.64 Sunday - Observed.
- 24.2.64 Polling at Bizoa.
- 25.2.64 Departed Bizoa 0900 for Neleme, arriving 1500.
Prepared for Polling.
- 26.2.64 Polling at Neleme.
- 27.2.64 Polling at Neleme.
- 28.2.64 Departed Neleme 0800 for Guari, arriving 1400

.....End of Diary.

Reception of Patrol.

2. Reception was good throughout and no real difficulty was experienced in recruiting carriers. The only exception to this was on the last leg of the journey involving a long and fairly arduous walk.

Polling.

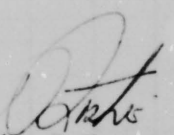
3. I was pleasantly surprised at the response to polling. An estimated 80% of eligible voters came to the poll. In spite of the fact that no candidate visited the area at all, people were well aware of the candidates for whom they wished to vote. Old women would enter the booth mumbling the names of candidates and sometimes, after difficulty in locating names, would become flustered and forget everything momentarily.

4. The success of the poll was undoubtedly due to the political education campaign allied with the fact that these people are on the crest of a big wave of progressive thinking. It is to be hoped that successful candidates take an interest in this area even though it makes up such a small part of the electorate.

5. On the first day of polling bad weather drove polling teams indoors but this in no way daunted the voters' enthusiasm and it became necessary to impose measures to control congestion of crowds.

Conclusion.

6. The conclusion that I draw from this and other events is that the Kunimaipa ~~xxxxxx~~ people are ready and willing to actively support any scheme that may improve their position in development. They are often erroneously referred to as 'Goilalas' and consequently have a bad reputation which they do not entirely deserve. It is hoped that before long, this fact will be more widely appreciated.


(D.C. Fisher)
Patrol Officer.

Amount Returned to Store



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of **GENERAL** Report No. **QUARI 1/63-64**

Patrol Conducted by **D.C. Fisher P.O.**

Area Patrolled **Karuana Census Division; Makoo Census Division (part)**

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans **Nil**

Natives **Four**

Duration—From **12./6./1964** to **1./7./1964**

Number of Days **Twenty**

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? **Hospital Assistant**

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services **40/19.63**

Medical **8./18.63**

Map Reference **Atkinson's Map of Gwilele**

Objects of Patrol **Tax/Census; Routine**

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

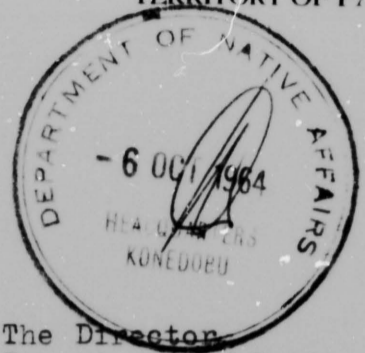
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Amount Paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



In Reply
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No. 67-10-4

District Office,
Port Moresby

2nd October, 1964.

The Director
Department of Native Affairs,
Konedobu.

P/Report GUARI NO.4. OF 1963-64.

KARUAMA CENSUS DIVISION

The movement of Karuama people from the mountains to the foothills bordering the Bush Vekec is typical of many such migrations which have occurred in the past. On this occasion, however, the timing is a little better for the A.D.O., Bereina, is now able to render some assistance with the formation of a road link and medical services are within reach.

2. Given this road link, I expect the migration to increase rapidly and the welfare of the people to improve.

3. The resettlement land belongs to Karuama people and it will probably be possible and certainly advisable to make use of the Land Tenure Commission Ordinance in this case.

4. The O.I.C. Guari would be well advised to sponsor these people.

(D.R. MARSH)
DISTRICT OFFICER.

att.

67-1-3.

Sub-District Office,
TAPINI,
Central District.

24th. September, 1964.

District Officer,
Central District,
PORT MORESEY.

PATROL REPORT No. 4/63-64 GUARI.

The above report of a patrol to the KARUAMA Census Division by Mr. P.O.Fisher is forwarded. Claim for camping allowance is attached.

Comments are:-

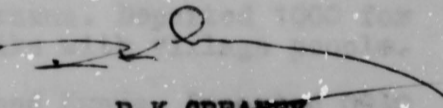
(a) paras (1) & (2) I presume that the movement to the coastal areas part and parcel of the desire for economic improvement. Mr. Fisher is to submit a separate report on this aspect. The traditional pattern has been for these people to move towards the coast, remain for varying periods and almost inevitably to return to their original dwelling areas. The P.O.I.C. GUARI will be requested to keep an eye on such migrations.

(b) paras 7-12 Herein lies the crux of the matter covered above. The KARUAMA is rugged and inaccessible and migratory movements (provided close watch is kept on health etc) should be encouraged, as I foresee little hope of development in such areas. Their change of attitude towards development is really only to be expected.

(c) paras 23. I would be interested to learn from whence the KARUAMA people derive their income.

(d) paras 24. I seek your support in having the Health Department check on the situation in the area, as the decrease rate mentioned is not good.

Mr. Fisher has submitted his usual competent report; He tends to minimise in his last paragraph the value of "showing the flag".


R.K.GREANEY.
Assistant District Officer.

c c, P.O.I.C. GUARI.

67-10-4 ①

TELEGRAM

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Moresby

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29th

1400


Sub-District office,
Tapini

153 your 67-1-3 24th inst another copy of report required for HQ
please forward earliest

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Minute. 67-1-3
District Officer,
Port Moresby

Copy herewith


(H.K. Greaney) A.D.O. 30/9

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Moresby

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Patrol Post,
GUARI,
Gollala Sub-District.

4th. September, 1964.

The Assistant District Officer,
Gollala Sub-District,
Central District,
Tanini

Patrol Report 4/63-64 - GUARI
Karuama Census Division.

Introduction

1. This patrol, my third to the area, was primarily mounted for the purposes of 1964 tax collections and Census revision. I also visited a new village of Karuama people who have migrated to the Southern extremity of their land, near Imounga village in the Mekeo Census Division of the Kairua Sub-District.

2. From Guari the patrol moved South past the foot of Mount. Kule, down the Tapala valley to BENEKINA, returning by way of the Tapala, Neipa, Katalpa (Pilitu C.D.) and Loloipa valleys. Weather throughout was good and it was possible to travel the greater part of the distance on bridle tracks.

Diary

- 12.6.64 Departed Guari 0930 for Tomamua, arriving 1300
Talks with village people.
- 13.6.64 Departed Tomamua 0830 for Olivi, arriving 1330.
Talks with village people.
- 14.6.64 Sunday - observed.
- 15.6.64 Tax/Census of Olivi. Departed 0930 for Dak'lawauro
arriving 1030. Talks with village people. C.N.N.
One male three weeks IEL for adultery.
- 16.6.64 Tax/Census of Dak'lawauro. Departed 1000 for Kogaren
arriving 1100. Talks with village people.
- 17.6.64 Tax/Census of Koru and Karuama. Departed 1000 for
Mosibi, arriving 1230. Talks with village people.
- 18.6.64 Tax/Census of Poramalo and Kwapa. Departed 0930
for Lavadako, arriving 1030. Tax/Census prt of
Inaworena. Remainder to be done at new settlement
near Imounga, Mekeo Census Division.
- 19.6.64 Departed Lavidako 0730 for Imounga, arriving 1430.
Talks with ~~xxx~~ leaders of the new settlement at
Mariboi and with Mekeo leaders.
- 20.6.64 Departed Imounga 0730 on foot for Beipa'a, arriving
1400, thence by Landrover to Bersina.
- 21.6.64 Sunday - observed.

- 22.6.64 Discussions with A.D.O. Bereina, and Local Government Supervising Officer, re the Mariboi people.
- 23.6.64 Departed Bereina by truck - to Inawauni. thence by foot to Mmounga. Talks with village people re land and the new Mariboi settlement.
- 24.6.64 To Mariboi. Tax/Census of these people who are still regarded as part of Inaworena for T/C purposes.
- 25.6.64 With Mr. Asmussen P.O., held talks with leaders of Mariboi and various Mekeo villages. Land boundaries established between Mekeo and Karuama land.
- 26.6.64 Departed Mariboi 0800 for Lavidako, arriving 1430. Decided to move on to Mosibi, and arrived there 1530.
- 27.6.64 Mosibi to Kapateiya. Discussions with village people.
- 28.6.64 Sunday - observed.
- 29.6.64 Tax/Census of Zakaupa and Kapateiya villages. Departed 1000 for Lopizo over newly constructed bridle track, arriving 1145. Discussions with village people.
- 30.6.64 Tax/Census of Lopizo, Karusia, Igwai and Amemu villages. Departed 1300 for Zanialavava (Pilitu C.D.) arriving 1730. Moved on to Laramaita, arriving 1900.
- 1.7.64 Departed Laramaita 0830 for Guari, arriving 1530. Settled in.

.....End of Diary.

Reception of Patrol.

3. Generally speaking, reception was good, although villages more remote from Guari, and therefore not as frequently contacted at the station, were cooler in their attitude. This is normal and until some way can be found of developing the area attitudes are likely to remain as at present. I was very well received in the Mekeo where a firm belief existed that I was an A.D.O. I did not wish to disillusion them and so accepted my new rank with the expected dignity.

4. No difficulty was experienced in recruiting carriers and on two occasions, carriers were employed for several consecutive days.

Villages and Village Officials.

5. No move has been made to implement the idea of building true villages in place of scattered hamlets as mentioned in Patrol Report 1/63-64. They have realised that this will take effort and are not prepared to make it. The old system of living in dirty little hamlets persists and no immediate change can be foreseen. The area needs much closer attention from D.A.S.F. and P.H.D. More intensive patrolling by D.N.A. would also be desirable but impossible with present staff.

6. The Village Officials throughout the area are, in the main, keen for social and economic improvement, but find difficulty in gaining support from their people. All encouragement and backing is, of course, given them by patrolling officers.

Native affairs.

7. I am sorry to have to report that the swing towards progressive thinking detected in my last visit to the area appears to have relapsed. This is most likely due to

discouragement and a loss of hope that their rugged habitat is capable of being developed. This will be further discussed under the next heading.

8. While no anti-government or anti-mission feeling was detected, there was however, a noticeable lack of the enthusiasm evident in other Census Divisions. No ill-feeling within the area between individual groups was in evidence.

9. Minor disputes were many and all were settled amicably.

Agriculture and Livestock.

10. This area, with the exception of one group, has received no attention from D.A.S.F. and agriculture is therefore on the subsistence level. Livestock consists only of pigs and fowls.

11. The exception is a group of 45 people from Inaworena village who have broken away and moved South to the boundary between their own land and that of the Mekeo people. The new village of Mariboi is situated in a pleasant spot on the junction of the Kwapa and Inauafunga Rivers, within the boundaries of the Kairuku Sub-District and it was to visit these people that I moved as far South as I did. Under the guidance of D.A.S.F. officers from Beipa'a, near Bereina, these people have planted *Leucaena* shade in readiness for cacao planting as a cash venture and have also introduced rice to their diet.

12. It is difficult to know just what can be done to develop the Karuama Census Division. I have deliberately ~~not~~ tried to encourage economic development until a satisfactory way of marketing produce eventuates. In reporting my last patrol to the area, I suggested that D.A.S.F. could be asked to undertake a familiarisation patrol in order to formulate a plan of future development. Mr. Fletcher, A.O., had expressed an intention of doing this but he has since been transferred out of the Sub-District. A thought which has occurred to me since my return from the area, is that it may be sagacious to investigate the possibilities of resettling larger numbers of these people in the lower areas in the same way as the Mariboi people have done on their own initiative. The Mariboi people would appear to have more land than they require and if this were the case, an area could possibly be resumed for sub-division for Karuama people.

Law and Justice.

13. Serious crime (reported) would appear to be rare in the area. A survey of C.M.M. cases heard is as follows:-

15.6.64	One man	3 weeks I.H.L.	(reg. 84(2))
17.6.64	One man	Fined £1.0.0	(reg. 84(2))
30.6.64	Two women	6 weeks I.L.L.	(reg. 101 A)

Health.

14. The patrol was accompanied by Hospital Assistant Duwang Sakulgo and cases detected were as follows:-

Malaria	30	Otitis Media	7
Tropical Ulcers	18	Urticaria	1
Conjunctivitis	8	Leprosy	1
Abcess	5	Dermatitis	1
Pneumonia	1	Burns	1
Infected Sores	58	Anaemia	1
Crab Yaws	2	Cellulitis	1
Cough	7	Cuts	3
Tinea	3		

15. Two Administration Aid Posts are operated in the area and these appear to be doing reasonably good work although A.P.O's. do not appear to be doing sufficient patrolling.

16. Some concern has been felt for the health and welfare of the Mariboi people who have broken away from their old village of Inaworena and established themselves on the Southern extremity of their land.

17. One of the reasons for the move was an alleged high mortality rate at the old village site some six hours walk upstream from the new village. Census figures for 1961, 62, and 63 showed natural increases, but this year, they tall a much sadder story with 15 deaths as against 3 births. The majority of these deaths apparently ocured at the old village site. I would attribute the cause, not to the village site, but to their constant movement to and from malarial areas. In your memo 12-3-1 of 18th. January, you mentioned a promise by the Regional Medical Officer to have an Aid Post erected at the new village site. This has not been done and I will write more of this on a subject file.

18. Generally speaking, their health does not appear to have suffered to any large degree (if at all) from the move as was expected.

19. Throughout the remainder of the area, while the health standard is somewhat lower than is to be desired, only 2 deaths were recorded in the U/16 age group compared with six in Inaworena alone.

Education.

20. This remains at the low standard usually found in village exempt schools. The Catholic Mission maintains a few of these in the area but attendance is very irregular.

Missions.

21. Only the Catholic Mission of the Sacred Heart Order is active in the area. A French priest has been resident in the area permanently now for about twelve months but no noticeable changes were evident that can be attributed to his presence.

Roads and Bridges.

22. Nearly all villages are linked by graded bridle tracks and a new section to link Kapateiya and Lopizo villages had been completed since my previous visit. All were in reasonably good condition except the seldom travelled (by Admin) section between Inaworena and the Mekeo.

Taxation.

23. The amount collected amounted to £95.12.0 which was paid quite readily. Payments for carriers, fresh foods and Village Constables pay, was £116.18.0. so we are running at a loss.

Census.

24. An overall increase of two from last census was recorded:-

Total 1963	1107
Add Births	28
Add Migrations IN	81
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Subtract Migrations OUT	59
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Subtract Deaths	48
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Total 1964	1109
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However, it will be noted that there was a natural decrease of 20, or 1.8%. This compares with 0.07% and 0.82% natural increases in the Lower and Upper Kunimaipa Census Divisions respectively in 1963.

24. The figures illustrate, I think, the urgent need for closer attention from P.H.D. and D.A.S.F. I have already discussed this with the Hospital Assistant at Guari and have promised him the use of pack horses for supplying Aid Posts, now that more saddles are available. He will make regular visits to supervise Aid Posts and treat more serious cases. People in the area shy away from lang walks for medical treatment.

Conclusion.

25. The patrol was largely routine and I leave you to draw your own conclusions as to any benefit which may be gained from it.

D.C. Fisher
(D.C. Fisher)
Patrol Officer.

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Appendix "A"

Accompanying Police.

No. 8378 Const. Oma.

A very steady and reliable Constable. Has rare moments of humour and a pleasant personality. Works well and is possible N.C.O. material.

GRAND
TOTAL
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No. 10596 Const/Bugler La'ai.

A clown at most times but worked well. Can usually be relied upon to keep flagging spirits up. A happy-go-lucky fellow and at times inclined to be irresponsible but worked well on this patrol

D.C. Fisher
(D.C. Fisher)
Patrol Officer.