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PATROL REPORTS NORTHERN DISTRICT 1960/61

KOKODA and TUFU

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>patrol Conducted by</u>	<u>AREA PATROLLED</u>
KOKODA 1-60/61	J.J.B.Irwin	LOWER and UPPER CHIRIMA VALLEY
" 2-60/61 (Special)	G.Mancey	MOUNT KENEVI
TUFU 1-60/61	T.R.Bergin	DYKE ACKLAND BAY Census Division

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.

PATROL REPORT

District of NORTHERN Report No Kokoda 1-60/61

Patrol Conducted by J.J.B. IRWIN GPO KOKODA.

Area Patrolled LOWER AND UPPER CHIRIMA VALLEY

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives FIVE

Duration—From 7 / 9 / 1960 to 15 / 9 / 1960

Number of Days NINE

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? YES T. GAUNEDE AMO KOKODA.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 15 / 12 / 1959

Medical ... / / 1960

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol LOWER CHIRIMA-CENSUS, TAX COLLECTING, MEDICAL INSPECTION.

UPPER CHIRIMA- MEDICAL INSPECTION OF PEOPLE AND VILLAGES.

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES
AND NATIVE AFFAIRS,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

27 / 10 1960.

G. Linsell D.O.
District Commissioner

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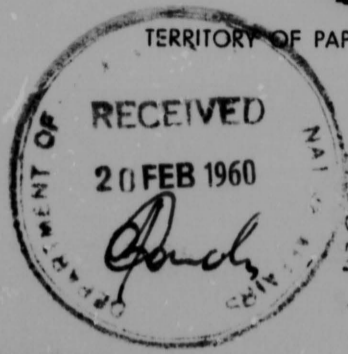
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



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In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-6-1.

District Office,
West Central Division,
Central District.
TAPINI.

15th February, 1961.

The Director,
Dept. of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU.

YONGAI REST HOUSE.

1. Your memo. 67-5-4 of 6th February, 1961, refers.
2. The Catholic Mission at YONGAI has already recognised the need to fence their stock and have applied for an extension to their Agricultural Lease for this purpose.
3. The Director of Lands has agreed that the investigation in relation to the application should proceed and this will be carried out as soon as possible. Once the lease is granted the problem should resolve itself.
4. The rest house is situated on native owned land.

O.J. Mathieson

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Acting District Officer.

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6th February, 1961.

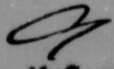
The District Officer,
West Central Division,
Central District,
TAPINI.

IONGAI REST HOUSE

Patrol No. 1/1960-61 was carried out by Cadet Patrol Officer Irwin from Kokoda doing general administration in his own Subdistrict, and then accompanying Assistant Medical Officer Gaumede on medical patrol through to Waitape. They arrived on the 15th September, 1960.

2. I notice from his Diary that "Iongai Rest House is located quite close to the Catholic Mission Station and consequently the surrounding grounds have become quite churned up with the Mission cows and horses".

3. I believe the Iongai Rest House is situated on native land, but I would like to confirm this. Is there anything that could be done to safeguard the land from the Mission livestock?


(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

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Sub District Office,
Kokoda.

28th December, 1960.

~~The District Officer,
Northern District,
Papua New Guinea.~~

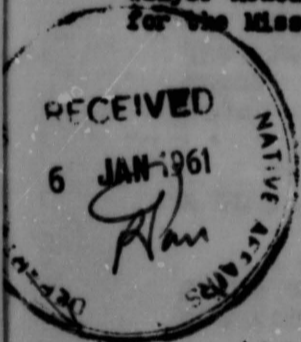
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Patrol Report No 1/ 1960-61. - KOKODA.

1. Ref your Memo 30 - 1 - 2 of 28.11.60.

2. The ADO, Kokoda has been informed by the native clerk, Walyer Kokoda, that the former ADO, Mr G.V. Single sent the purchase documents for the Mission land at IONGAI to the Waitape Patrol Post.

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R. A. J. BENTINCK
(R.A.J. BENTINCK.)
Assistant District Officer.

*to Director,
D.N.A.
Korodabu.*

*67-1-1.
Papua New Guinea.
4.1.61.*

*The final paragraphs of
your memo. 67-5-4 of 22/11/60 refers.
L. Linsell
D.O.*

67-5-4

22nd November, 1960

The District Officer,
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

Patrol Report No. 1/1960-61 - KOKODA

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report together with covering memorandum is acknowledged with thanks.

I agree that the Assistant District Officer erred in permitting a Cadet, with but nine days patrol experience under supervision to perform this patrol even though accompanied by Dr. Tom Gaunede.

Has Mr Irwin any authority to collect tax? If not, the Assistant District Officer has again erred. Kindly ensure that Mr Irwin is given proper training by the Officer under whom he is serving.

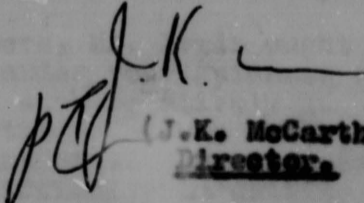
Mr Irwin, from his Report, has apparently conducted a very satisfactory patrol.

I am gratified to note the reception the patrol was given at SHIBA. I feel sure the Carriers appreciated the hot food prepared ready for them.

There is nothing objectionable to people living in their gardens.

The matter of district boundaries has been discussed with the Director of Public Health and he has agreed that the Upper Chirima be included in the Central District.

On whose ground is the IONGAI Rest House situated.

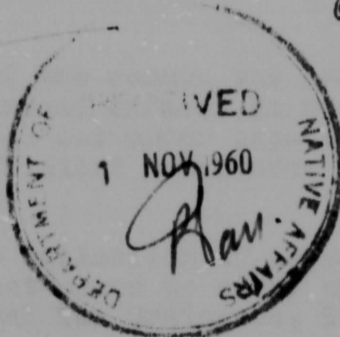

(J.K. McCarthy)
Director.

The Director.

D.V.A.,

Kokoda

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District Office,
Popondetta,
Northern District.

26th October, 1960.

The Assistant District Officer,
Kokoda.

PATROL REPORT KOKODA No. 1 of 1960/61 - CHIRIMA VALLEY.

Receipt of Mr. J. Irwin's report of his patrol of the Chirima Valley and your covering memorandum is acknowledged. I note from the report and from your covering memorandum that the patrol extended over the top of Murray Pass to Weitape in the Gailala Sub-district of the Central District. Was the District Officer at ~~Sapina~~ informed of this intention beforehand?

As a Cadet Patrol Officer, Mr. Irwin is a "Patrol Officer in Training" and at the time he carried out this patrol he had had only six months service in the field. Circular Instruction No. 205, which deals with the training and supervision of junior officers, at paragraph 2 states:

" No Cadet Patrol Officer or Patrol Officer shall be permitted to undertake a patrol unless the District Commissioner (now, the District Officer) is satisfied that he is competent and sufficiently experienced.

" Subject to the above (in an) area under control, Cadet Patrol Officers...

(11) May solo patrol on completion of one year's service".

These instructions are clear and specific.

Whether or not a Cadet undertakes a solo patrol after one year's service is dependent upon the extent to which he has accompanied patrols during that year, and his demonstrated ability.

In the case of Mr. Irwin, he has accompanied one short patrol of 9 days duration only during his six month's service. He is, therefore, almost totally lacking in experience in and knowledge of the work of a Native Affairs officer on patrol.

Under these circumstances, Mr. Irwin ought not to have carried out any patrol except under your guidance and supervision, but especially not a patrol to such relatively unsophisticated people as the Upper Chirima Natives and one which involved crossing with carriers the high altitudes of Murray Pass. Even experienced Officers have, at times, had difficulty in getting carriers safely over high ranges. The fact that he was accompanied by Dr. Tom GAUNEDE is immaterial, since his field is the specifically technical one of Health and it is particularly mentioned at page 3 of the report that Mr. Irwin had accompanied him beyond the lower Chirima valley because of the extreme difficulty he had experienced on earlier patrols in obtaining carriers.

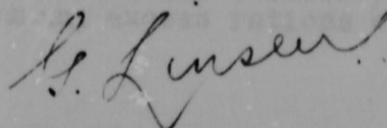
I note that, in the lower Chirima Valley, Mr. Irwin took the census and collected tax. Again, since his previous experience

in the taking of the census was limited to a period of 9 days under an experienced Officer, he requires much more experience of this work carried out under supervision and guidance before he can acquire sufficient competence to be permitted to take the census alone.

As for the collection of personal tax, Mr. Irwin possessed no authority whatsoever to carry out this duty. Under Section 6 of the Personal Tax Ordinance, Tax Collectors are appointed by the Administrator by notice in the Gazette, and Cadet Patrol Officers were excluded from the class of persons notified as Tax Collectors in Gazette No. 13 of 1958.. Except in special cases it is not policy for Cadets to be appointed Tax Collectors.

For the above reasons, therefore, I am unable to condone your action in sending out Mr. Irwin on this patrol. In drawing your attention to the lack of patrolling in Kokoda Sub-district, I request that you take steps to ensure that the entire Sub-district be patrolled by the end of the year: Mr. Irwin should accompany you on as many of these as possible in order that he may gain the maximum benefit from the very limited scope for patrolling in Kokoda Sub-district.

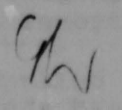
Nothing in the above is to be construed as criticism of Mr. Irwin's conduct of this patrol - he is to be commended for a very good report.



G. Linsley
District Officer.

→ c.c. : The Director,
Dept. of Native Affairs.

There were insufficient copies of the Census ^{statistics} forwarded, and those that were forwarded were compiled on the cover of the Patrol Report instead of on loose Census sheets. Circular Instruction No. 267, paragraph 18, lists the form and number in which census statistics shall be compiled and forwarded. Please ensure in future that this instruction is adhered to.



DISTRICT OFFICE

18 OCT 1960

POPONDETTA

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Sub-District Office,
KOKODA,
Northern District.

16th October, 1960.

The District Officer
Northern District,
POPONDETTA.

PATROL REPORT. 1-60/61.

CHIRIMA VALLEY.

The opportunity to send Mr. Irwin out with Dr. Gaunede, and combine census with the popular functions of P.H.D., was too tempting to pass. Mr Irwin also had a rare opportunity to profit from the doctor's bushcraft.

You will note that the patrol was a one way one, passing through the Chirima Valley to Waitape from where the conducting officers and the valuable gear was flown Waitape - Moresby - Kokoda while the police walked back consuming excess rations on the way. One prisoner came with them.

As to the reports:

1. I can not approve of excusing Orckaivas from carrying on the first leg of this patrol on the grounds that they become easily disgruntled. Since no arbitrary power to compel them exists, I will see that the advantages of assisting patrol teams are made clear to them.
2. On the labrine question, my information is that all chirimas are masters of passive resistance and are helped by the rarity of patrols. It is doubtful if ever the villages are regularly used.
3. I recommend that SO - GABE be replaced by TIORO SURET. By the comments in the village book this is overdue.
4. Another view is that this sort of situation inevitably resolves itself with the cash nexus, and the proven advantage of fixed cash crop gardens on a system of communications for obtaining the good things of life. Kokoda September annual report is relevant.
5. A police escort will be supplied for drug convoys as often as this proves necessary. Dr Gaunede has been informed.
6. In my annual report 60/61 I have considered giving the Chirima, Biage and Wawanga people the kind of special treatment that some returned soldiers are getting. Agric extension would not be very profitable in the Chirima as things are because the distances involved, but I do not doubt that a demand for manufactured goods will soon develop, and all else will follow.

I do not think that patrol was unduly hasty: seven complete days were spent reviewing a population of only 362. No amount of time in villages, of course, is wasted - but on this patrol time must be balanced against weight of rations carried over precipitous and leech infested tracks at great altitudes.

LOWER CHIRIMA: TOTAN CHIRIMA: 5,100

Finally, I am very pleased with this useful and well reported patrol.

C. V. Single
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(C.V. Single.)
Assistant District Officer.

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DIARY OF PATROL 4-59/60

Chirima Valley Area

Officer Conducting: J.J.B. Irwin CPO Kokoda, in company with T. Gaunede AMO Kokoda.

September 7th.

Wednesday. Carriers from the Orokaiva villages of Kokoda, Pirive, Saga and Kepara were assembled at the station by previous arrangement and the patrol left by tractor-trailer for the Komo River at 8am. Left Komo River at 9.15am and arrived at Kanga still. 1.15am. This is only a small village situated some 200 yards to the right of the main track. On lining for census it was found that most of the young men were absent from the village, being employed by Mamba Estates Ltd. Tax was collected and the people medically inspected by Dr. Gaunede who found them in good health.

The village on inspection proved to be clean and tidy all rubbish being disposed over a steep cliff. The village constable was told to build one new latrine. A new rest house and barracks had been built for which ten sticks of tobacco were given in appreciation. A large quantity of food was brought for the carriers and after paying £3 to VC. Magu for wages due the patrol left at 1 pm.

Arrived at Seiba at 6.30 pm after a long hard carry the track being very troublesome owing to exposed tree roots which slowed down progress considerably, leeches also very prevalent. The people from Seiba were advised of our pending arrival by runner and had hot food waiting for the carriers.

September 8th.

Thursday. Seven of the Orokaiva carriers disgruntled and complaining and although well paid and fed refused to carry any further, this was a little difficult as Seiba village is not large enough to supply carriers, however they could offer a number of small boys who managed to do the job.

It would appear wise to use Orokaiva carriers on future patrols in this area, if at all possible as they are evidently not up to the work involved. The village was inspected and needed cleaning, particularly as there was a lot of pig excreta lying around the houses. Three new latrines were ordered to supplement the existing two which were in poor condition. The general custom of the Chirima villages is to have only two latrines per village one for all the men and one for women, as far as possible it was tried to bring them more into line with other villages in the Sub-District where there is one latrine to each house.

The village is in the throws of preparing for a feast to take place towards the end of October, large quantities of stored food were in evidence. Census was taken but no tax collected as the only eligible tax payer was working at Mamba Estates Ltd.

Dr. Gaunede medically inspected and found all in good health. VC. Kuru paid £3 for wages due and the patrol left at 10 am.

Two hours walk brought us to Karukaru rest house which is on the main track but about half a mile from the village which is situated off the track to the right. The VC. was not present at first and the few inhabitants we encountered seemed reluctant to take us to the village saying that previous patrols had carried out their business from the rest house, notwithstanding I inspected the village and found that approx 80% of the population were absent, living in their bush gardens, this included the councillor. By this time the village constable Tatafi had made his appearance and stated that he was very annoyed with his people. He had told them that the patrol was coming and that they were to stay in the village but they had not listened to him and had gone off to their gardens. He wanted them sent to Kokoda for court.

VC ^{Kame} Tatafi was told to call the people back to the village but when after 2 hours only a small number had returned I left instructions that everyone from Karukaru was to line at Asimba at 3 am on the following morning. The village was quite clean as was the rest house, VC Tatafi told to have three new latrines dug. The patrol left at 2 pm and arrived after, an easy walk, at Asimba rest house at 3.30 pm.

Made camp at the rest house which is next to the Government Aid Post and on the opposite side of the Asimba River to the village. Dr. Gaunede and myself inspected the aid post which is staffed by two orderlies from Kokoda and found it to be clean and efficient, but running very low on drugs etc. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Neither the Asimba village constable nor the councillor reported to the patrol as the bridge over the Asimba River was broken and they had just started to repair it. Constable Nomata and myself went down the river to arrange for food to be brought to the carriers this was furnished later in the day.

During the evening Dr Gaunede and I visited George the Catholic Mission teacher who is in charge of the school at Asimba.

September 9th.

Friday. All the people from Karukaru duly arrived at the rest house early this morning, census was taken and tax collected. There were no complaints laid and I then gave the gathering a lecture on their obligations to future patrols. 17 carriers were provided and a large quantity of food had been brought from Karukaru for their use. People medically inspected-health good.

Asimba village then visited and people lined for census and medical inspection. The village had an air of being hastily cleaned and I have every reason to believe that it remains only as a front for patrols visiting the area, on all other occasions the inhabitants prefer to dwell in the bush. Village constable So-Gabe paid £3 for wages due then suspended from duty and replaced by Tiere Soete subject to confirmation by A.D.O. Kokoda. (See notes on Native Affairs) A number of villagers treated for infested sores and told by the AMD that the Aid Post was for their benefit and entreated them to make better use of it. The remainder of the day was spent at the rest house in compiling census figures balancing cash etc and also just generally conversing with the people.

September 10th.

Saturday.

Patrol left Asimba at 9 am accompanied by a number of VCs who had arrived during the night. After $\frac{1}{2}$ hours walk on a graded but very narrow track we reached another typical Chirima village-Samana which is situated on top of a steep rise about half a mile to the right of the main track.

All the people were present for census and tax collecting which went smoothly enough except that there did not appear to be very much money in the village. Consequently a number were unable to pay tax but these were quite willing to carry for the patrol and in that way earn the necessary money. Two boys from Samana sent to Kokoda to carry medicines for the aid post. Dr. Gaumede found the people in a fair state of health with no disease. £3 paid to VC. Ise for wages due and the patrol left for Korogo at 10.30 am.

Arrived at Korogo after a comfortable walk on a well graded mile track the result of Catholic Mission influence in the area. As well as the Korogo people being present those from Bure were also present with a request to migrate in as there was now only a couple of families left. Carriers sent on to Bure with the police at 12.0 o'clock. Census was taken for Korogo village first and every one was present, Korogo people said they had no money for tax but after being drafted into the carrier line money started to appear and all tax was paid. Census was then taken of Bure Village and the Korogo records adjusted to note the influx. Village inspected and found reasonably clean, two new latrines to be built. £3 to each VC Korea of Korogo and VC Ivoro of Bure for wages due. After medical inspection by Dr. Gaumede we left Korogo at 1.30 pm.

The old village of Bure reached after an hours walk on a very heavily leech infested track. Bure is situated on the banks of the Bure Creek and is completely deserted, the rest house is falling down and the whole area heavily overgrown. VC Ivoro instructed to maintain the rest house as it provides a very convenient camping place.

Under the recently re-constituted district boundaries Bure Creek marks the limit of Kokoda jurisdiction, the upper Chirima Valley being controlled from Waitape, however it had been previously decided that it was essential for a European officer to accompany the remainder of the patrol, even though it was of a purely medical nature owing to the extreme difficulty experienced in obtaining carriers in this area on earlier patrols.

The patrol crossed the Bure Creek by means of broken bridge and shortly arrived at the fast flowing Chirima River crossing over another precarious bridge. An exhausting climb for the remainder of the afternoon brought us to Bofu rest house at 6.30 pm arriving in torrential rain and biting cold, the altitude being approx 6,000' ASL. Village constable away in the bush but people eventually brought food for the carrier line.

September 11th.

Sunday.

VC appeared this morning and told to line all the people for medical inspection which was carried out by Dr. Gaumede and the medical orderly

some infected sores were treated on the spot but the health was generally fair.

A large quantity of food was purchased for salt which is more valuable to these people than money. Spent till 2 pm resting the carriers then moved off to Evesa.

Arrived at Evesa at 4.30 pm after once again being caught in very heavy rain. Also much colder here and height approx 7,000' ASL. Magnificent view down the Chirisa Valley. V6 Biri very helpful and quickly produced hot food for the carriers.

September 12th.

Monday. Evesa people lined for medical inspection and proved to be a large village, everyone in good health. Left Evesa at 10 am. and arrived Garima at 1.30 pm including spells. Some very stiff climbs on this leg and also very picturesque scenery as we moved along the northern side of the valley. Longai can be seen on the southern side. Dr. Gausade carried/medical inspection of the people from Se, Fere and Gaura who had gathered at Garima, this finished at 3.30 pm and we made camp for the night. Village constable Kua extremely helpful as were the councillors and are evidently strong characters among their people. Arrested one Aivata of Garima in connection with alleged theft at Kakaia and brought him back to the station for trial.

September 13th.

Tuesday. Left Garima at 9 am and arrived Kopaka at 11 am. Descended steep grade from Garima to cross Chirisa River and climbed steeply to the Kopaka rest house, detouring en route to visit the sawmill operated by the Catholic Mission and powered by the Chirisa River, also to get the way to the mission rest house on top of Murray Pass. At Kopaka people from the villages of Kama, Kikuri, Co, Balavina, Singo and Zorabie had gathered for medical inspection, all were found to be in a fair state of health but a number were treated with penicillin for infected sores. Left Kopaka at 1.30 pm for Longai rest house which we reached at 2.30 pm after an easy walk on an excellent mule track. This track runs the whole length of the upper Chirisa Valley on the southern side, crosses the Oua Stanley Range at Murray Pass and on into Waitape.

Longai rest house is located quite close to the Catholic Mission station and consequently the surrounding grounds have become quite churned up with the mission cows and horses. People from Miri, Waitape and Kaha came to Longai for medical inspection and once again no serious trouble was found with the exception of infected sores which were treated on the spot.

September 14th.

Wednesday. Left Longai at 8 am after collecting mission mail for posting at Waitape. Arrived at mission rest house on top of Murray Pass at 3 pm. altitude 9,200' ASL. There are no villages between Longai and Murray Pass.

September 15th.

Thursday. Left Murray Pass at 8 am and still on mule track descended to Waitape

to Waitape altitude 5,000' ASL. Carriers paid off and fed. Return to Koloaia was effected by air.

Patrol completed.

Carrier Changes.

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Chirwa	Rafa	to	Longai
Longai	Longai	to	Waitape

Appendix to Patrol Reports.

Native Affairs.

The main problem confronting D.N.A. in this region appears to be the inherent dislike of most of the people to live in their villages, and preferring rather to carry on their existence in their bush gardens, which for the most part are widely scattered and practically inaccessible to patrols as they are usually two to three days walk from the villages and dotted around the very high and heavily overgrown ranges. Both the aid post orderlies and mission teacher at Aniba report that it is the accepted thing for the people to congregate in the villages when a patrol is coming and after its departure to disperse back to the hills and their gardens. Thus it appears that any influence the patrol brings to the village is short lived. The only answer I can think of to this is more frequent patrolling of this particular area to instill into the people that the government is here to stay and is always here, not just something which appears once or twice a year and interrupts their primitive routine.

This ~~present~~ state of affairs is not true of all the villages in the Chirima Valley but is particularly so with Karufuru, Aniba and ~~the~~ Sema, which are the three largest villages under Koloda jurisdiction in this valley. The villages of Kanga and Seiba are closer to the station and seem to be more aware of government influence. Kanga in particular is closely intergrated with Naba Estates Ltd. and most of the young men are employed some way or another in the production of rubber. At the other end of the valley Keroge also a large village seems to more under the influence of the Catholic Mission at Iongai and consequently not so nomadic in their habits. It seems to be only in the small pocket towards the centre of the lower Chirima Valley that the state of reasonable civilisation which is enjoyed by the remainder of the sub-district has any made itself felt. One of the most notable indications being that despite the intense cold of the area the people wear the barest minimum of clothing even when a patrol is present.

Concerning the move by the people of Ruse into Keroge as this concerned only twenty people most of whom had relatives at Keroge no objection was seen to their migration in.

In spite of the foregoing remarks however the people seem contented and peaceful enough and only one complaint concerning adultery was brought to the patrol, the validity of this seemed doubtful as all those who were named in the ~~complaint~~ complaint denied it most strongly, the Ve was instructed to bring those concerned to Koloda for trial by the APO.

Village Constable So-faba of Aniba Village was of no use whatever to the patrol and appears completely useless. He has not obeyed orders given to him in particular the repairing of the bridge over the Aniba River which was out of service for more than two months and was still broken when the patrol arrived. Neither has he given any help to the aid post orderlies in building living quarters, although reportedly approached by them in this regard. He speaks no other language beside his own dialect and it is very difficult to converse with him even in this. Previous patrolling officers according to their entries in the village book have all had the same trouble and a number have recommended his replacement.

Native Affairs (contd.)

As nothing has been done in the light of these recommendations for over two years, he was on this patrol, suspended from duty and a new man provisionally appointed, pending confirmation from the A.D.O. Kakoda. The new man is an Astaba villager, Thore-Saote, married with one small daughter, he appeared a popular choice with the people, although I doubt think the were interested one way or another, and was very helpful to the patrol during its stay.

The poor qualities of So-Gabe do not so much reflect his attitude of inefficiency but rather his state of mind in which regard I attach a note from Dr. T. Ganneke A.M.O. Kakoda who accompanied the patrol. The change-over was made with as much "sawing of faces" as the situation would permit and So-Gabe was paid £3 due for wages. The new man was instructed in the duties of a village constable.

Health

As the patrol was accompanied by the A.M.O. Kakoda there is very little to report in this regard as it will doubtless be more fully covered in Dr. Ganneke's report. However there were a couple of interesting points.

The oxerles at the aid post at Astaba are facing a tough job as they are getting absolutely no help or co-operation from the village people. The only patients who attend the aid post are children from the mission school at Astaba, even their attendance is due wholly to the efforts of the teacher George Arin, the adults of the villages, in following the custom of lying in the bush also prefer to die in the bush. The out-patient's register ~~will~~ show any adults from the villages as having come for treatment. This seems to stem mainly from their superstition and fear of surgery which is still very much a part of the lives of the Bhirim people. The oxerles want the aid post closed down but Dr.Ganneke informed them that this was not possible and pointed out that even if they were treating only the small children they were at least making a good start on educating the people into a state of health consciousness.

The other main problem with regard to health is the difficulty experienced in obtaining medical supplies for the aid post. Although there are plentiful at Kakoda and are readily available the people from the villages will not supply carriers to transport them, a two to three day walk, consequently the post is in constant need. In the past the oxerles have come to the station and carried back the supplies themselves, but this is not possible at present as there is now only one orderly on duty, the other having received a transfer. Carriers were sent back by this patrol and it is hoped that the new VC will in the future supply carriers when asked.

Roads and Bridges

Little is done by the people to maintain their roads which as a result are now generally in a poor state. Much of the state of the road is beyond the control of the people, especially the Kano River to Selba section where the track is continually crossed by exposed tree roots and is always very wet. The tracks are all

Roads and Bridges (contd.)

Leach infested some more heavily than others. Between Selba and Astiba the track is very muddy as it winds around a river bed for quite some distance. Astiba to Samana is a section of extremely narrow though graded track, quite dangerous in some parts and very slippery. From Samana to Koroogo the mission influence has prevailed, resulting in a wide well graded track for about three miles. This type of road is certainly the answer to more frequent patrolling, but it would need a lot of assistance from the people. This mile track finishes at Koroogo and the road to Duro Creek is little better than a quagmire, very heavily laden with leeches. The bridges in the lower Gherima are in a very bad state and in some cases non-existent. They are built too close to the river and when the river floods, which is quite often, they are washed away. They mainly consist of thin cane and it seems to be the task of the first person wishing to use a washed out bridge to rebuild it. Particularly failing in the this category were the bridges across the Astiba River, Duro Creek and Gherima River. One fairly good bridge of recent construction was crossed at the Kasu River just before reaching Selba. There is no bridge at all across the Bismal River about a mile from the Kasu River and consequently the patrol had to wade through waist high water.

Accidents.

There has been no agricultural patrol in this area for more than ten years, and there is no cash cropping of any kind whatsoever in evidence. Only a small number of gardens were noticed for reasons already enumerated, however there appears to be no shortage of the staple crops, Sweet potato, Yare and Yam, judging by the amounts stored at Selba for the feast and that supplied to the patrol for carriers. The mission school at Astiba is well supplied with a variety of foods, which include besides the staples, Pineapples, coconuts, snowman, bananas, pump, two tomatoes, rice and tea, most of this is also a direct result of the efforts of the teacher. Past Duro creek and further up the valley a large amount of English potato is grown and sold either the mission at Tangal or to the government stations at Wotape.

Livestock

With the exception of fowls at the Astiba school the only other livestock encountered were pigs. These were of a size and number that must put the K Gherima Valley far above the remainder of the sub-district at least in this regard. A usual they appear to run the inhabitants and life revolves around them. Also a large number of wild pigs in evidence and I would accord them equal blame for the abject state of some of the roads.

In the Wotape sub-district there are also a fair number of cows and horses, imported by the Catholic Mission.

Missions and Education.

Although the missions have been established in this region for some forty years their only influence in the ^{Lower Kasu Valley} Koroogo sub-district is the school at Astiba. Operated by the Catholic Mission it is situated on a hill overlooking the government rest house. It is staffed by one George Arun, who undoubtedly had the assistant but is now on his own, and provides the only avenue

Missions and Education (contd)

lower Chirua villages, the administration school at Kokoda being ruled out due to the great distance involved. The children board at this school during the week and return to their villages on the weekend. The school takes them to standard 2 only and any further education must be sought elsewhere. The roll books show a good enrollment but attendance is inclined to be sporadic. The school is of good construction and divided into two classrooms, equipment appeared ample and in good order. George Arua speaks perfect English and seems well suited to his task. The only other mission activity is confined to the Hottape sub-district as are the other schools in the valley.

Report on members of R.F.D.G. Constabulary accompanying patrol.

- No. 7077 Tama Const. A willing and efficient constable on patrol showing evidence of his experience.
- No. 10899 Tama Const. At all times smart in appearance and bearing. A good asset on patrol.
- No. 8152 Mana Const. Often lacking in matters of dress, hygiene etc. but proved to be the best of three for bush work on this patrol.

————— John J. Cro

SUBJECT: VILLAGE CONSTABLE SOGABI OF ASIMBA.

It is my opinion that the above person is Mentally deficient and unfit to carry out the necessary duties as a village Constable.

[Handwritten Signature]
.....
(Assistant Medical Officer.)
KOKODA.

Year.....1960.....

LOWER CHIRIMA

Govt. Print.—443/9.58.—10,000

VILLAGE	DATE OF CENSUS	BIRTHS		DEATHS										MIGRATIONS				ABSENT FROM VILLAGE				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES			TOTALS (excluding absentee)				GRAND TOTAL								
				0-1 Mth.		0-1 Year		1-4		5-8		9-13		Over 13		Females in Child Birth		IN		OUT		AT WORK		STUDENTS		MALES		FEMALES		Pregnant	Number of Child-bearing age	Average Size of Family		Child		Adults					
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SAMANA	10/9/60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	15	5	12	-	14	10	2	6	14	16	42		
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Year.....1960.....

LOWER CHIRIMA

Govt. Print.—443/2.58.—10,900

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on Register

Area Patrolled.....LOWER CHIRIA.....

ABSENT FROM VILLAGE AT WORK				STUDENTS				LABOUR POTENTIAL				FEMALES		Average Size of Family	TOTALS (Excluding Absentee)				GRAND TOTAL	
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of KOKODA. N.D. Report No. KOKODA SPECIAL No. 2 of 1960/61.

Patrol Conducted by C. MANCINI, C. D. O.

Area Patrolled MT. KENEVI

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....

Natives.....

Duration—From 29/5/1961 to 12/6/1961

Number of Days 15

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...../...../19.....

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol SEARCH FOR WARTIME MISSING AIRCRAFT.

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

15/ 8/1961

G. Lister, D.O.
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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Ref: 67-5-12

Department of Native Affairs Headquarters,
KONELOBU.

30th Oct. 1961.

The District Officer,
Northern District,
POPONDITTA.

PATROL NO. KOKODA SPECIAL NO. 2-60/61

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of:-

- + Memorandum of Patrol No.
- + Patrol Report No. KOKODA SPECIAL NO. 2-60/61

covering Patrol by...G. MANGEX, G.P.O......

(J.K. *McCarthy*)
Director.

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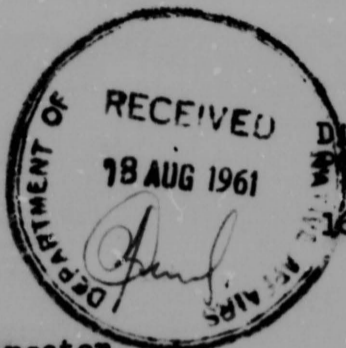
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Special Patrol No. 2 1960/61

Patrol to Mt. Kenevi with R.A.A.F./ U.S. Search Team

PATROL DIARY

29/5/61 Left Kokoda at 0830 by Landrover and Tractor and trailer and proceeded to Kovelov. Patrol consisted of Wing Commander K.W. Rundle, Sgt. H. Paolillo Lt. Wheeler, myself, three police and thirty nine carriers. Departed from Kovelov at 0900 and walked to Isurava arriving at approx. 1600. Carriers rationed and set up for the night. We four stayed in the Rest House.

30/5/61 Left Isurava at 0800 and walked to Templetons crossing arriving at approximately 1400. Too late to continue further because of water supply and camp sites so camp set up. Carriers rationed and set for the night.

31/5/61 Left Camp at Templetons Crossing at 0800 and walked to Lake Myola arriving at 1300. Camp set up and carriers rationed.

1/6/61 Left camp at Lake Myola and set out to get to previous base camp. Very rough walking and hard on the carriers. Arrived at 1545. Set up camp and rationed carriers.

2/6/61 Sgt. Paolillo, myself, one policeman and two carriers set out at 0700 to search for new base camp which was described as a tundra with large boulders in it. Many possible areas so party split up. Sgt. Paolillo and one policeman searched one area and myself and two carriers went on and found the area at 0815. Then returned and guided patrol to new site. Camp set up and carriers rationed. Rain set in.

3/6/61 At 1030 a Patair DC3 came over the area and made a supply drop of rations and equipment and then did a reconnaissance of the area. It relayed the information to us and we spent the afternoon working out positions and bearings and getting the new supplies organised.

4/6/61. The carriers being from Anglican Mission area were not asked to work. The Europeans worked.

5/6/61 0800 The whole patrol left camp and proceeded to cut into the bush on a bearing of 140 degrees. Travelled for a distance of approx one mile and then the party split up. Cut and searched for about two hours and then rejoined on top of a ridge at a predetermined point. Decided that next day we would build a fire and smoke for the plane to give us a bearing.

6/6/61 0600 Sgt. Paolillo and myself with five carriers and one policeman left camp and proceeded to ridge. Built a large fire and waited for plane which was due at 0700. Plane was late so party proceeded to clear the area to make it easier for the plane to see the fire. Plane finally arrived at 1115 but clouds had moved in so the plane could not see us. Searched the area for a couple of hours and returned to camp.

7/6/61 Returned to cleared area to signal plane. En route, plane came over early but as we expected it back we continued to area and built fire. Stayed till 1300 but plane did not return. Rain was closing in so we returned to camp. Today some carriers returned to Kokoda as couldn't stand cold weather. More carriers recruited from Isurava.

8/6/61 Sgt. Paolillo went to clearing and started fire. Plane came over and gave a bearing of 110 degrees. I left camp and proceeded to cleared area to pass the information. Found that Sgt. Paolillo had taken a bearing on the line of flight and had taken a bearing of approx 110 degrees. Followed his trail for about three hours and then met up with rest of party. Continued search till 1700 and then returned to camp.

9/6/61 Plane returned but this time gave us a bearing of 83 degrees

and a distance of about one and a quarter miles from cleared area. Sgt. Paolillo and myself cut through the bush for an estimated distance of 1½ miles and searched the surrounding area but found nothing. We then returned to the area on a parallel course but again found nothing. We then returned to camp.

10/6/61 Whole patrol proceeded to previous cleared area and followed a bearing of 83 degrees and at the same time, measuring the distance with a length of rope. When the required distance was reached, the party split up and searched the area but found nothing. Returned to camp.

11/6/61 Due to food shortage most of the patrol had to return to Kokoda Lt. Wheeler and myself left the base camp at 0830 with 20 carriers carrying gear not required by W/C Rundle and Sgt. Paolillo. Gear only light and carriers travelled quickly. Arrived Lake Myola 1330. Departed Myola at 1400 and walked to Templetons Crossing arriving at 1800. Set up Camp.

12/6/61 Departed from Templetons Crossing at 0630. Shortly after leaving I fell and hurt my back which made the rest of the trip rather uncomfortable. Left the main track about two hours later and followed a back track into Abuari Village where I bought fresh food for the carriers and ourselves. Had a short rest and walked to Kepara Mission Station arriving at 1615. Landrover arrived at 1815 and transported patrol back to Kokoda.

The duration of the patrol was 15 days during which time the carriers and police were rationed with rice, meat, tea and sugar. The carriers were obviously not used to carrying and on occasions were rather slow. On the whole the patrol had very little trouble.

Equipment was supplied from that left over from the Piaggio Search Patrol.

Colin Mancey.....

(Colin Mancey C.P.O.)