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EASTERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT

PATROL REPORTS

1969-1970

OBURA

| <u>Report No.</u> | <u>Officer conducting<br/>Patrol</u> | <u>Area patrolled</u>                           |
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| 1-69-70           | G.S.Buanam, P.O.                     | Iturua and Dogara C.D.                          |
| 2-69-70           | A.Plummer, A.D.O                     | Piore Census Division.                          |
| 3-69-70           | G.S.Buanam, P.O.                     | Lamari council Area.                            |
| 4-69-70           | W.R.Bartlett, P.O.                   | Iturua, Dogara (Lamari<br>L.G.C.) & Piora C.D.S |
| 5-69-70           | G.S.Buanam, P.O.                     | Dogara & Piora C.D.                             |
| 6-69-70           | G.B.Findlay, P.O.                    | Dogara Census Division.                         |
| 7-69-70           | G.B.Findlay, P.O.                    | Piora Census Division.                          |



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



# PATROL REPORT

District of... EASTERN HIGHLANDS ..... Report No. <sup>OBURA</sup> 1 OF 1969/70 .....

Patrol Conducted by... G.S. BUANAM, PATROL OFFICER. ....

Area Patrolled... ITURUA AND DOGARA CENSUS DIVISIONS, .....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....NIL.....

Natives... MR. W. MEGIGIU, L.G. ASSISTANT, TWO R.P. & N.G.C. MEMBERS,  
TWO AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANTS, 3 COUNCILLORS 1 INTERE.

Duration—From 15./7./1969 to 30./7./1969....

Number of Days..... 16 .....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....NIL.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 9./12./1968 & DOGARA (PART) 10/2/69.

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

Map Reference..... EASTERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT, 2 MILES TO 1 INCH. (PATROL MAP ATT.)

Objects of Patrol..... (A) CENSUS ITURUA, (B) TO ASCERTAIN REACTION OF PEOPLE RE  
AMALGAMATION OF THREE COUNCILS, (C) AREA STUDY ITURUA C/DIVISION & (D) TO  
ASSIST L.G. ASSISTANT WITH COUNCIL TAX COLLECTION.

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

*Area Study Files*

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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Division of District Administration  
GOROKA.  
Eastern Highlands District.

11th November 1969.

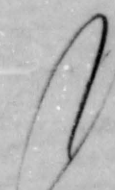
Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU.

KAINANTU PATROL NO.11 of 1969/70  
GADSUP CENSUS DIVISION

I refer to my 67-3-2 of 28th October 1969.

I regret that the comments of the Assistant District Commissioner on this report were inadvertently not enclosed with my memorandum under reference.

These are now attached.

  
(O.J. MATHIESON)  
District Commissioner

Division of District Administration,  
Department of the Administrator,  
Sub-District Office,  
P.O. Box 121,  
KAINANTU, E.H.D.

67-2-3

PLM:WJ

10th October, 1969.

The District Commissioner,  
GOROKA, P.I.D.

KAINANTU PATROL NO. 11 of 1969/70  
GADSUP CENSUS DIVISION.

Please find attached Patrol Reports of the Gadsup Division submitted by Mr. W. Bartlett, Patrol Officer and Mr. D. Boulman, Assistant Patrol Officer.

Both Reports are well presented and a pleasure to read. Mr. Boulman is to be congratulated on an exceedingly fine first Report.

I concur with Mr. Bartlett's comments Paragraph 3 Situation Report that future Patrol programmes should take cognisance of the garden planting in a Division. The circumstances resulting in four Patrols to the Division in two months even though two of them were three day Council Amalgamation visits, will never occur again. However it is considered prudent to now delay the continuance of Mr. D'Almeida's Gadsup Census Patrol by Mr. Millar and your approval to defer Mr. Millar's Patrol movements until 20th October is sought.

The land dispute, Paragraph 33 Situation Report has been resolved both groups agreeing to a common boundary at the arranged meeting.

Forwarded are the following with each officer's Report:

Situation Report (in triplicate)  
Area Study (in quadruplicate)  
Camping Allowance Claims  
Patrol Comments (in triplicate)  
Patrol Instructions - Mr. Bartlett only (in triplicate)

Claim for payment of Patrol Carrier's and Camping Allowance for Interpreter UWHI-BWI'0 are also forwarded for your approval.

Two sunprints of the Patrol map are required please.

  
(J.L. Hastings)  
ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.



67-13-26  
Division of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU. PAHUA.

12th November, 1969.

The District Commissioner,  
Eastern Highlands District,  
GOROKA.

PATROL NO. OBURA 1/69-70.

Your reference 67-3-2 of 28th October, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual  
Census and Area Study by Mr. G.S. Buanam, P.O., to ITURUA and  
BOGARA Census Divisions.

This is a well presented report. It gives  
a clear, concise picture of the area patrolled.

The comments effectively cover the matters  
raised in the report.

Mr. Buanam has done well. I am pleased with  
his report, and with the obvious interest that he has in his  
work.

Mr. G.S. Buanam,  
Patrol Post,  
OBURA.  
Eastern Highlands Dist.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Secretary  
Department of the Administrator.

Please note that political education must be a  
continuing process in all situations with the emphasis on the  
advantages of national unity.





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67-3-2

Division of District Administration,  
Department of the Administrator,  
GOROKA.  
Eastern Highlands District.

28th October 1969.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
KAINANTU.

OBURA PATROL REPORT NO. 1 of 1969/70  
ITURUA CENSUS DIVISION

Thank you for the copies of Mr. Buanam's report of his Iturua patrol. I agree that the report is informative and well presented, and I share your concern over the delay in submission of the report. The job was completed in July and it has reached me on the 27th October. This delay is quite excessive and I trust that Mr. Buanam will ensure that all future reports are in your hands within 14 days at the outside of the completion of a piece of work. At the same time it is acknowledged that Mr. Buanam has had a very busy time recently at Obura.

Your comments are comprehensive and generally cover the contents of this report. The area study is detailed and full of good sound information. I am passing the information contained in Appendix A. to the District Agricultural Officer. I am well pleased with this report, which reflects the keen interest that Mr. Buanam shows in his report.

As a matter of interest the Deputy District Commissioner recently inspected Obura and has informed me that he was well pleased with the general conditions there, despite the fact that Mr. Buanam had been recently on patrol for a considerable period.

(O.J. MATHIESON)  
District Commissioner

c.c. ~~Mr. G.S. Buanam, P.O. Obura.~~  
Secretary, Dept. of the Administrator, Konedobu.

Mr. Buanam is doing very good work and I am sure that he has a good future with this Department. The A.D.C. pays monthly visits to the station. Original and one copy of this report, together with map, instructions issued and comments by the A.D.C. Kainantu.

(O.J. MATHIESON)  
District Commissioner



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Division of District Administration,  
Department of the Administrator,  
Sub-District Office,  
P.O. Box 121,  
KAINANTU, E.H.D.

67-2-6

JLN:CJ

21st. October, 1969.

Mr. G. S. Buanam,  
Patrol Post,  
OBURA.

Dear Mr. Buanam,

OBURA PATROL REPORT 1969/70-No.1  
ITURUA CENSUS DIVISION.

Receipt of your Area Study and Situation Report  
is acknowledged with thanks.

Your Report is informative and well presented however,  
I am concerned over the unnecessary delay and number of times  
you were asked to complete the Report. No matter how good a  
Report may be its importance and impact drops considerably  
if compiling and forwarding deferred contrary to Departmental  
Instructions.

Comments on your Report are:

SITUATION REPORT:

Paragraph 3:

The area is fortunate in being able to have men trained to  
weave blankets. Give this Project your fullest attention and  
encouragement.

Paragraphs 5 & 13:

It would appear that the only reason for the people's  
change to against the original three (3) Council amalgamation  
was their unfounded belief that they would have to pay the higher  
tax of the other Councils. Please correct such thoughts through  
the Councillors and tell them there are many Councils which have  
varying tax rates within their area.

Paragraphs 6, 7 & 8:

Your explanations on Political Development were clearly  
presented and the people should benefit therefrom.

Paragraph 11:

Administration assistance through Rural Development should  
help expand the Councils Road Programme. The Self-Help factor  
is essential and its importance should be emphasised at every  
opportunity.

Paragraph 28:

The lack of access to a market to sell introduced crops  
prevents economic growth but as the people are including such in  
their diet they would be benefiting far greater health wise than  
with a cash return.



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Paragraphs 34, 35 & 38:

Division  
Department of the Administrator,  
District Office

The Lamari Council should write to the Officer in Kainantu asking him to attend a Council Meeting to discuss Livestock and Fishery Development. Mr. Giddings, District Officer Lands, has been informed of the BIKEORI and KAMBONS wish to sell approximately 1,000 acres of grassland.

Appendix 'D':

Location of the Projects in each proposed Ward should be given. Please make the appropriate notation your office copy.

Mr. [Name]  
Patrol Post,

Your Report is of a high standard and a credit to you. Please remember to send your next Report in promptly and it should be of greater value than the one you have just presented.

Please forward your voucher for Patrol expenses, carriers etc.

Please send a patrol to report on or about the 15th July, 1950, to cover the ITUBU and KAMBONS Divisions of your area. Mr. [Name] Assistant will accompany you.

Yours faithfully,

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

- (1) Census Revision
- (2) ascertain proposed amalgamation of the three Councils and their reactions to the present policy of B.D.A. re the amalgamation as outlined by Mr. Sidworth at the last meeting of the Council.
- (3) Conduct an Area Study of the ITUBU Council Division to conform with instructions as laid down in the B.D.A. General Administration Handbook.
- (4) A Situation Report on the whole Area as per the Director's 57-1-5 of 21st June, 1950.
- (5) Mr. W. Perkins will collect the 1st and 2nd Local Government Council during the month.

You should endeavour to spend at least one day every village, preferably two, and discuss with the general Administration Officer, the working of the role of the Councillor and take time to pay attention to aspect of their culture which would be of interest to Government anthropologists.

Remember to send your patrol reports as far as possible to the information contained in the future development of the area.



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JLH:CJ

PATROL DIVISION

Division  
XXXXXX  
Department of the Administrator,  
Sub-District Office,  
P.O. Box 121,  
KAINANTU, E.H.D.

14th July, 1969.

Mr. G. S. Buanam,  
Patrol Post,  
OBURA.

Dear Mr. Buanam,

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS.

Please mount a patrol to depart OBURA on or about the 15th July, 1969, to cover the ITURUA and DOBURA Census Divisions of your area. Mr. W. Meggiu, Local Government Assistant will accompany you.

(1) Census Revision in the ITURUA Census Division.

(2) Ascertain the reactions of the people to the proposed amalgamation of the three Councils and their reactions to the present policy of D.D.A. re the amalgamation as outlined by Mr. Wadsworth at the last meeting of the Council.

(3) Conduct an Area Study of the ITURUA Census Division to conform with instructions as laid down in the D.D.A. General Administration Handbook.

(4) A Situation Report on the whole area as per the Director's 67-1-0 of 21st. June, 1968.

(5) Mr. W. Meggiu will collect tax for the Lamari Local Government Council during the patrol.

You should endeavour to spend at least one day in every village, preferably two, and discuss with the people general Administration policy, the workings of Councils, the role of the Councillor and take time to find out at least one aspect of their culture which would be of interest to the Government Anthropologist.

Endeavour to make your patrol report as full as possible as the information contained can be important for future development of the area.

Yours faithfully,

(J.L. Hastings)

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.



PATROL REPORT

OBJURA NO. 1 29/70

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15/7/69: Carriers organised departed OBJURA with Mr. Megigiu. Arrived KOBARA, met Village leaders. Stayed overnight.

PATROL NO. OBJURA NO. 1 - 69/70

16/7/69: Village inspected. Talks held. Tax collected and revised. Carriers organised. Departed KOBARA for BIBEORI. Met Village leaders and

SUB-DISTRICT: KAINANTU

DISTRICT: EASTERN HIGHLANDS

COUNCIL AREA: LAMARI

17/7/69: Tax and census for ATABARA, FURBAIRA and BIBEORI. Business dispute settled. Overnight BIBEORI.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: G.S. BUANAM

18/7/69: Arrived BIBEORI for BIBEORI. Inspected hamlets at BIBEORI No. 2

AREA PATROLLED: ITURUA AND DOGARA C/D

19/7/69: Census and tax completed for BIBEORI No. 1. Inspected village and distributed by Mr. ZIEAU. Minor complaints. Arrived KOMBORD. Stayed overnight.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL: Mr. W. Megigiu - L.G. Assist.  
2 R.P. & N.G. Constabulary Members.  
2 Agricultural Assistants.

20/7/69: Day observed at KOMBORD. 1 Interpreter

21/7/69: Talks held. Tax and census for KOMBORD. Stroke camp and 3 Councillors.

DURATION OF PATROL: 15/7/69 to 30/7/69 - 16 days.

DATE & DURATION OF LAST D.D.A. PATROL: 9/12/68 - 24/12/68 - 16 days

DOGARA (PART) 10/2/69 - 12/2/69 - 3 days.

22/7/69: People of KAWAINA gathered. Tax collected and census completed. Departed KAWAINA Rest House for

OBJECTS OF PATROL:

1. Census ITURUA C/D
2. To ascertain reaction of people re amalgamation of three Councils.
3. Area Study ITURUA C/Division.
4. Assist L.G. Assistant with Council tax collection.

23/7/69: Inspected village. Tax and census after talks. Stroke camp and talks. Recruited 2 R.P. & N.G. Volunteers. Tax and census for OBJURA. Slept MNI'ANGA.

TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA PATROLLED:

DOGARA - 2,884

ITURUA - 2,791

25/7/69: Inspected village. People gathered. Tax collected. Departed for HABIBI. Arrived HABIBI. Inspected

MAP REFERENCE:

E.H.D. 2 miles to 1 inch  
Patrol Map attached.

26/7/69: Talks held. Tax collected. Organised carriers and departed. Village Population Register: Attached. Village leaders. Census statistics. Slept TO'OKENA.

27/7/69: Day observed at TO'OKENA.

28/7/69: People gathered and inspected village line. Tax collected for TO'OKENA. Tax collected for HABIBI. Organised carriers, and moved to HABIBI. Slept HABIBI.

29/7/69: Inspected village line. Tax collected for HABIBI and HABIBI. Held talks and departed HABIBI for ASORA. Inspected village line at HABIBI on route with Mr. W. Megigiu. Arrived ASORA. Met Village leaders. Overnight ASORA.

30/7/69: Inspected village. People gathered. Held talks and tax collected. Departed for OBJURA Station. Tax and census



PATROL DIARY

OBURA NO. 1 19/69/70.

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- 15/7/69: Carriers organised departed OBURA with Mr. Megigiu. Arrived KOBARA, met Village leaders. Stayed overnight.
- 16/7/69: Village inspected and talks held. Tax collected and census revised. Broke camp, carriers organised. Departed KOBARA for BIBEORI. Met Village leaders and inspected hamlets. Held talks with the people. 1 minor dispute settled. Overnight BIBEORI.
- 17/7/69: Tax and census for ATAKARA, NUMBAIRA and BIBEORI. Overnight BIBEORI.
- 18/7/69: Ex BIBEORI for BAIRA no. 1. Arrived BAIRA No. 1. Inspected hamlets at BAIRA No. 2 en route. Talks held. Tax and census for BAIRA 2. BAIRA No. 1 half completed due to rain. Minor complaints settled. Overnight BAIRA No. 1.
- 19/7/69: Census and tax completed for BAIRA NO. 1. Vegetables distributed by Mr. ZUKAU. Ex BAIRA No. 1. Arrived KOMBORO. Inspected village and stayed overnight.
- 20/7/69: Day observed at KOMBORO.
- 21/7/69: Talks held. Tax and census for KOMBORO. Broke camp and organised carriers. Vegetable seed distributed. Ex KOMBORO. Arrived KAWAINA No. 1. Inspected village and held talks. Tax collected and census revised for BARUMPA. No complaints. Vegetable seed distributed. Overnight KAWAINA.
- 22/7/69: People of KAWAINA gathered. Tax collected and census revised for KAWAINA. Departed KAWAINA Rest House for inspection, KAWAINA NO. 1/AUYANA road with Mr. W. Megigiu. Returned to Rest House and departed for BI'API'ONATA. Met Village leaders. Overnight BI'OPI'ANATA Rest House.
- 23/7/69: Inspected village. Tax and census after talks. Broke camp and moved to MEI'AUNA. Inspected and held talks. Recruited 23 H.L.S. Volunteers. Tax and census for OGURATAHA and MEI'AURA. Census statistics. Slept MEI'AURA.
- 24/7/69: Departed MEI'AURA for ORAURA via KOKOMBIRA. Arrived ONAURA. Met Village leaders. Overnight ONAURA.
- 25/7/69: Inspected village line. Talks with people, tax collected. Departed for HABI'INA. Arrived HABI'INA. Inspected village line.
- 26/7/69: Talks held, tax collected. Organised carriers and departed for TO'OKENA. Arrived TO'OKENA, met Village leaders. Census statistics. Slept TO'OKENA.
- 27/7/69: Day observed at TO'OKENA.
- 28/7/69: People gathered and inspected village line. Tax collected for TO'OKENA. Tax collected for AKEA. Organised carriers, and moved to ANIMA. Slept ANIMA.
- 29/7/69: Inspected village line. Tax collected for HINARATA and ANIMA. Held talks and departed ANIMA for ASONA. Inspected village line at HINARATA en route with Mr. W. Megigiu. Arrived ASORA. Met Village leaders. Overnight ASORA.
- 30/7/69: Inspected village. People gathered. Held talks and tax collected. Departed for OBURA Station. Tax and census



SITUATION REPORT.

30/7/69: (Continued)

INTRODUCTION for MOTAKARA and tax for KAIRONA after talks.  
Slept OBURA Station.

1. The primary purpose of this patrol was  
31/7/69: People of KURUWUMBURA and YONUNA gathered. Talks held.  
Tax collected for both villages.

(a) To assist collect Council tax

(c) To discuss with people changed amalgamation  
of Branders, Kairantu and Basari Councils and  
ascertain **END OF PATROL.** of the people to the  
present B.D.A. policy as outlined by Mr. Wadsworth  
at the last meeting of the Basari Local Government  
Council

(d) To conduct an Area Study of the IITRMA Census  
Division. The copy of the Patrol Instructions is  
attached.

2. The secondary purpose was to carry out routine administration  
and distribute Council purchased vegetable seeds.

3. IITRMA Census Division lies west of Lowari River and DOMANA  
to the east. Both areas lie approximately south-east of  
Kairantu, the Sub-District Headquarters. They are covered by  
kumal and kangaroo grass - in fact only a small percentage  
is rain forest. Some hoop-pines are found among the  
rain forest - more so on the lower slopes.

4. Geographically both areas consist mostly of limestone and  
have low quality soil. The fertile soil is found along  
the water courses and forest areas. This is where most  
native gardens are found.



SITUATION REPORT.

INTRODUCTION:

1. The primary purpose of this patrol was:
  - (a) To revise annual census for ITURUA Census Division
  - (b) To assist collect Council tax
  - (c) To discuss with people changed amalgamation of Erandora, Kainantu and Lamari Councils and ascertain the reactions of the people to the present D.D.A. policy as outlined by Mr. Wadsworth at the last meeting of the Lamari Local Government Council
  - (d) To conduct an Area Study of the ITURUA Census Division. The copy of the Patrol Instructions is attached.
2. The secondary purpose was to carry out routine Administration and distribute Council purchased vegetable seeds.
3. ITURUA Census Division lies west of Lamari River and DOGANA to the east. Both areas lie approximately south-east of Kainantu, the Sub-District Headquarters. They are covered by kunai and kangaroo grass - in fact only a small percentage is rain forest. Some hoop-pines are found among the rain forest - more so on the lower slopes.
4. Geographically both areas consist mostly of limestone and have low quality soil. The fertile soil is found along the water courses and forest areas. This is where most native gardens are found.

3. The Lamari Council has worked quite well during its first year of operation and was \*\*\*\*\* of its second year of operation. Its main aim, to construct a new road, was successfully completed. It is expected that by 1973 most of the area will be connected by vehicular road.

4. Council Budget  
 The far Councils have raised the tax and subsidy rates. It is going to increase the rates this year. There are also extensive rate and tillage systems and other things.

As per paragraph 3(a) of the attached Patrol Instructions, the proposal for the amalgamation of only two of the three Councils, KAINANTU and DOGANA, was discussed with the people in every village visited. The reactions of the people towards the proposed amalgamation was ascertained as follows: the people have no strong desire for Lamari Council by amalgamating with Kainantu and Erandora Councils. The people at each village expressed their views by saying that they have not had any experience after saying that they wished to participate in the amalgamation. The people also expressed their views on the proposed amalgamation and that the Councils have not been consulted for years and that they would not be able to participate in the amalgamation. The people also expressed their views on the proposed amalgamation and that the Councils have not been consulted for years and that they would not be able to participate in the amalgamation.

As per the contents of the attached Patrol Instructions, the following were discussed with the people:
 

- (a) The proposed amalgamation of Kainantu and Erandora Councils.
- (b) The proposed amalgamation of Kainantu and Dogana Councils.
- (c) The proposed amalgamation of Erandora and Dogana Councils.
- (d) The proposed amalgamation of all three Councils.

 All these proposed amalgamations were discussed with the people and they expressed their views on each of them.



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SITUATION REPORT

POLITICAL - LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

1. The Lamari Local Government Council was formed in December, 1967. Since the formation, its major project has been the construction of a new road into DOGANA and ITURUA Census Divisions. One of these roads, the TO'OKENA/OBURA road has just been completed at the cost of \$1,734 plus self help valued at \$ . The KAWAINA No. 1/AUANA road is still being constructed. This road cost the Lamari Council \$400. A further \$300 has been allocated during this financial year to extend this road from KAWAINA No. 1 to ATAKORA.
2. This financial year the Council will build the following in its area:
  - (a) Aid Post at OBURA Swiss Mission. Work on clearing the site has begun. The cost for the materials is \$372.
  - (b) Water well. This will be built at TO'OKENA for \$100. The work on this is due to start October, 1969.
  - (c) KAWAINA No.1/ATAKARA Road as mentioned in paragraph 1 above is the extension of KAWAINA / AUANA road and it will cost the Council \$300. The work on this has been started.
  - (d) Cottage Industry:

The Council has allocated \$250 towards the cost of a weaving loom for blankets. The Council has sent three young men to Goroka to attend the Course. The industry is new to the area and if it is successful it will be another source of income. The work on this is expected to start as soon as these young men come back to OBURA after completing the Course.
3. The Lamari Council has worked quite well during its first year of operation and same is expected for its second year of operation. Its main aim, to construct a new road, was successfully completed. It is expected that by 1973 most of the area will be connected by vehicular road.
4. Council Rules:

So far the Council has passed the Tar and Truancy rules. It is going to pass two more rules this year. These are Road Maintenance rule and Village Hygiene and Sanitation rule.
5. As per paragraph three (3) of the attached Patrol Instructions, the proposal for the amalgamation of only two of the three Councils, KAINANTU, ERANDORA, was discussed with people in every village visited. The reactions of the people towards the revised amalgamation was ascertained as thus - the people have no strong desire for Lamari Council to amalgamate with Kainantu and Erandora Councils. The people at each village expressed their views by saying that they have now had second thoughts after saying that they wished to amalgamate. They have now changed their minds and want Lamari Council to stay separate for a few years because economically the Lamari Council area is lower than the Kainantu and Erandora Council areas. The main concern of the people is that they will not be able to pay a higher Council tax rate that they had thought the amalgamated Council might impose. The people were informed that many Councils have varying tax rates which are set in conjunction with the Councillors of the different areas.
6. As per last paragraph of the attached Patrol Instructions, the following were discussed with the people:
  - (a) The Working of Councils: Discussed in terms of:
    - (i) Where a Local Government Council gets its money and how it spends its money.



- (ii) Coverage of expenditure for the Lamari Council last financial year.
  - (iii) Brief account of this years Work programme.
  - (iv) Statutory functions of a Local Government Council - this includes making of and enforcing of Council rules.
7. ~~DA~~ Role of a Councillor. The people were told that a Councillor is their representative to the Lamari Council. He is elected by them and that he is their voice in the Council meetings. He is to report any problems effecting his people to the Council meeting or to the Administration. He is also the communication media between people, the Council and the Administration. It was stressed that a Councillor cannot carry out his work well if he receives no co-operation from the people whom he represents. A comparison with the work of the Members of the House was made on similar lines.
8. ~~DA~~ Administration Policy. The people were told that is the Administration's policy to see the Local Government Councils run properly. It does not want to control the running of the Council, it wants the Councillors to have to learn to have full responsibility. The Administration is there to guide, assist and advise the Councillors in running the Council. The people were told that in a place like Lamari Council area, where the Councillors are still learning the workings of the Council and are unable to take full administrative responsibility, the Administration provides clerical assistance to help the Council.
9. Councillors: Most of them were re-elected in the second elections. One of them, Councillor KOYA'A of the KOMBORO Ward is receiving treatment at the Leprosy hospital at TOAGUBA in the Western Highlands District.
10. The Councillors have been working well. The re-elected Councillors have the advantage of learning more aspects of Local Government Council and if they continue to hold office in the next election they could become quite competent Councillors equal to those in the Kainantu/Erandora Council.
11. The Councillors assisted and coOperated well and the Patrol carried out its work without trouble. Often the Councillors had the people gathered in time for tax collection and census and there were no delays in Patrol work. When the Patrol was ready to move to another village, the carriers were already organised and available when required.
12. The Ward Committees are to be commended for their assistance to the Patrol. These members were appointed by the people and not elected. Their work has been to assist and advise their Councillors, often one can find them quite active.
13. House of Assembly. Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Cassey visited Obura twice this year. Their reason for visiting Obura has been to give talks on the amalgamation of the Kainantu, Erandora and Lamari Councils. Lamari Council is to be left to operate on its own for about two years or more before it can amalgamate with other two Councils. During the meeting at each village, this subject was also discussed. Generally people agreed that Lamari Council must operate by itself for about two years. The common reason the people gave was that Lamari Council area is economically low and they had doubts that as taxpayers they would be unable to cope with a possible higher tax rate that the new amalgamated Council may impose.



14. The work of the House of Assembly was outlined at each meeting. Not many questions were asked and not many people took part in the general discussion. In general not much is known by the people about the House of Assembly, only very few people who have been to the coast and especially those who have been to Moresby, knew little about the House of Assembly.

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19. Village Cash Crop Extension:

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22. The other two Missions do not have any Schools in the area. Their establishments at various places, mainly in the ITURUA area, are very small and these are staffed by indigenous evangelists.

23. Health:

Generally the health of the people is quite good although there has been some minor outbreaks of pneumonia, dysentery and diahorrea. At KOMBONO during the Patrol's visit, a young man of about 28 died of pneumonia. Minor skin diseases, scabbies, small sores, were reported treated at KOMBONO, TO'OKENA and OBURA Aid Posts.

24. There are three Aid Posts in the area. These are at TO'OKENA, OBURA and KOMBONO. The TO'OKENA Aid Post is run by the Swiss Mission and has one European Sister and a graduated indigenous Nurse. The two latter ones are staffed by the Administration and each have one Aid Post Orderly.

25. The villages were in a satisfactory condition. All were fenced in to keep the pigs out. In the past pigs were kept in the village area and they dirtied the village with their droppings. Strict instructions were issued by previous Patrols for all pigs to be kept out. These instructions were complied with and as a result the village areas have improved considerably.

26. ROADS:

Well graded tracks built under Administration supervision connects all villages. Although these tracks were maintained just before the Patrol's visit, it appears that they were not looked after as often as they should have been.

27. The KAWAINA/AUYANA road was inspected and found that 4/5 miles of the road has been graded. A further 3 miles has been initially cleared and the grading work has started. As mentioned in paragraph 1 this road if given constant supervision is expected to be completed by December this year.

28. The TO'OKENA/OBURA road has just been completed. The first vehicle went through in mid-July this year. Since then quite a number of vehicles have used the road. This road contains many difficult sections which are now being improved. Upon completion the road will only be open to four-wheel drive vehicles. The usage of this road will be subject to weather conditions as most sections of the road consist of muddy black soil in the forest areas and red clayey soil on the grassland. During wet days the road will be impassable even by four-wheel drive vehicles.

29. LAW AND ORDER:

Number of Patrols have been conducted by Police since last year. The main object of these Patrols was to settle minor disputes at a village level and to ensure that people kept their villages clean and sanitary.

30. Adultery and minor cases of assaults were sometimes settled at the village level. Very few were brought to the Station for Court action. Quite a number of people were arrested



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in recent months against Section 106(a) of the N.A.R.S. On the whole the situation could be described as good.

31. Services provided by Government agencies:

The only services provided are health and law and order. Provision of Bank facilities was precluded by the fact that no person was available to run the Bank agency in the area.

32. Missions:

As mentioned in paragraphs 21 and 22 there are three Missions operating in the area. The Swiss Mission having trained European staff is the strongest. Below listed are the villages where each Mission operates:

SWISS:

ASORA  
TO'OKENA  
AHEA  
HAHI'INA  
ORAURA  
KONUNUNBURA  
YONURA  
MOTOHARA  
KAUNONA  
HIMONATA  
ANIMA

LUTHERAN:

YONJURA  
AHEA  
BAIRA 1  
BAIRA 2  
KOMBORO  
KAWAINA  
BAKUMPA

S.D.A.

ORAURA  
HIMARATA  
BIBEORI  
ATAKARA  
BAIRA 2  
KAWAINA  
MEH'AUNA

33. I noticed that although mostly old people do not stick to Christian rules the attitude towards the Mission is quite good. The general attitude towards the Mission has been quite friendly. The co-operation the people gave to the Missions has been excellent.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION:

34. In 1968 a Welfare Officer from GOROKA conducted a Course followed by the Adult Education Course for women conducted by Miss A. Boto. Both of these courses were a success. This year Miss Boto again conducted two similar Courses and visited OBURA to take follow up action.

COURTS:

35. Numerous civil complaints were heard during Patrols. These were mainly over pigs and gardens. None warranted Court action.

36. Good reception was received throughout the area. No difficulties were faced in obtaining carriers, these were available when required.

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(C) POPULATION DISTRIBUTION AND TRENDS:

1. For a statistical analysis of the 1969 village population register see appendix 2. Comments regarding the register etc. is also included in this appendix.

2. All villages are connected by well graded tracks except the tracks between OBURA Patrol Post and ANIMA Village, KOBALI Village and BIBEORI Villages. The track between MEH'AUNA and OBURATAK are also not graded.

3. Language Groups:

There are three language groups in the area. These are



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AREA STUDY

OBURA NO. 1 of 1969/70  
ITURUA CENSUS DIVISION.  
Part Lamari Council Area.

(A) INTRODUCTION:

1. ITURUA CENSUS DIVISION lies to the west of the Lamari River which forms the common boundary between it and the DOGANA CENSUS DIVISION. To the south lies the PIORA CENSUS DIVISION which was transferred to OBURA administration, from WONENARA July, 1969.
2. The ITURUA area consists of rugged mountains terrain which are vegetated mostly (about 60%) by kunaia and kangaroo grass. The rest of the area is covered by slowly disappearing rain forest. Intermingled with these are a handful of hoop-pines. These are not of commercial value.
3. The soil is poor particularly on the high grass covered regions. The soil mainly consists of red clay which is very poor for subsistence farming. Along the lower sections of the valley the soil is richer and this is where most gardens are found.
4. Climate: The annual average rainfall is 70-80 inches.
5. Access is by foot along good, well graded track. It is about 5 hours from OBURA station to KOBARA Rest House. The nearest vehicular road is the OBURA/KAINANTU road. The only vehicular road in the area is the KAWAINA-AUYANA road. This is being built and is not as yet connected to OKAPA/AUYANA road. This road is expected to finish by December, 1969.
6. The OBURA airstrip is opened to category 'D' aircraft and is the only airstrip in the area.
7. OBURA Patrol Post was opened in 1964 from when the effective administration started. Before this the area was administered from KAINANTU. Since the establishment of OBURA Patrol Post the area has been patrolled regularly, at least once a year and mostly twice a year.
8. The people of this area are pro-European, pro-Chinese, pro-mixed race, pro-Government and pro-mission. The people are quite happy with their Council's policy and they are eager to learn new ways but slow to adopt them.
9. There have been no cargo cult activities in the area.

(B) ACCOMMODATION SERVICES AND FACILITIES:

10. The area has no tourist potential until the access road is completed. There are eight bush material Rest Houses for use by those patrolling the area.

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12. All villages are connected by well graded tracks except the tracks between OBURA Patrol Post and KOBARA Village, KOBARA Village and BIBEORI Village. The track between MEI'AUNA and OGENATABA are also not graded.
13. Social Grouping:  
There are three language groups in the area. These are



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22. TAIRORA and AUANA. The TAIRORA language includes the following villages:

- KOBARA
- BIBEORI
- NUMBAIRA
- ATAICARA
- BAIRA NO. 1
- BAIRA NO. 2
- MEI'AUNA
- BI'API'ARATA.

23. The AUANA language includes the following villages:

- KOMBARO
- KAWAINA NO. 1
- BAKUMPA
- BI'API'ARATA.

14. The AWA language is spoken by small groups of people in the OGUNATAPA Village. They have constant relations with OWENA people in the PIORA Census Unit. It was said that OWENA is the parent village of the OGUNATAPAS.

15. The relations among three language groups have not been constant over past years as there were tribal fights between the linguistic groups. Even within the one language group there were grievances arising from land, pigs and women between families.

16. The linguistic/social groups are mainly made up of simple family and in certain circumstances extended family. When there is a fight between tribes, sale of land, weddings, the matter is taken up by an extended family.

17. Reception of Patrol: Same friendly attitude as was given to the previous patrols was received from the people. There were no ill feelings towards the patrol or the individual patrol personnel. Everyone was happy and met the patrol with enthusiasm and presented considerable amount of fresh vegetables; a number of villages pigs and chicken were given with fresh food as presents.

18. Standard and type of Housing: Most houses seen were that of traditional type - round houses. These are gradually being replaced by rectangular type. These are commonly used by young men who have been to the coast. Most village leaders also use this type.

19. The standard has improved considerably in that most houses are now woven 'pitpit' floors and walls. Some houses were better ventilated and have longer sleeping and kitchen apartments. Previously the houses had no windows and had small sleeping rooms adjoined by a fire place which also serves as a kitchen.

20. All villages were built on good sites - the advantage being that they were built near the forest area, water supply and safe from wind, landslides etc.

21. Water supply: As mentioned above the water supply is often quite near the village. The disadvantage is that village people let pigs feed and dwell near the drinking water and so it is continually polluted and unsafe for drinking. People were told to fence the water and not to let pigs wander around near the water.

22. Villages: Cleanliness  
All villages were inspected and found in sanitary condition.



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Each family provides its pit latrine and rubbish is well disposed. All villages were fenced in to keep pigs out. In recent years pigs have been kept in the house lines (village) and they continually dirty the village line with their droppings. People were instructed to continue the clean upkeep of their village surroundings with the emphasis on spread of diseases like dysentery and diarrhoea if they do not keep their village clean.

23. Village Officials:

The Councillors are working well. Although they are new and inexperienced in the Council work, they are assisting their Council and the Administration in keeping law and order among their people. It is known that minor offences are settled at village level by the Councillors. Most supervisory work on roads and bridges was carried out by the Councillors.

24. Political Education :

Present political situation can be described as good. There are no cults or any other illegal organisations in the area. The people are pro-Administration, pro-Mission, pro-European, Chinese and mixed-races. No complaints were made against the policies of their Local Government and this indicated the enthusiastic attitude towards their Local Government and it must be said that people are happy to assist and work with the Local Government Council and their elected members of the Council.

25. The relationship between neighbouring groups has been good since previous patrols, except for a recent incident between group of MEI'OURA'S AND BAIRA NO. 1 prior to Patrol's visit to the area. A group of people from MEI'OURA Village surrounded one village at BAIRA No.1 and threatened to kill one man whom they suspected to have poisoned a MEI'OURA man. Nothing serious happened after this as the matter was settled by peaceful negotiation between the leaders of the two groups. The matter was later reported to the Patrol and investigation was carried out. The situation was found to be under full control.

26. Number of absentees were found among young men. Most of them were down at the coast and few were employed locally by European coffee planters in the Kainantu area.

27. AGRICULTURE:

The food situation was found to be good. Subsistence crops are growing in abundance. There was no shortage of food in the area.

28. Introduced crops such as tomatoes, beans, onions, cabbage, English potatoes are included in the everyday diet of the people. There is a surplus of fresh food available for sale in the market but lack of roads and transport prevents people from bringing the vegetables to the marketing centre. The nearest and best marketing centre is Kainantu where a growing town population has great demand for the vegetables. The patrol distributed \$150 worth of vegetable seeds to villages in the area.

29. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

The main cash crop in the area is coffee. This crop is not communally grown. Each coffee plot is individually owned



and the cash received is kept within the family.

30. The coffee after first stage of processing at the village is sold to buyers at OBURA Station and at AUANA in the OKAPA area. It must be noted that these people travel to these places taking approximately 6/7 hours.
31. The main problem is that of roads. Lack of access is certainly a discouraging factor in the development of the crop. Refer to appendix 'C' for the number of coffee trees grown in this area.
32. Passionfruit:  
This crop was introduced to the area recently, the exact date of introduction is not known to the writer but it is estimated about 1967/68. It is felt that passionfruit will be the second major crop in the area.
33. In a recent Lamari Council meeting, an Agricultural Officer from Kainantu told the Councillors that people must grow this crop in conjunction with coffee. The response has been quite good as many people from both Census Divisions have visited OBURA Station and taken many seedlings. It is unfortunate that the record of passionfruit seedlings is not available to be presented.
34. Livestock:  
There is practically no animal industry in the area. The only livestock seen is poultry and pigs. These are owned by individuals for home consumption. Pigs are bred for feasts and settlement of bride prices.
35. Lack of knowledge in animal husbandary has prevented some interested villagers from breeding animals for economic purposes.
36. Forests:  
Most of the area is grass covered. The forested land is mainly used for hunting. Occasionally people do make gardens but otherwise all gardens are made on grass covered land.
37. Commerce & Industry:  
There is a trade store in the villages of ATAKARA, BIBEORI, BAIRA NO.1 BAIRA NO. 2 and MEI'AUNA. Two of these stores BAIRA NO. 1 and ATAKARA have no licence and the owners were told not to sell anything in the store until they have obtained their licence. These licenced trade stores make \$6-\$10 a week. The main goods sold are grocery items such as tinned fish, rice, kerosene and newspapers.
38. Fishing:  
Quite a number of people in the area breed fish. The fish (Red Carp) are supplied by the D.A.S.F. representative at OBURA Station. The fish are also bred for commercial purposes.
38. Land:  
The roughness of the area presents no suitable land which the Administration would want to buy. The area mostly consists of rugged mountain ranges which slope down to the water courses at an angle of 45-60 degrees leaving very small area of flat land. Some people approached the writer that they wanted to sell land between BIKBORI and KAMBONS villages in the vicinity of BAIRA NO. 1 village (see map). This land is estimated to be about 1,000 acres. The land is grass covered and appeared to be suitable for cattle grazing.



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39. COMPLAINTS:  
No complaints of a serious nature were made to the Patrol. The people are quite friendly with one another and no complaints were made against Administration, Local Government Council or the mission.
40. COURTS:  
Very few courts were brought to the Patrol. All are of minor nature concerning pigs and gardens and did not warrant formal court action. All were settled arbitrarily.
41. REST HOUSES:  
Appendix 'C' details the number of rest houses and the distances between them. All Rest Houses were in satisfactory condition, except the Rest Houses at MEI'AURA and OGUNATABA. People were told to rebuild the Rest Houses before next Administration Patrol as these Rest Houses were leaking badly.
42. CARRIERS:  
These were easily obtained. Carriers were available when required right through the whole area.
43. HEALTH:  
People seen were in good health throughout the area. However minor skin diseases such as scabbies, sores from small cuts were numerous. The Aid Post at KOMBONO is the only Aid Post in the area and has perfect control over these minor diseases.
44. According to patient daily record book at KOMBONO Aid Post, diseases such as diarrhoea, dysentery and pneumonia were treated. Incidentally, whilst the Patrol was at KOMBONO a young man of about 28 died of pneumonia. Quite a number of leprosy patients were sent to OKAPA for treatment. These include a Councillor from KOMBONO Village. The Aid Post Orderly at KOMBONO reported that everything is under control and action by Public Health Department is not required.
45. The Aid Post is in a fairly good condition and no complaint was received from the Orderly. The Aid Post appeared to be well supplied with drugs etc.
46. EDUCATION:  
It was ascertained that some time ago a move was made by the people through the P.O.I.C. at OBURA that one Administration school should be established in the area. This move was put down by the Administration owing to the fact that two Primary 'T' Schools at OBURA and TO'OKENA Swiss Mission are capable of taking children from DOGANA and ITURUA Census units. The writer personally thinks that a school should be established. The reason for this is:
- (a) At present there are no Schools, either Missions or Administration in the area.
  - (b) The two Schools at OBURA and TO'OKENA do not have children enrolled from ITURUA area.
  - (c) The access - the problem which was taken as main reason for not establishing the School is now being



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made. Note that KAWAINA No. 1/AUANA road and KAWAINA No. 1/ATAKARA road is being constructed. Upon completion (it is expected that these roads will be available for vehicles by the end of 1970) these roads should give access to Schools built in the area. It is expected that KAWAINA NO. 1/ATAKARA road be extended to OBUFA and this should give access to ITURUA area and thus connect ITURUA with the outside centres such as Kainantu, Goroka, Lae etc.

47. ROADS & BRIDGES:

The Lamari Council allocated \$400 in 1968/69 financial year for the KAWAINA NO.1/AUANA road. The work on this road started early this year and is progressing well. This road is to connect AUANA - OKAPA road. It is expected to be completed by end of this year.

48. The KAWAINA No. 1/ATAKARA road is the extension of above road. The Council allocated further \$300 for this road and the work started in August this year. Upon completion these two roads will give access to 80% of the ITURUA area.

49. At present the area is connected by footpath. Some of these footpaths are not graded.

50. The bridges on the road are no problem because all creeks are quite small. The problem will come, however, when the KAWAINA - ATAKARA road is extended to OBUFA in which the road will cross LAMARI River - the biggest river in the area. This bridge will, no doubt, require expert technical skill and advice.

51. Cemeteries:

In whole of the ITURUA area, not one cemetery was seen by the Patrol. The dead were buried anywhere in the tribal ground. Usually when a person dies the body is buried on his land - garden area.

52. Missions:

The Missions operative in the area are S.D.A., Lutheran and the Swiss Evangelical Brotherhood. The S.D.A. and Lutheran Missions cover 95% of the area. The latter covers only one village (MOTOKARA) in the area. There are no large establishments made by all three Missions. The S.D.A. and Lutheran Missions have village churches and they have evangelists looking after them.

53. Airfields:

The only airfield that serves the area is located at OBUFA in the DOGANA area. There is neither an airfield nor a place suitable for airfield in the area. The unsuitability of putting an airfield in the area is precluded by a rough topography. The other factor is that OBUFA airstrip is so close to ITURUA and anything airlifted for ITURUA can be obtained easily.

54. ANTHROPOLOGY:

No anthropological data was found by this Patrol. The area has been under full control by the Administration for a long while and most people are using European implements, such as axe, knives, spades, etc.

55. LABOUR:

Both contract and casual labour is acceptable. The demand



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for labour has been heavy and the present village labour potential is quite low. Many young men have been employed on the Highlands Labour Scheme and when they return they do not do any work in the village etc.

56. There is no evident attitude towards the prevailing wage rate, conditions and terms of employment. All carriers were readily obtained.

57. Personal Tax - Council Tax:

The Council tax was collected in every place without any problems. All tax payers paid their Council tax without complaints. There were very few exemptions.

58. Census:

The Village Population Register is attached. The appendix 'B' contains the information on absentees, school attendants and employment trends.

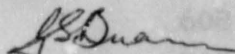
59. Attitudes Towards Local Government:

The people at first agreed to amalgamation of the three Councils. Many of the Councillors were upset over not joining. The people are now not interested in amalgamation for a few years. The reason being that most of the people started thinking they would have to pay a higher tax in the amalgamated Council. The people still have a lot to learn about Councils and so far have not developed any attitudes to local government.

60. Conclusion:

The people in the area are progressing well with their economy. People are eager to grow cash crops and every encouragement should be given. They are eager to develop their area and are working well.

61. The completion of KAWAINA-AUANA Road will give the easy access to sell their products and it is hoped that Schools which the area needs most of all will be given to them in the near future.

  
(G.S. BUANAM)

Patrol Officer.



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APPENDIX 'A'

COFFEE PLANTINGS

I T U R U A.

|               | <u>1968</u> | <u>1969</u> |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| MEI'AUNA      | 425         | 127         |
| MOTOKANA      | 400         | 212         |
| KOMBONO       | 213         | 141         |
| BIHEORI       | 206         | 281         |
| BAIRA NO. 1   | 264         | 616         |
| BAIRA NO. 2   | 102         | 294         |
| BI'API'ARATA  | 145         | 283         |
| KAWAINA NO. 1 | 329         | 368         |
| ATAKARA       | 617         | 285         |

D O G A R A.

|             | <u>1968</u> | <u>1969</u> |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| YONURA      | 1,133       | 345         |
| KURUNUMBURA | 447         | 128         |
| ASARA       | 448         | 223         |
| BAURONA     | 565         | 392         |
| HIMARATA    | 169         | 42          |
| ANIMA       | 376         | 293         |
| ORAURO      | 360         | 651         |
| HABI'INA    | 260         | 370         |
| TO'OKENA    | 1,191       | 608         |
| AHEA        | 223         | 885         |

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APPENDIX 'B'.

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BRIEF STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF THE 1969 VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER - ITURUA.

The total population of the ITURUA is now 2,791 and an increase of 23 since the 1958 Census.

The death rate fell from 1.00 per hundred in 1968 to 0.93. The birth rate also decreased from 4.56 per hundred to 2.40 per hundred. The rate of natural increase fell from 3.56 per hundred in 1968 to 1.47 per hundred. The rate of natural increase in 1967 was 2.86 per hundred.

Approximately 20% of the death is through old age.

The number of ITURUA attending Schools rose from 8 in 1968 to 14 in 1969. In 1967 there were 9 attending Schools. The 14 attending schools comprise 3 male adults, 2 female children and 9 male children. All are attending Mission (Lutheran) at OKAPA.

The number of males absent from the area is 150 and adult females 34. The male children is 18 and the female children number 17. The figure in the male adult is misleading because some H.L.S. Volunteers were recruited during patrol.

Twenty five per cent of the ITURUA'S labour force is wrking outside the district. Women absentees were not classified as absentee workers. Ten per cent of the women absentees are living with their husbands working inside the district in the time of census.

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APPENDIX "C"

Following is the number of Rest Houses and the approximate distances between them:

| NAME              | POPULATION | TOTAL             |              |
|-------------------|------------|-------------------|--------------|
| <u>REST HOUSE</u> | <u>TO</u>  | <u>REST HOUSE</u> | <u>DIST.</u> |
| KOBARA            |            | BIBEOR            | 9 miles      |
| BIBEORI           |            | BAIRA NO. 1       | 3½ "         |
| BAIRA No. 1       |            | KOMBORO           | 3½ "         |
| KOMBORO           |            | KAWAINA           | 2½ "         |
| KAWAINA           |            | BI'API'ARATA      | 8 "          |
| BI'API'ARATA      |            | MEI'AUNA          | ½ mile       |
| MEI'AUNA          |            | OGURATABA         | 9 miles.     |

2. Primary 'T' School

3. Well - at [unclear]

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|    |             |     |
|----|-------------|-----|
| B. | BAIRA NO. 1 | 347 |
|    | BAIRA NO. 2 | 288 |
|    | KOMBORO     | 418 |

This Ward has already an Aid Post.  
A Well should be installed.

|    |              |     |
|----|--------------|-----|
| C. | BI'API'ARATA | 151 |
|    | MEI'AUNA     | 278 |
|    | BAVUSPA      | 184 |
|    | OGURATABA    | 58  |

The following is recommended:

1. Aid Post
2. Water Well
3. Road from KIMAN to OGURATABA.

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APPENDIX "D"

PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARY RE-DISTRIBUTION

A. GEROMA WARD C TENEI POPULATION TOTAL

|          |     |     |
|----------|-----|-----|
| KOBARA   | 93  |     |
| ATAKARA  | 174 |     |
| BIBEORI  | 288 |     |
| NUMBAIRA | 99  | 654 |

The following should be established:

1. Aid Post
2. Primary 'T' School
3. Well - at BIBEORI.

B. BAIRA NO. 1 347  
BAIRA NO. 2 208  
KOMBORO 418 973

This Ward has already an Aid Post.  
A Well should be installed.

C. BI'API'ARATA 131  
MEI'AUNA 258  
BAKUMPA 194  
OGURATABA 53 636

The following is recommended:

1. Aid Post
2. Water Well
3. Road from KAWAINA to OGURATABA.

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APPENDIX 'E'

COMMENTS PATROL POLICE.

SERGEANT 2/C TEMEI:

An experienced N.C.O. with 33 years in Service. Spent most of his time in service at the outstations worked very well during the patrol. Despite his age TEMEI withstood long and hard walks and did not show fatigue. He is retiring in December.

CONSTABLE 1/C NAIA:

Good N.C.O. although old. Worked quite well.

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DIARY.

4

Date.

Particulars.

15.7.69.

2 P.M. departed Obura Station with Mr. G. Buanam for Kobara. Arrived at Kobara 5 P.M. Slept overnight at Kobara rest house.

16.7.69.

0.800 A.M. to 09.30 A.M. people gathered. 09.30 A.M. to 11.30 A.M. Tax collected for Kobara. 11.30 A.M. to 12 noon ~~collected~~ Tax receipts and ready to depart for Bibeori. 1 P.M. departed Kobara for Bibeori. Arrived at Bibeori 3 P.M. 3 P.M. to 4 P.M. speech given to the people by Mr. Buanam. Slept overnight at Bibeori rest house.

17.7.69.

0.800 A.M. to 08.30 A.M. people gathered 08.30 A.M. to 4 P.M. Tax Collected for Atakara, Bibeori and Numbaira. Slept again at Bibeori rest house.

18.7.69.

0.800 A.M. departed Bibeori for Baira. Arrived at Baira 10 A.M. 10.00 A.M. to 10.30 A.M. speech given by Mr. Buanam to the people. 10.30 A.M. to 3 P.M. Tax Collected for Baira No.1. and Baira No.2. Tax Collection not completed but stopped at 3 P.M. because of rain. Slept at Baira rest house.

19.7.69.

08.00 A.M. to 10 A.M. Tax Collection completed for Baira No.1. 10.15 A.M. departed Baira for Komoro. Arrived at Komoro 11.30 A.M. Rest Saturday. Slept overnight at Komoro rest house.

20.7.69.

Sunday observed. Slept again at Komoro.

21.7.69.

08.00 A.M. to 11.00 A.M. Tax Collected for Komoro. 12 noon departed Komoro for Kawaina. 1.30 P.M. Tax Collected of Bakumpa village. Slept overnight at Kawaina rest house.

22.7.69.

08.00 A.M. to 08.30 A.M. people gathered. 08.30 A.M. to 12 noon Tax Collected for Kawaina. 12.30 P.M. departed rest house with Mr. C. Buanam for new road inspection (KAWAINA/AUYANA). At 3 P.M. ~~departed~~ ~~rest house~~ for Biapiarata. Slept overnight at Biapiarata rest house.

23.7.69.

08.00 A.M. Tax Collected for Biapiarata and moved to Mei'auna. 1 P.M. Tax collected for Ogunatuba and Mei'auna. Slept overnight at Mei'auna rest house.

24.7.69.

07.45 A.M. departed Mei'auna for Oraura Via Binata and Kokomubira. Arrived at Oraura 5.15 P.M. Slept overnight at Oraura rest house.



3

Date.

Particulars.

25.7.69.

08.00 A.M. to 08.30 A.M. people gathered.  
08.30 A.M. to 09.30 A.M. speech given to the  
people by Mr. G. Buanan re-amalgamation of the  
three Councils. 09.30 A.M. to 12 noon Tax  
Collected for Oraura. 1.20 P.M. departed Oraura  
for Habai'ina. Arrived at Habai'ina 4 P.M.  
Slept overnight at Habai'ina rest house.

26.7.69.

08.00 A.M. to 08.30 A.M. people gathered.  
08.30 A.M. to 11.30 A.M. Tax collected for  
Habai'ina. 12 noon departed Habai'ina for  
To'okena. Lest Saturday. Slept overnight at  
To'okena rest house.

27.7.69.

Sunday observed. Slept again at To'okena.

28.7.69.

08.00 A.M. to 09.00 A.M. people gathered.  
09.00 A.M. to 12 noon Tax collected for To'okena  
Village. 1 P.M. to 3.30 P.M. Tax collected for  
Ahea and moved to Anima. Slept overnight at  
Anima new rest house.

29.7.69.

08.00 A.M. to 09.30 A.M. people gathered.  
09.30 A.M. to 3 P.M. tax collected for Himarata  
and Anima. 3.15 P.M. departed Anima for Asara.  
Arrived at Asara 6 P.M. Slept at Asara rest house.

30.7.69.

08.00 A.M. to 09.30 A.M. people gathered.  
09.30 A.M. to 11.00 A.M. Tax collected for Asara.  
11.15 A.M. departed Asara for Obura Station.  
1 P.M. to 4 P.M. Tax collected for Motokara and  
Kaurona.

31.7.69.

08.00 A.M. to 10.00 A.M. people gathered.  
10.00 A.M. to 3 P.M. Tax collected for Kurunurua  
and Yonura.

1.8.69.

8.00 A.M. to 09.00 P.M. Tax collected for  
Obura Station.

Ended Lamari Council Tax Patrol.

*W. Megiia*  
W. Megiia  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANT.

DIARY.

2

Date.

Particulars.

15.7.69.

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16.7.69.

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19.7.69.

08.00 A.M. to 10.A.M. Tax Collection completed for Baira No.1. 10.15 A.M. departed Baira for Komboro. Arrived at Komboro 11.30 A.M. Rest Saturday. Slept overnight at Komboro rest house.

20.7.69.

Sunday observed. Slept again at Komboro.

21.7.69.

08.00 A.M. to 11.00 A.M. Tax Collected for Komboro. 12noon departed Komboro for Kawaina. 1.30 P.M. Tax Collected of Bakumpa village. Slept overnight at Kawaina rest house.

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Amount  
Returned  
to Store



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of EASTERN HIGHLANDS Report No. OBJIA - 2/1969/70

Patrol Conducted by A. PLUMMER A.D.O.

Area Patrolled PIORE C/D

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans \*\*\*\*\*

Natives 2 R.P.N.G.C. 1 Interpreter

Duration—From 16/7/1969 to 24/7/1969

Number of Days 9

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? \*\*\*\*\*

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 17/4/1969

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

Map Reference EASTERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT MAP.

Objects of Patrol GENERAL ADMINISTRATION - POLITICAL EDUCATION.

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

4/9/1969

*O. J. Mathison*  
District Commissioner

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

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

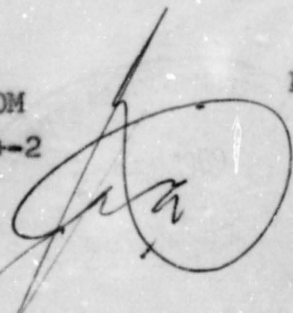
Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund .... \$.....

*Indra Moko*

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DISCOM  
67-14-2

Division XXXXXXXX  
Department of the Administrator,  
GOROKA, Eastern Highlands District.



17th September, 1969.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
KAINANTU.

OBURA PATROL REPORT NO. 2 OF 1962/1970  
PIORA CENSUS DIVISION

I refer to your 67-1-3 of the 29th August, 1969, and thank you for the report and attachments.


2. I agree that this report gives a clear picture of the conditions prevailing in the Census Division. The matter of the possible splitting of the Census Division will be held in abeyance until receipt of your specific recommendations.

3. I consider that Mr. Plummer could have considerably amplified some of the material presented briefly under the various headings and would appreciate further information under the heading POLITICAL EDUCATION on page 2 of his report.

4. Would you please ensure that your officers are clearly aware that I require detailed comments on the manner in which political education talks are received by the people and a summary, at least, of any particular queries that may be raised by the village people. Discussions on Local Government are certainly political type discussions and my remarks above apply equally to talks on Local Government.

5. I would like you to take up Mr. Plummer's recommendation that selected people be invited and brought in to observe meetings of the Lamari and Kainantu Local Government Councils. Please put this in hand as soon as possible and advise me of details.

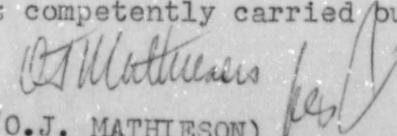
6. Mr. Plummer is an experienced field officer and I am sure that the area benefited from this patrol.

  
(O.J. MATHIESON)  
District Commissioner

Minute to:  
Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU.

17/9/69

The various attachments, together with copies of this patrol report, are attached herewith. The report is well written and the patrol was competently carried out.

  
(O.J. MATHIESON)  
District Commissioner

Att.



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LISTROFF

67-1-3  
JLH:CJ

Division  
XXXXXXX

Sub-District Office,  
P.O. Box 121,  
KAINANTU, E.H.D.

11th July, 1969.

Mr. T. Plummer,  
Assistant District Officer,  
KAINANTU, E.H.D.

Dear Mr. Plummer,

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS: PIORA DIVISION: OBURA.

Please prepare to commence a Patrol of the Piora Census Division which until 30th June, 1969 was within the Wonenara Sub-District. As a Census/Area Study Patrol was conducted of the Division in April, 1969, your objects will be:

- (1) General Administration
- (2) Political Education
- (3) Local Government Council potential
- (4) Advise the inhabitants of change of their Administrative centre.

Your Report should conform with the Director's 67-1-0 of the 21st. June, 1968.

Yours faithfully,

(J. L. Hastings)  
ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

67-13-5

22nd September, 1969.

The District Commissioner,  
Eastern Highlands District,  
GOROKA.

PATROL OBURA NO. 2/1969-70.

Your reference is 67-14-2 of 4th September, 1969.

2. I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report by A. Plummer, A.D.O. to Piore Census Division.

3. Please bring to Mr. Plummer's attention the necessity for a clearance on policy before committing the Administration. I refer to the selection of trainees to attend a course at Kainantu in the growing of Passionfruit.

(T.W. ELLIS)

SecretaryDepartment of the Administrator.

cc: Mr. A. Plummer, P.O.,  
OBURA Patrol Post,  
Eastern Highlands District.

Please note that political education must be a continuing process in all situations with the emphasis on the advantages of national unity.

the area, work of which was taken up in walking, indicating an unjustified haste and account for the startling lack of information in your situation report. Your future reports must be collected in a more satisfactory manner and should gain the complete confidence of the people.



67-14-2

4th September 1969.

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R.G.

Minute to:

Assistant District Commissioner,  
KAINANTU.

Your patrol instructions should include the requirement of spending at least one night in every rest house and some indication of the duration you wish the patrol to remain in an area.

2. Ensure that no Officer suggests the introduction of passionfruit into any area not adjacent to a Cottees road run without the prior approval of this office.

3. You will recall that one of the main purposes of transferring the Piora Census Division from Wonenara to Obura was justification for the retention of Obura Patrol Post. The Officer in charge there has had little enough responsibility now that the area is settled. The Okapa Council, now incorporating the Auyana C.D. is fully extended and consequently I will not approve any split of the Piora C.D. as suggested.

I am in receipt of your report (O.J. MATHIESON)  
Patrol. District Commissioner

2. Note that the Census Division is spelled PIORA and the following are the correct spellings of Villages referred to in your report:

c.c. The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU

For your records, please.

1. Part of your report would be improved by expanding paragraphs.

(O.J. MATHIESON)  
District Commissioner

4. I fail to appreciate your suggestion for the introduction of passionfruit as a cash crop into the area. Surely you would agree after traversing the area concerned that a cash crop introduced should be the highest possible cash/weight ratio. At present the highest Cottees current cash service, the price of passionfruit is 2 cents per pound. That centre is the nearest Piora Village, and the return to the grower could be a maximum of 4 cents per hour's postage with no expense for planting, tending or collecting.

5. I find no explanation in the report for your failure to actually visit the villages of Obura and Obepel. You have failed to give any indications of attendance at your discussions. Admittedly the area is sparsely populated, however their backwardness is very evident and surely spending seven days within the area, most of which was spent in walking, indicates an unjustified haste and excuse for the startling lack of information in your situation report. Your future patrols must be conducted in a more leisurely manner calculated to gain the complete confidence of the people.

(O.J. MATHIESON)  
District Commissioner

67-14-2

Division of District Administration,  
Department of the Administrator,  
GOROKA.  
Eastern Highlands District.

4th September 1969.

Mr. T. Plummer,  
Assistant District Officer,  
KAIWANTU.

Mr. A. Plummer,  
District Office,  
KAIWANTU.

Dear Mr. Plummer,

REPORT OF PATROL - OBURA NO.2/69-70  
PIORA CENSUS DIVISION

I am in receipt of your Report of the aboverferenced  
Patrol.

2. Note that the Census Division is spelled PIORA and the  
following are the correct spellings of Villages referred to  
in your Diary:

AGAMISEI.  
TAINARABA.  
AMORABA  
OWENIA.

3. Set out of your report would be improved by numbering  
paragraphs.

4. I fail to appreciate your reasoning in recommending the  
introduction of passionfruit as a cash crop into this remote  
area. Surely you would agree after traversing the terrain  
concerned that any cash crop introduced would need to have the  
highest possible cash/weight ratio. At Okapa, the limit of  
Cottees current purchasing service, the price for passionfruit  
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(O.J. MATHIESON)  
District Commissioner

c.c. F.O.I.C. OBURA.



DISTROFF

67-1-3

JLH:CJ

Division

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Sub-District Office,  
P.O. Box 121,  
KAINANTU, E.H.D.

29th August, 1969.

Mr. T. Plummer,  
Assistant District Officer,  
KAINANTU, E.H.D.

Dear Mr. Plummer,

OBURA PATROL REPORT NO. 2 1969/70: PIORA C/D.

Receipt of your Situation Report on your Patrol to the Piora Division is acknowledged with thanks.

The Division recently included in the Kainantu Sub-District is the only one not included in a Local Government Council and from the Report the area is economically far behind the Itura and Dogara Divisions of the Lamari Local Government Council where there is at least limited economic development.

Your Report gives a clear and concise picture of prevailing situation in the Division and I fully concur with your three recommendations which I will ensure are acted upon.

I have discussed your suggestion on splitting the area with Officers of other Departments who have patrolled the Division and they have identical views. I will make submission that the Division be split in line with your suggestion.

Dr. Radford has informed me he intends establishing an Aid Post at OWENIA as soon as possible. This should enable records to be kept on the death rate which is at present doubted by Dr. Radford.

The extension of the Obura-Tokenia Road through to ORAJURA by the Lamari Council during the current financial year will considerably encourage and help economic development in the Piora Division.

I am sure your visit to the Division has been of benefit to the inhabitants as well as yourself and my thanks for the efficient manner in which the Patrol was conducted.

Yours faithfully,

  
(J. A. Hastings)

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

DISTROFF

67-1-3

JLH:CJ

Division

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Yours faithfully,

  
(J. C. HASTINGS)

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.



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CBURA REPORT NO. 2 1969/70

KAINANTU SUB-DISTRICT

EASTERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT

PIORE CENSUS DIVISION/ NON COUNCIL AREA

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: A. PLUMMER

DESIGNATION: ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER.

AREA PATROLLED: PIORE CENSUS DIVISION

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL: 2 R.P. G.C.  
1 INTERPRETER

DURATION OF PATROL: 16/7/69 to 24/7/69 - 9 DAYS.

DATE AND DURATION LAST D.D.A. PATROL: WONENARA 7 68/69

31/3/60 to 17/4/69 -17DAYS.

OBJECTS OF PATROL: GENERAL ADMINISTRATION, POLITICAL EDUCATION  
PARTICULARLY L.G.

TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA PATROLLED: 1,825

MAP REFERENCE: E.H.D. MAP 1" = 2 MILES.

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER NOT ENCLOSED.

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OBURA PATROL REPORT NO. 2--1980790.

DIARY:

- WEDNESDAY - 16/7/69: Departed OBURA 0840 hrs. Arrived ORAURA 1440 hrs. Camped.
- THURSDAY - 17/7/69: Departed ORAURA 0750 hrs. Arrived KONKONBILA at 1010 hrs. Made Camp. Discussions with people re Local Government, House of Assembly, and introduction of Passionfruit to area. Slept.
- FRIDAY - 18/7/69: Departed OBLO, arriving PINATA 1020 hrs. Singing in progress. At night talks with PINATA 1 and 2 and WAISARA peoples.
- SATURDAY - 19/7/69: Departed 0750 arriving OWENA 1110 hrs. People in gardens. At night discussions held.
- SUNDAY - 20/7/69: Departed 0830 hrs arriving TAINOROKA 1045. Discussions with TAINOROKA and KAIRABA peoples.
- MONDAY - 21/7/69: Departed 0710 hrs arriving MOBUTA 1215 hrs. AUDRABA and MOBUTA peoples assembled and general talks held.
- TUESDAY - 22/7/69: Departed 0720 hrs arriving AGUMUSEI 0950 hrs. Discussions with people.
- WEDNESDAY - 23/7/69: Departed 0600. Through MOBUTA, across the LANARI river into the OKAPA area, hence to OKASA, arriving 1750 hrs. Slept.
- THURSDAY - 24/7/69: Car from OKAPA arrived transferring patrol to OKAPA, thence to KAINANTU.

END OF PATROL.



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SITUATION REPORT.

(a) POLITICAL:

Local Government:

The people of the PIORE Census Division do not belong to a Council and exist under the old Village official scheme with Luluais and Tul Tuls in all villages. One of the purposes of the patrol was to ascertain the peoples reaction to, knowledge of, and preparedness for, the introduction of Local Government.

Talks were held in all villages on Local Government, explaining in broad outlines the principles and aims of Local Government and the benefits of same. In general there was no noticeable reaction, but I feel that a start has to be made somewhere and if all future patrols to the area make a point of discussing Local Government with the people, then gradually a reasonable knowledge of the workings and aims of Local Government will be attained by the people.

The main drawbacks to incorporating this area into the Lamari Local Government Council at present are:-

- (i) Distance to Obura Patrol Post and terrain.
- (ii) Lack of any form of economic development.

The furthest village of the PIORE Census Division, AGUMUSEI, is some three long days walk from OBURA Patrol Post. There is no likelihood of any road being put through to this point because of the impossibility of the terrain. Steep mountain ridges rising from the Lamari river at about 4,000 ft. to 8,000 ft. are a barrier to road construction.

At the present time no form of economic development exists and any money in the area is gained from carrying for patrols (a negligible amount) or from that brought back by the few men away working under the Highland Labour Scheme.

The following RECOMMENDATIONS are put forward as possible answers to the present situation:

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A further possibility is evident, but would mean splitting the area. The PIORE Census Division is made



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Whilst talking with the people on Local Government continual reference was made to the House of Assembly and its relationship to Local Government. Little appreciation of the House is evident. I attempted to explain the relationship between the two systems and their spheres of control, but only repeated efforts along these lines will produce any noticeable improvement in their understanding of governmental policies and aims.

House of Assembly Members:

No visits have been made to the area by either of the two members, Mr. N.M. Casey, M.H.A. and Mr. D. Buchanan, M.H.A. The people do not know their members and because of their failure to visit the area, have no knowledge of their work.

Political Education:

As previously mentioned, discussions were held on all aspects of Local Government and Central Government. In the area few people have even a rudimentary knowledge of either.

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There is no non-indigenous development in this area.

(c) SOCIAL:

Education:

A Mr. R. Loving of S.I.L. is situated at Mobuta and is conducting literacy classes in the AWA language. However a few children from the area are at the Lutheran Mission School at WONENARA.

Health:

Appears reasonable - the last census figures for the area show a natural increase rate of 1.95 per hundred. However the death rate of 0.88 per hundred is an unreasonable figure and Dr. Radford of Kainantu informs me that this figure is an unlikely one for the area and that deaths were probably hidden by the people and not reported to the officer conducting census.

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informative report of the health situation of the area.

Law & Order:

Only minor disputes were arbitrated upon during the patrol, none requiring court action.

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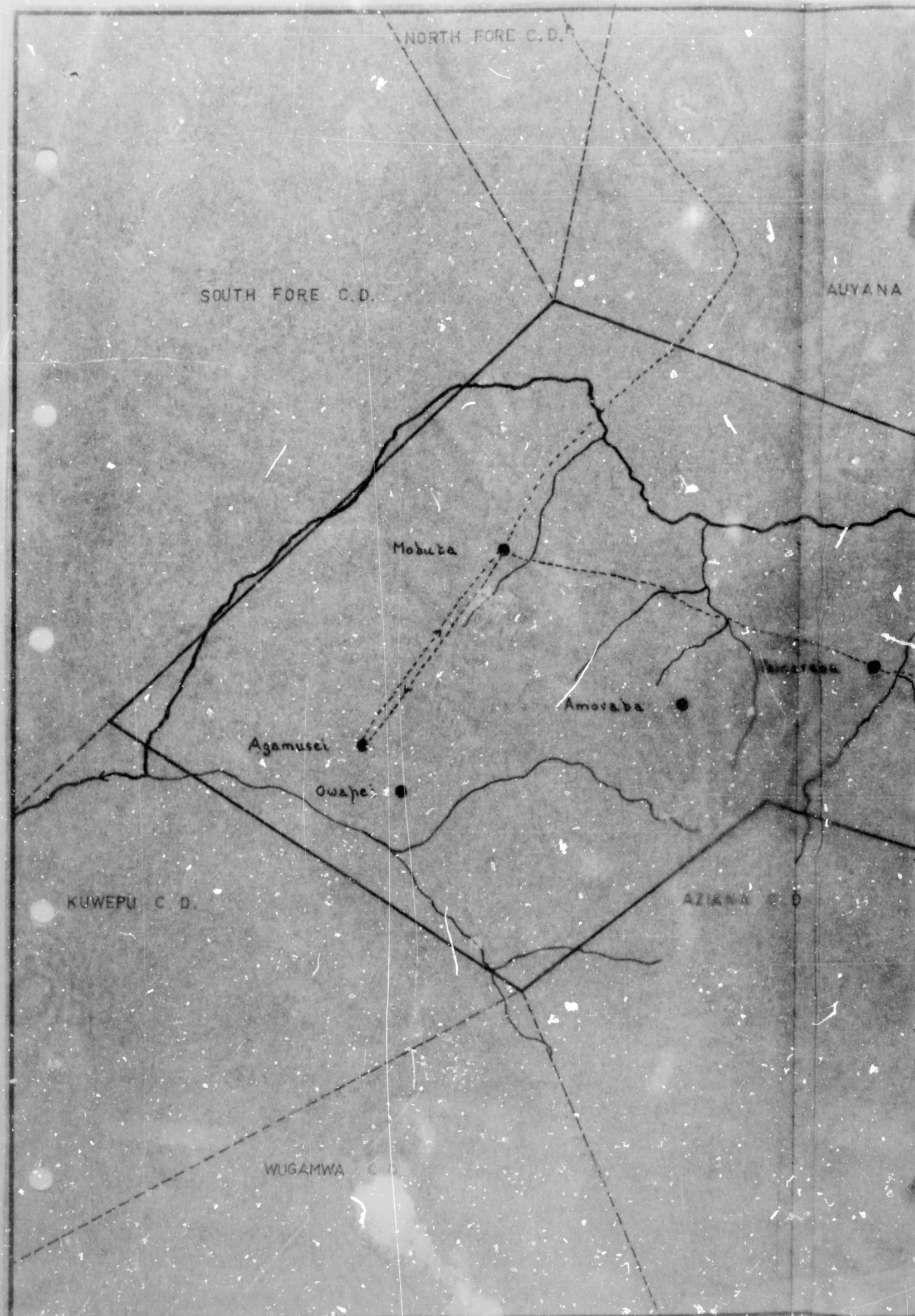
None apparent.

Miscellaneous:

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(A. Plummer)  
ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER.



NORTH FORE C.D.

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AUYANA

Moduta

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Map to accompany  
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Scale : 1 mile : line  
Patrol route

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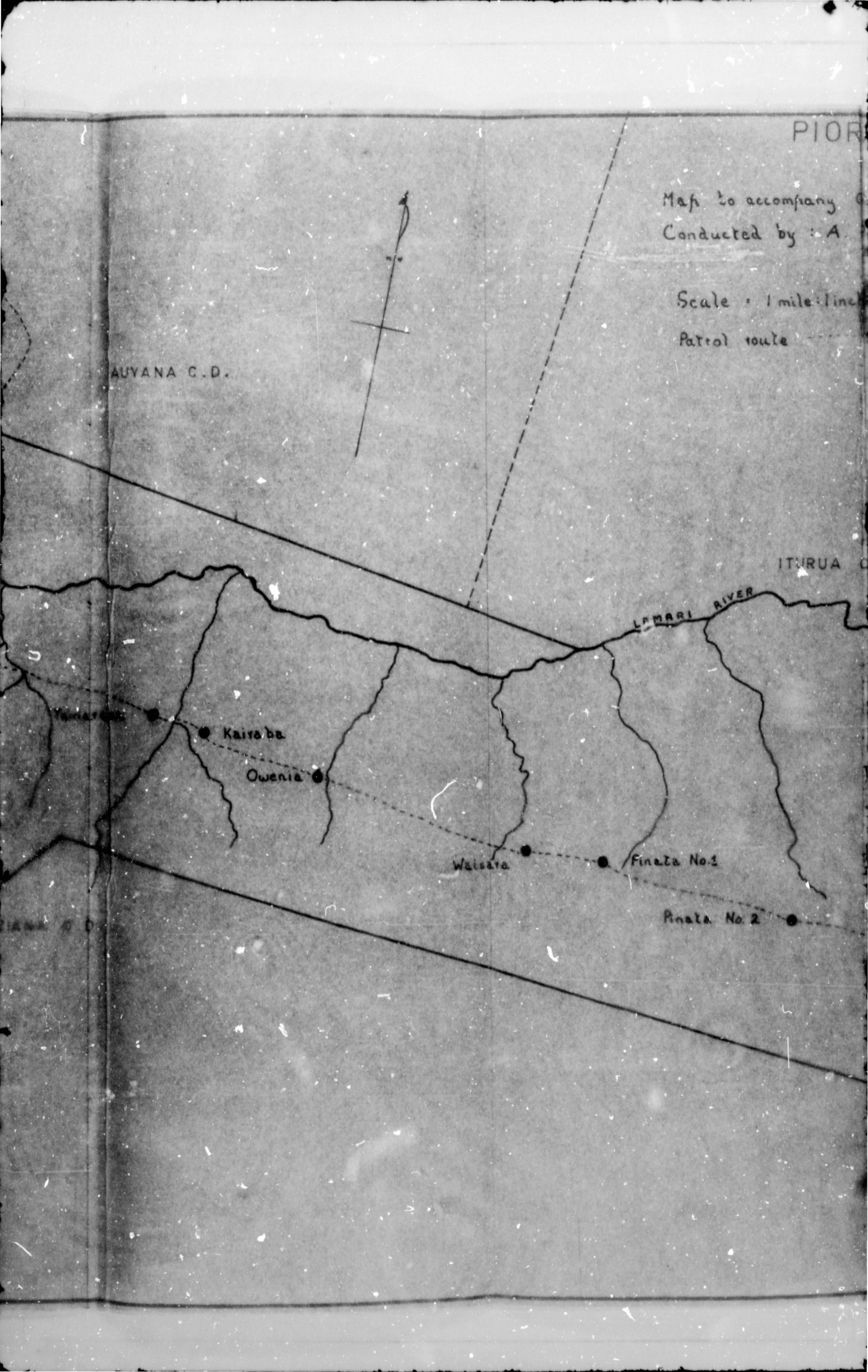
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# PIORA CENSUS DIVISION

Company Obura Patrol No. 2 of 1969/70

by : A. Plummer A.D.O.

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DOGARA C.D.

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Obura No. 2

Morobe District





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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of EASTERN HIGHLANDS Report No. 3 - 1969/70

Patrol Conducted by G.S. BUANAM, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled LAMARI COUNCIL AREA

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1 R.P.N.G.C. member

Natives 1 Interpreter

Duration—From 17/10/69 to 22/10/69

Number of Days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 30/7/69

Medical / / 19

Map Reference E.H.D. 2 miles - 1 inch - Patrol Map attached.

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Director of District Administration, PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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Division of District Administration,  
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It was noticed that people because of their tribal differences and because traditionally they were enemies to one another were afraid to visit the Aid Post. For example HABI'ONAS and ATEAS do not visit TO'OKENA Aid Post because they fear that TO'OLENAS may poison them. The fear of being poisoned is one common factor found among people of both DOGARA and ITURUA Census Divisions.

Conclusion:

The Influenza effects appear to be slowing down but mass penicillin injection is urgently required to help Influenza from spreading.

|                  |              |     |
|------------------|--------------|-----|
| WAIWAI           | Not affected |     |
| KAMATI'S DIST. 1 | 30           |     |
| DOGARA           | 53           |     |
| KUMBORE          |              |     |
| NEI'AUWA         |              |     |
| MOTOKIARI        |              |     |
| SUMBAIRA         | 11           |     |
| OHURATAPA        | 4            |     |
| KUPUNUKIWA       | 10           |     |
| KORUAI           | 18           |     |
| OHUWA SLEYION    | 53           |     |
| OHUWA KITEH      | 40           |     |
| KUPUNUKIWA       | 63           |     |
| KATONIA          |              |     |
| AKIWA            | 27           |     |
| ASAPA            | 32           |     |
| ASPA             | 13           | 1   |
| TO'OKENA         | 13           | 2   |
| TO'OLENA DIST.   | 29           | 211 |
| WAIWAI           | 71           |     |
| WAIWAI           | 13           |     |
| WAIWAI           | 106          |     |
| WAIWAI           | 28           |     |

*G.S. Buanam*  
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Patrol Officer.



APPENDIX 'A'

INFLUENZA - ITURUA/DOGARA CENSUS DIVISION - OBURA

| <u>Village</u> | <u>C/D</u> | <u>No. Affected</u> | <u>No. Deaths</u> |
|----------------|------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| ATAKARA        | ITURUA     | 3                   | Nil               |
| BAIRA NO. 1    | "          | 23                  | 2                 |
| BAIRA NO. 2    | "          | 37                  | Nil               |
| BAKUMPA        | "          | 3                   | "                 |
| BI'API'ARATA   | "          | Not Affected        | "                 |
| KAWAINA NO. 1  | "          | 30                  | "                 |
| KOBARA         | "          | 33                  | "                 |
| KOMBORO        | "          | 3                   | "                 |
| MEI'AUNA       | "          | Not Affected        | "                 |
| MOTOKARA       | "          | 10                  | "                 |
| NUMBAIRA       | "          | 11                  | "                 |
| OGURATABA)     | "          | 6                   | "                 |
| KURUNUMBURA    | DOGARA     | 10                  | "                 |
| YONUHA         | "          | 38                  | "                 |
| OBURA STATION  | "          | 53                  | "                 |
| OBURA SWISS    | "          | 40                  | "                 |
| MISSION&SCHOOL | "          | 60                  | "                 |
| KAURONA        | "          |                     |                   |
| ANIMA          | "          | 29                  | "                 |
| ASARA          | "          | 32                  | 5                 |
| AHEA           | "          | 33                  | 1                 |
| TO'OKENA       | "          | 13                  | 2                 |
| TO'OKENA SIWSS | "          | 29                  | Nil               |
| MISSION&SCHCOL | "          | 71                  | "                 |
| HIMARATA       | "          | 48                  | 7                 |
| HABI'INA       | "          | 106                 | 1                 |
| ORAUHA         | "          | 20                  | 2                 |

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DISTROFF.

Division  
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JML/SVH

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Division of District Administration

KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

3rd December, 1969.

District Commissioner,  
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GOROKA.

PATROL NO. OBURA 3/69-70.

Your reference 67-14-2 of 24th November,  
1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special  
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and ITURUA Census Divisions.

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(T.W. ELLIS)

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INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC PATROL

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The report, although brief, adequately covers number of  
the special purpose of the patrol.

All the necessary information has been passed: sure  
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Yours faithfully,  
(O.J. MATHIESON)  
District Commissioner

c.c. Secretary, Department of the Administrator, Konedobu.

-Original and one copy of above referenced report  
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map and comments by the Assistant District Commissioner.

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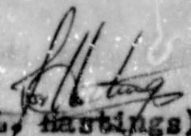
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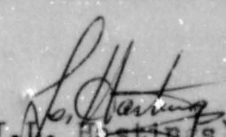
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The need to seek treatment was stressed in every village visited. It was known that many affected people do not seek treatment at the Aid Post. At Ahea village a boy of 11 years of age was kept in the village despite the repeated request by Sister Rosti in charge of To'okena Health Centre to bring the boy for treatment. The boy was later found by the Patrol and sent to Kainantu for treatment.



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It was noticed that people because of their tribal differences and because traditionally they were enemies to one another were afraid to visit the Aid Post. For example HABI'ONAS and AHEAS do not visit TO'OKENA Aid Post because they fear that TO'OKENAS may poison them. The fear of being poisoned is one common factor found among people of both DOGARA and ITURUA Census Divisions.

Conclusion.

The Influenza effects appear to be slowing down but mass penicillin injection is urgently required to help Influenza from spreading.

|                |        |              |     |
|----------------|--------|--------------|-----|
|                |        | Not Affected |     |
| KIMINA NO. 1   | "      | 30           | "   |
| KOBARA         | "      | 33           | "   |
| KONBORO        | "      |              | "   |
| MHI'AUJA       | "      |              | "   |
| MOTOKARA       | "      | 10           | "   |
| MUMBAIRA       | "      | 11           | "   |
| OGURATARA      | "      | 0            | "   |
| KUMHUMBURA     | DOGARA | 10           | "   |
| TUNGRA         | "      | 38           | "   |
| OGURI STATION  | "      | 53           | "   |
| OGURA SMITH    | "      | 10           | "   |
| MISSION SCHOOL | "      | 60           | "   |
| LAURAMA        | "      |              | "   |
| ANINA          | "      | 29           | "   |
| ASARA          | "      | 32           | "   |
| AHSA           | "      | 33           | 1   |
| TO'OKERA       | "      | 43           | 2   |
| TO'OKINA HUROR | "      | 24           | 321 |
| MISSION SCHOOL | "      | 71           | 0   |
| KIARANTA       | "      | 10           | 7   |
| HABI'INA       | "      | 106          | 1   |
| EPADDA         | "      | 30           | 2   |

*G. S. Buanam*  
(G.S. BUANAM)  
Patrol Officer.

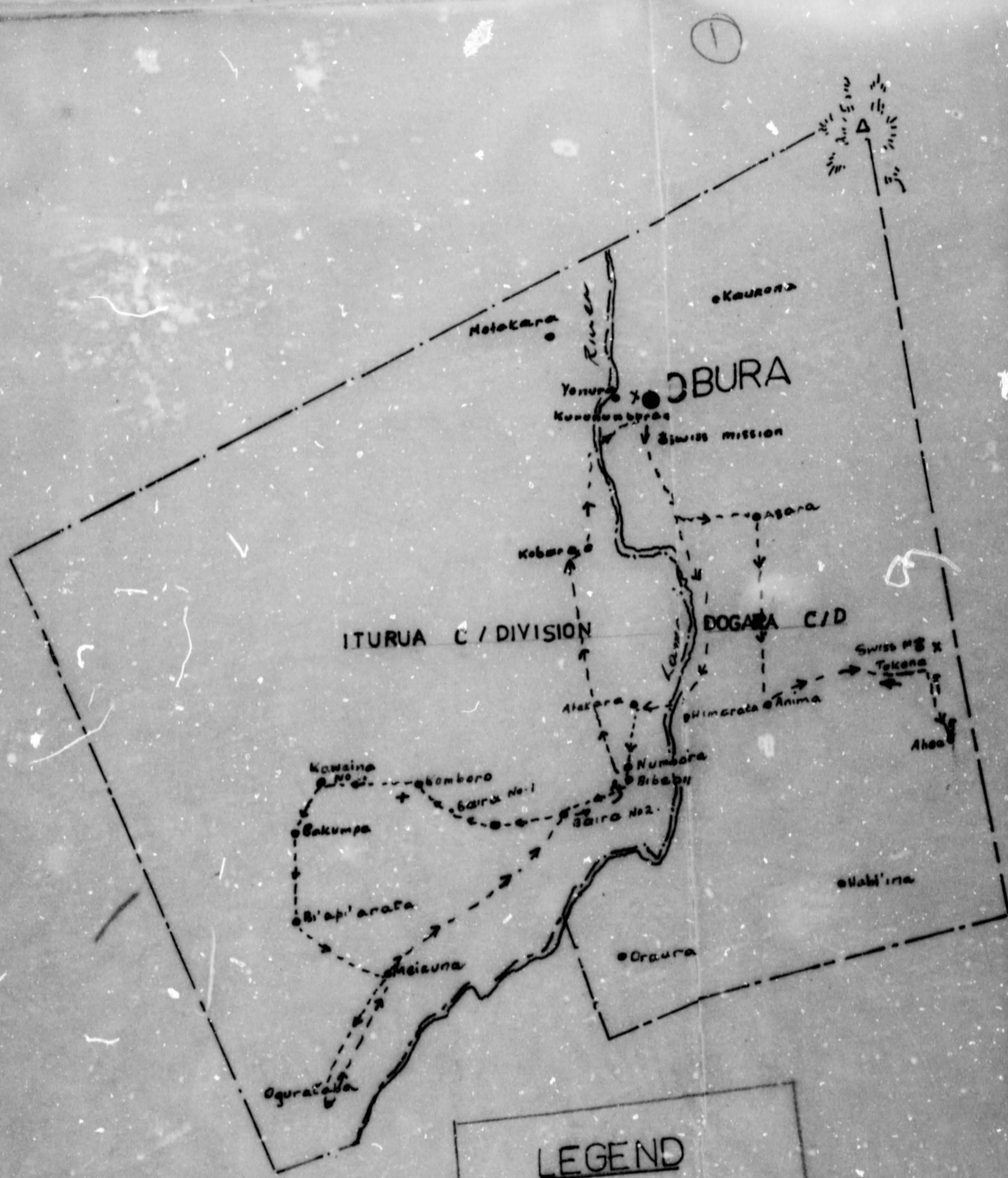
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APPENDIX 'A'

INFLUENZA - ITURUA/DOGARA CENSUS DIVISION - OBURA

| <u>Village</u> | <u>C/D</u> | <u>No. Affected</u> | <u>No. Deaths</u> |
|----------------|------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| ATAKARA        | ITURUA     | 3                   | Nil               |
| BAIRA NO. 1    | "          | 23                  | 2                 |
| BAIRA NO. 2    | "          | 37                  | Nil               |
| BAKUMPA        | "          | 3                   | "                 |
| BI'API'ARATA   | "          | Not Affected        | "                 |
| KAWAINA NO. 1  | "          | 30                  | "                 |
| KOBARA         | "          | 33                  | "                 |
| KOMBORO        | "          | 3                   | "                 |
| MEI'AUNA       | "          | Not Affected        | "                 |
| MOTOKARA       | "          | 10                  | "                 |
| NUMBAIRA       | "          | 11                  | "                 |
| OGURATABA)     | "          | 6                   | "                 |
| KURJNUMBURA    | DOGARA     | 10                  | "                 |
| YONURA         | "          | 38                  | "                 |
| OBURA STATION  | "          | 53                  | "                 |
| OBURA SWISS    | "          | 40                  | "                 |
| MISSION&SCHOOL | "          | 60                  | "                 |
| KAURONA        | "          |                     | "                 |
| ANIMA          | "          | 29                  | "                 |
| ASARA          | "          | 32                  | 5                 |
| AHEA           | "          | 33                  | 1                 |
| TO'OKENA       | "          | 13                  | 2                 |
| TO'OKENA SIWSS | "          | 29                  | Nil               |
| MISSION&SCHOOL | "          | 71                  | "                 |
| HIMARATA       | "          | 48                  | 7                 |
| HABI'INA       | "          | 106                 | 1                 |
| ORAUARA        | "          | 20                  | 2                 |





**LEGEND**

- Village
- X AID POST
- - - PATROL ROUTE





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of... Eastern Highlands ..... Report No. .... OBURA No. 4 of 1969/70.

Patrol Conducted by..... W. R. Bartlett ..... (Patrol Officer).....

Area Patrolled..... ITURUA, DOGARA ..... (LAMARI L.G.C.) and PIQBA C.D.s.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... Nil .....  
Natives..... 1 Hospital Orderly (DOGARA C.D. only)  
1 R.P.N.G.C. Member, 2 Interpreters (Patrol)

Duration—From... 27/10/1969 ... to 7/11/1969.

Number of Days..... 11 Patrol and 1 Field.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?..... Hospital Orderly.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services..... Jly&Oct/1969..

Medical ..... October/1969..

Map Reference..... Eastern Highlands District Map (2 mls. - 1 in.).....  
Attached Patrol Map.

Objects of Patrol..... Advertise Prospecting Authority Applic. No. 148; Ptcl. Education;  
H.L.S. volunteer recruitment; Collect L.G. Tax from Defaulters;  
Influenza check at HIMARATA, HABI'INA & ORAURA No. 1 villages.

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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Division of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU. PAFUA.

18th December, 1969.

The District Commissioner,  
Eastern Highlands District,  
GOROKA.

PATROL NO. OBURA 4/1969-70

Your reference 67-14-2 of 8th December, 1969.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report by Mr. W.R. Bartlett, P.O., to ITURUA, DOGARA and FIGRA Census Divisions.

Mr. Bartlett has conducted an effective patrol. His report is a well compiled, informative submission.

(T.W. ELLIS)  
Secretary  
Department of the Administrator.

Mr. W.R. Bartlett,  
Sub-District Office,  
KAINANTU. Eastern Highlands District.

Whilst political education is a continuing process it is becoming a more specialised task, and you are still expected to participate fully in its extension at every opportunity.

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Division of District Administration,

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GOROKA  
Eastern Highlands District.

8th December, 1969.



Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
KAINANTU

OBURA SPECIAL PATROL  
No. 4 of 1969/70  
OBURA ADMINISTRATIVE AREA

Thank you for the copies of Mr. Bartlett's report of his patrol to the Obura Area. Your comments are quite adequate for this report, which once again demonstrates Mr. Bartlett's interest and ability.

It is a pleasure to receive well written and well compiled reports from this officer.

(C.J. MATHIESON)  
District Commissioner

→ C.C. Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU

Original and one copy of this report is forwarded, together with excellent patrol map, instructions and comments from the Assistant District Commissioner, Kainantu.

(C.J. MATHIESON)  
District Commissioner



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Division of District Administration,  
Department of the Administrator,  
Sub-District Office,  
KAINANTU. E.H.D.

27th October, 1969  
24th. November, 1969.

DISTROFF.  
67-2-5, 6, 7.

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Mr. W. R. Bartlett,  
Patrol Officer,  
KAINANTU.

Dear Mr. Bartlett,

Dear Mr. Bartlett, OBURA SPECIAL No. 4 of 1969/70

OBURA SPECIAL PATROL No. 4 of 1969/70

Receipt of your Report covering P.A. Application No. 143 over the Iturua, Dogara and Piara Census Divisions is acknowledged with thanks.

You have attended to all aspects of the Patrol in a most creditable manner, which should be of lasting benefit to all people contacted.

The comments by the people concerning inclusion of the Piara C/D in the Lamari L.G. Council are of value for future political development. Although of differing tribal backgrounds both groups are prepared to become united under the Lamari L.G. Council.

Whilst the people showed little interest in the Prospecting Application it is hoped for the economic development of the area that there are sufficient quantities of minerals to justify full scale mining.

Again my thanks for your interest and application to your instructions.

Take a cash advance for payment of expenses and purchase of fresh food, etc.

Please submit your Special Report as per 67-1-0 of 27th June, 1966, within a week of your return.

A memorandum in triplicate for the District Commissioner is required within two (2) days of your return covering the Prospecting Authority Application which is set down for 27th November, 1969, at OKAPA. I will be recommending that the application be set down for OKAPA; this would be near the same date as OKAPA.

Yours faithfully,

(J.L. Hastings)

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.



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35-2-12, 67-1-2

Division of District Administration,  
Department of the Administrator,  
Sub-District Office,  
KAINANTU E.H.D.

27th October, 1969

Mr. W. R. Bartlett,  
Patrol Officer,  
KAINANTU E.H.D.

Dear Mr. Bartlett,

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS OBURA SPECIAL No. 4 of 1969/70

ENTIRE OBURA ADMINISTRATIVE AREA

Please be prepared to proceed to OBURA Patrol Post on 27th October, to commence a patrol of the DOGARA, IFURUA and PIORA Census Divisions.

As discussed your Patrol Instructions are:-

- 1) Visit each village in the three (3) Census Divisions within the boundaries of Prospecting Authority Application No. 148.
- 2) Take a copy of D.D.A. memorandum 35-1-1 of 29th April, 1969 and Lands Circular 67/142 of 20th May, 1968, and comply with the contents of both in every detail.
- 3) Hold formal and informal talks on Political Education using Government in New Guinea books and leaflets plus "Sowai Finds His Country" series.
- 4) Advertise the Highlands Labour Scheme and the fact that recruits are constantly required.
- 5) Take a cash advance for payment of carriers and purchase of fresh food, etc.

Please submit your Special Report as per HQ. 67-1-0 of 27th July, 1968, within a week of your return.

A memorandum in triplicate for the District Commissioner is required within two (2) days of your return covering the Prospecting Authority Application which is set for hearing on 19th November, 1969, at OKAPA. I will be recommending that a hearing of the Application be set down for OBURA; this would be near the same date as OKAPA.

Yours faithfully,

  
(J. L. Hastings)

Assistant District Commissioner





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegram  
Telephone  
Our Reference  
if calling ask for  
Mr.

Department of the Administrator,  
Division of District Administration,  
OBURA Patrol Post,  
KAINANTU Sub-District,  
Eastern Highlands District.

OBURA SPECIAL PATROL REPORT No. 4 of 1969/70  
(LAMARI LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL AREA)

- Patrol Conducted By : W. R. Bartlett (Patrol Officer)
- Area Patrolled : ITURUA & DOGARA Census Divisions,  
being LAMARI L.G.C., and PIORA C.D.
- Personnel Accompanying : 1 Hospital Orderly (DOGARA C.D. only)  
1 R.P. & N.G.C. Member  
2 Interpreters (Patrol)
- Duration of Patrol : 27th October to 7th November, 1969  
( 11 Patrol Days and 1 Field Day )
- Last Patrol to Area (D.D.A.): ITURUA & DOGARA C.D.s - July 1969 - 16 days  
PIORA C.D. October 1969 - 7 days
- Objects of Patrol : Advertise Prospecting Authority  
Application No. 143.  
Conduct Political Education Discussions.  
Obtain H.L.S. Volunteers.  
Collect L.G. Tax from Defaulters.  
Influenza Check at HIMARATA, HABI'INA  
and ORAURA No.1 Villages.
- Total Population of Area : 7,504 (Vill. Popn. Reg. not enclosed)
- Map Reference : Eastern Highlands District Map (2 mls - 1")  
Attached Patrol Map.

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PATROL DIARY

Monday October 27 Drove to OBURA. Had afternoon discussions with people from YONURA, KURANUMBURA, MOTOKARA and KAURONA. Discussions with P.O.I.C. Slept OBURA.

Tuesday October 28 0900 - 1015 hours walked to ASARA. Discussions. 1345 - 1500 hours walked to HIMARATA. Discussions and lined HIMARATA people for influenza check. Slept HIMARATA Rest House.

Wednesday October 29 0800 - 0900 hours walked to ANIMA. Discussions. 1030 - 1130 hours walked to TO'OKENA. Nobody present, all TO'OKENAs and AHEAs visiting HABI'INA. Decided to proceed to HABI'INA. Changed carrier line at TO'OKENA. Visited Swiss Mission for discussions. 1400 - 1600 hours walked to HABI'INA. Discussions with Councillor and ex-Luluai. Slept HABI'INA Rest House.

Thursday October 30 0800 - 0900 hours discussions with HABI'INA, TO'OKENA and AHEA people at HABI'INA. Collected L.G. tax from three HABI'INA defaulters. 0900 - 1030 hours Hospital Orderly did medical check for influenza. 1030 - 1300 hours walked to ORAURA No.1. Discussions and medical check for influenza. Hospital Orderly then made preparations for his return to OBURA. 1400 - 1630 hours walked to KONKONBILA. Had discussions with KONKONBILA and ORAURA No.2 people. Poor attendance due flu. Changed carrier line. Slept KONKONBILA Rest House.

Friday October 31 0745 - 0945 hours walked to PINATA No.2, had its small population proceed to PINATA No.1, so 1000 - 1100 hours walked to PINATA No.1. 1200 - 1300 hours has discussions at PINATA No.1. 1330 - 1430 hours walked to WAISARA. Discussions. Changed carrier line. Slept WAISARA Rest House.

Saturday November 1 0745 - 0945 hours walked to OWENIA. Discussions. 1100 - 1300 hours walked to TAINARABA. Discussions with TAINARABA and KAIRABA people. 1500 - 1545 hours walked to AMORABA. Paid off some carriers. Too few AMORABAs present for discussions today. Slept AMORABA Rest House.

Sunday November 2 0900 - 1000 hours has discussions with AMORABA people. 1000 - 1200 hours walked to MOBUTA. Discussions with MOBUTA, AGAMUSEI and OWAPEI people assembled at MOBUTA. Most of population of three villages absent in OKAPA for pig feast! 1300 - 1500 hours walked back to AMORABA to rejoin patrol. Slept AMORABA Rest House.

Monday November 3 0800 - 0900 hours walked to TAINARABA, 0915 - 1115 hours walked to OWENIA, met Interpreter ANDOUBA (too late for use to patrol), 1130 - 1330 hours walked to WAISARA. Slept WAISARA Rest House.

Tuesday November 4 0630 - 1230 hours walked to MEI'AUNA. Paid off carrier line. 1500 - 1600 hours discussions. 6 H.L.S. volunteers obtained. Recruited new carriers Slept MEI'AUNA Rest House.

Wednesday November 5 0800 - 0845 hours walked to BI'API'ARATA. Discussions. 1 H.L.S. volunteer obtained. 1000 - 1200 hours walked to KAWAINA No. 1. Discussions with KAWAINA No.1 and BAKUMPA people. 14 H.L.S. volunteers obtained. 1400 - 1500 hours walked to KOMBORO. Discussions with Councillor and Committeemen re H.L.S. recruitment. Slept KOMBORO Rest House.

Thursday November 6 Discussions at KOMBORO. 11 H.L.S. volunteers obtained. 0930 - 1015 hours walked to BAIRA No.1. Discussions with BAIRA No.1 & 2 people. 18 H.L.S. volunteers obtained. 1130 - 1300 hours walked to BIBEORI. Discussions with Councillors. Slept BIBEORI Rest House.

Friday November 7 Discussions with BIBEORI, NUMBAIRA, ATAKARA and KOBARA people. 8 H.L.S. volunteers obtained. 0930 - 1300 hours walked to OBURA. Paid off carriers. End of Patrol.



SITUATION REPORTINTRODUCTION

This patrol was launched for the purpose of publicizing the Prospecting Authority Application No. 148 lodged by KENNECOTT EXPLORATIONS (AUSTRALIA) Pty. Ltd.. As the patrol was to visit all villages in the OBURA Administrative Area, the Assistant District Commissioner instructed that political education talks were to be given and the Highlands Labour Scheme advertised, any volunteers to be accepted.

2. Upon arrival at OBURA the Patrol Officer-in-Charge requested that all LAMARI Local Government Council tax defaulters as listed in the District Commissioner's memorandum 39-1-14 of 7th October, 1969, be contacted and tax collected. The villages of HIMARATA, HABI'INA and ORAURA No.1 also had to be checked for the influenza epidemic, these villages being missed by the previous influenza patrol due to the necessity for the Patrol Officer to give evidence at the District Court in KAINANTU just prior to this patrol.

3. As this patrol was of an urgent nature to publicize the Prospecting Authority Application and to have the report submitted in time for the hearing on 19th November, 1969, little time was spent at each village by the patrol. Consequently little time was available for collecting information necessary for a full formal Situation Report.

A) SPECIAL REPORTProspecting Authority Application No. 148

4. Refer to my OBURA memorandum 35-1-2 of 10th November, 1969, to the Assistant District Commissioner, KAINANTU, giving full details of the attitude of the OBURA people towards this application. The contents of this memorandum are as follows.

5. This application covers approximately 2,380 square miles in the Eastern Highlands, Morobe and Chimbu Districts. The whole OBURA Administrative Area (approximately 250 square miles) is included in this application. The northern-most boundary of the application is latitude 6 degrees 30 minutes South, which in fact forms the KAINANTU/OBURA boundary, consequently the OBURA Administrative Area is the only portion of the KAINANTU Sub-District which is affected by this application.

6. The patrol had meetings with all village groups and attendances were good at most meetings. Discussions were held and the meaning of the Prospecting Authority Application fully explained, reference being made to the Department of Lands, Surveys and Mines Circular 67/142 of 20th May, 1968, being "Revised Notes on Mining and Prospecting Operations".

7. Throughout the whole of the OBURA Area there were no objections raised against the Application. At all meetings the people openly stated that they had little or no economy in their area and that they would be foolish not to let a company prospect for minerals on their land. They would be prepared to assist them whenever necessary. Their right to claim compensation for any damage incurred during the prospecting operations was explained and appeared to be understood.

8. The thoughts of the people regarding the granting of the Prospecting Authority could be summarized in the words of MATABATEBE of ANIMA Village who spoke on behalf of the ANIMA people:-



" Our ancestors were primitive people. The Government has come and we have developed. We have constructed a road from OBURA to TO'OKENA, planted coffee and now have a small economy. We are now able to buy some clothes and soap. We are happy for a company to prospect in our area for minerals. If the company finds minerals then we will have a bigger income. We do not know what to look for under the ground, we are blind to these things. The company knows what to look for. We will let the company prospect in our area and help them as much as we can. "

9. The date of the hearing of the Prospecting Authority Application No. 148 is set down for 19th November, 1969, at OKAPA. In the patrol instructions the Assistant District Commissioner mentioned that he would endeavour to have a hearing convened at OBURA also. This fact was mentioned at all meetings but as there were no objections, people showed no interest in attending the hearing. It is therefore considered that a representative from OBURA could attend the meeting at OKAPA and voice the feelings of the OBURA people. LAMARI Local Government Council Vice-President HABAI'UO of KURANUMBURA and/or Councillor TAEHA of YONURA have offered to attend the hearing at OKAPA.

## B) POLITICAL

### Political Education

10. Political education talks were given at all meetings and these briefly outlined the development of the Territory since the advent of Europeans and the Administration, the development and functions of Local Government and the House of Assembly. The importance of education and the localization of the Public Service and industry was stressed. It was pointed out that the Territory would eventually become independent and that all people of all races in the Territory should work to improve the Territory. The people of the OBURA area should ensure that their children attend school regularly and follow the wishes of their Local Government Council both in the political and economic development of their area. Most people showed some interest in these talks and should have gained some benefit from them.

### Local Government

11. The DOGARA and ITURUA Census Divisions presently constitute the LAMARI Local Government Council which was formed in 1967. The PIORA Census Division, which was previously administered by WONENARA Sub-District until 30th June, 1969, is now part of the OBURA Patrol Post Area. During the patrol the PIORA people were asked if they wished to be included in the LAMARI Local Government Council and in all instances the reply was favourable. The people are prepared to become part of the LAMARI Council (in their own words) "when the Administration is ready"

12. The LAMARI L.G.C. is a low income council, however the people of the DOGARA and ITURUA Census Divisions appear to accept their Council as another Administration introduction and one to be thankful for. They too said that they wish the PIORA C.D. to be included in the LAMARI L.G.C. "when the Administration is ready". It had been intended when the LAMARI Local Government Council was first formed that it would ultimately amalgamate with the KAINANTU and ERANDORA Councils. This amalgamation has



been indefinitely deferred for the LAMARI Council and the people are aware of this fact and do not appear to be disappointed. Political unity is not fully appreciated by these people as yet and they look to their Council mainly for economic gain.

### C) ECONOMIC

#### Local Government Tax

13. As requested by the P.O.I.C. at OBURA, the patrol endeavoured to contact all tax defaulters as listed in the District Commissioner's memo 39-1-14 of 7th October, 1969. Of the 35 tax defaulters, four from HIMARATA and HABI'INA were brought before the patrol resulting in two 1968/69 and three 1969/70 taxes being collected. One defaulter from BIBEORI and one from HIMARATA claimed that their names were duplicated in the Tax/Census Register and produced receipts indicating that they had already paid their taxes. Four men were reported to be aged and infirm and unable to pay taxes and were living in some distant garden houses. The remainder of the defaulters were reported to be either absent as Agreement Workers or were living in areas away from OBURA. Details of the whereabouts of each defaulter have been handed to the P.O.I.C. at OBURA for later follow-up action.

#### Highland Labour Scheme

14. The Highland Labour Scheme was advertised throughout the patrol and the economic advantages to the Territory of this Scheme explained. There were no volunteers to be found in the DOGARA or PIORA Census Divisions, many of the people still recovering from the recent influenza epidemic. However, there were 61 men recruited for employment from the ITURUA Census Division. They were told to report to OBURA on Monday 10th November and would be transported to KAINANTU as soon as possible. The eighteen recruits from BAIRA No. 1 & 2 preferred to walk direct to KAINANTU as they were afraid of sorcery by going to OBURA. The 61 recruits were obtained from the following villages:-

|              |    |
|--------------|----|
| ATAKARA      | 2  |
| BAIRA No.1   | 10 |
| BAIRA No.2   | 8  |
| BI'API'ARATA | 1  |
| BIBEORI      | 3  |
| KAWAINA No.1 | 14 |
| KOMBORO      | 11 |
| MEI'AUNA     | 6  |
| NUMBAIRA     | 6  |

### D) SOCIAL

#### Health

15. As requested by the P.O.I.C. at OBURA, the people of HIMARATA, HABI'INA and ORAURA No.1 villages were assembled for the purpose of checking the influenza epidemic. These three villages were missed by the special influenza patrol because of the need for the Patrol Officer to attend the District Court in KAINANTU. This patrol left OBURA the day after the special influenza patrol returned.



16. At the three villages inspected, the Hospital Orderly accompanying the patrol gave treatment in the form of Aspirin, Cough Mixture and Penecillin injections. The results of the influenza examination in these three villages revealed the following details which have been forwarded to the Assistant District Commissioner during the patrol.

|             | <u>Popn.</u> | <u>No. Affected &amp; Alive</u> | <u>No. Deaths</u> |
|-------------|--------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| HABI'INA    | 323          | 106                             | 1                 |
| HIMARATA    | 316          | 48                              | 7                 |
| ORAURA No.1 | 305          | 20                              | 2                 |
|             | <u>944</u>   | <u>174</u>                      | <u>10</u>         |

The total figures available for the DOGARA & ITURUA C.D.s are as follows:-

|                                       | <u>Popn</u> | <u>No. Affected &amp; Alive</u> | <u>No. Deaths</u> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| DOGARA C.D.<br>(Incl Mission & Statn) | 2950        | 856                             | 28                |
| ITURUA C.D.                           | <u>2791</u> | <u>189</u>                      | <u>2</u>          |
|                                       | 5741        | 1045                            | 30                |

17. These figures would have increased slightly since all villages were inspected. Figures for the PIORA C.D. are not available because this area was patrolled from WONENARA. These figures are still awaited at OBURA. The PIORA C.D. appears to be the worst affected of the whole OBURA area. The attendance at meetings during this patrol was poor in the KONKONBILA, ORAURA and PINATA area and the influenza epidemic was blamed. The special influenza patrol had passed through the PIORA C.D. only three days prior to the arrival of this patrol. All people were advised to report to the nearest Aid Post for treatment if they became ill. These were to be found at OBURA, TO'OKENA, WONENARA, and ABOMATASA (OKAPA Sub-District).

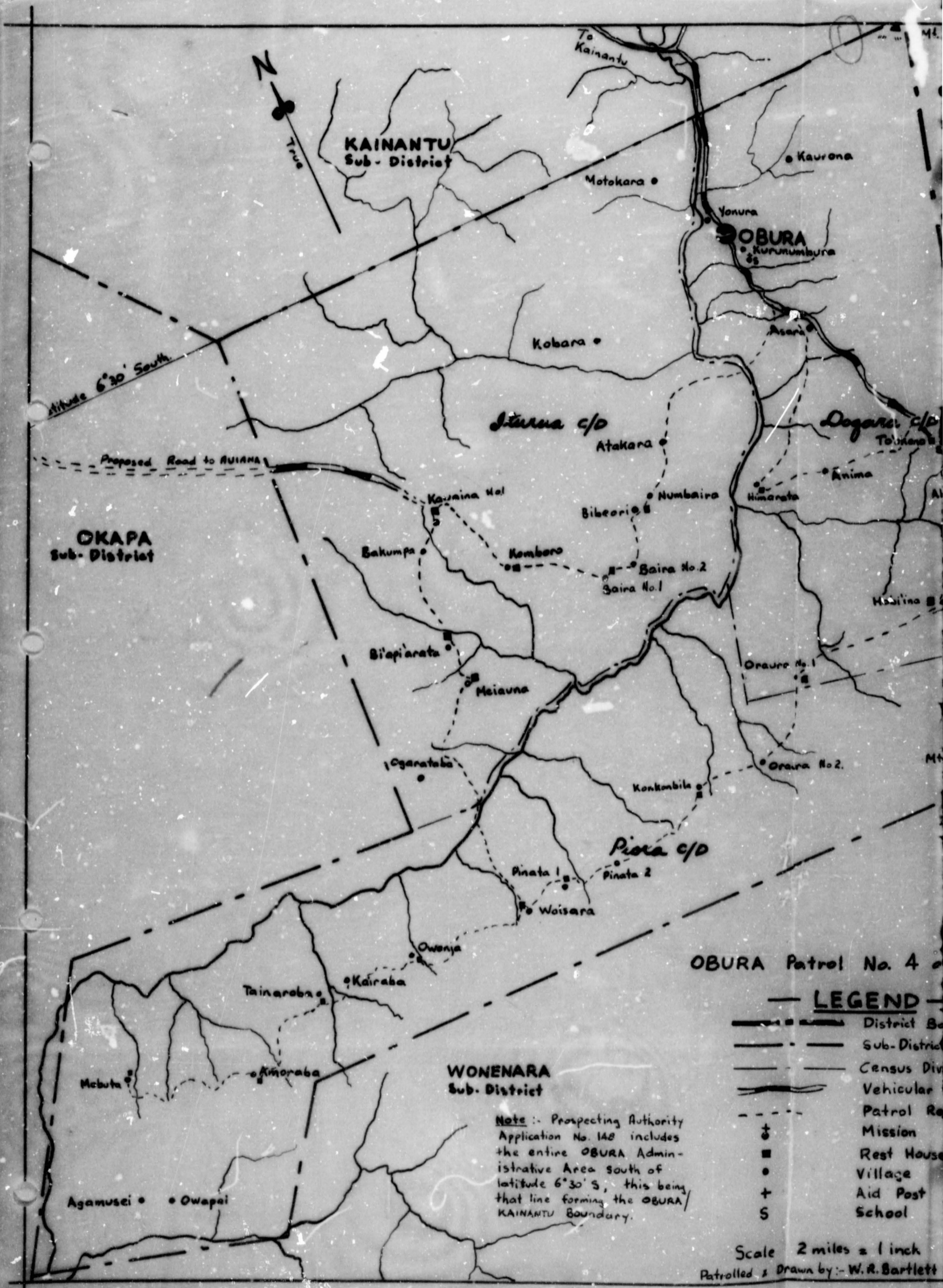
18. It appears that the OBURA area is recovering from the epidemic, the area still suffering the most being the Eastern end of the PIORA Census Division.

#### Law and Order

19. The only complaint brought to the patrol was one from a TAINARABA man who claimed that he had been shot in the arm with an arrow by an AMORABA man about two months ago. The dispute appears to have arisen over a pig. Unfortunately the accused was absent in OKAPA with many other men from the area, attending a "pig feast", so investigations could not be carried out. Notations have been made in the TAINARABA and AMORABA Village Books for the next patrolling officer to follow-up. The AMORABA people are a break-away group from TAINARABA and animosity between these two groups has existed for some considerable time. (Refer earlier PIORA C.D. Patrol Reports).

*W. R. Bartlett*  
W. R. Bartlett  
Patrol Officer





**KAINANTU**  
Sub-District

**OKAPA**  
Sub-District

**WONENARA**  
Sub-District

*Note* :- Prospecting Authority  
Application No. 148 includes  
the entire OBURA Admin-  
istrative Area south of  
latitude 6°30' S, this being  
that line forming the OBURA/  
KAINANTU Boundary.

OBURA Patrol No. 4

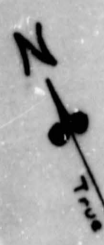
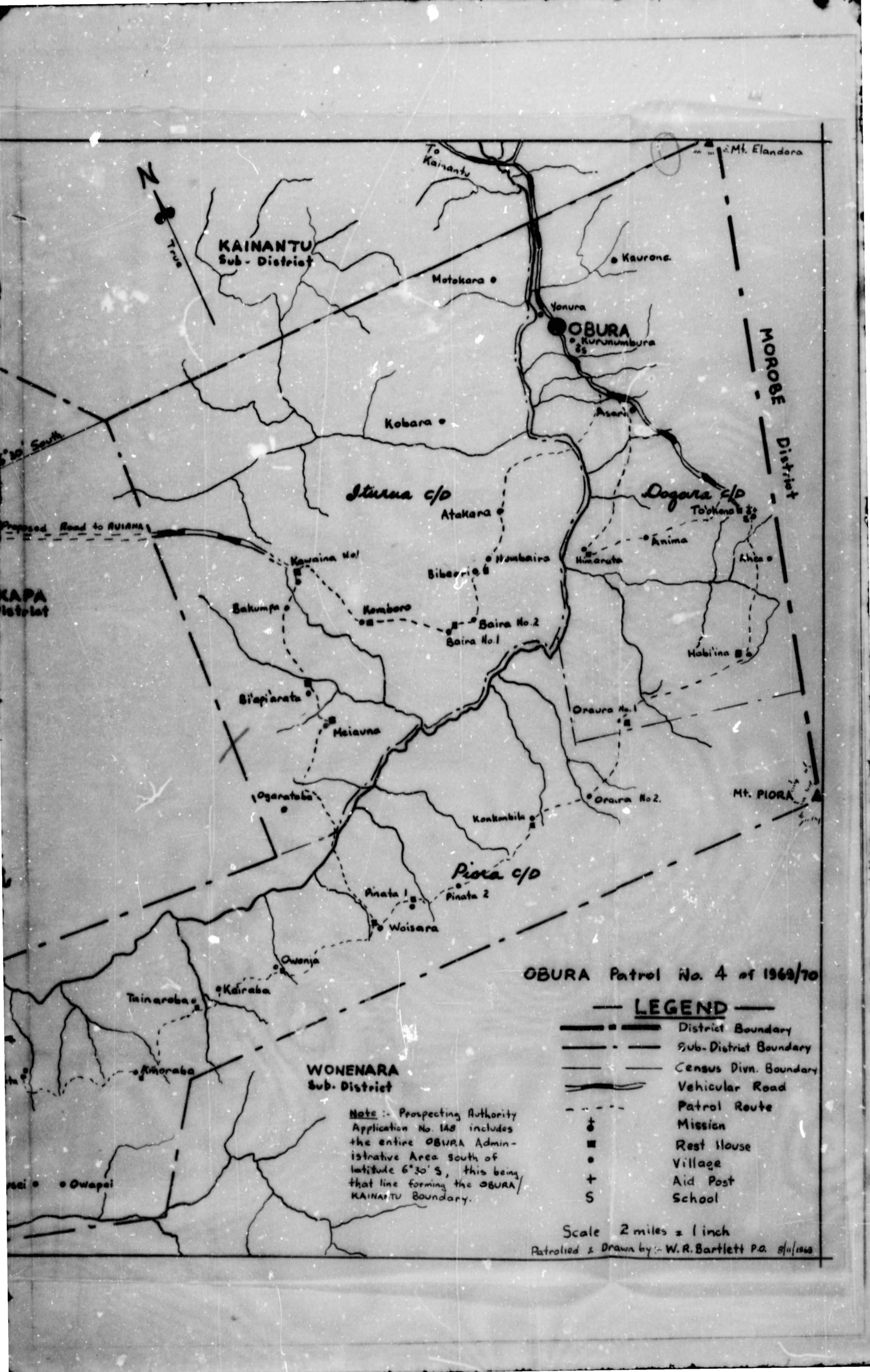
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- District Boundary
- - - Sub-District Boundary
- Census Division Boundary
- Vehicular Road
- - - Patrol Route
- † Mission
- Rest House
- Village
- + Aid Post
- S School

Scale 2 miles = 1 inch

Patrolled & Drawn by: - W.R. Bartlett





**KAINANTU**  
Sub-District

**MOROSE**  
District

**OBURA**

*Sturua c/d*

*Dogara c/d*

*Piora c/d*

**WONENARA**  
Sub-District

**KAPA**  
District

To Kainantu

Mt. Elandora

5°30' South

Proposed Road to RUINA

Motokara

Kaurona

Yonura

Kurunumbura

Kobara

Asara

Atakara

To'okona

Kawaina No.1

Numbaira

Humarata

Anima

Ahea

Bakumpa

Kombero

Bibeero

Saira No.2

Saira No.1

Habi'ina

Si'apianata

Meiauna

Oraura No.1

Mt. PIORA

Ogaratoba

Kontombila

Oraura No.2

Pinata 1

Pinata 2

Woisara

Owenja

Kairaba

Tainaroba

Kioraba

Owapei



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of EASTERN HIGHLANDS Report No. OBURA NO. 5 of 1969/70

Patrol Conducted by G.S. BUANAM, PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled DOGARA & PIORA CENSUS DIVISIONS

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NO

Natives THREE

Duration—From 17 / 11 / 1969 to 18 / 12 / 1969

Number of Days 24 Days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

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

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

Map Reference E.H.D. 2 Miles to an Inch

- Objects of Patrol
- 1) CENSUS REVISION - DOGARA
  - 2) AREA STUDY - PIORA
  - 3) ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

*Not filed as Area Study*

Forwarded, please.

*23/2/1970*

*C.P. Mathison*  
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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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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No.  
Division of District Administration  
Department of the Administrator,  
GOROKA.  
Eastern Highlands District.  
20th May 1970.

Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBUBU.

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PATROL OBURA NO. 5 of 1969/70

I refer to your memorandum 67-13-93 of  
4th March 1970. 33

I attach a copy of a memorandum from Assistant  
District Commissioner, Kainantu, which provides the  
information that you require. It would appear that  
Mr. Buanam was generalising when he made his comment  
in the patrol report.

I do not consider that any further action is  
necessary in the matter.

(O.J. MATHIESON)  
District Commissioner

c.c. Assistant District Commissioner, KAINANTU.

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Division of District Administration,

KONEDOBU. PAJUA.

4th March, 1970.

The District Commissioner,  
Eastern Highlands District,  
GOROKA.

PATROL NO. OSURA 5/69-70

Your reference 67-14-2 of 23rd February, 1970.

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Annual Census and Situation Report by Mr. G. S. Buanam, Patrol Officer, to DOGARA and PIORA Census Divisions.

Whilst the Assistant District Commissioner's detailed comments provide an adequate summary of this patrol, I am disappointed in the submission which Mr. Buanam has presented as an Area Study of the Piora census division. It does not follow the requirements of Circular 67-1-0 of 21st June, 1968, despite the advice given in the patrol instructions.

In pleasing contrast, the Situation Reports are well presented and informative; and they indicate that Mr. Buanam is developing into a capable field officer.

In paragraph 34 of the mis-named Area Study, Mr. Buanam has made some comments about carriers; I would appreciate more information on the action taken "in recent years".

(S.J. PEARSALL)

a/Secretary,Department of the Administrator.

c.c.  
Mr. G. S. Buanam,  
c/- Public Service Training Centre,  
P.O. Box 1216, Post Office,  
BORCKO.

Whilst political education is a continuing process it is becoming a more specialised task, and you are still expected to participate fully in its extension at every opportunity.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Division of District Administration  
Department of the Administrator,  
GOROKA,  
Eastern Highlands District.

23rd February 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
KAINAMTU

REPORT OF PATROL OBURA NO. 5 of 1969/70  
DOGARA & PIORA CENSUS DIVISIONS

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Mr. Buanam, who has since left for a course at the Administrative College, is developing into a most competent officer.

*O.J. Mathieson*

(O.J. MATHIESON) &  
District Commissioner

c.c. Secretary, Department of the Administrator, Konedobu.

The report in duplicate is attached hereto.

(O.J. MATHIESON)  
District Commissioner



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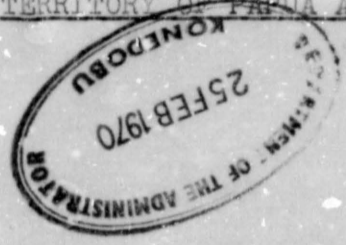
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of the Administrator,  
GOROKA.  
Eastern Highlands District.

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(O.J. MATHIESON)  
District Commissioner



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Division of District Administration,

Sub-District Office,  
KAINANTU, P.H.D.

10th February, 1970.

RJG:CJ

Mr. G. Buanam,  
C/- Administrative College,  
PORT MORESBY, PAPUA.

Dear Mr. Buanam,

OBURA PATROL NO. 5 of 1969/70

Thank you for your Report of the abovementioned Patrol to the Dogara and Piara Census Divisions. My comments are as follows:-

SITUATION REPORT - DOGARA DIVISION

Paragraph 5

The KAWAINA No. 1 - AUYANA ROAD is a worthwhile project and will do much to open up the ITURIA Division to further development once it is completed. I am instructing the present C.I.C. at OBURA to pursue this matter and to advise me of the latest developments in this Project.

Paragraph 14

It is pleasing to read that the DOGARA people were keen to take part in the Political Education discussions. They have a lot to learn in a short time if they wish to catch up with their more politically sophisticated neighbours. Discussions such as those you conducted are a most effective means of speeding up this process.

Paragraph 19

Comparing the House of Assembly with the Local Government Council is an excellent means of bringing about an understanding of the workings of the House. It is a recognized educational principle that comparing one thing with another which is already understood, is a valid way of bringing about a clearer understanding of an otherwise vague and obtuse subject.

Paragraph 21

It is not Administration Policy to encourage the planting of Coffee, however, if the people ask for assistance in getting coffee gardens established the Administration (D.A.S.F.) will provide the necessary assistance and advice.

SITUATION REPORT - PIORA DIVISION

Paragraph 21

It will be necessary to have PIORA people sent to future Community Education and Courses.

AREA STUDY - PIORA DIVISION

Paragraph 19

It is wrong that the PIORA people should have no other



access to Coffee seedlings than to buy them from the OKAPA people for 10 cents each. I am instructing the present O.I.C. OBURA, to look into this and have to request his Agricultural Assistant to establish coffee nurseries wherever the people require them. This will be done free of charge to the people, but they will need to contribute their assistance in having the nurseries constructed and maintained.

Paragraph 44

The Highlands Labour Scheme should never be overlooked as a means by which the young men of the PIORA Community can learn something of the country in which they live. Ideally, every young man should at some time or another, avail himself of the Scheme. The labour provided helps maintain the coastal plantation orientated economy of the Papua and New Guinea, but the educational value of "going to the coast" proves the system to be the centre of a two-way process.

GENERAL:

The OBURA area is the most backward area of this Sub-District in respect of accessibility, and the level of development which has taken place there in the past. It is my opinion that to assist the economic development of OBURA area it is necessary to:-

- a) Encourage and assist the people wherever possible with cash crop projects so that money starts coming into their area. If they want coffee then they should be assisted in establishing coffee gardens. Passionfruit should not be overlooked, and if a sufficiently large quantity is produced there should be little difficulty in having Cottee's visit OBURA and purchase the fruit.
- b) Roads should be developed wherever there is a need for them. Start with graded walking tracks along routes which can be developed into vehicular roads. This must be done, wherever possible, on a self-help basis. It is unlikely that funds will be provided by the Administration for roads which will assist comparatively few people. The OBURA people will only develop their area, and themselves with the sweat of their own brows. They are few and they live in an isolated, inhospitable area, but they should not be deterred. Most of the Highlands were developed by people freely giving of their labour and these days are not past for the OBURA area.

I believe that it is necessary to get cash cropping underway initially and once this is done there will be sufficient time left to construct roads. Private enterprise will venture onto roads when there is a reward at the other end (purchase of produce) but they will not send their vehicles along them to no gain.

Care must be taken when encouraging the people in economic pursuits. Fresh vegetables should not be encouraged past being a supplement to traditional diets. No business operating in Kainantu at this time is interested in journeying to OBURA to purchase perishable fresh foods,

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and the encouraging of such pursuits in anticipation that a market will be readily found will only end in frustration.

I believe that you carried out your duties in an effective and competent manner, and your Report shows that you are acutely observant and capable of reducing to words those things which you see and hear in the course of your duties. A job well done.

*R.J. Giddings*

(R.J. Giddings)  
ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Please prepare to conduct a Census Patrol of the Dogara Division and Routine patrol of Piara Division on 17th November, 1969.

Your instructions are:-

1. Dogara S/D
  - a) Conduct Census Division
  - b) Compile Situation Report
2. Piara S/D
  - a) Compile Area Study
  - b) Compile Situation Report
3. Investigate fully and report on the situation at Orana and Nimerwa in connection with the recent murder and any other action involving people from both villages.
4. Investigate and report on Habiting disturbances.
5. Check for any reactions at KAWONPILA following court action over fight involving marriage dispute.
6. Investigate complaint of JATO ERAS, TAISONORA Village of assault by WEFAYLO SITO, AMORAM Village over a land dispute.
7. Visit each Village spending at least one night in each in both Census Divisions.
8. Hold formal and informal talks on Political Education covering both local Government Council and House of Assembly. Take sufficient supplies of tea, sugar and tobacco for informal evening talks.
9. Advertise the Highlands Labour Scheme
10. Visit 2 Cash Offices to cover Patient Expenses.
11. Carry a Patrol Map and include details of matters noted and in your Report.
12. Compile Appendix of statistical information rather than include such in the body of the Report.
13. Advise the nature of your own self service obligations.



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Division of District Administration,  
Department of the Administrator,  
Sub-District Office,  
KAINANTU, E.H.D.

14th November, 1969

Mr. G. Buanam,  
Patrol Officer,  
OBURA.

Dear Mr. Buanam,

OBURA PATROL NO. 5 of 1969/70  
DOGARA and PIORA CENSUS DIVISIONS

Please prepare to conduct a Census Patrol of the Dogara Division and Routine Patrol of Piora Division on 17th November, 1969.

Your Instructions are:-

1. Dogara C/D
  - a) Conduct Census Revision
  - b) Compile Situation Report
2. Piora C/D
  - a) Compile Area Study
  - b) Compile Situation Report.
3. Investigate fully and report on the situation at Oraura and Himerata in connection with the recent murder and pay back action involving people from both villages.
4. Investigate and report on Habi'ina disturbance.
5. Check for any reactions at KONKONBILA following court action over fight involving marriage dispute.
6. Investigate complaint of JA'O ANAE, TAINOROBA Village of assault by WEFATLO SATO, AMORABA Village over a land dispute.
7. Visit each Village spending at least one night in each in both Census Divisions.
8. Hold formal and informal talks on Political Education covering both Local Government Council and House of Assembly. Take sufficient supplies of tea, sugar and tobacco for informal evening talks.
9. Advertise the Fighlands Labour Scheme
10. Take a Cash Advance to cover Patrol Expenses.
11. Draw a Patrol Map and include details of matters mentioned in your Report.
12. Compile Appendices of statistical information rather than include such in the body of the Report.
13. Advise the people of their Road Maintenance obligations.

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Take a spare copy of HQ 67-1-0 of 21st. June 1968 for reference during the Patrol as to information required for the Situation Reports. The Area Study requirements for Piara is set out in Chapter XVII of Volume I Standing Instructions also to be included are comments on "Attitude to Central Government" and Accommodation, Services and Facilities".

On completion of your Patrol do not be diverted from giving your full attention to submitting the Report required a week after your return. Each Situation Report must be in quadruplicate with an additional copy of the Area Study.

Please contact this Office if in doubt over any matter during the Patrol which I hope you will find interesting.

Yours faithfully,

(J.L. Hastings)  
ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

TAKE A SPARE COPY OF HQ 67-1-0 OF 21ST. JUNE 1968 FOR REFERENCE DURING THE PATROL AS TO INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THE SITUATION REPORTS. THE AREA STUDY REQUIREMENTS FOR PIARA IS SET OUT IN CHAPTER XVII OF VOLUME I STANDING INSTRUCTIONS ALSO TO BE INCLUDED ARE COMMENTS ON "ATTITUDE TO CENTRAL GOVERNMENT" AND ACCOMMODATION, SERVICES AND FACILITIES".

ON COMPLETION OF YOUR PATROL DO NOT BE DIVERTED FROM GIVING YOUR FULL ATTENTION TO SUBMITTING THE REPORT REQUIRED A WEEK AFTER YOUR RETURN. EACH SITUATION REPORT MUST BE IN QUADRUPPLICATE WITH AN ADDITIONAL COPY OF THE AREA STUDY.

PLEASE CONTACT THIS OFFICE IF IN DOUBT OVER ANY MATTER DURING THE PATROL WHICH I HOPE YOU WILL FIND INTERESTING.

DURATION OF PATROL: 17/7/68 TO 24/7/68 (7 DAYS)

BASE AND REGION OF OPERATIONS: EAST P.I.D.A. AREA

OBJECTS OF PATROL:

1. To advise normal people of the situation.
2. To carry out area study of Piara C/D.
3. To investigate a report on the situation of the area.
4. To investigate and report on the situation of the area.
5. To check the situation of the area.
6. To investigate the situation of the area.
7. To hold Political Education talks to the people of the area.
8. To advise the people of their local representatives.

2 MEMBERS ROYAL PAPUA GUINEA CONTOUR  
1 PATROL TRIPMASTER

17/7/68 TO 24/7/68  
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(J.L. Hastings)  
ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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PATROL REPORT.

PATROL NO: OBURA NO.5 Of 1969/70

SUB-DISTRICT: KAINANTU

DISTRICT: EASTERN HIGHLANDS

COUNCIL AREA: DOGARA-LAMARI LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL  
PIORA -NON COUNCIL AREA

PATROL CONDUCTED BY: G.S.BUANAM

DESIGNITION: PATROL OFFICER

AREA PATROLLED: DOGARA AND PIORA CENSUS DIVISIONS.

PERSONAL ACCOMPANYING PATROL : 2 MEMBERS ROYAL PAPUA & NEW GUINEA CONSTAB.  
1 PATROL INTERPRETER.

DURATION OF PATROL: 17/11/69 to 26/11/69 = 10 days  
5/12/69 to 18/12/69 = 14 days  
(Broken period)

DATE AND DURATION OF LAST D.D.A PATROL:

OBJECTS OF PATROL:

1. To revise Annual Census for Dogara C/D
2. To carry out Area Study of Piora C/D
3. To investigate and report on the situation at Oraura and Himarata on pay back action in connection with recent murder at Oraura village.
4. To investigate and report on Habi'ina Disturbance.
5. To check reaction on court action over a fight on marriage dispute at Konkonbila
6. To investigate complaint by Ja'o Anae of Tainoraba village.
7. To hold Political Education talks covering both L.G.C. and House of Assembly.
8. To advertise Highlands Labour Scheme.
9. To advise the people of their Road Maintenance obligation.

TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA PATROL :

DOGARA -2969  
PIORA -1825

MAP REFERENCE:

E.H.D. 2 MILES TO ONE INCH  
PATROL MAP ATTACHED.

VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER :

FOR DOGARA C/D ATTACHED.

PATROL REPORT OBURA NO. 5 OF 1969/70.

PATROL DIARY.

- 17/11/69 : Prepared Patrol equipment and did radio. Departed Obura Station for Asara village. Walking time approximately two hours. Held talks as per paragraph eight of the Patrol Instruction. Census revised. One civil complaint settled. Informal talks on L.G.C. and House of Assembly in the evening. Overnight Asara Rest House.
- 18/11/69 : Broke camp and departed for Himarata. Walking time two hours. Hamlets inspected with village leaders accompanying. Talks as per paragraph eight and nine held. Discussed situation on recent disturbance (ref. Paragraph 3 of the Patrol Instruction) with the village Councillor. Informal talks on L.G.C. held in the evening. Overnight Himarata Rest House.
- 19/11/69 : Broke camp and departed for Anima village. Walking time approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  hour. Inspected hamlets with Const. 1/c Venowei Const. 1/c Molai accompanying. Census revised and Political Education talk held. Informal talks on L.G.C. and House of Assembly held in the evening. Highlands Labour Scheme Advertised Overnight Anima Rest House.
- 20/11/69 : Broke camp and departed for To'okena. Walking time approx.  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour. Discussion on health situation with sister Rosti. Met Councillors of To'okena and Ahea villages. Revised census for both villages. To'okena hamlets inspected by members of RPNGC accompanying patrol. HLS advertised, nil accepted. Talks L.G.C. and House of Assembly held. Informal talks on same in the evening. Overnight To'okena Rest House.
- 21/11/69 : Inspected hamlets at Ahea village. One civil and criminal complaints settled during the inspection. Discussion held with people on conditions of houses and village surrounding. Returned to To'okena rest house and spent time on census statistics. Overnight To'okena Rest House.
- 22/11/69 : Broke camp and departed for Habi'ina Village. Walking time approximately two hours. Political Education talks held. Informal talks on L.G.C. and House of Assembly held at night. Highlands Labour Scheme advertised. Nil accepted. One Complaint on marriage and divorce settled. Overnight Habi'ina.
- 23/11/69 : Day observed.
- 24/11/69 : Census revised. Hamlets inspected by members of the RPNGC. Broke camp and departed for Oraura village. Walking time approximately  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours. Met and held informal talks with Councillor Borosawi and the Ward Committees. Overnight Oraura.
- 25/11/69 : Revised census. Village inspected by the RPNGC members. Talks on Political Education held. Civil Court as per paragraph 3 of the Patrol Instruction convened. Himaratas ordered to pay compensation. HLS advertised - nil recruited. Evening talks on L.G.C. and House of Assembly held. Overnight Oraura.
- 26/11/69 : Broke camp and returned to Obura Station for preparation Lamari Council meeting and Councillors L.G.C. Course. Census and talks as per paragraph eight and nine for Yonura Kurunumbura and Kaurone villages done on 1st and 2nd of December, 1969. Patrol stood down until 5/12/69.



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- 5/12/69 : Prepared patrol gear and departed Obura Station for Oraura. ~~After~~ doing some office work. Arrived Oraura 1745. Walking time approximately six hours. Met Councillor Borasawi. Overnight Oraura Rest House.
- 6/12/69 : Broke camp and departed for Konkonbila. Inspected hamlet. Held formal discussion with village leaders. Talks on House of Assembly and Local Government Council held. Informal talks in the evening. Overnight Konkonbila Rest House.
- 7/12/69 : Pinata NO. 2/Konkonbila track maintained. Rest of the day observed. Informal visit to hamlets in the evening.
- 8/12/69 : Broke camp and departed for Pinata NO. 2. Walking time approximately 1 hour. Found Rest House pulled down so moved on to Pinata NO. 1. Walking time 1/2 an hour. Met village leaders. Rest House unprepared day spent maintaining rest house. Overnight Pinata NO. 1.
- 9/12/69 : Village inspection carried out thence broke camp and departed for Waisara. Rest house found unprepared all men absent from the village. Collected women and few old men to prepare the rest house. Inspected hamlets and seen in filthy condition. People gathered in the late afternoon for talks on L.G.C. and House of Assembly. Overnight Waisara.
- 10/12/69 : Broke camp and departed for Owena. Walking time approx. ~~1 1/4~~ 1 1/4 of an hour. Met village leaders and had formal talk. Talk on Local Government Council and House of Assembly held. Informal talk held in the evening. Supervised work on the Aid Post. Overnight Owena.
- 11/12/69 : Broke camp and departed for Tainoraba. Walking time ~~2 3/4~~ 2 3/4 hours. Inspected hamlets. Met village leaders and held informal discussions. Rest House excellent condition. Talks on Local Government Council and House of Assembly held. HLS advertised. Informal talks in the evening. Overnight Tainoraba.
- 12/12/69 : Packed and departed for Amoraba village. Walking time approximately 3/4 of an hour. Met Tultul Tontaive and carried out inspection of hamlets with him. Talks on HLS, House of Assembly and Local Government Council. Informal talks held in the evening. Overnight Amoraba.
- 13/12/69 : Local Court convened. Four men sent to Jail under Sect. 30 (e) of the P.O.O. Broke camp and departed for Agamusei. Inspected hamlets at Owapei village. Held discussion with village leader. Informal talks on Local Government Council in the evening. Overnight Agamusei Rest House.
- 14/12/69 : Day observed at Agamusei. Recruited 11 Highlands Labour Volunteers.
- 15/12/69 : Broke camp and departed for Mobuta. Walking time approx. ~~2 1/4~~ 2 1/4 hours. Met village leaders and inspected hamlets. Rest of the day spent on maintaining rest house. Overnight Mobuta rest house.
- 16/12/69 : Most of the day spent on supervising work on the Rest House. Two civil cases settled out of Court. Six HLS Volunteers accepted. Overnight Mobuta Rest House.

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REPORT

1. This patrol was conducted to carry out objects set out on the attached Patrol Instruction. All objects were accomplished and it may be said that this Patrol was carried out successfully.

2. 17/12/69 : Broke camp and departed for Okapa station. Overnight at Okasa Rest House. Walking time approximately 10 hours. It returned to Obura Station on the 26/11/69 so that the writer could attend the Lamari Local Government Council meeting and organized Council members.

18/12/69 : Broke camp and departed for Okapa. Walking time two hours. Two members RPNGC moved to Kainantu with four detainees. Self and rest of Patrol personal slept Okapa.

3. 19/12/69: This local council held out again on the PICRA Census the PICRA by 16th. December 1969 and waited into the 18/12/69 spending a night enroute. Visited Councillor Koya'a at Leprosy Ward and held short discussion with A.D.C. Okapa on Kawaina NO.1-Ayana Road and thence departed for Obura. END OF PATROL.

4. The purpose of visiting OKAPA Sub-District is twofold. (a) to visit a Lamari Council member in Leprosy hospital at OKAPA. This member (from the KOMBORO WARD, ITURUA C/D) was down with LEPROSY for 8 months and at the last meeting the Lamari Council resolved that he be asked to resign so that he by election can be conducted for a new Council member. The letter was written to the member but no reply from him.

*[Signature]*  
.....  
G.S. BUANAM-P.O.P

5. (b) To discuss with A.D.C. OKAPA possibilities of getting some assistance from A.Y.A.A. people on the KAWAINA No.1./AYYABA Road being built by the Lamari Council. A letter was written to A.D.C. OKAPA but no reply was received to date.

6. The FIGRA and DOGARA Consume Division are situated approximately South of Eainantu Sub-District and NORTH of WOKMARA, the former Sub-District Headquarters. The FIGRA C/D lies parallel with Lamari River which forms the boundary between ITURUA C/D (ADMINISTERED from OBURA) and OKAPA ADMINISTRATIVE AREA. The Dogara C/D is adjacent to FIGRA and is also bordered by Lamari River from ITURUA C/D.

7. For the purpose of singularity, Dogara and FIGRA be referred to as "the AREA". Topographically, the area consists of sharp razor back ridges rising to about 5,000 feet above sea level. Most of it is grass (BUNAI grass) covered and has mountains containing limestone. Most of the forest is situated on the grassland one to two miles off the main forest area.

8. The soil in the area is a mixture of red clayey soil and black sandy-clay soil. The former is usually poor and is not suitable for subsistence crop. The latter is much richer soil and is commonly found in the forest areas and along the water courses.

9. The area experiences the tropical climate and receives occasional monsoonal rain and wind. The annual rainfall is 72 to 80 inches.



INTRODUCTION

1. This patrol was conducted to carry out objects set out on the attached Patrol Instruction. All objects were accomplished and it must be said that this Patrol was carried out successfully.
2. The Patrol set out on the 17th. November, 1969 and first visited places in the Dogara Census Division. It returned to Obura Station on the 26/11/69 so that the writer could attend the Lamari Local Government Council meeting and organized Council members from the Local Government Council Course Conducted by MR. RICHARD ALLMARK, Council Administrative Officer.
3. This Local Government Council Course was held on the 2nd. and 3rd. of December, 1969. The Patrol set out again on the 5th. December, 1969, and visited places in the PIORA Census Division. The Patrol covered all places at PIORA by 16th. December, 1969 and walked into OKAPA on the 18/12/69 spending a night enroute.
4. The purpose of visiting OKAPA Sub-District is twofold. (a) to visit a Lamari Council member in Leprosy hospital at OKAPA. This member (from the KOMBORO WARD, ITURUA C/D) was down with LEPROSY for 8 months and at the last meeting the Lamari Council resolved that he be asked to resign so that he by election can be conducted for a new Council member. The letter was written to the member but no reply was received from him.
5. (b) To discuss with A.D.C. OKAPA possibilities of getting some assistance from AUYANA people on the KAWAINA No.1./AUYANA Road being built by the Lamari Council. A letter was written to A.D.C. OKAPA but no reply was received to date.
6. The PIORA and DOGARA Census Division are situated approximately South of Kainantu Sub-District and NORTH of WONENARA, the former Sub-District Headquarters. The PIORA C/D lies parallel with Lamari River which forms the boundary between Iturua C/D (ADMINISTERED from OBURA) and OKAPA ADMINISTRATIVE AREA. The Dogara C/D is adjacent to PIORA and is also bordered by Lamari River from ITURUA C/D.
7. For the purpose of singularity, Dogara and PIORA be referred to as "the AREA". Topographically, the area consists of sharp razor back ridges rising to above 5,000 feet above sea level. Most of it is grass (KUNAI Kangaroo grass) covered and has mountains containing limestone. Most on the area is situated on the grassland one to two miles off the rain forest area.
8. The soil in the area is a mixture of Red Clayey soil and black sandy-clay soil. The former is usually poor and is not suitable for subsistence crop. The latter is much richer soil and is commonly found in the forest areas and along the water courses.
9. The area experiences the tropical Climate and receives occasional monsoonal rain and wind. The annual rainfall is 70 to 80 inches.



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10. The only accommodation facility in the area is the Rest Houses built mainly for the Administration Patrols. Most of these were built below 6,000 feet above sea level. All except in few places were seen in good condition.

11. The area has only one air strip. This is situated at OBURA in the DOGARA C/D. Konkombila, the nearest Rest House in the PIORA C/D is some 13 miles away from this air-strip.

12. Accessibility. The Dogara C/D has a road from Kainantu to To'okena. The construction of the Obura To'okena section of this road was financed by the Lamari Local Government Council and was troppicable in July 1969.

The PIORA C/D has no vehicular road. All villages were connected by graded tracks and footpaths constructed under Administration supervision.

#### SITUATION REPORT-DOGARA C/D

##### A. POLITICAL:

##### 13. Local Government Council:

The Dogara Census Division which now has a population of 2,969 was under Lamari Local Government Council since 1967. The Council has worked well in its first year of operation in that it achieved its major capital Works Project. Having a low ESTIMATED TAX income of \$1319 in its first tax, and \$2182 in its second tax, the Council directed 95% of its income to its vital need in the area namely, Roads. As stated in paragraph 12 above, it expended over \$1,000 on the Obura/To'okena Road. This road is expected to be extended to ORAURA in 1970/71 financial year. The Administration has offered to contribute \$1000 to cover the cost of regrading Obura/To'okena Road. When this road (To'okena/ORAURA Road) is built, the entire Dogara area will then be connected by a vehicular road. During talks on Local Government Council the possibility of extending Obura/To'okena road was mentioned to the people of ORAURA and Habi'ina villages. Enthusiastic reaction was received.

14. The Political Education talk re paragraph 8 of the Patrol Instruction was held at every village. The informal talks were held at evening. Turn up for this talks were unexpectedly high. It was of writer's opinion at first that every few would be interested to appear for the talks.

15. Some aspects of the Local Government Council were covered. These include (a) Constitution (b) Financial responsibilities (c) Administration, (d) Work of elected people (members)etc. People listen to the talks in a most interested manner and it is hoped that they absorb some knowledge of Local Government Council from this talk.

16. The people's attitude towards their Local Government Council could be described as good.

##### 17. LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILLORS:

There are 12 elected members representing 12 Wards. This number is 1 less than number of Councillors in the Iturua C/D. The President and Vice President were elected among



these 12 members. Most of them were re-elected during Councils' second election. All doing their work well at this initial stage of the Lamari Council. Their knowledge of Council and its function is limited to meeting procedures only. Most have seen how estimates were done at the last two financial years but it must be said that very few absorbed any knowledge at all. The Councillors as stated in previous reports are still in learning stage and Administrative jobs will still be carried out by the Administration staff for some years before it will be taken over by the Councillors themselves.

18. Their work in keeping law and order at village level was good but at certain times one or two of them tend to decline. The members concerned were approached by the writer personally and talks on needs to keep peace among the people and to keep law and order was given in a lengthy discussion during the Patrol. On the whole the writer is much impressed and appreciative of their good job. Loyalty to both the Local Government Council and the Central Government.

19. HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY:

The talks concerning work of the House and work of its elected members were given in conjunction with the talks on Local Government Council in the Territory. The people were told that the Local Government Councils work similar to the House of Assembly. The difference, they were told, was that the House looks after much bigger areas than the Local Government Council. They were told that the members have some type of responsibility as the members of the Local Government Council. Their ignorance of the work of the House led to no questions and silence at the end of the talks. As one of the attendance at ORAURA puts it. "We are ignorant and we don't know the work of the House therefore we are unable to ask you questions".

20. HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBERS:

The two members, Messers Casey, Kainantu open and BUCHANAN a regional member visited Obura twice in 1969. The two members attended the meeting of the Lamari Local Government Council and spoke to the Councillors about the Amalgamation of Kainantu, Erandora and Lamari Councils. The people generally had not seen the two members. It is suggested that it is necessary and time can be spared one of the members, can visit the area and talk to the people about the House. If this is possible the meeting place can easily be organized at Obura Station.

21. POLITICAL EDUCATION:

The talks on the House of Assembly and Local Government Council was given under this heading. The break up of the Territory as a whole was discussed and the need for a national unity was stressed. The people were told that Local Government Councils were aimed at bringing people of Papua and New Guinea to work and develop their Territory in close co-operation. The cessation of tribal enmity was stressed at all talks given at every village. It was understood that traditional tribal enmity is known to be in existence among the villagers and this affects the Education, health and may be the economy of the people. For example tribal difference stopped people from sending their children to schools. Hahi'ina's do not send their children to To'okena Primary 'E' School because they were afraid that To'okenas' may poison their children. The sick were not sent to the Aid Posts for the same reason.



22. The three parts of the government were discussed briefly. The three parts-legislative (The House of Assembly) Executive (The Public service) and Judiciary (The Courts, the Judges and the Magistrate). The discussion was brief because it was realized that the subject it seemed was beyond people's understanding.

B. ECONOMIC:

23. General Rural Development:

Coffee is the only cash earner in the area. It will, for some time, be the only cash earner until crops like Passionfruit are produced economically. At present passionfruit is seen mostly in nursery stage. Only very few people planted them. Planting of this crop was encouraged on following a talk on planting of this crop by a D.A.S.F. Officer from Kainantu during meeting of the Lamari Local Government Council. The seedlings are available at Obura and people were continually told to take them.

24. ACTIVITIES OF THE DEVELOPING DEPARTMENTS:

The only department in the area is the Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries, which has one of its field Officer's stationed at Obura. MR. ZUKAU-ANAMUDO, the Agricultural Assistant has the job of looking after Fishery, Forestry in the area. He also advises people on coffee, and Passionfruit planting.

25. Forestry-few people planted trees which they obtained at Obura. The tree seedlings at Obura have now all been taken. More have been requested from D.A.S.F. Kainantu.

26. Fishery-this industry is also being encouraged. Quite a number of people have visited Obura station and took fish - (GOLDEN CARP) to breed at their fish ponds. Many were seen doing well.

27. PROCESSING AND MARKETING:

Coffee goes through its first stage of processing at the village. The seed is picked from the trees and the skin is separated through coffee pulpers or soaked in water for some days for the skin to decay and then removed by hand. The coffee beans after the removal of the skin are sun-dried before selling to the coffee buyers. The main coffee buyer in the area is the Jascar Trading Co. Ltd. based at Kainantu.

28. MARKETING:

The only Market for coffee is at Kainantu the Sub-District Headquarters of the Obura Administrative area. By road it is about 30 miles away from Obura and 10-15 minutes by air. Main problem is that of access. The present road only takes four wheel drive vehicles. The Jascar coffee buyers visit the area once or twice a week depending on the weather condition.

29. VILLAGE CASH CROP EXTENSION:

Coffee is planted in small holding by individual villagers. There were no communal cash cropping seen in the area. Each person who owns coffee plots is his and cash earn is belongs to him and his family.



30. NON-INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT:

The only Non-indigenous development in the area is the Jascar Trading Co. Ltd., which has one trade store situated at Obura. The main item sold are GROCERY, DRAPERY, and BEVERAGE. This is the only trade store in the whole of Obura area apart from 5-6 Native owned trade stores which sell only the grocery goods at small quantities.

D. SOCIAL:

31. EDUCATION, HEALTH:

Education is solely in the hands of the Swiss Evangelical Frotherhood Mission. It has its major establishments at Obura and To'okena. The two establishments have each a Primary 'T' Schools which teach in an official syllabus. The standard thought at these schools were stated in my OBURA Report No. 2 of 1969/70.

32. HEALTH:

The recent outbreak of the Flu Epidemic accounted for a number of deaths in the area (refer attached village Population Register). The health condition has improved in every village. It must be noted that Dogara area was hardly hit by the Influenza (refer to my Obura Special No. 3 of 1969/70).

33. Sister Rosti inchange of To'okena clinic reported that several gonorrhoea and leprosy patients were treated at the clinic. Other diseases like diarrhoea, dysentery, skin diseases, small sores, cuts were reported treated at the Obura Aid Post and To'okena Clinic villages were inspected and found them to be in a satisfactory condition. Most of them were cleaned prior to Patrol's visit. Several houses were seen in a dilapidated state at each village. The owners were instructed to pull down and rebuild them. On the whole the health situation could be described as satisfactory.

34. LAW AND ORDER:

Several disturbances occurred at the following villages. ORAURA, Himarator and Havin'ina. The Oraura incident constitute as murder of a man. The accused who comes from ORAURA was arrested and charged with Wilful Murder. The case was heard by the District Court at Kainantu and transferred to the Supreme Court. The Court will hear the case in February, 1970. The other men involved in this incident were charged under section 30 (e) of the P.O. and sent to goal for 3 months. The incidents at Habi'ina and Hinanata were dealt under the same ordinance.

35. The situation as per paragraph 3 and 4 of the Patrol Instruction are as follows: The ORAURA/Himorata case was investigated and it is to be reported that Himarata's raid on ORAURA was based on traditional custom. The raid was not meant to avenge the dead man. The custom they said was that when a man or a woman dies the relatives at another village would arm themselves and go to the dead's village and destroy or take whatever they find. The Himaratas were called to ORAURA and ordered to compensate what they have destroyed. This was done and the writer told both parties that this custom be dropped because of its severe and harmful affects. They were told that such customs are contrary to the Administration laws and people who follow them could be prosecuted. The friendly relationship has now been established ever prior to Patrol's visit. Some



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people from HINANTA were at ORAURA visiting relatives when the Patrol arrived. The situation must be considered as friendly and good. It is in writer's opinion that no pay back killing will occur but the matter must not be left out of control for some time yet.

36. The HABI'INA disturbance is under full control. Further occurrence resulting from this is not to be expected.

#### SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT & GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

37. The services provided by the Government are none other than provision of Law and Order and Health services.

#### MISSIONS

38. Appendix ( ) gives details of Mission establishment in the area.

#### CULT AND UNREST

39. There are neither cult activities nor illegal organizations requiring attention by this Department. People are pro-Administration, pro-Local Government and pro-Mission. The recent unrest as referred to on paragraphs 7, 38 and 39, are fully under control.

#### COMMUNITY EDUCATION & WOMENS CLUB

40. Twice this year a Community Education Course was conducted at Goroka. Altogether forty people (20 men and 20 women) were sent to Goroka for the Course.

41. In September this year (1969) a Women's Club was established at OBURA under the supervision and guidance of Miss A. Boto and Miss Genevieve Kaiyoko of the Department of Social and Home Affairs. Both are stationed at Kainantu. The two Officers visited OBURA Station twice to conduct Courses on sewing, cooking and housekeeping. Both Courses were a success.

#### ROADS

42. TO'OKENA/OBURA Road was trafficable on July, 1969. The information on improvements can be found in my OBURA No. 2 of 1969/70. The people's obligation to maintain their roads - these include both vehicular roads and tracks constructed under Administration supervision - were given in conjunction with Political Education talks.

#### HIGHLAND LABOUR SCHEME

43. The Highland Labour Scheme was advertised in every village. Following two reasons were given:

- a) Cash Income - young men after the expiration of their two year contract will bring in money to the area thus increase the cash income earned from local sources
- b) New ideas, new skills and learning life outside their area. People were told that it is better to send young men to other places to work so that they will not only earn money but learn a life of hard work from people in other parts of the Territory.

#### Learn New Skills

Reaction received could best be summarised by the statement made by Councillor MORASAWI of ORAURA. Quote "We are not against our young men volunteering in the Highland Labour Scheme, but we are disappointed that our young men upon returning to the village do not stay long and help us with work such as roads, bridges etc."



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SITUATION REPORT-PIORA C/D

POLITICAL

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

The talk on Local Government Council was given at every village. The good attendance at this talk were most pleasing. The people were willing to have Local Government Council in their area but they said they do not want to have it until they are ready for it. The area is very low with its economy and people's wish should not be disregarded.

2. The work of Local Government Council was explained to the people. These included (1) Constitution (2) Finance - how and where it gets its money etc., (3) Elected members duties and (4) Statutory obligation. The present village leaders showed very keen interest on the talk. This interest showed that people are eager to get Local Government Council.

3. HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

The talks on this subject were given in conjunction with talk on Local Government Council. People appeared to know little about the House. The "House of Assembly" is nothing to their mind other than just a European word for a big Council. All that it involves is to be learned for a long time through continuous talks on the House in every Patrol conducted by the Administration.

4. HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBERS

Both Mr. Casey and Buchanan were said to have not visited the area. Lack of communication may have stopped these two members from visiting. However, if it can be arranged, the meeting place could be organized at Obura Station.

5. POLITICAL EDUCATION

The talk on House of Assembly and Local Government Council was also given under this subject. The political boundaries of the Territory as a whole and of the Eastern Highlands District was discussed. The need for peace and co-operation among people in the area and in Territory as a whole was stressed. It was mentioned to the people that they should unite and think of themselves as one people and help one another in major developmental project, such as roads, bridges, Schools etc., whenever the Administration propose and sponsor them. They were told that before they can unite, they must first end their tribal enmity and differences.

ECONOMIC

6. GENERAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The Piora area has not worked up to its neighbour's economic stage. Its' only Cash Crop (coffee) is just starting. Coffee trees were seen in nursery stage in small holdings. Not many people planted coffee. Very few men (about 5 of 6) have started earning from sale of their coffee, in whole of the Piora area. It is estimated that often - years most of the coffee seen in a nursery stage will reach bearing age.

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7. Passion Fruit seed were recently distributed. Most are in nursery stage.

8. The economic situation on the whole could be described as discouraging at present.

9. ACTIVITIES OF DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The comment on this subject is inapplicable due to non representation by any of the Administration Departments.

10. PROCESSING & MARKETING

The coffee goes under first stage of processing at the village level. The skin is removed by hand.

Lack of road is a major set back to the area. Vehicle Roads are non existence. Some of these ~~some~~ people walk between 5 and 9 hours to sell their coffee. The handship is quite evident.

11. VILLAGE CASH CROP EXTENTION

As referred to above coffee is grown on small plots by individuals and they are in a nursery stage.

No commercial holdings were seen in the area.

12. NON-INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT

This does not warrant any comments because there is none.

SOCIAL

13. EDUCATION

This area has neither the Administration schools nor mission schools. Last census showed that 20 male children and 9 male adult absent at the mission schools; From information gathered these students attend Lutheran and Seventh Day Adventist Schools and WONENARA and OKAPA. It was said that the students attend Bible Classes where pid gin English is also taught. It must be said that educationally Piara area is unfortunate innet having any schools at all. It is a pity that lack of communciation prevented possible plans by either the Administration on any Mission from establishing schools in the area.

14. HEALTH

Health situation must be described as good although minor skin diseases prevailed. Some people were seen recovering from Influenza attack. Village condition, however, cannot be favourably commented. Most villages (hamlets) were seen in an unfavourable condition. Inadequate rubbish pits, feeding of pigs near the village line, lead to unhealthy village surroundings. Strong instructions were issued in regard to continual maintenance of the village area. People's obligation to clean and keep village sanitary were strongly emphasised.



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15. AID POST

The Administration has recently started building an Aid Post at OWENA Village. Last Medical Patrol has instructions to put up the buildings but it was diverted from its object by recent out-break of Flu Epidemic. To date only one building was put up. The patrol marked out sites for two more buildings and instructed people to erect them without unnecessary delays. It was reported by the OWENA people that Pinatas (1 & 2), WAISARAS, TAINORABAS and others do not assist. All were told to regard the Aid Post as a communal matter and build it as soon as they can so that the medical supplies and the Aid Post Orderly can be sent to the area early next year.

16. LAW AND ORDER

Despite recent disturbance at Konkonbila village people generally are law obedient and orderly. Continuous patrols both by members of the Division of District Administration and Department of Public Health this year kept the people effectively under control.

17. The situation as per paragraph 5 and 6 of the Patrol Instructions was looked at and the following information is to be reported.

- (a) Reactions at Konkonbila nil.
- (b) The complaint of JA'O ANAE was investigated and court action was taken. Four men from AMORABA were changed under section 30(e) of the P.O. and goaled 2 for 2 months and 2 for 1 month. No untoward reaction on court action.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY GOVERNMENT

18. DEPARTMENTS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

The services provided amounted only to Law and Order and Health services.

19. MISSION

Seventh Day Adventist once was said to have Native evangelists at Pinata No.1. and Konkonbila. The evangelists have now left. Few people at this village still regard themselves as members of this mission. Rest of the people in the PIORA C/D do not belong to any missionary. At Mobuta the member of the Summer Institute of Linguistic, Mr. R. LOVING settled among the people for six months. He is trying to start a literacy class. This information was taken from Mr. Loving's letter to patrolling officers left in the Mobuta village Book. He was not at the village during Patrol's visit.

20. People at AGAMUSEI and OWAPEI villages approached the writer that they wanted a mission at their place. They wanted Lutheran mission to settle at their village. It is suggested that this information be passed to the Lutheran Mission at Goroka or OKAPA to have someone sent into the area to fully investigate this matter;

21. COMMUNITY EDUCATION COURSE & WOMEN'S CLUB

The writer was unable to find any information on this subject. It is believed that no course was even held,

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for the area. There are no Women's Club in the area.

22. YOUTH ACTIVITIES, COURSES ETC.

None to be commented on.

BRITISH STATISTICAL SERVICE, 9 VILLAGE  
POPULATION SURVEY

The total population of the DOGARA area is now 2,969 and an increase of 31 since the 1963 Census.

The death rate fell from 2.59 per hundred to 1.55 per hundred. The Birth rate increased from 2.14 per hundred to 1.47 per hundred. The rate of natural increase in 1967 is 2.79, in 1968 0.85 and in 1969 1.92.

About 10% of the death rate is through old age and 20% from the recent Influenza Epidemic.

The number of Dogara attending school rose from 137 to 187. This number includes both the Primary Students and those attending Bible and Madia classes.

The number of adult males about from the area is 197 and 61 females.

About twenty (20) per cent of the DOGARA'S labour force is working outside the District. 5% of the women absentees are living with their husbands working inside district.



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APPENDIX 'A'

BRIEF STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF THE 1969 VILLAGE  
POPULATION REGISTER

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APPENDIX 'B'.

PATROL PERSONALS  
-PATROL POLICE

Const. 1/C GONAPA No.-

Accompanied patrol from period 17/11/69 to 26/11/69.  
An experienced Non Commissioned Officer. A good worker and reliable.

Const. 1/C MCLAI No.-

Accompanied patrol from 17/11/69 to 26/11/69 and 5/12/69 to 18/12/69. An experienced Non Commissioned Officer. Knows the area well. Good worker but quiet and works under instruction.

Const. 1/C VENOWEI No.-

Accompanied patrol from 5/12/69 to 18/12/69. An excellent patrol Police. He is also experienced in town duties. Able to work without much supervision. Suitable for further promotion.

| BEST HOUSE   | TO BEST HOUSE APPROX. DISTANCE |
|--------------|--------------------------------|
| ANKONBIKA    | PIHATA NO.2.                   |
| PIHATA NO.2. | PIHATA NO.1.                   |
| PIHATA NO.1. | WAIKARA                        |
| WAIKARA      | OWESA                          |
| OWESA        | TAINORARA                      |
| TAINORARA    | AMORABA                        |
| AMORABA      | ALANUSKI                       |
| AMORABA      | KORUTA                         |
| AMORABA      | KORUTA                         |



APPENDIX 'C'

REST HOUSES - PIORA C/D

| <u>REST HOUSE</u> | <u>CONDITION</u>                            |
|-------------------|---|
| KONKONBKA         | GOOD  |
| PINATA NO.2.      | (PULLED DOWN)                               |
| PINATA NO.1.      | UNSATISFACTORY                              |
| W AISARA          | FAIR  |
| OWENA             | GOOD  |
| TAINORAGA         | GOOD  |
| AMORABA           | SATISFACTORY                                |
| AGAMUSEI          | SATISFACTORY                                |
| MOBUTA            | UNSATISFACTORY (NEW ONE UNDER CONSTRUCTION) |

DISTANCES

| <u>REST HOUSE</u> | <u>TO REST HOUSE APPROX. DISTANCE</u> |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| KONKONBYKA        | PINATA NO.2. 2 hours                  |
| PINATA NO.2.      | PINATA NO.1. 1/2 hour                 |
| PINATA NO.1.      | W AISARA 1/2 hour                     |
| W AISARA          | OWENA 1 1/2 hours                     |
| OWENA             | TAINORABA 2 1/2 hours                 |
| TAINORABA         | AMORABA 1/2 HOUR                      |
| AMORABA           | AGAMUSEI 3 hours                      |
| AMORABA           | MOBUTA 2 hours                        |
| AGAMUSEI          | MOBUTA 2 hours                        |

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APPENDIX 'D'

| <u>NAME</u>             | <u>VILLAGE</u> | <u>DESIGNATION</u> | <u>COMMENTS</u>   |
|-------------------------|----------------|--------------------|---|
| NANBAROTE/UTABARI       | KONKONBKA      | LULUAI             | Age c. 41 Local Court 1966. Pro Administration. Failed to report one riot at his village. |
| BARASANDESA-SANARU      | ORAURA 2       | TULTUL             | Age c. 36. Pro Administration.  |
| KWASASAU-KWASASAU       | PINATA 2       | TULTUL             | Good Worker. Age c. 30. Pro Administration.   |
| SPUBA-NAMER             | PINATA 1       | LULUAI             | Age c. 47. Strong Leader. Good worker.  |
| OTAUSA-TAURIASANBANA    | PINATA 1       | TULTUL             | Age c. 25. Good worker. Pro Administration.   |
| WONGKABARIEA-NUSON-DABE | WAI SARA       | EX-LULUAI          | Age c. 48. Pro Administration.  |
| ARBNEBA-PARASABA        | WAI SARA       | LULUAI             | Age c. 37. Good worker.   |
| WAI'ENZJEBI-ATABERIA    | OWENA          | LULUAI             | Age c. 37. Good worker.   |
| DEBUNABUBA-YAUNTA       | OWENA          | TULTUL             | Age 29. Good worker.  |
| NETONTIWAI-AUWTABA      | AMORABA        | TULTUL             | Good worker. Pro Administration.  |
| O'ANJEABO-OWANJE        | OWAPEI         | TULTUL             | Willing worker. No Education.   |
| UBANJE-KURBIA           | AGAMUSEI       | LULUAI             | Age 42. Willing worker. Pro Administration.   |
| TOGA-ESAI               | MOBUTA         | LULUAI             | Attends Literacy Class at the village. Good worker.                                       |
| EBARANBI-NANAI          | MOBUTA         | TULTUL             | Willing worker. No Education. Pro Administration.   |



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AREA STUDY - PIORA C/D

INTRODUCTION:

1. The PIORA Census Division lies north of WONENARA, the former Sub-District Headquarters, and south of LAMARI River which forms the boundary between it and ITURUA C/D., the OBURA area and north fore, south fore and AUYANA Census Divisions of the OKAPA area.
2. It is drained by numerous streams which flows into the IMARI River. Some of them contain small waterfalls. A tiny lake was seen near TAINORABA Village.
3. Like the rest of the OBURA area, PIORA experiences wet climate. The Patrol experienced some days of heavy rain during its visit. The area receives about 70 to 80 inches of rain a year.
4. Most of PIORA'S Rest Houses were built below 5,000 feet above sea level. The highest part of the area, MT. PIORA, is estimated to be 6,000 feet high.
5. The population of PIORA is 1,285 as per last census. About 7.3% of these are absent workers and students. The people could be described both as passive and conservatives. They are happy to see changes but are slow to act on and learn new ideas. It was noticed that most old men still revert to traditional way of life.
6. All villages are connected by graded tracks and footpaths constructed under Administration supervision.
7. Rest Houses are the only accommodation available for travellers. They were built mainly for the Administration Patrols.

RECEPTION OF PATROL:

8. Friendly reception was received throughout the area. No untoward reaction was noticed among the people.

VILLAGES:

9. Standard and type of housing:

The standard is to be improved. Present standard is poor mainly because of narrow and insanitary rooms.

There are three types of housing. First is the old traditional type, shaped like egg, built on stilts, mainly used by old and divorced women. Second is also the traditional one. This is round in shape. The smaller ones are used by young married women and girls. The bigger ones are used by men, known as "AUSMAN." These, (in some villages) were found to be mainly used by married men. The boys and young men live in different houses. The third type of house is that of rectangular, European type ones. These have woven bamboo on 'pitpit' walls and floors. Mainly used by young men, who apparently have been to the coast.

10. All villages were seen built on best possible sites. Some have disadvantages in that they were built on soft ground which during wet season turns to mud and creates filthy conditions.
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11. Cleanliness:

Favourable comment could not be made on this as surroundings of villages seen generally were insanitary. Some of them were cleaned under Patrol's supervision. Pigs were the main cause of this insanitary condition.

12. Village Officials:

Appendix 'D' gives information of the Officials.

POLITICAL SITUATION:

13. The current situation can be described as good. The people are pro-Administration, pro-Mission, pro-Europeans, pro-Chinese and pro-Mixed Races. No cult movement or anti-Government organization noticed by this Patrol.

14. The relationship among adjacent groups is quite friendly, except for the recent fight between TAINORABAS and AMORABAS. The fight is small involving only few men over a wild pig. This matter was settled by the Patrol.

15. The sick and aged were given good care and families of absentees were also well looked after.

AGRICULTURE:

16. Although people were making new gardens, the food situation could be described as ample. Good supply of food to the Patrol indicated sufficient food supply in the area.

17. Introduced crops are included in the people's everyday diet.

18. Great quantity of food supplied to the Patrol proved that there is a surplus of food available for cash sale. Lack of market and access prevented any hope of selling the surplus foods.

19. Cash Cropping

Economically PIORA is just beginning. Numerous plots of coffee were seen but they were small and most in a nursery stage. Many people requested for coffee seedlings. The writer was told that most of the coffee seen was bought by people themselves. One coffee seedling costs 10c or one arrow. MOBUTAS and AMORABAS told the writer that they buy coffee seedlings from IRAKIA people in the OKAPA area.

20. Passionfruit:

Recently a bag of passionfruit seed was given to the people of MOBUTA, PINATA NO. 2 and other villages. Those who got the seed have planted them. All seen in nursery stage.

21. Lack of vehicular road is a disadvantage to the area. Until the road is built PIORA people will for some time, continually carry their coffee beans for miles to sell them.

22. The planting of coffee and passionfruit is not communal. Individuals plant them in small plots.

23. Marketing and Problems

About five or six people were said to have started earning from their coffee. The writer spoke to one of these men at OWENA village regarding the market and problems.

24. This man said that he carries his coffee to OBURA to



sell it. OWENA where this man comes from is approximately 8 to 9 hours walk from OBURA Station.

25. As most coffee is in a nursery stage, the number of trees was not recorded. It is estimated that the average number of trees per village would be about 20 to 30.

26. Livestock:

Pigs and chicken were tended and bred for consumption only. Cattle herding is not to be recommended because people may not be able to look after the cattle well unless they were given constant assistance.

27. Forests:

Large stand of hoop pines was seen in the area. The forest land is not used so much for gardening. It was used mainly for hunting. It contains games like pigs, cassowary, cuscus, pigeon, horn bills and cockatoos. The forest also provides building materials, wood for fuel and garden fences.

COMMERCE & INDUSTRY:

28. There are no locally owned trade stores or owned by expatriates. One man at OWENA wanted to put one and he was instructed to visit OBURA and submit his application. Another man at MOBUTA has put in an application and he is awaiting approval from the LAMARI Council. Basket ware, transport, fishing, mining, is nil, in the area.

29. There are no individual or groups enterprises. The cash is earned through Highlands Labour Scheme or they provide casual labour to Administration, plantations or firms in the OKAPA or KAINANTU area.

LAND:

30. There are some good land for cattle grazing seen in the area. But people have not approached the Patrol about selling the land to the Administration. People are not short of land because there is no population pressure.

COMPLAINTS:

31. All complaints brought to the Patrol were minor, mainly about pigs and gardens, marriage and divorce.

COURTS:

32. Several courts were brought to the Patrol. Most were settled out of Court because of their trivial nature. Only one case was dealt with in proper Court action. This was at AMORABA. Paragraph of the Patrol Instructions refers. Four (4) men were charged under Section 30(e) of the P.O.O. and were sent to gaol for a term of imprisonment ranging between 1 month and 2 months.

REST HOUSES:

33. Appendix - gives details of the Rest Houses.

CARRIERS:

34. In recent years a number of people were goaled for



evading and refusing to carry cargo. This patrol has no difficulty, except in one or two villages. People delayed the Patrol by not turning up to carry cargo quickly.

HEALTH:

35. Health generally could be described as good. Minor diseases like scabies, cuts and sores are however, numerous. Some people were seen recovering from recent Influenza attacks.

36. There is no Aid Post except for one just being built at OWENA Village. So far one building has been erected (frame only). The Patrol marked out the sites for two more. All people were instructed to work on this Aid Post. Owenas reported that other villages in the area do not give assistance.

EDUCATION:

37. The Piora area has neither the Mission Schools nor Administration schools. The last census figure showed that 20 male children and 9 males adult absent at the mission Schools. These students were said to attend a Primary School or a Bible School at OKAPA or KAINANTU. Educationally Piora area is one of the backward areas in the Territory.

ROADS & BRIDGES:

38. There are no vehicular roads in the area. All villages are connected by track on foot paths. Most bridges over streams are out of single log. The cane bridge is made over a Lamari River at Mobuta Village.

39. All tracks were seen in good condition. People were told of their obligation to maintain their tracks (paragraph 13 of the Patrol Instruction refers). It was noted that people were looking after their tracks well.

CEMETRIES:

40. No cemetery was seen in the area. The dead were buried on their land or in some places (usually a part of the forest) reserved as burial ground.

MISSION:

41. Seventh Day Adventist once had native evangelists at KONKONAKA and PINATA No.1. The evangelists have now left the village. The PIORA area appeared to have no mission except Mobuta as a member of the Summer Institute of Linguistics settled with the people to learn the vernacular and to teach the people to learn and read in it. It was said that the literacy class in the Vernacular was going to begin soon.

AIRFIELD:

42. Nil to be commented. No possible site was seen.

ANTHROPOLOGICAL:

43. The area has been under Administration contact for several years. No anthropological data was found by this Patrol.

LABOUR:

44. Both contract and casual labour is preferable. Labour



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demand is met from Local Sources.

45. The prevailing Wage rate is satisfactory. No bad attitudes was noticed from the people.

PERSONAL:

46. Appendix 'B' gives details of the patrol personals.

The Dogara area is the most developed area in the Obura area. The Obura/To'okena Road is on of the major Rural Development that had recently taken place. When this road is extended to ORAURA, 98% of the area will then be connected by a vehicular road.

This road will not only boost the economy in the Dogara area but will also benefit PIORA area and it will bring the Market closer for the Cash Crops than at present.

This Patrol has been another interesting one for the writer.

(G.S. BUANAM)  
PATROL OFFICER.

PATROL: CBLRH 5-1969/70.

**LEGEND**

● Patrol Post HQ

● VILLAGE

⊕ Mission

A Aid Post

NA New Aid Post

--- Patrol Route

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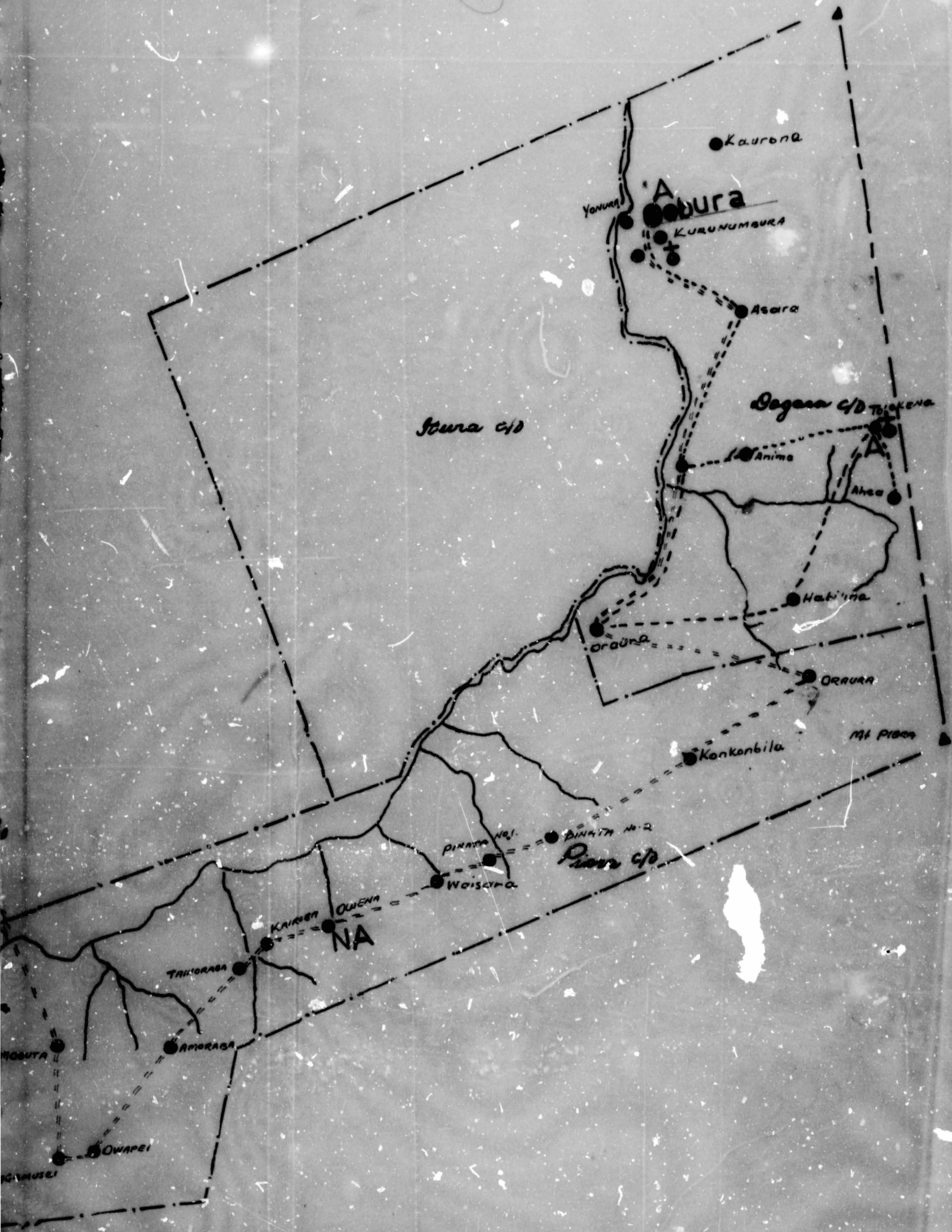
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of Eastern Highlands Report No. OBURA NO. 6 1969/70

Patrol Conducted by G.B. FINDLAY, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled DOGARA Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans .....

1 Interpreter

Natives 2 Members R.P.N.G.C. ....

Duration—From 31 1 70 to 18 2 70 (broken, total 16 days)

Number of Days 16

Did Medical Assistant Accompany No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 18/12/1969

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

Map Reference E.H.D. MAP 2 miles to 1 inch. Map attached

Objects of Patrol AREA STUDY, GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

*John Slingsby*

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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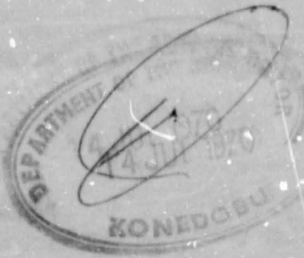
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Division of District Administration,  
Department of the Administrator,  
Sub-District Office,  
KAINANTU, E.H.D.

1st. July, 1970.

~~The District Commissioner,  
GOROKA~~

PATROL OBURA NO. 6 of 1969/70

Further to my memorandum 67-2-5 dated the 27th  
May, 1970, I now attach a copy of the patrol map prepared  
at my direction by Mr. Findlay's own hand.

2. The map is reasonable only but does accurately  
reflect the places visited by the Patrol.

Date: 10/7/70 Ref: 67-14-2

*(Signature)*  
(O. K. Alder)

Assistant District Commissioner



The Secretary,  
Department of the Administrator,  
KONEDOBU

My minute on letter addressed to the Assistant  
District Commissioner, Kainantu dated 3rd June,  
1970 reference 67-14-2 refers.

I attach hereto a copy of the map in question.

*(Signature)*  
(C.J. MATTHEWSON)  
District Commissioner.

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Division of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU, PAPUA.

11th June, 1970.

The District Commissioner,  
Eastern Highlands District,  
GOROKA.

PATROL OBURA NO. 6/69-70.

Your reference is 67-14-2 of 3rd June,  
1970.

- 2. I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Special/Annual Area Study Situation Report by Mr. G.B. Findlay of the Dogara Census Division.
- 3. Your comments adequately cover the points of interest raised by the report.
- 4. This is a valuable patrol report documenting local problems and attitudes adequately.

*T.W. Ellis*  
(T.W. ELLIS)  
Secretary

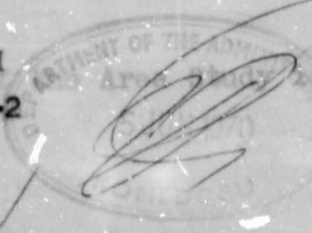
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Division of District Administration,  
Department of the Administrator,  
GOROKA.  
Eastern Highlands District.

3rd June 1970.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
KAINANTU

*[Signature]*  
(G. K. Alder)

Assistant District Commissioner

OEURA PATROL NO. 6 of 1969/70  
DOGARA CENSUS DIVISION

I acknowledge receipt of the copies of Mr. Findlay's report on his patrol to the Dogara Census Division. I fully endorse the comments you make in paragraph 2 of your 67-2-5 of 27th May 1970. Delays in submission of short reports of this nature are totally unacceptable and will most certainly be taken into consideration when the efficiency of the officer is being assessed. The patrol was completed on the 18th February, and is before me on the 29th May 1970.

I note also that Mr. Findlay has not yet submitted his report on the Henganofi patrol. He has been instructed by the Deputy District Commissioner to give immediate attention to this matter.

Despite my comments above, it is apparent from the report that Mr. Findlay is a keen observer and that he carried out a good deal of useful work on his patrol.

The so called map attached as Appendix B detracts from the quality of the overall report, and I note that you have instructed the officer to prepare a proper map. Please follow this matter up and make sure there is no undue delay in the preparation and submission of this map.

Despite his length of service Mr. Findlay has little patrol experience, such reports leads me to expect a high quality of field work performance in the future.

*[Signature]*  
(O.J. MATHIESON)  
District Commissioner

c.c. Secretary, Department of the Administrator, KONEBOBU.

Original and one copy of this report, together with instructions and comments by the Assistant District Commissioner herewith.

*[Signature]*  
(O.J. MATHIESON)  
District Commissioner

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copy of the Area Study is attached hereto.

*O. K. Alder*

(O. K. Alder)  
Assistant District Commissioner

Mr. J. Finley,  
Special Officer,  
1934

Dear Mr. Finley:

REPORT OF AREA STUDY ON AREA 1934

Details of the above referenced report including area study of the DENVER Census Division and Claims for receipt also are attached.

It is a pity that you did not receive for the purpose of this report prior to your proceeding to DENVER. The report would have been of great value in the preparation of the report on the assessment of your area. It is a pity that you did not receive the report from the DENVER Census Division and Claims for receipt also are attached.

All your reports should be signed.

You have undertaken this report in a thorough manner and this is evidenced by the wealth of information contained therein. It is a pity that presentation is not as good as your report.

I would suggest that you continue to involve the people in their own development by encouraging them at every opportunity to attend meetings of the DENVER Census Division and Claims for receipt. It is a pity that they do not attend these meetings. They are a part of the DENVER Census Division and Claims for receipt and they should be encouraged to attend these meetings. It is a pity that they do not attend these meetings. They are a part of the DENVER Census Division and Claims for receipt and they should be encouraged to attend these meetings.

Your report is a valuable contribution to the DENVER Census Division and Claims for receipt. It is a pity that it is not as good as your report. It is a pity that it is not as good as your report.

Yours faithfully,

*O. K. Alder*

Sub-District Office,  
DENVER, COLORADO.

Mr. J. Finley, Special Officer,

The report is being forwarded to you for your information.



Division of District Administration, (27)

67-2-5

Sub-District Office,  
KAINANTU, E.H.D.

OKA:CJ

27th May, 1970.

Mr. G. Findlay,  
Patrol Officer,  
OBURA

Dear Mr. Findlay,

REPORT OF PATROL OBURA NO. 6 of 1969/70

Receipt of the above referenced Report including an Area Study of the LOCARA Census Division and Claims for camping allowance, is acknowledged.

2. It is a pity that you did not arrange for the submission of this Report prior to your proceeding to HENGANOFI to undertake Patrol duties there. Such delays in the presentation of Reports reflect on the assessment of you as an Officer at all levels and detract from the value of the information contained therein. Please ensure that in future your Reports are completed within one week of the end of the Patrol.
3. All your Reports should be signed.
4. You have undertaken this Patrol in a thorough manner and this is evidenced by the wealth of information contained therein. It is a pity that presentation is marred somewhat by poor typing.
5. I would suggest that you continue to involve the people in their own development by encouraging them at every opportunity to attend meetings of the LAMARI Local Government Council and suggesting to that body that they should pass rules for the regulation of life in the area so that the people may feel that they are taking a part in their own law making procedures. You should also continue to point out to the people that the development of a satisfactory network of roads throughout the area will encourage people to visit the area not only as tourists but to foster competition in the purchase of cash crops thus forcing prices upwards.
6. Your map included as an appendix to the Report is grossly unsatisfactory and you are hereby directed to resubmit a more satisfactory map showing greater detail and prepared on tracing paper with Indian ink.

Yours faithfully,

  
(G. K. Alder)

Assistant District Commissioner

Sub-District Office,  
KAINANTU, E.H.D.

27th May, 1970.

The District Commissioner,  
GOROKA

The Report in triplicate together with an extra

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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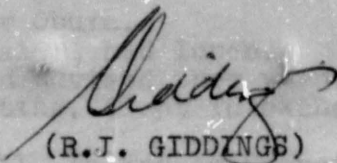
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- (c) Give a Call for volunteers to the Highland Labour Scheme and advise the D.C. immediately they are available for movement out of Obura.
- (d) Encourage the development of roads wherever practicable. Well graded walking tracks can well be developed into vehicular roads over a period of time.

  
(R.J. GIDDINGS)

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.



PATROL REPORT

PATROL No. OBURA No.6 1969/70. 26

SUB-DISTRICT. KAINANTU.

DISTRICT. EASTERN HIGHLANDS.

COUNCIL AREA. LAMARI LOCAL GOVERNMENT.  
DOGARA CENSUS DIVISION.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY. G.B.FINDLAY. PATROL OFFICER.

AREA PATROLLED. DOGARA CENSUS DIVISION.

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING PATROL. 2 MEMBERS R.P.N.G.C.  
1 INTERPRETER.

DURATION OF PATROL 31/1/70 to 18/2/70 broken - total 16 days.

DATE & DURATION OF LAST PATROL. +18/12/69 24 days.

OBJECTS OF PATROL. AREA STUDY. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

TOTAL POPULATION OF AREA PATROLLED. 2969.

MAP REFERENCE. E.H.D MAP 2miles to 1 inch. Map attached.

Village population Register. Not attached.

(Signature)  
G. B. FINDLAY

COMMISSIONER OF DISTRICTS



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ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.



OBURA PATROL POST

PATROL No 6 Dogara Census Division  
AREA STUDI

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PATROL DIARY.

- January 31st.  
1130 left by m/cycle for To'okena.  
1200 Arrived To'okena. Had lunch with the Mission.  
1340 Left for Oraura 1.  
1547 Arrived. Met Councillor, policeman, had talks.
- February 1st.  
0800 Looked at village on ridge and bush above.  
1100 returned had lunch.  
1400 Walked to hill overlooking Kokonbila.  
1730 Returned slept Oraura 1.  
2nd.  
0900 Built shelter  
0930 Held meeting. Talked on school, business, various troubles.  
1210 Finished talk then heard disputes. Rain started.  
3rd.  
1000 Started meeting and talked on health, education, council.  
1300 Heard minor disputes.  
Slept Oraura 1.  
4th.  
0800 Packed cargo for move to Habi'ina.  
1010 Left for To'okena.  
1156 Arrived To'okena for lunch at Mission.  
1330 Left by m/cycle. Raining heavily, came very slowly to one mile from Obura before m/cycle bogged. Went to office to check correspondence. Slept Obura.  
5th,  
Council Meeting.  
Slept Obura.  
6th.  
0800 Did pays and re-imburement.  
1130 Left by m/cycle for To'okena.  
1230 Had lunch at Mission  
1435 Left for Habi'ina.  
1550 Arrived at Habi'ina after being soaked by rain.  
1630 After shower looked at all villages.  
1815 Arrived back at rest house. Slept Habi'ina.  
7th.  
0445 20 second earth quake felt not very hard.  
0800 Started helping people and police with erection of new house for the police to sleep in on patrol.  
1230 Looked at houses in village and talked with people.  
8th.  
0900 Mornning cold ,wet and windy . Sunday observed.  
9th.  
\*1000 Bleak and windy conditions. Tax meeting held, also talked on business, education, health, welfare.  
1220 Finished meeting , talked with councillor, police, elders.  
10th.  
0800 Packed cargo for To'okena.  
0855 Left Habi'ina.  
0946 Arrived To'okena.  
1000 Left by m/cycle for Obura.  
1130 Left Obura for Mission, had lunch.  
1300 Met Councillors and advised them when I wanted to see their electors for a meeting. Slept To'okena.  
11th.  
1000 Cold and windy still. Talked to Councillors.  
1225 Held meeting, discussed business, education, health.  
1450 Meeting finished. Slept To'okena.  
12th.  
0900 Went to Obura by m/cycle. Met Magistrate, read mail.  
1230 Returned To'okena.  
1400 Visited Ahea village . Talked with councillor about new proposed site for village. Slept To'okena.

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13th.  
1100 Still bleak and cold. Talked with people.  
1300 Looked around mission. Slept To'okena.  
14th.  
1000 Walked with Mr. Moser to source of his hydro supply.  
1200 Lunch and talk at Mission.  
1300 Went to Anima. Slept Anima.  
15th.  
Sunday observed . Went to Obura and returned.  
16th.  
0930 M.C.H. team from To'okena checked children.  
1120 Had meeting and talked about business, education.  
1400 New Toyota and driver for Obura arrived. Slept Anima.  
17th.  
0820 Left Anima.  
0910 Arrived Himarata.  
1130 Held meeting and talked with Councillor. Slept Himarata.  
18th.  
0820 Left Himarata for Asara via Anima to collect m/cycle.  
0854 Arrived anima. Went to Obura by m/cycle. Return by Toyota  
to Asara. Held meeting.  
1230 Meeting finished returned to Obura by vehicle.

END OF PATROL      16 nights slept out.



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SITUATION REPORT.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

1. The Dogara Census Division has had a council since 1967. As the council is only relatively new and the area backward and poor the affect of the council on the area is quite small. The council in the area of To'okena-Asara has spent \$1,000 on putting through a dry weather road. This money came from Rural Development Funds and was used to buy some picks and shovels, also to pay the labour on the road on a self help basis of one to one.
2. For the coming financial year the council has been allocated a further grant of \$2,000 to extend the road from To'skena to Habi'ina and Oraura No.1. The road as promised will go a long way to show the electors that the council is trying to help them as best it can with such a small income from taxes, only \$2,300 for the next year.
3. Another assistance given by the council is its' employing of an agricultural assistant to direct their labours along the best lines when preparing their parchment coffee or when planting passionfruit seedlings. He also goes on patrol when requested by the electors and assists with gardening problems in the village.
4. The Lamari council also employs a bridge carpenter whose job it is to repair all small bridges on the twelve miles of road in Obura. When the larger bridges need replacing he organises the closest villages to assist with bringing the timbers and cutting and pulling the bridge decking. This work is essential because if the repairing of bridges was left to the people there would be more vehicles falling off the bridges here than there are people falling out of bed.
5. The council also assists the school and aid posts at the mission stations of the Swiss Evangelical Brotherhood. There help is required with the maintenance and the purchase of teaching aids. With the new aid post at Obura the council donated \$380 and all the material and labour to build the wards while the Mission put up the dispensary.

COUNCILLORS.

7. The councillors in the Dogara have the advantage over their Itutua counterparts in that they at least have a road into their area. And because development stems from the road it is obvious that the Dogara area will be better off than the Itutua. The Dogara and its' councillors therefore are more aware of the benefits to be had from a road and are more progressive than the parts without the road.
8. Of the 11 councillors in Dogara only 5 of them speak and understand pigin, so communication is difficult as it often is done through the interpreter. But with each meeting I believe there is a little further knowledge gained both of pigin and of the council and its' power and aims.
9. Most of the councillors seem to be unaware of their duties to inform and enforce any new rule or law that is brought to their attention at the meetings. There are always excuses of them saying that they have told the people but they would not listen to him. When it is explained again to them that any rule can be enforced by them bringing it to the attention of the police or patrol they say they understand but unfortunately they never do anything further about it.



POLITICAL Cont.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

10. Because of this areas' state economic backwardness political awareness is very difficult to instill in the people. They have been visited by their sitting member only a few times and then it was only to ask for votes or just a brief meeting before going back again.

11. Another problem is one of communication, for instance there are no people reading articles about government because none can read. Also there are no people listening to radio broadcasts because they don't own any sets and not many people understand pigin. This will be rectified in the coming financial year with the purchase of 25 radios to be distributed to each ward in the Lamari Council.

12. The only literature that can be distributed and absorbed is done through the schools which have classes up to standard three and four respectively.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY MEMBERS.

13. The two European members of the House are not very frequent in their visits and understandably the people have little knowledge of them or what they do. Mr. Casey and Mr. Buchanan are the two people concerned and it is obvious that because of the number of electors and their apparent economic backwardness they do not merit the time of these men. Of course there is not very much that they could do even if they did come but it is their duty to all their electors not just to the more influential ones from the more advanced groups.

14. Recently Mr. Buchanan attended a council meeting to speak with the members and find out their grievances. I have not as yet met Mr. Casey. Little progress will be attained unless the people can be involved with their members and also be made aware what is going on from week to week in the House of Assembly meetings.

POLITICAL EDUCATION.

14. Each time a patrol goes into this area discussions on political education are started. However no matter how much talking goes into this programme the problem still remains that the people you are trying to instruct are not politically involved at all so therefore nothing that can be said is of any consequence. For instance, the people are still existing from day to day as they have done for many centuries and until they themselves can see the benefit of a new system then change will be very slow and will come from outside the group and not from within as is desired by the system we are trying to make them follow.

15. Until the people desire a change there will not be one. At the moment the main difference is that money is coming into the village enabling them to purchase things they didn't have before. This of course is a change but one brought about by the advantage of having money to buy their wants. This, then is not a political change but an economical one.

16. The running of their council was explained to the people. The fact that taxes were collected from all the electors in the council area at a specific fixed by themselves. Together with subsidies and grants from the Central Government this made up the councils revenue. Then it was explained how the money was divided up to the various projects that the council was going to undertake the next financial year. This was decided upon at a special meeting the same way that their taxes were decided on.

17. This was then compared to the Central Government which had its income from taxes and various other sources and then it had to divide the money into all parts of the Territory and to all the different departments which depend entirely on the government for funds.



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18. Politically the council was compared to the central government which makes laws dealing with all the Territory while the council has rules that refer to its own problems. The people are not easily able to visualise this or any such comparison when they are not conversant with the basic step of their own council and its duties.

#### ECONOMIC. GENERAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

19. This area suffers through being 30 miles from the main centre of Kadnantu by a very poor track that usually requires a four wheel drive vehicle to traverse it. This results in few cars coming into here and when they do they allow for the fact that their cars will depreciate and have to pay poor prices to the people to make up for it.

20. Another problem seems to be that the majority of the soil in this area is not as productive as other highland areas. The people do not have very large gardens nor do they have much apparent area in reserve to make new plantings. Most are situated near the forrest line.

21. The whole arealies between river valleys and mountain ridges, no areas of flat ground at all. This would all fall into the 4000 to 5000 feet level with some of the peaks reaching 10 to 12 thousand feet. The forrests are abundant in wild pig, cassowary, possum, pigeons and bird of paradise.

22. All patrols attempt to encourage the planting of trees to help retain and improve the soil. Vast areas of hot kunai grass slopes are found between the forrests and the rivers. This area is too hot to be of use for crops. Planting trees is not taking on and so the area of forrest is diminishing while the kunai is increasing.

23. Passionfruit was planted previously but because of poor yield per pound in monetary return the crop was forgotten and coffee took a first place in this area. Lately passionfruit has become more popular again. Several coffee buying cars come into the area and a car to purchase passionfruit comes about once a week.

#### ACTIVITIES OF DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS.

24. The Dept Of Agriculture Stock and Fisheries have one assistant based at Obura. He makes patrols into the three census divisions and helps with the development of cash crops and the forresty programme. This man and another employed by the council are the people who are actively working on development projects.

#### NON-INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT.

25. One trade store owned by Jascars of Kainantu is operated by an indigene. It is of the usual standard of the larger trade stores. Apart from this there are no other enterpris s in this area.

#### SOCIAL.

26. EDUCATION. The total education programme is undertaken by the Two Swiss Evangelical Brotherhood Missions. One at To'okena and the other at Obura. To'okena teaches up to standard 4 and Obura to standard 3. Both are Primary "T" schools.

27. Not many girls are attending as yet but more are being allowed to attend each year. In three years time the two schools will teach to standard 6 level.

28. It was emphasised that there was a great need to attend and look after their schools if they wanted to keep up with people from other parts of the Territory. It was also expressed that the career a person chose would depend on what schooling he had attained. So what children in this area are going to school now should be the leaders of their community when they are adults. Those who had no schooling would have to be content with manual jobs.



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## HEALTH.

29. Again the health of the people comes under the influence of the two missions. They both run aid posts where out-patients are treated and more serious cases are forwarded on to the hospital at Kainantu. The mission at Totokena also looks after the MCH work while the Obura sister will take over this work when her papers have been checked and authorised.

30. The health of the people seems to be fair with only some obvious cases of neglect observed. A large number of leprosy cases are found in this area and some complaints of not receiving treatment were heard. Those who do not regularly attend the clinic are sent to Mt. Hagen until they are better. Diet for the very young children is a great problem and many cases are noticed of under nourished children. Anemia also figures as one of the more common maladies.

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## LAW AND ORDER.

31. Cases brought to the attention of the patrol were mainly about pig trespass and adultery both of which do not appear to be uncommon here. The people in this area do not own many pigs so the problems arising from pigs is accordingly smaller. The problem over women is largely caused by the Highland Labour Scheme which takes the husbands away from the family for several years and then when the man returns he finds that his wife has become tired of waiting and has befriended another man in his absence.

32. Nothing much can be done to avert this problem unless perhaps some accommodation was provided for the coastal workers so they could take their wives along with them. This is not really a solution because it would then lead to further trouble in the village and the plantation.

33. (c) The Patrol Post at Obura was started in 1964. Patrols were made to this area many times before this but only of an initial COMMISSIONS. primary census type. Since 1964 it has been the policy to encourage the people to think about planting cash crops and also

33. As mentioned the mission operating in this area is the Swiss Evangelical Brotherhood Mission and it runs two stations, one at Totokena and one at Obura. Totokena was started in 1961 and Obura in 1964. Mr. Moser his wife and small child together with Miss Boss are the European teaching staff while Sister Rosti is in charge of the Aid Post. Two native teachers and one native sister make up the rest of the staff.

34. At Obura the Mission is staffed by Mr. Spycher and his wife and three young children together with Sister Klink who looks after the Aid post. The School also has two native teachers and one native sister at the aid post.

35. The mission is providing a much needed service by running the schools and the aid posts. There are staff at these places that are very well qualified for their work and there are no possibilities in the near future that the government would be able to take over these services.

36. As yet little progress is shown as far as evangelising is concerned but this does not discourage the mission who are prepared to wait till sufficient time has gone by to give the people a chance to gain confidence in them. They considerably help their aims by providing the education and health facilities this also gives them an involvement with the people that can be used to show that the mission is trying to benefit them.

37. They hold church services each Sunday and teach religious instruction during the week to the children. The children come to the schools from all parts of the area and those who live too far away are at the school all week and return to their homes on the week-ends.



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## A INTRODUCTION

1. (a) The area in the Dogara Census Division consists of mountainous kunai covered slopes, eventually rising to forest covered tops. Rivers and creeks form depressions in these hillsides down which water runs continuously.
2. The climate appears fairly much all the year round, with hot dry spells lasting several months long broken by days of fairly cool breezes and drizzling showers. The patrol started off in the hot dry time and encountered nearly a week of the cold rainy period.
3. The vegetation consists mainly of kunai slopes with the forest or bush being the only and very noticeable change one to the other. Gardens are located where the soil has sufficient moisture and this is in areas near the forests not near the rivers because of the risk of being bitten by snakes of which there are plenty.
4. (b) The area starting at Obura is on a 4 wheel drive vehicular road 30 miles from the Sub-District Office at Kainantu, also a road of 7.7 miles accessible only in the dry is now in use to TO'okena. The only villages not on the road are Orayra 1 and Habi'ina, both of which are proposed to be linked up next financial year. This would leave only Himarata not on the road but it is only about half an hour away.
5. One airstrip in this area is at Obura. It is an all weather Class 'D' strip of 1500ft. length with a covering of grass. The Dogara Census Division is part of the Obura Patrol Post area which is under the jurisdiction of the Kainantu Sub-District.
6. (c) The Patrol Post at Obura was started in 1964. Patrols were made to this area many times before this but only of an initial contact and primary census type. Since 1964 it has been the policy to encourage the people to think about planting cash crops and also to work on the coast to gain earnings and see the outside world. All these things in an attempt to give the people of this area some way of earning an income to buy their every-day requirements.
7. The people are unfortunate that they are so far from the market and on such poor roads. This is why it has been attempted to put roads into here. The people live as subsistence farmers and just recently have come under council influence (1967) Lamari Council. There has been a Swiss Mission at To'okena since 1961 and another at Obura since 1964. They are assisting the people by providing both medical and educational facilities for this whole area as well as doing their missionary work.
8. No cargo cults have been reported in this Division and the inhabitants have a good relationship with the Administration. Between themselves there is still talk of fears of one group "working poison" against the other, but this has decreased since the beginning of this year as a result of talks with the various groups in the villages and through their Councillors. One problem noticed was that there is not much inter-marriage between groups this factor if it can be broken down would go a long way to helping over-all relationships.



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D. LEADERSHIP.

B. POPULATION DISTRIBUTION AND TRENDS.

- 16. (a) Attached present councillor named
- (b) Appendix Attached.

9. (c) As the area is not producing a cash crop to any large economical degree men are encouraged to work for a period on the coast as part of the Highland Volunteers Scheme. This gives them a chance to earn some money also to have an idea of the other parts of the Territory and to know what is happening in other places. As a result a large proportion of the able bodied work-force is absent from the village at any given time. This unfortunately causes an increase in the number of family problems. For example no men present to help with the planting and clearing of new gardens, also the number of adultery cases can be attributed directly to the husbands being away for two years at a time.

- ASANA                      Baitote (Councillor)
- Tainda (Fight Leader)
- HIMARATA                  Datave (Councillor)
- C. SOCIAL GROUPINGS.      AHO (Fight Leader)

10. (a) The ten villages can be grouped into three main groups.

- 1. Oraura No.1 and Habi'ina are closely tied.
- 2. Ahea, To'okena, Anima, Himarata are reasonably linked.
- 3. Asara, Yonura, Kurunubura and Kauzon are also linked.

11. (b) The simple family takes care of the every-day tasks of planting crops, looking after the gardens, finding fire-wood, feeding the pigs, and other day to day chores. When trouble from outside arises then the whole group becomes involved. Marriage has usually an extended family arrangement and the preference is to marry a set of a brother and sister from one family to a sister and brother from another. If this is not possible then relationships are taken into account until the nearest possible to this arrangement is attained.

12. (c) As in (a) above the language differs quite a deal through this small area. There being three different groups varying slightly in vocabulary and expression from one to the other.

13. (d) The clan is still virtually self-contained with marriage and other rights to land held within the clan, This is only breaking down a little so far. As a result of each groups isolation there are still accusations of one clan "poisoning" the other by some methods known to themselves. The rites that have to be performed are similar to those found anywhere in this area. It is preferable to procure some item of the victims clothing or anything that he has contacted then the "poison man" puts a spell on this item which then afflicts the owner.

14. After two clans had been fighting for a time and then decided to have a truce a ceremony would be performed in which the two rival parties would bring to the fighting ground food that was prepared to be eaten by their adversaries. This would be followed by a traditional "sing-sing" that would dance through the enemies village to show that there were no longer any bad feelings between the two. Apart from that little contact was made.

15. (e) Because of the above mentioned reasons the men and women in this area rarely ventured out into another groups ground so no communication with distant clans was made. The only apparent exception to this was the trade route between the Markam and people of Habi'ina and To'okena. Here trade was going on in shells native Blankets, pigs and spears.



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## D. LEADERSHIP.

16. (a) Hereunder are the villages with the previous head man and the present councillor named

|              |                         |
|--------------|-------------------------|
| CRAURA NO. 1 | Borasawe (Councillor)   |
|              | Tino (Fight Leader)     |
| HABI'INA     | Betasave (Councillor)   |
|              | Petasa (Fight Leader)   |
| AHEA         | Matata (Councillor)     |
|              | Andaha (Fight Leader)   |
| TICKENA      | Nati (Councillor)       |
|              | Biote (Councillor)      |
|              | Taho (Fight Leader)     |
| ANIMA        | Matiote (Councillor)    |
|              | Tainda (Fight Leader)   |
| HIMARATA     | Datave (Councillor)     |
|              | AHO (Fight Leader)      |
| ASAEA        | Abaiote (Councillor)    |
|              | Ahuo (Fight Leader)     |
| KURNJUMBURA  | Habai'uo (Councillor)   |
|              | Kaiwanda (Fight Leader) |
| YONURA       | Taaha (Councillor)      |
|              | Murabe (Fight Leader)   |
| KAURONA      | Itauba (Councillor)     |
|              | Nukondo (Fight Leader)  |

17. (b) All fight leaders are now quite old and although they have some influence the main force comes from the age group 30 to 45 years old who have had no formal schooling and unfortunately little understanding of pigin english. One Councillor has been convicted of assault and was sentenced to 3 months jail in 1969. Each Councillor is only beginning to see how the administration functions and no real attitude for or against can be ascertained yet.

18. (c) The old system allowed for one fight leader who would be asked for his opinion on all other matters of clan life. His position would be attained by personal prowess on the fighting grounds and would be taken over when a stronger man appeared.

19. Now people look to the councillor for rulings on other matters as they are the ones who have most contact with the Government and its laws. None of these Councillors could be classified as widely travelled or well educated, but are chosen because they give the impression that they are the most enthusiastic and the best workers in their village. Even the old system was not hereditary so now as before the leaders are chosen on performance not on who their father was.

29. (d) Not Applicable.

30. (e) The degree of the people being interested in the radio for in newspapers was evident. This of course is because not many of the people can read or speak English. Next year the Bamari Council hopes to help the understanding of the elections by buying for their use a radio for each ward. This radio will be the responsibility of the Councillor and he will be obliged to let anyone listen to it who wants to. It will not be regarded as his possession but a community property.



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## E. LAND TENURE AND USE.

20. (a) It was not possible for me to ascertain how the people originally arrived and settled in this area then went about dividing the ground up amongst themselves. There stories and a little proof to suggest that those from the To'okena, Ahea, Habi'ina, Oraura areas might have originated from the Markham side of the range. The others near to Obura are believed to have originated from nearer to Okapa.
21. However they did arrive and now the land is divided up for all the families in a clan and the father gives his land to his wife to look after. When his children are old enough he allocates some ground to them for them to use. If the child is a girl she looks after the ground till she marries when she relinquishes her title to her fathers' land and takes up her husbands' ground.
22. Most gardens here are worked individually. In other words each small family group goes about the jobs of clearing the ground, planting, putting up the fences, and eventually picking the crop. Only in some isolated cases does the whole community help with the clearing of the ground and then putting up the fences. This having been done the area inside this large garden is then divided up into the various families to work on individually.
23. (b) No individual holds land on lease from the Administration or Crown. People were advised that if land is in dispute that there is a court to establish proper ownership so they should not fight about who owns the land.
24. (c) Cash cropping of Coffee and Passionfruit has been commenced in this area. The work being done individually with no communal effort noticeable at present.
25. (a) The only two centers of learning are found at the mission establishments. The first one, a Primary T. school at To'okena teaches up to standard 4 with approximately 50 students in each class. There are also another 40 attending the preparation class. Another 50 older boys and girls are learning "pigin".
26. At the school at Obura there is another Primary T.S. school which teaches up to standard 3 and has about 130 students attending. There are also another 50 attending the prep classes.
27. (b) About two or three people other than the school children in each village are literate in "pigin" english so they are able to send and receive letters to their friends away at the coast or other centers of employment. These people might have been educated in various bible schools or at their place of employment when they were absent from their village.
28. (c) Not Applicable.
29. (d) Not Applicable.
30. (e) No signs of the people being interested in the radio or in newspapers was evident. This of course is because not many of the people can read or speak "pigin". Next year the Lamari Council hopes to help the understanding of its electors by buying for their use a radio for each ward. This radio will be the responsibility of the Councillor and he will be obliged to let anyone listen to it who wants to. It will not be regarded as his possession but a community property.



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31. Magazines and other pamphlets are always sent back with the Councillors after the monthly meetings. Although they can not read they might gain some benefit from just looking at the pictures and seeing what other parts of the Territory and the world look like.

32. (c) People enjoy playing sports whether it is basket-ball or foot-ball but few places have sufficient flat ground besides the divisions so the children at school are about the only ones who play.

G. STANDARDS OF LIVING.

32. (a) Houses are built as previously on the ground out of timber from the bush, kunai from the slopes, together with pit-pit and bamboo gathered from the slopes near the bush. The timbers are usually placed in the ground to form a circle then more timber is arranged on top of this to make the circular sloping roof which is centered by a central pole in the middle of the dwelling.

33. Then the pit-pit is woven and wrapped around the outside of the house, sometimes in two layers. The bamboo is also woven and this can be used for the flooring although the majority of floors are earthen with kunai strewn over them. The last task is to bundle up the kunai and tie it to the pit-pit which has been lashed to the roof timbers.

34. Fires are built inside the house on the earth floor with stone surrounds to keep the fire from spreading. All the food is cooked on this fire or if a large amount of food is to be prepared then it is cooked outside in a ground oven that has been heated by hot stones then water is poured onto the stones to create steam which helps the process along.

35. Latrines have been introduced into this area but they are not willingly kept in good order and require supervision by each patrol that comes through. The state of house in most cases is similar, the houses that need repairing would not be repaired or replaced unless the owner was advised to do so.

36. At the moment the people in this area appear to own only one set of european style clothing, that is blouse, skirt, trousers, shirt and not all wear them all the time a favourite trick to impress the patrol was to put on the one set of store bought clothes for the appearance at the meeting and then later on when doing a village inspection the same people would be seen in their traditional clothes.

37. The older ones and the small children always wear the traditional clothing of a "pul-pul" in the front and tanced leaves in the back. On my own observation I would say that about 20% of the families used european types of eating utensils, that is, spoons, plates, cups, forks, knives. All the men walk around with a knife or bush knife, or tomahawk either in their pocket or hand.

38. (b) "Kau-kau or sweet potato of course is the staple diet here. Supplementing this in the past and now to is the Pandanus whose season lasts from December to March. Another food eaten at the same time is the Mareta which is orange in colour and is very oily. It grows on a type of palm.

39. Yams are planted around December and eaten from April to June. Taro has about the same season. Kumul a type of native cabbage is planted around July and eaten around December. Pit-pit is eaten from January to April. Sugar and bananas are usually available all year round.

40. New crops of tomatos, cabbage, lettuce, carrot, bean sweet corn, have been introduced and are eaten as supplements. Pea-nuts seem to grow well here and are popular.



41. When money is available tinned fish and meat is a popular supplement but not much money is coming into here so store bought foods are an infrequent change to the diet. Trade stores in this area apart from the one at Obura owned by Jascars would number about one other.

42. (c) People enjoy playing sports whether it is basket-ball or foot-ball but few places have sufficient flat ground besides the missions so the children at school are about the only ones playing any sports.

43. A women's club was commenced by a previous Patrol Officer but on enquiring many times it now seems to be dormant with no woman prepared to go ahead and start it off again. There is an amount of money already saved by the club and it arises to just under \$30.00. This is the only community facility.

44. A three ton truck which has several times made the trip to H. MISSIONS. The road was improved considerably and now only some

44. (a) There are two missions in this census division both of which are run by the Swiss Evangelical Brotherhood Mission who have their main centres in Minj and Loo. The missions as stated before are found at To'okena which was founded in 1961 and at Obura in 1964. The two missions have considerable influence throughout the area mainly through their work in the schools and Aid Posts.

45. (b) Both missions provide the whole area with the only educational facilities and also have the best qualified staff managing their aid posts which also take care of the Maternal & Child Health Clinics.

46. The mission at To'okena employs the following staff.

Three Swiss teachers and one Sister.  
Two Local teachers and one Local Sister.

47. The mission at Obura employs the following.

Two Swiss teachers and one German Sister.  
Two Local teachers and one Local Sister.

48. (c) The present attitude towards the mission is one of interest and help as far as their work on the schools and aid posts are concerned. Work has not really begun on the evangelising side, however there is no pressure being brought to bear on the people in this regard. The mission has stated that they did not expect to see results in this field until some time early in the 1970's.

### I. NON INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT.

49. (a) The only commercial establishment is a trade-store owned by Jascars of Kainantu.

50. (b) One trade store keeper is employed by this enterprise. There is little chance of further expansion unless more cash comes into the area.

51. (c) The store is situated on the road from Kainantu and is 30 miles from this town.

52. The House of Assembly has been explained each time a patrol visits the area but no real understanding is shown at the village level. No real understanding can be expected from these groups when they are so far removed from the more advanced areas both by geographical and economic position. No persons have had the benefit of taking part in conferences in other parts of the Territory but several of the Council members have gone to Goroka on various occasions on council matters.



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J. COMMUNICATION.

52. (a) ROADS. The main road to Kainantu the Sub-District headquarters measures 30 miles. The road is constructed and maintained by voluntary labour and assisted by various degrees of help from the councils, and the government with work too large for the people to handle.

53. One road leading to the mission at To'okena eight miles away was completed during last year and is accessible during the dry periods with a four-wheel drive vehicle and motor cycle. From this road there is a proposed extension which will join in both Oraura and Habi'ina. This is about another 6 miles.

54. A three ton truck unladen has several times made the trip to Obura but the bridges and some of the turns make it very risky. The road has improved considerably and now only some sections need immediate attention, whereas before most of the distance required work on it.

55. The areas without roads, ie: Ahea and Himarata are sufficiently close to the road that no economic drawback will be experienced by these groups not being right on the road. The Lamari Council has once again allocated most of its' small income to the continuing development of its' roads.

56. Not Applicable.

57. AIR. One airstrip a category "D" is found at Obura only a couple of minutes walk from the Patrol Post Office. It measures 1500 feet and is serviced from Goroka with a Cessna flight each thursday. No new strip sites are at the moment needed or feasible. The strip slopes quite steeply towards the Lamari river and with it being well drained through the run-off and the firm nature of its' clay-rock foundation it can be classed as an all weather strip.

K. TECHNICAL AND CLERICAL SKILLS.

58. No persons of the required standard of qualifications was located in this patrol. Any with sufficient skills can not find suitable work in this area so they are employed elsewhere. Many if not all the men at some time or other have been to the coast working on plantations and then return for some years to the village life.

L. THE STAGE OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT.

59. The people have had their Local Government Council since 1967 and the whole concept of councils and their duties is so new to the people that their attitude is not easily interpreted. It appears that they are still willing to be led by whoever stands in some form of authority or control over them.

60. As a result very few original ideas are brought through from the people it is more a case of agreeing or dis-agreeing with some thing that has been proposed.

61. The House of Assembly has been explained each time a patrol visits the area but no real understanding is shown at the village level. Nor can understanding be expected from these groups when they are so far removed from the more advanced areas both by geographical and economic position.

62. No persons have had the benefit of taking part in conferences in other parts of the Territory but several of the Councillors have gone to Goroka on various occasions on council matters.



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started on improving their land holdings by re-afforestation. Seeds made available at Obura are not able to be distributed quickly.

M. THE ECONOMY OF THE AREA.

73. (e). The people in this area are unfortunate geographically and also the majority of land is very unsuitable for intensive
63. (a). Coffee and passionfruit has been started in this area as a cash crop, however no figures are as yet available and on observed average the number of trees owned by each male adult would not usually exceed twenty. A great number of trees are not mature yet, it can be expected that the amount brought in by the sale of coffee will increase in the following years.
64. (b). As stated no figures are available to gauge the total production and value of this crop. Jaskars' and a plantation from Norikori buy the bulk of the parchment produced in this area.
65. (c). Again no figures are available regarding coffee census because the original coffee census figures taken some time ago are now being recompiled by the agricultural assistant working here. A council employee is also working to improve the coffee production. to what a council can do for them. Their attitude however is good
66. (d). No market gardens are seen here. is being with
67. (e). Most money that comes into this area is from the returned labourers this amount of money is then divided up in the village and is used to pay the council tax and all other wants. The recent money coming in from the sale of coffee and passionfruit makes up the total income. any of its' existence having been told repeatedly by people in their villages. The big drawback to political aware-
68. (f). There are no co-operatives operating in Obura. no experian-
69. (g). None present in this area. dead the only ones who could vouch for the existence of the House of Assembly are those people
70. (h). No bank savings accounts are issued from Obura, so no actual accounts are known of.
71. (i). Because no difficulty in paying the annual rate of tax of \$1.50 has been experienced there is no hardship in finding the yearly tax apparent. No prosecutions have been started against tax defaulters or any attempt to collect back tax because there isn't public any. The rest houses throughout the area are buildings used for shelter only and all essential camping gear must accompany the
72. (j). This area is still entirely subsistence farming oriented and the little money that comes in from other sources, coffee and labourers is not readily gauged so a figure can not be quoted with any accuracy. There is enough for the men to pay tax of \$1.50 per year and also to buy quantities of clothing and food from the one large trade store at Obura. at Obura are housed.
73. (k). No marketing facilities other than the roadside purchase of produce is catered for here. Markets for buying and selling local produce have been tried without success in the past. Therefore the cars coming to this area provide the sole outlet for crop selling in this area and therefore it is continually stressed the fact that the roads must be maintained every week.

N. POSSIBILITIES FOR EXPANDING THE ECONOMY.

74. (a). There are some areas where more land could be used for increased planting of permanent tree crops. However, their land must be lying fallow for the future planting of gardens as the rotation of gardens and not crops is the method of farming in this area.
75. (b). There is no foreseeable future for market gardening as Obura is isolated from any sizable market ie Kainantu which is 30 miles away and on a very poor road.
76. (c). There is no industry being supported by local labour nor is any industry proposed that might require a large labour force to maintain it.
77. (d). Planting of timber has been stressed as a very important method of looking after their soil but no work is apparently started on improving their land holdings.



started on improving their land holdings by re-afforestation. Seeds made available at Obura are not able to be distributed quickly.

78. (e). The people in this area are unfortunate geographically and also the majority of land is very unsuitable for intensive cultivation. This leaves the people in small pockets of fertile land close to the forrest line. The people are quite interested in finding ways to improve their cash earnings, but are thwarted by their being so far from a ready market and on such a bad road as well as their soil being inferior to other parts of the highlands.

O. ATTITUDE TOWARDS LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

79. The people as yet have had little contact with the council other than the elections and patrols telling of the work of the ~~ERRE~~ council in their area. They understand that the Lukhai Tultul system has been replaced by a Council but are not very certain as to what a council can do for them. Their attitude however is good and they are eager to know how their money is being utilised.

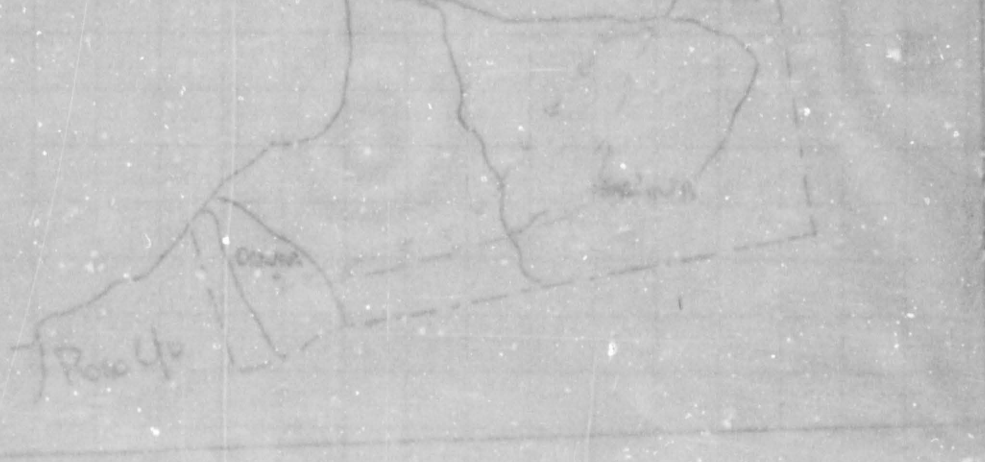
P. ATTITUDE TOWARDS CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

80. There is no direct involvment with the central government so the people only know of its' existance by having been told repeatedly by patrols in their villages. The big drawback to political awareness is that in this area and in similar cases there is no experiencing of this form of government and it apparently has nothing to do with them at the village level. Indeed the only ones who could vouch for the existence of the House of Assembly are those people who while working on the coast near Port Moresby have visited the building.

Q. ACCOMODATION SERVICES AND FACILITIES.

81. This area supports no formal accomodation available for the public in general. The rest houses throughout the area are buildings used for shelter only and all essential camping gear must accompany the person using the rest house. They are all made from bush materials and are usually renewed each four or five years.

82. The two Mission establishments at Obura and To'okena have semi-permanent buildings in which they live and give shelter to any of their visitors. The station at Obura has 13 semi-permanent buildings in which the staff at Obura are housed.



APPENDIX B

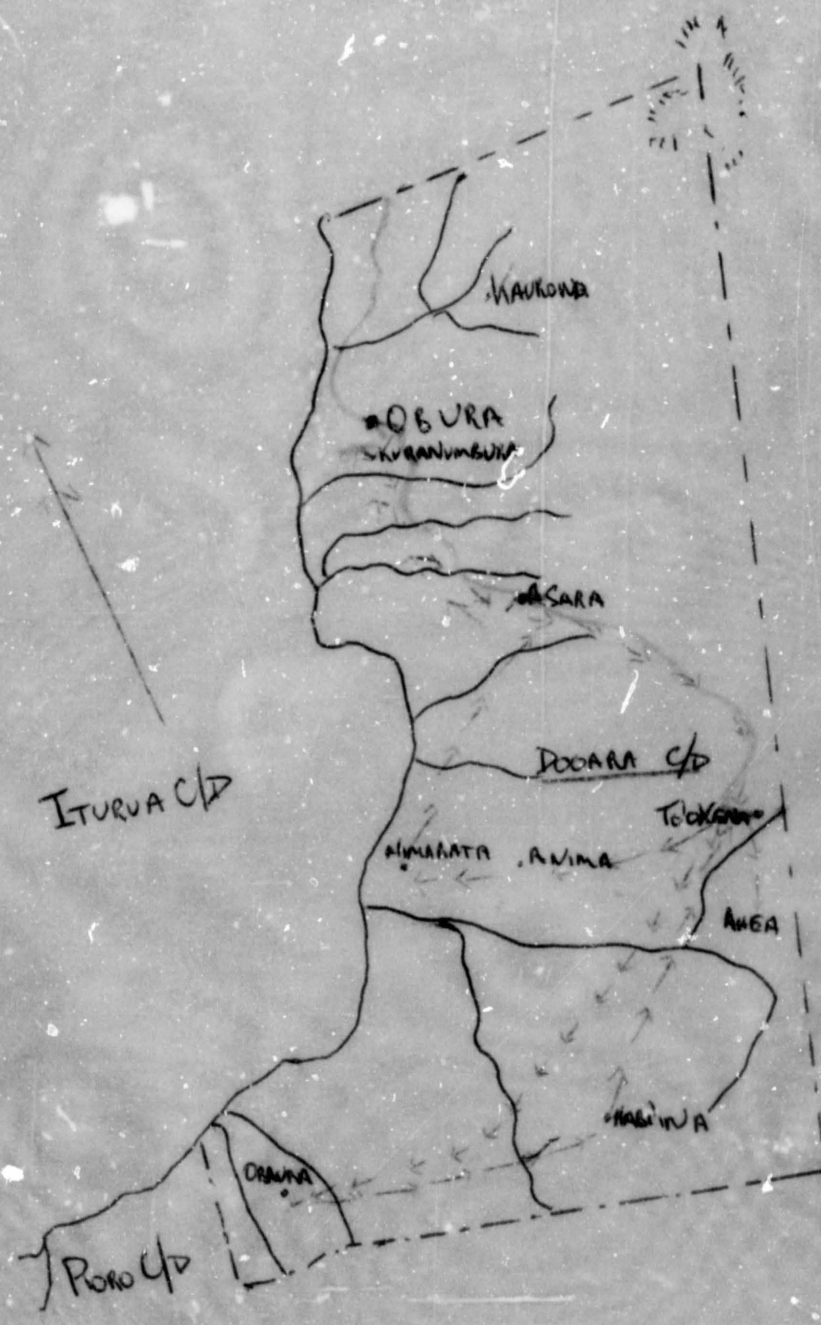
PATROL No.6.

DOGARA CENSUS DIVISION.

Scale 2 miles to 1 inch.

— road.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of EASTERN HIGHLANDS Report No. 7 of 1969/70

Patrol Conducted by G.B. FINDLAY, Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled PIORA Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 1 member R.P.N.G.C.  
1 Interpreter

Duration—From 19/3/1970 to 24/3/1970

Number of Days 5 days

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 12/1969

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

Map Reference E.H.D. 2Milinch

Objects of Patrol CENSUS REVISION AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Director of District Administration,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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*District Commissioner*

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

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

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

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Division of District Administration,  
Department of the Administrator,  
Sub-District Office,  
KAINANTU, E.H.D.

RJG:CJ

2nd March, 1970.

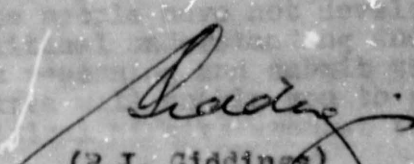
Mr. G. Findlay,  
Patrol Officer,  
OBURA.

OBURA PATROL NO. 7 of 1969/70

Please mount a Patrol to the PIORA Census  
Division commencing Tuesday 19th March.

Objects of your Patrol will be:-

- a) Revision of the annual PIORA Census
- b) Advertising Prospecting Authority Application No. 171 vide a circular 67/142 from the Director of Lands. Prepare a separate memorandum on this Application vide a circular 35/1/1 of 29th April, 1969 from the Director of D.D.A.
- c) If the PIORA people wish to develop coffee gardens please assist them in doing so. Take action following my comments of Patrol Report 5-69/70. (Paragraph referring to Para. 19 of the PIORA Area Study).
- d) Continue to encourage the development of graded walking tracks which might be expanded into vehicular roads.
- e) Give a call for volunteers to the Highland Labour Scheme and advise the District Commissioner direct of those volunteering so that their movement from OBURA may be arranged.

  
(R.J. Giddings)  
ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER



Division of District Administration,

Sub-District Office,  
KAINANTU, E.H.D.

07-2-7

19th June, 1970.

OKA:CJ

Mr. G. B. Findlay,  
Patrol Officer,  
OBURA

Dear Mr. Findlay,

REPORT OF PATROL OBURA NO. 7 of 69/70  
PIORA CENSUS DIVISION

I acknowledge receipt of your Report covering the Census Patrol through the PIORA Census Division mounted under my Instructions dated the 2nd March, 1970.

2. The Patrol was very brief for the reason that within several days of its completion you were required to mount another Patrol in the HENGANOFI area.

3. Your Report is very brief and is hardly indicative of conditions and attitudes existing in the area patrolled. The same narrative could have been written from KAINANTU without ever visiting the area and knowing merely that at present it is isolated.

4. Some comments follow:

POLITICAL

Paragraph 1

I find it very difficult to understand your colloquial English particularly such terms as, "at the last of the line geographically." All Reports should be written in clear and precise English.

Paragraph 2

This paragraph is barely understandable. It seems that you mean that because the people have not developed economically they have no political understanding and cannot develop this. I dispute this reasoning and submit that constant patrolling of your area will enable you to promote a wider understanding of political affairs amongst these people.

Paragraph 3

There is every likelihood of the PIORA area becoming part of the LAMARI LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL. Meetings of the Council may be held at two monthly intervals if necessary when this takes place. It would be good for



the elected representatives to visit OSURA at least once every two months even though it may take two days each way to do so, for reasons other than participation in the meeting of the Council.

Paragraph 4

You seem to fail to appreciate that these people have only had contact with the Administration for about 15 years. They are not living as their ancestors did; they continue to live as they themselves have lived.

Paragraph 5

I note what the people were told. I see no reference to the replies made by the people to any of these talks. It is wise to include such information in your Report. An emerging pattern of growing awareness can then be ascertained.

Paragraph 6

I trust that your attitude has not permeated to the people themselves. I do not agree that their position is hopeless.

ECONOMIC

Paragraphs 7 - 11

Development of needs is a gradual process coupled with visits to outside areas, achievement of a basic education, even if self taught, and an observation of visitors, of their habits and their possessions. As these needs progressively develop so will planting of cash crops regardless of the distance that these need to be transported to market. I do agree that for quite some time until roads are built, and these will be built regardless of your statements, the area will be used as a pool of labour for other more developed areas. You seem not to realise that many areas of the Territory, even in so called developed Papua, have pockets of sophisticated people living in areas at least as inaccessible as this. It is their home and they will always like it. Some will work there but many will return only during holidays.

SOCIAL

Paragraph 12

An Aid Post is also being built by the Public Health Department at OSURA No. 2

LAW & ORDER

Paragraph 16

I realise that the only reason you have included the fact that a major crime occurred some years ago without being reported, is to highlight the fact that the area is difficult of access. You should, however, never include such sweeping statements in Reports. If a crime has been committed it is your duty to investigate it regardless of time elapsed.

5. The whole gist of your Patrol Report seems to be that political development is dependent upon the economy and that economically development is impossible because of geography. You do advocate a sprinkling of mixed vegetable seeds. Socially the only hope is for universal education.



but this is impossible.

6. I put it to you that your pessimistic attitude may have a solution not indicated in your Report for the population of the area from your Census indicates a decrease of ten persons and with suitable projection there will be no problem in some years time. I find it extraordinary that you have failed to mention this decrease for the reasons therefore. Perhaps there was a connection with the influenza epidemic.

7. On all your future Patrols please take time to engage in and record, two-way communication with the local people.

8. Your map is unacceptable as it was drawn by another person and is returned herewith for resubmission in your own hand according to Standing Instructions.

9. In future Reports ensure that every part of your Patrol Instructions is dealt with separately within your Report. My instruction to advertise Prospecting Authority 171 is not commented upon. In blatant disregard of my instruction (c) you appear to have discouraged people from planting coffee because it is too far to market. Development of graded walking tracks is not mentioned and neither is the result of your further call for volunteers under the Highland Labour Scheme.

10. Overall this is a particularly poor Report and the delay in submission of nearly three months robs it of any residual value it may have had. I know that you have conducted two other Patrols since this one but from your Field Officers Journal you spent 34 days at OBURA Station between these. I see no excuse whatever for the lateness or the brevity of the Report.

Yours faithfully,



(O. K. Alder)

Assistant District Commissioner

Sub-District Office,

KAINANTU, E.H.D.

19th June, 1970.

The District Commissioner,  
GOROKA

The Report in triplicate is attached herewith.

2. I have taken the trouble to discuss the contents at length with Mr. Findlay and asked him whether he had gained any other information whatever during the Patrol or given any thought to possible development of the area since the Patrol. He claims that there is nothing at all that he could add to the narrative as presented, for in his opinion there is nothing you can do for these people. This attitude hardly befits the Officer in whose charge the area lies for development purposes and he admits this. I feel that this reflects Mr. Findlay's capacity and nothing will be gained by resubmitting it to him for recompilation.

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3. Perhaps after Mr. Findly has visited the area several times he will gain more interest and develop some worthwhile ideas and not appear so despondent.



(O. K. Alder)  
Assistant District Commissioner



Division  
 Department of the Administrator  
 Obura Patrol Post.

PATROL REPORT FOR OBURA PATROL No.7 1969/70.

SUB DISTRICT PATROL KAINANTU 1969/70.  
 DISTRICT EASTERN HIGHLANDS.

NON COUNCIL AREA. CENSUS DIVISION.

PATROL CONDUCTED BY G.B. FINDLAY.

DESIGNATION PATROL OFFICER.

AREA PATROLLED PIORA CENSUS DIVISION

PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING THE PATROL  
 1030 Boat MEMBER RPNGC. in the bush.  
 1130 Left INTERPRETER PATROL  
 1400 Arrived Obura Pt. 1.  
 DURATION OF PATROL Arr 19.3.70 to 24.3.70 5 DAYS.  
 DATE & DURATION OF LAST PATROL BY DDA Le 5.12.69 to 18.12.69 13 days.  
 OBJECTS OF PATROL Meeting and census of Pinate 1 & 2.  
 Finished. Slept Pinate No. 1.  
 CENSUS REVISION AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATION  
 0745 Arrived Waisara.  
 TOTAL POPULATION 15 P.M. 15-0 meeting and census of Waisara.  
 OF AREA 1035 Arrived Owenia.  
 MAP REFERENCE 1130 Meet. H. D. and 2 MILLING registered.  
 1430 Arrived Tainaraba. Slept.  
 VILLAGE POPULATION Meeting and census of Tainaraba, Kairaba,  
 REGISTER ENCLOSED To Obura Pt.  
 1035 Arrived Anaraba.  
 1125 Meeting and census completed.  
 1330 Arrived Obura.  
 1400 To S.I.L. station to meet Mr. & Mrs. Loving.  
 Slept Obura.  
 23rd. 0815 To Mohuta village to look at group reading.  
 0845 Meeting and census of Mohuta Village.  
 1000 To res. house for meeting and census of  
 Agamual and Owerpa.  
 1130 Pinalaba. Packed cargo for Yaki.  
 1530 Arrived Yaki. Slept.  
 24th. 0805 Left Yaki.  
 1110 Arrived Okasa in rain.  
 1530 Met Obura vehicles on road.  
 2000 Arrived Obura.  
 END OF PATROL 5 nights.

Division

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Department of the Administrator

Obura Patrol Post.

Patrol Report Obura No. 7 1969/70.

Piara Census Division

OBURA PATROL No. 7 1969/70.

Situation Report.

PIARA CENSUS DIVISION.

## CENSUS REVISION.

## PATROL DIARY.

March. 19th. 0930 Car to Asara.  
1030 Bogged at Asara in the bush.  
1130 Left Anima.  
1400 Arrived Oraura No. 1.  
1630 Arrived Oraura No. 2. Slept Oraura No. 2.

20th. 0920 Meeting & Census Oraura No. 2. and Kokonbila.  
1130 Left Oraura No. 2.  
1450 Meeting and census of Pinata 1 & 2.  
1630 Finished. Slept Pinata No. 1.

21st. 0720 Left Pinata No. 1.  
0745 Arrived Waisara.  
0905 Finished meeting and census of Waisara.  
1035 Arrived Owenia.  
1230 Meeting and census completed.  
1430 Arrived Tainaraba. Slept.

22nd. 0815 Meeting and census of Tainaraba, Kairaba.  
1005 To Amoraba.  
1035 Arrived Amoraba.  
1125 Meeting and census completed.  
1322 Arrived Mobuta.  
1600 To S.I.L station to meet Mr. & Mrs. Loving.  
Slept Mobuta.

23rd. 0815 To Mobuta village to look at group reading.  
0845 Meeting and census of Mobuta Village.  
1000 To rest house for meeting and census of Agamusel and Owapei.  
1130 Finished. Packed cargo for Yakia.  
1530 Arrived Yakia. Slept.

24th. 0800 Left Yakia.  
1110 Arrived Okasa in rain.  
1530 Met Obura vehicles on road.  
2000 Arrived Obura.

END OF PATROL 5 nights.



Patrol Report Obura No.7 1969/70.

Piora Census Division

Situation Report.

POLITICAL.

1. Unfortunately this area is at the last of the line geographically. It being so far away from either Marawaqa, Obura or Okapa that the benefits of cash cropping and other progress is practically non-existent. The only real income is brought by the men returning from working on the coast for a number of years.
2. The area is so rugged that cash crops are difficult to establish because of the long distances required to travel to reach the road head. This poor economic and geographic state of affairs does not lend itself favorably to any political understanding.
3. There have been two House of Assembly elections held in the Piora and no council elections as no council has yet been established nor is likely to be when it takes two days walking to reach the government station at Obura.
4. As a result the people are still steeped in their traditional beliefs and carry on with their lives just as their ancestors must have. The traditional forms of clothes and foodstuffs are very much the usual and the introduced foods and forms of clothing are the exception. Initiations are still the most important part of a young boys life and the ceremonies are carried out as before.
5. Talks were held to try to instill some understanding in the people about the outside world. The people were told that Obura had a council and how it worked was explained. Time was also taken to mention about the House of Assembly and how it differed from the local councils. I am rather hesitant to say that any knowledge was gained from these talks as even on the lowest level it appeared to be beyond their comprehension.
6. In my opinion the future for this group of people is very bleak. Perhaps their only road to salvation is complete resettlement and this is very unlikely because they are not really complaining about their position so would not welcome a move to another area. There is little hope of better communications as the terrain is so inhospitable and virtually defies road making especially when the number of available men would be about 500.

SOCIAL

ECONOMIC.

- this Piora area because of its remoteness it has been impossible to establish schools or any other facilities.
7. To try to encourage any cash crop in this area might be a little short sighted, because although the ground is reasonably suitable for coffee and passionfruit growing the insurmountable problem of transporting the crop to a market remains.
  8. Talk was heard of the peoples wish to build a road especially one from Pinata to Oraura No.1 because of the proposed road to Oraura No.1 from To'okena. After having walked through this country I find it very hard to believe that one day a reasonably safe road could be put in. Not without a vast expense and the expense would not be justified for the 1300 inhabitants when other more densely populated areas are also requiring developmental roads.
  9. It appears to me that the only real help the Administration can give them is to make available to them more seeds for other types of food crops to supplement their limited diet. Pea-nuts grow well and are popular but I feel that every other kind of vegetable and fruit should be introduced to make their every-day existence a little easier. The reason being that the other types of development common to the more fortunate areas is not likely to be able to be installed and the administration should be able to show how it has helped even these far away people.
  10. At the moment the situation is that very little coffee is grown and when ripe it requires several days very hard work to get the crop to the market. This means that only a few people are interested enough to go to the trouble of planting a cash crop. There is also the problem that without money and trade stores there is no incentive to have money to purchase goods.
  11. There has been little success at economic development in the Piora because of the problems mentioned before. And in conclusion it is only fair to say that it is not the fault of the people or the administration officers but the nature of the area that provides such an efficient barrier to any change.
  12. No missions are actually established here but from time to time various native pastors can be found in the area but they usually don't stay long. The problems that prevent development or political awareness also prevent the missionaries from visiting this part of the world.



## SOCIAL

12. In the Piora area because of its remoteness it has been impossible to establish schools or aid posts. Now there is to be an aid post run by the Public Health Dept. situated at Mobuta. It was originally to be at Owenia which was half way in the Piora. Owenia had already built an aid post when it was decided that to carry supplies into Owenia would be too long.
13. At Mobuta the Summer School of Linguistics has been established since 1959 and about half the year is resident at Mobuta teaching the people to read in their own language whilst compiling papers on the language and stories on the people. The effect of these people on the Pioras has not been very noticeable but it appears to be the policy of the SIL not to interfere but to observe.
14. The ones who have been learning a long time are able to read and write in their own language which enables them to correspond with their friends on the coast and also to read the specially prepared scripture lessons put out by the Lovings.
15. These people appear to have only one hope and that is for all their children to be educated but again because of the terrain it can not be expected that a Government or even mission school could be established in the near future because of the lack of communications and the sparsely grouped population.

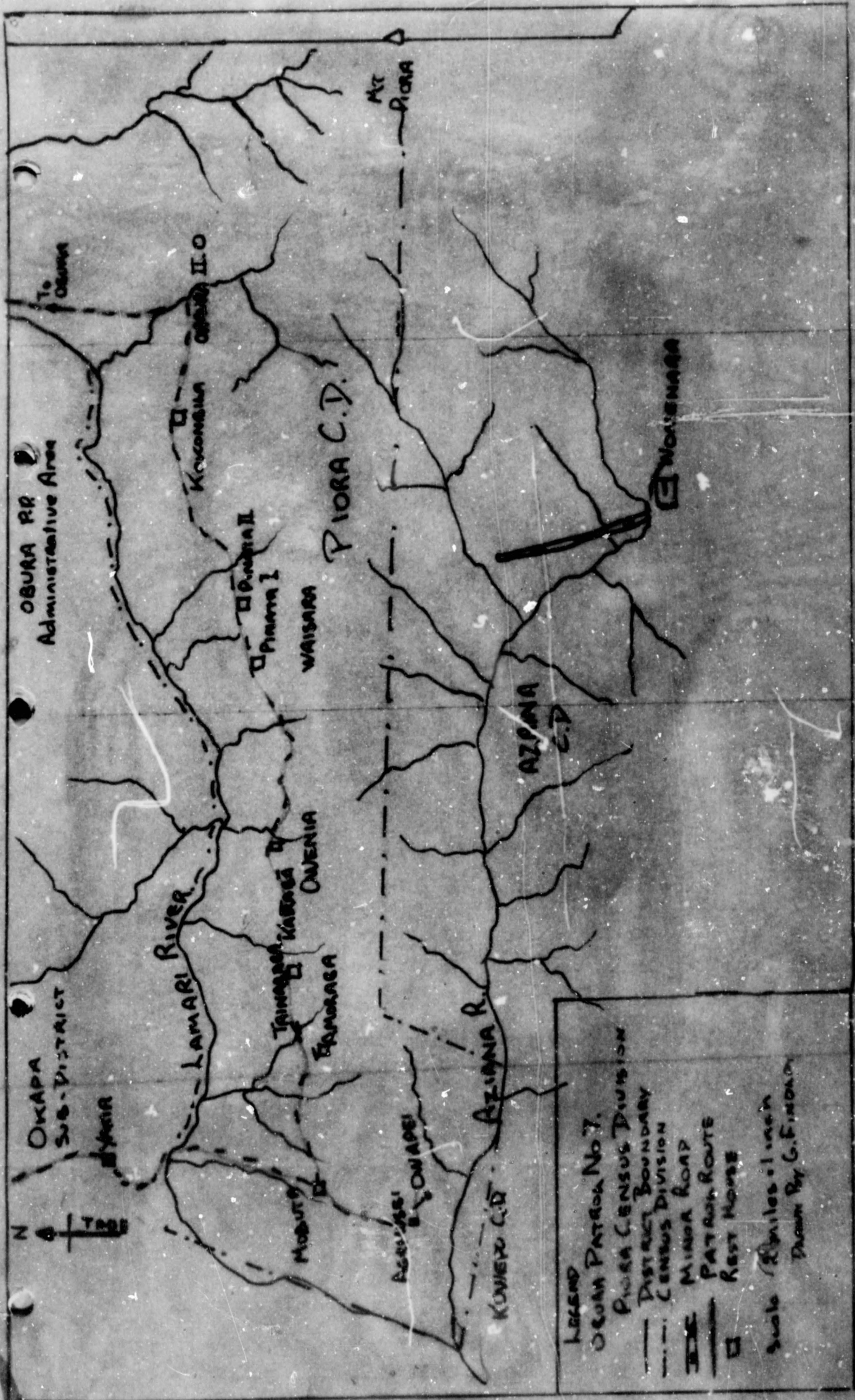
## LAW AND ORDER

16. Not many court cases are brought to the Patrol Post from Piora as is expected and even on patrol few cases are brought up for attention. This suggests to me that the old customary laws are still very much in force and all issues are covered adequately by their rulings. Only when there is a major riot or murder could it be said that there would be an attempt to notify the administration to deal with it. It was even brought to my attention that an actual major crime had occurred some years ago and it had not been reported.

## MISSIONS

17. No missions are actually established here but from time to time various native pastors can be found in the area but they usually don't stay long. The problems that prevent development or political awareness also prevent the missions from penetrating this part of the world.





LEGEND  
 Okapa Patrol No 7.  
 Piara Census Division  
 --- DISTRICT BOUNDARY  
 --- CENSUS DIVISION  
 == MINOR ROAD  
 — PATROL ROUTE  
 □ REST HOUSE  
 Scale 1/4 inches = 1 mile  
 Drawn By G. F. Moran