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GULF DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1964/1965

BAIMURU & IHU

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1 - 1964/1965	J.J. B. Irwin	Pie/ Era Rivers
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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Cout Report No. 1 of 1964/65.

Patrol Conducted by K. G. O. BRIEN

Area Patrolled VAILALA EAST CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans 1 Medical Assistant

Natives 1 N.M.O.

Duration—From 24/6/1964 to 24/7/1964

Number of Days 21

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? Yes

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / / 19

Medical ... / 19

Map Reference Formid Army Stat. Series KIKORI - WAV.

Objects of Patrol See inside.

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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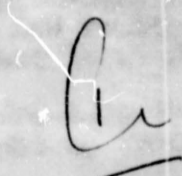
6th October, 1964.

District Officer,
Gulf District,
KEREMA.

PATROL REPORT NO. 1-64/65 - IHU:

Receipt of the above mentioned report and accompanying comment is acknowledged with thanks. I am gratified to learn that the general situation is being remedied by frequent patrolling and ensuring that instructions given are followed.

- 2. I am in full agreement with the content of the third paragraph of the Assistant District Officer's memorandum to you.
- 3. Further, I urge you to ensure that the production of established crops is fostered.
- 4. The lack of notations in the village books since 1959 reflects most unfavourably on the officers who have been in the area from that date to the present. Instruct your officers to make comprehensive notations in village books.
- 5. It is obvious that constant attention will have to be given this area for an extended period to re-establish Administration influence. Please ensure this is done, as the people at the moment appear to be on side.
- 6. I am pleased the people are putting forward a claim for council backing in a land developmental project. You should encourage them in their aim; it may discourage any breakaway groups.
- 7. A very well presented, informative report reflecting great credit on the officer.


 (J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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Department of Native Affairs,
Gulf District,
KEREMA.

18th September, 1964

Assistant District Officer,
KEREMA.....G.D.

IHU PATROL REPORT No. 1 of 1964-65

Receipt of the above is acknowledged.

2. Please note the following points :

- (i) Endeavour is spelt with an 'a'
Thorougher is not a word. The comparative terms
are more and most thorough.
The term 'okay' is not to be used in reports.
Junior officers should work with a dictionary when
they are unsure of the correct spelling.
- (ii) Patrols concluded after the 30th June are included
in the following year's reports.

3. I am aware of the reasons for the late submission of the
report; these being unavoidable.

4. Mr. O'Brien is doing good work at IHU and I understand he
has already again visited the area conducting the survey regard-
ing the split in the newly formed VAILALA Native Local Govern-
ment Council.

5. The main trouble in this area in the past has been lack of
attention from Kerema and IHU. I feel this area could be great-
ly improved with regular patrolling. At present the large
numbers absent from the area at work mean in effect that those
remaining in the villages have a greater burden placed upon them
in maintaining roads, bridges and village environs. The success-
ful supervision of this area once Area Administration settles
down is quite definitely necessary if any improvement is to be
made in any of these matters.

6. The people seem willing to cooperate in the thinning out of
their coconuts and I would like you to ensure that this is done
before this willingness subsides.

7. It will be necessary to pass an Agriculture Rule regulating
the clearing of these gardens similar to the old OROKOLO
Council rule and to see that it is implemented from the very out-
set. I am sure that both officers at IHU realise the importance
of this but I would like you to see that it is done.

8. With regard to the Census Registers both the office and
patrol copies of these should be brought up to date and kept so.

9. You are aware that no definite decision has yet been made
as to whether the required breakaway from the VAILALA Council
will be allowed. You will be notified immediately a decision is
made.

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10. Apparently Mr. O'Brien was absent when my recent letter regarding patrol maps was sent out. Would you please bring this to his notice and have him forward the maps.

11. Mr. O'Brien seems to have carried out a valuable patrol. Approved camping allowance claims are attached.

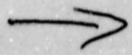


Gulf District,
16th September, 1964

The District Officer,
Kororarua,
Gulf District.

CONTROL REPORT No. 1/64-63
(B. BUNTING),
a/District Officer.

Attached please find a copy of the above report submitted by Mr. K.S. O'Brien. Only 2 carbon copies attach report forwarded to me. When an extra copy is typed I will forward it to you.



c.c. The Director, Department of Native Affairs, whilst KONEDOMU instructions and O.I.C.'s covering same are numbered 1/64-63 as the patrol was completed during 8-16. I have numbered it.

For your information. As will be seen from the attached report no indications of dissatisfaction with joining the VAILALA Council were expressed at this time. Mr. O'Brien is doing a very good job under trying conditions.

By ensuring that crears etc are carried out, if patrols continue to sleep in the rest houses and thereby spend more time in the area I am sure the peoples attitudes towards patrols will change. It is also essential that the law be maintained in the area.

If the council can obtain through the Loans Board it should do so in the cartage if copra etc. I hope to visit and will discuss this matter with the view to submit a loan application.

(Signature)
(B. BUNTING),
a/District Officer.

attach

I know little of agricultures plans in the area but fully agree that we should encourage the production of established crops and not encourage the introduction of new ones.

Claims for camping allowances and 2 copies of the O.I.C.'s covering same are attached.

(W.J. J. J. J.)
Assistant District Officer

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Sub-District Office,
Kerema,
Gulf District.

16th September, 1964.

The District Officer,
Kerema,
Gulf District.

Department of Agriculture
IHU Patrol Post
Kerema, Gulf District
Gulf District

2 September 1964

IHU PATROL REPORT No. 1/64-65

Attached please find original and one copy of the above report submitted by Mr. K.G. O'Brien. Only 2 carbon copies of the report were forwarded to me. When an extra copy is typed I will forward it to you.

There would appear to be some confusion over the numbering of the report. The actual report is numbered No. 1/64-65 whilst the patrol instructions and O.I.C.'s covering memo are numbered 4/63-64 as the patrol was completed during 64-65. I have numbered it 1/64-65.

Although the general situation in the area patrolled does not appear to be good it is being remedied by frequent patrolling and by ensuring that orders etc are carried out. If patrols continue to sleep in the rest houses and thereby spend more time in the area I am sure that the peoples attitudes towards patrols will change. It is also essential that the law be maintained in the area.

If the council can obtain a tractor and trailer through the Loans Board it should do much to assist in the cartage of copra etc. I hope to visit IHU in the near future and will discuss this matter with the Officer-in-Charge with a view to submitting a loan application.

I know little of agricultures plans in the area but fully agree that we should encourage the production of established crops and not encourage the introduction of new ones.

A claim for camping allowance and 2 copies of the O.I.C.'s covering memo are attached.

These were well handled and as a result, the people have a reasonable idea of the relationship of the patrol and are sure that all things will not appear as usual.

ENDING

Cash cropping is being at least partially retarded by the poor communications and transport. The L.G.D. may be able to help transport with a tractor. Roads and bridges are being worked on, and the patrol by Mr. Sewell A.C. may further stimulate such cropping. I fully agree that concentrations should be put on the surviving/existing crops rather than introducing new ones - the people have some economic to provide a good income.

A well conducted patrol, which has already produced results in the area, as I have observed in recent visits.

(W. J. G. LAMBDEN)

Assistant District Officer.

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Department of Native Affairs
IHU Patrol Post
Kerema Sub District
Gulf District

2 September 1964

The Assistant District Officer,
Sub District Office,
KEREMA, Gulf District

IHU Patrol No 4/1963-64

Please find attached three copies of the above report, extra copies of the Agricultural Appendix and the Census Statistics, and claim for camping allowance.

The patrol was a little pressed for time due to the requirement to return at least a week prior to the Revised Estimates Meeting, but never the less was not as rushed as some previous patrols have apparently been.

The delay in forwarding the report was due to the importance of raising another patrol immediately following the Revised Estimates Meeting, to the same area.

NATIVE AFFAIRS

The main administrative problem in the area - lack of attention - will be solved by further visits by officers to the villages over the next few months, and next year.

CENSUS

The problems met with the Tax/Census Registers have been corrected.


TAX PAYERS MEETINGS

These were well handled, and as a result, the people seem to have a reasonable idea of the relationship of income and expenditure, and are aware that all things will not appear overnight.

ECONOMIC

Cash cropping is being at least partially retarded by the poor communications and transport. The L.G.C. may be able to help transport with a tractor. Roads and Bridges are being attended to, and the planned patrol by Mr Sewell A.O. may further stimulate cash cropping. I fully agree that concentration should be made on the improving/existing crops /of rather than introducing new ones - the people have ample coconuts to provide a good income.

A well conducted patrol, which has already produced results in the area, as I have observed in recent visits.


P. G. Whithead
Officer in Charge



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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In Reply
Please Quote

No. 67-1-1

Ihu Patrol Post
Kerema Sub District
GULF District

22 June 1964

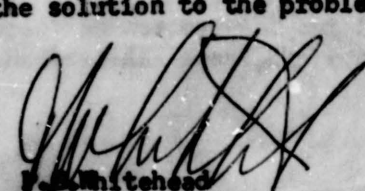
Mr K. O'Brier
Patrol Officer
IHU Patrol Post

IHU Patrol No 4/1963-64

Further to our conversation, please prepare to mount a patrol in the East Vailala area, commencing on the 24 June 1964, and returning before the Vailala Council Meeting of the 15 July.

Whilst on patrol, please attend to the following matters:-

- (a) Census revision in order that a Council Tax Register can be drawn up.
- (b) Have discussions on the role of the individual within a Local Government Area, the function of tax, and attempt to establish the desires and needs of the people in relation to the Tax and Revised Estimates meeting at Vailala East 29 July 1964 - ie carry out Tax Payers Meetings.
- (c) Inspect Bridges and Roads to establish what maintenance is necessary in the area, and amend Lands Department Map 4 CD where necessary.
- (d) Where possible, note what alienated land is not in use.
- (e) Make preliminary surveys of any land the people want to make available for Local Government Aid Posts, etc..
- (f) Investigate MAPORAI HOAI of LEPOKERA in relation to £1 and radio wire missing from Mr Sewell's house.
- (g) Investigate the Co-operative store records, with a view to laying charges against the storeman. Advise the Co-Operative Inspector IHU of due date of arrival at KOIALAHU, as he can assist with investigations.
at KOIALAHU
- (h) Investigate applications for Trading Licences - proximity to nearest licenced store, turnover, profit, demand etc..
- (i) Investigate applications for Special Arms Permits - cash cropping, percentage of permits in village etc..
- (j) Advise me of damage to Kea Kea bridge, and progress on Keuru Bridge.
- (k) Expound cash cropping as the solution to the problems of the area.


J. Whitehead
Officer in Charge

Patrol Post,
IHU, Gulf District.

8th. August 1964.

The Assistant District Officer,
Sub District Office,
KEREMA.

IHU PATROL REPORT No. 4 of 1964/65.

Patrol Conducted by : K.G.O'Brien Patrol Officer Gr.1.

Area Patrolled : Vailala East Census Division.

Personnel Accompanying the Patrol. **4** R.P. & N.G.C.
1 Interpreter.
1 N.MO.
Mr. TABAKOS Medical Assistant

Duration of Patrol : from 24th June 1964 to 24th. July 1964. 21 days.

Last Patrol into area : K.A. Bond CPO. 25/10/63.

Object of Patrol Carry out Census Revision.
General Administration.
Conduct discussions with the people of the area on the functions of tax, and to establish the needs of the people in relation to the Tax and Revised Estimates meeting.
Inspection of Bridges and roads.
Investigate applications for Trading Licences and Special Arms Permits.

Map reference : Fourmil Army Stat. Series KIKORI & WAU.

INTRODUCTION.

The main purpose of the Patrol was to carry out a Census revision in the East Vailala area. This was done with the idea of gathering information for the Tax and Revised Estimates Meeting which was held on the 29th. July 1964. After having done the Census the people were told the purpose of Taxation and the need for it to ensure that the Local Government Council functions properly. They were asked what they wanted out of the Council etc.

During the Patrol the functions of General Administration were carried out with all roads and bridges, together with all the houses in the Villages, being inspected. Courts of Native Matters were heard when necessary. Any person wishing Trading Licences or Special Arms Permits were seen and details taken.

An effort was made during the Patrol to get around the area and do a thorough inspection. It is unfortunate that I was unable to stay in the area for a longer period, as I feel sure that with a few extended Patrols into the area ~~the~~ Administration would improve out of sight and the people would ~~improve~~ become more confident in the work of the Government and its officers.

A thorough medical inspection was carried out in conjunction with the Census by Mr. TABAKOS, Medical Assistant, who accompanied the Patrol throughout its duration.

DIARY.

24th. June 1964.
Wednesday.

Prepared to depart on East Vailala Patrol Left Station at 1015 by outboard canoe for VAILALA EAST No.1. Arrived at the Village at 1045 and unloaded the canoe. Sent the Village Official off to collect some carriers and prepared cargo for carrying to HEREHERE. Sent carriers off at 1115 and went to speak to the VAILALA EAST people telling them that Mr. Whitehead wanted them to go up to the Station tomorrow to discuss the land for the Council House. Departed VAILALA EAST at 1130 for KOIALAHU. Arrived KOIALAHU at 1215. Changed Carriers and paid those from VAILALA EAST. Spoke with Councillor telling him that I'd be back later in the week and to repair the Rest House and Police Quarters. Departed KOIALAHU at 1225 for KEAKEA arriving at 1320. Paid off Carriers and got new ones. Spoke to Councillor telling him to get the Village ready for inspection and to attend the Census at KOIALAHU on Monday. Departed for HEREHERE at 1330. Spoke to the Village Officials of OVAHAHA and OVAHUUH on route telling them that their Villages would be inspected in the next couple of days and that they were to come up for Census on Saturday. Arrived HEREHERE Rest House at 1440.

The Rest House and Police Quarters were uninhabitable. Went on to the Village proper and stayed in one of the Village houses. The cargo was brought to the Village. Spoke to the Catholic Mission Priest who had come to inspect one of his schools. Told him that production figures were needed for the annual report and gave him the form to fill out. Fixed up house and departed for HUIVA Plantation at 1630. Arrived HUIVA Plantation at 1705 and spoke with the Manager Mr. D. Green. Returned to HEREHERE at 1830. Night at HEREHERE Village.

25th. June
Thursday.

Started Census of the HEREHERE Villages at 0830. During the Census the Medical Assistant, Mr. Tabakos, carried out a full medical inspection. Finished Census at 1200. Spoke with the Village people and heard a couple of complaints which were settled arbitrarily. Went and did an inspection on all the houses in the HEREHERE Villages. Names of those who are to repair their houses were noted in the Village Book. Finished up for lunch at 1400. Departed for HUIVA Plantation at 1500. Spoke with Labourers while Mr. Tabakos did a medical inspection. Left for HEREHERE at 1700 inspecting some houses on route. T.B. patient arrived to be sent to IHU for hospitalization. Heard some more complaints before finishing up at 1840. Wrote up Field Officers Journal and Checked Census figures after dinner. Night at HEREHERE Village.

26th. June.
Friday.

Started Census of the NOVIHOHO, PEKOI, HIRU and ARURUHU people at HEREHERE. Finished Census at 1230. Gathered all the people from the above Villages plus those who had come in from OVAHAHA, OVAHUUH, LAKOVU and HEREHERE. Spoke to them about the functions of the Council and told them that the Tax Meeting would be held next month. Got them to ask questions and to tell me what they wanted the Council to do in their Villages. They were also asked what they wanted as a tax rate after having explained what the costs would be for the things they wanted. Finished up at 1400. Departed HEREHERE at 1430 to inspect all the Villages north of HEREHERE, these being PEKOI, NOVIHOHO, HIRU ARURUHU and LAKOVU. Returned to HEREHERE at 1900. Went up to HUIVA Plantation for dinner returning to HEREHERE at 2130. Night at HEREHERE Village.

DIARY cont.

27th. June 1954.
Saturday.

Heard some complaints at 0730 before starting Census at 0830 of OVAHAHA, OVAHUU and LAKOVU. Finished Census at 1200. Broke camp and heard some more disputes before departing at 1300 for KOIALAHU. Inspected OVAHAHA and OVAHUU on route. Arrived KOIALAHU at 1630. Set up camp and started fixing a new Police Quarters. Departed per outboard canoe for IHU at 1715. Arrived IHU at 1800.

28th. June
SUNDAY.

Observed.

29th. June
Monday.

Departed IHU at 0900 for KOIALAHU arriving at 0940. Started Census of the KEAKEA and EPEBIAMO people. Told them that they were to come up again tomorrow at 1200 to discuss their needs in the Village and to talk about a Tax rate for the area. Finished up at 1400. Departed KOIALAHU at 1500 and went up to KEAKEA and EPEBIAMO to inspect houses and Village areas. Returned Rest House at 1830. Night at KOIALAHU Rest House.

30th. June
Tuesday.

Started Census of the KOIALAHU, and AIVAU and BERARE people at 0830. Finished Census at 1200. Spoke to the people about the coming Tax and Revised Estimates Meeting and explained that we wished to hear their ideas on the Tax rate for the area and what sort of things they wanted out of the Council in regards to Village improvements. Finished up at 1400. Departed KOIALAHU at 1430 to inspect the houses at AIVAU. Returned to the Rest House at 1700. Worked on Census figures for the rest of the afternoon. Night at KOIALAHU Rest House.

1st. July
Wednesday

Left for BERARE at 0830 to inspect houses. Returned KOIALAHU at 1000 and did the inspection of the Village and houses. Finished up at 1200. Lunch. Spoke with Village Officials and Council representatives. Heard a couple of disputes during the afternoon and worked on the Village Books and Census Figures. Night at KOIALAHU Rest House.

2nd. July
Thursday.

It was found that the Census Books are all out of order and both copies had not been kept up to date. Spent the day trying to get them into some sort of order. Awaiting motorbike from IHU in order to go back up the Beach and see the two plantations to get their production figures which should have been completed. Night at KOIALAHU Rest House.

3rd. July
Friday.

Collected bike and sent Patrol onto HARORA. Departed for Catholic Mission Plantation at 0900. Stopped at KEAKEA and showed the people how to stay the Bridge so that it would hold until some new piers could be brought from IHU. Continued onto AGAPURU Creek where I put the bike under the water. It failed to start when I finally dragged the dashed thing out. Got back to HUIVA Plantation and pulled the bike to pieces in an effort to get it to go. Hopeless. Left HUIVA at 1400 by Tractor to the KEURU Creek. Walked to KEAKEA and got the Tractor from KOIALAHU to take me down to KOIALAHU Village. Saw the Village Official before departing for HARORA. Arrived HARORA at 1830. Night at HARORA Rest House.

4th. July
Saturday.

Started Census of the HARORA, LUI, POIVA and KAROKARO Villages at 0800. Finished Census at 1300. Spoke to the people and told them that the Villages would be inspected on Monday and that they were all to gather after the inspection to talk about the Tax etc. Finished up at 1400 and departed for IHU at 1430. Arrived IHU at 1510.

DIARY cont.

5th. July
SUNDAY

Observed.

6th. July
Monday

Departed IHU and took the Patrol by outboard canoe to the start of the IORI track which is about 10 minutes from the Village. Sent the Patrol onto HILOI and went downstream to KAROKARO. Arrived at KAROKARO at 1000 and inspected the Village. Walked to LUI, inspecting the track on route, and did an inspection of the Village and houses. Continued onto HARORA and did a Village inspection. All the people had gathered by 1200 and started talking to them about the Tax and what they wanted. Took details of those wanting Trading Licences or Special Arms Permits. Heard a couple of disputes. Departed HARORA at 1640 for POIVA. Did inspection of the Village and continued along the road to HILOI. Arrived HILOI at 1800. Spoke with Village Officials and told them that the Census for the OPURARIA and OPA people would be tomorrow. Night at HILOI Rest House.

7th. July
Tuesday

Did Census of the OPURARIA and OPA Villages. Talked with the people about Local Government Councils and Taxation. Discussed the issuing of Trading Licences and Special Arms Permits. Afternoon spent doing Census Figures. Night at HILOI Rest House.

8th. July
Wednesday

Did the Census of the HILOI and BELEPA Villages. Spoke to the people about Tax and L.G.C. Went to inspect the four Villages. Called into the S.D.A. School and saw Mr. D. Menkin about the road work and the S.D.A. Tractor. Inspected the roads between the Villages and discussed what work was needed doing with the Village Officials. Returned to the Rest House at 1630. Heard disputes until 1750. Night at HILOI Rest House.

9th. July
Thursday

Broke camp and departed HILOI at 0745. Walked to IORI and started Census of the IORI Village. Finished Census and spoke to the people about Taxation and L.G.C. Took details of those wanting S.A.P. and Trading Licences. Inspected the houses before departing for the Vailala River at 1445. Hired an outboard from the local storekeeper as all the outboards at IHU were out of commission. Arrived IHU at 1530.

10th July
Friday.
to

Mr. Whitehead at KEREMA. On the Station doing Office work.

13th. July
Monday.

Departed for VAILALA EAST at 0900 to talk to the about the Tax and Revised Estimates Meeting. Asked them what they wanted out of the Council and what tax they thought they should pay. Departed VAILALA EAST at 1340 and arrived at LEPCERA at 1410. Spoke to the people about the Council etc and departed at 1510. Arrived at the Station at 1530. At Office until 1600. Went home for lunch.

15th. July
Wednesday
to

At Station.

16th. July
Thursday
17th. July
Friday.

Departed for VAILALA EAST at 0900 per outboard canoe. Arrived at the Village and set up camp. The people were out cleaning up the road. Went to inspect the road work and returned to the Rest House at 1200. Inspected the Villages and houses after lunch finishing up at 1700. Told the Village Officials to tell the people to come up for Census tomorrow. Night at VAILALA EAST No. 1 Rest House.

DIARY cont.

18th July
Saturday.

Started Census at 0830. Finished at 1400. Spoke with the people and heard a couple of complaints. Requests for Trading Licences and S.A.P.s were noted. Broke camp and departed for IHU per outboard canoe at 1550. Arrived Station at 1620.

19th July
SUNDAY

At Station.

8.
20th. July.
21st. July
Tuesday

Left Station at 0830 for LEPOKERA. Did Census and spoke with the people. Heard a couple of complaints before inspecting the Village. Finished up at 1340 and left for IHU arriving at the Station at 1405. Heard a couple of Courts for Native Matters which came with the Patrol to the Station.

22nd. July
Wednesday

Left Station at 0830 together with Mr. Whitehead for KOIALAHU. Mr. Whitehead continued on to Kerema by motorbike and the Patrol set up camp at KOIALAHU. Went to the Co-Operative store with Mr. M. ORAKA and did a check of the books. It was found that the Storekeeper had taken £80 worth of goods on credit and had only paid £28 back to the store. He was told that we were going to charge him at a later date. Returned to the Rest House at 1230. Sent down those needs in the investigation for the forged cheque (For) and when they arrived they were told that the canoe would pick them up this afternoon to take them to the Station. Went and inspected the work on the bridges along the HARIRA Road and the new houses in the Village. Night at KOIALAHU Rest House.

23rd. July
Thursday

Went up to the KEURU Creek by Tractor and then walked to HEREHERE Village arriving at 1030. Spoke to the locals and took details from those wanting S.A.P.s and Trading Licences. Inspected the new Rest House and Police Quarters. Heard a number of disputes and two men were sentenced to a term of imprisonment in the Court of Native Matters. Departed HEREHERE at 1450 and walked to the KEURU Creek picked up the Tractor here and went to KEAKEA where we checked the water depth for the new piers before continuing onto KOIALAHU. Night at KOIALAHU Rest House.

24th. July
Friday.

Broke camp and awaited canoe from IHU which didn't arrive until 1000. Sent Const. MOHORO off to VAILALA EAST to pick up a witness needed in the investigation re the forged cheques. Departed KOIALAHU and called into the BELEPA Sawmill to see Mr. Parker. He had just left for KAROKARO so we continued up to there and saw him about some receipts which were also needed for the investigation. Arrived IHU at 1130. RW

END OF PATROL.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The last Patrol to make notations in the Village Books was in 1959 when Mr. Baily did a Census in the area. This made things rather difficult as there was no way of checking whether or not the people had been ordered to clean Village areas and to repair their houses. During this Patrol it was found that a good many houses were in a bad state of disrepair. An effort has been made to bring the standard of housing up to scratch and ~~at~~ the attention of all offenders was drawn to the provisions of Regulation No. 101 (6) of the Native Regulations Ordinance,

Administration of the area should present no real difficulty as all Villages are within a days walk of the Station. Although this being the case the people appear to have been neglected over the years and their respect and understanding of the Administration could not be classed as satisfactory. The only way I can see of improving this is by more regular patrolling and for Officers to ensure that any orders given to the people by previous patrols have been carried out. The people at present regard the Patrols as a fly by night affair which, when they have returned to the Station, can be forgotten or ignored.

Recently, members of the R.P.&N.G.C. who have been sent to make arrests or serve a summons, were threatened and chased out of the Villages by the people. They appear to think that once this has been done no further action will be taken by the Administration. The main offenders appear to be the people who live around OPA, OPURARIA and HILLOI, although there has been other cases where summonses have been ignored. I was told by some of the Europeans in the area that the OPURARIA people boast that they have chased the Government away once without any trouble and that they can do it again. (This was when the Administration was collecting the head tax in this area and the people refused to pay.)

Although evidence of their attitude towards the Administration has since come to light, at the time of the patrol the people appeared to be quite willing to get into the work of repairing their roads and houses. I believe that with the introduction of Local Government Councils under proper supervision and with more concentrated Administration control and help this attitude will be replaced by one of trust and support towards the Administration.

During the Patrol numerous disputes were heard and either settled by arbitration or given to the Village Officials for them to hear and try to settle. The Court of Native Matters sat on five occasions and four convictions were recorded.

With the introduction of Local Government Councils into the area the use of Village Policemen and Village Councillors has been discontinued and efforts were made during the Patrol to get the people used to the idea of working with the ~~Small~~ Council Representative. The Council Representatives are younger men than ~~the~~ many of the old village Officials, and they appear to be keen to help in cleaning up the Villages and getting the roads repaired and up to the standard where they can be used.

On the whole the Patrol was well received in the area and attendance at Census quite good. They are a little backward in supplying the Patrol with food and on many occasions they had to be asked two or three times before food was brought up for sale. Efforts had been made in all Villages to clean up before the Patrol arrived and to prepare the Rest House and Police Quarters.

CENSUS

During the Patrol Census Registers were compiled for the whole of the area, which includes 25 villages with a total population of 4529 natives. The response was quite good, although a great many of the adult population were away in Port Moresby, and there was only one prosecution for "failing to appear".

The Labour Potential of the area is 987 adult males and 824 adult females. Of these there are 112 adult males and 36 adult females working inside the District and 545 adult males and 171 females working outside the District. Some of the men and most of the women are really not working except for keeping house for their husbands. In the Villages there are 691 males and 915 females together with 769 male children and 875 female children. There are 129 children attending Government Schools and 274 attending Mission Schools. These figures are not accurate as a good many of the families away from the District have children of school age and under and it was presumed that they were attending school in order to account for the number of children away from the District.

The figures indicate that there has been an increase of 1.4% in the total population of the area. This appears quite favourable.

It was found that the Census books had not been kept up to date, one book being used one year and the other the following year. These have now been corrected but they are in a bit of a mess and really need retyping. It was noted that Births, ~~and~~ Deaths, Migrations In and Out have been duplicated in many instances but this has now been rectified. Thus you will notice a difference in the figures this year as I was unable to make them agree with last years, after taking into account the Births, Deaths, Migrations In and Out.

I think it would be far better if we concentrated on just one book then there would not be any chance of duplicating the records from year to year.

SURVEY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL NEEDS IN THE EAST VAILALA CENSUS DIVISION AND THE TAX RATE.

One of the main aims of the Patrol was to talk to the people about the coming Tax and Revised Estimates Meeting at Vailala East, ~~and~~ to ascertain the needs and desires of the people in regards to L.G.C. Capital Works program, and to help the people arrive at a suitable tax rate for the area.

Talks were held at all Census points and attendance was a hundred per cent. After explaining to the people the historical development of L.G. Councils and the functions and taxation methods of the Council (as set out in Dept. Standing Instructions for L.G.C. Black Book Page 167 Appendix 'A'.) they were asked to put forward their ideas and questions about the Council. These were answered and the people were then asked what they wanted in their Villages.

The first thing that the people wanted out of the Council was a Tractor for the area. This was given our full support and it was explained that the cost of getting a Tractor out here would be around £1600. The idea of having a Tractor in the area was supported by the whole area as a means of helping them to repair their roads and to be hired out for the carrying of their Copra.

The people pointed out three blocks of land which they said they wanted to sell to the Government for the Council to build Aid Posts on. The first block is at NOVIHOHO on the road between NOVIHOHO and PEKOI and it is centrally sited for all the KEURU Villages. The second block is at HARORA

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on the ~~land~~ ^{road} between HARORA and POIVA Villages. This is also central ^{road} for the HARORA, LUI, POIVA and KAROKARO peoples. The third block is on the road between IORI and HILOI, on the land called NAKORO which belongs to the IORI people. The people were told to clear the land and have it ready so that a full investigation could be carried out a little later.

Cement Wells were requested at HARORA, KOIALAHU and AIVAU. While these were the only villages that specifically requested Wells other villages were keen about the idea of having wells.

It was explained that these things would cost a lot of money and that it may take the Council a number of years before all the requirements were met. They seemed to understand this and to realise that these things don't just fall out of the sky.

The Tax rate was split into two groups. The people living on the coastal villages wanted two (2) pounds for the men and ten shillings for the women. The people living inland and along the Vailala River wanted three (3) pounds for the men and ten shillings for the women. The percentage was approximately 64% and 46% respectively. It was felt that the people could afford to pay the latter and ~~the~~ I endeavoured to talk them into the higher tax rate.

It has been found that now the people are ~~prepared~~ prepared to pay the higher rate if they don't have to join with the Vailala West people. This is being handled at present and a new survey is being carried out while this report is being typed.

No mention was made during the Patrol that they wanted a separate Council and it was not until the Tax Meeting on the 29th. of July that we had any indication that this feeling existed.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

All the Villages were visited by Medical Assistant Mr. Tabakos of the Dept. of Public Health, IHU, who accompanied that Census Patrol throughout its duration. This aspect of the Patrol will be fully covered in reports submitted by the above officer.

AID POSTS

As stated above the people wish to build three Aid Posts in the Vailala East area but it is anticipated that this will take at least two years to complete by working through the Local Government Council. We will endeavour to carry out the investigations for the blocks when the Council is established and functioning properly and with their approval as to whether or not they want Aid Posts on these sites.

There are four Mission Aid Posts working in the area. These are; KAROKARO and BELEPA which are run by the Seven Day Adventist Mission with Mrs. L. Parker and Mrs. D. Menkin looking after them. ARAMIRI which is run by the Catholic Mission the work at present being done by Father Michello who said that he hopes to get a couple of Sisters to take over in the near future. VAILALA EAST No. 1 which is run by the London Missionary Society who have a Native School Teacher looking after it.

While the people are able to get a certain amount of attention from these Mission Aid Posts it is not sufficient to cover the whole area. I think we should try and get more government support into the area.

REST HOUSES

There are five Rest Houses in the Vailala East Census Division. During the Patrol ~~we~~ slept at all of these for at least a night. The sites are well situated for the existing population and Census of the whole area can be carried out from these points.

The Rest House sites are; ~~HEREHERE~~, existing Rest House and Police Barracks are uninhabitable. New Rest House and Police Barracks started during the Patrol and these should be completed by now. KOTALAHU, Rest House okay, new Police Barracks constructed during the Patrol. HARORA, the existing Rest House and Police Barracks will have to be renewed next Patrol. HILOI, existing Rest House and Police Barracks ~~was~~ okay. VAILALA EAST No. 2, existing Rest House and Police Barracks okay but should be renewed in the next couple of years.

I think that these Rest Houses while they haven't been used much over the last couple of years, should be kept up to standard and in good repair, in order to accommodate future Patrols into the area. These have to sleep in the Villages to be able to carry out proper Administration.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

In the Vailala East Census Division there is about 25 miles of road including the beach. At present this is sorely in need of repair. Many of the bridges are unserviceable and have to be replaced and a couple of them are still to be completed. The main job at present is, I think, to get the bridges built or repaired and then we can concentrate on bringing the road up to standard.

At present the people are working at pulling in logs for the bridges along the KOTALAHU, HARORA-HILOI road. We have 160 bridge decking available at present to be used on these bridges as soon as the logs have been pulled in. We should have all these bridges repaired and in good condition by the end of the year. This will mean that there will be road connection from MAIRA Plantation to the Beach and VAILALA EAST No. 2 which is a loading point for the Boats.

Along the beach there is the KEURU Creek which will have to be bridged before traffic from the Kerema end can get through. Material is at present being obtained by Public Works Dept. at Kerema and it is hoped to have the bridge completed in the next two months.

The other Bridge at KEAKEA Creek, has been damaged by the floods. It has ~~been~~ stayed up with supports to stop it washing away until we can get the materials to repair it. These are at present being obtained and we hope to get it open again within the next three months. At present Traffic can cross this creek during the low tide.

The road between HARORA and HILOI is in a bad state of disrepair and the S.D.A. Mission have trouble getting their tractor along it. I think that the drains need to be deepened and cleaned before we can hope to get it back to normal. Both Mr. B. Burke and Mr. D. Menkin have offered to help out with the use of their tractors for one day a week when the people are repairing and maintaining their sections. Their main complaint is that the people don't bother to maintain their sections or bridges and that they have to keep the road open themselves.

This was discussed with the various groups and they have said that they will start repairing and maintaining their sections if the Government helps them. It was explained to them that this was what we planned to do.

If these roads can be opened up for traffic it will help Communications in the area tremendously and open up the outlet for cash crops within the area.

PLANTATIONS

There are four plantations in the area. These are at MAIRA, ARIMIRI, HUIVA and KILA. The MAIRA and HUIVA Plantations are owned by Steamships and are managed by Mr. B. Burke and Mr. D. Green respectively. ARIMIRI plantation, which is owned by the Catholic Mission, and lastly the KILA Plantation which is owned by Mr. D. Green and managed by Mr. J. Natera.

Everything was okay on all the Plantations at the time of the Patrol, and all Plantations were visited by myself. A Medical Check was done on HUIVA Plantation at the request of Mr. Green. A Copra Smoke House was burnt down at HUIVA during the Patrol but I did not get there until it was all over. No investigation was carried out at the time as I thought Mr. Green would notify Kerema, but we have since been notified and an investigation will be forwarded as soon as possible.

Other than the fire everything appeared to be okay with the plantation and their staff.

MISSIONS

There are three mission groups functioning in the area these being the Seven Day Adventist, the Catholic Mission and the London Missionary Society.

The Seven Day Adventist Mission have two main centers in the area, one being at BELEPA where they have a School which takes pupils up to Standard 6, and an Aid Post, both these are run by Mr. D. Menkin and his wife together with a staff of Native Teachers. The other is at KARKARO, where they have a Native teacher, an Aid ~~Post~~ Post and just down the road near HARORA they have a Sawmill, all these being run by Mr. L. Parker and his wife. There are also schools at AIVAU and KOIALAHU.

The Catholic Mission is relatively new to the area, and there is a Priest and one lay man who is in charge of the Plantation. Father Michello has a school and an Aid Post at ARAMIRI and another three schools around the KEURU Creek area. He hopes to get a couple of Sisters in the near future to help him out with the Aid Post and Schools.

The London Missionary Society are not as strong in this area as they are over on the West Vailala side. They have a couple of school teachers at VAILALA EAST No. 2, who look after a small Aid Post as well as teach the children.

CONCLUSION

On the whole the Patrol was very well received and the people made full use of it while we were in the area. All the request for Trading Licenses and Shot Gun Permits were heard by the Patrol and details noted. Two requests for S.A.P.'s have already been sent into Kerema for approval.

We hope to carry out a follow up Patrol in a couple of months. This will do a lot in getting the people out of this habit of thinking that each Patrol is a yearly or two yearly thing, when the Patrol Officer walks through the area and then comes back to the Station and forgets about all the work, of cleaning villages, repairing houses and maintaining roads and bridges which the people are supposed to carry out.

Time was short during the Patrol and some of the things which needed investigation and proper supervision had to be left. Some of these have since been taken care of but a few, such as alienated land not in use being listed, was not done. This should be fixed during the next Patrol.


While in the area it was noted that Coconut Trees were in need of thinning out, and Coffee Trees needed pruning. The production of Copra could, I think, be ~~greatly~~ greatly increased if the trees were properly spaced. The people realise that this improves their crops and would be willing to carry out instructions by the Agricultural Officer

I have discussed this with the Agricultural Officer, Mr. L. Sewell, and he said that he hopes to get around the area in a couple of months to carrying out the thinning of Coconuts and the pruning of Coffee Crops.

Coffee is at present a relatively new crop in the area and the people are now starting to plant and clear new areas. It was encouraged, during the Patrol, for the people to aim at around 300 trees per man to start off with. As most of the crops are under an extended family system this would mean that most family groups would be planting gardens of about 3000 to 6000 trees. This together with their Copra production should give the people quite a good income.

The only thing stopping increased production of Copra in this area is, I think, the lack of interest and laziness on the part of the people. With the introduction of Local Government Councils in the area this attitude may improve. I think we should approach the situation with the idea of improving the existing crops and encouraging the people to take a greater interest in cash cropping and increasing their production.

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APPENDIX 'B'

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Constable First Class
3rd. Year

KOIVI No. 7134

A good N.C.O. He carried out his duties very well and had good control of his police.
Conduct : Good

Const. 5th. Year


BALAI No. 8735

Worked well throughout the Patrol. Conduct Good.

Const. 5th. Year

DAE No. 10056

A good policeman. Worked well throughout the Patrol. Conduct Good.


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