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PATROL REPORTS GULF DISTRICT 1960/61

BEARA & IHU

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| BEARA 1-60/61     | J.P.Fowke                  | MAIPUA, OLD IARI, MAPAIO, COASTAL<br>KORIKI, INLAND KORIKI, KAIMARE   |
| " 2-60/61         | J.P.Fowke                  | BAIMUEU Census Division                                               |
| IHU 1-60/61       | J.R.McArthur               | TOBU River north of PURARI River as<br>far as Papua/New Guinea border |
| " 3-60/61         | A.N.Asmussen               | UPPER VAILALA                                                         |
| " 4-60/61         | A.N.Asmussen               | AREHAHA Village Group, Vailala West<br>Coast                          |



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of.....GULF..... Report No.....BEARA 1-60/61.....

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

Area Patrolled.....MAIPUA, OLD IARI, MAPAIO, COASTAL KORIKI, INLAND KORIKI, KAIMARE.....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans...Mr. K. I. SMITH AEO DELRA AREA, Mr. J. HUON EMA

Natives. 5 RPNGC 1NMO 3SEAMEN

Duration—From.....10/11/1960.....to.....26/11/1960.....

Number of Days.....17.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany...For part of patrol.....

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services.....All divisions visited in 1960

Medical .....7/19 54

Map Reference.....Un-numbered Lands Dept map of Gulf.....

Objects of Patrol.....See introduction.....

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

212/1961

*J. P. Fowke* D.O.  
District Commissioner

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

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

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

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67-2-12

Department of Native Affairs,  
KONIEDOBU.

23rd February, 1961.

The District Officer,  
Gulf District,  
KEREMA.

Patrol Report No. 1/60-61 Beera

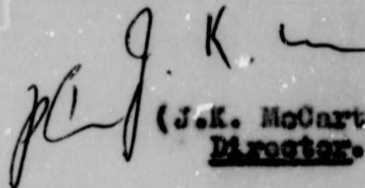
Receipt of the above mentioned Patrol Report and accompanying memoranda is acknowledged with thanks.

The patrol appears to have been satisfactorily performed. It cannot be expected that the people will develop rapidly when only intermittent visits are made with long periods of time elapsing between each visit.

I am gratified to note that you have contacted the Assistant District Officer, Port Moresby concerning the whereabouts of the younger men of the village who are stated to be jobless but living in Port Moresby.

With the Village work force so depleted you can hardly expect villages to be in good condition. I agree with you that there is no reason for the people to live in formal villages and they are probably better off living in their garden areas.

I am gratified to note that several new groups are showing interest in copra production. Every effort should be made to spread this enthusiasm.

  
(J.K. McCarthy)  
Director.

GRGW:LM

67-2-6

District Headquarters,  
Gulf District,  
KERIMA.

2nd February, 1961.

The Assistant District Officer,  
KIKORI.

PATROL REPORT : BEANA 1/60-61

Receipt is acknowledged of the above report by Mr. J. Fowke, P.O., forwarded under cover of your 67-2-3 of 9th January.

Please obtain an explanation for the belated submission of the report, and request your staff to lodge their reports more promptly in future.

The provision of the list of names and probable addresses of absentees allegedly in Port Moresby would be appreciated, as I am sure the Assistant District Officer there is anxious to rid the township of unemployed people. Please have the list forwarded through your office.

In this area, just as in the remainder of the District, only regular patrols will give the people increased confidence in our efforts to improve their lot. I agree with Mr. Fowke's observations on the impracticability of forcing people to live in villages. Whilst it may make for additional problems, I feel that the practice of living in garden settlements ('kambatin') is one which should be developed. I can see no reason why such a settlement could not be policed adequately enough to allow a general improvement in living standards and general development. There seems to be a tendency developing in many parts of the Territory, amongst the people themselves, to occupy what might be called "farming blocks." I am inclined to think that we should actively assist such a trend, for, by so doing, we would be acknowledging the wishes of the people and still be able to guide them along good lines. If such a policy is pursued, I am sure that their interest would be awakened agriculturally and the economic potential which this District has would be developed more quickly.

I concur with your warning to Mr. Fowke about patrolling on Sunday and would draw his attention to the relevant Circular Instructions and Memoranda.

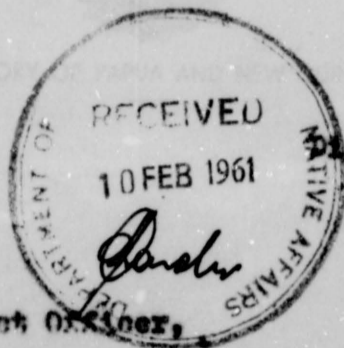
Mr. Fowke's interest in his work is indeed pleasing and his method of reporting interesting. Please advise him accordingly.

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

c.c. The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
PORT Moresby.

67/2/12 ✓

GRGW:LM



67-2-6

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

o.c. The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KORORUA.





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 67-8-3

Sub-District Office,  
Kikori,  
Sulf District.

January 9th, 1961.

The District Officer,  
KOROMA.

PATROL REPORT BEARA No. I-60/6 I.

Forwarded herewith the above-mentioned report, which was received here on 3rd January, 1961, under covering letter 67-I-I of 28th November, 1960. The patrol terminated on 26th November, 1960. No explanation for the late presentation of the report has been received here.

Native Affairs.

The KIMBATES or food collection houses have been the subject of correspondence and diverse correspondence recommendations as long as contact has been made; over half a century. Circular Instruction No. 40 interprets policy in that "location of native homesteads, hamlets or villages, the matter of site will be left to the natives themselves." The instruction does not preclude advice for the betterment and welfare of any group.

The KIMBATES frustrate all efforts at raising the living standard by economic and social development.

An anthropological study of the Delta with some concrete suggestions for uplifting the people would be of immense value.

Health.

Medical control of the area was recently divorced from the Medical Officer, Kikori, by Health Headquarters. Administrative control is now effected by the Officer-in-charge, Beara, while medical control is in the hands of the London Mission Society Doctor stationed at Kapua.

Agriculture.

Recently some youths from the area have gone to Marua Agricultural Centre near Koroma for training. It is hoped that upon their return interest in economic crops will be further fostered.

Mapping.

A map was received with the report, and is included in the report.

Conclusion.

A follow-up patrol of the area is scheduled for February.

Mr. Fowke should be careful concerning Sunday work. Apart from other considerations, police personnel are entitled to religious observance, and require adequate time for washing clothes, etc.

A well presented report.

*J.R. McArthur*  
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J.R. McArthur  
a/Assistant District Officer.

PATROL REPORT BEARA 1-60/61

DIARY.

- 10-11-60 0900 Departed BEARA for Apiope. Uneventful trip. Arrived Apiope 1630. Made camp in rest-house.
- 11-11-60 0730 Village inspection. People medically inspected. Several petty disputes settled. 1400 left for Kapai, 1 1/2 hours walk away. Returned Apiope 1730.
- 12-11-60 0800 Left Apiope. 0930 Arrived Ravikivau No. 2. Made camp in rest house. Villagers immediately put to cleaning village. 1630 Work finished. General administration carried out.
- 13-11-60 0700 Left for Old Iari village group. 0930 Arrived. Villages in filthy state. People ordered to have them clean by Tuesday. 1030 to Mapaio, arrived 1200. Made camp in rest house. PM Patrol personnel off duty. Mr. Smith and self completing various small tasks.
- 14-11-60 0700 Inspection and general administration at Rawikaupara. Rest of day spent carrying out same duties at Onoporavi, Okaikenairu, Ravikivau, and Aikavaravi, all in same group. 1900 Two CNM completed and patrol personnel dismissed.
- 15-11-60 0730 Departed for Old Iari villages. 0930 Arrived. Made camp in rest house. Villages slightly improved. Medical inspection revealed 5 people requiring hospital treatment.
- 16-11-60 0930 Left for Maipenairu. 1100 stuck on sandbank not far from Maipenairu. Everyone overboard to lighten ship but to no avail. 1720 Boat refloated on rising tide. 1800 Arrived at Maipenairu.
- 17-11-60 0800 Village inspected and general administration carried out. Copra production and various other matters discussed.
- 18-11-60 0700 Left for Akoma. 1300 Arrived. Village inspection, general matters attended to. Many petty disputes brought up.
- 19-11-60 0700 To Ikinu on other side of river about a mile up stream. 1030 To Kinipo. Met EMA Huon on arrival. General matters attended to. Many minor complaints plus two CNM heard. 1900 patrol personnel dismissed.
- 20-11-60 0900 Departed Kinipo. 1200 Arrived Mariki island. Made camp in Koiravi rest house.

DIARY (cont.)

- 21-11-60 Village inspection and general matters attended to in Mariki Group (Apiravi, Koiravi, Kauravi) Mr. Smith to Vaimuru, thence Kikori.
- 22-11-60 0800 Patrol departed for Beara. PM. General station duties.
- 23-11-60 0800 To Vaimuru for mail and supplies ex "Manugoro". Informed that District Officer Mr. G. R. G. Wearne arriving next day in transit Kerema. Spent night as guest of Mr. Ledingham of Gulf Traders
- 24-11-60 Mr. and Mrs. Wearne arrived by plane and departed for Kerema per "Magila". PM returned Beara to meet EMA Huon.
- 25-11-60 0800 Patrol to Kairimai and Kaiaravi Villages inspected and general administration carried out. Patrol slept at Kairimai.
- 26-11-60 0700 To Ara'ava group which includes Evara and Ukunukua. Inspection and general matters attended to. PM patrol returned Beara.

The native situation was quiet, no serious disturbances being reported to the patrol. Some minor disputes were settled.

END OF PATROL

been done this year, the people in many villages were lined up and as their names were called they came forward for scores etc. by the patrol's medical officer.

It was noticed that many of the men, mainly the younger ones, were very idle, a lot of these apparently have no job, but live with friends and relatives. It is thought worthwhile a list of names and possible addresses of these "hangovers" could be compiled as my next patrol and copies forwarded to the ADU Newbury and the Superintendent of Police.

On the patrol's arrival in Kairimai the people were out to work cleaning up the village. There was in a filthy state. After six hours work, quite an improvement was made. A meeting was then held to discuss the proposals for new housing. At this meeting the people were asked to move to a new site on the Pulari River, where the land is higher and not subject to periodic flooding. Most of these people were opposed to this proposal as they would have to make the move at once as possible and endeavour to have the houses finished before the wet season started. It was decided that the move and inspect progress from after Christmas.

When the patrol arrived in the old Ikoru group of villages, it was found that very little attempt had been made to clean up. Housing was extremely poor and the villages were a mass of rotting and decaying buildings. The villages were given the same treatment as when the patrol proceeded to inspect. A slight improvement was evident. The people in these villages still live in the same old style, while the other villages, mostly older people stayed on. This was, it is felt, not conducive to an enterprising and vital village life, however the

## INTRODUCTION.

The objects of this patrol were (a) routine administration, with especial emphasis on improving village housing and hygiene, (b) to encourage those showing any genuine interest in economic activity, and (c) to familiarise myself with the area and its people. The area covered encompasses the Maipua, Iari, Mapaio, Coastal Koriki, Inland Koriki and Baroi census divisions.

Transport throughout the patrol was by MV "Ruby", all villages being easily reached by water.

The patrol was accompanied for most of its duration by Mr. K. Smith, AEO Delta Area, and in its latter stages by Mr. J. Huon, EMA, of Kikori Hospital.

## NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The patrol was received amicably but without any marked enthusiasm on the part of the native people. These people have not been used to regular patrolling, and in most villages it took some time to gather supplies of wood, water, bed-sticks etc. Many of the rest houses were very dilapidated, and some villages had no Police Barracks at all. Those villages concerned promised to remedy this state of affairs.

The native situation seems good, no serious disturbances being reported to the patrol. Many minor disputes were settled.

A census was not taken, as one has already been done this year. The people of every village were lined up and as their names were called they were inspected for sores etc. by the patrol's Medical Orderly.

It was noticed that many of the men, mainly the younger ones, were in Port Moresby. A lot of these apparently have no job, but live with friends and relations. If it is thought worthwhile a list of names and probable addresses of these "hangers on" could be compiled on my next patrol and copies forwarded to the ADO Moresby and the Superintendent of Police.

On the patrol's arrival in Ravikivau No. 2 the people were put to work cleaning up as the village was in a filthy state ~~on the day of arrival~~. After six hours solid work, quite an improvement was made. A meeting was then held to discuss arrangements for new housing. At this meeting the people expressed a wish to move to a new site on the Pubari River, where the land is higher and not subject to periodic flooding, as are most of these Iari villages. This seemed to be a sound proposal, and the people were told to make the move as soon as possible and endeavour to have the housing finished before the wet season starts. I hope to visit this new site and inspect progress soon after Christmas.

When the patrol arrived in the Old Iari group of villages, it was found that very little attempt had been made to clean up. Housing was extremely poor and the villages were dotted with piles of rotting and extremely malodorous sago pith. The villagers were given two days to clean up while the patrol proceeded to Mapaio. On return a slight improvement was evident. Some years ago these Iari villages split and half the people went to live in the Koriki village at Mapaio, while the other half, mostly older people, stayed on. This area is certainly not conducive to an enthusiastic and vital attitude towards life, however the

there was no excuse for the pig-sty conditions under which these people were living. I have seen far worse inhabited swamp country in this District, for instance the Urama Island area.

These people spend a lot of time in small sago and garden settlements, as do most of the natives of the Delta.

One of the reasons for this is that many of the coastal people have to travel inland to reach their sago stands and in the same way, the inland people travel to the coast for crabs.

In the old days whole villages would pack up and move in a body to a sago place, make enough sago to last the village for several weeks, and return. However, now that the threat of raiding by other groups has been removed, the people feel free to move about and live in small groups.

The main objections to this way of life are (a) Villages are not kept up to scratch, and most of the small settlements, or "kombatis" as they are generally referred to are mere hovels, and (b) the constantly moving population makes it hard to carry out health work. This point was brought home to those being treated for TB, and particularly to parents of children afflicted with the disease. It was pointed out that irregular treatment is as bad as no treatment at all.

Although this way of life imposes many administrative problems, it would be impractical to insist that all the inhabitants of the area spend their lives in villages which are often long distances away from food places. I have expressed disapproval in all cases where people have made a habit of living for extended periods in badly built "kombatis", but will encourage those who are now starting coffee plots, together with others who have gardens on good land or who are making copra, to build properly laid out permanent settlements where they are working.

#### NATIVE AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK.

There is no shortage of food in this area. Even in the tidally inundated Iari area sago, breadfruit and crabs, prawns etc. abound. The few gardens seen were doing well. In some of the coastal villages where the soil is sandy and well drained, many small plots of pineapple, taro, manioc, and native green vegetable were encountered within the villages themselves.

As far as cash crops are concerned there is very little to be seen at present. A group of Kinipo people have, with the help of the Department of Agriculture, started a coffee garden on the banks of the Waroi river above Kairimai Village. It is hoped that this project will be a success. Since this project has been started and Agricultural Fieldworkers have been patrolling the area, more people have become interested. It is hoped that a few more groups willing to carry out the work involved will come forward in the near future.

Much more could be made of the substantial coconut groves which line the coast. One or two villages are producing copra, and shipping it to Port Moresby but the only enterprise of note is that being carried out under the auspices of VC Kairi-Kairiopa of Apiravi village. This is a clan effort, Kairi being clan leader, and a most commanding personality.

Several villages in the Beara area hold "B" numbers, (B1, B2, etc.) with which they stencil their bags before shipping them. The Copra Marketing Board then

sends a cheque to the OIC Beara, together with details of payments to ~~individuals~~ be made to individual number holders. This is a satisfactory system, and it is hoped to get the Boards approval to issue new numbers to those who wish to start producing.

Several new groups are showing interest in copra, and one already has a hot-air dryer in production. Although built from memory by the leader of the enterprise, the dryer is producing a good grade of copra. It is hoped to secure the help of the Department of Agriculture later this year in instructing interested parties in the technicalities of hot-air dryers.

In my opinion the reason why there has been so little interest in agricultural development in the Delta is that the people have life too easy. This may sound silly when one thinks of the extremes of climate and the poor terrain encountered here, but the fact remains that the sago-eater, so long as there is plenty of sago about, lives very easily. All he has to do to obtain several weeks supply of staple is to send his wives out to fell and beat out a sago palm. He knows nothing and cares less about digging and preparing soil, planting, fencing and protecting a crop. There is no inborn instinct or inclination towards tilling the soil as there must be in other parts of the Territory, and the well known "dohore" philosophy of life flourishes. During the last fifteen years of the search for oil in Papua, these people have been accustomed to demonstrations of the wealth of the white man without, of course any idea of where it all comes from and this must have had some effect on their attitude towards economic enterprise.

#### MEDICAL AND HEALTH .

Every person present in each village was inspected for sores, scabies, TUs etc. Several cases were sent to Kapuna Hospital for treatment. Minor ailments were treated on the spot by the patrols NMO.

In its latter stages the patrol was accompanied by Mr. J. Huon, EMA, of Kikori. Mr. Huon visited the Mariki group, Kinipo, Akoma, Ikinu, and the inland Koriki villages. Also all the villages in the Baimuru Census Division. Mr. Huon hopes to visit the rest of the Beara area in the near future.

This area is particularly fortunate in that it has two doctors serving a population of 6000. Dr. and Mrs. (also Dr.) Calvert are carrying out invaluable work, particularly in the fields of Tuberculosis treatment and Infant Welfare. In view of this, the opportunity was taken of emphasising the importance of reporting regularly for treatment. Practically every village or group of villages has an orderly or a mission teacher trained by Dr. Calvert to give the weekly TB treatment. Even so the impression was gained that most of the patients regard the whole thing as an uncalled for imposition. At one village the TB patients most of whom had not reported for treatment for weeks, asked me to tell the Doctor to "hurry up and send us our rations!". Another manifestation of the crippling "something for nothing" complex which affects many of these people

#### EDUCATION

The only Administration School in the area is the Primary T School at Beara. This is run by two native teachers and has an average of 60 pupils.

Many of the villages visited had elementary schools run by native pastors of the LMS. Some of

these were of a shockingly low standard, the teachers in some cases being unable to speak understandable English, and in my opinion are probably doing more harm than good, particularly in the cases of children who later get the chance to attend a proper school.

The LMS have Samoan Pastors at Mapai and Urika, where schools of a better standard are conducted.

There is also an SDA school at Mapai, run by a native Pastor. Mr. Smith commented that the school as a whole was of a better standard than those of the LMS. The children seemed keener and more animated, and were receiving quite a good education due to the well laid out work-program which the teacher was required to follow.

#### MIS SIONS

These have been covered fairly well in the preceding section. Suffice to say that the LMS have Hospital at Kapuna, a Station now run by a Samoan at Urika, and numerous village schools and churches. Dr. Calvert being a layman as far as the church is concerned, the Missionary in charge of the area is the Rev. Cribb of Aird Hills near Kikori.

The Seventh Day Adventists were once active in this area, their headquarters being situated on the block now occupied by ~~SAW MILLING~~ the Baimuru Sawmilling Co. at Baimuru. There is an SDA school and church at Mapai, which is occasionally visited by a Missionary from Belep, near Ihu.

#### VILLAGE HOUSING AND HYGEINE

Housing throughout the area visited was of a poor standard. Some villages, particularly those of the Old Iari group had deteriorated into a group of rotting hovels. Steps have been taken to remedy this, and a follow-up patrol to ensure that all instructions have been complied with will be carried out in February. In the meantime it is hoped to make one or two quick visits to villages to watch progress.

#### VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Village Officials are doing as good a job as can be expected. One or two, including VC Ove of Kinipo, gave the impression of giving lip service only, however, most seem to be doing a fair job and should improve with more supervision.

#### CONCLUSION

With regular patrolling and supervision of agricultural projects, a lot could be accomplished in this area. The greatest need at present is to establish firmly, as examples, those planting coffee and making copra on an individual or family basis. Once the example has been set others will wish to try their hands. The standard of housing and general cleanliness should also improve with regular patrolling.

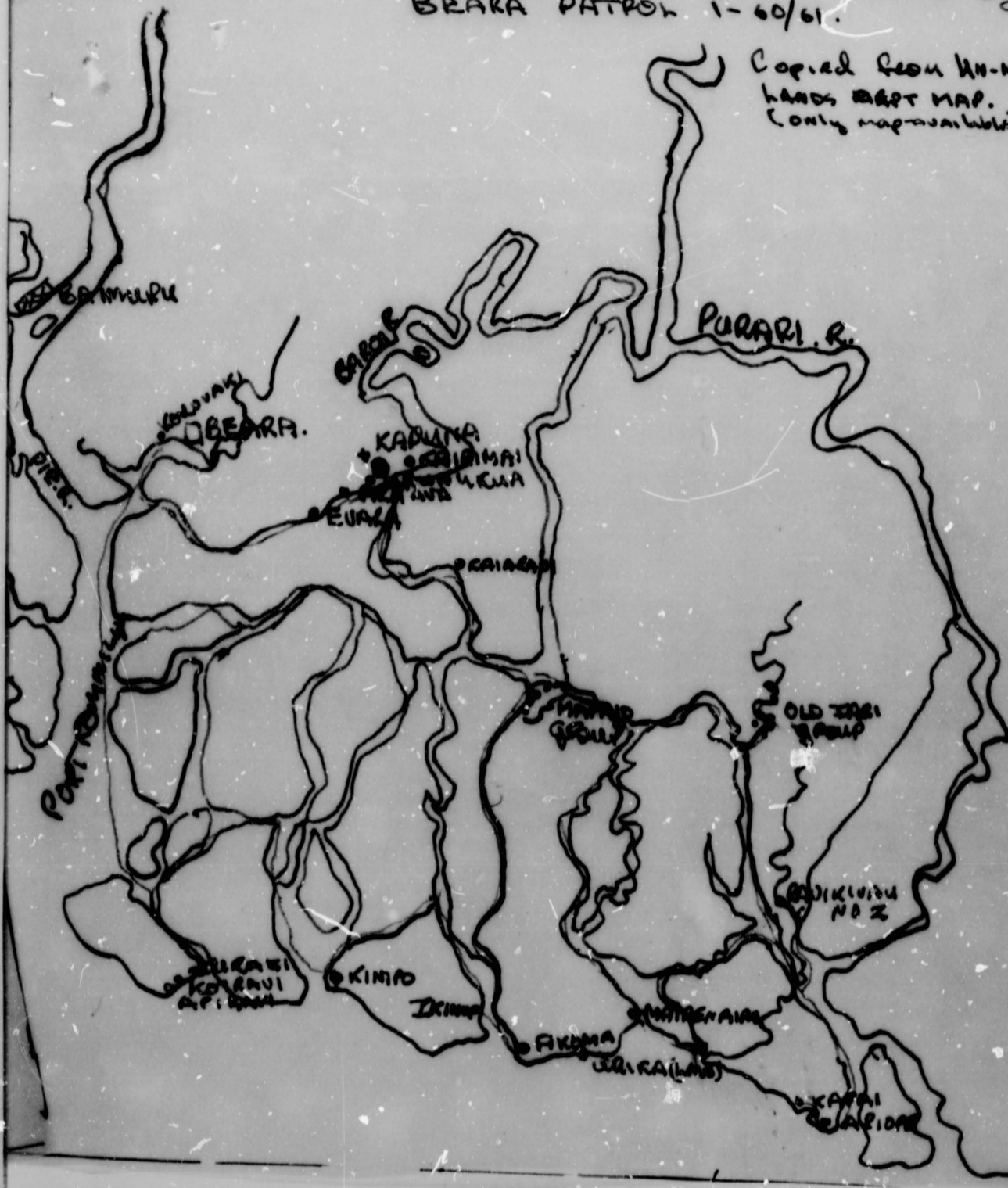


POLICE ACCOMPANYING PATROL BEARA 1- 60/61

- 7023 Const. MAIKAI. An excellent type. Energetic and trustworthy, has initiative on which he acts when necessary. Should be considered as a candidate for the next NCO course
- 5047 Const. AERA A reliable type with fourteen years in the force. Unsuitable for any but river patrols due to withered leg.
- 9694 Const. YARBON. Has the makings of a useful man, but is lazy if not watched.
- 6652 Const. KOMBUTA. Accompanied patrol in its latter stages. Quiet, always smartly dressed. Can be relied upon to take charge of others and carry out a job without supervision.
- 9395 Const. KESA Also accompanied in latter stages. Carries out his duties well. An average type.

SKETCH MAP OF ROUTE TAKEN BY  
BRARA PATROL 1-60/61.

Copied from UN-NUMBERED  
HANDS MAPS MAP.  
(Only map available)





TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of GULF Report No. BEARA 2 - 60/61

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

Area Patrolled Baimuru Census Division

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 1 RPNGC, 1 Interpreter 4 Seamen

Duration—From 20 / 12 / 1960 to 22 / 12 / 1960

Number of Days Two

Did Medical Assistant Accompany No

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services March 1960 / 19

Medical November 1960 / 19

Map Reference Un-numbered Lands Dept. map

Objects of Patrol See introduction.

Director of Native Affairs,  
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

67-2-15

11th July, 1961

District Officer,  
Gulf District,  
KERIMA.

BEARA PATROL REPORT NO 2-60/61

I refer to your memorandum 67-2-6 of June 26th,  
1961.

Please advise the Officer-in-Charge at Beara  
that he should not communicate direct with the Director  
of Lands, but should channel his correspondence to me  
through yourself.

The next Officer to visit the area in question  
should make a survey of the land. I would also  
appreciate confirmation of my impression that no natives  
claim ownership of this land. It might be possible  
to acquire it as waste and vacant land.

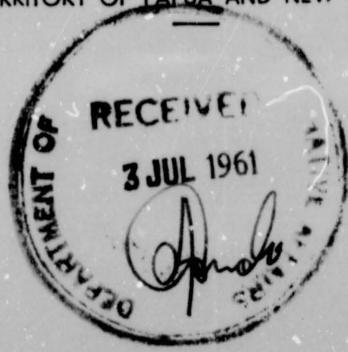
(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR

67/2/15



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

GRGW:LM



In Reply  
Please Quote

No. 67-2-6

District Headquarters,  
Gulf District,  
KEREMA.

28th June, 1961.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT - BEARA No.2/1960-61

Your 67-2-15 dated 25th May refers.

The attached map and copy of memo 35-2 dated 20th June from the Officer-in-Charge at Baimuru is forwarded please. It would seem that this matter has been the subject of direct correspondence between the Director of Lands and Baimuru.

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

R.O. (has)

V.O. ① advise Ho his procedure wrong. To you and then to me.  
② Next visit survey of area and confirm my impression that no native claim ownership may be possible acquire or waste and recent.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

*In Reply  
Please Quote*

No. 35 - 2


Patrol Post,  
Gulf District,  
Beara.

20th June, 1961.

The District Officer,  
Gulf District,  
KEREMA.

PATROL REPORT NO.2 60/61 BEARA.

Your memo 67 -2 - 6 attached refers a map showing the position of the land in question is enclosed. The Director of lands advise that he has no record of its ever having been purchased.

  
(J. P. Fowke.)  
Office In-Charge.



All Known and suspected  
Crown Land in Beara G.D.  
Area (marked in red pencil).

28-4-61





67-2-15

Konedobu

25th May, 1961

District Officer,  
Gulf District,  
KIRIBATI.

PATROL REPORT NO 2/60-61 - BEARA

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Without some better idea of the location I can do nothing.

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(J.K. McCarthy)  
DIRECTOR



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

GRGW:LM

*E/O. (hands) please  
will you please  
follow up  
G.R.*

*In Reply  
Please Quote*

No. 6-4-1

District Headquarters,  
Gulf District,  
KEREMA.

8th April, 1961.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU.

LAND OWNERSHIP

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(G.R.G. WEARNE)  
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*D.O.  
Please have also forward me a sketch plan showing approx. location of land being used by Bai'i Maria and I will advise you to trace the suggested allotment to Crown. I can do nothing.*

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18/5*

57-2-15

Department of Native Affairs,  
KONIEDOHU.

22nd March, 1961.

The District Officer,  
Gulf District,  
KEREMA.

Patrol Report No. 2/60-4 - Beza

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report  
is acknowledged with thanks.

The contents of the Report are adequately  
covered by the remarks of the Assistant District Officer.

Please let me have the result of research of  
the land files at Kikori concerning the ownership of the  
land used by BAI'I-MARIA.

J. K. W.  
(J.K. McCartis)  
Director.

67-2-15

Department of Native Affairs,  
KONILOBU.

22nd March, 1961.

The Director,  
Department of Education,  
KONILOBU.

ATTENTION MR IRVINE

Extract from Patrol Report No. 2 - 1960/61 - Beera

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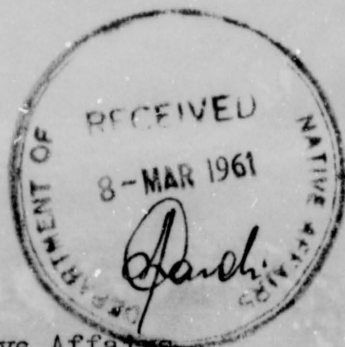
For your information, please.

(J.K. McCarthy)  
Director.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67/2/5 ✓

GRGW:LM



67-2-6

District Headquarters,  
Gulf District,  
KEREMA.

2nd March, 1961.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT : BEARA 2-60/61

The above report is forwarded please.

It was of purely routine nature and does not  
call for any special comment.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'G.R.G. Wearne'.

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

c.c. A.D.O., Kikori.  
C.I.C., Beara.

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

GRCW:ZM

67-2-6

District Headquarters,  
Gulf District,  
KEREMA.


2nd March, 1961.

The Director,  
Department of Native Affairs,  
KOROROBU.

PATROL REPORT : BEARA 2-69/61

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call for any special comment.

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

c.c. A.D.O., Kikari.  
O.I.C., Beara.

JRM/LHM

67-2-3.

Sub-District Office,  
Kikuri,  
SELF DISTRICT.

29th February, 1961.

The District Officer,  
Self District,  
KINEMA.

PATROL REPORT NEARA 2-60/61.

Forwarded herewith the above.

The patrol was concluded on <sup>22</sup>23.12.60, the report forwarded on 28.1.61, and received here on 7.2.61. Mr. Fowke is being requested to forward an explanation for its late submission.

Its further transmission has been delayed at Kikuri and the following explanation is offered. Mr. Patrol Officer Schaefer resigned 13.2.61 while Mr. Robinson, clerk, proceeded on local leave on 8.2.61. As I was, and was, the only remaining officer, having to perform the work of the other officers, it has been most difficult to keep up to date with all correspondence. The position was aggravated by my absence at NEARA and BAIKURU for the period 10th to 14th February, on court of Petty Sessions work.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

Regular patrolling of the area will have an obvious effect of maintaining administrative pressure on the people; this in turn bringing about, albeit slowly, village improvement. By repeated propaganda on such patrols, the influence of the older conservatives will be broken down.

AGRICULTURE.

The three coffee gardens are a sign of progress in a "Cinderella" area.

Research will be made in the land field at Kikuri to see if any records are held which might clear up the ownership of the land being used by BAI'Y-MARIA.

CONCLUSION.

A well presented and interesting report of a routine patrol.

*J.R. MARTIN*  
J.R. MARTIN  
s/Assistant District Officer.

c.c. The Officer in-Charge NEARA.

The report was submitted on 28.1.61, while the patrol was concluded on 22.12.60.

Please explain the belatedness of submission, and in future, submit your reports more promptly.

J.R. MARTIN  
s/Assistant District Officer.



PATROL REPORT BEARA 2-60/61

DIARY.

20th. 0900. Left Beara for Baimuru and subsequently travelled up the PIE river to PAKEMUBA village. A village inspection was carried out, and general administrative matters attended to.

1200 Proceeded two miles upstream to IPIKO. Village inspected etc.. Most of male population working at Eia Logging Camp a few miles away.

1500 To KEMEI. A small village, only a few minutes away from IPIKO. General matters attended to. Several T.U.s sent to Beara.

1730 Returned to Baimuru.

21st. 0700 To UNAU village, and then to adjacent coffee plots.

1100 Arrived KAMAUA village. Inspection and general administration attended to. Several minor disputes attended to. Later in afternoon the patrol proceeded to RAVIPAKA, approximately a mile away. Move to new site discussed.

2130 Arrived back at Baimuru.

22nd. Collected mail and returned Beara.

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INTRODUCTION.

The purposes of this patrol were (a) general administration with emphasis on the improvement of village housing and hygiene, and (b) inspection of three new coffee gardens in the area.

The patrol was well received in these villages, and several presents of fruit and native vegetables were made. The patrol was conducted from M.V. "RUBY" as all villages in the area are situated on navigable rivers.

## NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The native situation in this area seems good. The usual number of village disputes etc. were met with but no complaints of an unusual nature were encountered. The people of Ipiko have a name for fighting among themselves, but all was peaceful at the time of the patrols visit. Possibly the reason for this is that most of the men are working at the Eia Creek logging camp, operated by the Baimuru Sawmilling Co.

The same indolent, almost apathetic attitude towards life in general encountered in the rest of the Beara area was evident amongst these natives.

Both Kamaua and Ravipaka villages are built on stilts over noisome stretches of mud. Several attempts have been made in the past to persuade these people to move to better ground, (which is available) but these have been without success.

These people originally occupied the land where the Baimuru Airstrip now is. This land actually belonged to the Koiravi people, and the Kamaua-Ravipaka people were merely squatting on it.

The feeling encountered amongst some of the older men was "the Government chased us off our good land, so now we will live here in the mud". It was pointed out to them that they were not "chased" off, that they were paid for all houses destroyed, and that the land did not belong to them in the first place. I do not think that this constitutes a serious grievance against the Administration, but is more of a talking point or bone of contention, brought out for the sake of an argument.

When the subject of a move to better ground was broached at Kamaua, the people insisted that they were very happy where they are. One of the reasons given was that their women have produced many children there.

At Ravipaka however, it was evident from the start that some of the men wished to move. The instigator was V.C. M'Po'o (alias Peter) Amania, quite an energetic and progressive type. The initial reluctance to show favour towards the move was due to fear of the power of several of the old men who were against it. After some discussion it was decided to build a new village at a place on the Kupiri River, near Baimuru. This is good land and is owned by V.C. Po'o.

It was alleged that some of the village elders might try to stop the move by means of sorcery. It was made quite clear that any such actions would be dealt with firmly. Those who wish to stay in the old village will be able to do so, as long as they comply with instructions issued under NRO 101.

## NATIVE AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK.

Sago is the staple food of these people. This is eaten with crabs, prawns and fish, which abound in the rivers and creeks here. No gardens were seen during the patrol although there are a few in the area, mostly of a very sketchy nature. Bananas, taros and sugarcane are the favourite crops. These people are agriculturalists neither by necessity nor inclination, which is a pity.

The usual number of pigs were evident.

The coffee gardens inspected are all close to Unau village, which is, itself, only a few minutes by launch from Baimuru.

These gardens belong to Bai'i-Maria, Nive-Kamaua, and Geoffery-Ekai.

The first named has made his garden on what is thought to be Crown land. The area is believed to be a pre-war purchase, and no records are held at Beara. The matter is being investigated vide my memo 35-2 of the 9th. January.

Details of ownership in relation to the other two blocks as given to the DAO were substantiated as being correct.

The blocks are small and have only ~~be~~ recently been cleared. They have been marked out by a field party from Kerema. These natives seem keen, and it is hoped that they will maintain their enthusiasm over the fairly long period required for coffee to mature.

One of the planters, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Geoffery-Ekai, is well known locally for his several ventures into the world of commerce, all of which failed. Although he appears to be rather a sly type on first acquaintance, he does seem to have a genuine desire to raise his standards and has initiative above the average.

#### MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

It was unfortunate that, due to a shortage of staff, it was impossible to take a Medical Orderly on the patrol. However, the people of each village were inspected for open sores etc. and those in need of treatment were sent to Beara. The area is patrolled fairly regularly by a mission doctor from the LMS Hospital at Kapuna.

#### EDUCATION.

Elementary schools are conducted at Ipiko, Kemei, and Kamaua by native pastors of the LMS. These schools are of a very low standard. At the time of the patrol visits all these teachers were absent.

#### MISSIONS.

The only mission working in the area is the LMS. They have, as has been mentioned, three native pastors in the area.

#### VILLAGE HOUSING AND HYGIENE.

Housing throughout the area was of a poor standard. Orders were issued to owners of sub-standard dwellings, and a follow-up patrol will be carried out to ensure that these are complied with.

#### VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

With the exception of V.C. Pofo of Ravipaka, an unprepossessing lot. There are three VCs at Ipiko, a village of 100 people. This seems needless, and the matter will be further investigated.

There is no VC at Kamaua, this village being looked after by a councillor. At present VC Pofo ~~is at~~ Kamaua, but if Ravipaka is to move to the Kupiri river, a VC will have to be appointed in Kamaua.

#### CONCLUSION.

An improvement in housing and the standard of villages generally should become evident over the next few months.

POLICE.

7023 Constable MAIKAI.

As usual, very good.  
Quick on the uptake  
and stands no nonsense.

