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NEW BRITAIN DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1964/1965

KOKOPU

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
3- 1964/1965	W.H. Muskens	Kulon-Birar Census Div.
9-1964/1965	D.I. MacDonald	Central Bainings Census Div.
11-1964/1965	M.P.D. Davies	Central Bainings and Wide Bay Census Div.
14-1964/1965	M.P.D. Davies	Wide Bay Census Div.



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District Office,  
RABAU.

10th September, 1964.

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Minute 67-3-11.  
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Copy for your information.

*E.J. Emanuel*  
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East New Britain.

21.9.64.



67-10-2

23rd September, 1964.

District Officer,  
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R A B A U L.

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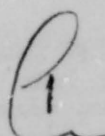
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6. Your interpretation of the Tax Ordinance is correct. I am taking up the matter of the white bait with the Chief of Division of Fisheries, who may have some constructive advice to offer.

  
(J.K. McCarthy)  
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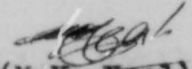
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KULON-BIRAR CENSUS DIVISION - NATIVE SITUATION

The above patrol was carried out from 20th to 29th July, 1964, for the purpose of revising census, collecting tax and general administration. The patrol functioned quite smoothly - by adhering to a well publicised programme a maximum attendance by village people at census was achieved. The patrol was very well received in every village, and co-operation from the village people left nothing to be desired. Inspections of villages indicated the interest that people here have in their living conditions, and some attractive flowering gardens are to be found.

In general discussions with village people, several matters were raised.

1) The people of Ganai (Sulka) are showing interest in setting up a fishing industry near the mouth of the Warangoi River, in conjunction with the Curator of Bitapaka War Cemetery, Mr. E. Berg. Nothing concrete has been done so far, but several meetings have been held to discuss plans for the venture, including the raising of finance and installation of freezing storages.

2) Two applications were received for the purchase of shot-guns - one from TOLUCAS TOVAGIRA of RATAVUL, the other TONGAU TOPILA of MARMAR. Both men want these firearms to protect their cocoa and subsistence crops from destruction by birds.

3) The people of BALADA are still in favour of joining the Gazelle Council, and a follow-up visit there to draw up a petition will need to be made soon. They are only a small group, but they have indicated that all but one or two are ready to go within the Council. A notable exception will probably be the old Luluai, whom I suspect feels a bit bad about losing his prestigious position after all these years.

4) The attitude of other villages to entering the Council varies considerably. The rift between the people of MARAWA (Kamar) and MARMAR has increased, probably due to the latter's entry in the Council last year. The Marawa's, whilst co-operating with the patrol during the Tax/Census procedure, were very reluctant to talk about anything. They did say that they were afraid of our Council system of Administration because they fear that it would mean the departure of the Australian Government, and then "who is going to defend New Guinea against the Indonesians." There is probably more behind their anti-council attitude than this, but this observation is of interest as an example of their thinking. The rift mentioned above has developed to the degree that extensive movement has taken place between MARMAR and MARAWA, in order to either enter or stay out of the Council.

This movement has also occurred, on a smaller scale, in other villages, with a greater number migrating out to Council villages than vice versa.



The people of RATAVUL claimed that they were against joining the Council at this time because of the way that people within the Council behave. They said that Council people were always getting drunk and having big fights, sometimes even people were killed and nobody seemed to care. They said that they did not approve of the prominence the Council had given to the de-restriction of liquor, because drinking had caused a lot of trouble. Therefore, they said, they feel far safer under the old system. Similar views to this were expressed at Ralabang. There again, it is hard to say whether these views are sincere or whether they are given as an excuse for not wanting councils.

The people of BIRAR, MENBONBON, KORAI and KAMAKAMAR, are on the whole favourably disposed to Councils, but they need a little longer to make up their minds. Similarly, the people of GANAI, WATWAT, WUNABAUR, TOGORO and MALAKUNA, whilst not being forcefully anti-council, are not prepared yet to enter the Council.

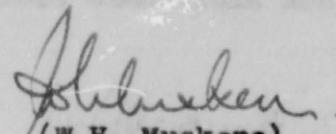
5) KORIAM UREKIT, the local M.H.A. visited several villages in company with the patrol. He addressed people at MARAWA, BALADA and TOGORO. On the whole, the impression gained was that the people were quite happy to see him, though they were not exactly over-awed at his presence.

6) There is no apparent concern held now on the presence of foreign natives in this area. There are a number of Sepik men squatting on land owned by Malakuna, but most of them are leaving, and some have been permitted to stay on as employees.

7) The attendance at school by children in these villages has increased by 54 since last year - there are 257 boys and 251 girls at Mission and Administration schools. Parents were urged to keep their children at school at all times.

8) A dispute over ownership of a piece of native land known as "BETLEM" at MARMAR will be investigated on 2nd September, 1964 for presentation to the Native Land Commission.

9) A number of minor complaints were heard, mainly non-payment of debts, none meriting any court action.

  
(W.H. Muskens)  
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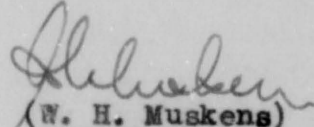
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KULON/BIRAR CENSUS DIVISION - PERSONAL TAX COLLECTION

In conjunction with the census revision during the above patrol, personal tax was collected from all those men eligible. It is pleasing to report that the attitude of the people to payment of taxes is quite favourable, and the collections were completed without incident.

In talks with the people the purpose of taxation, and the need for the continuance of the tax levy in future years, was explained, and there is no doubt that the principle of taxation is appreciated.

A total of £48.00 was collected by this patrol, and the usual number of exemptions were granted. As a new comer to the Sub-District, it is a bit confusing to follow any policy in relation to the granting of exemptions, as based on previous years. The attitude of taxpayers here seems to be that once they have been granted an exemption, regardless of the grounds, they are free from tax from then on. It is realised that discretion for this exists in the Tax Tribunal, but as the membership of this latter body changes so often, there is naturally a possibility for inconsistency in the granting of exemptions, unless there is a set policy to be followed. The trend here in the past has been for a man with 4 or more children to receive complete exemptions - yet a man with 3 children pays the full £2. Under present circumstances, it is virtually impossible to assess a particular man's wealth, especially in these villages where the people are comparatively wealthy, in order to determine whether a man is capable of paying personal tax. In the absence of this assessment, would it not be a fairer thing to have a set scale of deductions - e.g. 5/- per child. This would at the least rule out any inconsistencies in exemption on grounds of "Family Obligations," for which, apart from "Old Age", most exemptions are considered.

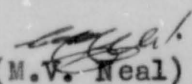
  
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51-2-1

Minute to: The District Officer, E.N.B. Rabaul.

For your information, I agree that a tax deduction scale would be of value but as the Personal Tax Ordinance makes provision for a tribunal to adjudicate on such matters with discretionary powers, it is doubtful whether such a scale could be implemented. This is a head tax not an income tax so that possibly some such scale could be used as a guide only.

21/8/64

  
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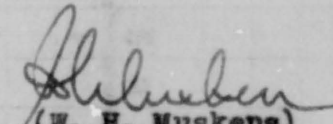
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One of the purposes of the above patrol, was the revision of census in all villages in the Kulon/Birar Census Division. The census was carried out from 20th to 29th July, 1964, and Village Population Register are enclosed with the report.

The population of the Census Division is now 1958, an increase of 34 over last year, or 1.76%. This low figure is attributable to an excess 50 migrations out of the Census Division - mainly movements by people to join villages in the Council area, as well as the return to their home districts of foreign natives recorded here in the past.


The birth rate since the last census (in February 1963) is again highly significant, a staggering 6.38% in 17 months. This, coupled with a 1.07% death rate, leaves the natural increase at 5.31%. There were 125 births recorded, and 21 deaths. Again, these extremely satisfactory figures can be regarded as great credit for the work done by the Administration and Mission Health Services, and indicates the high degree of co-operation given by the people in this work.

  
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KULON/BIRAR CENSUS DIVISION

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of..... **NEW BRITAIN** ..... Report No..... **9/64-65** .....

Patrol Conducted by..... **D.I. MacDonald, Cadet Patrol Officer** .....

Area Patrolled..... **Central Bainings Census Division** .....

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans..... **nil** .....

Natives..... **3 Police Constables.**

Duration—From..... **23/11/1964** to..... **1/12/1964** .....

Number of Days..... **9** .....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol..... **To make enquiries in the villages concerned in connection with recent Final Orders issued on the various properties that once made up Put Put Land and the objections that were raised against these Orders.**

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND 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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15th March, 1965.

District Commissioner,  
New Britain District,  
RABAUL.

KOKODA PATROL REPORT NO. 9-1964/65:

Your memorandum 67-3-11 of 26th February 1965 which forwarded the above quoted Patrol Report, refers.

2. It is noted that all necessary action is in hand. The brief report is quite interesting and I am pleased to note the good work which has been done by these particular Cadets in connection with land investigations.

*T.G. Aitchison*  
(T.G. Aitchison)  
A/DIRECTOR.



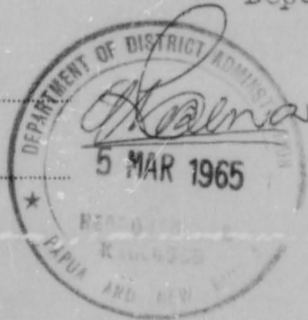
TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Department of District Administration,  
RABAUL.

Telegrams  
Telephone  
Our Reference 67-3-11  
If calling ask for  
Mr.



26th February, 1965.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

KOKOPO PATROL NO. 9 OF 1964/65.

I attach two copies of the report on the above patrol by Cadet Patrol Officers MacDonald and Blatch, together with two copies of the Assistant District Commissioner's covering comments.

No further comment is required from me, and all matters requiring further action have been dealt with.

For your information please.

*E. J. Emanuel*  
(E. J. EMANUEL)  
Actg. District Commissioner,  
New Britain District.

*ack receipt of brief report  
all necessary action has been taken  
plans to visit for work done by local cadets  
cadets in connection with land work*



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Sub-District Office,  
KOKOPO.

Neal

18th December, 1964.

The District Commissioner,  
Dept of District Administration,  
RABAU.

KOKOPO PATROL REPORT No.9 of 1964/65  
CENTRAL RAININGS CENSUS DIVISION

Please find attached three copies of a patrol report submitted by Mr. Cadet Patrol Officer, D.I. MacDonald, following a recent visit to this area.

2. Mr. MacDonald returned from a patrol through this area only a few weeks earlier (see Kokopo Patrol Report No.7 of 1964/65) when he accompanied Mr. W.H. Muskens A.D.O. so that he was completely familiar with the area he had to cover in the course of this trip.

3. The patrol report submitted is of necessity brief so far as a general administrative report is concerned, because I gave Mr. MacDonald specific instructions to restrict his activities solely to the land work involved. This involved seeking information for the guidance of Counsel in respect of the Final Order on Put Put Mills, which he has carried out. This information has been submitted on a specific file 34-2-128 and my comments will likewise accompany that memo on the same file. A copy of patrol instructions issued is attached for your information.

4. Some comments on the actual patrol report are now offered:-

Native Affairs:

The situation there is in fact satisfactory at present and for further comments you should refer to my memorandum 51-1-1 of 17th December, 1964. The position of the Iulvai, although not fully explained by Mr. MacDonald will be checked by the next patrol to the area.

Agriculture:

Perhaps the Department of Agriculture could be notified about the request for coffee seed from people at the villages of KILIGIA, SINBUM and MARAMBU. At the same time I would request that an Agricultural party visit KILIGIA and investigate the report of pest infestation in the village taro gardens there.

Land:

My comments will follow on my file 34-2-128.

Law and Order:

This whole matter was carefully investigated by Police at Kokopo as within a couple of days of Mr. MacDonald's return a report was received that the woman had died. Police accompanied by Dr. Carricks of P.H.D. Rabaul visited the village of Gar and discovered that the woman had died of pneumonia and the sickness of the deceased had not been related to the alleged beating by the husband.



General:

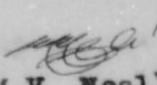
I would like to support the request made by the village officials of Sinbum, Marambu and Kiligia for a radio receiver. Recently 4 receivers were distributed from Kokope to the Duke of York Islands to Vunatagia Village people and two sets to people in the Wide Bay area. I would strongly recommend the issue of three sets to the Bainings people should there be sufficient funds available to cover such amenities. I would suggest one set for the villages mentioned above, one other for the Riet, Arambum people, and a third one for the Maranagi, Lemengi people.

The position of the road into Riet village has been commented upon by me in my memo 25-1-1, 25-1-2 of 15th December, 1964 to yourself on Kokope Patrol Report No.7 of 1964/65. It was also mentioned by Mr. R. Ashton, M.H.A. at the recent conference on road development in the Gazelle Peninsula held by yourself on 2nd December, 1964.

Conclusion:

This was Mr. MacDonald's first solo patrol and he carried out his duties conscientiously and quite satisfactorily. He has been at Kokope since August, 1964, on land work the whole time and has performed all his duties well. Both he and his colleague Mr. N. Slatch C.P.O. were transferred to the New Ireland District on 5th December, 1964. They have both proved their worth here during their short stay by handling well the rather copious amounts of land surveying in connection with the Lands Titles Commission.

The one thing, however, omitted with this report by Mr. MacDonald is his diary. The folios on his Field Officer's Journal were normally submitted direct to the Lands Titles Commission Office, Rabaul. Perhaps they still held copies there.

  
(M.V. Neal)

Assistant District Commissioner

Attach:



Telegrams

Telephone

Our Reference 67-2-3

If calling ask for

Mr. MacDonald

Sub-District Office,  
KOKOPO, NEW BRITAIN.

3rd December, 1964.

The Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
KOKOPO.

KOKOPO PATROL No.9 of 1964/65  
CENTRAL BAININGS CENSUS DIVISION

Officer Conducting: D.I. MacDonald, C.P.O.

Natives Accompanying: Snr. Const. WUNDI  
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" BIARE

Europeans Accompanying: Nil.

Area Patrolled: Central Bainings Census Division.

Duration of Patrol: 23/11/64 to 1/12/64.

Purpose of Patrol:- To make enquiries in the villages concerned in connection with recent Final Orders issued on the various properties that once made up Put Put Land and the objections that were raised against these Orders.

Introduction:

The patrol concerned itself mainly with gaining answers to a Pro - Forma questionnaire called "Information for Counsel representing Native Claimants" and collecting any other information which might be of help to the Public Solicitor in Port Moresby who is preparing a case in support of these claimants.

All other matters which came up on patrol were referred to the Sub-District Office, Kokopo.

Native Affairs.

I found the situation in the Central Bainings happy and co-operative except at ARUMBUM where certain difficulty was experienced in obtaining carriers. Whether this was due to a mis-understanding of the advance police boys instructions (as claimed) or not I do not know.

The Rest houses in which I stayed, LEMENGI, SINBUM and GAR were all of good standard, the Gar site and house being quite good. The water at Sinbum though leaves much to be desired. Since the last patrol (D.D.A.) 5/10/64 the roads have deteriorated becoming overgrown and muddy, in places being blocked by fallen trees.

The village officials of KILIGIA, SINBUM, MARAMBU and GAR were at all times helpful and only too willing to forward any information, or discuss any point concerning the Put Put Land. All other village officials I was only able to observe casually



as I passed through. The Luluai of Arumbum could be looked into further on the next patrol.

Health:

At the best could only be called fair.

Agriculture:

Was not looked into at all. The officials of KILIGIA, SINBUM and MARAMBU would like the Agriculture Department to supply them with coffee.

Also at Kiligia on one portion of ground a species of grub is destroying their Taro, eating the leaf first then the actual taro.

Land:

See memo to A.D.C. Kokope, reference 34-2-128. It should be noted that information gained in respect of Put Put Mill also applies to the other Put Put portions.

Law and Order:

A case of wife beating was reported to me at GAR, information concerning this was taken down and referred to A.D.C. Kokope on my return.

Plantations and Missions:

The patrol was well received and people helpful as on the previous patrol.

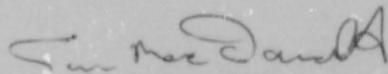
General:

The officials of KILIGIA, SINBUM and MARAMBU would like to know if there is any chance of getting any pay, although they pointed out they were not complaining.

The officials of Sinbum, Marambu and Kiligia would like a radio for their section of the Kokope Bainings.

The Luluai of Riet would like to build a new road to Illugi with the Government's help, because at present they have to use a plantation road.

A claim for camping allowance attached.



(D.I. MacDonald)  
Cadet Patrol Officer

67-3.11



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.



# PATROL REPORT

District of EAST NEW BRITAIN Report No. Kokopo 11/64-65

Patrol Conducted by M.P.D. Davies, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled Central Bainings and Wide Bay Census Divisions

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives Police - 2 Constables

Duration - From 9 / 3 / 1965 to 4 / 4 / 1965

Number of Days 26

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? .....

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

Medical ... .. / .....

Map Reference .....

- Objects of Patrol
1. Familiarization for Officer of Central Bainings area.
  2. Follow up duties at Wide Bay.
  3. As per A.D.C.'s instruction contained in memo 67-2-1, 3 of 8/3/65

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT SERVICES  
AND 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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21st September, 1965.

District Commissioner,  
New Britain District,  
R A B A U L.

KOKOPO PATROL REPORT NO. 11/1964-65:

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a patrol report by Mr. Davies covered by your memo 67-3-11 of 24th August, 1965.

- 2. Your comments and the comprehensive one written by Mr. Neal were noted.
- 3. Mr. Davies has conducted a very good patrol and has methodically enumerated his comments on various matters. The report is of high standard and the officer is to be congratulated on the effort he has put into his work.
- 4. Keep a good check on the breakaway group and report immediately if you are suspicious of something going wrong.
- 5. A very good report of which I am highly pleased.

(T.G. Aitchison)  
A/DIRECTOR.

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Sub-District Office,  
KOKOPO.

Neal

4th May, 1965.

District Commissioner,  
Department District Administration,  
RABOUL.

KOKOPO PATROL REPORT NO. 11 OF 1964/65  
CENTRAL BAININGS & WIDE BAY  
CENSUS DIVISIONS.

Please find attached three copies of the above Patrol Report compiled by Mr. M.P.D. Davies, Cadet Patrol Officer. His claim for Camping Allowance duly completed by me is attached for payment please. A copy of my patrol instructions to Mr. Davies is attached.

My comments on this report now follow:

Central Bainings:

Villages:

The position here seems satisfactory.

Health:

The Public Health Department were notified and a patrol through the area has been carried out by them. The health position was reported as satisfactory and prevalence of colds not unduly high.

Agriculture:

The situation appears quite healthy and promising with regard to coffee cultivation, and will no doubt improve. The land position will be watched to see if in fact ownership disputes do arise.

I shall send an extract of this section direct to the District Agricultural Officer, Rabaul.

Roads:

This report gives a clear picture of the difficulties to be faced if a road beyond Riet village is ever contemplated.

I understand that Commonwealth Department of Works people have already visited Riet in connection with this section of the road.

Claimants on Put Put Mills Site:

These witnesses were not called at the recent hearings of the Lands Titles Commissioner in this Sub-District, as there were no hearings in connection with this property.



Law & Order:

The situation is satisfactory and I would imagine that either the Malaria Control people should pay for the coconuts or they will have none supplied to them. I find this rather hard to believe however, because in my patrolling experience villagers are only too happy to give carriers and officers a drink of coconut milk if requested, and further the sole purpose of Malaria Control Service visits is to benefit the health of local people. I will ask Mr. Davies to enquire further during his next visit to the area, there may be something else involved.

Luluai GWANIK:

Everything seems in order.

Freedom of the Individual:

I consider that Mr. Davies acted correctly here. For further information on this matter see memo 51-1-1 of 26/11/64 to me and my comment 51-1-1 of 17/12/64 on Kokopo Patrol Report No. 7 of 1964/65.

Wide Bay:

Villages:

It is pleasing to note that village housing is improving.

Health:

The position here remains as in the past and is quite satisfactory. There are land disputes at Hoya village awaiting settlement by the Lands Commission and this is preventing the alienation of this land which has been applied for by the Seventh Day Adventist Mission for use as a hospital.

Agriculture:

An extract of this section will be forwarded direct to the District Agricultural Officer, Rabaul.

The position of copra marketing from this area is now most satisfactory thanks to invaluable assistance given by Messrs. E. & C. Parer at Karlai Plantation and more have recently increased co-operation in forwarding of cash payments by the Commonwealth Trading Bank, Rabaul.

The unsigned letter traced to D.A.S.F. field worker trainee claiming low payments for copra was not correct as over the past six months or so especially payments have consistently been made of approximately \$4 per bag, as a result of high world prices. The various groups at Wide Bay know this for they receive a return slip from this office following each and every shipping indicating the share out prices per bag of copra shipped against the cheque received from Copra Marketing Board, Rabaul. I will suggest to the District Agricultural Officer, Rabaul that he request Alphonse Kaptain to make sure of his facts before breaking into print on any matter.

Wide Bay Pinnacle:

The next patrol to this area, due late this month will endeavour to have this pinnacle brought to Rabaul.

Rest House - MILIM Village:

Sufficient iron and timber is already located in the Milim Village to enable construction to commence on this rest house. An old house is shortly to be demolished at Kokopo and some of the materials from this will be sent to MILIM in order to complete this rest house.

I consider this rest house to be essential in this area as it will enable our officer to remain for protracted periods in the area and actively assist in local development schemes in individual villages.

Law & Order:

Both cases of adultery were dealt with in the Court for Native Affairs at Kokopo.

All the applicants for these Special Arms Permits are known personally to me and I strongly recommend the issue of licences. These shot guns are required primarily to combat the depredations of cockatoos on local cocoa seedlings and trees.

Kavudemki:

Further investigations into this breakaway group have been made at Gaulim since this patrol returned and it seems most likely now that these absentees will in fact migrate there and record their names in the Village Book at Gaulim.

To date these Kavudemki people have not been connected with the rumours of cargo cult in association with stories currently circulating about "golden eggs" but I would not entirely discount the possibility that they may be involved with others. They are ostensibly moving to Gaulim to establish market gardens for sale of produce in Rabaul. I believe their chances of success in this venture are extremely remote, and I think they will fail and ultimately will return to Kavudemki within a few years. However, we should not stop them from trying and letting them find out for themselves.

I am not alarmed at the present trend of affairs and I will continue to watch the situation closely. I will instruct officers visiting Kavudemki to give as much assistance as possible to those remaining in the village. I am pleased to see that those remaining have not become apathetic in their position but are actively participating in the Lamarein Copra Group enterprise.

I do not doubt that Luluai Tange is behind all the movements in the Baining areas as he is the Luluai of Gaulim.

Tul Tul of Kavudemki:

I have confirmed the appointment of TARSUS-MAMA as Tul Tul following discussions with Mr. Davies. This man is known to me and I can only hope that he is not swayed from his current pro-Administration attitudes as was his predecessor.

Luluai for Kilalum:

I have forwarded my recommendation to you separately under my minute 92-1-1 of 3rd May, 1965. Should our Director confirm this appointment I will confirm WUGNAN-TAUSIP as replacement Tul Tul.



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General:

Could a visit by Mr. UREKIT be arranged.

I should like to request the allocation of a total of £30 to replace two canoes used as ferries, at £15 each. One has been replaced at Wide Bay at Lamereia and the other has been replaced at the mouth of the River Warangei, both are maintained as ferry services to the general Public.

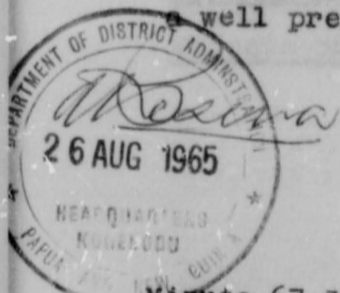
Tutul Anis' theories on area Administration are most interesting, and should prove the basis for introducing Local Government to the area. I will be interested to discover the views of other influential men in Wide Bay when the next patrol moves through the area.

I recommend that URAI be made into the separate village group at the next census. I will approach the Department of Public Health locally to endeavour to organise some sort of workable scheme for medical attention in this area.

A report on accompanying members of the R.P. & N.G.C. has been forwarded direct to the Officer-in-Charge of Police, Kokopo.

Conclusion:

This was Mr. M.P.D. Davies first solo patrol and he has carried out all the tasks set in his original patrol instructions most satisfactorily. He has obviously carried out his work in a careful, painstaking manner and has submitted a well presented report.



*M.V. Neal*  
(M.V. Neal)  
Assistant District Commissioner

Minute 67-3-11.  
The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

Attach:

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Patrol Report No. 11/64-65 Kokopo, and comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Kokopo, are forwarded for your information.

The covering remarks, above, by the Assistant District Commissioner, Kokopo, adequately cover all matters raised in this fair average report.

*H.W. West*  
(H.W. WEST)  
District Commissioner,  
New Britain District.

24.8.65.

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Sub-District Office,  
KOKOPO. NEW BRITAIN.

Davies

14th April, 1965.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
KOKOPO.

KOKOPO PATROL REPORT NO. 11 OF 1964/65  
CENTRAL BAININGS & WIDE BAY CENSUS DIVISIONS

- Officer Conducting: M.P.D. Davies, C.P.O.
- Natives Accompanying: 6191 Snr. Const. RAKA  
9811 Const. NUMBAS
- Europeans Accompanying: Nil.
- Area Patrolled: Central Bainings and Wide Bay  
Census Divisions.
- Duration of Patrol: 9/3/65 to 4/4/65.
- Objects of Patrol:
  1. Familiarization for Officer of Central Bainings area.
  2. Follow up duties at Wide Bay.
  3. As per A.D.C's instructions contained in memo 67-2-1, 3 of 8/3/65

Central Bainings.

Introduction.

The main object in this Division was to familiarize the writer with the area, this being his first visit.

It was satisfactorily accomplished due in no small measure to the hospitable nature of the population, who co-operated in every manner possible.

Uncomfortable walks between villages were the lot of the patrol, due to constant heavy rains, several rivers being particularly difficult to negotiate.

Villages.

The isolated position of these, apart from Sunum and Riet, with their limited and primitive means of communications with the outside world, reflects in the relatively small population figures ranging from the lowest Kiligia 45, to the highest Arambum with 200.

Generally speaking, all were found to be reasonably clean and tidy. Riet and Marambu striding out above the others, in this connexion.

Health.

Satisfactory, although slight cases of influenza were



found in practically all of the villages, afflicting both young and old.

Due no doubt to the time of year, and to the prevailing altitude with its accompanying cold nights.

Aid Post Orderlies at Arubum and Sinbum are carrying out their duties satisfactorily.

#### Agriculture.

##### Coffee.

Large areas of young coffee plantings were found surrounding most villages, arranged in orderly rows, and cleared of undergrowth, with Maranagi, Lamengi and Marambu to the fore.

The Luluai of Maranagi, LEMURUGUANG had approximately 25 lbs. ready for sale.

He was informed - all other V.O's and elders likewise - that a member of Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries would shortly be visiting this area, and that he could sell his coffee to this Officer. Failing that, the Luluai would go to Taliligap Agricultural Extension Centre and sell it there.

On asking the fate of his first bag of coffee, sold in October or November, 1964, he replied that "I received only 10/- for it was of poor quality; and the quality will improve with successive bags".

He showed determination when stating the above, and his further endeavours will be closely watched to see if it is carried through.

A point arising here is that the Luluai of Maranagi has a coffee holding comparable in size to that of the remainder of the village, which works its holding as a single unit. This occurs in at least another village, and may quite conceivably lead to disputes.

Individual plots will be encouraged in future patrols to combat this development.

##### Other.

There is a small amount of trade between Marambu (which has a Seventh Day Adventist - run church and school), and Kambubu Mission on the coast. The former trades vegetables, such as tomatoes, onions and beans in exchange for trade store items.

Kiligia and Sinbum (to a lesser extent) do the same.

#### Possible Construction of Motor Road through Riet and beyond.

##### Introduction.

The road envisaged through the type of terrain contracted here - broken, hilly and bisected by numerous water systems - is that of one involving small-scale expenditure of public funds.

This would be consistent with a population remaining stagnant and having a dim economic future through its insular position within the Gazelle Peninsula.

Climatic conditions were favourable for at least three days prior to this initial survey, therefore consideration would have to be given to a generally high levelling of waters, in the "wet season high" in respect of any bridges, culverts constructed.

Measurements given throughout are approximations only

Section I      Illugi to Riet

From the Illugi Plantation road-head, a road of semi-stone foundation wends its way for several hundred yards. An earthen track then appears which carries through to Riet.

On the way to Riet the following ~~rational~~ natural obstacles were encountered:

- 1) Stream (unnamed) 25' width, 2' depth.  
Nil flow. Bridge.
- 2) Stream (unnamed) 6' widths, 1' depth.  
Gentle flow. Culvert.
- 3) Illugi River, 35' width, 1½' depth.  
Fairly fast flow. Bridge.
- 4) Illugi River, 25' width, 2' depth.  
Fairly fast flow. Bridge.
- 5) Illugi River, 20' width, 1' depth.  
Fairly fast flow. Bridge.
- 6) Rabmitka River, 5' width, 2' depth.  
Gentle flow. Bridge.
- 7) Snagutka River, 15' width, 3' depth.  
Gentle flow. Bridge.

Approaches to all of the above were reasonable. Gentle ascent, thence along top of ridge to Riet 45 minutes walk or 10 minutes approximately by vehicle.

The track can be comfortably converted to take vehicular traffic in this Section.

Population of Riet is 104 persons.

Section II (a) Riet to Mandio and Tamukta Rivers

This half section typifies the terrain stated in the Introduction, and would require appropriation of public funds on a prohibitive scale.

Immediately beyond Riet, a short steep descent by way of a narrow twisting track, followed by a steady ascent, thence:-

- 1) Stream (unnamed) 20' width, 6' depth.  
Gentle flow. Culvert.

A steady ascent ensues, along top of ridge, steady descent, followed by

- 2) Illugi River, 25' width, 1' depth.  
Gentle flow. Bridge.



Followed by a steady ascent, steady descent, then once more

- 3) Illugi River, 20' width, 1' depth.  
Gentle flow. Bridge.

Followed by a steady ascent, a ridge, steady ascent, a ridge, steep descent, short steep ascent, a ridge, and then an extremely steep descent of several hundred feet duration on a narrow twisting tree-blocked track, on side of a ridge to the Mandio and Tamukta Rivers, which share a common river bed, separated only by an "elongated island" of several yards in width, consisting of rocks, earth, small foliage etc.

- 4) Mandio River, 40' width, 1½' depth.  
Fast flow. Small rapids.
- 5) Tamukta River 30' width, 2' depth.  
Extremely fast flow. Small rapids.  
35 yards upstream this river narrows to 25' width.

These small rapids extend within view on either side of this double river crossing, to 100 yards.

A bridge, similar in construction to the one spanning the upper reaches of the Warangoi River would be the most suitable type in this connexion.

The sector immediately beyond Riet, and before the Mandio and Tamukta Rivers present severe road-constructional problems.

This half-Section, with tree entrails, small undergrowth obstructing the track (at many places narrow) is 30 minutes walk, or several minutes by vehicle.

#### Section II (b) Mandio and Tamukta Rivers to Arambum.

Leaving the former behind, there comes a short steep ascent for several minutes, the narrow twisting track on two occasions having a drop on one side of 10 feet.

Remainder of track to Arambum is of a generally level nature, and would pose little problem to construction.

This half-section is 45 minutes walk, or 10-15 minutes by vehicle.

Population of Arambum is 200 persons.

#### Section III Arambum and beyond

The terrain is now of a truly mountainous nature, and amongst the innumerable water systems traversed are the Mumar, Leruga, Karabagi, Iwan, Maru, Sibit and Lingi Rivers. The last three named are all over 30' width and 2' depth, with difficult approaches.

Population figures as at October/November, 1964 of remaining villagers within Division.

Meranagi	-	81
Lamengi	-	112
Kiligia	-	45
Sinbum	-	79
Marambu	-	63
Total:	=	380

Note: Sunum (population 73) is already serviced by road.

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<u>Walking Times.</u>	<u>Hours.</u>
Arambum - Maranagi	2
Maranagi - Lamengi via Warangoi River	1
Lamengi - Kiligia	$\frac{1}{2}$
Kiligia - Sinbum	4
Sinbum - Marambu	2
Sinbum - Put Put Pltn. (former Sawmill site)	$4\frac{1}{2}$

Marambu is on a tangent to the track from Sinbum to Rugen Harbour, and both these villages could be serviced from the coast.

Conclusion.

Extension of the road from Illugi Plantation road-head to Riet is a feasible project. Beyond this village the outlay on continuance of such a road would not be compatible with present population trends or/and economic potential.

Bridge construction through Riet and possibly as far as the Mandio and Tamukta Rivers, using solely wooden materials would suffice.

A uniform width of 8 feet in all bridges is recommended.

Vehicles of the four-wheeled ratio drive type would be the most suitable in the conditions that must prevail on such a road.

Claimants on Put Put Mill Site.

As required the following were advised, that they may have to attend later this month or early April, as witnesses in a Lands Commission Hearing in Rabaul.

KAPAIPGA - GOINGA (T.T)	KILIGIA
BEREIRA - SASA	"
KOUMAGA - KAMAN	"
PILIP - KAMDU	SINBUM
KANDU - BOROMGA	"
SARU - TANGAM (L.L)	MARAMBU
MINISKA - PANGONGA	"
KERANAS - MISONGA	"
KUMBEIGA - TANGAM	"

The following at the time of notification were absent, and the respective Luluais stated that they would be duly informed.

SANGWALKA - TOMURIKI	SINBUM
GAREPKA - KAMAN	"
MORIS - BAUL	MARAMBU



Law and Order.

No activities requiring investigation in his capacity as a Police Officer were brought to the attention of this Officer.

However, three charges were levelled against members of the Malaria Control Field Service, who visited this area in February, 1965.

At Lamengi, the former Lului, MAINGI, said no payment was forthcoming for coconuts taken from his trees.

The same occurred at Sinbum involving the Tul Tul NINGELKA, and WAUSETEMGA.

Compensation was given in the form of tobacco in each case, and complainants informed that members of the Malaria Control Field Service will pay for any coconuts taken in their future patrols to this area.

Activities of Lului GWANIK of Arambum.

Enquiries were launched by the writer and through native police accompanying, during the overnight stop in the village.

Whilst the writer consulted the two Tul Tuls, B'WEN and IBU, the police moved through the population, it being decided that they were in a better position to gain any light on these activities, this being the writer's first visit to the area.

Upon conclusion of these enquiries, it was deemed that there are no such activities in existence.

It may be added here, that the Lului himself, aided the patrol by conveying additional patrol stores from Arambum to Lamengi, Maranagi (3 hours walk). These were then transported to Kiligia whence the patrol had by then reached.

"Freedom of the Individual".

The case heard by A.D.O. Muskens and C.P.O. MacDonald on their tax/Census patrol of October/November, 1964 was heard once more with slight variations. Kokopo Patrol Report No. 7 of 1964/65 dated 26th November, 1964 refers.

The facts are reiterated as follows:

Teacher/Catechist PIOS MERPS, of Arambum stated WAUSETEMGA, late of Kiligia, now of Sinbum, moved himself and his family, without informing him, PIOS, in September, 1964.

A note was sent to this effect to WAUSETEMGA, and that £15 - £5 per child - should be sent to Arambum to defray school costs e.g. books, pencils, cutting grass etc.

"Freedom of the Individual" was then explained to PIOS, and to the village officials and elders of Arambum.

Also to the man in question, when the patrol reached Sinbum.

It is interesting to note that the village school at Arambum is run by the Catholic Mission, and the one at Sinbum, by the Methodists.

Kiligia to Arambum is approximately four hours walk, the man's children obviously having to stay at the latter place during the week, returning home at the week-end.

#### Wide Bay.

#### Introduction.

The main objects in this Division were follow up duties arising from the patrol to this area in February, 1965. (Kokopo Patrol Report No. 10 of 1964/65 refers) and to finalize certain matters brought up during the course of that patrol.

Inclement weather occurring throughout the Central Baining was singularly absent in this region, and the walks consequently were that much more easier.

#### Villages.

Since the patrol in February, 1965, obvious efforts were made to carry out instructions to improve the condition of, or the construction of, of dwelling places.

Ili, previously in an extremely sorry state, Lamarein, Kaukum and Milim showed the greatest improvement.

#### Health.

This is covered by the Seventh Day Adventist Mission Hospital at Kambubu; the Catholic Mission at Marunga which is visited regularly by qualified nursing sisters. Karlai Plantation, with Mrs. Fraser a qualified nurse, wife of the Plantation's mechanic Mr. Fraser, and the Catholic Mission Hospital at Guma.

With the patrol on its return to Kokopo via Rabaul came several patients from the last named hospital, on their way to Nonga Base Hospital for further treatment.

#### Agriculture.

##### Cocoa.

The three villages in the northern section of the Division, Lat, Gar and Merai, sell small amounts of cocoa to Sum Sum and Talilis Plantations.

Ili, Karong and Marunga have areas under cultivation but appear to be lacking for want of expert attention.

##### Copra.

Several letters from the Copra Marketing Board, Rabaul, were delivered en route, and upon the sighting thereof, efforts are being made to increase production, as the realization of what this means, broadens.

Ninety six bags were recently sent to Rabaul by the Iwai Copra Group, putting at current market prices, approximately £400 into their Account.

Kavudemki which had not produced copra before, has received £15 through the Lamarein Copra Group, which they asked permission ~~for~~ to join.

This was immediately given, and the advantages and safeguards and possible abuses thereof were pointed out.



With over half of the inhabitants of Kavudemki living in the bush, this is an encouraging development, as it means that the remainder are determined to stay, and to improve their position.

Kaukum Copra Group which was recently given its own Copra Marketing Board Trade number, has produced five bags. However, these were of inferior quality, and the village was extorted to greater efforts.

Investigation of unsigned letter to C.M.B. Rabaul.

An unsigned letter, dated 23rd February, 1965 was sent to the above, alleging that they, the Copra Group, had been receiving only \$3.5.0 per bag over the past two years.

Investigations into the source of this letter proved unsuccessful.

At the same time, figures for previous years were given, to show that the above one was false.

Enquiries launched after the completion of the patrol, showed that this letter was written by ALPONCE KAPTAIN, an agricultural field worker trainee, who was a member of the D.A.S.F. patrol to this area underway at the same time as Kokopo Patrol No. 10 of 1964/65.

Wide Bay Pinnacle.

Due to the tight sailing schedule of the privately owned "Marr", on which the patrol returned to Rabaul, the pinnacle was not towed to Vunapope and thence to Rabaul as instructed.

This will be remedied on the next patrol.

Permanent Rest House at Milim.

A site on the outskirts of the village has been selected, and the village officials requested to have the area cleared in preparation for construction.

A plan and details of the anticipated building is attached, at Appendix A to this Patrol Report.

Law and Order.

Several minor matters such as non-payment of monies owing, and appropriation of coconuts belonging to others, for copra were settled without recourse to the writer's position as a Police Officer.

However, two cases of adultery requiring Court attention were investigated, and the participants and injured parties were brought to Kokopo.

Four applications for gun permits were received, from the following:

WOLAI - PERIN	-	KALIP
SEMAMBUKWANG (T.T)	-	ILI
JOHN PAKAU	-	IWAI
ANIS (T.T)	-	KILALUM

Present Situation at Kavudemki.

Kokopo Patrol No. 10 of 1964/65 passed through Kavudemki on the 12th February, 1965, followed after an interval of 2 - 3 days by a D.A.S.F. Patrol conducted by Mr. John Best.

Fourteen members of the "bush fraction" have coconut grove holdings on the coast near to Lamarein Village, these being unattended ~~to~~ after the appearance of the D.A.S.F. Patrol.

When the D.A.S.F. Patrol appeared eleven men had cleaned their groves, the other three having returned to the bush with the main group. Another seven followed after their holdings had been attended to, the remaining four electing to stay in the village.

Included in the latter is MANAS - IANMAGAN, the former Luluai who was previously staunchly "bush" and anti-Administration.

Through investigations, it appears that the "bush fraction" now had three camps, two in the area adjacent to the Methodist Mission at ULANGALIP and GAULIM, and the third, the Catholic Mission at UMANDIDIR.

Several others with their families lived in the gardens near to Kavudemki and were brought into the village by Constable Numbas of R.P. & N.G.C. Their responsibilities to themselves, their families, and to their places of dwelling were once more pointed out by him, under the writer's instructions whilst he waited at nearby Karlai Plantation for the outcome of the search.

It is felt here, that a much more ambitious effort, than the present patrol could put forward, will have to be mounted, for the main body to return to Kavudemki.

Approximately 80 people now remain in the village, out of a total population of 198 (30 men with wives and families). An atmosphere of a ghost village prevails.

The abodes of the bush fraction are broken down and dilapidated, and naturally unattended to, and this must surely have a demoralizing influence on those who remain.

However, the Luluai, the provisional Tul Tul ( who is subject of separate correspondence) and Village Elders appear to have a good hold over them.

A desire to stay in Kavudemki, rather than move to the coast near Lamarein, which was propounded ~~to~~ the previous patrol here, is shown by their keenness to market copra through the Lamarein Copra Group. Permission was immediately given.

This development was strongly supported and the advantages derived therefrom such a move illuminated, and at the same time possible abuses.

Already Kavudemki has received £15 for 4 bags of copra, despatched some time ago.

In conclusion, it will only be through the passage of time, whether the bush fraction will eventually move to Gaulim which is their main object, or return to Kavudemki.

As stated in the beginning of this correspondence, they only stay in the village when there is an Administrative "presence".



Recommendation for Tul Tul at Kavademki.

A nomination was put forward, as required, to fill the position previously held by ARAWIN-SNOBRAMA, who is a member of the "bush faction", and therefore anti-Administration.

The choice is TARSUS-MAMA, approximately 30 years of age. This man has one child which attends the Catholic Mission School at Marunga.

Nothing is known to the detriment of his character.

Recommendation for Luluai at Kilalum.

It was noticed that the present incumbent of this position, KUSA, is of advanced years, and has lost some measure of control over his senses, due to the aforementioned and to persistent illnesses.

KUSA was asked whether he wished to carry on with the duties of Luluai. He stated that he would like to resign, feeling that the above forbade him from doing so.

The Tul Tul ANIS, approximately 35 years of age, is progressive and pro-Administration, and has influence in the Wide Bay area.

Recommendation for Tul Tul at Kilalum.

The man chosen to become Tul Tul, if ANIS becomes Luluai, is WUNGNAN-TAUSIP, 30 years of age.

Nothing is known to the detriment of his character.

General.

1. Marunga stated that they would like Mr. KORIAM MICHAEL UREKIT, Member of the House of Assembly for East New Britain, to visit the area, for as yet, he has not done so.

2. Ferry Service at Mevelo River.

BALIEU and PAIARIA of Lamarein enquired as to when payment would be forthcoming to them, for maintaining this service.

KIAMIASO and MELO, also of Lamarein, who built a canoe to replace the one that was washed out to sea, asked when payment would be made in this direction.

3. A development towards the Council System.

During the stop at Kilalum, the Tul Tul ANIS, propounded certain ideas that he held.

These are -

1) Three <sup>Kivungs</sup> ~~hivings~~ of all Village Officials and Headmen to be held regularly, and organized so as to cover the Wide Bay area in roughly three equal units.

2) A higher <sup>Kivung</sup> "hiving" embracing the whole Division, meeting regularly.

3) A president to be elected from Number 2.

4) Only the more important questions and matters would filter through to the Patrolling Officer, the lesser ones being dealt with by Numbers 1 and 2.

This was cautiously received.

ANIS stated he would "sound out" the leading men in Wide Bay, and give a consensus of opinion on this possible development, with the return of the next patrol.

Hamlet of Urai.

The hamlet of Urai is approximately 1 hour's walk up the waters of the Merai River, from the village of Merai; and has been in existence for a considerable number of unspecified years.

When the previous Village Register was originally made out, in September 1947, it was known as Merai No. 2, and the first entry stating a certain amount of friction existing between these two places, as such, was in August 1950, referring to "trouble between Seventh Day Adventist teacher and Catholics".

In the tax/census patrol of October/November, 1964, Urai requested a Village Book of their own, when "lined" at Merai.

During the stop at Merai, a visit was made to the hamlet.

Urai is well-placed, on a bend of the Merai River, and has adequate and varied stocks of food such as coconuts, sweet potatoes, taro, bananas and pineapples.

Houses are of good construction, the majority being built off the ground, and the prevailing atmosphere is one of cleanliness and tidiness.

There is a population of 55 persons.

The teacher, POMALEU, from Manus, is a young and vigorous personality, and came to Urai in November, 1964. He was most co-operative in answering questions concerning the hamlet.

The people appear to be reasonably healthy, but it was noticed that of the men present at the time of the visit, four of them were in their advanced years.

Prior to the turn of the year, an elderly man was brought from the bush, and died near Urai.

On his medical patrol to this area and Wide Bay in January, 1965, Mr. Jenner of the Public Health Department, assisted a man named KUNDUWAN, aged about 30 years, married with three children.

This man has since died, between 10th - 17th March, 1965, after refusing to be moved to Sum Sum Plantation, and thence on to the Seventh Day Adventist Mission Hospital at Kambubu.

Urai, as stated, is 1 hour from Merai and the latter 1½ hours from possible medical aid at Sum Sum Plantation. Kambubu is approximately 2½ hours further away, by tractor.

To reach the hamlet, the Merai River has to be crossed seven times in all, and of these at least five of them with some caution due to the strong flow of the waters.



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With the advent of heavy constant rains, Urai is totally cut off from outside help, and in this connexion, Ponsaleu stated that on the 19th March, 1965, the river was impossible to cross.

One of the following methods to overcome the health problem is suggested:-

1. The teacher is given some form of elementary medical training either at Kambusu or Butuwin Hospital, Kokopo; and stocks of medicine then entrusted to his care.
2. Regular visits to be made to Urai, whenever possible, when in the area, by a medical orderly of the Public Health Department.

The population on questioning, do not wish to move further downstream towards Merai, but remain in their present location.

A move in this direction might conceivably lead to an intensification of the long standing "dispute" between the Seventh Day Adventists at Urai and the Catholics of Merai.

It may be pointed out here, that the village of Kiligia in the Central Baining's Division is recognized as such, although with only a population of 45. It is 3 1/2 hours and 4 hours from the Aid Posts at Arambum and Sinbum respectively, with rivers in time of flood, difficult to cross, added to mountainous tracks.

Although semi-isolated and medical attention is not so readily to hand, the moving to a new site, or merging with Merai would not constitute a definite all-round improvement.

It is suggested, therefore, that official recognition be bestowed on the hamlet of Urai.

In the main, a successful patrol was carried out, due in no small measure to the efforts put forward by the two members of the R.P. & N.G.C. accompanying this Officer

Field Officer's Journal Folios 9-24 appended as diary.

A claim for camping allowance is attached.

M. Davies

(M.P.D. Davies)  
Cadet Patrol Officer

Attach:

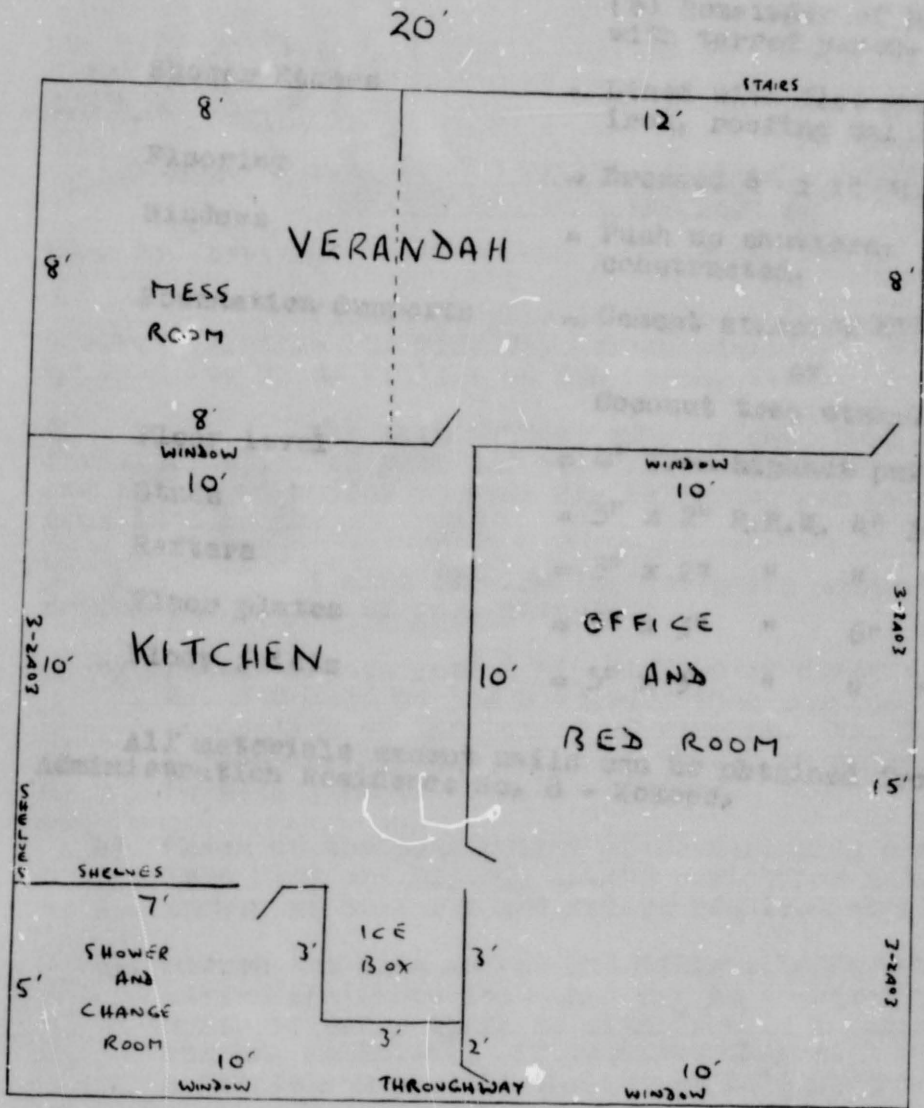
Total Area of floor space	33' x 10' = 330 sq ft
Verandah - semi enclosed	10' x 10' = 100 sq ft
Back porch	5' x 5' = 25 sq ft
Kitchen	10' x 10' = 100 sq ft
1st Box Room	5' x 5' = 25 sq ft
2nd Box Room	5' x 5' = 25 sq ft
W.C.	5' x 5' = 25 sq ft
Shower	5' x 5' = 25 sq ft
Washing	5' x 5' = 25 sq ft
Verandah	10' x 10' = 100 sq ft

APPENDIX A

KOKOPO PATROL NO. 11 OF 1964/65.

PERMANENT REST HOUSE AT MILIM

PLAN



DETAILS:

Total Area of floor space	= 20' x 23' = 460 sq. ft.
Verandah - semi enclosed	= 20' x 8' = 160 " "
Mess Room	= 8' x 8' = 64 " "
Kitchen	= 10' x 10' = 100 " "
Ice Box Recess	= 3' x 3' = 9 " "
Shower & Change Room	= 7' x 5' = 35 " "
Throughway	= 3' x 2' = 6 " "
Office & Bedroom	= 15' x 10' = 150 " "



MATERIALS:

- Walls = 6" weather boards, 1 1/2 jolt head nails
- Roof = Galvanised corrugated iron, roofing nails.
- Ceilings = (a) Office and Bedroom lined with masonite.  
(b) Remainder of house lined with tarred paper.
- Shower Recess = Lined with flat galvanized iron, roofing nails.
- Flooring = Dressed 6" x 1" pine.
- Windows = Push up shutters. Flat iron constructed.
- Foundation Supports = Cement stumps @ 6' centres  
or  
Coconut tree stumps @ 6' centres.
- Floor level = 4' from highest point of ground.
- Studs = 5" x 2" R.H.W. 4" jolt head nails.
- Rafters = 3" x 2" " " " " "
- Floor plates = 5" x 3" " 6" " " "
- Floor joists = 5" x 3" " " " " "

All materials except nails can be obtained from condemned Administration Residence No. 8 - Kokopo.

- b) Check up the possibility of constructing a water tank on the roof, taking particular notice of the weight of galvanic and other materials.
- c) Pass on the file on the subject to the various service elements that they may be required to work on early April or later, if necessary, and having in mind, if required, the fact that the material should be the same as that of the other buildings.
- d) Follow up the various matters raised in the various reports and through the various channels.
- e) Check up the various reports and make the necessary payments for work on the various buildings. The work should be done in a systematic manner and the various reports should be kept up to date.
- f) The matter of the job should be kept up to date and the various reports should be kept up to date.
- g) You should bring the file on the subject to the various service elements that they may be required to work on early April or later, if necessary, and having in mind, if required, the fact that the material should be the same as that of the other buildings.

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Sub-District Office,  
KOKOPO, NEW BRITAIN.

Recd

8th March, 1965.

Mr. M.P. Davies,  
Cadet Patrol Officer,  
KOKOPO.

Subject:- D.I.A. KOKOPO PATROL No.11 of 1964/65  
TO CENTRAL BAININGS AND WIDE BAY.

Dear Mr. Davies,

Please prepare to depart on a patrol of the Central Bainings and Wide Bay Census Divisions, leaving Kokopo by road for Sunum Village on 9th March, 1965.

2. The main objects of your patrol will be familiarisation of yourself with the Central Bainings area and follow up duties at Wide Bay following our patrol in that area last month.
3. I also require the following matters dealt with during the course of your patrol.
  - a) Peruse Kokopo Patrol Report No.9 of 64/65 written by Mr. McDonald on 3rd December, 1964 and look into the activities of the Luluai of Arumbum. Mr. McDonald was particularly vague about so that I am afraid I am unable to advise as to what he referred.
  - b) Check on the possibility of constructing a motor road into Riet and beyond, taking particular notice of the number of culverts and bridge required etc.
  - c) Peruse the file on Put Put Mills site 34-2-128 and advise claimants that they may be required later this month or early April as witnesses in a Lands Commission hearing in Rabaul. If required they will be advised separately nearer to the actual date of the hearing.
  - d) Follow up the various matters raised by you and I on our recent patrol through Wide Bay.
  - e) Check on the various copra groups as far as recent payments for copra are concerned. One group recently sent a letter, unsigned to C.M.B. Rabaul complaining they were only receiving £3.5.0 per bag. You have this letter and must investigate the position as discussed between us. Recent copra prices are high so price per bag should be better than £3.5. 0.
  - f) The matter of the £45. 0. 9 still held by the old Lamerein Group is being investigated.
  - g) You should bring the Wide Bay pinnace back with you, towing it to Vunapope for repairs. It should later go to Rabaul Harbour Master for inspection. Bring responsible crew members with you.



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- a) Investigate further, possible house site for yourself at Milim, and draw up a plan of such a building.
  - 1) Check again on the position at Kavudemki, noting that a recommendation for a tultul is now required. Also read our file 51-1-i folios 141 and 142 for this present position in this area.
  3. You will take two members of the R.P.& N.G.C. with you by arrangement with Inspector Andrews at Kokopo Police Station.
  4. Arrange to draw rations and stores for your party from the Government Store.
  5. A landrover will take you and your party to Sunum village on 9th March, 1965, and on to the road head at Illugi at your convenience. I understand that you have already arranged for carriers to move you further on.
  6. On your arrival at Karlai please send me a telegram estimating your arrival at Guma and the date that water transport to bring you back here will be required.
  7. This will be your first solo patrol and I remind you that in the field you will be acting as a representative of our Administration with many people observing you as you perform your duties. It is up to you, therefore to ensure that your party performs its tasks in a responsible, conscientious manner, that will bring only credit to the Administration. Do not hurry in your trip as this can lead to faulty workmanship.
  8. You do not possess court powers so that any activities that take place requiring action must be investigated by you as a Police Officer. You must then bring all the parties to Kokopo with you if you consider Court action is warranted.
  9. I wish you the best of luck and hope that you have a successful patrol.

Yours faithfully,

(M.V. Neal)  
Assistant District Commissioner

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Sub-District Office,  
KOKOPO. NEW BRITAIN.

Davies

14th April, 1965.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
KOKOPO.

KOKOPO PATROL REPORT NO. 11 OF 1964/65.  
WIDE BAY CENSUS DIVISION  
RECOMMENDATION FOR LULUAI AT KILALUM

The following is an extract from the Patrol  
Report named:-

"It was noticed that the present incumbent of  
this position, KUSA, is of advanced years, and has lost  
some measure of control over his senses, due to the afore-  
mentioned and to persistent illnesses.

KUSA was asked whether he wished to carry on  
with the duties of Luluai. He stated that he would like  
to resign, feeling that the above forbade him from doing so.

The Tul Tul ANIS, approximately 35 years of age,  
is progressive and pro-Administration, and has influence in  
the Wide Bay area."

If KUSA is permitted to resign, it is the wish  
of the people that ANIS become the new Luluai.

The appointment is recommended.

*M. P. D. Davies*

(M.P.D. Davies)  
Cadet Patrol Officer

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KOKOPO.

3rd May, 1965.

District Commissioner,  
Department District Administration,  
RABAUL.

The above resignation and new appointment is  
recommended.

*M. V. Neal*  
(M.V. Neal)  
Assistant District Commissioner



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Sub-District Office,  
KOKOPO.

4th May, 1965.

District Commissioner,  
Department District Administration,  
RABAU.

KOKOPO PATROL REPORT NO. 11 OF 1964/65  
CENTRAL BAININGS & WIDE BAY  
CENSUS DIVISIONS.

Please find attached three copies of the above Patrol Report compiled by Mr. M.P.D. Davies, Cadet Patrol Officer. His claim for Camping Allowance duly completed by me is attached for payment please. A copy of my patrol instructions to Mr. Davies is attached.

My comments on this report now follow:

Central Bainings:

Villages:

The position here seems satisfactory.

Health:

The Public Health Department were notified and a patrol through the area has been carried out by them. The health position was reported as satisfactory and prevalence of colds not unduly high.

Agriculture:

The situation appears quite healthy and promising with regard to coffee cultivation, and will no doubt improve. The land position will be watched to see if in fact ownership disputes do arise.

I shall send an extract of this section direct to the District Agricultural Officer, Rabaul.

Roads:

This report gives a clear picture of the difficulties to be faced if a road beyond Riet village is ever contemplated.

I understand that Commonwealth Department of Works people have already visited Riet in connection with this section of the road.

Claimants on Put Put Mills Site:

These witnesses were not called at the recent hearings of the Lands Titles Commissioner in this Sub-District, as there were no hearings in connection with this property.

Law & Order:

The situation is satisfactory and I would imagine that either the Malaria Control people should pay for the coconuts or they will have none supplied to them. I find this rather hard to believe however, because in my patrolling experience villagers are only too happy to give carriers and officers a drink of coconut milk if requested, and further the sole purpose of Malaria Control Service visits is to benefit the health of local people. I will ask Mr. Davies to enquire further during his next visit to the area, there may be something else involved.

Lulual GWANIK:

Everything seems in order.

Freedom of the Individual:

I consider that Mr. Davies acted correctly here. For further information on this matter see memo 51-1-1 of 26/11/64 to me and my comment 51-1-1 of 17/12/64 on Kokopo Patrol Report No. 7 of 1964/65.

Wide Bay:

Villages:

It is pleasing to note that village housing is improving.

Health:

The position here remains as in the past and is quite satisfactory. There are land disputes at Hoya village awaiting settlement by the Lands Commission and this is preventing the alienation of this land which has been applied for by the Seventh Day Adventist Mission for use as a hospital.

Agriculture:

An extract of this section will be forwarded direct to the District Agricultural Officer, Rabaul.

The position of copra marketing from this area is now most satisfactory thanks to invaluable assistance given by Messrs. B. & C. Parer at Karlai Plantation and have recently increased co-operation in forwarding of cash payments by the Commonwealth Trading Bank, Rabaul.

The unsigned letter traced to D.A.S.F. field worker trainee claiming low payments for copra was not correct as over the past six months or so especially payments have consistently been made of approximately \$4 per bag, as a result of high world prices. The various groups at Wide Bay know this for they receive a return slip from this office following each and every shipping indicating the share out prices per bag of copra shipped against the cheque received from Copra Marketing Board, Rabaul. I will suggest to the District Agricultural Officer, Rabaul that he request Alphonse Kaptain to make sure of his facts before breaking into print on any matter.

Wide Bay Pinnacle:

The next patrol to this area, due late this month will endeavour to have this pinnacle brought to Rabaul.



Rest House - MILIM Village:

Sufficient iron and timber is already located in the Milim Village to enable construction to commence on this rest house. An old house is shortly to be demolished at Kokopo and some of the materials from this will be sent to MILIM in order to complete this rest house.

I consider this rest house to be essential in this area as it will enable our officer to remain for protracted periods in the area and actively assist in local development schemes in individual villages.

Law & Order:

Both cases of adultery were dealt with in the Court for Native Affairs at Kokopo.

All the applicants for these Special Arms Permits are known personally to me and I strongly recommend the issue of licences. These shot guns are required primarily to combat the depredations of cockatoos on local cocoa seedlings and trees.

Kavudemki:

Further investigations into this breakaway group have been made at Gaulim since this patrol returned and it seems most likely now that these absentees will in fact migrate there and record their names in the Village Book at Gaulim.

To date these Kavudemki people have not been connected with the rumours of cargo cult in association with stories currently circulating about "golden eggs" but I would not entirely discount the possibility that they may be involved with others. They are ostensibly moving to Gaulim to establish market gardens for sale of produce in Rabaul. I believe their chances of success in this venture are extremely remote, and I think they will fail and ultimately will return to Kavudemki within a few years. However, we should not stop them from trying and letting them find out for themselves.

I am not alarmed at the present trend of affairs and I will continue to watch the situation closely. I will instruct officers visiting Kavudemki to give as much assistance as possible to those remaining in the village. I am pleased to see that those remaining have not become apathetic in their position but are actively participating in the Lamarein Copra Group enterprise.

I do not doubt that Luluai Tange is behind all the movements in the Bainings areas as he is the Luluai of Gaulim.

Tul Tul of Kavudemki:

I have confirmed the appointment of TARSUS-MAMA as Tul Tul following discussions with Mr. Davies. This man is known to me and I can only hope that he is not swayed from his current pro-Administration attitudes as was his predecessor.

Luluai for Kilalum:

I have forwarded my recommendation to you separately under my minute 92-1-1 of 3rd May, 1965. Should our Director confirm this appointment I will confirm WUGNAN-TAUSIP as replacement Tul Tul.

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General:

Could a visit by Mr. UREKIT be arranged,

I should like to request the allocation of a total of £30 to replace two canoes used as ferries, at £15 each. One has been replaced at Wide Bay at Lamerein and the other has been replaced at the mouth of the River Warangoi, both are maintained as ferry services to the general Public.

Tultul Anis' theories on area Administration are most interesting, and should prove the basis for introducing Local Government to the area. I will be interested to discover the views of other influential men in Wide Bay when the next patrol moves through the area.

I recommend that URAI be made into the separate village group at the next census. I will approach the Department of Public Health locally to endeavour to organise some sort of workable scheme for medical attention in this area.

A report on accompanying members of the R.P. & N.G.C. has been forwarded direct to the Officer-in-Charge of Police, Kokopo.

Conclusion:

This was Mr. M.P.D. Davies first solo patrol and he has carried out all the tasks set in his original patrol instructions most satisfactorily. He has obviously carried out his work in a careful painstaking manner and has submitted a well presented report.

*M.V. Neal*  
(M.V. Neal)  
Assistant District Commissioner

Minute 67-3-11.  
The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONELOBU, PAPUA.  
Attach:

... Patrol Report No. 11/64-65 Kokopo, and comments by the Assistant District Commissioner, Kokopo, are forwarded for your information.

The covering remarks, above, by the Assistant District Commissioner, Kokopo, adequately cover all matters raised in this fair average report.

*H.W. West*  
(H.W. WEST) *hwb*  
District Commissioner,  
New Britain District.

24.8.65.



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Sub-District Office,  
KOKOPO.

Davies

12th April, 1965.

Officer-in-Charge,  
Police Station,  
KOKOPO.

REPORT ON POLICE KOKOPO PATROL NO. 11/64-65  
CENTRAL BAININGS AND WIDE BAY CENSUS DIVISION

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|------|------------------|--|
| 6191 | Corporal RAKA    | A quietly efficient and experienced policeman. Conduct satisfactory.   |
| 9811 | Constable NUMBAS | This policeman showed possible N.C.O. potential. Conduct satisfactory. |

Both policemen showed interest at all times throughout the patrol, and their efforts in no small manner, contributed towards a comparatively successful patrol.

M. Davies

(M.P.D. Davies)  
Cadet Patrol Officer



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

# PATROL REPORT

District of... EAST NEW BRITAIN ..... Report No. KOKOPO 13/64-65 .....

Patrol Conducted by... M.P.D. DAVIES, ..... Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled... CENTRAL BAININGS CENSUS DIVISION .....

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

Natives... 2 POLICE CONSTABLES .....

Duration—From... 11 / 5 / 19 65 to... 19 / 5 / 19 65 .....

Number of Days... 8 .....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....

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

Medical .... /...../18.....

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol..... 1. Routine Administration.  
2. To make enquiries in each village in connection  
with objections raised against the Final Order  
on land known as Kambubu or Put Put Virgin Land.

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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24th September, 1965.

District Commissioner,  
New Britain District,  
RABAU.

KOKOPO PATROL REPORT NO. 13-1964/65:

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of a very short Patrol Report by Mr. Davies covered by your memorandum 67-2-3 of 4th June 1965.

- 2. Your comments and those of Mr. Neal are noted.
- 3. As the patrol was mounted mainly to gather information for Land Settlement cases, the officer has shown that he accomplished the task well.

(T.G. Aitchison)  
A/DIRECTOR.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone  
Our Reference... 67-3-11  
If calling ask for  
Mr.....



Department of District Administration,  
RABAUL.

16th August, 1965.

ENB.  
District Commissioner  
Department of District Administration  
RABAUL.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONEDOBUBU. PAPUA.

KOKOPO PATROL REPORT NO. 13 OF 1964/65 : CENTRAL  
BAININGS CENSUS DIVISION.

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The above report is forwarded for your information.  
The patrol was concerned mainly with investigations of Object-  
ions raised against the Final Order on KAMBUBU land. No fur-  
ther comment is necessary.

H. W. West  
(H. W. WEST)  
District Commissioner,  
New Britain District.

Assistant District Commissioner



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Sub-District Office,  
KOKOPO.

Neal

4th June, 1965.

District Commissioner,  
Department District Administration,  
RABAUL.

KOKOPO PATROL REPORT NO. 13 OF 1964/65  
CENTRAL BAININGS CENSUS DIVISION

Please find enclosed the abovementioned Patrol Report submitted by Mr. M.P.D. Davies, Cadet Patrol Officer. I cannot forward the claim for camping allowance immediately as it has been incorrectly completed and Mr. Davies is currently absent in the Wide Bay Census Division; I will forward it on his return. Original copies of Mr. Davies Field Officer's Journal Folios 27, 28, 29 and 30 are also attached.

2. The object of this visit was to gather information for Counsel as per instructions received in your minute 34-3-37 of 10th March, 1965 under memo 34-5-17 of 26th February, 1965 from our Director on the Final Order on KAMBUBU or PUT PUT VIRGIN LAND. Mr. Davies completed these enquires quite satisfactorily and all details are being forwarded today by me to you under my memo 34-2-66.

3. The local situation appears to be satisfactory in this Census Division.

*Neal*

(M.V. Neal)  
Assistant District Commissioner

Attach:



Telegrams

Telephone 67-2-3

Our Reference

If calling ask for

Mr. Davies

Sub-District Office,  
KOKOPO.

26th May, 1965.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
KOKOPO.

KOKOPO PATROL REPORT NO. 13 OF 1964/65  
CENTRAL BAININGS CENSUS DIVISION

- Officer Conducting: Michael P.D. Davies, C.P.O.
- Natives Accompanying: 6191 Snr. Constable RAKA  
10240 Constable ELLY
- Europeans Accompanying: Nil.
- Area Patrolled: Central Bainings Census Division.
- Duration of Patrol: 11/5/65 to 19/5/65 = 8 days.
- Objects of Patrol:
  1. Make enquiries in each village in connection with objections raised against the Final Order on land known as Kambubu or Put Put Virgin Land.
  2. Routine Administration.

Introduction.

This patrol was concerned mainly with obtaining information for counsel representing native claimants objecting to the Final Order on land known as Kambubu or Put Put Virgin Land.

Investigations were based on a N.G.L.T.R.O. Pro-Forma Questionnaire entitled "Investigation of Native Customary Rights Claims".

Routine administration was carried out during the course of the patrol.

Native Affairs.

Here, the prevailing situation is satisfactory.

The inhabitants of this area were, as usual, most co-operative assisting the patrol at every point throughout its progress.

Village officials and headmen of Kiligia, Lemengi, Marambu, Sinbum and Gar were most helpful; and information on all aspects of the investigation into Kambubu or Put Put Land was readily given.

Agriculture.

Has not appreciably altered since the last patrol to the area in March, 1965.



Kokopo Patrol Report, Number 11 of 1964/65 dated 14th April, 1965 refers.

Members of the D.A.S.F. were encountered at Riet and Lat.

Health.

Has not appreciably altered since the last patrol to the area in March, 1965.

Kokopo Patrol Report, Number 11 of 1964/65 dated 14th April, 1965 refers.

Complaints were heard of inadequate attention being given to Riet, Lemengi and Maranagi by the Aid Post Orderley at Arambum, Lukas.

However, on discussing this matter with Lukas, and perusing his records, it was decided that his duties were being carried out satisfactorily.

He was requested to keep the pressure of his patrolling to all villages at a reasonable level.

Land Investigation.

Refer to memo A.D.C. Kokopo, File 34-2-66, dated 26th May, 1965.

It may be noted in this connexion that the information gathered on Kambubu or Put Put Virgin Land also applies to other Put Put Properties.

Law and Order.

The position here is satisfactory, no matters were brought to the attention of the writer in his capacity as a Police Officer.

No further information was gathered re visits of members of the Malaria Control Field Service to this area in February, 1965.

Kokopo Patrol Report Number 11 of 1964/65 dated 14th April, 1965 refers.

General.

Arambum stated that they would like Mr. KORIAM MICHAEL UREKIT, Member of the House of Assembly for East New Britain, to visit the area, for as yet, he has not done so.

The Tul Tul KAPAIPGA-GOINGA of Kiligia died of malaria at Sinbum Aid Post on 5th May, 1965, approximately 35 years of age.

A nominee for this position will be given to the next patrol to this area.

Field Officers Journal, Folios 27-30 appended as diary.

A claim for camping allowance is attached.

M. Davies

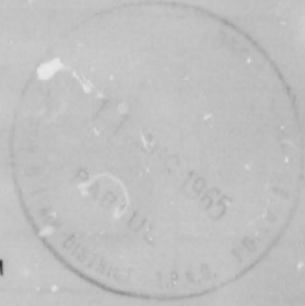
(Michael P.D. Davies)  
Cadet Patrol Officer.

Attach:

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



# PATROL REPORT

District of EAST NEW BRITAIN Report No. KOKOPO 14/65-65

Patrol Conducted by M.P.D. DAVIES, CADET PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled WIDE BAY CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 2 POLICE CONSTABLES

Duration—From 1./6./19.65 to 17./6./19.65.

Number of Days 16

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? .....

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

Medical ... .. /...../18.....

Map Reference.....

- Objects of Patrol.....
1. General purpose visit to check on development in the area.
  2. Carry out specific instructions.
  3. Routine Administration.

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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Sub-District Office,  
KOKOPO, NEW BRITAIN.

Neal

7th August, 1965.

The District Commissioner,  
Department of District Administration,  
RABAU.

KOKOPO PATROL REPORT No. 14 of 1964/65  
WIDE BAY CENSUS DIVISION

Please find enclosed the above mentioned Patrol Report submitted by Mr. Cadet Patrol Officer, M.P.D. Davies following a recent visit to the Wide Bay Census Division. The delay in forwarding these comments is regretted.

The following comments are submitted.

Local Situation:

This is generally satisfactory with the sole exception of the now very small group of people living at Kavudemki.

Following consultation with the Deputy Crown Solicitor Rabaul and lengthy discussion with the migrant Kavudemki's now at Gaulim, a written agreement was drawn up in respect of each householder who had migrated from Kavudemki, in which he the migrant householder relinquished all claims to ownership of the vacant building in Kavudemki and gave his permission for demolition of the building to take place. The agreements were signed most readily by the migrants before witnesses at Gaulim Village.

Mr. Davies is currently back in the Wide Bay area and with the co-operation of those people remaining still at Kavudemki will arrange for the dilapidated buildings to be demolished and the village area put back into a clean sanitary condition.

He will also carry out investigations carefully and thoroughly into the position of the coconut groves left abandoned by the migrant Kavudemkis in an effort to clean them up properly because of the disease threat to other groves caused by these overgrown trees.

The matter of the land dispute near Kilalum Village has been referred to the Lands Titles Commission Rabaul and following further investigation during this current patrol the Commission will commence a hearing in the area.

The position in respect of the dispute over the land at Hoiya Village, under application by the Seventh Day Adventist Mission, is that a hearing date will be set now by the Lands Commission, Rabaul.

Economic Development:

This continues to move along soundly with as usual frequent patrols and sound advice being given by D.A.S.F. officers. An investigation report into a land application by D.A.S.F. at Milim Village is attached to this report and once that Department get a permanent base in the area then further economic progress will be made there.



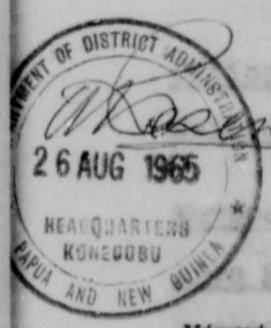
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The current patrol to the area has been accompanied by a carpenter and work is now going ahead with the construction of a permanent rest house in Milim Village for our Department.

Conclusion:

Mr. Davies has again carried out a successful trip to the area and I am pleased with progress being made there. A copy of Mr. Davies' patrol instructions are attached for your information; all objects of the patrol were achieved.

A claim for camping allowance is attached duly completed for your approval, please.



Michael Davies, C.P.S.  
Supt. Const. District  
Const.  
*M.V. Neal*  
(M.V. Neal)  
Assistant District Commissioner

Minute 67-3-11.

The Director,  
Department of District Administration,  
KONFEDOBU. PAPUA.

Patrol Report No. 14/64-65 Kokopo is forwarded herewith.

The Assistant District Commissioner, Kokopo, has covered all matters adequately in his comments above.

Mr. Davies has performed his given tasks in an efficient and diligent manner.

*H.W. West*  
(H.W. WEST)  
District Commissioner,  
New Britain District.

24.8.65.

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Sub-District Office,  
KOKOPO.

Davies

26th June, 1965.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
KOKOPO. New Britain.

KOKOPO PATROL REPORT NO. 14 OF 1964/65  
WIDE BAY CENSUS DIVISION

Officer Conducting: Michael Davies, C.P.O.

Natives Accompanying: 5259 Snr. Const. GWANDEK  
9811 Const. NUMBAS

Europeans Accompanying: Nil

Area Patrolled: Wide Bay Census Division.

Duration of Patrol: 1/6/65 to 17/6/65 - 16 days.

Objects of Patrol:

1. General purpose visit to check on development in the area.
2. Carry out specific instructions.
3. Routine administration.

Introduction.

The immediate purpose of this patrol was to check on all aspects of development, and, secondly, to carry out specific instructions.

Certain obstacles, however, have arisen affecting development in several spheres, and these will be dealt with in the body of the report.

As the South East Season was under way during the period of the patrol, the programme was curtailed slightly; and the villages of Karong, Ili and Merai, located on the relatively inaccessible northern shoulder of Wide Bay were not visited.

Native Situation.

This is satisfactory, and assistance was at all times forthcoming from village officials and the population.

The position at Kavudemki has deteriorated to an extent whereby the remaining villagers, numbering 80 out of a total of 198, appear to be bordering on apathy in their outlook towards any further self-improvement.

Their coconut groves and gardens have received scant attention, since the last D.D.A. patrol presented itself here in late March.

The matter, which I am of the opinion, has great bearing on this state of affairs and must be brought to an early conclusion, is that concerning the houses in the village, the gardens nearby, and the coconut holdings on the coast adjacent to



Lamerein, belonging to the "breakaway group" now at Gaulim and several places in the bush between there and Kavudemki.

The houses are utterly broken down and dilapidated, with weeds and bush beginning to appear in and around them, and also at and in the gardens. The coconut groves - with 2 to 4 year-old trees - are almost completely enveloped by surrounding bush for lack of care, in stark contrast to those held by Lamerein nearby.

It is debatable as to whether the "breakaway group" will remain at Gaulim although, naturally, the freedom of the individual must remain paramount.

However it is recommended that some sort of action be instituted now, and although drastic, that the houses belonging to the "breakaway group" be demolished, with their permission. If they return to Kavudemki, then new sited houses of better construction than the original ones, can be built.

The question of the coconut holdings involves the land rights, tenure and customs of the Bainings peoples.

Since an area of land is owned by a Clan, and all members of the clan have equal rights to cultivate, hunt and collect in and on the land, it may be that not all members of the clan holding this particular ground have departed from Kavudemki.

If this is the case and those at Gaulim remain there, the people remaining could be requested to take over these coconut holdings.

If not so, some sort of transaction could be effected, transferring all ownership rights to the ground, to a clan remaining in the village, or failing this, the sale of it to the Sulkas of Lamerein who would be most appreciative of an additional area of land.

With land and its usage becoming increasingly evidently important in Wide Bay, this glaring lack of concern over the coconut holdings especially, reasons for which notwithstanding, will become a bone of contention and source of irritation in the not too distant future.

The following case bears certain aspects of the above out.

A dispute over ownership of land now held by Kilalum has arisen between Koko of the KAIMUN clan, centred on Guma, and Kerokau of the NGAURUL clan of Iwai.

It appears that in the pre-war years Mr. George Nice, A.D.O. Kokopo, brought the people of Kilalum from their mountainous bush dwellings, behind the coastal plain, and settled them on their present site. Land, adjacent to and the site of Kilalum itself, was given to these people to habit and to cultivate, with the agreement and consent of Guma and Iwai, the villages on either side.

In discussions during October 1962, held by Mr. Patrol Officer Hope with all interested parties, a review was made by them of this land, and the areas to be held by each party were designated and defined, and "asserted to by all parties in the presence of the villagers".

Since this date economic development in the Wide Bay area has got under way, and this is particularly noticeable in

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the disputed area which broadens out into a small coastal plain, about 350 yards to the widest point.

This area, to a layman's eyes, appears to be of a good quality soil for this region.

Anis, the present Tul Tul of Kilalum, is one of the most progressive and influential men in Wide Bay, and he has had the ground planted up with coconuts and gardens made, the former now beginning to show returns.

Koko now wishes the land to be returned to the KAIMUN Clan or paid for by Kilalum, and Kerokau is counter claiming, the land to stay with Kilalum e.e. "status quo". The former does not have the full backing of his clan, for several members live in Kilalum itself, including the mother of the wife of Anis! Also, I am of the opinion that Koko is being pushed forward in this move by an unknown element in Guma which wishes to benefit from it, however small or large the reward may be.

A full investigation and survey into this land dispute will be carried out during the course of a patrol to Wide Bay.

The village officials of Kilalum were requested to continue cultivating and maintaining their coconut holdings and gardens in the disputed ground.

Further to this, Anis stated his views on possible localized administration of Wide Bay affairs will remain in abeyance until this land dispute is brought to a conclusion.

Political, social and economic development in a vital and heavily populated area - for Wide Bay - will be held up until this matter is speedily resolved.

The parties to the dispute over ownership of the land at Hoiya, applied for by the Seventh Day Adventist Mission to establish hospital services have not come to any decision as certain developments of late indicated.

Pranis of Lanerein stated he wished to discuss further the question of ownership with the co-claimants Luluai OSIPAKAU of HOIYA and Tul Tul KANDIKUM, before deciding whether to pursue his claim.

He was requested to expedite these talks.

It may be added here, that Peni in charge of the Aid Post, run under the auspices of the S.D.A. Mission, has contributed greatly to the present invigorating air pervading a once indifferent apathetic Hoiya.

Houses and latrines of solid plank construction are going up, sited rubbish dumps, coconut trees in the village, and the environs thereof, have been entirely cleared of bush, and well-maintained roads in the vicinity, are the order of the day.

A point worth bearing in mind is that the small amount of friction which exists in Hoiya, between Catholics and Seventh Day Adventists, may quite conceivably envelope surrounding villages in larger proportions, and split them into factions, with all its resultant implications, with the entry of the S.D.A. Mission into Wide Bay.

This situation will have to be weighed against the establishment of undoubted valued further hospital services.

Our File 35-2-8 refers.



Health.

Position is good.

Approximately thirty slight cases of malaria were treated of late at the Catholic Mission Hospital at Guma, mostly from the villages in the vicinity.

Several patients were taken to Nonga Base Hospital, Rabaul for further specialized treatment, at the conclusion of the patrol.

Economic Development.

This is proceeding satisfactorily, although there is a land dispute under way, over coconut bearing land at Kilalum, referred to in the previous section of this report, which may hamper progress.

Approximately 160 bags of copra valued at £640.0.0 at current market prices, were recently shipped to Rabaul from the Guma, Kilalum and Iwai/Kirkihau copra groups.

Further large tracts of land have been cleared for use as gardens by several villages, noticeably Iwai, Kirkihau, Milim and Marunga.

Ficks and spades were distributed for use in maintaining public roads, and toward any others to which they would prove valuable.

In retrospect, if additional public funds were made available to buy the extremely cheap and much more handy sarif, these artifacts would prove of far more value than the picks and spades now issued, but at the same time be complementary to them.

As instructed, building materials from demolished residence No. 8 at Kokopo, were taken to and placed at Milim for construction of a base camp site there, to intensify the supervision of development in Wide Bay.

An investigation was carried out on land immediately north of Milim, required for an Agricultural Extension Centre by the D.A.S.F., and the relevant report is attached to this report.

Our File 35-2-9 refers.

The ferrymen in charge of the service at the Mevelo River, near Lamerein, were paid as instructed for the period 1st November, 1964 to 31st May, 1965.

Pesal, Luluai of Mu, enquired if another C.S.B. Agency can be established in a more central position, and the appropriate reasons were given for the writer's negative answer.

A nominee for the position of Luluai at Marunga is the subject of separate correspondence attached to this report.

It was decided to postpone the movement of the Wide Bay pinnace to Kokopo, for inspection, until the South East Season slackened in intensity.

Karlai Plantation under the control of Messrs. B. & C. Parer continue to play their usual vital and important role of helping the people in facilitating their copra shipments, advice on pertinent questions thereof, medical services, and the holding of the C.S.B. Agency through which the various Copra Groups receive payment.

Law and Order.

No cases requiring recourse to N.A.R.s were brought to Kokopo.

Several minor internal vaillage disputes were settled with undue difficulty.

Conclusion.

A relatively successful patrol was carried out, although greatly hindered by inclement weather.

Field Officer's Journal Folios 32 to 40 are appended as diary.

A claim for camping allowance is attached.

M. Davies

(Michael Davies)  
Cadet Patrol Officer

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Sub-District Office,  
KOKOPO.

Davies

28th June, 1965.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
KOKOPO.

KOKOPO PATROL REPORT NO. 14 OF 1964/65  
WIDE BAY CENSUS DIVISION  
RECOMMENDATION FOR LULUAI AT MARUNGA.

The present Luluai, IAKUWANG, who is approximately 60 years of age, wishes to retire from the office, due to advancing years.

A nominee for the position has been put forward by the village officials and committee men, and he is GILAMIN-GIRAFRANUS, brother of IAKUWANG, approximately 35 years of age and married with 3 children, of whom one attends the Catholic Mission School at Marunga.

This man, who works at a plantation in the Kokopo area, has not been seen by the writer.

It is understood that if GILAMIN is appointed as the new Luluai he will be obliged to return to Marunga and remain there, in order to carry out his duties.

*M. Davies*

(Michael Davies)  
Cadet Patrol Officer

92-1-1  
Kokopo,  
6th August, 1965.

Minute to:  
The District Commissioner,  
RABAUL.

I cannot make a recommendation here as it has not been possible to contact the nominee to ascertain his opinions or wishes in this matter. I will advise further when more information is to hand.

*M.V. Neai*  
(M.V. Neai)  
Assistant District Commissioner

67-2-1

Sub-District Office,  
KOKOPO.

Neal

31st May, 1965.

Mr. M.P.D. Davies,  
Cadet Patrol Officer,  
KOKOPO.

PATROL INSTRUCTIONS

You are instructed to depart on patrol to the Wide Bay Census Division by trawler M.V. "Moutuana" on 1st June, 1965 from Vurapope Wharf.

2. The nature of this patrol will be more on the lines of a general purpose visit to check on development in the area and carry out the following specific tasks:-

- (a) Take building materials from demolished residence No.8 at Kokopo to your base camp site at MILIM.
  - (b) Carry out the land investigation as per the latest Circular Instructions on the land required by Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries near MILIM. Submit your full report on your return.
  - (c) Make enquiries at HOIYA village concerning the alleged dispute over ownership of land the subject of application by Seventh Day Adventist Mission. It is believed that certain developments have occurred between claimants which may obviate the need for a hearing by the Lands Titles Commission, and we may be able to proceed with the investigation. See our file 35-2-8.
  - (d) Pay wages at £2 per month to Ferryman at the Mevelo River. The period required for payment is 1/11/64 to 31/5/65.
  - (e) Please check on any developments that may have occurred on theories put forward by Tultul ANIS on Local Government for Wide Bay.
  - (f) Advise people, generally that you will be revising Census in October this year and also will be collecting Personal tax for 1965.
3. Please arrange your R.P. & N.G.C. requirements with Inspector Andrews at the Police Station.
  4. Make your arrangements with the Storeman for supplies of patrol equipment.
  5. You should collect a patrol advance of £50 from Sub-Treasury, Kokopo.
  6. I wish you a pleasant and successful patrol.

*M. V. Neal*

(M.V. Neal)  
Assistant District Commissioner



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Sub-District Office,  
KOKOPO.

Davies

28th June, 1965.

Assistant District Commissioner,  
Sub-District Office,  
KOKOPO. New Britain.

KOKOPO PATROL REPORT NO. 14 OF 1964/65  
WIDE BAY CENSUS DIVISION

Officer Conducting: Michael Davies, C.P.O.  
Natives Accompanying: 5259 Snr. Const. GWANDEK  
9811 Const. NUMBAS  
Europeans Accompanying: Nil  
Area Patrolled: Wide Bay Census Division.  
Duration of Patrol: 1/6/65 to 17/6/65 - 16 days.  
Objects of Patrol:  
1. General purpose visit to check on development in the area.  
2. Carry out specific instructions.  
3. Routine administration.

Introduction.

The immediate purpose of this patrol was to check on all aspects of development, and, secondly, to carry out specific instructions.

Certain obstacles, however, have arisen affecting development in several spheres, and these will be dealt with in the body of the report.

As the South East Season was under way during the period of the patrol, the programme was curtailed slightly; and the villages of Karong, Ili and Merai, located on the relatively inaccessible northern shoulder of Wide Bay were not visited.

Native Situation.

This is satisfactory, and assistance was at all times forthcoming from village officials and the population.

The position at Kavudemki has deteriorated to an extent whereby the remaining villagers, numbering 80 out of a total of 198, appear to be bordering on apathy in their outlook towards any further self-improvement.

Their coconut groves and gardens have received scant attention, since the last D.D.A. patrol presented itself here in late March.

The matter, which I am of the opinion, has great bearing on this state of affairs and must be brought to an early conclusion, is that concerning the houses in the village, the gardens nearby, and the coconut holdings on the coast adjacent to

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WIDE BAY CENSUS DIVISION  
RECOMMENDATION FOR LULUAI AT MARUNGA.

The present Luluai, IAKUWANG, who is approximately 60 years of age, wishes to retire from the office, due to advancing years.

A nominee for the position has been put forward by the village officials and committee men, and he is GILAMIN-GIRAPRANUS, brother of IAKUWANG, approximately 35 years of age and married with 3 children, of whom one attends the Catholic Mission School at Marunga.

This man, who works at a plantation in the Kokopo area, has not been seen by the writer.

It is understood that if GILAMIN is appointed as the new Luluai he will be obliged to return to Marunga and remain there, in order to carry out his duties.

*M. Davies*

(Michael Davies)  
Cadet Patrol Officer

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Kokopo,  
6th August, 1965.

Minute to:  
The District Commissioner,  
RABAU.

I cannot make a recommendation here as it has not been possible to contact the nominee to ascertain his opinions or wishes in this matter. I will advise further when more information is to hand.

*M.V. Neal*  
(M.V. Neal)  
Assistant District Commissioner



Lamerein, belonging to the "breakaway group" now at Gaulim and several places in the bush between there and Kavudemki.

The houses are utterly broken down and dilapidated, with weeds and bush beginning to appear in and around them, and also at and in the gardens. The coconut groves - with 2 to 4 year-old trees - are almost completely enveloped by surrounding bush for lack of care, in stark contrast to those held by Lamerein nearby.

It is debatable as to whether the "breakaway group" will remain at Gaulim although, naturally, the freedom of the individual must remain paramount.

However it is recommended that some sort of action be instituted now, and although drastic, that the houses belonging to the "breakaway group" be demolished, with their permission. If they return to Kavudemki, then new sited houses of better construction than the original ones, can be built.

The question of the coconut holdings involves the land rights, tenure and customs of the Bainings peoples.

Since an area of land is owned by a Clan, and all members of the clan have equal rights to cultivate, hunt and collect in and on the land, it may be that not all members of the clan holding this particular ground have departed from Kavudemki.

If this is the case and those at Gaulim remain there, the people remaining could be requested to take over these coconut holdings.

If not so, some sort of transaction could be effected, transferring all ownership rights to the ground, to a clan remaining in the village, or failing this, the sale of it to the Sulkas or Lamerein who would be most appreciative of an additional area of land.

With land and its usage becoming increasingly evidently important in Wide Bay, this glaring lack of concern over the coconut holdings especially, reasons for which notwithstanding, will become a bone of contention and source of irritation in the not too distant future.

The following case bears certain aspects of the above out.

A dispute over ownership of land now held by Kilalum has arisen between Koko of the KAIMUN clan, centred on Guma, and Kerokau of the NGAUPUL clan of Iwai.

It appears that in the pre-war years Mr. George Nice, A.D.O. Kokopo, brought the people of Kilalum from their mountainous bush dwellings, behind the coastal plain, and settled them on their present site. Land, adjacent to and the site of Kilalum itself, was given to these people to habit and to cultivate, with the agreement and consent of Guma and Iwai, the villages on either side.

In discussions during October 1962, held by Mr. Patrol Officer Hope with all interested parties, a review was made by them of this land, and the areas to be held by each party were designated and defined, and "asserted to by all parties in the presence of the villagers".

Since this date economic development in the Wide Bay area has got under way, and this is particularly noticeable in

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the disputed area which broadens out into a small coastal plain, about 350 yards to the widest point.

This area, to a layman's eyes, appears to be of a good quality soil for this region.

Anis, the present Tul Tul of Kilalum, is one of the most progressive and influential men in Wide Bay, and he has had the ground planted up with coconuts and gardens made, the former now beginning to show returns.

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Koko now wishes the land to be returned to the KAINUN Clan or paid for by Kilalum, and Kerokau is counter claiming, the land to stay with Kilalum e.e. "status quo". The former does not have the full backing of his clan, for several members live in Kilalum itself, including the mother of the wife of Anis! Also, I am of the opinion that Koko is being pushed forward in this move by an unknown element in Guma which wishes to benefit from it, however small or large the reward may be.

A full investigation and survey into this land dispute will be carried out during the course of the next patrol to Wide Bay.

The village officials of Kilalum were requested to continue cultivating and maintaining their coconut holdings and gardens in the disputed ground.

Further to this, Anis stated his views on possible localized administration of Wide Bay affairs will remain in abeyance until this land dispute is brought to a conclusion.

Political, social and economic development in a vital and heavily populated area - for Wide Bay - will be held up until this matter is speedily resolved.

The parties to the dispute over ownership of the land at Hoiya, applied for by the Seventh Day Adventist Mission to establish hospital services have not come to any decision as certain developments of late indicated.

Pranis of Lamerein stated he wished to discuss further the question of ownership with the co-claimants Luluai OSIPAKAU of HOIYA and Tul Tul KANDIKUM, before deciding whether to pursue his claim.

He was requested to expedite these talks.

It may be added here, that Peni in charge of the Aid Post, run under the auspices of the S.D.A. Mission, has contributed greatly to the present invigorating air pervading a once indifferent apathetic Hoiya.

Houses and latrines of solid plank construction are going up, sited rubbish dumps, coconut trees in the village, and the environs thereof, have been entirely cleared of bush, and well-maintained roads in the vicinity, are the order of the day.

A point worth bearing in mind is that the small amount of friction which exists in Hoiya, between Catholics and Seventh Day Adventists, may quite conceivably envelope surrounding villages in larger proportions, and split them into factions, with all its resultant implications, with the entry of the S.D.A. Mission into Wide Bay.

This situation will have to be weighed against the establishment of undoubted valued further hospital services.

Our File 35-2-8 refers.



Health.

Position is good.

Approximately thirty slight cases of malaria were treated of late at the Catholic Mission Hospital at Guma, mostly from the villages in the vicinity.

Several patients were taken to Nonga Base Hospital, Rabaul for further specialized treatment, at the conclusion of the patrol.

Economic Development.

This is proceeding satisfactorily, although there is a land dispute under way, over coconut bearing land at Kilalum, referred to in the previous section of this report, which may hamper progress.

Approximately 160 bags of copra valued at £640.0.0 at current market prices, were recently shipped to Rabaul from the Guma, Kilalum and Iwai/Kirkihau copra groups.

Further large tracts of land have been cleared for use as gardens by several villages, noticeably Iwai, Kirkihau, Milim and Marunga.

Picks and spades were distributed for use in maintaining public roads, and towards any others to which they would prove valuable.

In retrospect, if additional public funds were made available to buy the extremely cheap and much more handy sarif, these artifacts would prove of far more value than the picks and spades now issued, but at the same time be complementary to them.

As instructed, building materials from demolished residence No. 8 at Kokopo, were taken to and placed at Milim for construction of a base camp site there, to intensify the supervision of development in Wide Bay.

An investigation was carried out on land immediately north of Milim, required for an Agricultural Extension Centre by the D.A.S.F., and the relevant report is attached to this report.

Our File 35-2-9 refers.

The ferrymen in charge of the service at the Mevelo River, near Lamerein, were paid as instructed for the period 1st November, 1964 to 31st May, 1965.

Pesal, Luluai of Mu, enquired if another C.S.B. Agency can be established in a more central position, and the appropriate reasons were given for the writer's negative answer.

A nominee for the position of Luluai at Marunga is the subject of separate correspondence attached to this report.

It was decided to postpone the movement of the Wide Bay pinnace to Kokopo, for inspection, until the South East Season slackened in intensity.

Karlai Plantation under the control of Messrs. B. & C. Parer continue to play their usual vital and important role of helping the people in facilitating their copra shipments, advice on pertinent questions thereof, medical services, and the holding of the C.S.B. Agency through which the various Copra Groups receive payment.

Law and Order.

No cases requiring recourse to N.A.R.s were brought to Kokopo.

Several minor internal vailage disputes were settled with undue difficulty.

Conclusion.

A relatively successful patrol was carried out, although greatly hindered by inclement weather.

Field Officer's Journal Folios 32 to 40 are appended as diary.

A claim for camping allowance is attached.

M. Davies.

(Michael Davies)  
Cadet Patrol Officer

Attach: