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1965/1966

TALASEA

<u>Report No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
17 - 1965/1966	W. Speldewinde	Kombe Census Div.
20 - 1965/1966	G.C. Holden	Part Bola Census Div.
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23 - 1965/1966	M. Verram	Bali/ Witu Census Div.

CAPE GLOUCESTER

2 - 1965/1966	K.R. Kelly	Bariai Census Div.
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4 - 1965/1966	K.R. Kelly	Bibling Bridge- Kaliai Census Div,

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



PATROL REPORT

District of WEST NEW BRITAIN Report No. C.G. 2-65/66

Patrol Conducted by H. R. KEENE CADET PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled BARIAI CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans N/A

Natives IRYNBC

Duration—From 25/10/1965 to 2/11/1965

Number of Days 9

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 14/12/1965

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

Map Reference.....

Objects of Patrol 1. TAX COLLECTION 2. CENSUS REVISION
3. VILLAGE INSPECTIONS 4. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION

Director of Native Affairs,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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67-5-21

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RABAUL.

10th March, 1966.

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

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(W. J. KELLY)
A/District Commissioner

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Dept. of District Administration,
TALASEA,
West New Britain.

24th January, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
New Britain District,
RABAUL.

CAPE GLOUCESTER PATROL NO.2-65/66
BARIAI CENSUS DIVISION - KELLY, K.R.
PATROL OFFICER

Enclosed please find two copies of the above reports together with maps, claim for camping allowance, original of Field Officer's Journal Folio 4, three copies of census figures and two copies of comments from the Officer-in-Charge, Cape Gloucester.

This report should have been forwarded from Cape Gloucester by late November. It was received at Talasea on January 6th and was held up further due to my absence in Rabaul and thence on patrol.

NATIVE SITUATION:

I have sent a radiogram to expedite Mr. Kelly's report on the Kaliai patrol which he completed before the new year.

VILLAGE HOUSING:

Cutting bush to a radius of 300 yards of villages appears excessive. Perhaps the Regional Medical Officer may care to comment on the need to clear so far back. I understand this 'mark' was set by medical staff at Cape Gloucester. Clearance of undergrowth for a distance of 100 yards would in my opinion be ample; trees should be left for shade.

POPULATION:

Mr. Kelly has been requested to complete sections of Village Population Register in future - Birth Rate, Death Rate, Natural Increase, Neo-Natal Mortality Rate figures should also be submitted as per page 139/140 of Standing Instructions.

TAX RATES :

I concur with Mr. Leibfried's remarks and recommend an increase in tax rate for the Kaliai, Bariai, and Kilenge/Lollo Divisions to \$. In my opinion these people, except perhaps a few from the inland Lollo village, are more favoured with copra production than are the Kombe people.

MINUTE 67-5-21 ✓
Director of District Administration,
KONEDOBU, Papua.

(B. McBride)

Assistant District Commissioner

Your memorandum 67-10-25 of 29th March, referred to. It is regretted that these comments were not forwarded with the Patrol Report on the 10th March.

(W. J. KELLY)

A/District Commissioner

5/4/66.

67-10-25

29th March, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
New Britain District,
NABAU.

CAPE GLOUCESTER PATROL REPORT NO.2/
1965-1966.

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10th March, 1966, together with Mr. Kelly's patrol
report.

2. I have received only your comments and those
of Mr. Leibfried. The comments of the Assistant District
Commissioner seems to have been lost in the mail.

3. According to Standing Instructions (page),
a diary is expected to be attached to each cadet's
report.

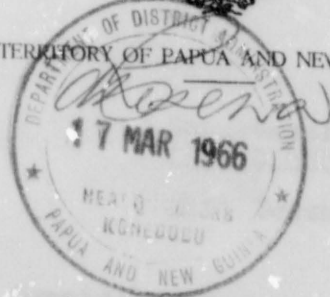
4. A short routine patrol quite capably conducted
by Mr. Kelly. A brief and sketchy report could have been
improved with a little more conscious effort.

(J. K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

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DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION
TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



Telegram.....
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(W. J. KELLY)
A/District Commissioner

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Department of District Administration,
CAPE GLOUCESTER.

21st December, 1965.

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

Subject:- Patrol GLO.2-65/66 - Bariai Census Division - K.R. Kelly.

Attached please find five copies of the patrol report.

The above report was received on 13th November, 1965, but due to my departure from the station at the time and other pressing commitments, it is regretted it was not forwarded earlier.

The following comments are forwarded with the report:-

Diary.

Field Officer's Journal for the month of October, covering part of the patrol, was forwarded to you under separate cover at the beginning of November. Enclosed please find F.O.J. Folio 4, which includes the final stages of the patrol.

Native Situation.

The migration of part of MALASONGNO Village to the Bibling Ridge (BENIM Village) or/and to the Arawe Census Division (Kandrian) will be clarified at the end of the Kaliai Patrol.

Tax.

Although Mr. Kelly does not recommend an increase in the tax for the reasons he has stated, I feel that the coastal villages of the Bariai, Kaliai and Kilangi/Lollo Census Divisions should all be increased to the full £2 tax rate.

Production figures from societies are very misleading as it is usual that only a minority are actual active members in a Co-operative Society, others sell small amounts of copra to the local Mission as money need arises, direct to the MV Kurwina or under their own CMB number.

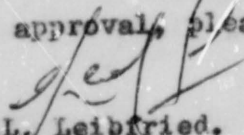
Compared to other Census Divisions eg KOMBE, part of MENGEN and MELKOI, which are on a rate of £2, the three Cape Gloucester Census Divisions compare favourably, in counts of coconuts bearing per head of population. The Census Divisions in question have the same opportunity for an outlet of their produce as the KOMBE has

The increase in tax may give the people an incentive to increase their plantings which at the moment have nearly come to a dead halt.

To keep the MV Kurwina on the Cape Gloucester run it has been emphasised to both Societies that at least 100 bags minimum must be ready to load to make the run a payable (not profitable) proposition. Both Societies have obtained the quantity of 100 bags, but not a bag more, as there is no incentive in the community to do more, although the potential is there.

If the country is to become self-governing, I feel that the areas with a potential to increase their economy, should be made to do so to give them that incentive to do some extra work.

For your recommendation and approval, please.


F.L. Leibfried.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA
PATROL REPORT NO 2-65/66 CAPE
GLOUCESTER.

Officer Conducting: K.R.Kelly, Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled: Rural Census Division.

Duration: 23.10.65 to 2.11.65.

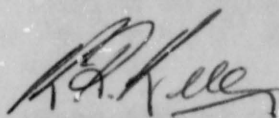
Number of Days: 9 (Nine).

Personnel Accompanying: SS15 Const UFKA.
Personal Servant.

Object of Patrol:

1. Tax Collection.
2. Census Revision.
3. Village Inspections.
4. Routine Administration.

Previous Patrols to Area: District Administration 14.12.64.


K.R.Kelly
(Cadet Patrol Officer)

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PATROL NO 2 - 65/66 C.G.

INTRODUCTION:

The BARIAI Census Division is situated to the North of CAPE GLOUCESTER Patrol Post, with its boundaries from BORGAN BAY in the West to MID KOTYOCK BAY in the East.

A bicycle track connects all of the nine (9) coastal villages with the Patrol Post.

There is one Co-Operative Society in the area situated at KOKOPO, (BARIAI SOCIETY), the largest village in the Census Division.

The confusion regarding population migrations at MALASONGNO has been sorted out and will be discussed further under 'NATIVE SITUATION'.

DIARY:

See Field Officers Journal Folios 3 and 4, Paras 23 to 31.

NATIVE SITUATION:

The reception of the patrol throughout the area was friendly. No difficulty was experienced in obtaining carriers or canoe paddlers.

The MALASONGNO situation as discussed in CAPE GLOUCESTER patrol report No 2 - 64/65 has now resolved itself to a certain degree.

The Luluai, with eight (8) of the male population and seven (7) of the female population, has definitely migrated out of the region.

However there is some confusion as to where he has actually gone and how he arrived there.

Part of the MALASONGNO community believe that the Luluai has settled at BENIM, in the BIBLING RIDGE area, while another section maintains that the Luluai, with his line, did go to settle in the ARAWE inland but he was 'pulled' by AIKELI to the BIBLING RIDGE.

No evidence to support either of these stories was uncovered. However a patrol to the KALIAI Census Division is due to depart within ten days and enquiries will be made at BENIM regarding the population shift.

My impressions are, at the moment, that Luluai APACHEL of MALASONGNO was actually behind the move and is now at BENIM.

NATIVE SITUATION CONT.

The village of MALASONGHO has been reduced in population to 39, however the group is actively engaged in building a new village on a site, marked out by the MEDICAL ASSISTANT, approximately a half-a-mile East of the old village.

In many villages the patrol was approached by VILLAGE OFFICIALS who asked that all men from the village, working on plantations, missions, ect. be made to return home.

The main reason for this request was the opinion of the village people that there were not enough men left in the villages to carry out usual domestic work.

It was explained that this could not be done provided all persons away from the village were legally employed and were working of their own free will.

It was agreed by all Officials that the men had gone willingly to work in other parts of the District.

I do not feel the area is over recruited in any way.

Rather, I think, the reason behind these queries is BARIAI reluctance to do a little extra work, as has been the case since instructions were given for a housing improvement in the Census Division.

VILLAGES AND HOUSING:

Village housing in the BARIAI has shown a very definite improvement since the last patrol.

Only in isolated instances, instructions issued by the previous patrol with regard to housing improvement were not carried out. Action is being taken in these cases.

The best of the villages is ALAIDO with large, well ventilated and spaced houses.

MALASONGHO, as mentioned previously, is in the process of constructing a new village. Seven houses are nearing completion. All of these are satisfactory regarding design and layout.

This new site has a good water supply from the LUMUT RIVER for drinking and domestic purposes. A small spring on a ridge at the back of the village also supplies drinking water.

The villagers of SIAMATI have constructed five new houses and two more are almost completed. These houses are all satisfactory and will be adequate to house the population of 28.

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VILLAGES AND HOUSING CONT:

As instructed by the previous patrol, bush within a 300' radius of all villages has been cut down but nothing further has been heard of proposals to plant CASHEWS. (See AGRICULTURE).

All villages were neat and tidy.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

Roads in the area consist mainly of walking paths, however a bicycle track connects all villages.

The patrol was 'dropped off' at MALASONGNO by the m.v. GARNET and from there worked back toward the PATROL POST ~~area~~ by carriers and canoe transport.

POPULATION:

The BARIAI Census Division population has decreased by eight (8). This is mainly due to the migration out of sixteen (16) to either the KALIAI or ARAWA census divisions.

Births exceeded deaths by eleven (11).

TAX:

No difficulty was experienced in the collection of Tax.

Queries regarding tax payments of various plantation labourers who have no receipts will be forwarded under separate correspondence.

A perusal of the BILLS OF LADING at the BARIAI NATIVE SOCIETY STORE revealed that in 1964 a total of 442 bags of Copra were shipped to Rabaul.

This is the only outlet for Copra in the area.

Working on a basis of £60 per ton at RABAU, minus shipping and labour (time) costs, estimated at a conservative £30 per ton, the average income per actual person living in the BARIAI is £2.12.2 per year.

So far this year a total of 566 bags of Copra have been shipped to RABAU.

Copra production is the only source of cash income in the BARIAI apart from contract and agreement labourers.

An increase in PERSONAL TAX is not recommended for the above reasons.

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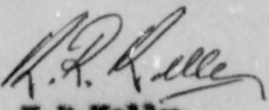
A total of \$62-15-0 tax was collected. Appropriate Exemptions for aged and infirm persons were issued.

CONCLUSION:

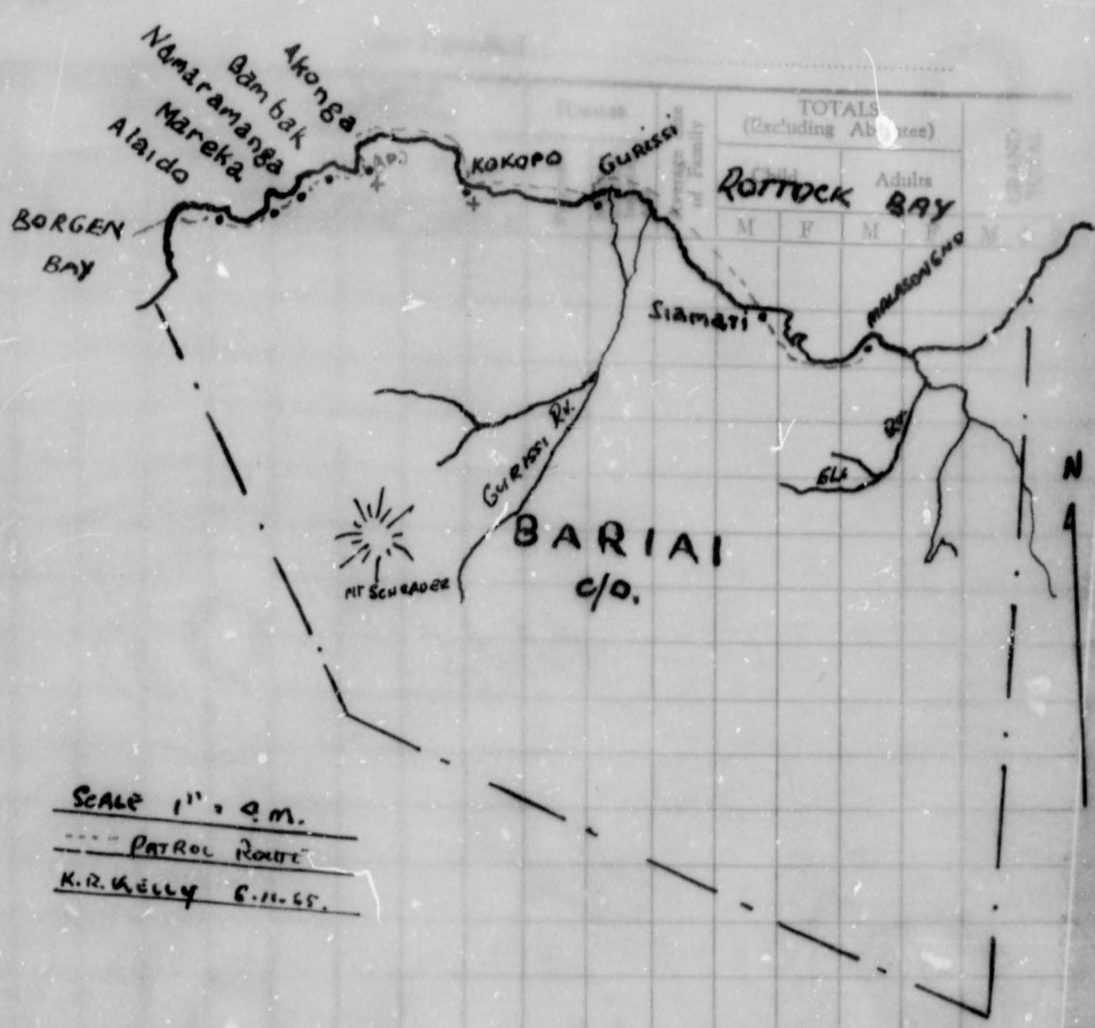
The BARIAI Census Division is slowly providing itself with a better income due to the increase in Copra output. (See ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT).

The housing situation has also significantly improved.

However comparison of the possible maximum output of the area with the actual turnover shows that there is still a good deal of laxness in attitude to work among the BARIAYS.


K.N. Kelly
(Cadet Patrol Officer)

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA



PATROL REPORT

District of WEST NEW BRITAIN Report No. 3 - 65/66

Patrol Conducted by K.R.KELLY PATROL OFFICER

Area Patrolled KALIAI CENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 1 R.P.&.N.G.C.

Duration—From 16 / 11 / 19 65 to 16 / 12 / 19 65

Number of Days 31

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 4/5-65

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

Map Reference ATTACHED

Objects of Patrol 1. PAY OUTSTANDING NMTA's 2. SCHOOL STATISTICS COMPILATION
VILLAGE INSPECTIONS 4. DECIMAL CURRENCY EDUCATION 5. INVESTIGATE METELENUPIAI
AND 6. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

Director of Native Affairs,
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District Commissioner

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10th March, 1966.

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

PATROL REPORT - CAPE GLOUCESTER 3/65-66

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(ii) Tax Collection. Monies collected by AIKELE for assistance to the Bibling Ridge settlement which is currently being held in Trust at Cape Gloucester will be returned to the donor groups, in view of memorandum 67-3-1 from Cape Gloucester (attached). Such group enterprises will be restricted to those people actually actively developing the Bibling Ridge area.

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W. J. Kelly
(W. J. KELLY)
A/District Commissioner

67-10-26

29th March, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
New Britain District,
RABAUL.

CAPE GLOUCESTER PATROL REPORT NO. 3/
1965 - 1966.

Thank you for your memorandum 67-5-21 of 10th March, 1966, together with Mr. Kelly's Patrol Report.

- 2. The comments of both Mr. McCabe and yourself have been noted.
- 3. The map of which Mr. Kelly makes reference somehow seems to have been lost in transit.
- 4. Mr. Kelly has completed a long and useful patrol in the Kaliai division and submitted a good informative report.
- 5. Men like MOPI and MORO can be a nuisance in an area, and it seems fortunate that the local people regard them as trouble makers.
- 6. Please instruct Mr. Kelly to submit a diary with all his reports.

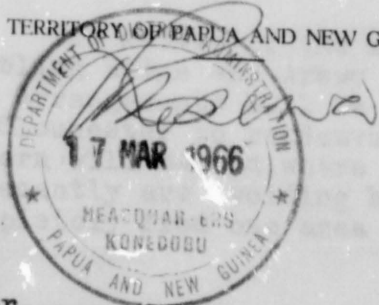
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 (W. J. KELLY)
 A/District Commissioner

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Department of District Administration,
Patrol Post, Cape Gloucester.
WEST NEW BRITAIN.

6th January 1966.

Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
TALASEA.

BIBLING RIDGE - KALIAI CENSUS DIVISION.

Little has been done in regard to the economic development of the BIBLING RIDGE area during the past six months. This however was mainly due to the extremely bad weather conditions and the general food shortage in the area.

The people remain wholeheartedly in support of the development of the area as is shown in their housing improvements and general consolidation of the Bibling Ridge villages. The settlement of such a nomadic population, in one area, is indicative of the people's enthusiasm for the scheme.

With regard to the collection of £67.7.6 'tax' by AIKELE, I feel the people did not make clear to the previous officer what the money was to be used for or they have changed their minds considerably since.

In discussions with the people it was revealed that four villages from the Kandrian side had contributed to the 'tax'. These were ASAWATNE and PAU who contributed £ 6 altogether, OURIN £1 and GERGERING which gave £7 but ~~KAMMA~~ then asked for it back. The money was returned.

The object of the collection of this money now appears to have been not solely for improvements to the BAGAI Aid Post. It was, according to villagers, to be put in a C.S.B. account and to be used partly for Aid Post improvements but also to buy goods and equipment (shovels, picks ect.) should the Bibling Ridge communities run short of either.

The goods or equipment would then be shared out to contributing villages. I believe that it was with this in mind that the Kandrian villages gave money to AIKELE.

The people still want the money to be deposited in a Savings Account. However with this new twist to matters I would appreciate your advice and direction before doing so. The money is being held for safe keeping at Cape Gloucester.

For your information and advice, please.

K.R. Kelly
K.R. Kelly P/O

Page 2 your 67-2-18 of 20th August, 1965 on Cape Gloucester's
Patrol No. 4-64/65 also refers. In keeping with D. S. P. policy we
are not encouraging the planting of coconuts here. As you have pointed
out these people are likely to be most disappointed in their endeavour.
However, people persist they will have to learn the hard way.
Both the District Agricultural Officer and the District Commissioner
through Toki will have satisfied you with the

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Department of District Administration
TALASEA,
West New Britain.
9th February, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
New Britain District,
RABAUL.

CAPE GLOUCESTER PATROL NO. 3 - 65/66
KALIAI CENSUS DIVISION - K.R. KELLY
PATROL OFFICER

Enclosed please find two copies of the above report, one
map, original F.O.J. and claim for camping allowance. Extracts
have been forwarded to the Departments concerned.

INTRODUCTION.

I am endeavouring to programme one Tax/Census Patrol and
at least one, preferably two, follow-up patrols through each Census
Division yearly. These follow-up patrols need not necessarily
be long patrols but I consider them important. This programming of-
course depends on other commitments and availability of transport.

NATIVE SITUATION.

These aged and senile men, Mopi and Moro, recently returned
from years of residence in Rabaul. They are well known to yourself.
Currently they have been travelling along the north coast between
the Kombe and Kilenge areas holding "kivunge" and disseminating
various stories. They tried to get some of the Kombe Villagers to
clean and tend graves to ensure the advent of the cargo; the Kombe
laughed at them and recalled to their faces their past escapades.
During Mopi's long sojourn in Rabaul he continually annoyed the
District Commissioner; now he regularly annoys me. His latest is that
it is myself who is stopping the cargo from coming. Only yesterday
he was in eagerly enquiring when I was going on leave. He stated that
when I left the way would be 'clear'. He then requested Administration
Transport to Rabaul and when I told him he would have to pay his own
way if he desired to go to Rabaul he stated, "That is it, you won't
help us at all". It is simply not possible to reason with Mopi; his
thinking is obviously very twisted. However, it is most doubtful
that he is capable of stirring up trouble - the village people laugh
at him.

Mr. Kelly's remarks re Aikele support those made by
Mr. Allmark in his 67-2-4 of 12/7/65 Cape Gloucester Patrol No. 5/65-66.

APPENDIX "A"

Page 2 your 67-5-18 of 26th August, 1965 on Cape Gloucester's Patrol No. 4-64/65 also refers. In keeping with D.A.S.F. policy we are not encouraging the planting of cocoa here. As you have pointed out these people are likely to be most disappointed in their endeavour. However, as the people persist they will have to learn the hard way. Both the District Agricultural Officer and myself doubt that sales through Iboki will prove satisfactory.

A list of correspondence submitted together with the patrol report noted hereunder and copies enclosed:

<u>File:</u>	<u>Addressee:</u>	<u>Subject:</u>
14-1-1	A.D.C. Talasea	Migration Talia Village, Arawe Census Division to Bibling Ridge
67-3-1	" "	Bibling Ridge
67-3-1	" "	N.G.L.T.R.O. Metelenurial
67-3-1	" "	Pension ex Sgt. Melua Akama
9-1-1	" "	Replacement Medal Ribbon
92-1-1	" "	Village Officials
67-3-1	" "	Cash Earning Capacity - Kaliai C.D.
28-2-2	" "	N.M.T.A. Payments Kaliai Patrol
14-1-1	" Kandrian	Mang Migrations to Kaliai C.D.
14-1-1	" Kandrian	Densus Absentee Borowai Village.

I note here for Mr. Kelly's future reference (1) action file references to Group 67 are not correct E.G. N.G.L.T.R.O. reference should have been to 34 primary group; (2) copies of letters dealing with matters actioned on a patrol could also be kept on relevant patrol file. However, it would be easier to make out a reference (as above) similar to Memoranda of Patrol form and retain that reference in the Patrol Report cover.

A good report by Mr. Kelly.

(B. McBride)

Assistant District Commissioner



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegrams
Telephone
Our Reference.....
If calling ask for
Mr.....

Patrol Post,
Cape Gloucester,
WEST NEW BRITAIN.
3rd January 1966.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
TALASEA.

CAPE GLOUCESTER PATROL NO 3 -65/66.

Officer Conducting: K.R.Kelly, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled: Kaliai Census Division.

Duration: 16/11/65 to 16/12/65.

Number of Days: 31.

Personnel Accompanying: Const. 9862 SANI.

- Objects of Patrol:
1. Pay all outstanding H.M.T.A's.
 2. School statistics compilation.
 3. Village Inspections.
 4. Decimal Currency Education.
 5. Investigate METELENURIA land.
 6. General Administration.

Previous Patrols to Area: D.D.A. 4-5/65.

K.R. Kelly
K.R.Kelly
(Patrol Officer)

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PATROL NO 3 - 65/66 C.G.

INTRODUCTION:

This patrol was the second to the KALIAI area in the past six months and caused some surprise and in a few cases concern as at the outset of the patrol it was a generally misconceived idea that the main object of the patrol was tax collection. (Tax was collected during April/May of 1965).

Many people expressed surprise at the nature of the patrol as they seemed to be under the mistaken impression that the only time the "government" patrolled the area it was for tax and/or census.

One of the main objectives of the patrol was to give Decimal Currency talks in each village and distribute booklets on the same subject. Further comments on this matter will be made under EDUCATION.

The Kaliai Census Division is the most isolated of the census divisions in the Cape Gloucester Administrative area. It is bounded by the Gaho River in the East, the Whiteman Range to the South and Tamunai Island in the East.

Most of the travelling on this patrol was done by native canoe. The terrain inland is far from rugged and walking for the most part is comparatively easy.

From Bautuling village a trek was made over the Whiteman Range to Kandrian with the object of discussing certain population movements and census absentees with the Assistant X District Commissioner at Kandrian.

Census absenteeism and population movements will be discussed under separate correspondence.

I believe this is the first time the track from Bautuling via IPUK to the RAUTO Census Division beach has been used by a patrolling officer, with the exception of a Forestry Survey in the area in approximately 1958, since Patrol Officer Page made the journey in 1950.

The patrol also used another track to GELEI on the GAHO RIVER from MUKUKULI village. This proved to be a seven hour walk with one hour canoe travel down river to GELEI.

Overall from the North Coast via BAUTULING through the village of IPUK on to the South Coast it is a two day walk over reasonably easy terrain.

DIARY:

Original and duplicate copies of Field Officers Journal Folio 6 para 45 to Folio 11 para 75 (inc), attached, cover the period of this patrol.

NATIVE SITUATION:

Reception of the patrol in the majority of villages was good with only Karai-ai displaying a lack of interest and to a slight degree unfriendliness.

It must be emphasised that the unfriendliness at this village was not shown in any physical form. However certain questions asked indicated to me that there was certain resentment towards Europeans in general throughout the village.

One of the points raised was that the 'price' of copra was not high enough i.e. they were not receiving sufficient pay for copra. It is probably best expressed in pidgin. This is exactly what was said -- "yu pella whiteman i kam gaminim mi pella long pris bilong kopra nau yu pella save kisim big pella pris longem. Pris bilong kopra i mas go antap".

EXPLAINED The people claimed they were not receiving enough money for the copra which they sell to the Kaliai Catholic Mission. It was to the villagers that there was a set price for the purchase of copra, which was controlled according to price fluctuations on the general market.

As this was the only complaint of this nature which I heard in the whole area where most of the copra is sold to the mission I feel this attitude was the result of the recent visit of an elderly KOMBE gentleman by the name of MOPI ably assisted by one MORO.

MOPI and MORO held kivungs at TAVELIAI PURELING and TAMUNAI in the Kaliai.

The main theme of these 'kivungs' seems to be -- When the Germans came they came with their gold, there was no law, they gave us knives and axes and we worked for them. Then the Australians came, there was no law, they gave us knives and axes and we worked for them. Then the Japanese came but they did not stay long they came only to fight. Then the Americans came and gave us money and everything was alright. Now when February comes a law will be broken and we will sit down on our own land and everybody will have money the same as the Europeans.

I understand that the reference to a law being broken means that when Decimal Currency arrives everyone will be given a handsome share of the money and that all the people will have as much money as the Europeans. This money will be just given to the people for nothing.

Another statement attributed to MOPI is that in February the Europeans can no longer 'fasten' the cargo sent by their ancestors. It must be shared out among all the people

In my estimation MOPI did not make an impression on the Kaliai people in general as his approach was rather negative and twisted. For example he told some people he had been sent by the Pope, to others he said he had been sent by the government and to others again he said 'Mr Kennedy' had sent him.

However Karai'ai village, it seems, has taken his ideas to heart and are hopefully expecting something to happen in February.

Overall the Kaliai people gave me the impression that they regarded MOPI as an old man who did not know quite what he was talking about.

He only visited those villages mentioned previously. At PURELING AND KARAI'AI he left letters, both of a similar content one of which is attached, with instructions that they should be given to the 'Kiap' when he arrived.

I understand MOPI is well known in Rabaul and Talasea.

I regard his influence in the Kaliai as practically nil and cannot see anything happening at all except a concrete disbelief in his theories when February arrives.

The matter of the collection of £67/7/6 'tax' by AIKELI in the inland Kaliai will be the subject of separate correspondence.

The power of AIKELI in the BIBLING RIDGE area is waning and traditional leaders are now coming to the fore. One of the most impressive of these is luluai KULOR of MOLUOR.

He appears to be largely in control in the area and heads all discussions with regard to the development there.

AIKELI continues to approach all patrols impressively but after a short while in the area it becomes evident that he, although respected by the people possibly because of his long period spent with the Government and the fact that he was the instigator of the BIBLING RIDGE SCHEME, holds very little traditional power.

One notable feature of the inland Kaliai people is that for the most part of the past six months very few have been living in established villages.

Due to a long dry season and a food shortage in the area the people have drifted away into the bush in small family groups where they construct rough houses and live either near traditional gardens or new plantings.

The explanation for this was that it was only a temporary measure to combat the food shortage. Large gardens have been planted in most village areas and the people are now only awaiting substantial rains before returning to their villages.

This position does not exist on the coast where food supplies are better established. The food situation will be discussed under AGRICULTURE.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

Kaliai village Officials are, for the most part unimpressive.. Most of them are only 'big talkers' and hold little power in the village.

Officials who are conspicuous in the area are, Luluai KULOR of MOLUOR, TUL TUL KAULI of ROBOS and Paramount Luluai AIPAU of KANDOKA.

Recommendations for changes of village officials--

Official	Reason for Change	Village	New Official
ASARAGO/SOROMO luluai	M/O	BOLO	T/T APLAS/MAUKI to be promoted.
APLAS/MAUKI tultul	Promoted to Luluai	BOLO	WALA/IKUN prev. app. T/T.

These recommendations for changes will be forwarded under separate correspondence.

HOUSING:

Housing in the Kaliai varies in design according to the location of the village. On the beach, housing was generally larger and of a better design than that of the inland communities.

In general housing was good except on the BIBLING RIDGE where the people still tend to build their houses too close together. This is a grave fire risk as was pointed out to them by the example of KETENGE village which had eight houses destroyed by fire. The fire started in one house and because of the close proximity of the other houses seven more were quickly destroyed.

The BIBLING RIDGE housing in itself was quite good. Most houses possessing at least two rooms with an attached kitchen, verandah and windows. A demonstration of a safe distance between houses was given to these people and in future houses being rebuilt will comply with this.

The village site at Bibling has been cleared considerably and the planting of some shade trees was advocated.

KUMONGE has ~~now~~ been almost completely rebuilt and it is now an example of a well set out village with a good design of large house with detached kitchen.

Only one village in the LAMONGAI area was lacking with regard to housing. This was MUKUKULI. The people of this village are nomads and spend most of their time wandering between MUKUKULI and GELEI on the GAHO river. They only appear in the village during patrol times with the result that most of the houses are ill kept and run down.

Instructions issued by the previous patrol regarding housing and village sanitation had in all cases been carried out.

The coastal people are still complaining that MOROTA prices in the KOMBE, which supplies most of the Kaliai, are too high. I reiterated the previous patrolling officer's remarks regarding the use of Kunai grass as roofing material.

However the Kaliais, it seems, would rather pay the high Kombe price for morota than use kunai which they say involves too much hard work.

REST HOUSES:

New rest houses have been built in a number of villages and the standard of these houses is quite high. The remainder of the village (approx 70) will census with MUIJOR.

Since the last patrol a noticeable improvement has been made in this field.

LAW AND JUSTICE:

Few complaints were brought to this patrol. Those that were brought to attention were ~~had~~ debt cases many dating back to pre-war days.

These people, like their BARIAI neighbours, are inveterate borrowers. Most of the complaints of bad debts had been previously noted in village books sometimes by a number of officers. I feel the people resurrect these debts each time a patrol comes round.

CARRIERS - CANOES:

No difficulty was experienced in this area in obtaining carriers, canoes and paddlers.

There was an understandable reluctance of the people to volunteer for the trip by canoe up the ARIA River. I found the best way was to stay overnight in each of the ARIA villages and make the trip in short stages using different paddlers each day.

LAND:

A sketch of boundaries and a location map of the land known as METELENURIAI will be forwarded under separate correspondence.

POPULATION MOVEMENTS:

A split between the Luluai and the ex Luluai of Opundung has resulted in a move of the supporters of the old Luluai (LOGI) to a site opposite BAGAI village.

The Tul Tul has moved into Taliwaga village along with about twenty supporters who state they will census there in future.

Arbitration between Logi and the Luluai proved fruitless. The Luluai maintaining that they should not leave coconut groves near TALIWAGA and LOGI stating that they should settle on their traditional grounds near BAGAI.

It was explained to the parties concerned that it was economically unwise to split the village, pop. 95, into three small groups.

However at the moment both refuse to make any conciliatory moves. LOGI holds the power in the village and I feel that it will only be a matter of time before the rest of the villagers join him.

The majority of AIKON village, formerly at BIBLING RIDGE, has moved out and built a new village on the headwaters of the LAKALIM river approximately two hours walk from SALKE.

The remainder of the village (approx 20) will census with MOLUOR.

The ex Luluai of MALASONGNO village (BARIAI CENSUS DIVISION) along with fifteen supporters has moved into BENIM. They have constructed houses of an acceptable standard and will census with BENIM.

The explanation given for the move (refer Cape Gloucester Patrol Report No 2 -65/66 of the BARIAI CENSUS DIVISION under NATIVE SITUATION) was that the people did not belong in the MALASONGNO area and that they wanted to settle on their traditional land at the headwaters of the PULIA river.

However they claim they have traditional rights in the BIBLING RIDGE area and decided to settle there as the PULIA river site was far too isolated for an economic venture.

The movement of the TALIA census unit from the ARAWE CENSUS DIVISION will be the subject of separate correspondence.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

Roads in the area consisted of bridle paths well cut and maintained. The LAMONGAI roads were well maintained, bush being cut back to approximately three feet on either side of the walking track.

Walking in this area did not prove difficult during the dry season. However after looking at the surface of the tracks I feel this would be a different matter in the wet season.

MISSIONS:

The spiritual needs of the Kaliai people are well catered for by the ROMAN CATHOLIC MISSION STATION situated at TAVELIAI.

It is staffed by a European priest and three sisters.

Virtually the whole of the area is under the Catholic faith influence with the exception of half the GILAU population who are Anglicans.

Relations between the mission and the people are quite good.

At the time of this patrol there was a food shortage in the area.

MAPPING:

Attached is a map of the patrol's route. Village positions have been corrected and fixed, as accurately as possible from a milinch of the area, to this map.

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K. E. Kelly
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(Patrol Officer)

About a week before the patrol's departure from the area good steady rain was falling almost every day and some of the new gardens ^{oo0oo} were already showing signs of life. The people will be able to manage on what they have until some of the new food crop arrives about the end of February.

Although the people complained of a shortage of food it was noted that after the payment of more than £120 in N.M.T.A.'s to the Bibling Ridge communities, little of this money was used to buy food from the Trade Store at IBOKI plantation. Most of the people preferred to purchase clothes and 'trade store trinkets'.

Gardens were inspected in the area and although there was not a great variety of diet there is little likelihood of starvation until the next crops mature.

At Salke the people informed me of their intention to approach the manager of HSEB IBOKI plantation with regard to an outlet for their cocoa, which they are still planting, contrary to DASP policy for the area.

A new, large sun and hot air drier has been recently constructed at IBOKI and I understand the manager is willing to purchase wet bean from the people at Talasa Co-operative prices.

The Cocoa at Salke seems healthy and the trees are bearing well.

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APPENDIX 'A'.

AGRICULTURE

Subsistence agriculture prevails throughout the area and the little cash cropping that is carried on is mainly in the vicinity of the Catholic Mission at TAVELIAI.

The main foods are Taro, Kawkau, Taro Kongkong, Tapioc, Banana and sugar cane. Fish supplements the diet in the coastal villages.

At the time of this patrol there was a food shortage in the area.

The people worst hit were those of the Lamongai and Bibling Ridge areas where no rain had fallen for more than six months. These people had, after a few dry months, planted new gardens in anticipation of rain. However no rain fell and just before the arrival of the patrol new larger gardens had been planted.

The people were existing on a type of wild 'Limbung' which is similar to the Saksak of the beach communities.

Despite the food shortage no signs of malnutrition amongst children or aged people were noticed.

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CAPE GLOUCESTER PATROL REPORT APPENDIX 'A' CONT.

APPENDIX 'B'

The installation of this fermentry at IBOKI may result in the planting of cocoa in the nearby villages. I feel the Salke people will take advantage of the nearby outlet and if their crop is marketed successfully it will encourage the nearby villagers.

The only registered school in the Kaliai area is at the The Salke people intend to carry their wet bean for about three hours to the plantation.

Other schools in the area at Bagai, Salke, Tammiai and Taliwaga are un-registered. I understand that the Bagai and Salke schools have been provisionally recognised but have not been officially registered.

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(Patrol Officer)

There are no government schools in the area. All education work is done by the catholic mission whose school at TAVELLAI takes pupils up to standard VI.

I was not able to see any of the schools in action as they had all been closed early due to the food shortage.

Listed below are the numbers of pupils who attend respective schools regularly. Figures for Tammiai are not to hand as the teacher was on holidays.

KALIAI SCHOOL:

STANDARD	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
Prep.	8	3	11
Std I	11	8	19
" II	10	6	16
" III	22	12	34
" IV	18	16	34
" V	22	15	37
" VI	7	9	16
Total			157

SALKE SCHOOL:

STANDARD	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
Prep.	9	9	18
Std I	6	6	12
" II	4	4	8
" III	6	8	14
Total			52

BAGAI SCHOOL:

STANDARD	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
Prep.	11	8	19
Std I	7	12	19
" II	7	8	15
" III	3	4	7
Total			60

TALIWAGA SCHOOL:

STANDARD	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
Prep.	7	8	15
Std I	4	4	8
Total			23

This gives a total of 292 children who regularly attend school in the Kaliai area.

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APPENDIX 'B'

Decimal currency talks were given and booklets in pidgin were distributed.

EDUCATION

The only registered school in the Kaliai area is at the Mission Station situated near TAVELIAI.

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CAPE GLOUCESTER PATROL REPORT APPENDIX 'B' CONT.

Decimal currency talks were given in all villages and booklets in pidgin were distributed.

These talks covered the introduction of the new currency, the value of the new coins and notes in comparison ~~to~~ to L.S.D., and the method of change to Decimal Currency.

Most of the Villagers had had various reports on the new currency. The most asked question was "how much will the new money be worth". It appears that "talk" had been circulated through the Kaliai that the new money would be worth more than the present currency.

Values in relation to L.S.D. were explained.

For the most part the people seemed to understand that a new currency was being introduced and the general principals surrounding this currency. However I feel the only way they will become familiar with the value of particular coins and notes will be through constant useage.

If the booklets on decimal currency are still being printed in pidgin, I would like to make the following suggestions which I feel would simplify and make the booklet easier to follow for the majority of readers.

- (I) A complete list of the new currency with its L.S.D. equivalents be made. ie. up ~~to~~ to £10 and not the present £1.
- (II) Instead of the list being in maths form ie. £1 = \$2, I feel a more practical way would be £1 (wan paun) emi olsem \$2 (tu dola) 2/- (tu siling) emi olsem twenti sen, and so on.

One aspect I noticed during this patrol was the tendency of nearly all native readers to baulk over the £ sign and also to assume that 10s stood for ten sen and not for ten shillings.

Most of them ~~xx~~ were also at a complete loss as to the meaning of the 'C' (the abbreviation for cent) in the exchange list.

I found the booklet was much easier understood when the 'C' was crossed out and sen substituted.


 K.R. Kelly
 (Patrol Officer)

Register
TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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APPENDIX 'C'.

HEALTH

The general health of the Kaliai people is good.

There is a Catholic Mission Hospital near TAVELIAI which caters for the general ailments of the Kaliai people. Infant welfare patrols throughout the area are also conducted from here.

The only Aid Post in the area is at BAGAI. This Post serves the Lamongai, Aria and Bibling Ridge peoples and is well attended. APO Meles has the confidence of the people and is maintaining Aid Post services in the area quite well.

These comments will be shown to the Officer-in-Charge, Department of Public Health, Cape Gloucester.

K.R. Kelly
K.R. Kelly
(Patrol Officer)

District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of WEST NEW BRITAIN Report No. 4/63-66 CAPE GLOUCESTER

Patrol Conducted by K.R. KELLY PATROL OFFICER.

Area Patrolled BIBLING RIDGE === KALIAI SENSUS DIVISION

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 2 MEMBERS R.P.&N.G.C.

Duration—From 2/5/1966 to 8/6/1966

Number of Days 31 DAYS

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 16/12/1965

Medical / / 19

Map Reference ATTACHED

- Objects of Patrol 1. MARK OUT 10 X 25 ACRE BLOCKS ON BIBLING RIDGE. 2. INVESTIGATE AMAWE MIGRATIONS TO BIBLING RIDGE 3. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

Director of Native Affairs, PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

15 / 7 / 1966

K. Kelly

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

District Commissioner.

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18th August, 1966.

District Commissioner,
West New Britain District,
HOSKINS.

CAPE GLOUCESTER PATROL REPORT NO.4/1965-66.

Receipt of Mr. Kelly's patrol report covered by your memorandum 67-1-1 of 15th July, 1966 and Mr. McBride's memorandum 67-4-2 of 13th July, 1966 acknowledged with thanks.

2. Your comments are very thorough and cover all aspects of the patrol. I hope Mr. Kelly digests your advice and benefits from it. I also concur with your advice to the Assistant District Commissioner.

3. The Arawe natives should be discouraged trying to settle in the Bibling Ridge area because this scheme is not large enough to accommodate people from areas out of the Kaliai Census Division.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

(K.W. Dyer)
District Commissioner.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

67-10-43

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Department of District Administration,
HOSKINS, WEST NEW BRITAIN DISTRICT.

15th July 1966.

Assistant District Commissioner,
TALASEA.

CAPE GLOUCESTER PATROL No. 4/65-66

Receipt is acknowledged of your 67-4-2 dated 13th July 1966 commenting on the above patrol. I am disappointed with the report, its content and the level of comment generally. I intend to discuss this with you when I visit Talasea and Cape Gloucester in the very near future.

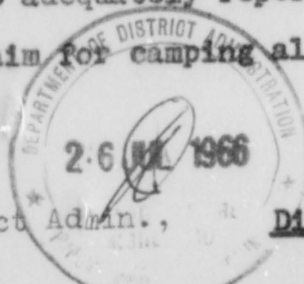
Some aspects that I consider adverse are as follows:-

- (i) The diary is quite inadequate for a report of this nature.
- (ii) If a map is submitted it should be of some use in following the report. I could not find on the map many places mentioned in the report.
- (iii) I could find no copy of patrol instructions issued. This seems important to me as Mr. Kelly seemed to proceed in a rather aimless way. He certainly spent a considerable amount of time in marking out a few blocks and resolving a matter of residence.
- (iv) Do you consider 11 days spent in marking out 10 blocks effective? What was the delay at ~~leave~~? There is very little in the report to indicate what was done on the days the patrol was travelling.
- (v) I would like some comment from ~~on~~ the Bibling Ridge scheme. It does not appeal to me and would appear wasteful in terms of our current resources. What progress has there been to date? What do you hope to achieve? Are the people unanimous in what they want to do? Are they wholeheartedly behind the project?
- (vi) The patrol was completed on the 8th June. I received it on the 15th July. I expect reports to reach me within 2 weeks (certainly no more than 3 weeks) from the completion of the patrol. If for any reason this is not possible your covering comments should contain an explanation.

Mr. Kelly is a junior officer with a big responsibility at Gloucester. I expect you by guidance and instruction and by constructive criticism to make his work as effective as possible in his area and to adequately report what he has done to others.

Claim for camping allowance is returned herewith for payment.

The Director,
Dept. of District Admin.,
KONEDOBU.



(K.W.Dyer)
District Commissioner.

For your information please.

K.W.Dyer
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District Commissioner.

67-4-2

Department of District Administration.
TALASEA.
West New Britain.

13th. July, 1966.

The District Commissioner,
Department of District Administration.
CAPE HOSKINS.

Cape Gloucester Patrol No. 4 - 65/66
Bibling Ridge - Kaliai Census Division
K.R. Kelly - Patrol Officer.

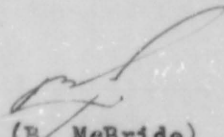
Enclosed please find two copies of the above report, one map, one plan of Bibling Ridge Block lay-out, original of F.O.J. and claim for camping allowance. Two copies of a covering letter indicating other correspondence arising from the patrol also enclosed; these matters have been taken up on action file.

This was a special patrol to mark out ten economic sized blocks on Bibling Ridge as approved Rabaul reference 35-3-56 of 11th. March 1966. Arrangements have been made with the D.A.O. Talasea, for supply of seed coconuts when an initial 50 acres of the total 250 acres have been cleared.

A copy of the Patrol Report has been passed to the D.A.O., D.A.S.F. Talasea, for comment.

Mr. Kelly does not indicate that he effected return of refund of monies collected by Aikele to the village people from Asawante, Pau and Ourin; Rabaul 35-3-36 of 11/3/66 and Rabaul 67-5-21 of 10/3/66 refers. Mr. Kelly is to advise on this.

The main object of the patrol was achieved.


(B. McBride)

Assistant District Commissioner

c.c. O.I.C.
Cape Gloucester.



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If calling ask for
Mr.

Patrol Post.
CAPE GLOUCESTER.
West New Britain.

27th. June, 1966.

The Assistant District Commissioner,
Sub District Office,
TALASEA.

Cape Gloucester Patrol No. 4/65-66

Officer Conducting: K.R. Kelly - Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled: Bibling Ridge - Kaliai Census Division.

Duration: 9/5/66 to 8/6/66

Number of days: 31

Personell accompanying: Const. Pasika
Const. Pelis

Objects of Patrol:

1. To mark out 10 x 25 acre blocks on Bibling Ridge.
2. Investigate Arawe migrations to Bibling Ridge.
3. General Administration.

Previous Patrols to the area: D.B.A. 16/12/65
K.R. Kelly, Patrol Officer.

K.R. Kelly

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Patrol No. 4/65-66 - Cape Gloucester.

Introduction: A general Administrative patrol covered this area in December 1965 and this patrol was more of a special nature to mark out economic sized blocks on the Bibling Ridge settlement area.

Census migrations from Talia village in Arawe Census Division were also finalised during this patrol. This matter will be discussed under separate correspondence.

Correspondence under Native Situation Housing, Village Officials etc. will pertain only to the Bibling Ridge villages, i.e. Robos, Moluor, Gigina, Benim and Angal, as these were the only villages visited during the patrols stay in the Kaliai Census Division.

Upon the completion of the survey of economic blocks the patrol moved down to Talia village in the Arawe census division, to meet a Kandrian patrol with the object of discussing population movements between the Arawe and Kaliai Census Divisions.

Unfortunately the Kandrian patrol was delayed slightly due to lack of transport and heavy seas. This caused a change in my plans and instead of walking back to Bibling Ridge I had to call on the M.V. Aimara, to pick me up on the south coast and return me to Cape Gloucester.

Diary: See Field Officers Journal Folios 25 to 27 inclusive, paragraphs 199 to 238 inclusive.

Native Situation: The patrols reception in the Bibling Ridge area was excellent. Co-operation and keenness was most evident in this region.

Further comments on the native situation in Benim No.1 and Talia village will be forwarded under Confidential cover.

In Cape Gloucester report 3/65-66, it was stated that most of the Bibling Ridge population was living in scattered houses in old garden sites due to the drought and food shortage.

This is now not the case, as following good rains, large gardens have been planted and the people have returned to the "settlement area".

Village Officials: The most outstanding village official in the area is Luluai Kulor of Moluor Village.

He holds quite an amount of traditional power and is using this authority to the peoples best advantage.

Kulor has come to the fore as the driving force, on the villagers side, behind the proposed Bibling Development Scheme.

The other officials carry out his instructions, to the best of their ability.

Kulor, an ex-member of the R.P. & N.G.C. is pro-Administration and pro development.

Housing: This field continues to improve on Bibling Ridge. Houses are being built on stilts and a fair distance apart. Most are quite roomy and have a separate kitchen. However I feel that for the next few months the main workforce will be concentrating on the clearing of blocks and little will be done with regard to housing.

Rest Houses: The mansion at Bibling Ridge remains the best rest house in the census division. It was obviously built with the idea of accomodating two or three officers at the one time.

Law & Justice: No complaints were brought to the patrol. In general, a law abiding populace.

Population Movements: The Opudmung split has still not resolved itself. However the reasons for this move have now become more obvious and this matter will be dealt with under the previously mentioned confidential correspondence.

The matter of the Malasongno (Bariai Census Division) population shift, Cape Gloucester patrol reports 2 & 3 of 65/66, refers, will also be attended to in this correspondence.

Roads & Bridges: The road from Bagai Aid Post to the Bibling Ridge villages is being maintained to a very high standard. If the need should arise in the future, I feel that this road to the village could, without much difficulty be made into a vehicular road.

The track through to the Arawe villages proved an interesting one and not too difficult to negotiate. Overall carrier time from Bibling to Talia was three days.

Agriculture: Subsistence agriculture only is carried on at the moment. Large food gardens have been planted close to the settlement area and more are being planted. There is no food shortage.

Economic Development: Bibling Ridge development scheme will be discussed under separate correspondence.

Missions: The Roman Catholic faith covers the whole of the area. Spiritual guidance is provided by Fr. Birkmann, who regularly patrols the area as he is able to come as far as the Bagai Aid Post on the Mission pinnacle.

Relations between the Mission and the people are good.

Mapping: An overall map of the Kaliai area accompanies this report. Also a detailed map of the positioning of blocks is enclosed.



(K.R. Kelly)
Patrol Officer.

