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PATROL REPORTS GULF DISTRICT 1966-67

KIKORI

<u>Patrol No.</u>	<u>Officer Conducting Patrol</u>	<u>Area Patrolled</u>
1-66-67	Peter Maynard	Ikobi Census Div.
2-66-67	P. Maynard	Pepike Census Division
2A-66-67	P. Maynard	Pepike Census Division

BAIMURU

1-66-67	L. Gari	Goaribari Census Division
2-66-67	L. Gari	Maipua, Iari & part of Koriki Census Division
3-66-67	W.D.L. Hawley	Baimuru/Kaimare/Koriki Census Division
4-66-67	L. Gari	Maipua, Iari & part of Koriki Census Division
4A-66-67	W.D.L. Hawley	Kaimari, Baroi, Baimuru & part Koriki Census Division



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of CHIM Report No. 4 of 1966/67.

Patrol Conducted by L. Carl patrol officer.

Area Patrolled Coeribar Census Division (part only.)

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Nil

Natives 100

Duration—From 7/8/1966 to 9/8/1966

Number of Days three (3)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? Nil

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

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

Map Reference Nil

Objects of Patrol To collect native crafts for museum

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

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30th May, 1967.

District Commissioner,
Falk District,
KIREWA.

RAIMURU PATROL ERS. 1 & 4 OF 1966/67.

Your 67-6-12/0156 of 11th January, 1967 and
your 67-6-15/0130 of 9th February, 1967 to the A.D.C.
Kihari, copy to myself, refer.

I am not greatly impressed by Mr. Cari's
reports and feel if he were to apply himself he could
do much better.

Mr. Cari has hardly had a distinguished career
to date and I suggest he receive more direction and
attention from a senior officer.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

cc: SAC Nakuru
cc: Director,
Department of District Administration,
Nairobi.

Forwarded for your information, please.

(Alan G. Jefferson)
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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67-6-12/0156

KEREMA, Gulf District.

13th October, 1966
11th January, 1967

Assistant District Commissioner,
KIKORI.

BAINURU PATROL REPORT NO. 1/66-67

Thank you for the above-mentioned report, which was received on 16th November, 1966, some three months later than it was written.

The Mr. Gari was sent on this patrol by myself and the artifacts he collected are quite good specimens. Unfortunately it has proven difficult to transport these items to Port Moresby because coastal shipping seldom calls at Kerema on return journeys. However, it is intended to make the district vessel "Magila" available in late January. I passed into the hands of overseas collectors and it is felt that the Territory Museum or the Administration would be well advised to commission an anthropologist conversant with the art of an area to collect for the museum.

Alan C. Jefferies
(Alan C. Jefferies)
A/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

cc: OIC Bainuru

cc: Director,
Department of District Administration,
Konedobu.

Forwarded for your information, please.

Alan C. Jefferies
(Alan C. Jefferies)
A/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telegram DISADM
Telephone

Our Reference... 67-I-4
If calling ask for
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
KIKORI,
Gulf District,
Papua.

13th October, 1966

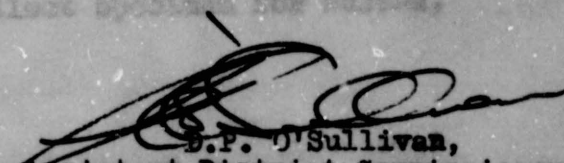
The District Commissioner,
Department of District Administration,
KEREMA,
Gulf District.

BAIMURU PATROL REPORT No. I of 1966/67

The object of this patrol was to collect anthropological specimens for the Territory Museum.

The report calls for little comment and as Mr. Gari points out one can only sympathise with those who wish to keep the few artefacts that remain.

A few valuable specimens have not as yet passed into the hands of overseas collectors and it is felt that the Territory Museum or the Administration would be well advised to commission an anthropologist conversant with the art of an area to collect for the museum.


B.P. O'Sullivan,
Assistant District Commissioner,
KIKORI.

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Patrol Post,
BAIMURU.

10th August, 1966.

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

BAIMURU PATROL REPORT No. 1 of 1966/67.

Patrol Conducted by:- L.Gari. Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled :- Gearibari Census Division.

Personnel Accompanying the patrol :- 1 Member of R.P.N.G.C.

Duration of Patrol :- 7/8/66 to 9/8/66.
A total of (3) Three Days.

Last Patrol to area:-

Objects of the Patrol :- To Collect Specimen for Museum.

L. Gari
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(L.Gari.)
Patrol Officer.

INTRODUCTION.

This patrol covered three (3) days and the main purpose of the patrol was to collect specimen for the Museum.

The whole Soaribari Consus Division was not affected by the patrol as the patrol visited only Fish Island villages of Popina, Goari and Kerewa.

PATROL DIARY- 1966/67.

- 7th. Aug. Departed Baimuru 1055 for Kaimuromako by Ruby, arriving 1830. Slept on Ruby.
- 8th. Aug. Departed where Ruby anchored 0600 for Popina, arriving 0900. By canoe to Popina looking for native crafts and back to Ruby at 1030. Departed Popina anchorage place 1035 for Goari, arriving 1200. Walked to Goari for five minutes and looked for native crafts- back to Ruby 1230. Departed Goari anchorage place 1245 for Kerewa, arriving 1345. Looked for native crafts and back to Ruby 1425. Departed Kerewa 1430 for Kikori as the skipper and the crew members of Ruby complained about the shortage of food, arriving 1830.
- 9th. Aug. 0800 reported in the office. Departed Kikori at 1100 for Baimuru, arriving 1725, and the patrol stood down.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

A total of four skulls and eleven carvings were collected in this patrol.

The attitude of the people is good but some of the people refused to give away their native crafts and skulls to the patrol as they wanted to keep them as their souvenirs.

I would not blame the people for not giving away their old things because most of the old things like skulls and ceremonial knives were sold and now they have only limited skulls.

It was noted that in this Island the village called Popina, where Rev. Chalmers (Tamati name known by local people) was killed and eaten by these peoples grand-fathers in 1905 or 1907. See Specimen for Museum for details on skulls and carvings.

SPECIMEN FOR MUSEUM.

The skulls are kept by the present generation as souvenirs in order to remind them of their grand-fathers were man eaters or cannibals. Before most of the skulls were sold and thrown away, people used to keep them in DAIMO or Tubu. Now the skulls are kept in fire places in special rooms with carvings around them.

At Popina village most of the people keep carvings and only a few people keep skulls. The ones who keep skulls hang them in a fire-places, but at Kerewa village all the skulls are kept by the fight leader's grand son.

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The carving named MALAIA is the imitation of the flight leader in Kerowa village and all the skulls in this village are placed around this carving (MALAIA) in a special room.

R.P. & H.C.C.

Constable 5th year No. 10316 ~~is~~ Kingston is a willing worker and his conduct was good throughout the patrol.

CONCLUSION.

I hope that the special emphasis be made to these people that they have to keep their old things and they have to be preserved in special places in each village. As I understand, there are not many places in this country where old things are kept.

L. Gari.

.....
(L. Gari.)
Patrol Officer.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of.....GULE.....Report No. 2 - BAIMURU.

Patrol Conducted by.....L. Gari.....Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled.....Maipua, Iari & part of Koriki Census Divisions.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans.....Nil.....

Natives.....1 Member of R.P. & N.G.C.
1 Administration Clerk.
1 Aid Post Orderly.

Duration—From...23/..8.../19.66..to..31./..8.../19.66..

Number of Days.....Nine.....

Did Medical Assistant Accompany?.....No..but..Aid Post Orderly.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services...2../12../19.65.

Medical Nil 31./8.../19.66.

Map Reference.....Attached.....

Objects of Patrol.....Baimuru Local Government Council Pre-election
Campaign.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

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

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

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

67-2-9

8th February, 1967.

District Commissioner,
Gulf District,
KEREMA.

PATROL REPORT - BAIHURU NO. 2/1966-67:

Receipt of the above report and your covering memorandum is acknowledged with thanks.

I concur with your comments addressed to the Assistant District Commissioner.

If Mr. Gari takes more care in writing his reports his style will improve. He should however, be better informed of the current situation with regard to multi-racial councils. Please advise Mr. Gari that nearly half of the councils in the Territory of Papua & New Guinea are now multi-racial and not "only a few" as he states on page 4 of the report.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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67-6-13/0157

KERRIMA, Gulf District.

11th January, 1967

Assistant District Commissioner,
KIKORI.

BAINURU PATROL REPORT NO. 2/66-67

Thank you for the abovementioned report, which was received on 16th November, 1966. To delay the processing of a report for 3½ months indicates both incompetence and indifference to your duties. Instructions were issued to you recently that all Patrol Reports had to be processed within 14 days. Your explanation for this long delay is required.

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Having personally spoken to many of the Councillors of the Bainuru multi-racial Council, I cannot agree that the education programme was a success. I notice from the patrol diary that approximately three hours was the longest period spent amongst any one group. Surely the preferential voting system and the functions of a council cannot be reasonably explained in that time. It is my considered opinion that considerable work has to be done in all villages, lecturing on council functions and the responsibilities and duties of both taxpayers and Councillors.

Under separate cover I shall be issuing a complete set of instructions to you which will cover the full education programme. As it now stands, the council has little prospect of being even a moderate success. The responsibility lies squarely with you to improve the existing state of affairs.

Mr. Gari is capable of much better English expression than he has used in this report.

Funded claims for camping allowance are attached.

Alan C. Jefferies
(Alan C. Jefferies)
A/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

cc: OIC Bainuru

cc: Director,
Department of District Administration,
Konedobu.

Forwarded for your information, please.

Alan C. Jefferies
(Alan C. Jefferies)
A/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Telephone

Our Reference... 67-I-4
If calling ask for
Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
KIKORI,
Gulf District,
Papua.

2nd November, 1966

The District Commissioner,
Department of District Administration,
KEREMA,
Gulf District.

PATROL REPORT BAIMURU No. 2 - 1966/67.

Attached is the abovementioned report covering Mr. Gari's Baimuru Local Government Council Pre-election Campaign in the Maipua, Tari and part of the Koriki Census Divisions in the Baimuru area.

It is pleasing to note the friendly and helpful welcome the people extended to the patrol.

Mr. Gari has displayed a keen interest in this work, and his enthusiasm so infected his audiences in the villages visited that he has experienced the satisfaction of knowing that he got his message across to the people.

This report is clear, concise and to the point.


D.P. O'Sullivan,
Assistant District Commissioner,
KIKORI.



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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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

Department of District Administration,
Patrol Post,
BAIMURU.

3rd September, 1966.

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

BAIMURU PATROL REPORT No.2 OF 1966/67.

Patrol Conducted by :- L. Gari. Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled :- Maipua, Iari and part of Koriki
Census Divisions.

Personnel Accompanying
the Patrol :- 1 Member of R.P.& N.G.C.
1 Administration Clerk.
1 Aid Post Orderly.

Duration of Patrol :- 23/8/66 to 31/8/66.
A total of (9) Nine Days.

Last Patrol to Area :- December 1965.

Objects of the Patrol:- Baimuru Local Government Council
Pre-election Campaign.

L. Gari
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L. Gari.
Patrol Officer.

INTRODUCTION.

The pre-election campaign patrol of Baimuru Local Government Council covered nine days. The main purposes of the patrol are:- (1) to talk to the people about Baimuru Local Government Council and bearing in mind that this Council is for everybody (multi-racial) and (2) the preferential voting system.

The patrol visited MAIPUA, IARI and part of KORIKI Census Divisions with Wards from nine(9) to sixteen (16). The Wards from one(1) to eight(8) were done by the Patrol Officer, Mr. Hawley.

PATROL DIARY OF 1966/67.

- Tuesday, 23rd August. Departed Baimuru 0855 for IVIRA by Ruby, arriving 1640. Slept IVIRA.
- Wednesday, 24th " . At IVIRA. 0740 -0945 pre-election talks, nomination of candidates, medical inspection, village inspection and heard complaints and disputes. Departed IVIRA 1000 by Ruby for APIOPI, arriving 1045. People from AIVEI and KAPAI villages assembled at APIOPI. 1330 -1600 pre-election talks, nomination of candidates, medical inspection, village inspections for AIVEI and APIOPI villages and heard complaints and disputes. Slept APIOPI.
- Thursday, 25th " . Departed APIOPI 0635 by Ruby for RAVIKIVAU No. 2, arriving 0725. 0730 -0930 pre-election talks, nomination of candidates, medical inspection, village inspection and heard complaints and disputes. Departed RAVIKIVAU No.2 0945 by Ruby for RAVIKAUPARA, arriving 1120. Most of the people were away so the patrol waited rest of the day. Slept RAVIKAUPARA.
- Friday, 26th " . Departed RAVIKAUPARA 0630 by Ruby for RAVIKIVAU No. 1, arriving 0640. 0645 -0712 pre-election talks, no candidate nominated, medical inspection and village inspection. Departed RAVIKIVAU No.1 by Ruby 0715 for RAVIKAUPARA, arriving 0725. 0730 -0835 pre-election talks, nomination of candidates, medical inspection and village inspections KAIRIRAVI and AIKAVARAVI. KAIRIRAVI people assembled at AIKAVARAVI. By canoe to the other side of the river. RAVIKAUPARA and ONOPARAVI people assembled at RAVIKAUPARA. 0840 - 1020 pre-election talks, nomination of candidates, medical inspection and village inspections. Departed RAVIKAUPARA 1025 by Ruby for MAPAIO group of villages, arriving 1200. 1330-1500 medical and village inspections for RAVIKAUPARA No.2, ONOPARAVI No.2, OKAIKENAIRU and RAVIKIVAU No.3. Walked for five minutes to AIKAVARAVI No.2 for medical and village inspections between 1530-1630. Slept RAVIKAUPARA No.2.
- Saturday, 27th " . 0800 walked to AIKAVARAVI No.2 for five minutes. 0830 -0930 pre-election talks and nomination of a candidate. The other four villages were not done this day as they were S.D.A. Mission followers. Slept RAVIKAUPARA No.2.

Patrol Diary continued.

- Sunday, 28th August. 0730-0900 pre-election talks, nomination of candidates and heard complaints and disputes for MAPAIO group of villages. Departed RAVIKAUPARA No. 2 0910 by Ruby for MAIPENAIRU, arriving 1050. Observed rest of the day at MAIPENAIRU and slept.
- Monday, 29th " . At MAIPENAIRU. 0800-1130 pre-election talks, nomination of candidates, medical inspection, village inspection and heard complaints and disputes. Departed MAIPENAIRU 1155 by Ruby for AKOMA group of villages, arriving 1255. 1400-1500 medical inspection, village inspection and heard complaints and disputes. Slept AKOMA.
- Tuesday, 30th . At AKOMA. 0900 -1130 pre-election talks, nomination of candidates and heard more complaints and disputes. Departed AKOMA 1155 by Ruby for IKINU, arriving 1215. 1330 walked over to KAKARIRAVI for inspection of new village site, arriving 1400. Back to IKINU 1530. Slept IKINU.
- Wednesday, 1st" . At IKINU. KAKARIRAVI people assembled at IKINU. 0645 -0800 pre-election talks, nomination of candidates and medical inspection. Village inspection only for IKINU village. Departed IKINU 0830 by Ruby for KINIPO village to Patrol Officer, Mr. Hawley, arriving 0930. Departed KINIPO 0955 by Ruby for Baimuru, arriving 1320 and the patrol stood down.

OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS.

In most of the villages the receptions were put up to welcome the patrol by traditional dances.

The people were told about the forthcoming election for the Baimuru Local Government Council. They are now anticipating and expecting to see the election commence on the nineteenth of September this year.

All the people have shown great deal of keenness and enthusiasm in nominating their candidates, especially the women as it will be noted in my Nomination of Candidates in appendix A that there were two women nominators at APIOPI village.

The attitude of the people is good and they are very friendly people to work with. The Womens' Club at IKINU village welcome the patrol by traditional dancing and the Club was very helpful to the patrol by unloading and loading of the patrol cargoes.

A small number of OROKOLO people staying at IVIRA village are willing to vote and pay tax in Baimuru Local Government Council. These people came to IVIRA village about a year ago and they are looking after their pigs.

PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

The attendance was about 87% in every village or group of villages and I must admit that people have understood what they were told by the patrol.

A ballot paper example and the preferential voting system were demonstrated

on the black board and they were understood.

The various colours of blue, red, brown, yellow and pink posters of facial appearances of the human beings were explained to the people that no matter what colour of skins or races in Baimuru Local Government area, they will all be in Baimuru Local Government Council as one race.

There are only a few Local Government Councils in the Territory of Papua and New Guinea where they have multi-racial councils and the Baimuru Local Government Council is going to be one of those multi-racial councils.

The difference between the multi-racial council and the Local Government Council is that the multi-racial council is for everybody regardless of their colours and the Local Government Council like Orokelo Local Government Council at Ihu Patrol Post is only for nati ves.

All the people over the age of eighteen years are eligible to vote and there will be a ballot paper for each eligible voter. A literate voter has to put figure 1 in one square and has to put figure 2 in the other square and so on against the names of candidates for his first, second, third etc preferences. A illiterate voter will be helped by the patrol official for his preferences.

It depends on the number of candidates in that particular ward, example in Ward 14 where there are only two candidates therefore figure one(1) in the square against the name of one candidate and figure two(2) in the square against the name of the other candidate.

When the people asked about the council tax, it was explained to the people that those candidates who are going to win in the elections, become councillors and it is all up to these councillors to decide how much tax rate for males and females.

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES.

The patrol visited eight wards with a total of twenty-three candidates but there will be only ten councillors elected. Each ward has one councillor except ward eleven, MAPAIO group of villages with three councillors.

They have already chosen their candidates before the pre-election patrol therefore no hesitation was experienced during the nomination times.

See appendix A for more information about the nomination of candidates.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS.

There are no re-appointments or terminations of village officials. However, it is pity to see that some of the useful village officials like the village constables from APIOPI and ANOM are not going to be figure heads any more in their villages when the council starts as they are not candidates. Even if they were candidates it is very hard to tell whether they would win the elections.

There is only one village constable as a candidate, that is the village constable from MAIPENAIRU village.

The records of pay for all the village officials in the area are brought up to date.

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VILLAGES.

The patrol visited all the villages except KAPAI village which I will visit during the election patrol.

All the coastal villages and MAPAIO group of villages are in good conditions but the rest of the villages are built in muddy places and it is very hard for people to keep clean underneath their houses.

AGRICULTURE.

The staple food in this area is Sago and all the people have enough food in their gardens to live.

LIVESTOCK.

All the groups keep pigs, dogs and fowls. Pigs are used for ceremonial purposes and the payment of bride prices.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

There are two trade stores and a bakery at MAPAIO. The trade stores and the bakery have all the things for the needs of local inhabitants.

REST HOUSES.

There are rest houses at APIOPI, RAVIKAUPARA, MAPAIO group of villages, MAIPENAIRU, AKOMA and IKINU villages.

All the rest houses were cleaned before the patrol moved to the next village.

COMPLAINTS.

There were numerous numbers of minor complaints and disputes and they were settled out of court.

HEALTH.

Generally speaking, the health of the people is good. Lots of small sores were treated by the people.

There are aid posts at RAVIKAUPARA, MAPAIO group of villages, AKOMA villages.

EDUCATION.

There is no administration school in this area. There are lots of mission schools but the patrol did not visit them because all the L.M.S. (Papua Ekalesia) pastors or teachers were away for conference at Aid Hill, even S.D.A. mission teachers were having their holidays.

MISSIONS.

The majority of the people in this area are Papua Ekalesia followers with their headquarter at Kapuna. Only a few villages are S.D.A. mission followers.

R.P. & N.G. CONSTABULARY.

Constable BORU No. 8734. Even though this member is quiet but, he is efficient and knows his work very well. I am strongly recommending this member to attend the next N.C.O. course on the grounds that he is a good potential for N.C.O., a willing worker and his conduct was excellent throughout the patrol.

CONCLUSION.

In my opinion, the people have understood about their council voting systems and there will be no difficulties during the council elections.

... L. Gari.
L. Gari.
Patrol Officer.

APPENDIX A.

Date Nominated	Candidates Names	Sex	Nominated by	Sex	Village	Ward	No. of Councillors.
24/8/66	Koivi-Auwa	M	Api - Akia	M	Ivira	16	One
	Kae'ea-Lakea	M	Evaea- Baihou	F	Apiopi		
	Kunu - Ariki	M	Baema- Evo'o	F	Apiopi		
	Kaipu - Lakea	M	Api- Ari	M	Apiopi		
	Aukiri - Keau	M	Koivi- Aua	M	Apiopi		
	Koai - Evara	M	Api- Imura	M	Kapa		
25/8/66	Amua- Bai'i	M	Aumari- Ipai	M	Ravikivau No.2	14	One
	Aua - Oava	M	Namu - Apia	M	Ravikivau No.2		
26/8/66	Evaea- Kairi	M	Akia- Ove	M	Aikavaravi No.1	12	One
	Kairi- Bapua	M	Akia -Api	M	Aikavaravi No.1		
	Kaipu -Aua	M	Avae-Aua	M	Ravikaupara No.1	13	One
	Api - Mapa	M	Belo - Ipai	M	Ravikaupara No.1		
27/8/66	Ibia- Arove	M	A'ape- Ivia	M	Aikavaravi No.2	11	Three
28/8/66	Piria-Pirika	M	Aivea-Maria	M	Ravikaupara No.2		
	Bi'ae-Kairi	M	Bai'i- Maria	M	Ravikivau No.3		
	Maria- Koivi	M	Kerara- Kure	M	Onoporavi No.2		
29/8/66	Ore- Api	M	Arua- Aua	M	Maipenairu	15	One
	Mailau- Pipuka	M	Ima- Koivi	M	Maipenairu		
	Aua- Bai'i(V.C)	M	Kairi-Koivi	M	Maipenairu		
30/8/66	Allen-Bai'i	M	Omae- Ipai	M	Akoma	10	One
	Ove- Paimuru	M	Ako- Pirika	M	Navararavi		
31/8/66	Ove- Ipai	M	Karara- Vara	M	Kakariravi	9	One
	Ukia-Kauri	M	Baia- Koime	M	Ikinu		



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of GULF Report No. BAIMURU No. 3 1966/67.

Patrol Conducted by W.D.L. HAWLEY P.O. M.C. GRAY C.P.O.

Area Patrolled BAIMURU/KAMARE/KORIKI Census Divisions.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans W.D.L. HAWLEY P.O.1

Natives 1 Member R.P.N.G.C. 1 Clerk, 1 N.M.O. 2 Boatscrew.

Duration—From 17/9/1966 to 27/9/1966.

Number of Days 10

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO. 1 M.D.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services 20/9/1966

Medical Unknown/19

Map Reference

Objects of Patrol To conduct Baimuru Local Government Council Elections.

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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8th February, 1967.

11th January, 1967

Assistant District Commissioner,
District Commissioner,
Gulb District,
KARNATAKA.

PATROL REPORT - BAINURU NO. 5/1966-67

Receipt of the above report and your 67-6-13 of the 11th January, 1967 is acknowledged with thanks.

This is a brief routine report and no further comment is warranted.

(Alan C. Jeffries)
A/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

cc: Director,
Department of District Administration,
(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

Forwarded for your information, please

(Alan C. Jeffries)
A/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

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67-6-13/0158

KEREMA, Gulf District.

11th January, 1967

Assistant District Commissioner,
KIKORI.

BAINURU PATROL REPORT NO. 3/66-67

Thank you for the abovementioned report, which was received on 16th December, 1966.

No comment is necessary as the officer concerned has resigned and returned to Australia.

[Handwritten Signature]
(Alan C. Jeffries)
A/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

cc: Director,
Department of District Administration,
Konedobu.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Our Reference... 67-I-84
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Mr.....

Department of District Administration,
Kikori,
Gulf District,
Papua.

20th October, 1966


The District Commissioner,
Department of District Administration,
KEREMBA,
Gulf District.

PATROL REPORT BAIMURU No. 3 - 1966/67

This is Mr. Gray's first patrol and his first report.

The patrol was confined to conducting the initial election of the Baimuru Local Government Council, and the time allotted was limited to attaining this objective. Nevertheless, Mr. Gray has obviously made good use of his time and has reported his observations in a clear and concise manner.

Mr. Gray displays a keen interest in, and enthusiasm for his work.


S.P. O'Sullivan,
Assistant District Commissioner,
KIKORI.

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Sub-District Office,
KIKORI.
Gulf District.
29th September, 1966.

The Assisyant District Commissioner,
Sub-District Office,
KIKORI.

PATROL REPORT - BAIMURU No. 3 1966/67.

Patrol conducted by:- W.D.L. HAWLEY Patrol Officer.
M.C. GRAY. Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area patrolled:- BAIMURU/KAIMARE/KORIKI. Census Divisions.

Accompanied by:- 1 Member R.P.N.G.C.
1 Clerk
1 NMO.
2 Boatscrew.

Duration of Patrol:-
10 days continuous

Last Patrol of the Area:-
D.D.A. September, 1966 10 days.

Object of the Patrol:-

To carry out the first Local Government Council elections.

Map:-

Map: Attached.

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Kikori Sub-District Office.
Gulf District.
Papua.
29th September, 1966.

PREAMBLE:

BAIMURU Patrol, No. 1 1966/67.

The area patrolled was in the BAIMURU/KAIMARE/KORIKI Census Divisions. The villages are in the Delta area of the Gulf of Papua. The only method of travel is by canoe or river-boat. Because of the large volume of water in the area patrolling by foot is out of the question. The boat used on the patrol was the "M.V. AVETA", a small 20 ft. river-boat. Although a little slow, quite adequate for the patrol. The villages are situated on the little bit of solid land that they can find. The people live on Sago, fish and the food they can afford to buy from the co-operative stores. Many of the men shoot or hook crocodiles which they sell to the co-operatives or trade stores. The object of the patrol was to carry out the first Local Government Council Elections, for the newly formed Baimuru Local Government Council.

Malcolm C. Gray

Malcolm C. Gray. C.P.O.

PATROL DIARY.

17th Sept. 1966.

After preparing Patrol gear the previous afternoon, left Kikori aboard "M.V. RUBY" at 1015 hours bound for BAIMURU. Arrived at BAIMURU at 1710 hours.

18th Sept, 1966

Sunday Observed.

19th Sept. 1966.

Left BAIMURU at 1040 hours aboard "M.V. AVEFA", bound for MARIKI village. Proceeded up FORT ROMILLY and via inland waterways and arrived at MARIKI at 1650 hours. Gear unloaded by 1800 hours and spent the night in the rest house.

20th Sept. 1966

At 0815 hours summoned Village Policeman who in turn called the people together for voting. Voting started at 0920 hours. The voting was finished at 1120 hours. Started counting at 1130 hours. Counting completed at 1145 hours. The personal particulars of the two elected councillors were taken. At 1330 hours departed from MARIKI bound for KINIFO village aboard the "M.V. AVEFA". Arrived at KINIFO at 1520 hours. Gear was off loaded from "AVEFA" and at 1600 hours boarded "AVEFA" and went to BAREAR village to see if there were any more nominations for the election. Returned to KINIFO at 1700 hours where I spent the night.

21st Sept. 1966

At 0800 hours the people were called to assemble for polling. Voting started at 0840 hours. Many absentees were noted, mainly in Port Moresby. Voting finished at 1030 hours. Counting was started at 1035 hours. By 1045 hours the counting had finished. Prior to leaving carried out an inspection of KINIFO village. (This shall be dealt with more fully under "Villages".)
Departed KINIFO at 1115 hours bound for KAIRIMAI village. At 1610 hours passed KALARAVI village and asked the people to be at KAIRIMAI the next morning for voting. Arrived at KAIRIMAI at 1720 hours, gear was unloaded and night spent in rest house.

22nd Sept. 1966.

People called to assemble at 0800 hours by the village Policeman. Voting started at 0815 hours. By 0920 voting had finished and counting begun. At 0925 the counting was finished and one councillor had been selected. His personal particulars were taken, the "AVEFA" was then loaded. Carried out a village inspection and then departed on the "AVEFA" at 1000 hours, bound for KAPUNA, and then UKINUKIA. Passed KAPUNA at 1015 hours, and arrived at UKINUKIA at 1025 hours. Settled into resthouse and at 1045 hours had the first village assembled ready for voting. At 1100 hours the first village started voting. By 1140 hours the first village had completed its voting. At 1200 hours visited KAPUNA Hospital.

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22/9/66. contd.

Returned from KAPUNA at 1425 hours. Voting restarted at 1430 hours, by 1550 hours voting was completed, and at 1625 hours went down to KAPUNA again on the "AVETA". VOTING started at 1640 hours, the voters included nurses and hospital patients. Voting was completed by 1730 hours. At 1820 hours there were several people who had missed out on voting earlier on, in UKUNUKUA so their votes were taken. By 1915 hours all voting was finished. By 2100 hours all counting had been completed.

23/9/66.

At 0800 hours, addressed the villagers on their responsibilities toward their councillors. At 0825 hours boarded "AVETA" to go to KAPUNA to get some personal particulars off one of the elected councillors. At 0905 hours left KAPUNA on the "AVETA" bound for KORAVAKI. Arrived at KORAVAKI at 1105 hours. The people were called to assemble immediately, and voting started at 1120 hours. Again many people were away, mainly in Port Moresby. Voting Finished at 1335 hours. Counting was finished at 1350 hours. Cargo was loaded on the "AVETA", and departed from KORAVAKI at 1400 hours bound for BAIMURU and KARARUA. Arrived at BAIMURU at 1600 hours, picked up supplies then left BAIMURU at 1800 hours. Arrived at KARARUA at 1830 hours, and spent the night in the rest house.

24/9/66.

Village people started to assemble at 0815 hours. Started voting at 0830 hours. Polling was finished by 0940 hours. "AVETA" was loaded and departed for RAVIPAKA at 1000 hours. At 1020 hours arrived at RAVIPAKA. People were assembled immediately, polling started at 1030 hours. Voting was finished by 1050 hours, and departed for BAIMURU at 1115 hours. Arrived at BAIMURU at 1200 hours. Commenced polling in BAIMURU at 1330 hours. Voting closed at 1700 hours.

25/9/66.

Sunday Observed.

26/9/66.

Started counting Saturdays votes. Counting was completed by 0815 hours. The rest of the morning was spent BAIMURU doing voting statistics, buying supplies and loaded the "AVETA". At 1655 hours departed BAIMURU for IFIGO. Arrived IFIGO at 1800 hours. Spent night in rest house.

27/9/66.

At 0800 hours the "AVETA" was sent up the river to KEMEI village, with one Policeman to tell the people to come to IFIGO to vote. Meanwhile the people present started voting at 0840 hours. The IFIGO people had finished voting at 0940 hours. Until the KEMEI people arrived I carried out a village inspection. At 1000 hours the KEMEI people arrived and voting started at 1010 hours. By 1030 hours, voting was finished. Counting completed by 1040 hours. Left IFIGO at 1100 hours. Arrived at BAIMURU at 1200 hours. At 1500 left BAIMURU for KIKORI by dingy. Arrived at KIKORI at 1730 hours.

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End of Patrol.

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Reception of Patrol:-

The Patrol was always received in a friendly manner. However much most of the villages did not show such enthusiasm at our arrival and our mission.

Villages:-

MARIKI village was quite well laid out, reasonably clean. Their source of fresh water was in the form of a large soak.

KIMIFO village was not so well laid out in that at high tide the sea flowed through the village. Consequently at low tide the village is very muddy. Their source of fresh water is rain water which is caught in 44 gallon drums.

KAIRIMAI village was similar to MARIKI in its layout, but their source of fresh water was again a 44 gallon drum.

UKUNUKUA village. The same comments apply here as for KAIRIMAI village.

IPIGO village appeared, by far to be the cleanest and best laid out village visited by the Patrol. Again, however their supply of fresh water was rain water caught in 44 gallon drums.

Political Situation.

As this was the first election patrol in this division (although a previous patrol had taken Local Government Nominations) the people were unsure as to what was happening. They didn't understand completely the idea of a secret ballot. The ballot was in the form of a whispering ballot where the voter would come to the table and whisper his choices in order. These were then marked on the ballot paper in the order given, and the paper placed in the ballot box.

Unfortunately in the point of choices the voters nearly always voted for the member of their own clan, and consequently the winner of the ballot was nearly always the man from the largest clan.

The other smaller clans would then come and say that they would not listen to the new councillors. In all cases, after explaining to the people that the councillors job was to look after all clans, not just his own, they decided that this was alright and they would now listen to him.

Agriculture.

As this was an election patrol we did not have enough time to carry out agricultural observations.

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Commerce and Industry:

In BAREAR, MARIKI, KINIPO and UKUNUKUA there are trade stores run by the Co-operative Societies, with native storemen. At BAREAR there is a bakery and tea shop run by one of the natives.

In BAIMURU area there appears to be a large amount of labour work available. At BAIMURU there are two trade stores and a saw-mill. The saw-mill is run by Steamships Trading Company. Away from BAIMURU on the ERA river, is another saw-mill. The Australian Petroleum Company at Bera also provides another large source of labour. The ~~LONDON~~ LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY'S hospital at KAPUNA also provides work for labourers, and native girls to be trained and work as nurses. As stated earlier on, many people were in FORT MORESBY.

Rest Houses:

The standard of the rest houses in the villages visited was quite good. However, the rest houses at KINIPO, KAIRIMIA and KARARUA were a little too small for two Europeans.

Health:

The standard of health in the area was quite good. The Native Medical Orderly accompanying was not needed at MARIKI OR KINIPO, but at KAIRIMAI village, only about 30 mins. from KAPUNA hospital by canoe he was very busy, mainly on minor cuts and sores which had become infected, and, it was necessary for him to give injections to many patients. At KARARUA village, the same problems were brought to him: mainly infected cuts and sores.

Missions:

The Main Mission in the area is at KAPUNA. KAPUNA is run by The London Missionary Society. It is staffed by 3 Europeans. MR. & MRS. CALVERT both doctors. A European nurse and about 15 native nurses. The work at KAPUNA is mainly medical, but missionary work is also carried on.
++ For location see patrol map.

Labour:

As labour has already been discussed under "Commerce and Industry", I don't think it is necessary for me to enlarge upon it here.

Police Report:

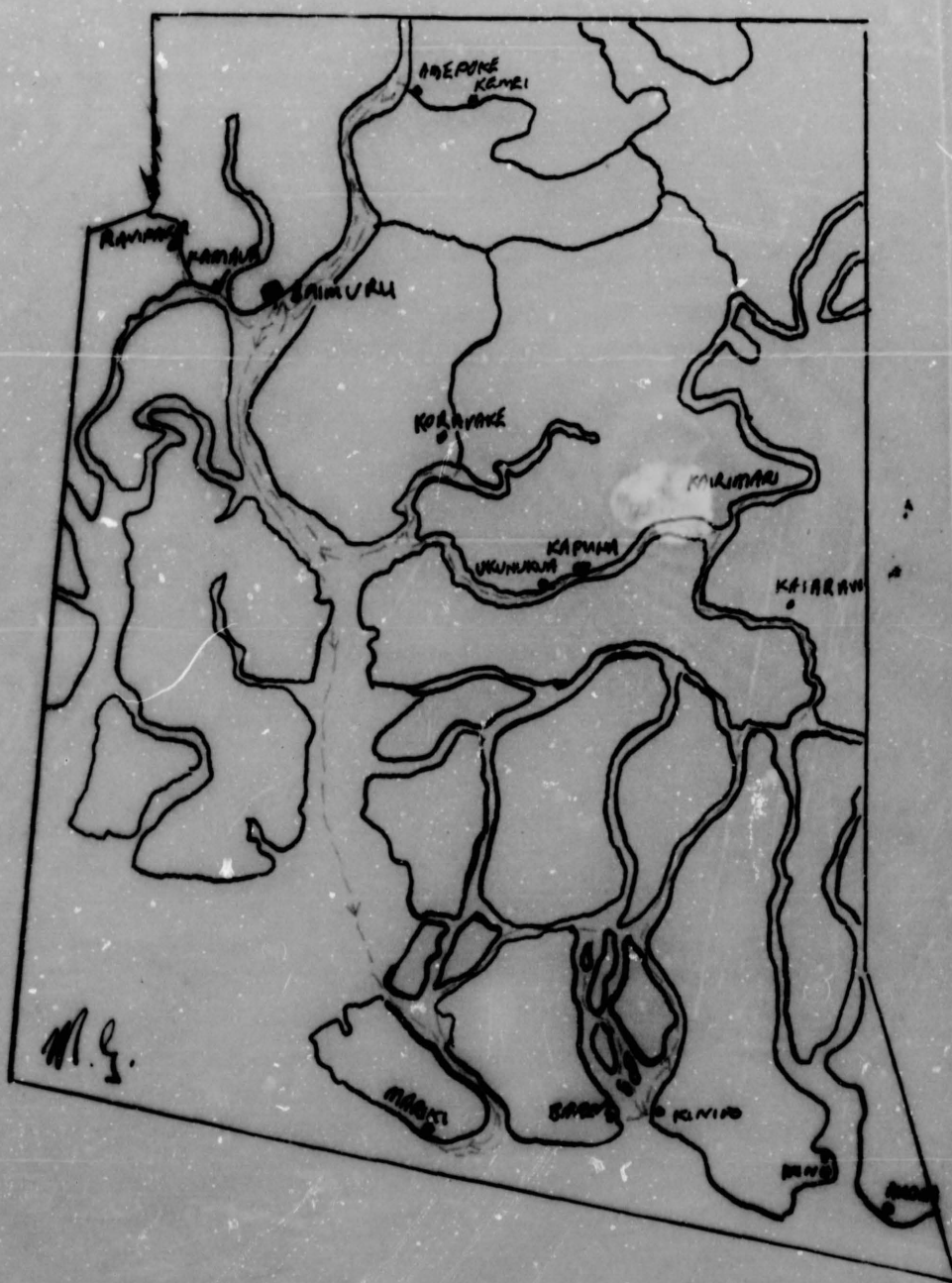
Const. IHORE. No. 8344. Conduct: Very Good
Dress: Good.
Remarks: A good man on Patrol.

..... Malcolm C. Gray

Malcolm C. GRAY. C.P.O.

BAIMURU LOCAL GOV. COUNCIL
ELECTIONS.

BAIMURU/KAIMARE/KORIKI CENSUS DIVISIONS.
SEPT. 1966



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Baimuru PATROL REPORTS 66/67.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Gulf Report No. 5 of 1966/67.

Patrol Conducted by L. Gari Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled MAIPUA, IARI and part of KORIKI Census Divisions.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL
Natives 1 Member of R.P.&N.G.C.
1 Administration Clerk.
1 Interpreter.
4 Members of boats crew.

Duration—From 19 / 9 / 1966 to 29 / 9 / 1966

Number of Days Eleven (11)

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services / / 19 Patrol Report No. 2 of 1966/67.

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Map Reference NIL

Objects of Patrol (1) First Baimuru Local Government Council Elections.
(2) Routine Administration.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

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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

TERRITORY of PAPUA and NEW GUINEA

Administration
Press Advice
No. 119.

Port Moresby,
February 3, 1967.

GOARIBARI ARTEFACTS FOR TERRITORY MUSEUM.

Dopima people in the Goaribari region of the Gulf District have donated four skulls and 11 carvings to the Papua New Guinea museum.

Mr. L. Gari,
A Papuan patrol officer, collected the artefacts at the invitation of the people from the Fish Island villages of Dopima, Goari and Kerewa.

Mr. Gari said people in these villages were keeping private collections of their old art work and other traditionally interesting objects.

They had sold a considerable number of articles to overseas collectors before they realised the need to preserve objects associated with their old way of life.

Dopima people stored skulls and carvings inherited from their grandfathers in special buildings set aside for this purpose.

The skulls were relics of cannibalistic rituals practised more than 60 years ago.

At Kerewe village the grandson of the last clan fight leader was custodian of similar articles of value.

Mr. Gari said one of the carvings at Kerewe was an interpretive concept of an old fight leader called Malaia. The people wished the carving to be preserved for future generations to see.

The Goaribari artefacts arrived at the museum last week.

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30th May, 1967.

District Commissioner,
Fuli District,
KEREMA.

RAIMURU PATROL NOS. 1 & 4 OF 1966/67.

Your 67-6-12/0156 of 11th January, 1967 and
your 67-6-15/0130 of 9th February, 1967 to the A.D.C.
Kikori, copy to myself, refer.

I am not greatly impressed by Mr. Gari's
reports and feel if he were to apply himself he could
do much better.

Mr. Gari has hardly had a distinguished career
to date and I suggest he receive more direction and
attention from a senior officer.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

Kemadabu.

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KEREMA, Gulf District.

9th February, 1967

Assistant District Commissioner,
KIKORI.

BAINURU PATROL REPORT No. 4/66-67

Receipt is acknowledged of the above report, together with your memorandum 67-1-4 of 19th January, 1967.

There is no excuse for the late submission of this report. The patrol was completed on 29th September, 1966, and the report was not received in Kerema until 1st February, 1967. No excuses will be accepted for the late submission of patrol reports in future, and you are to instruct all your staff that they must have their reports in this office within two weeks of the completion of a patrol.

A copy of this memorandum is to be placed on Mr. Gari's personal file.

Much of the value of the report has now been lost, even though it was for the purpose of conducting the initial elections for the Bainuru Local Government Council.

Although Mr. Gari does not agree that the people should not move, there is little he can do about it apart from giving his advice to them. The migratory habits of these people are one of the many problems which will have to be faced by the Bainuru Council.

Toni Kabu's activities will have to be watched fairly closely and you should advise this office if he starts any anti-Council propaganda. The Bainuru Council will be beset by a number of problems and will require experienced guidance. At present we do not have the experienced staff available.

Alan C. Jeffries
(Alan C. Jeffries)
A/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

cc: The Director,
Department of District Administration,
Konedobu.

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KIKORI, Gulf District.

19th. January, 1967.

The District Commissioner,
Dept. of District Administration,
KEREMA,
Gulf District.

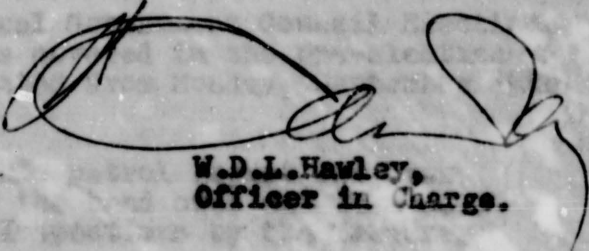
BAIMURU PATROL REPORT No. 4/66-67.

Mr. Gari's Report herewith for comment. The Report has been delayed because of Mr. Gari's involvement with station duties of some magnitude and it has also been further delayed at Kikori where it was just not attended to. This is regretted.

The Patrol Report is brief but adequate as it is confined to the elections only. Mr. Gari has already done a formal report on the ar

Mr. Gari does not paint a too optimistic future for the Council. This may be due to a too prolonged propaganda and educational programme. Mr. Tolitur in early 1964, followed by P.D.A. field staff in the next two years show how long it took. And enthusiasm can wane quickly if the objectives sighted are not realised in a reasonable length of time - but then when everything was nearly ready we had to find out the views on multi-racial councils.

However should a field officer be stationed at Baimuru for a full term to look after the Council then it will have more chance of success than it will have under the present ill-organised changing staff situation for Baimuru.


W.D.L. Hawley,
Officer in Charge.

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Patrol Post,
BAIMURU,
Gulf District.

15th., November, 1966.

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

BAIMURU PATROL REPORT No. 2 OF 1966/67.

Patrol Conducted by :- L.Gari. Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled :- MAIPUA, IARI and part of KORIKI
Census Divisions.

Personnel Accompanying the
Patrol :- 1 Member of R.P.&N.G.C.
1 Administration Clerk.
1 Interpreter.
4 Members of boats-crew.

Duration of the Patrol :- 19/9/66 to 29/9/66.
A total of Eleven (11) Days.

Last Patrol to Area :- Patrol No.2 of 1966/67.

Objects of the Patrol :- (1) First Baimuru Local Government
Council Elections.
(2) Routine Administration.

INTRODUCTION.

The First Baimuru Local Government Council Elections was conducted in the same area as covered in the pre-election patrol. The elections were conducted from Monday, September 19th to Thursday, September 29th.

It is obvious that this patrol report has been delayed by the writer because of the hand over and take over of the station and the Treasury Inspections by the Treasury Inspector, Mr. Read and etc.

As I have submitted my Patrol Report No.2 of 1966/67 along the lines of Departmental Hand Book, I am not going to repeat myself to say the same things therefore I will deal with Elections and the other matters relating to the above subject.

L. Gari
L.Gari.
Patrol Officer.

PATROL DIARY OF 1966/67.

Monday, 19th September. 1035 departed Baimuru by Ruby for KAPUNA, arriving 1235. Departed KAPUNA 1245 for IKINU, arriving 1705. Camp set up and settled in. 1800 - 1845 elections at IKINU. Slept IKINU.

Tuesday, 20th September. Heavy rain in the morning until 1030. 1035 departed IKINU by canoe for KAKARIRAVI, arriving 1050. 1115 to 1140 Elections and back to IKINU at 1155. Counted ballot papers and UKIA/KAURI of IKINU village achieved majority of the votes. 1225 departed IKINU by Ruby for AKOMA group of villages, arriving 1240. most of the people were away at KOMBATIS therefore patrol observed rest of the day at AKOMA. Slept AKOMA.

Wednesday, 21st Sept. Heavy rain in the morning until 0845. 0900-1000 elections. 1035 to 1045 counted votes and OVE/PAIMURU achieved majority of the votes. Waited for high tide until 1345 departed AKOMA by Ruby for MAIPENAIRU, arriving 1440. Quite a few people were away at KOMBATIS therefore self went up to URIKA for SAMOAN Pastor and his wife and the other MAIPENAIRU people to vote. Back to MAIPENAIRU at 1530, Slept MAIPENAIRU.

Thursday, 22nd Sept. At MAIPENAIRU. Heavy rain in the morning until 1130. 1330 - 1455 elections. 1500-1530 counted ballot papers and MAIRAU/PIRIKA achieved majority of the votes. Slept MAIPENAIRU.

Friday, 23rd Sept. Heavy rain in the morning until 0930. Departed MAIPENAIRU 0945 by Ruby for KAPAI anchorage, arriving 1000. Walked over to KAPAI - 25 minutes. Elections then back to Ruby at 1135. Departed KAPAI anchorage for APIOPI 1140 by Ruby, arriving 1300. 1430 - 1545 elections for AIVEI and APIOPI. Slept APIOPI.

Saturday, 24th Sept. Heavy rain in the morning until 0845. Departed APIOPI anchorage 0905 for IVIRA anchorage by Ruby, arriving 0910. Walked to IVIRA for elections and back to Ruby 1230. Departed IVIRA anchorage 1245 for APIOPI anchorage, arriving 1255. 1400-1430 counted ballot papers and KAN'EA-LAKEA achieved majority of the votes. Slept APIOPI.

Sunday, 25th Sept. Observed at APIOPI.

Monday, 26th Sept. Heavy rain in the morning until 0945. 1000 departed APIOPI anchorage by Ruby for RAVIKIVAN No.2, arriving 1110. 1115-1200 elections. 1205-1210 counted ballot papers and ANUA-MAI'I achieved majority of the votes. Departed RAVIKIVAN No.2 by Ruby 1225 for RAVIKAUPARA, arriving 1355. Camp set up and settled in. Slept RAVIKAUPARA.

Tuesday, 27th Sept.

At RAVIKAUPARA. 0900 - 1100 elections for RAVIKAUPARA No.1. and ONOPORAVI No.1 people. 1100-1110 counted ballot papers and KAIPUANA achieved majority of the votes. People from RAVIKIVAU No.1, KAIRIRAVI. AIKAVARAVI No.1, assembled at RAVIKAUPARA. 1350-1450 elections for above villages. 1500-1510 counted ballot papers and EWARA-KAIRI achieved majority of the votes. Slept. RAVIKAURARA.

Wednesday, 28th Sept.

0700 departed RAVIKAUPARA by Ruby for MAPAIO group of villages, arriving 0925. Camp set up and settled in. 1000 elections. 1800 - 1900 counted ballot papers and the following people achieved majority of the votes: I'IA - AROVE, FIRIA - PIRIKA and BI'AE - KAIRI. Slept MAPAIO.

Thursday, 29th Sept.

0730 departed MAPAIO by Ruby for KAPUNA, arriving 0925. Departed KAPUNA for BAINGU 1010, arriving 1225 and the patrol stood down.

End of Diary.

THE PEOPLE.

The influence of TOMU-KABU among the people is still effective and the people regard him as their leader. TOMU got his influence upon the people when ENA Fund was started some 15 years ago after having a conversation with TOMU.

People from Akoma has a machine (Loom) for making selos which is one of Tomu-Kabu's efforts and was given by the P.W.D. If all the people at Akoma co-operate and work together, they might be able to produce about six or seven rolls of selos a day. The trouble is the ownership of lands and the land business is one of the biggest problems for which the administration has to solve. All the lands in this area are owned jointly and it is not a matter of one person has to cut down as many sago palms as he could to make selos, but a group or clan has to do the sago palm cutting.

It was brought to my notice that Ivira people wanted to join with Ravikivau No.2 people in one ward as these people are their relatives. The only objection I had in not agreeing with Ivira people is that their village constable stays at Apiopi and the people from Aivei and Apiopi people have agreed for Ivira people to move over to their island. At the present Ivira village is gradually washing away by water and there are about only twelve eligible voters.

A mission aid post used to be at Ivira but not many people to be cared for so it was removed. Aivei, Apiopi and Ivira people have no aid post so it would be better if Ivira people move over to Apiopi and make a better and bigger village and by that time a aid post might be built in the village.

I do not agree with the idea of moving people from one place to another because in their village they are quite happy of the following things: (a) Their own lands with its products like coconuts, mangoes and beatnuts and etc. (b) They have enjoyed their lives for many years in that village and shifting them to a new place that they might be unhappy for land rights in the near future. (c) The religious problems as people of Aivei and Apiopi are S.D.A. mission followers and Ivira people are Papua Ekalesia followers and also it is not fair to see that one half of the village people go to service

Saturdays while the other half making noises and going to gardens. This practice of two missions in one village can be seen at Mapaio group of villages.

As a whole people are quite happy with their own environments and with their council. In order for Baimuru Local Government Council to operate properly and to be on its own foot. I suggest that people migrating into villages for few months and back to their villages for rest of the year is nonsense because if this practice is to be continued, then during the Council Tax collection time, they might do the same too, in order to avoid paying Council Tax.

Living in small hamlets or Kombatis is the biggest problem to the Council because most of these people live at Kombatis and come to their villages when the administration patrol is in the area. This might make it hard for the councillor or councillors to do their work properly as one of the councillor's work is to see that the village is clean and tidy.

AGRICULTURE AND ECONOMICS.

It is evident that cash cropping in this area is one of the problems which the administration is facing. At the present, the only cash crop is coconut but there are not enough coconuts for most of the people to have their income. I might be wrong but I am sure that the department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries is doing some sort of experimental work in the area to see which cash crop is suitable for the area.

There are some coffee trees at Mapaio group of villages but they are not economical as they are still young. If this area is to progress, there must be a cash crop introduced to the people so that they will plant and see the results themselves in order to encourage them to grow more cash crops.

Coconut is the only cash crop in the area but I would not say that it is good for every body as most of the inland villages have not got enough coconuts to make copra.

Since the introduction of Loom for making selos in the area this year, group of villages are cashing income like Ava'ava and Akama villages. I think this is the good idea but the looms benefit only the clans given looms by Tomu Kaba. I was told by the people that if others wanted to use the looms, the persons appointed by Tomu refused their requests to use the looms. I do not know whether this complaint is true or not but it is evident that people appointed by Tomu Kaba have more lands of sagoes to make selos. I must say that if two more looms would be given in the future, one should be at Mapaio group of villages and the at Ravikivau No.2 as these people have big lands of sagoes for making selos.

POLITICAL.

From the patrol reports show that this area has been well patrolled. The last two patrols done before the pre-election and the election patrols commented on the multi-racial Council, therefore people were well aware before the council elections.

It is understood that transport situation will slow down the council with its operations. I mean to say that canoe transport is all right but it would be for the time being, approximately first couple of meetings then people will get tired to paddle Councillor or Councillors down to Baimuru and back to their villages. People will have an idea in the future that Councillors get paid for their work and they are not paid for their paddling, and in this case some of the councillors might not attend the council meetings.

If this council is to operate effectively, I suggest that the council chamber must be in a central place like Ara'ava so that councillors from both sides - Baimuru, Baroi and Kaimara Census Divisions - Koriki, Iari and Maipua Census Divisions would more or less have the same distances to travel to the chamber.

I have stated previously, Tomu might use his influence again to upset the council as he has done before by telling the people to withdraw their shares from the local co-operative societies as reported in Assistant District Officer, T.A. Steen's 51-1 of 27/7/66.

Tomu is a local politician and has ideas to persuade the people. I might be wrong but women follow men's ideas in every day life therefore it is a matter of one big boss convincing all the men then all the women will follow their men automatically, irrespective of whether they are bad or good ideas.

Some of the women have shown keen interest in council but this is with the permission from their men and I should say that more of these women taking part in the council would be a great thing of men thinking that their women are not to do domestic duties only but to do some of the things that men do. Example in some area in the Territory there are women councillors.

THE ELECTIONS.

Type and duration. The pre-election patrol covered 9 days in the field and all the nominations were accepted.

Manner of elections. I was a presiding Officer during the elections and assisted majority of the people in voting as they were illiterate. A total of ten polling places were used in the villages or group of villages at Kakarivavi, Ikima, Akoma, Maipouira, Kapai, Apiepi, Ivira, Ravikivan No.2. Old Iari group of villages and Napala group of villages.

The duration of elections were stated in my introduction first paragraph. None of the candidates nominated scrutineers.

Waning Interest in Elections.

It is for a long time to come before any women will take part as a candidate. As I have stated in my Political last paragraph that women depend on men for things rather than domestic duties.

Absentees.

Out of 1,679 enrolled for the elections 45% were unavoidably absent and only 55% voted. About one third of these people will be classed as absents but the rest are engaged in money earning jobs.

Analysis of Statistics.

These statistics were done at Kikori by Mr. Hawley, Patrol Officer. See appendix 'A' for details of successful candidates.

SUMMARY.

A candidate would not win the election unless his popularity in that village and bearing in mind the population of the village, that is a candidate from a bigger village will easily win than a candidate from a smaller village. A candidate giving a political speech or ~~making a speech~~ if he become a councillor is disregarded as more or less every village is represented by a candidate.

CONCLUSION.

The first Baimuru Local Government Council elections in this area cannot be compared with other highly developed parts of the Territory as this is the beginning of this area people to say something and do it themselves with their own money in the council. People in this area have been fortunate to have a multi-racial council on its infancy which other councils do not have until later.

WARD 11.

... he is 45 years old, educated at ... school for two years and reached standard 1. After this he joined ... and was posted in various places at ... and Port Moresby. He is literate in both and his own vernacular and speaks both. A sub-sistence farmer.

... of ... He is about 35 years old, educated at ... school from 1945-1951 and reached standard 4. Attended ... school and passed ... from 1951-1953. After leaving school he was employed by ... as a surveyor assistant for three years. From 1953-1958 did his teacher training at ... Hills and now he is a assistant teacher. He is literate and speaks English, Motu and his own vernacular.

... of ... He is 40 years old, educated at ... school from 1949-1951 and passed ... During 1951-1952 he was employed by ... as a teacher. He is literate in English, Motu and his own vernacular and speaks both. A sub-sistence farmer and he is a very strong ... follower.

... of ... He is 45 years old, educated at ... school from 1948-1954 and passed ... school and passed ... after leaving school he was employed by the ... for two years as a ... in the ... He is literate in English, Motu and his own vernacular and speaks all of these. A very keen ... man.

WARD 12.

... of ... He is 35 years old, educated at ... village school which has no grade. Speaks Motu and his own vernacular. A sub-sistence farmer.

WARD 13.

... of ... He is 42 years old, illiterate and speaks Motu and his own vernacular. A sub-sistence farmer.

WARD 14.

... of ... He is 40 years old, illiterate but speaks Motu and his own vernacular. A sub-sistence farmer.

WARD 15.

... of ... He is 42 years old, educated at ... school and reached ... He is literate in both and his own vernacular and speaks both. A sub-sistence farmer.

WARD 16.

... of ... He is 22 years old, educated at ... school and passed ... from 1951-1956. He attended ... school and passed ... attended ... school and passed ... attended ... school and passed ... He is literate in English, Motu and his own vernacular and speaks all of these. A sub-sistence farmer. He might be the ... councillor.

APPENDIX 'A'

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES.

WARD 9. UKIA-KAURI of IKINU. From the census book shows that he is 52 years old. Has no formal education but speaks Motu and his own vernacular. A sub-sistence farmer.

WARD 10. OVE-PAIMURU OF KAIRU. From the census book shows that he is 42 years old. Educated at Urika Mission school for two years and reached standard 1. After this he joined P.I.R. and was posted in various places at Rabaul and Port Moresby. He is literate in Motu and his own vernacular and speaks both. A sub-sistence farmer.

WARD 11. I'IA-ABOVE of AIKAVARAVI. Estimated age about 31 years. Educated at Urika mission station from 1946-1951 and reached standard 4. Attended Sogeri administration school and passed std.6 from 1952-1953. After leaving school he was employed by A.P.C. as surveyor assistant for three years. From 1957-1958 did his teacher training at Aid Hills and now he is a assistant teacher. He is literate and speaks English, Motu and his own vernacular.

BI'AE-KAIRI of RAVIKIVAU. Estimated age 46 years. Educated at S.D.A. mission school Belepa from 1939-1942 and passed std.3. He was a teacher at Ravikivan 1943-1944. During 1945 went to Uravu as a pastor. In 1951 was employed by A.P.C. for a while but mission took him back and was in charge of Belepa Sawmill from 1952-1963. He is literate in simple English, Motu and his own vernacular and speaks three of them. A storeman and he is a very strong S.D.A. mission follower.

PIRIA-PIRIKA of RAVIKAUPARA. From the census book shows that he is 41 years old. Educated at S.D.A. mission school at Belepa from 1948-1949 and passed std.2. From 1950-1954 attended Bautama Central school and passed std.4. After leaving school he was employed by the mission for four years as boat crew in the URAHANI. He is literate in simple English, Motu and his own vernacular and speaks all of them. A very keen store man.

WARD 12. EVAEA-KAIRI of AIKAVARAVI No.1. From the census book shows that he is 35 years old. Educated at Mapalo S.D.A. village school which has no grade. Speaks Motu and his own vernacular. A sub-sistence farmer.

WARD 13. KAIPU-AUA of RAVIKAUPARA (old IAKU). From the census book shows that he is 42 years old. Illiterate but speaks Motu and his own vernacular. A sub-sistence farmer.

WARD 14. AMUA -BAL'I of RAVIKIVAU No.2. From the census book shows that he is 40 years old. Attended Ravikivan No.2 village school which has no grade. Illiterate but speaks Motu and his own vernacular. A sub-sistence farmer.

WARD 15. MAILAU-PIRIKA of MAIPENAIRO. From the census book shows that he is 42 years old. Educated at Urika mission school and passed std.1. Literate in Motu and his own vernacular and speaks both. A sub-sistence farmer.

WARD 16. KAE'EA-LAKEA of AIVEI. From the census book shows that he is 22 years old. Educated at Beera administration school and passed std.3 from 1958-1960. From 1962-64 attended Kavava Catholic mission school and passed std.6. Attended Murua Farmer Training school but was discharged in 1965. Literate in English, Motu and his own vernacular and speaks all of them. A sub-sistence farmer. He might be the youngest councillor.



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of GULF Report No. BAIMURU No. 7 of 1966/67.

Patrol Conducted by W.D.L. Hawley, Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled KAIMARI, BAROI, BAIMURU and part KORIKI census divisions.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans M.C. Gray, G.P.O.
1 member R.P.N.G.C. 1 Medical Orderly.
Natives 2 boats-crew. 1 (Polling) Clerk.

Duration—From 21./8./1966 to 27./9./1966 - in separate periods.

Number of Days 23.

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO.

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Sep./1965.

Medical / / 19

Map Reference Fourmil of Kikori.

Objects of Patrol 1. Pre-election campaign. 2. L.G. Elections.
3. Routine administration.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation £

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund £

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

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67-2-11

8th February, 1967.

District Commissioner,
Gulf District,
KEREMA.

PATROL REPORT - BAINURU NO. 4/1966-67:

Receipt of the above report and your 67-6-14 of the 11th
January, 1967 is acknowledged with thanks.

This is an informative report by Mr. Hawley from the
point of view of political activity.

Your advice on the need for more "interested" patrolling
should result in the Administration gaining the confidence of
the people required to achieve progress.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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KEREMA, Gulf District.

11th January, 1967

Assistant District Commissioner,
KIKORI.

BAINURU PATROL REPORT NO. 4/66-67

Thank you for the abovementioned report, which was received with two others on 16th December, 1966. This report is at least two months overdue. For your information, your station is invariably late with all its reports and correspondence. Please note that in order to prevent confusion, I have re-numbered Mr. Hawley's report to No. 4. Mr. Grey's will remain as No. 3. To have two reports with the same number is misleading.

Concerning a radio programme from Radio Kerema in the Keriki language, I have had tentative discussions with Mr. Smeton, the Station Manager, and he is very much in favour of such a programme. However, I understand that the policy of the Director, Department of Information and Extension Services, is not to have too many programmes in the vernacular, particularly where only small groups are concerned. He prefers to use Police Motu, Pidgin and simple English. Nevertheless, an approach will be made through the Kerema Station Manager.

Mr. Hawley's remarks concerning Tomi Kabu are interesting. At the inaugural meeting of the Bainuru multi-racial Council, Tomi Kabu was present as a spectator. When I called for nominations for President, his was the first name submitted. On being told that he was ineligible, the Councillors looked most dismayed. I fully agree that the major problem in this area is the lack of confidence the people have in Administration officers. Our task is to gain that confidence and this could best be done by constant patrolling, with the officer spending at least a full day in each village. Whilst in the village he should take an active interest in village life and even accompany some families to the sago stands, etc. This is the life the people lead. It may be dull to us, but the villagers cannot understand why officers are uninterested in their way of life, and they react to this by being apathetic to our suggestions. In short, your task is for you and your officers to "sell" the Administration to the delta dwellers and to take firm control. Once you have achieved this confidence and control, firm guidance can be introduced. They followed Tomi Kabu once. Learn from that lesson.

Since this report has been submitted, I have personally attended the inaugural council meeting. This was poorly attended, despite ample warning. Only a bare quorum of 50% of the members was present for the first two hours, when a further three arrived. The Councillors' knowledge of Local Government and their own functions was almost nil. Even the Rev. Cribb was ignorant of the basic working of procedures. The estimates were an unknown quality entirely. Considerable work is required to bring this council up to standard and the Councillors will require special tuition.

*P. I. C. Meas
Kerema
8/12*

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To this end, I am arranging a course at Kerema for these Councillors.

This is an informative report, but more time must be spent in the villages with the people, and more patrolling is a necessity.

Camping claims are returned herewith.

The District Commissioner,
Department of District Administration,
Kororua,
Milne Bay District.

Alan C. Jefferies
(Alan C. Jefferies)
A/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

cc: OIC Baimara

cc: Director,
Department of District Administration,
Kororua.

Forwarded for your information, please.

Alan C. Jefferies
(Alan C. Jefferies)
A/DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Alan C. Jefferies
Assistant District Commissioner,
Kororua.

67-I-4.

KIKORI,
Gulf District,
Papua.

20th October, 1966

The District Commissioner,
Department of District Administration,
KEREMA,
Gulf District.

REPORT BAIMURU No. 3 of 1966/67.

Mr. Hawley has achieved the objects of this patrol and has submitted a well written and informative report.

Radio Kerema: Could consideration be given to the introduction of a Kerema language programme on Radio Kerema. Although there are certain regional accents and idioms the language is understood by about 6,250 people.


Economic Development: There is obviously a need for a boat in this area. A need that the people themselves recognise, for one, Temu Kabu has recognised this for many years.

The Baimuru Local Government Council can undoubtedly fill this need, but it must be pointed out to the Council that ever and above the fact that it will not have the capital to purchase a boat - even a twenty-two foot Kapsen costs \$4,000 - they would not be able to maintain it. Their best prospect would be to purchase a large fifty-five foot canoes (\$100) and power them with Japanese Yanmar diesel outboard units at \$490. each.

Temu Kabu is manufacturing sole on looms at Ukunukua for sale to the Public Works Department in Port Moresby. This is to be encouraged for sole is in demand in the construction of low cost housing in and around Port Moresby. However, judging by the production of sole using a loom here at Kikeri there is little likelihood that Temu Kabu's venture will ever be a paying concern.

Regarding Temu's other scheme of purchasing a boat for the area with money withdrawn from Co-operative Society share capital it is quite evident that the people are not responding to his wishes.

Elections: It was purposely arranged to conduct a pre-election educational patrol just prior to the election to achieve the best and most informed response possible. Considering the people, their place, and their very parochial outlook the initial election of the Baimuru Local Government Council was most successful. The conservative outlook of the people noted by Mr. Hawley is, in this case, a good thing for it will allow the Council time to develop. And the introduction of the ward system may help to broaden the peoples outlook - the instance at Ipige Village is evidence of this, and pleasing to note.


D.P. O'Sullivan,
Assistant District Commissioner,
KIKORI.

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Patrol Post,
BAIMURU.
Gulf District.
29th. September 1966.

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

BAIMURU PATROL REPORT No. 3 of 1966/67.

- Patrol conducted by : W.D.L.Hawley, Patrol Officer.
- Area patrolled : Kaimari, Baroi, Baimuru and part Koriki census divisions.
- Personnel accompanying the patrol : M.C.Gray, Cadet Patrol Officer.
1 member R.P.N.G.C.
1 (Polling) Clerk.
1 Medical Orderly.
2 Boats-crew.
- Duration of the patrol : 21.8.66-3.9.66 Pre-election patrol.
19.9.66-27.9.66 Election patrol.
a total of 23 days.
- Last patrol to area : No. 2 of 1965/66 to all four census div'ns.
- Objects of the Patrol : Pre-election campaign.
Collect nominations.
Routine Administration.
Conduct the preliminary elections for the Baimuru Local Government Council.

1. INTRODUCTION.

The principle object of this patrol was to conduct the first local government elections in the area. The elections were conducted from Monday, September 16th. to Tuesday, September 27th.

The patrol however was concerned with other matters besides the elections. A pre-election patrol was conducted during late August and early September - the objectives were to explain the workings of the elections, advise the election timetable, and to collect nominations. Along with this went routine administrative matters such as bringing the Village Constables Records of Service up to date, hearing complaints and getting a general background of the area.

During the election part of the patrol I was accompanied by Cadet Patrol Officer Malcolm Gray. This was his first patrol. A more leisurely and less specialised type of patrol would have been more suitable for his needs but even an election patrol is educational.

Mr. Gray will be submitting a Report along the lines laid down in the Departmental Handbook whilst I will ~~submit my report~~ confine myself to the pre-election patrol, the elections, complaints, and one or two other matters.

DIARY.

- Sun. 21.8.66 Departed KIKORI at 1010. Called into Delta Stores for the mail and into P.H.D. for a Medical Orderly. Arrived BAIMURU at 1815.
- Mon. 22.8.66 Discussions with P.O. Leana Gari and A.D.O. Tom Steen re council elections. "Ruby" to Kapuna and Baroi villages and the "Aveta" to Baimuru villages to advise patrol movements. Had talks with BAREA and MARIKI villagers.
- Tue. 23.8.66 Departed BAIMURU at 0850 on the "Aveta" for KEMEI and arrived there at 1050. Talked about local government. Left KEMEI and went back to BAIMURU via the IPIGO group of villages and advised them of my movements tomorrow. Stopped in at the BEKORO hamlet of KOIRAVI (MARIKI) village. Spoke to those there. Returned to BAIMURU at 1440.
- Wed. 24.8.66 Departed BAIMURU at 0820. Called in at PAKEMUBA and gave local government talk - Medical Orderly gave Health Education talk. Proceeded on up to PIEPOKE/AMEPOKE arriving there at 1150. Spoke to villagers in the afternoon. Two complaints also received.
- Thu. 25.8.66 Departed PIEPOKE/AMEPOKE at 0830 on a turning tide. Arrived at BAIMURU at 0950. Held Local Court for one of yesterday's complaints. Departed BAIMURU at 1340 for KARAUUA (group name for KAMAUA and UNAU villages) and arrived there at 1400. Inspected the village and talked to the storeman of the KAUMORO Native Society store. Discussed local government with villagers. Two nominations taken.
- Fri. 26.8.66 Departed KARAUUA at 0830. Proceeded to RAVIPAKA (also known as INAUUA). Talked on local government and health education. Left at 1000 and arrived at APC, IVIRI at 1115. Talked to Frank Watson and had lunch with him. Departed at 1400 for BAIMURU, arriving there at 1615.
- Sat. 27.8.66 At BAIMURU. One nomination taken.
- Sun. 28.8.66 At BAIMURU. Sunday observed.
- Mon. 29.8.66 Departed BAIMURU at 0820 and proceeded down PORT ROMILLY to MARIKI (group name for APIRAVI, KOIRAVI and KAURAVI) arriving there at about 1230. Gear arrived at about 1330 and lunch partaken at 1500. Not feeling too well as a result of sunburn so decided to see all and sundry tomorrow. Had a look at the village and the Society store.
- Tue. 30.8.66 Discussions with villagers from 0745 to 0920. Departed MARIKI at 0930 and arrived at BAREA at 1130. Had lunch and then inspected the village afterwards having local government discussions. Listened to two complaints. KEMO'O KAIRI came in with afternoon tea and scones! KEMO'O formerly worked in the Rabia Camp Tea Shop and has since the patrol's visit left the village to work as a cook for A.P.C. This is the sort of thing that makes work more enjoyable.
- Wed. 31.8.66 Departed BAREA at 0830 and proceeded across the bay to KINIPO. Village badly eroded. Whilst at KINIPO the "Ruby" arrived en route to BAIMURU. Departed KINIPO at 1030 and arrived at KAIRIMAI at 1530. Did village inspection.
- Thu. 1.9.66 Spoke to KAIRIMAI and KAIRAVI people. Took two nominations and departed at 0930. Arrived at UKUNUKUA at 1130 after calling in at the L.M.S. Hospital at KAPUNA. Afternoon spent on local government discussion and complaints. At 1600 wandered down to the village

2. DIARY cont'd.

- Thu. 1.9.66 and had a look around. 3 Infant Welfare Nurses from KAPUNA were conducting a clinic - attended to 70 babies from 1400 to 1700. Returned to the Rest House at 1740 only to be greeted by another batch of Village Constables, Odd Ends and complaints - told them to return the next day.
- Fri. 2.9.66 Listened to complaints from 0750 to 1100. Many very trivial, one eleven years old and all indicative of a litigation mad group. Took one more nomination and then proceeded to KAPUNA. Had lunch with the Rev. J. GRIEB and a talk was later given to staff and patients about voting. Departed KAPUNA at 1320 and arrived at KORAVAKI at 1400. The whole afternoon spent on visitors - namely KEREKERE HOHORA of Co-operatives, BEARA; Rev. J. GRIEB; and Dr. P. CALVERT. One small girl with TB glands sent to KAPUNA with Dr. Calvert after her reluctant father had consented (normally treated at the village Aid Post but her father refused to co-operate and kept disrupting the treatment by taking her into the bush) to her going when confronted with Court action under N.R.O. Reg 115(1) Went with KEREKERE HOHORA to the Society store and had a look around.
- Sat. 3.9.66 Three nominations taken. Local government discussion held. Four complaints heard of which two warranted Local Court action. Departed KORAVAKI at 1130 and went across to BEARA and saw the place. Picked up KEREKERE and left BEARA at 1200 for BAIMURU and arrived there at 1320.
- Sun. 4.9.66 At BAIMURU. Sunday observed.
- Mon. 5.9.66 Conversation with Graham Lambden, Gulf District Enumerator, who advised me that L.H.S. GIPI has to be re-done as the census papers were lost. Left BAIMURU at 1230 on the "Ruby" and arrived at KIKORI at 1945.
- Tue. 6.9.66 Departed KIKORI at 1015 after picking up census forms. Arrived at GIPI at 1545. Commenced census of school and finished at 1850.
- Wed. 7.9.66 Departed GIPI at 0830 and arrived in BAIMURU at 1200.
- Thu. 8.9.66 at BAIMURU working on ballot papers, etc.
- Sun. 18.9.66
- Mon. 19.9.66 Departed BAIMURU at 1040 on the "Aveta". Cadet Patrol Officer Malcolm Gray accompanying. Left the open waters of PORT ROMILLY for safer inland waterways, managed to get lost, and arrived at MARIKI at 1650. Cargo finally carried to the village by 1800.
- Tue. 20.9.66 Polling commenced at 0850 as soon as villagers assembled and finished at 1145. Votes counted. Had lunch only to have it disturbed at 1230 by a breathless deputation from KAURAVI. It had just dawned upon them that the two Councillors came from KOIRAVI and APIRAVI and not KAURAVI. Threatened to secede or at least not co-operate as only a KAURAVI man would look after KAURAVI people. Explained that the Council was for all BAIMURU people and that the Councillors would look after them - they left satisfied. Departed MARIKI at 1330 and arrived at KINIPU at 1520 - heavy rain all the way. From 1600 to 1715 at BAREA : still only the one candidate and no election needed there. Compiled the MARIKI voting statistics in the evening.

2. DIARY cont'd.

- Wed. 21.9.66 Polling commenced at 0835 and finished at 1030. Counted votes and advised KINIPO people of the successful candidates. Departed KINIPO at 1115 and arrived at KAIRIMAI at 1720. On the way advised KAIARAVI people. Greeted by an apathetic crowd who had not been able to stir themselves in the past two weeks to put on the remaining two walls of my small house.
- Thu. 22.9.66 Polling for KAIRIMAI/KAIARAVI commenced at 0815 and finished at 0915. Votes counted. Talked with KAIARAVI and KAIRIMAI people after they insisted that (a) KAIARAVI people would not listen to the (KAIRIMAI) Councillor and (b) the (KAIRIMAI) Councillor obviously would not look after KAIARAVI people as he was not one of them and finally (c) that I should insist that the KAIARAVI people should move to KAIRIMAI as that is where the Councillor lives. Advised them to co-operate with each other at least once or twice in a millennium and to let the Council start work without plaguing it with hypothetical problems. Departed at 0950 and arrived at UKUNUKUA at 1015. Polling commenced at 1105 and finished at 1140 with two other villages and KAPUNA Hospital to do this afternoon. Had lunch and afterwards went to KAPUNA and advised Dr. Calvert that I would be there at about 1600 for polling. Polling conducted from 1435 to 1550 for ARA'AVA and EVARA villages. Proceeded to the Hospital and took votes from staff and patients. Back at UKUNUKUA at 1800. Worked on voting statistics at night.
- Fri. 23.9.66 Counted votes and advised villagers and KAPUNA of the result. Left KAPUNA at 0905 for KORAVAKI arriving there at 1105. Polling commenced at 1120 and finished at 1335. Votes counted and results announced. Departed at 1400 and arrived at BAIMURU at 1600. Picked up mail and stores and left at 1900. Arrived KARARUA at 1930.
- Sat. 24.9.66 Polling commenced at 0830 and finished at 0940. Left for RAVIPAKA and polled there. Arrived back at BAIMURU at 1145. Had lunch and commenced polling at the Court House at 1330 and finished at 1700. A pleasing number of station people turned up to vote.
- Sun. 25.9.66 At BAIMURU. Sunday observed.
- Mon. 26.9.66 Votes counted and ~~results~~ results for the BAIMURU ward announced. Left BAIMURU at 1630 with the tide and went up to PIEPOKE/AMEPOKE arriving there at 1800.
- Tue. 27.9.66 Polling commenced at 0830. "Aveta" to KEMEI to pick up voters and bring them to IPIGO. Polling finished at 1045. Departed at 1045 and arrived at BAIMURU 1200. A truculent and noisy minority upset that IPIGO people voted for a KEMEI (Kamoro) man and not for the IPIGO candidate. The usual talk that the other man will not help us as he is not one of us. Pointed out that as 80% of the voters had faith in him and that most of these were IPIGO voters their complaint was unjustified.

END OF PATROL.

4. COMPLAINTS.

Three Local Courts arose from this patrol.

Many minor complaints were heard. The number that were so trivial or of such ancient vintage leads me to believe that the Purari Delta inhabitant is incompatible with his fellow neighbour. The main subjects turned out to be the hoary and hardy perennial favourites of ~~my~~ sago, pigs and bride price.

This leads me to the conclusion that civil complaints should be the subject of say a 50c fee. It is not amusing to spend an hour with two irate, intractable and uncompromising fellows disputing two sago palms worth only 60c. The mere fact that it costs nothing to complain and that the Field Officer naturally has to get the whole story before coming to the conclusion that his time has been wasted provokes hordes of people to report imagined or slight injustices. Many are justiffs and if the people concerned will not come to any agreement then it is pointless and tiring to hear the complaint. One complaint had been going on for eleven years! Four concerned one man - obviously a ratbag but everyone happily entered into new obligations with him because a D.D.A. field officer is always handy. The Purari Delta man has the usual healthy regard for his money and even a 50c fee would make him think twice.

There are the honest and justifiable complaints. It is a pleasure to meet these.

One man was ordered to take his daughter to KAPUNA Hospital. She is the TB glands sufferer mentioned 2.9.66 in the "Diary". Her father had extenuating circumstances in that the girl's step-mother would not be the best guardian and that he had the other members of his family to support. The fact still remained that he would not leave her in the village Aid Post or take her to KAPUNA. When confronted with a Patrol Officer in his village, Dr. Calvert and his jet-boat willing to take them to KAPUNA, and irate villagers who considered his obstinacy shameful he gave in and went with her to KAPUNA. He has since left the Hospital to return to KORAVAKI but the small girl is still there.

4. RADIO KEREMA.

Two radios were distributed. One went to BAREA and the other to RAVIPAKA.

One of the good features of Radio Kerema is that members of the Purari Delta and Kerewa cultures identify themselves with Radio Kerema. Consequently they feel that they belong to the Gulf District and that Kerema is the District headquarters. There has always been a different feeling West of the Alele but Radio Kerema is transcending this geographic mark.

It is a pity that there is no session in Koriki. I know for a fact that the Kerewa language session goes over very well at Kikori. Having different language sessions may be considered parochial but the mere fact that it emanates from Kerema which hitherto meant little to the inhabitants of the Delta Embayment is a good thing.

5. THE AREA.

The Bainuru Local Government Council will cover an area of about 800 square miles of which about half was covered by this patrol.

The area is the usual unimpressive medley of nipa, rago and mangrove typical of the Delta Embayment. Mangrove predominates on the coast while further inland sago grows more abundantly.

The inland waterways are extensive and make patrolling, or any other journey, comparatively easy. Some of the open stretches such as POKI ROMILLY may often be choppy and dangerous but there is always a safe alternative route - if one knows it.

6. THE PEOPLE.

With only one exception all the people visited spoke different dialects of the one language and shared a common culture.

The one exception is the IPIGO group of villages. These three, PIEPOKE, AMEPOKE, and PAKEMUBA, formerly lived in "the mountains" and moved down to their present location about 15 years ago at the bidding of TOMU KABU. Previously the IPIGO were very isolated, could not speak the KEREWA, KIBAIO and KORIKI dialects of their neighbours, fought the BAROI and BAIMURU and in general did not belong to the Purari Delta environment.

Basically the groupings of the area patrolled are:

1. IPIGO - Piepoke, Amepoke and Pakemuba.
2. KAIMORO - Kemei, Unau, Kamaua and Bawipaka.
the above two form the BAIMURU census division.
3. KAIMARI - Apiravi, Kauravi, Koiravi and Barea.
4. KORIKI - Ara'ava, Ukunukua, Kairimai, Kairavi and Kinipo.
Other Koriki villages were visited by Patrol Officer Gari.
5. BAROI - Koravaki, Akiaravi, Oravi and Evara.
The last named village, Evara, is nominally a BAROI village but has apparently intermixed quite freely with its KORIKI neighbours in Ara'ava and Ukunukua.

The native of the Purari Delta is a pragmatist. The result is what interests him and rarely has he been emotionally over-optimistic about life.

The one great disturbance came through the "kongoni" and TOMU KABU. Since then things have reverted to the normal quiet way of life. TOMU KABU still exists, is still an influence and still an untapped source of initiative. But now that the Administration may have mellowed to his magic the natives profess a distrust of him.

Generally speaking life and conditions in the Purari Delta are the same as that of the people of the Kerewa culture. The topography of both sides of the Delta Embayment suggest a unifying bond of sage, nipa, mangrove and waterways. But the attitudes are different.

The Kikori area is economically depressed and although the Purari Delta is not significantly different by Territory standards the economic picture is brighter. The area patrolled is well served by co-operatives under the guidance of Co-operative Assistant KEREKERE HOHORA of BAREA. Co-operative ventures exist in all villages visited except KINIPO and the IPIGO group. KINIPO however has what seems to be a progressive village store, the NAMAU TRADE STORE, run on efficient lines. The Purari produces more copra, produces it more regularly, and supports his village store, whether it be private or co-operative, quite well. The Kikori area on the other hand has a few pitiful examples of private village stores run on very unbusiness-like lines.

A man of the Kerewa culture is more easygoing and pleasant to know. The Purari people visited were apathetic, unemotional and unhelpful. This may be due to his pragmatic outlook as the Administration (as represented by D.D.A.) has little effect upon him; to his way of thinking a co-operative store or a few hundred coffee trees are just positive, routine administration is neither positive or negative but hardly ever apparent. But in all cases, except for the genuine welcome at BAREA, it seemed to have mattered little whether a District Administration patrol had arrived. One would think that even the elections would have evoked interest. KAIRIMAI knew a patrol was coming but did not fix up the Rest House or even the toilet - I mention that I would be back in two weeks so would they please fix up the toilet - two weeks pass but KAIRIMAI has stood still. Even local members of the patrol express dismay at the laziness shown.

Some consolation may be derived from the fact that the London Missionary Society meets the same lack of enthusiasm. The L.M.S. is an institution abused. Nearly 300 people are at KAPUNA, some are

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patients, some are employees, but most are there because no-one chases them away. In return the village schools are neglected. The head teacher at ARA'AVA, only next door to KAPUNA, complains of a lack of co-operation yet the schooling is free and in addition an Infant Welfare Clinic is conducted every Thursday afternoon. The teacher at MARIKI has been told by the Mission to close his school if the villagers fail to construct a school building. 117 pupils in Prep., and standards 1 and 2 will be without schooling as a result.

The only energy shown was the zeal in which complaints were brought to the patrol.

The few energetic men seen (KEMO'O KAIRI and IRAE'A KEME of BAREA; Village Constables KAIRI OPA of APIRAVI and PETER of RAVIPAKA; and PAIMURU KAIRI of ARA'AVA) are swamped by a sea of apathy.

The outlook may not be all that bad. It possibly needs a field officer to stay at BAIMURU for a full term. Genuine admiration is expressed for John Irwin. Learning a few words of Koriki gets a response - everyone chuckles when I say "bucket era mono miani" (bring a bucket of water). The few people who showed any enthusiasm had recognized me from a previous visit in 1964 on the Pie/Era Timber Rights Purchase. All it possibly needs is someone to know the people and in turn is known by them.

7. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

The economy of the area revolves around copra. The sale of copra and subsequent purchases with that money at the co-operative store meets all the basic needs of the area. It is obvious that co-operatives are doing good work in the area - the co-operative system with its many local outlets stimulates copra production.

However the system in itself is not adequate. The amount of work involved is stretching the resources of the Co-operative Assistant. And the Eastern section is neglected. The Baimuru Local Government Council should be able to help.

Outlets for the area are heavily concentrated in the West at BAIMURU and KAPUNA. The area has always wanted a boat since the inception of the "kompani" - why not a Council boat to collect copra from the Eastern area and take it to a Council bulk store at BAREA, KAPUNA or BAIMURU? The area is not vast and could be profitably served by a boat better laid out than the 22' kopsen "Aveta" but powered with a similar unit.

A boat would also be a symbol of the Council. Something concrete for the taxes collected. Something that can show the Council flag in all villages. Something that no village can claim as its own.

Unfortunately the economic incentive has to appeal to the men. A woman can supply all the food needs of her family and the man is left to do a few hours work for money to buy luxuries. Why work 40 hours a week to support a family when the normal subsistence work for the woman and a few hours on copra production achieves the same result?

There are other ventures that appeal to the Purari native. Sago exporting is one of them. A sort of modern Hiri trade takes place between GEOFFREY EKAI (see appendix 'C') of KARARUA and KARUA SISIA of POROBADA. Unfortunately there are conflicting reports on the size of this trade. Geoffrey says that he exports 100-150 bundles of sago a month, other sources say he does practically nothing now although he was a bigger enterprise before.

But the economy of the area will have to base itself on copra. Copra is here, it is readily sold, stores well and is a food to boot. Coffee is being grown but only around the BAIMURU station area and only a few hundred trees would be mature. And not much else will grow profitably here.

8. OUTLINE OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

As mentioned previously in this report the apathy was the main thing that struck me on patrol. The area has been well patrolled and local government propaganda sufficiently disseminated: yet little interest was shown.

Maybe the attitude is one of "wait and see". This conservatism is justified. TOMU KABU and the "kompani" are universally distrusted and the over-enthusiasm engendered by both is blamed for "buggering up all our work". Similar over-enthusiasm in the Baimuru Council could lead to a similar set back to the Purari way of thinking. And, after all, he is a pragmatist!

Some enquiries into the ambitions of TOMU KABU were interesting. At present TOMU operates a sago loom at UKUNUKUA/ARA'AVA - a small business and operated inefficiently only for pin money. Dr. CALVERT of the London Missionary Society, KAPUNA considers TOMU to be quite a good small businessman and that the sago loom venture or any other modest enterprise would be successful under his direction. Relations between TOMU and the Mission have always been cordial.

On the other hand TOMU KABU has cast another stone upon the placid waters of the Delta. And yet another boat scheme is launched!

TOMU would like the villagers in the BAIMURU patrol area to withdraw share capital from the various Co-operative Societies and invest it in the new scheme. The new scheme is not widely known. Influential people throughout the area patrolled were asked about this scheme and most professed ignorance of it and all emphatically stated that share capital would not be withdrawn for this scheme. The scheme is considered undesirable in the light of adequate Federation shipping - even more so with the "Papua" to go on the run.

TOMU KABU is not at all popular except, surprisingly enough, with the KAUMORO group. This is the furthest West of the Purari tribes and possibly has had the least damage from KABU and "kompani" which was centred mainly to the East. The KAUMORO wanted TOMU to be their Local Government Councillor or at least in the Council - however TOMU left BAIMURU on a K-boat around the 29th. of August.

TOMU, in my opinion, is more unguided than misguided in his effort -s. He is an enigmatic personality but one with whom the Administration should have worked more closely with. TOMU KABU's personality and influence has transcended the narrow confines of his home village. His appeal made the inhabitants of the Purari Delta feel a unified compassion for each other. No other person or organization has done this.

In contrast to the wild abandonment of group differences in the heyday of the "kompani" is the present attitude. No doubt the present situation is the normal situation. But it is depressing to hear that a Councillor from A village will obviously not help B village because he just doesn't come from there. It doesn't matter whether A and B villages are KAPWARI villages situated alongside each other or KORIKI villages formerly combined at UKIARAVI.

The surprise of them all was at IPIGO. Here 16 KEMEI voters were apparently outnumbered by 77 IPIGO voters. Except that the KEMEI man won by 82 votes to 11. Immediately a noisy and bellicose IPIGO minority came up with the usual complaint, and even some had a hindsight change of mind and wanted the IPIGO candidate. Reminded them that nearly 90% of the voters expressed a preference for the KEMEI man and as many of these were IPIGO men their complaint was groundless. At least 66 of the 82 votes for the KEMEI man came from IPIGO people - and they apparently had no qualms about him being their representative. This satisfied the minority and they are prepared to give the elected Councillor a chance. I spoke to some of the IPIGO men that voted for the KEMEI man and they said that they had done so because they felt that he was the better candidate.

8. OUTLINE OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

No-one seems to realise that there will be counter balances in the Council. If, as most seem to think, all the Councillors intend to be rigidly parochial then this will be right across the board. Any measure to benefit one village will meet with opposition from the other Councillors - and any measure to pass the hypothetical meeting must of necessity be a compromise. And a compromise will benefit the maximum number of people so that no-one will lose. Of course there may be all out collusion amongst all Councillors but this is very unlikely.

The Purari people will just have to learn to be more co-operative to each other. That threats of withdrawal from the Council because their candidate did not win will not be tolerated. And that the whole idea is one of progress.

9. THE ELECTIONS.

Type and duration of Pre-election Campaign.

The pre-election patrol spent about two weeks in the field and covered the same area as the election patrol. Explanatory talks were given as required but most assistance and guidance was given to the candidates. Nominations were also accepted.

Manner of Elections.

As the majority of people were illiterate myself, as Presiding Officer, assisted most voters. A number of people, mostly at BAIMURU, were able to fill in their own ballot papers but they were the exception.

No scrutineers were appointed - mainly through a combination of an ignorance of the right to do so; a preference to do such work by the candidates themselves (though not allowed); trust in the officials conducting the poll and the fact that a Rest House is not a very private place and that it is just as easy to gawk through the window.

Polling was conducted in the following villages - KAURAVI, KINIPO, KAIRIMAI, UKUNUKUA, ~~KARAVI~~ KORAVAKI, KARARUA, RAVIPAKA and IPIGO. Polling was also conducted at KAPUNA Hospital and BAIMURU station.

Feminine Interest in Elections.

The idea that women could take an interest, other than voting, seemed a novel and amusing idea. It was pointed out at times to the women but a shy giggle was the usual response. The normal practice is to follow the lead of the men; though this does not necessarily mean that a wife voted the same way as her husband.

Absenteeism.

About 30% of those enrolled as electors were unavoidably absent. The highest proportion from the three KORIKI wards (6, 7 and 8) and about 40% were unavoidably absent. Most of these, about two-thirds would be long term absentees - the rest would be at KAPUNA Hospital, BAIMURU station or at APC IVIRI and MUABU.

Candidates.

Most candidates chosen are in their thirties or early forties. This is an indication that an educated but sufficiently mature candidate was considered desirable. One European, the Rev. J. CRIBB, is a Councillor. Appendix 'C' gives a brief description of each successful candidate.

Statistics.

Rough statistics are enclosed in appendices to this Report. These will be gone into more fully in the required Return on the elections.

SUMMARY.

Voting was mainly on village lines. Three candidates, one from each village, were originally chosen at MARIKI. When asked if there

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were any other people interested in standing a further three people appeared - one from each village! The usual practice has been to select the candidate beforehand and the actual voting then goes along village lines and the largest village wins.

All that aside the elections were conducted successfully. Many people expressed their preferences and some candidates polled a large majority of the votes as in Wards 1 and 7.

10. CONCLUSION.


The patrol was a rewarding one. Such work as the first ever elections for a Council is always a landmark and always progress.

The area however did need a routine Administration patrol. The many complaints heard are indicative of this and a few consecutive patrols by the same field officers should ensure that Rest Houses are up to standard, that toilets are maintained, that grass is cut, and that if the Mission runs a school in the village it is advantageous to give some assistance to the head teacher.

I consider it also desirable that the BAIMURU township be a ward separate from the surrounding KAIMORO villages. One Councillor would be sufficient. The ward boundaries were originally drawn up when the Council was to be for natives only.

The election procedures are a bit difficult for a town area. It is ridiculous to close nominations an hour before the actual start of polling. If a candidate had appeared for the ward which contains BAIMURU it would have been hard going to churn out the necessary ballot papers.

A town area also throws statistics askew. Not everyone knows everyone else as in a village and the figures for "unavoidably absent" could be pure conjecture - for instance not one voter turned up from Gulf Traders and one or two could have been "unavoidably absent".


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APPENDIX 'A'

VOTING STATISTICS.

<u>Ward.</u>	<u>Villages.</u>	<u>Candidate.</u>	<u>1st Count.</u>	<u>2nd Count.</u>	<u>3rd Count.</u>
1	Kemei Piepoke Amepoke Pakemaba	<u>Korai Kaa</u>	82	-	-
		Anape Amania	11	-	-
		Informal	-	-	-
		Total	93	-	-
2	Baimuru Kararua Bavipaka	<u>Geoffrey Ekai</u>	90	95	-
		<u>Kaiaa Karara</u>	71	81	-
		Avia Omai	35	38	-
		Ivia Laura	22	-	-
		Informal	-	4	-
Total	218	218	-		
3	Koravaki Oravi Akiaravi Beara	<u>Ana Ana</u>	92	-	-
		<u>Ana Ana</u>	48	-	-
		Ekai Kairi	22	-	-
		Informal	-	-	-
Total	162	-	-		
4	Apiravi Koivavi Kauravi	<u>Ana Koivi</u>	124	124	127
		<u>Ana Ana</u>	76	76	76
		Kemo'o Kouru	33	35	35
		Kaa Iraia	4	4	-
		Koivi Kairi	2	-	-
		Ka'an Kairi	-	-	-
		Informal	1	1	2
Total	240	240	240		
5	Karaa	<u>Iraia Kaa</u>	Elected unopposed.		
6	Kaivimai Kaiaravi	<u>Iraia Kairi</u>	63	-	-
		Mari Koivi	24	-	-
		Informal	-	-	-
Total	87	-	-		
7	Uoumukua Ara'ava Evava Kapuna	<u>Paimuru Kairi</u>	110	-	-
		<u>John Gribb</u>	32	-	-
		Larupa Karara	25	-	-
		Informal	-	-	-
Total	167	-	-		
8	Navararavi Akiaravi Kaurararavi Mivaiaravi	<u>Iona Ana</u>	73	-	-
		<u>Po'o Evava</u>	47	-	-
		Ako Koa	40	-	-
		Informal	-	-	-
Total	160	-	-		

NOTE: Successful candidates underlined thus - John Gribb.

APPENDIX 'B'.

YOUNG STATISTICS.

Ward.	No. of Electors Qualified.		No. of Electors Unavailably Absent.		No. of Electors. Total.		Total Electors.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
1	57	67	10	9	45	48	93	
2	232	184	42	17	125	93	218	
3	162	150	73	38	71	91	162	
4	194	157	35	9	134	106	240	
5			Councillor elected unopposed.					
6	98	77	54	30	42	45	87	
7	179	162	94	45	72	95	167	
8	159	129	84	19	68	92	160	
TOTALS	1081	926	392	167	557	570	1127	

APPENDIX 'B'.

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SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES.

- WARD 4. AMUA ABAU of KOIRAVI. Estimated age 27 years. Educated at the London Missionary Society school at URIKA to std. 2. Is able to read and write simple English, Police Motu, Pidgin English, and the vernacular. At present engaged in growing coffee (712 trees near Baimuru) and in copra production at Mariki. Claims to have worked as a Clerical Assistant for Burns Philp in Port Moresby for three years.
- AMUA KOIYI, of APIRAVI. Age unknown. Educated at the Seventh Day Adventist school at Belepa (Valjala River) to std. 3 but did not finish that standard. Literate in simple English, Police Motu, Pidgin English, and the vernacular. Has worked for Burns Philp, Port Moresby for two years. At present engaged in copra production and makes an average of two bags a week.
- WARD 5. IRAVI A TENE of BARRA. Estimated age 15 5/2 years. The only candidate elected unopposed. Has had no formal education but has taught himself to read and write very simple English, Police Motu and the vernacular. Has worked as a cook in the European mess for the Australasian Petroleum Co. and also for Administration personnel at Kikori. Was formerly a Director of the Kaimari Native Society but stepped down to take on the Local Government position. Is a copra producer and also interested in a small way in coffee. One of the best blokes seen on this patrol.
- WARD 8. IONU AMUA of KINIPU. About 37 years of age. Std. 1 education but able to read and write in simple English, Police Motu, pidgin English and the vernacular. Worked for the Administration at Kikori as boats-crew on the launch "F.N.G." and also as an outboard operator at Kikori and Barru. At present interested in coffee (424 trees) and copra.
- POIO NVARA of KINIPU. 29 years old. Educated to std. 3. Is literate in simple English, Police Motu, and the vernacular. Present occupation is copra production and he makes about 2 or 3 bags a week.
- WARD 6. IPAI KAIRI of KAIRIMAI. Aged about 38 years. Went as far as std. 5 at the Education school at Barru but did not finish. Literate in simple English, Police Motu and the vernacular. A copra producer.
- WARD 7. PATIMURU KAIRI of ABA'AVA. 40 years old. Went to a village school which had no grades. Is literate in Police Motu and the vernacular. Speaks simple English. Has worked in Port Moresby for APC and Hornibrook. At present works for the Kaimari Native Society in their copra dryer. One of the more impressive and energetic men.
- REV. JOHN CRIBB of KAPUNA. About 36 years (at Aird Hills during the election and personal particulars supplied by Mrs. Calvert). Is the District Minister for the Papua Ekale-sia in the Baimuru-Kikori area. Is a Bachelor of Commerce and probably also has theological qualifications as well. Arrived in the Territory about ten years ago and went to Aird Hills and only two years ago moved to Kapuna. The Rev. Cribb did not expect to be elected as he is a newcomer to the Korid and even admits to feeling more at home with Kerewa speakers (as I do).
- WARD 3. AMUA BEO of AKIARAVI. 53 years old. The present Village Constable. Has had no schooling but is able to read Police Motu and the vernacular - cannot write them, however. A copra producer.

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES.

WARD 3. AUWA AMUA of KORAVAKI. 39 years old. Educated at the L.M.S. school at Urika to std. 2. Is able to read and write simple English, Police Motu, Pidgin English, and the vernacular. Only outside work has been a stint of one year working as a labourer for A.P.C. at Badili. At present engaged in copra production.

WARD 2. GEOFFREY EKAI of KARARUA. 36 years old. Went to the Seventh Day Adventist school at Belepa and educated to std. 5. Is literate in simple English, Police Motu, Pidgin English, and the vernacular. Engaged in the traditional export of sago to the Central District. Claims to be in partnership with Karua Sisia of Corebada near Port Moresby. Geoffrey sends (so he says) about 100-150 bundles of sago a month to Karua who sells it in the (jointly-owned?) trade store. Geoffrey gets his sago from his fellow villagers and sometimes from people in the Urama. He has also 410 coffee trees planted near Baimuru and states that in October he will be planting more. Considered a "spiv" by one of Baimuru's trade store proprietors.

KAIPU KARARA of D.D.A., BAIMURU. About 56 years old. A Koriki from Kairimai village. No education whatsoever but is able to speak simple English, Police Motu, Pidgin English, Kerewa, Kibalo (Gope), and local Warari languages. Has been a District Administration interpreter since about 1947. Claims to have worked as a boss-boy prior to this for Steamships (2 years), Burns Philp (3 years) and ANGAU (3 years).

WARD 1. KONAI KARA of KEMEI. 26 years old. Went to the Seventh Day Adventist school at Belepa to std. 3. Literate in simple English, Police Motu, Pidgin English, and the vernacular. Considers himself a crocodile shooter - last week (in company with close relatives) received \$94.00. Usually shoots in the swamps surrounding Steamships logging camp. Rather an obnoxious character at times with his S.D.A. zeal and uncompromising attitudes. I first met him as a sealot two years ago during the Pie/Era Timber Rights Purchase. The management of the Baimuru Sawmill have also had minor skirmishes with him. He is prepared to stand up for his rights as ~~the~~ interpreted by him.

