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DISTRICT: BOUGAINVILLE

STATION: WAKUNAI, 1963 - 1964

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PATROL REPORT OF: IKIETA

ACCESSION No. 496

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[10] 11- 63/64	1-11	Melville A.S. CPO	Koromira, Kongara, South Nasioi CD	1 map	14/2/64-7/3/64
[11] 12- 63/64	1-12	Telvin R. (D.A.S.E.)	North Nasioi, Guava & Eivo CD	1 map	17/2/64-7/3/64
[12] 3- 63/64	1-8	Reading J.M. CPO	Aita & Rotokas Census Division		14/1/63-21/12/63
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PATROL REPORTS BOUGAINVILLE DISTRICT 1963/64

KIETA & WAKUNAI

Patrol No.	Officer Conducting Patrol.	Area Patrolled.
1-63/64	A.S.Melville	Koromira Census Division
2-63/64	J.M.Reading	Guava Census Division
3-63/64	S.Avosa	Kongara Census Division
4-63/64	A.S.Melville	North Nasioi Census Division
6-63/64	S.Avosa	North Nasioi
7-63/64	A.S.Melville	Eivo Census Division
8-63/64	A.S.Melville	Koromira Census Division
9-63/64	S.Avosa	Guava Census Division
10-63/64	S.Avosa	South Nasioi Census Division
11-63/64	A.S.Melville	Koromira, Kongara and South Nasioi Census Division
12-63/64	R.G.Godden	North Nasioi, Guava and Eivo Census Divisions
WAKUNAI		
3-63/64	J.M.Reading	Aita and Rotokas Census Divisions
4-63/64	J.E.Fowke	Aita and Rotokas Census Divs

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of Bougainville Report No. 3 of 63/64 WAK

Patrol Conducted by J.M.Reading Cadet Patrol Officer.

Area Patrolled AITA and ROTOKAS Census Divisions

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans Mr.G.Cooke P.O. (part)

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

Duration—From 14./11./1963 to 21./12./1963

Number of Days 20

Did Medical Assistant Accompany ? NO

Last Patrol to Area by—District Services Sept./1963

Medical Aug./...../1963

Map Reference Extract from Bougainville North Formil Series.

Objects of Patrol 1. Routine Administration 2. General Election Discussions 3. Advising on N.L.G.Cs.

Director of Native Affairs,

PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

2/3/1964

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 ....

67-11-11

11th March, 1964.

The District Officer,
Bougainville District,
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PATROL REPORT NO. 3-63/64- WAKUNAI:

Receipt of the abovementioned Patrol Report is acknowledged with thanks.

It seems that the area has been pretty well covered as far as political education is concerned.

I am gratified to note that some of the candidates for the House of Assembly have visited the area. There is no record of the response of the people to the talks given.

I am pleased that the names of leading men have been recorded. The information is always useful and can be referred to by polling officers.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR.

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Department of Native Affairs,
Bougainville District,
SOHANO.

2nd, March, 1964.

The Assistant District Officer,
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PATROL TO THE AITA AND ROTOKAS CENSUS DIVISIONS.
WAKUNAI PATROL REPORT NO. 3/63-64 - J. READING.

Mr. READING's Report of a Patrol to the AITA and ROTOKAS Census Divisions has been received.

Mr. READING does not make himself clear, where at Page 8 under Heading "Wakunai Local Government Council", he says that one of the reasons for revived opposition is "Rumours of abandonment of the Administration were circulating". I presume he means that they are afraid that once a Council is set up they will be left to their own devices. I would like some light put on this statement. What is meant by the statement that "By Territory standards the Wakunai Area is comparatively well off" ? What is his measuring stick ? If by this he means that the Wakunai people have sufficient good quality soil for subsistance and cash crops forming, I agree.

The actual fact is that the people of AITA and ROTOKAS do not stare, but apart from this they are poor in material things and it was only in the past few years that they have really started to advance economically. The latest figures I have of Cash Crops are :-

ITEM.	BEARING.	NON-BEARING.	TOTAL.
Coconuts.	14,000	63,000	77,000
Cacao.	3,000	17,000	20,000
Coffee.	.....	14,000	14,000

This certainly does not support the statement that they are well off. The Copra production is, I understand, about 50 tons per Annum.

I have changed the Contingency to read fifteen night camped out - not seventeen.

(D. J. CLANCY).
DISTRICT OFFICER.

Minute To :

The Director,
Department of Native Affairs,
KONEDOBU. PAPUA.

For your information please.

(D. J. CLANCY).
DISTRICT OFFICER.

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Patrol Post,
WAKUNAI,
Bougainville.
18/1/64

The Assistant District Officer,
KIETA.

WAKUNAI PATROL REPORT No.3 of 63/64
AITA AND ROTOKAS CENSUS DIVISIONS

Patrol Conducted by:- J.M.Reading C.P.O.
Accompanied by:- Mr.G.Cooke P.O. (part)
2 members R.P.& N.G.C.

Area Patrolled:- Aita and Rotokas.
Duration of Patrol:- 14-11-63 to 19-11-63
20-11-63 to 27-11-63
16-12-63 to 21-12-63
20 days

Previous Patrols:-

Dept. Native Affairs	September 1963
Dept. Agriculture	November 1963
Dept. Public Health	October 1963

Objects of Patrol:-
1. General Election Discussions.
2. Advising on N.L.G.Cs.
3. Routine Administration.

Map Reference:6 Bougainville North Formil

DIARY

November 1963

14th. Accompanied by Mr.G.Cooke the patrol departed Wakunai for TIARAKA by canoe. Discussions with villagers from here and TEIHUP on Local Government Councils and the House of Assembly Elections. Slept Tiaraka rest house.

15th. Departed Tiaraka on foot for NUPATORO. Village inspection and discussions. Slept Nupatoro.

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DIARY

November 1963

16th. Arrived POKOIA this morning from Nupatoro after three hours. Village inspected and meeting held for discussions. Slept Pokoia rest house.

17th. This morning arrived PIPIPAIA via Nupatoro from Pokoia. Election and Council discussions. Slept Pipipaia rest house.

18th. Mr.Cooke departs for Tinputz by Landrover. The patrol proceeds to KAKARAPHIA for inspection and discussions. During the afternoon the patrol returns to Nupatoro via Pipipaia. Slept Pipipaia rest house.

19th. Patrol departs by foot for Tiaraka village and thence by canoe for Wakunai. Slept Wakunai.

20th. This afternoon departed Wakunai for POKOIA. Discussions with villagers. Slept Pokoia.

21st. Further talks before departing for TUBIAI- 4½ hours up the Aita River. Inspection and talks. Slept Tubiai rest house.

22nd. Departed Tubiai for KUSI for discussions and inspection. Slept Kusi rest house.

23rd. Arrived OSIWAIPA from Kusi this morning. Inspection of village and artifacts. Slept Osiwaipa.

24th. Sunday observed at Osiwaipa village.

25th. Discussions on House of Assembly Elections and Local Government Council. Slept Osiwaipa rest house.

26th. Returned to Pokoia, this morning from Osiwaipa. Discussions at Pokoia. Slept rest house.

27th. Met Landrover at Pokoia and proceeded back to Wakuani. Slept Wakunai.

28th. to 15th. At Wakunai Patrol Post.

December 1963

16th. Departed Wakunai by Landrover, via Laikoia, for MAPEARO. Inspection and discussions. Slept Mapearo rest house.

17th. Arrived SIRORIPAIA from Mapearo. Discussions with villagers fro here and Betriopaia. Slept rest house.

18th. Left Siroripaia for SISIVI along rough track. Inspection and talks. Slept Sisivi.

19th. Arrived RURUVU from Sisivi. Discussions with villagers from here and Togarau. Slept rest house.

20th. Rained all day. Further talks. Slept Ruruvu.

21st. This Saturday morning departed Ruruvu for Wakunai. Arrived Wakunai after 6½ hours downhill.

END OF PATROL

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INTRODUCTION

This patrol covered both Wakunai census divisions of Aita and Rotokas for the advertising of the forthcoming House of Assembly Elections and the Wakunai Local Government Council elections.

The Wakunai administered area consists of the northern third of the Kieta sub-district. The rugged Emperor Range borders to the west and the Teop-Tinputz Council to the north. The Wakunai PatrolPost is approximately equidistant from the town of Kieta and Tinputz Patrol Post.

Only four Wakunai villages are located on the coast. Most of the remaining twenty three villages are to be found on the ridges and slopes of the Emperor Range and especially Mt. Bolbi.

This region is sparaly populated. The 1963 census figures reveal a total population of only 3578 in an area of over 370 square miles. This could distribute to over 66 acres per person. Throughout both census divisions there are large area of vacant but not unowned land.

The patrol was well received in all villages. Genuine interest was shown in both subjects of the patrol and many questions were asked.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

The main aim of this patrol was to educate the Wakunai people on the reasons for the 1964 General Elections and the principal of voting.

By means of charts and diagrams the villagers were explained aspects of the subject. As was found by this officer in Kieta, there was some confusion between this election and those for the proposed Wakunai council. Where possible all questions were answered and mis-understandings corrected.

It is unfortunate, from the point of view of local interest, that no candidates from this area are standing. This has been alleviated to some extent by the personal appearance of some of the candidates.

These people have appeared at Wakunai and have spoken to station personnel and local village leaders. In addition meetings have been held and all who were interested were invited to attend. This personal contact has stimulated interest.

At the time of this patrol the names of candidates had not been finalised. However, the names of likely candidates were given as examples. All men mentioned are now standing.

WAKUNAI LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

Since the gazetting of the Wakunai Council was imminent this patrol also advised on aspects of councils and the method of electing councillors. Most villagers were already familiar with the voting proceedure which had been used for the council plebicite.

Due to the more personal nature of the proposed council, this patrol found rather more interest shown here than with the General Elections. Many have given much thought to the idea and most have already decided who they will have for councillor.

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WAKUNAI LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

As was to be expected an anti-council attitude has been re-appearing in some villages, notably those with Seventh Day Adventist elements. This has probably come about due to the lag between the plebicite and the actual formation.

Reasons for a revival in opposition were hard to ascertain but rumours of crushing taxation and abandonment of the administration were circulating. Once the council elections are under way it is not expected that there will be any serious opposition.

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

By Territory standards the Wakunai area is comparatively well off. There is an abundance of fertile land and economic potential with the limit being only inititive and hard work.

Houses are of semi-European style, multi roomed following no particular disign. The roofing is of sacsac (occasionally iron), walls of split bamboo, flooring of planks with a timber frame. Innovations are common in door, window and furniture construction.

Gardening is primative and sporadic but due the rich soil and abandant land there are no hardships here. Surpluses of vegitables are frequently sold to the government station, missions and nearby plantations.

All villagers have necessities such as clothing, cooking and eating utensils, bushknife, axes and spades, mirrors etc. In addition many buy sundry goods from the local trade stores of either practical or aesthetic value.

Many of the younger people now have some degree of education and quite a few are literate in either their own tongue, Pidgin English or English. Nearlly all adults understand and speak Pidgin English.

Money is earned from cash crops such as copra, coffee, cocoa, potatoes and other vegitables. Many of the men also work as casual labourers with the government or plantations. Several villages from the Aita Census Division earn a considerable income from the sale of decorated walking sticks and bows and arrows. In the last few months these people have earned over £200 from this source.

LEADING MEN

The following men were conspicious to this officer and from all accounts hold considerable influence in the area. Most will probably be elected councillors and the council president could come from amongst these men.

VITUMANI Luluai of Laikoia and former mission worker. This man owns large areas of land near the station and holds considerable influence amongst the nearby villages. He has large holdings of cocoa and is pro-administration and a staunch supporter of councils.

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LEADING MEN

KILI Luluai of Sisivi. A man of wide respect in the upper villages of the Rotokas. Another Strong Administration supporter whose assistance was intrumental in spreading government influence both before and after the War.

WUNAWUNTI From Tiaraka. Although not a village offiwial he is undoubtably the leading man of the coastal villages. He has large holdings of coconuts and cocoa from which he receives considerable income. He has influence in the Aita and northern Rotokas as well as on the coast.

PIOPI Tultul of Pipipaia. Another man with large land holdings in northern and central Wakunai. He is respected and has a good war record. He has been recommended for the Loyal Service Medal.

SIROWSI Paramount Luluai from Pokoia. He has considerable prestigue because of his government title. A man with strong personality he has a large influence over his Aita paramountcy but he is not very popular because of his government association

RATAWAI Luluai of Teperoi. An old timer well known to local trade and plantations. He has influence in southern Wakunai and on the coast. However he does not favour councils and his small village has always been opposed to the formation of a Wakunai council.

CONCLUSIONS

Although broken by station obligations, this patrol moved steadily to complete the pressing nature of its objects.

The Wakunai villagers should now have a fairly clear idea of the aims and purpose of the House of Assembly Elections and a basic knowledge of voting proceedure.

It is also hoped that the rise of anti-ideas has been stemed to some extent through the ~~through the~~ discussions and question answering.

The Wakunai area is big and, although sparsely populated, it has a good potential which should be stimulated by the forthcoming Wakunai Local Government Council.

J.M.Reading

J.M.Reading
Cadet Patrol Officer.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

District of BOUGAINVILLE Report No. WAKUNAI 4 OF 1963/64

Patrol Conducted by JOHN EDWARD FOWKE. P.O. GRADE I.

Area Patrolled AITA AND POTOKAS CENSUS DIVISIONS.

Patrol Accompanied by Europeans NIL

Natives 2

Duration—From 13/1/1964 to 24/1/1964

Number of Days 12

Did Medical Assistant Accompany? NO

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

Medical 11/19 63

Map Reference FOURMIL, BOUGAINVILLE

Objects of Patrol SPREAD OF HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ELECTORAL INFORMATION.
FAMIARISE THE PATROLLING OFFICER WITH THE AREA.

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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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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Our Reference 67/1/1.

If calling ask for

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DEPARTMENT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION
7 DEC 1964
HEADQUARTERS
PORT MORESBY

Department of District Administration,
Bougainville District,
SOHANO.

3rd. November, 1964.

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

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PATROL REPORT NO.4 - 1963/64 - WAKUNAI.

Reference your 67/11/22 of 24th. November, 1964.

This Report was not received at this Office from KIETA although I was assured by the Assistant District Commissioner yesterday that it had been forwarded shortly after the completion of the Patrol.

It would appear that the Report went astray between KIETA and SOHANO. The loss was not discovered here until your Memorandum 67/1/1 of 13th. October, 1964 was circulated to all Stations. This Office is at fault for not discovering earlier that the Report was missing.

P.J. Mollison

(P. J. MOLLISON).
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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24th November, 1964

The District Commissioner,
Bougainville District,
SOHANO.

PATROL REPORT NO. 4-1963/64 - WAKUNAI

Receipt of the abovementioned report is acknowledged with thanks.

Please explain to me by return mail why a report of a patrol carried out in January, 1964 was forwarded to me on 9th November, 1964.

Delayed reports become worthless.

(J.K. McCarthy)
DIRECTOR

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

Telegrams
Telephone
Our Reference 67/1/1.
In replying ask for
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Department of District Administration,
Bougainville District,
SOHANO.

9th. November, 1964.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AFFAIRS
16 NOV 1964
HEADQUARTERS
PORT MORESBY

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

PATROL REPORTS AND ADMINISTRATION MEMORANDA.

Memorandum 67/1/1 of 30th. October, 1964 from this Office refers.

Forwarded herewith please find Copy of WAKUNAI Patrol Report No. 4.

P. J. Mollison
(P. J. MOLLISON).
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

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Station	WAKUNAI Patrol Post.
Sub-District	KIETA Sub-District
District	BOUGAINVILLE District.
PATROL NO.	WAKUNAI No.4. of 1963/64.
PATROLLING OFFICER.	JOHN EDWARD FOWKE. P.O. Gd. II
Personnel Accompanying.	Nil Administration Officers. Constable WAU of R.P.& N.G.C. Constable AIRIP " "
Duration of Patrol	13th. January 1964 to 24th. January 1964. 12 Days on Patrol.
Last Patrol To Area.	D.N.A. November, 1963. D.A.S.F. July, 1963. P.H.D. November, 1963.
Objects of the Patrol.	House of Assembly Election Education. Familiarisation by the Officer with the areas.
Map Reference	Fourmil. Bougainville.

COPY :

PATROL DIARY :

Monday 13th. January, 1964.

Departed WAKUNAI 1.45 pm. per A1024 for POKOIA Arrived 3.30 pm. Camp set up and Village Officials contacted re patrol programme to 5.00 pm. Slept POKOAI.

Tuesday.

8.30 am. Sufficient people had gathered and talks started on the Election purpose and voting method to 12.30 pm. After lunch Village groups discussed the eligibility of Candidates which the writer attended to 5.30 pm. Slept POKOIA.

Wednesday.

Departed POKOAI 6.00 am. for OSWAIPA arriving 11.15 am. Camp was set up and after lunch Village Officials were collectivly talked to re. attitude to the arrival of the Patrol. Village inspection carried out to 5.45 pm. Slept OSWAIPI.

Thursday.

8.00 am. addressed assembly of local people re House of Assembly Elections. PM. spent in Village inspection at KUSI and discussions of Village problems there to 5.45 pm. Slept OSWAIPI.

Friday.

Departed OSWAIPI 5.30 am. for PIPIPAIA arriving 12.30 pm. After camp was set up the Patrol had to wait till after 4.00 pm. before any number of people were assembled. Talks given to a mere handful of people to 5.00 pm. Slept PIPIPAIA.

Saturday.

Being an S.D.A. Group no carriers were available and after arranging for carriers to be available for Monday the writer departed for WAKUNAI. Slept WAKUNAI.

Sunday.

Day observed. Departed qWAKUNAI 1.45 pm. for PIPIPAIA per A1024 arriving 3.10 pm. Slept PIPIPAIA.

Monday.

7.00 am. departed PIPIPAIA for BULISTORO arriving 10.00 am. Attendance good here and people all assembled within the hour. Talks were given immediately and by 11.25 am. people allowed to return home. After lunch a Village inspection was conducted and two arbitrations heard. Slept BULISTORO.

Tuesday.

Talks given to the KAKARAPAIA group who fialed to appear yesterday at 11.00 am. Camp broken at 11.30 and Patrol departed for TOGARAU arriving 3.30 pm. Although not on the scheduled programme talks were given here to avoid having people to walk to SISIVI tomorrow. Slept TOGORAU

Wednesday.

7.00 am. departed TOGARAU for SISIVI arriving 10,00 am. Talks given immediately people assembled and were over by 2.30 pm. Prisoner OMOYKEPA taken into custody. Slept SISIVI.

Thursday.

7.10 am. departed for MAPAIRO arriving noon. Camp was set up and a good assembly was ready after an hour to hear talks. Discussion held to 5.00 pm/ Slept MAPIARO.

PATROL DIARY. (Cont.)

Friday.

6.10 am departed MAPIARO for WAKUNAI arriving OLD LAIKOIA 9.15 am. where A1024 was waiting to take the Patrol and Equipment to WAKUNAI. Arrived WAKUNAI 9.50 am.

END OF PATROL.

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INTRODUCTION.

The patrol was mounted from WAKUNAI with the intention of making a quick visit to some of the more central Villages of the area to give talks on the purpose and method of Voting in the forthcoming House of Assembly Elections.

Only six Rest Houses were slept in during the Patrol but these were in the most convenient points for the near -by Villagers to congregate to hear talks. The Route followed is that set down for the actual Election Patrol.

By visiting the six Polling places the writer became fimiliar with the route and was able to collectively talk to the respective people who will be voting at those places.

It was not possible in the short period available, to visit all the Villges and Rest Houses but the Patrol saw and spoke to about 503 of the eligible voting population.

By virtue of the fact that the Patrol was of a special nature, being the writers first visit to the area and the Patrol lasting for only 12 days, coverage will be given in this report to fewer subjects than would be normally dealt with.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS, ROADS AND BRIDGES, ELECTION CAMPAIGN, NATIVE ATTITUDES AND AGRICULTURE. These will be discussed.

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VILLAGE OFFICIALS :

1. At the Rest Houses visited Village Officials from all groups were met and individually asked if they had any problems or matters on their minds. Positive assurances were given that all community affairs were in perfect order and no advice needed on any matter.

2. On checking the names of persons holding the insignia of Village Officials against the names of the Village Officials in the Village Book it was noticed that from each of four Villages one Official was missing. It was learned that these men, all Tultuls, were absent in the TEOP/TINPUTZ Area working on Plantations, in the capacity of labourers. These men had not returned to thei Villages for six months, and in one case nine months.

3. Word was sent to these men to present themselves to the next Patrol and if they wished to continue sech employment recommendations will be made to have them dismissed from Office.

4. During the writers two months at WAKUNAI not one complaint has been brought forward for settlement or arbitration. On questioning several Village Officials regarding the frequency of crime in their Village it was observed that there would appear to be no marked difference in the crime rate of the area compared with any other similar area in New Guine.

5. On pressing further it was learned that whenever the law is broken the matter is settled by a fine imposed by the presiding Village Official payable to the injured, complaining party. Some of the matters decided in this way, in the opinion of the writer, could only be properly be settled by law. The standard fines are inadequate and completely out of proportion to the gravity of the offence. One fine imposed was the sum of £1 for an offence of indecently assaulting a female child.

6. When the law has been broken the complainant will seek several decisions from as many Village Officials until a favourable one from his point of view is given. As a result on each hearing the evidence is being rehashed and when the matter is not agreed upon after the sixth it may be brought forward to the lawful authority for settlement. In most cases the evidence given in court is so cintradictory that the complaint is dismissed.

7. At this point no final decision has been reached and although the matter may be temporarily struck from the Village discussion list it is likely to be brought forward again in the next three years.

8. If the injured party wishes to lay a formal complaint before the proper authority traditional means of verbal persuasion are used by the influential relatives of the defendant to coerce the complainant into desist with the laying of the formal charge.

9. Fear of imprisonment coupled with their traditional consideration of ones "brother" and the general acceptance of the rift that has developed between an offence and a Court of Law, are considered the main reasond for the present attitude towards seeking proper lawful decisions.

10. The only solution to this problem is to continue encouraging the people to bring forward any complaints immediately to have them arbitrated or settled by Law without the hazard of a preliminary village hearing.

11. It is hoped that with the establishment of the WAKUNAI Local Government Council this unsatisfactory state of affairs will discontinue.

There will no longer be Administration appointed Village Officials who may possibly be using their official position to usurp the powers of a Magistrate.

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ROADS AND BRIDGES :

1. Generally speaking the "Exploratory Jeep Tracks" throughout the area are in a comparable state to the condit -ion implied by this classification. Although rough these tracks are reliable dry weather means of reaching by vehicle otherwise isolated communities and provide convenient starting and finishing points for patrols.

2. Little rain has fallen during the past two months and it is not known how the tracks will last subject to adverse weath -er conditions.

3. Instructions were given to the people assembled to hear the Election talks, regarding the continual observance of the regular one day per week road work day. Although trafficable grass and general growth on the tracks would indicate that inter -est is waning in the performance of the task of maintenance.

4. Good work continues on a newtrack from WAKUNAI to RURUVU of which approximately 2 miles have been completed. Excavation work has been now reached a difficult section slowing down progress considerably.

5. Patrol Tracks between Rest Houses would appear to have fallen into a state of dispepair due to negligence but it is to be hoped that with the encouragement given to maintain the tracks interest in the task will revive.

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ELECTION CAMPAIGN. :

1. The centres visited by the Aptrol are those set down as Polling places for the purpose of the forthcoming House of Assembly Elections. At each Rest House people from the respective Villages to vote at that Polling place were collectively spoken to regarding voting procedure and the purpose of the Elections.

2. From the information spread by the last Patrol into the area the people had grasped the general principles of the Elections This Patrol was able to make known the names of the 9 Open Electorate Candidates in whom great interest was shown.

3. With the use of balckboards located in the Villages and enlarged simulated Ballot paper was drawn up. After explaining the method and purpose of the preferential voting system and boards were left at the Polling Place for inspection by persons not directly contacted by the Patrol.

4. A question time was set aside after each talk during which period matters not quite clear to the people could be discussed and clarified. Questions were many but mostly along the lines of "For whom shall we Vote; we know none of these people (the Candidates)". Since the completion of this Patrol6 of the Open Electorate Candidates and 2 of the Special Electorate Candid -ates have visited WAKUNAI and given talks, both at WAKUNAI and some Plantations and Villages, to interested groups. All were received well and listened to with obvious interest.

5. The exact number of persons who will cast a Vote is impossible to estimate although fewer people are exepcted to fill out a Ballot paper from PIPIPAIA and KAKARAPAIA groups than the average for the other Villages of the area.

6. This impression was gained from the obvious lack of inter -est shown by the people from these groups in the talks given. From both Villages fewer than 20 persons, or approximately 10%, the majority women, presented themselves to gain more information on electoral matters.

7. It is thought that the strong S.D.A. influencein the area may have some bearing on the matter. This Church advocates that Members of the Faith should not participate in any electiors where it is not compulsory to Vote and the matter being Voted on does not directly effect the beliefs of the Church.

8. This matter was discussed with Pastor H. WATTS of the S.D.A. Mission at INUS and he has assured the writer that he would contact these people and encourage them to participate in the Elections.

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NATIVE ATTITUDES :

1. At all of the 6 Rest Houses visited it was most obvious that no preparations had been made to receive the Patrol. Village Officials were not all presnt and in one case, at PIPIPAIA, not a person was to be seen for over an hour. Prior knowledge was given of the exact day of the arrival of the patrol, at each centre, up to a week in advance. The schedule advertised was kept to without variation.

2. On arrival at a Rest House it became the Patrol's custom to make camp and then wait fro 2 to 4 hours before a respectable number of people from the Villages to vote at the Polling places to make it worth while to begin talks. As mentioned in ELECTION CAMPAIGN above 2 groups were then only represented by approximately 10% of the eligible voters.

3. After the usual delay the crowd that did gather would be classed as good, and overall approximate % of 50% of all eligible voters in attendance.

4. Groups belonging to the 3 denominations in the area, mainly Methodist, Catholic and S.D.A. would appear to live in harmony. One case was indirectly reported where an attempt was made by a Methodist group to pull down a Catholic Church but on investigation no evidence could be found to support the alligations.

5. While in the SISIVI Area the Patrol took into custody one. OMOYKEPA, an escaped prisoner who had been at large for nearly 18 months. Correspondence 24/3/2 of 28th. January, 1964 refers.

6. A demonstration was staged by 61 men from the 4 Villages in the area in protest to the man being taken back into custody. The exact reason for the demonstration is not known as OMOYKEPA gave himself up to the Patrol and the demonstrators after accompanying the prisoner and Patrol back to WAKUNAI went back to their Villages without incident.

7. At the itme it was sensed that there was more to the situation than met the eye but the demonstration must be taken at its face value, that is, no law was broken by the demonstratorsand they all departed WAKUNAI on the prisoner being transferred to the SOHANO Corrective Institution.

8. It is not expected that OMOYKEPA will cause any further trouble on his release from prison.

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AGRICULTURE :

1. The noticeable lack of larger forms of livestock throughout the area surprised the writer. The region would appear to have a vast potential for the grazing of livestock such as pigs and goats. It was stated by the people that there are numerous wild pigs in the more inaccessable regons of bush but they make no attempt to hunt them as a regular source of protein.

2. Possibly the economy of the area is such that the time required to tend livestock can be more profitabley spent in earning a cash income to purchase imported food stuffs. Fowls and dogs were in abundance providing a tasty meal to vary the standard diet.

3. Due to the special nature of this patrol no time was available to make a detailed study of the subsistance agriculture activities of these people. However, from casual observations of gardens and areas used to cultivate food crops the people would appear to be very poor agriculturalists, and no new cultivations are in evidence.

4. The area has a vast potential for the planting of coconuts, cocoa and coffee but surprisingly few areas which would be produc-ing a regular income to the planter were in evidence. Coconut groves are small and the crop is largely consumed as part of the regular diet.

5. Apart from the observations mentioned above no noe starving or suffering from malnutrition was seen. Overall the people would appear to be normal healthy individuals.

CONCLUSION :

1. The objects of the Patrol were fully accomplished, namely the writers familiarisation with the area and the propogat -ion of Electoral information.

2. From instructions and talks given it is anticipated that Patrols in the future will be greeted with all due preparation, a good poll of votes will be recorded and work will resume on the numerous Patrol and Jeep tracks to bring them up to standard.

3. The area has a definite potential both economically and politically but only requires the seed of desire to be nurtured into a tree of progress by continuous encouragement and a willingness on the part of the people to work.