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PATROL REPORT NO 6 - 68 - 69
BY
MR. D. I. MacDONALD
HUTJENA
BOUGAINVILLE DISTRICT

TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA
PATROL REPORT

Report Number Hutjena No. 6-1968/69

Subdistrict Buka Passage

District Bougainville

Type of Patrol Special

Patrol Conducted by D.I. MacDonald Patrol Officer

Area Patrolled Selau Census Division

(Council and/or Part Council

Census Division/s)

Personnel Accompanying Patrol Constable Pita Reg.No.1184

Francis Makeni Admin. Driver

Duration of Patrol--from 3 / 4 /69 To 29 / 6 / 69 Broken

No. of Days 106

Last D.D.A. Patrol to Area: R.Gregory Patrol Officer

Date 18/11/68 to 29/11/68 Duration

Objects of Patrol (Briefly) Road Construction/Contain Welfare activities/

Census/Area Study/ General Administration

Total Population of Area Patrolled 2505

Director of District Administration,

KONEDOBU.

Forwarded, please

25/9/1969

District Commissioner.

District Headquarters,
Bougainville District,
RFH/ca KIETA.
24th September, 1969.
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RFH/ca
The Secretary,
Department of the Administration,

KONEDOBU.

PATROL REPORT HUTJENA No 6 - 1968/69

AREA STUDY - SELAU CENSUS DIVISION

BUKA PASSAGES SUB-DISTRICT

MR. D.I. MacDONALD. PATROL OFFICER

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Sub-District, are:

1. Area Study
2. Situation Report
3. Patrol Instructions
4. Map
5. Village Population Register
6. Covering comments by A.D.O., Hutjena.

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(D.N. Ashton)

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

c.c. THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER,
HUTJENA.

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Mr..... RFH/ca

Department of District Administration.

District Headquarters,

Bougainville District,

KIETA.

24th September, 1969.

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The Secretary,

Department of the Administrator,

KONEDOBU.

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KJH/efd

Sub District Office,

KJH/efd HUTJENA,

Bougainville District.

3rd September, 1969.

The District Commissioner,

District Headquarters,

KIETA.

PATROL REPORT HUTJENA No.6-1968/69

AREA STUDY - SELAU CENSUS DIVISION,

Buka Passage Sub-District.

Mr. D.I. Mac Donald. Patrol Officer.

1. I attach original and one copy of the above area study, which was received at this officer on the 8th August, 1969. Upon his arrival in this Sub District in March, 1969 I posted Mr. MacDonald to the SELAU area with three main objectives in mind:-

- (a) active development of the feeder road network in the SELAU peninsular;
- (b) combat the spreading influence of the HAHALIS Welfare Society;
- (c) compile an area study, with accurate statistics to enable the BUKA Council and Administration Department[s] at HUTJENA, to intelligently plan the immediate and future development of the area.

My patrol instructions are relevant to the above.

I have the following comments on the report.

2.

POLITICAL SITUATION

The villages of MANOB, SORUM, ANAKEI, TOROTEI, TAPSANWARA And TARBUT, joined the BUKA Council in late 1963, two years after the original proclamation. In 1967, GOHI and KATSINKOVERI joined and the remaining villages of UMUM, RURI, SIARA, CHUNDAWAN, RAMUNDATA, PORAPORA, and RATSUA continued un-committed. Luluai KERRO of SIARA has control over these latter villages. In 1969, the HAHALIS Welfare Society on Buka Island commenced an expansion movement onto the main island of Bougainville. The society spokesman visited the SELAU, KUNUA and TINPUTZ areas, spreading HAHALIS propaganda and endeavoring to collect money.

3. Unfortunately, KERRO decided to support HAHALIS and the villages under his influence followed suit. The HAHALIS Society has collected the following amounts to date:-

Village	Contributors	Amount
Ton (hamlet)	19	\$ 190
Siara	84	840
Ruri	19	190
Chundawan	49	490
Ramundata	5	50
Porapora	34	340
Ratsua	38	380
Omsana (hamlet)	36	360
284	\$2,840	
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(cont) This is from the SELAU area only. In all TOESIN has collected about \$23,000 in the North Bougainville area.

As Mr. MacDonald says on page 3 of his situation report, the money is for no specific project or purpose, but will simply be kept at HAHALIS. Field reports indicate that the spokesmen are using a variety of inducements. To mention a few:

“the money will buy out the law”,

“the money will buy out the government”

“the money will buy a new government”

“if you do not join, you will be left out when HAHALIS takes over”,

“if you don't join you will lose your land” etc.

The collections are an appeal to nativism, to an innate, nativistic mentality, to which the people of Bougainville and the Territory, are very susceptible.

The Buka Council, and the Administration, have actively opposed the collections through the radio station, new-sheets, public meetings and patrols. This has been generally successful. At the time of writing, the expansion of the welfare society seems to have come to a halt. The villages under KERROL and the villages of the north RAMAZON area of the TINPUTZ council have paid their tax. The Buka Council, the Tinputz council and the HAHON, KUNUA and KERIACA census division have resisted the HAHALIS overtures.

4. The key to the SIARA peoples' switch to HAHALIS of course, was KERRO. One must know KERRO over a period of years to see through the camouflage. To use an old cliché of mine - “he speaks with a forked tongue”. The man is strong, traditional power and is treated in awe, almost fear, by the people. He has monopolised production around SIARA, and in the north RAMAZON area of TINPUTZ for 24 years. He owes money to people all over Bougainville. In fact, he was running a miniature HAHALIS type society before JOHN TEOSIN was ever heard of. I am convinced that while he lives (he is 61 years of age) that political and economic development of his people will be retarded.

5. In a divided area such as this, spirited council activity was essential. The BUKA council has always been aware of this and its achievements have been considerable as the following completed projects illustrate:-

Project	Cost
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30 x 1000 gal. tanks	\$ 3300
Catchment for above	1000
1 x 10,000 gal, tank	800
1 Aid Post	900
1 Tractor and Trailer unit	3600
1 Johnson Outboard	
350 Rural Development roads	5000
	\$ 14,950.00

Since joining the Council, the SELAU people have contributed \$9,600 in council tax. In addition to the above the people have a proprietary interest in the Buka Passage markets and the Buka council workboat, the M.V. 'BUKATOA'.
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6. The bugbear of the SELAU has always been roads.

When the BUKA road was completed in 1965, the heavy equipment was taken out and sent to KIETA, inspite of requests for it to be moved across the Buka Passage to Bonis. The Selau was left with a badly rutted dirt track, as described by Mr. MacDonald on page 17. Several attempts were made to improve the road with maintenance funds and in 1967, the District Co-ordinating Committee gave SELAU roads first priority over the north-east coast road and north-west coast road, both of which are now on the Territory Works Programme. It was not until the Buka Council made direct appeal to His Honour the Administrator in February 1969, that real improvement began, mainly with the positioning in the area of a D6 bulldozer, a small front end loader and a tractor and trailer unit. The improvement to the roads has been miraculous and the consequent improvement of the political situation is heartening.

7. ROADS

For the satisfactory marketing of produce and for the future development of the area to its fullest capacity, it will be necessary to surface the following roads with coronous:-

BONIS to TARBUT (main coastal road) - 12 miles, (9 miles completed)

TOROTEI to TARLENA (feeder road) - 3 miles, (completed)

TARBUT to CHABAI (" ") - 3 miles

GOHEI to TSIROGE (" ") - 3 miles

BONIS to TSIROGE (" ") - 2 miles.

You will recall that I consulted you about the scope of our road-building activity in the SELAU, and we decided that the surfaced road would finish at TARBUT, and would not proceed into KERRO's area. The Council people voluntarily tax themselves while the SIARA people pay nothing to develop[e] their area. This is the cause of much discontent and the council has applied strong pressure to have the road stop at TARBUT. I agree, particularly in view of the present political situation. This is not to say that the road will not go on to SIARA at a later date.

The P.W.D. team, using maintenance funds, is working with the D6, the loader, the tractor and trailer unity and in addition is hiring two extra tractor and trailer units. Mr. MacDonald's team, using rural devel-

opment funds, is working with an Administration tractor and trailer provided from HUTJENA and in addition he hires whatever other tractors are available. He also utilises coronous from the P.W.D. pits which is a big help and far more sensible than digging it out the a pick and shovel. What is required is:-

- (a) the D6 bulldozer to remain in the area until all of the above roads are completed;
- (b) when the P.W.D. team reaches TARBUT, it should then deploy to the GOHI/TSIROGE and BONIS/TSIROGE feeder roads. Mr. MacDonald has now commenced the TARBUT/CHABAI feeder road;
- (c) when all the above roads are completed, the D6 should stockpile a sizeable heap of coronous in each pit.

It is possible to complete all of this before Christmas 1969. The work is 75% completed now. Why not finish it while we have the chance? The completion of the above objectives will give a definite boost in prestige to .../4

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7. ROADS (cont.)

to the Buka Council, will assist greatly in containing the HAHALIS movement and will open the way to the maximum economic development of the SELAU peninsular. Surely this is more important than clearing town sites etc. which work the D6 would be doing if moved to KIETA, where other plant is available for hire anyway. This is a big opportunity to make a lasting, favourable impression in this area and I strongly request you to ensure that it is taken.

8. ECONOMIC SITUATION

Current statistics for the two main crops are :-

Coconuts	Mature	60,534
Immature	16,273	
Present production	467 tons per annum	
Cocoa	Mature	5,205
Immature	5,635	
Present Production	7 “ “ “	

Mr. K. Adams, Rural Development Officer in charge

of the Sub-District, has read the report and I have discussed its implications with him. The following points emerge:-

(a) there is insufficient cocoa as yet to warrant the introduction of a Rural Progress Society fermenting centre similar to those on Buka. Also, the sizeable cocoa plantings are well spread out, i.e. RURI, GOHI, MANOB. Indications are that the soil is deficient in iron and nitrogen and fertilizer may be required. The main buyers of wet beans are Mr. Oscar BOND, Mr. jock LEE, both of whom are paying in the vicinity of [.]8¢ per lb. A concerted extension programme is indicated for cocoa.

(b) there is strong competition amongst the private traders for the purchase of copra. The chinese traders provide free road transport to the Passage, sea transport across, cash in hand and free transport home. This is good service. For those with their own C.M.B. numbers, copra storage facilities are available at:

1. the Co-operative Association at Buka Passage.

2. Bonis Plantation.

Further storage facilities will be available with

Mr. P. Hunter when he becomes established.

Bishop Lemay offered to provide storage facilities

at TSIROGE, provided the people built the sheds.

They lost interest when it was half completed.

Again, a concerted extension programme is indicated for coconuts.

c) there are adequate resources of undeveloped land available to all villages;

d) there has been only one Development Bank Loan to date, to a group at KATSINKOVERE, for the purchase of a tractor.

9. CONCLUSIONS

The following action is to be implemented at Sub-District level :-

(a) Mr. P.O. MacDonald to remain at the TOROTEI camp and continue with feeder road construction and countering HAHALIS expansion.

(b) Mr. K. Adams has decided to post a/RDO Lohia TOLANA permanently to the SELAU, probably at TOROTEI. He will concentrate on the extension of coconut and cocoa.

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9. CONCLUSIONS cont.

(b) plantings.

(c) Careful selection of influential men, with customary land entitlements, for training in cocoa techniques at KUBU, and then to be assisted in establishing small holdings.

(d) More Development Bank Loans for (c) above and other responsible people.

(e) Luluai Kerrol and his people to be included in all of the above.

(f) Transport tractor and trailer unit to remain permanently in the SELAU. This to be supplemented with TOYOTA land cruiser when road programme completed.

(g) BUKA Local Government Council to remain active in all places[spheres] of development and to ensure that the people can see visible benefits from their taxes.

Action that is required at District level is :-

(a) P.W.D. road building machinery to remain in area as requested in 7 (a), (b), (c).

(b) Continuity of Rural Development road funds to this Sub-District.

10. GENERAL

The Buka Council is pro-Administration and pro-Australia, as evidence by its statement at its August statutory meeting. I consider that the Council has lent strong support to the Government during this trying and difficult year on Bougainville. The Council is winning out in the SELAU in its confrontation with HAHALIS and it will undoubtedly be politically beneficial for the Administration to lend as much assistance as possible.

Mr. MacDonald has submitted a very good report. It is neat, well presented, meticulous and contains a wealth of useful detail, which is exactly what I required. He is on very good terms with the SELAU people and I am more than satisfied with his work since he arrived in the Sub-District.

I am sure the Administrator would be interested in the report.

You may like to suggest to the Secretary that he show it to His Honour.

Forwarded, please.

(K.J. HANRAHAN)

Assistant District Commissioner.

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Department of District Administration.

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Sub-District Office,

HUTJENA.

24th February, 1969.

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Mr. D. MacDonald,

Patrol Officer,

HUTJENA.

Dear Sir,

HUTJENA PATROL No. 5 - 1968/1969.

SELAU CENSUS DIVISION.

1. Please make arrangements to commence a patrol to the above area, commencing on Monday 3rd March, 1969. The purpose of the patrol is threefold - (a) intelligent and effective expenditure of rural development feeder road funds for the SELAU (b) general administration as outlined below and (c) completion of an Area Study.

2. ROADS.

The district Co-ordinator Committee has allocated an amount of \$3000 for feeder roads in the SELAU. The BUKA Council has decided that the feeder road from TOROTSI village to TARLENA should be improved and that the money should be spent here in toto. I leave this to your judgement. These are numerous feeder roads - GOMI/TSIROGE, HANTOA/TARLENA, TARBUT/CHABAI etc. You should have a look at them all and select the most strategic and useful.

3. The BUKA Council tractor and trailer (FORDSON 3000 will be on permanent hire to you for roadwork. This is a new unit and should be very useful. Please see that the driver carries out regular servicing. In addition, you should employ a labour line of about 20/30 at the ruling rates of 70¢ per day. Your contact men are Cr. JOSEPH WANES of SORUM and Cr. KOBONO of ANAKEI.

4. The greatest difficulty in the SELAU is the shortage of stockpiled coronous. There is plenty of coronous there, but we lack a dozer to dig it out. Until coronous is available, work on feeder roads will involve clearing of bush on both sides of the road, draining, cambering and stoning. You may care to leave a team in the coronous pit at RAMUNDATA to stockpile with picks.

5. I want this \$3000 expended by the end of May 1969. Don't confine yourself to the above road. Have a look at the situation and make your own plans in consultation with me. Any improvement you can effect to SELAU feeder roads will be immensely appreciated

by producers in the area.

6. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

I am mainly concerned at reports of activities of the HAHALIS Welfare Society in this area. The Council villages are MANOB, SORUM, SONI (part), ANAKEI, TOROTEI, TAISANWARA, TARBUT. All Mission establishments CHABAI, TARLINA and TSIROGE are in the Council. BONIS and PORTON Plantations are in the Council, indeed Mr. BILL CHEUNG YOU is a Councillor. Villages not in the BUKA Council are - RAMUNDATA, KATSINNOVERI, CHANDAWAN, SIARA, RURI, UMUM, RATSUA and PORAPORA.

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7. I am advised that KASKAS of RURI, KOREMA of SIARA and KANIS of UMUM, together with KSAMAN (TINPUTZ Councillor) of CHINPATS and KOUT of BANIO all spent a week at HAHALIS from 8th to 15th February. The visit would have been in connection with the proposed HAHALIS money collection.

8. The policy on these collections of money is as follows - JOHN TEOSIN wishes to collect \$10 from every adult on BUKA and BOUGAINVILLE, including all Council villages. The BUKA Council deliberated the matter and eventually decided not to join in the collections because :-

- “(a) the idea of collecting money without a fixed purpose or use for that money is not acceptable for the Council.
- (b) in previous meetings between the Welfare leaders and the Council, no agreement could be reached as to the area in which collections would be made.
- (c) the Council would require that (1) the money be deposited in a savings A/C; (2) there would be three signatories to the account - one from the Welfare, one from the Council and the third from the Administration (A.D.C. Sub-District); (3) that the money be collected on an organised basis i.e. receipts issued etc.”

The Administration supports the Council in refusing to join in the collection. I do not think it is a good idea and I am sure that when people donate money, for no specified purpose, then there is ‘cargo thinking’ behind it. TEOSIN is trying to capitalise on this.

9. Would you please investigate, find out what is going on and let me know by means of weekly reports. You have my authority to visit BANIU, CHINDPATS, and ARAVIA in the TINPUTZ area.

10. KEROL, luluai of SIARA, is the biggest influence in the area. He is not in the Council and is usually involved in most things that occur. You should study previous reports on the area, particularly Mr. NEAL’s Local Government Survey of 1963.

11. In all matters pertaining to native Administration, give the BUKA Council your full support.

12. AREA SURVEY.

I want to get the main BONIS/BANIU road onto the Works Programme for 1969/1970. For this reason I would like you to compile an Area Study of the SELAU Census Division, refer DDA Standing Instructions VOLUME 1, page 155. This will involve conducting a census revision in your own time.

13. GENERAL.

You should set up a base camp in the Council tank house at

ANAKEI or TOROTEI. These are good quality buildings with sawn timber floor, corrugated iron roof, water tanks, etc. If you wish I shall supply you with[e] a refrigerator. Patrol equipment is available at HUTJENA. PATRICK, the clerk, will issue you with a two ring primus stove.

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14. Constable TOVANGERE has been detailed to accompany you. Do not employ him on road supervision.

15. Draw a cash advance of \$20 from Treasury HUTJENA for patrol expenses. You should send details of road labourers wages in to HUTJENA with your policeman each Wednesday before payday and the money will be sent back to you.

16. I suggest you visit the SELAU for several days this week to set up your camp. When road work commences it will take about 3 months to exhaust available funds. If you wish you can come into HUTJENA each week-end.

17. Please see me if you have any queries and liase with Mr. DAGGE for equipment.

Yours faithfully,

(K.J. HANRAHAN),

Assistant District Commissioner.

c.c. The District Commissioner,
District Officer,
KIETA.

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REPORT NUMBER HUTJENA No.6 -1968/69
SUB-DISTRICT BUKA PASSAGE
DISTRICT BOUGAINVILLE
COUNCIL PART BUKA COUNCIL / PART NON COUNCIL
PATROL CONDUCTED BY D.IAN.MacDONALD.
DESIGNATION PATROL OFFICER
AREA PATROLLED SELAU CENSUS DIVISION
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANYING Constable Pita Reg.No.1184 . PART
Francic Makeni Tractor Driver.FULL.
DURATION OF PATROL 4th March, 1969 to 30th June, 1969.
BROKEN. TOTAL DAYS 106.
DATE AND DURATION OF LAST 18/11/65 to 29/11/68
D.D.A. PATROL.
OBJECTS OF PATROL ROAD CONSTRUCTION/CONTAIN WELFARE
ACTIVITIES/CENSUS/AREA STUDY
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.
TOTAL POPULATION 2505
MAP REFERENCE LANDS DEPT. FOURMIL OF BOUGAINVILLE
NORTH AND MILINCH OF BUKA AND PUTO
VILLAGE POPULATION REGISTER ENCLOSED

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HUTJENA PATROL No.6 - 68/69

PATROL DIARY

4th March 69. By ferry to Bonis and left 1430 by motor bike arrived 1600. Tractor and gear arrived 1640. Established camp.

Torotei

5th Instructions for latrine and rubbish pit to be dug.

Walked with Councillor Kobon & Const. to Talena est. distance to be 3-4 miles. p.m. walked from Torotei to Chabai. talked with Fr.McKonvul. Returned " 1715. 7 hours spent walking.

6th Inspected Gohi - Tsiroge road returning 1200 - accompanied by Kobon. p.m. discussions with Kobon on situation in the Selau.

7th Held meeting 0745 to explain and discuss proposed roadwork. Meeting attended by Torotei, Tapsanwara and Anakei Talena - Torotei road agreed upon. Searched for suitable coronous along the length of Torotai talena road. Two deposits found.

8th Saturday. Dug test holes at proposed pits. New Council tractor arrived p.m.

9th Sunday.

10th Compiled list of 36 labourers. Work on road started with line broken into .digging coronous , cleaning road and digging gutters. Road cut 50 yards into coronous pit. Rain in afternoon. Hour spent obtaining information on 'Welfare'.

11th Left 0630 on Motor bike arriving Bonis 0740. To Buka spent morning organizing tools - discussions ADO Dagge - informed bulldozer labour & forman would be coming to start construction Bonis - Baniu road. Returned Bonis. Motor bike returned Manager. Tools loaded on tractor and left 1600, self walking reached Torotei 1800 ahead of tractor.

12th Roadwork. Showers mid-day. Finished work 1730.

13th " . Talks Fr.Keady of Hantoa. Coconuts being chopped down without complaint or requests for compensation. Heavy rain mid-day. Finished work 1730

14th Made up list of payments and forwarded with covering letting. Roadwork, first coronous pit has turned out to be poor. Garage for tractor completed - no charge. Heavy rain 1645 and for the rest of the day.

15th Saturday - market day.

16th Sunday.

17th Compiled roll of new line of workers -27- Spent morning searching for new coronous deposit. Eventually found one that held promise. Father's tractor stuck on the "hill" quite a deal of work will have to be done here. Met Fr.LeBreton from Talena. Road clearing and guttering is proving effective at draining and drying. Heavyrain 1530-1615 . Finished work 1730.

18th Road work. Rain has shown need for some form of coronous surfacing. Second large 'GALIP' downed today. Const. returned with pays. Finished 1730.

19th Roadwork. Searching for coronous - found deposit next to the road halfway down the hill. Clearing has proceeded as far as the top of the hill.Finis 1730. Heavy rain at noon several places became lakes as they are depressions with no outlet for drains. Unable to use tractor.

20th Road work - road cleared to the bottom of the hill.

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21st Roadwork. Cutting up of Galip that was felled. Large FIGUS blocking road at bottom of hill which will be burnt.

Finished work 1800. Have been walking from 12 - 16 miles

a day with clearing now some 1½ - 2 miles in- guttering

half that and digging and loading of cornous at the start.

All requiring some supervision.

22nd Saturday. Wrote Situation Report.

23rd Sunday

24th New labour list compiled. Digging of coronous and stone by

hand continues. Report of unlawful use of Vehicle at Gohi

came in - investigated details taken no witness no evidence.

Constable to continue interviewing.

25th Left Torotei 1620 arriving Bonis 1820. Hitched ride across

passage, thence Hutjena. Typed situation report. Discussions

ADC & ADO on road and 'Welfare'. Returned Bonis 1605 and

arrived Torotei 1815. 16 miles walked today.

26th Roadwork continues. 1700 40 men and Ford 3000 tried to

move stump of Galip off the road - unsuccessful even though

all roots severed. D6 and F.E.D. working at Ramundata.

27th Road work . Interviews finished -no success. 13 miles walked

today.

28th. Walked to Gohi (3miles). ADC K.Hanrahan arrived from Hutjena.

& gave talk to meeting. Returned Torotei with ADC. Lunch.

1300 inspected road with ADC. Walked to Talena. Thence by

Tractor to Tsiroge. Talks on roads and 'Welfare with Bishop.

Returned roadwork 1545. Finished work 1700.

29th Saturday. Talks Fr.Keady on 'Welfare'.

30th Sunday. Light rain.

31st Road work. Council tractor changes to work on main road.

Trees on road burnt or lit. Walked 16 miles approx. No rain

and road has dried out.

1st April Const. returned with pays - counted and checked. Rain from

0900 - 1330. Checked road work . Finished 1730.

2nd Paid labour. 329.7- for 2 weeks. Admin tractor arrives.

Coronous at hill developing into a good find.. No rain.

3rd Road work. 1330 left for Hutjena.

4th to 9th Easter at Hutjena. Returning Torotei 1200 on 9th.

Checked road work.

10th Rain on and off thro the day. Tractor bogged on road.

11th Received word of Welfare meeting to be at Siara.

11th To Hantoa 10 min. hours discussion with Fr.Keady on proposed

Welfare meeting.. Inspected road & onto Talena -talks

Fr.LeBreton on road work. Road clearing now progressed past

iron bridge to junction of 'new' road bypassing Talena property. Coronous being laid on hill. Finished work 1730. Talks Cncl. Kobon. Wrote letter ADC stting out known facts on proposed welfare meeting.

12th Saturday.

13th Left 0800 arriving Siara 1015. Welfare had had meeting 12th contra. info . supplied by Kerro. Heard what 'welfare' had said and gave suitable talk. Arguments put forward were mostly (?) (?) on a tangent , irrational or irrelevant. Stopped off at Hantoa on the way back. Returned Torotei 1650. 16 mile walk return.

14th Compiled list of new line. Wrote letter ADC on yesterdays meeting & send this off 1200. Prepared patrol gear and departed 1330 arriving Siara 1545. camped Siara.

15th Departed 0730 and arrived Umum 0900. Compiled new census book for village. Gave talk on Welfare usual response -irrational. Left 1420 and arrived Ruri 1530. Compiled new census book until 1730 returning Siara 1800.

16th Returned Ruri 0730 continued typing of new census book finished 1200. Talks with people until I left 1340.

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Commenced census typing of new book Siara 1430 and finished work 1800.

17th Raining census conducted from inside house. 0800 to 1130 Siara finished. Talks with people. Left 1330 and arrived Chundawan 1415. Atarted new census book 1445 and finished 1745. Slept Chundawan.

18th 0730 talks with people. Inspected village. Left 1030 and arrived Sokela 1145. Inspected Sokela talks with people. Thence Porton , Chabai and Torotei returning 1800.

19th Saturday. Worked on census figures for village population register for 3 hours.

20th Sunday.

21st Compiled new roll of workers. Left for Tabut 0730 arriving 0800. Typing of new census book until finished at 1430. Talks with people until 1635. Left Tabut 1635 - returning via Tapsanwara where word left of tomorrows census. Arrived Torotei 1730.

22nd. Left for Tapsanw ra 0730. Did new census book 0800 - 1300 talks with people until 1330. Inspected road work returned Torotei 1715. Light rain thro today.

23rd Did new census book for Torotei 0730 - 1400. Talks with people until 1600 . Inspected road with BossBoi. Finished 1730.

24th 0800 - 1200 new census book for Anakei. Talks with people until 1400. Inspected road work with Cncl. Kobon. Caught in heavy rain near Talena. Returned Torotei 1730. Rain fell into and through the night.

25th ANZAC DAY. Rain fell thro the day. 0800 - 1200 compiled census figures for Village Population Register (VPR) on RURI and Siara.

26th Saturday. Compiled VPR figures for Chundawan and Tabut.

27th Sunday. Compiled VPR figures for Tapsanwara.

28th New roll of labour. Out of census forms. Compiled VPR for Torotei. Inspected road. p.m. compiled figures for Anakei and did road work . All labour working at hill pit.

29th Paid labour. Typed letter to ADC on Selau situation. Roadwork p.m. finished 1730.

30th Left 0730 by tractor Talena 0845. Canoe China town 0925. Thence Hutjena. Discussions ADO Dagge. Returned Talena 1530 walked to hill 1600 sent tractor to collect 2x44 petrol at Talena Torotei 1730.

1st May Organized movement of bulldozer to hill coronous pit

- where it spent the day opening up the pit
- 2nd Roadwork obtaining coronous from pile heaped by dozer.
- 3rd Saturday
- 4th Sunday
- 5th Roadwork. Mission tractor also on hire. Coronous being laid from hill toward Torotei.
- 6th Roadwork. Inspected 'new(section. Tramped into bush to inspect old Japanese roller. Met ADO Dagge & M.V. Hazel at Talena. ADC to Kieta by Helicopter. Returned Torotei 1700.
- 7th Left Torotei 0730 and arrived Siara 0930. J.Dagge gave talk on Council and 'welfare'. Left Siara 1130 had talk with Fr.Keady and returned Torotei 1330. Left 1500 and arrived Tsiroge 1630 - no Hazel. Returned Torotei 1830.
- 8th ADO Dagge to Bonis 0645. Mission tractor broke down. Roadwork .
- 9th Roadwork. Mission tractor toward Tsiroge. Finished work 1730.
- 10th Paid labour. Saturday.
- 11th Sunday.

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12th May New labour list. Left 0745 and arrived Gohi Aid Post 0830. Compiled new census book for Katsinkoveri. Talks with people and finished 1500.

Returned to road work 1615. Two tractors on hire
Finished work 1745.

13th Left 0845. Gohi 0830. Talks WPhilips, PWD, on road work. Compiled new census book for Gohi. Talks with people. Left 1300. Went to roadwork - not progressing as quickly as hoped due tractor breakdowns.

14th Left 0730 and arrived Sorum 0845. Compiled new census book and gave talk. 1430 walked to Bonis. 1520. Motor bike not available for hire. returned Torotei 1715.

15th Left 0730 and arrived Ramundata 0900. Compiled census book and had talks with people. Finished 1400 returned Torotei 1530. Walked to head of road where ditches being dug to drain swampy section. Finished 1730.

16th Left 0745 arriving Manob 0915. Census finished 1430. Talks with people 1500. To Bonis by tractor thence Torotei by 1640.

17th To Hutjena. Collected equipment from office. Stopped at Hutjena.

18th At Hutjena.

19th Left Hutjena 0745. Boat to Bonis thence walked to Torotei. Roadwork.

20th Roadwork. Walked to Tabut with Wasi of Tabut. Endeavoured to find coronous deposit. Found old Jap pit 2 miles in on Tabut-Chabai road. Organized villagers for the morrow.
Returned Torotei 1730.

21st Left 0800 arriving Tabut 0830. Searched for coronous with villagers until 1230 without success. Instructed searchers to follow the base contour of the hill - success immediate. Test holes dug for quality and quantity both good. 200yards in from main road.
Returned Torotei.

22nd Left 0650 by tractor Bonis 0800 Hutjena by 0900. Talks ADC Hanrahan and DDC Hearne. Ferry to Bonis 1600 then walked to Torotei arriving 1755.

23rd Compiled pays. Roadwork. 1230 to Gohi. Tracked down Ag.Assist. told him of work required. Returned roadwork by 1600. Bulldozer forming up road at Anakei.
Finished 1730.

24th Saturday.

25th Sunday.

26th Bulldozer to pit. Compiled VPR figures for Katsinkoveri. Inspected road to Talena. 1300 Compiled VPR figures for Gohi. 1500 walked to Talena and back on road supervision. Finished 1730.

27th Compiled VPR for Sorum. 0915. Inspected road. Figures for Ramundata in afternoon. Roadwork. road at ditches completely stoned. Finished 1730.

28th VPR Figures for Manob. Roadwork. large Taun tree fell blocking road, work on clearing. Finished 1730.

29th Paid labour. Inventory of tools checked. Work started on cutting thro taun. 1615 two large sections of taun levered off the road. Finished 1730.

30th Roadwork. Finished 1730.

31st Saturday.

1/June Sunday. Shooting wild duck.

2nd Roadwork . The tractors on hire.

3rd "With teams at both ends of the road supervision requires 12 miles of walking each day.

4th 0700 tractor to Talena. Walked to Talena by 0900.

Met Donatus Mola M.H.A. and a professional photographer Proceeded over road by tractor to Siara. Photos taken of War relics, tanks and planes. . Donatus had talks with Kerro. Returned Tsiroge 1715 where party departed. Returned Torotei 1800

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- 5th June To Talena by 0745. To Ratsua where I left word that I would be down for census on the morrow 0900 departed for Buka arriving 1030 by canoe. Talks with ADC. Given Land Purchase documents. Left 1400 and arrived Talena 1500. Walked to pit and loax obtained tractor. Went to Pememkessa where advised owners that I would be returning on the morrow to buy the land. Picked up patrol at Talena and returned Torotei 1615.
- 6th To Talena thence by canoe to Ratsua. Compiled new census books for Ratsua and PorPor. Talks with people. Thence to Warasen 1430 investigate stealing. Talked with owner . Left 1500 arriving Talena 1530. Tractor waiting and went on to Pememkessa. Bought land known as Pememkessa and improvements for \$2382. Left 1715 and arrived Torotei 1800.
- 7th To Hutjena stopped the night.
- 8th Returned Torotei 1700. Sunday
- 9th Queens Birthday holiday. Compiled new list of labour. Roadwork commenced. To Talena where I waited for D.O. and P.O. on political education patrol to arrive. 1100 no sign so left word. Returned roadwork. 1530 DO.P. Barber and P.O. A.Simare arrive. To Torotei.
- 10th Caught M.V.Hazel 1000 and went to Teparoi saw mill arriving 1615. Loaded some timber.
- 11th Finished purchasing and loading timber departing 0800. arriving Torotei 1400. Inspected road and finished work 1730.
- 12th Barder to Gohi. Roadwork finishing 1730.
- 13th Roadwork. Compiled pay, and VPR for Ratsua and PorPor. Finished 1730.
- 14th Roadwork. Saturday.
- 15th Sunday.
- 17th To Porton where information obtained for area styday. Thence Chabai as for Porton, thence Talena same. Returned Torotei 1730.
- 18th Paid labour.Roadwork rain in afternoon,work abandoned 1600.
- 19th To Talena canoe not available. Left Torotei 1430 and arrived Bonis 1545. Stayed Hutjena.
- 20th Flown to Mission on special patrol Hut.No.7 -68.69.
- 21/22/23/24
- 25th Flown Hutjena 1300 talked ADC and DDC. To Bomis 1600 Walked to Torotei 1800 -resumed patrol.

26th Wrote Mission report. Inspected road work .Coronus
now to main road. Finished 1730.

27th xxxxxxxx. Mission Report. Coronous laid right to mainroad.

28th Saturday.

29th Sunday.

30th To Talena. Then by canoe to Buka. Picked up petrol
and supplied. Returned Talena thence Warsen. Returned
Torotei 1730.

PATROL ENDS.

No house available at Hutjena so I remain in the
Selau carrying out general Administration duties
writing reports and supervising roadwork. Even though
road funds have finished the people are continuing to
work for nothing

Expect to depart for Mission early in August.

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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HUTJENA PATROL No.6 - 68/69

SITUATION REPORT

a) POLITICAL

Villages in the Selau at present in the Buka Local Govt.

Council are : Manob , Sorum , Gohi , Katsinkoveri , Anakei , Torotei ,

Tapsanwara , and Tabut whilst other villages remain under the old

Luluai system. Those villages outside the Council are under the

control or influence of Luluai Kerro of Siara with the possible

exception of Ramundata which is in the middle of Council villages.

Council villages appear to fully support their Council , at least in

word if not in tax , and the Council gained much prestige by obtaining

road development in the Selau. Non-Council villages at present

show no inclination toward joining the Council although Chundawan and

Ramundata shows signs of interest and could possibly be won over at a

later date. There are three COuncillors for the area Joseph Wanis of

Sorum , Kobon of Anakei and Mr.B.Chung of Porton plantation. All three

appear to be good solid citizens although Bill Chung I feel is inclined

to rush in without thinking.

From discussions with village groups during census it appear

that most people understand the basic idea behind Central Government

and its machinery and all groups expressed the desire to remain with

T.P.N.G.

Mr.Donatus Mola is the M.H.A. for the area and has visited

the area during the patrol. He is also able to remain in contact with

the area through the three Councillors at Council meetings.

Mr.District Officer,P.Barber held meetings through all the

Selau in June on a Political Education patrol. He said that his patrol

was well received and successful. With his coverage , my own and air

time given by radio Keita political education in the Selau could be

regarded as almost adequate for the time being.

b) ECONOMIC

The area can be regarded as being reasonably well developed with many young palms both mature and immature and native copra production at present totals some four hundred and sixty seven tons per year. Plantings extended right through the Selau with more planting still going on. Cocoa has no where near developed as far as copra and the figures available to me show production for the year 68/69 to

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be some seven tons. These are the only cash crops grown although produce is also sold at the Buka Passage market. The soil appears to favour the growing of coconuts and cocoa and there is no reason why the Selau peninsula could not be fully planted to these cash crops.

Kerro of Siara is the only native who ferments cocoa whilst every village has several small driers for copra. Most copra is sold to local traders in both the green and dried state. Thirty tons a year is sold under C.M.B. numbers. The extremely poor condition of the roads hampers considerably the movement of produce to shipping points which are on the West Coast and at Buka Passage, this in turn means that the natives do not achieve top price for their copra and this has no incentive to fully utilize their groves. I believe that D.A.S.F. intend to establish a central fermentry on a cooperative basis as soon as it is established that there is or will be sufficient cocoa available and the roads are improved to allow the free movement of produce.

Non-indigenous run plantations are as follows : Mr.O.Bond of Warasen , Chung You , B.& J.Chung of Porton . Mr.B.Chung is also developing land at Torotei that belongs to his wife who comes from that village , Bonis Plt. that is run for Buka Plantations and trading Co.Ltd. by Mr.S.Cambell , and recently the Administration purchased 134ha. of land near Tsiroge known as Pememkessa which will be developed as an Agricultural Lease. MrBond also ran a small sawmill through the year 68/69 but he has now closed this down as it failed to show profit.

c) SOCIAL

The area is well covered educationally having primary schools at Umum (Unit[ed] Church), Siara RCM , Hantoa RCM and Sorum RCM with a Girls Vocational School at Talena run by the R.C.Mission. A High School is available at Hutjena the Sub-District headquarters. Aid Post are situated at Hantoa and Gohi run by the R.C.Mission and the Buka Council respectively.

The Roman Catholic Mission is the only Mission with any hold in the area having establishments at Chabai,Hantoa Talena and Tsiroge which is the headquarters for the District. Most of the Umum people are United Church whilst there is one family of S.D.A.s at Gohi. The R.C.Mission also runs the only Womens Club in the area having weekly meetings at Hantoa and Soum with all villages participating both Council and non-Council. The Selau also fields two soccer teams and two Womens basketball teams which compete in

a competition which includes Sohano, Hutjena and the Buka villages.

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In mid-February of this year representatives of the Hahalis

Welfare Society held meetings in all of the Council villages in the Selau including Ramundata to try to get them to donate \$10 per adult to the society. Their proposals were rejected in each village.

Another meeting was held on the 12th April in Siara for the villages of Umum, Ruri, Siaram Chundawan, PorPor Ratsua and some villages from the Teop. The proposals put forward by the Hahalis representatives were

1. Men and Women to pay \$10 each.
2. Tax to go to Hahalis where John would 'look after it'.
3. No reason to be given for the collection.
4. No indication as to what use the money would be put.
5. Each village to have a book showing contributions.
6. It was up to the individual to contribute.
7. The Administration was in favour.
8. They were not against the Council.
9. Baby Gardens were to remain of Buka.

All those present were in favour. I followed this up with a meeting of the same villages at Siara on the 13th and then the following week census and meetings at individual villages, however I was unable to make any progress toward convincing them of the foolishness of such a contribution. A meeting of the same villages was addressed by Mr. A.D.O. , J. Dagge on the 7th May but to no avail. Consequently road construction will cease on the East Coast road at Tabut unless they come on side and listen to reason which is unlikely as they have already paid their contributions. The collections are being taken by Kerro's son, Pespaua, and records are being kept by him. The villages of Umum, Ruri, Siara, Chundawan, PorPor and Ratsua have all paid their contributions and three men from Katsinkoveri have also paid it is also likely that some people from other villages will pay especially those in Tabut and Ramundata.

d) MISCELLANEOUS

Road construction is at present being done on the East Coast road following a direct request by the Buka Council to the Administrator in February of this year. The resultant action achieved by this request gained much prestige for the Council and was I feel the main influencing factor which enabled the confinement of the 'welfare' expansion to those villages which were influenced by Kerro. As already mentioned this road construction will only go as far as Tabut.

The Council also obtained \$3000 for feeder roads which was used to improve the Torotei- Talena road. More money is to be allocated to feeder roads in 69/70. This action obtaining on the

improvement of feeder roads has also done much for the Council image. The people are most appreciative of this road development

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and have shown it by allowing coconuts to be removed without request for compensation and by giving all cornous for nothing.

Construction on these roads should be continued until a first class road system exists which will enable the easy movement of produce and thus lead to further development of cash cropping and the efficient utilization of existing cash crop groves.

(D.I.MacDonald)

PATROL OFFICER